



Feb. 13, 2013

## Minot State fundraises for 'HOPE HEALS'

During February, "HOPE HEALS," a 4-by-5 mixed media commemorative painting created by Candace Brekke, will be displayed in the Minot State University Bookstore. Brekke, MSU alumna and graphic arts adjunct, painted the traveling exhibit for the first anniversary of the 2011 Mouse River



Flood, as a fundraiser for Roosevelt Park Zoo. Teresa Loftesnes, marketing director, volunteered to coordinate the campus-wide effort.

Minot State students, staff, faculty and friends may donate to the project by sending checks to Teresa Loftesnes, marketing, Student Center 309 by Thursday (Feb. 28). Checks should be made out to Greater Minot Zoological Society with a notation to "HOPE HEALS."

"As I looked around my community and saw all the devastation from the 2011 flood, I felt the need to give encouragement and inspiration through art. So many people in Minot and the surrounding area have come so far in rebuilding their lives," Brekke said.

To read the full article, go to [www.minotstateu.edu/news/000615.shtml](http://www.minotstateu.edu/news/000615.shtml).



## 'Digital Storytelling' offered

The opportunity to capture family history or tell a personal story has gone high tech, and now everyone can easily join the digital crowd. Tuesday evenings, beginning Feb. 26, Minot State University is offering a four-week course in "Digital Storytelling," as part of its open-classroom series for the community.

Digital Storytelling is a hands-on course that will teach participants how to create their own digital stories. Instructors will help inspire story ideas and writing tips and provide tutorials on incorporating images, recording audio, adding music

and compiling a concise video, culminating in a digital publication to share with others.

“We live in a digital age where many people share their lives using social



media such, as Facebook, email, Flickr, Twitter or Instagram,” said Aimee Duchsherer, a class instructor. “Digital Storytelling takes this sharing to a deeper level to help us explore our family and personal histories, and allows us to express these stories in a visual and meaningful way.”

Duchsherer shares her great-grandmother’s story at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=PwkeJlZP3kY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PwkeJlZP3kY).

Classes will run through March 26 (excluding March 12) from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Memorial 228. There is a \$75 material fee, and registration is limited to 10 participants. Participants are asked to supply their own flash drives.

This workshop is a Great Plains Center for Community Research and Service initiative. To learn more about the class or to register, go to [www.minotstateu.edu/cel](http://www.minotstateu.edu/cel) or contact Amy Woodbeck, Center for Extended Learning education program coordinator, at 858-3989 or [amy.woodbeck@minotstateu.edu](mailto:amy.woodbeck@minotstateu.edu).

## Dinosaurs and 1889 flood discussed in lectures

Smithsonian postdoctoral fellow and North Dakota paleontologist Tyler Lyson will present “Dinosaur Biology and Paleoecology: How dinosaurs lived and why they went extinct” Thursday (Feb. 14). Lyson’s lecture will be in Hoffman Hall in the Cyril Moore

Science Building at 7 p.m.

Other Darwin Day activities run Wednesday through Friday (Feb. 13-15) and focus on the relevance of evolution to everyday life. A complete listing of Darwin Day activities is at <http://msubiology.info>.

Patti Kurtz, associate English professor, will discuss her research for her new novel Feb. 25 in “Finding the Story in ‘History:’ Researching the 1889 Johnstown PA Flood.” This Northwest Art Center lecture will be in Aleshire Theater at 7 p.m.

“Dark Enough to See the Stars,” Kurtz’ historical novel for teens/young adults, is set in the turbulent days following the deadly flood.

For questions about NAC activities, visit [www.minotstateu.edu/nac](http://www.minotstateu.edu/nac).

Both lectures are open to the public and will be followed by question-and-answer periods and informal receptions.

## MSU Theatre Program presents ‘Bus Stop’

William Inge’s drama “Bus Stop” will hit Aleshire Theater’s stage Tuesday (Feb. 19) with Aili Smith, assistant humanities professor, as its director. Performances are Tuesday through Saturday (Feb. 19-23) at 7:30 p.m.

A freak March 1955 snowstorm interrupts a bus’ journey; eight individuals, five on the bus, have a weather-enforced layover in a diner from 1 to 5 a.m. Romantic relationships ensue between characters.

Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students, and free with MSU ID for students, faculty and staff. Reservations are recommended by calling 858-3172.

## Ensemble acts as a single musical voice

A mixed ensemble of Minot State University faculty, staff and students and community members will perform Terry Riley’s minimalist classical piece,

“In C,” Feb. 24 in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall at 7:30 p.m. Erik Anderson, associate music professor, organized this recital, which is free and open to the public.

“In C” accommodates any number of musicians playing any instrument. It consists of 53 individually numbered measures that are repeated any number of times and held together by the common eighth-note C played for the duration of the piece.

## Come to the Penny Carnival fundraiser

Feb. 28, Minot State University students, faculty and staff and community members can enjoy a Penny Carnival in the Dome from 6 to 8 p.m. Festivities will include booths, bounce houses, face painting, ring toss and cake walks.



Annually, residence halls staff fundraise for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society through the “Pennies for Patients” competition. LLS, the world’s largest voluntary health agency dedicated to blood cancer, funds global lifesaving blood cancer research and provides free information and support services to improve the quality of life of patients and their families. Chapters exist throughout the U.S. and Canada.

“Last year, MSU raised \$2,521.91, but this year, we hope to double that! So, campus departments are filling buckets and jars because the competition runs through March 8,” said Camila Van Dyke, residence life

coordinator. “Through participating in Pennies for Patients, our school joins 25,000 schools in combating blood cancer, both today by serving patients and for the future by funding research.”

To learn more about LLS, visit its website at [www.schoolandyouth.org/school/Controller?action=loadContent&itemid=91060](http://www.schoolandyouth.org/school/Controller?action=loadContent&itemid=91060).

## NSSLHA conference focusing on children

Minot State University's chapter of the National Students Speech Language Hearing Association is holding its 2013 spring conference March 22 in the Conference Center (Student Center, third floor), from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The keynote speaker is Barbara Williams Hodson, a communication sciences and disorders professor at Wichita State University.



*Hodson*

“The MSU chapter of NSSLHA has held conferences for the last 20 years. The students plan, organize and execute a nationally renowned conference, which is attended not only by MSU students, faculty and staff, but also by practicing speech-language pathologists from Montana, South Dakota, Minnesota, Saskatchewan and Manitoba,” said Lesley Magnus, associate professor of communication disorders.

This year, the emphasis is on assessment and treatment strategies for children with severely impaired speech. Information about methods for accelerating understandability gains will be presented in the daylong conference.

The \$50 early bird registration must be received by March 1. On-site registration is \$75. The conference is free to all MSU students, faculty and staff.

For a registration form, visit [www.minotstateu.edu/ndslha/pdf/](http://www.minotstateu.edu/ndslha/pdf/)

2013