



The Official Newsletter For MSU-Northern

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## Bobby Vee Delights Audience



World renowned performer Bobby Vee enthralled the Havre audience last Friday evening. Performing with him was Billy Joe Royal. From 1959-1970, Bobby Vee produced thirty-eight Top 100 hits, including seven Gold Records. Bobby has appeared in four motion pictures and countless television programs. For the past 40 plus years he has toured the world making loyal fans and friends. This concert was a fundraising event for the Havre Police Protective Association.

### Energy Saving Tip #6

If you find that you need a power strip for your office be sure that you get a "smart power" strip. The Smart Strip has the unique ability to sense the difference between when electronics are turned on or off. Once it has determined that you're electronic device is off it will automatically shut off the power running to it, thereby eliminating the idle electrical current which is drawn from them.

### Upcoming Events

#### Oct. 2

Biodiesel Workshop: Quality Control & Testing

Intramural Volley Ball Rosters Due

MSU-Northern Rodeo @ UM-Western

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM  
Skylights Volleyball @  
University of Montana-Western

#### Oct. 3

Biodiesel Workshop: Quality Control & Testing

MSU-Northern Rodeo @ UM-Western

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Lights Football vs. Montana Tech

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM  
Skylights Volleyball @ Montana Tech

#### Oct. 4

Skylights Golf @ Rocky

## Lewistown Open House



Chancellor Frank Trocki and key administrators conducted an open house at MSU-Northern's Lewistown campus on Monday. During their visit, they met with the Lewistown Rotary club, nursing students and the Board of Directors for the Central Montana Education Center. MSU-Northern and the CMEC represent a collaborative effort between the Lewistown School District and MSU-Northern to provide a full menu of adult education to people in Lewistown and the surrounding area.

## Lewistown Campus Shows Growth

Last fall semester, enrollment figures for MSU-Northern Lewistown listed eighty-one individuals; those enrollment figures increased to ninety-five students fall semester of 2009. The largest program offered is the Nursing Program which currently has sixty-five students enrolled throughout the three year curriculum span. Over the last ten years, the program has graduated 162 Registered Nurses. Approximately fifteen students are enrolled in the Business program, ten in the Associate of Arts degree program, and five students who are non-degree seeking. Diane Oldenburg, Director of the Lewistown campus, said "We are experiencing some wonderful growth and developments here with our students! We are enrolling more recent high school graduates, to compliment our non-traditional student enrollment, as well as enjoying the diversity of a number of students who are coming to us from other cities in Montana and other states."

## October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month

This week's security tip: Change from a password to a passphrase  
It's better to use longer and more complicated passwords, but they are hard to remember. Try using a passphrase like "I love getting to work at 8:00!" It's long, easy to remember, and has a mix of upper case and lower case letters and symbols. Don't use familiar or famous quotations. Don't use any real names, especially your own, your family member's, or your pet's. Nonsensical passphrases are the hardest to crack. Because password cracking time increases exponentially, a criminal with substantial

Mountain College Invitational

MSU-Northern Rodeo @ UM-  
Western

**Oct. 5**

Skylights Golf @ Rocky  
Mountain College Invitational

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
Intramural Volleyball

**Oct. 6**

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
Student Senate Meeting

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM  
Wall Climbing

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
Intramural Volleyball

**Oct. 7**

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
Wii Competition

**Oct. 8**

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Chi Alpha Meeting

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
Family Bowling Night

**Oct. 10**

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Lights Football vs. Carroll  
College

computing resources can crack short passwords quickly; while a 31-character (the length of the example) passphrase would take 231,935,475,118,605,000,000,000 years to crack! Best of all, it's easy to remember.

## Chokecherry Stomps Raises \$5,000



Diane Oldenburg (right) presents Frank J. Valach and Debbie Newton with their raffle prizes (\$1,500 and \$500 respectively.) This presentation was made during Monday's open house in Lewistown. The garden shed, built by the Construction Academy, was purchased through a silent bid auction by Lane and Charlotte Carroll for \$3,100. Overall, the Chokecherry Stomp raised \$5,000 to be used for student scholarships and to meet the needs of the Lewistown campus.

## Donate Your Winter Clothes

The Community Involvement Association (CIA) on campus is collecting winter gear such as coats, scarves, mittens, etc. to give to MSU-Northern students and their families for the upcoming winter months. Donations can be dropped off at the CIA room #309 at Cowan Hall.

## PING PONG TOURNEY RESULTS

The winners of the Ping Pong Tournament held last night were Terrell Osborne & Justin Dennis for doubles and the singles winner was Justin Dennis. Congratulations!

## INTRAMURAL COED VOLLEYBALL BEGINS

Monday, October 5th marks the first day of the Intramural/Recreation Coed Volleyball games. Games will be held in the Armory Gym from 8-10pm. Contact Denise Brewer at 265-3732 if you have not yet put your team together or if you do not have a team and would like to participate. Rosters are due Friday, Oct. 2 by 5pm, but as long as you turn them into the SUB Information Desk early Monday morning we will be able to add you to the schedule. Schedules will be available to pick up Monday afternoon at the SUB Info Desk. All participants will receive an Intramurals & Recreation t-shirt and the winners of the tournament held on October 26 & 27 will win a Pizza Party!!

## FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT

On Thursday, October 8th at 7pm in the SUB Pin-n-Cue, the Intramurals & Rec committee will be hosting a Family Night of bowling. Prizes will be awarded for High Individual game and series for adults and children. Snacks & refreshments will be served.

## Dinner Murder Mystery

The Montana Actors' Theatre will be presenting a murder mystery event entitled "Death by Chocolate." This fundraiser will be on Saturday, October 17th in the MSU-Northern SUB Ballroom. Cocktails will begin at 6:00 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m. guests will enjoy hors d'oeuvres as well as a variety of delectable chocolates. As the activities get underway, the murder mystery will unfold. Guests seated in "teams" of eight will work together in a "clue" like game in an attempt to discover the who, what, where, and why of the murder. For tickets or more information, please call 945-0272 or go to [www.mtactors.com](http://www.mtactors.com)

## Seeking Public Comment

The College of Education, Arts & Sciences, and Nursing at Montana State University Northern is preparing for a continuing state accreditation site visit by the Montana's Board of Public Education, Office of Public Instruction (OPI). The visit is scheduled for November 15-17, 2009.

State regulations require that accrediting agencies allow for public comment on the qualifications of institutions or programs under consideration for first accreditation or continuing accreditation. Both OPI and Montana State University-Northern recognize that graduates, parents, schools, and community organizations have valuable perspectives on the quality of the programs that prepare teachers and other school personnel.

Please submit your comments to the Chancellor's Office.

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## Rumor Buster

By: Jim Potter

It was just another morning at the headquarters of Rumor Busters, Inc. when we received an interesting e-mail that read:

"There's a rumor that our school is building a nuclear power station at the entrance to married student housing, and that the waste generated will be used to eliminate the gophers around there. Confirm or deny?"

Instantly, our team of highly trained sleuths kicked into action. We knew that the past administrations were too fiscally conservative to even consider such a bold yet costly extermination technique. But our new Chancellor likes to think big and his disdain for gophers is legendary. Could it be that Northern might become the first nuclear powered University in the United States or maybe the first University to offer a gopher free campus? Is this the competitive distinction Northern's Marketing Committee has been looking for?

Well, after a great deal of serious investigating we were able to determine that the pile of pipes on top of the hill is not going to be used for a nuclear power plant. But rather the campus is allowing Patrick Construction to use it as a staging area for a new water main that is going in on Knob Road.

If you hear of rumors that you would like us to confirm or deny, please e-

mail me at [potterj@msun.edu](mailto:potterj@msun.edu).

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## Library Corner

By Vicki Gist

Speak - Read - Know. That is the theme of this year's Banned Books Week which runs Sept. 26th-Oct. 3rd. Did you know, that during 2008, the American Library Association reports that 513 books were banned or challenged in libraries and schools around the nation? At least 4 of those challenges happened in Montana.

Over the years, attempts have been made to challenge or ban many popular books including J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series, Stephenie Meyer's Twilight Series, Phillip Pullman's His Dark Materials trilogy (including The Golden Compass), and books by James Welch and A.B. Guthrie. Visit the display in the Library to learn more about these and other books.

Have you enjoyed reading any of these books? If so, speak to your friends and share your thoughts about these books. Enjoy your freedom to read. Speak - Read - Know.

## Computer Corner

Word 2007 tip: How to get rid of a sticky Word border

By Marianne Hoppe

Remember last week we told you how to auto-generate lines? For better or worse, sometimes the line will seem to "stick" to text or to the bottom of a page. No matter what you do, you can't get rid of it.

That's because the line isn't a line at all! It's a border and it's assigned to a paragraph. To get rid of it, treat it like a border, not an object. Simply position the cursor anywhere in the paragraph above it and choose "No Border" from the Borders tool on the "Home" tab.

If you don't want the border attached to text, be sure to insert at least one blank line between any text and the hyphen or other line generating characters.

## Tidbits

By: Bill Lanier

Last month, MSU-Northern student/athlete Kirsty Robinson became a National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) 2009 Academic All-American recipient. To receive this honor, a NIRA member must have a 3.5 cumulative grade point average and have qualified for the 2009 College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyoming. This year there were 44 recipients with only three from Montana universities or colleges.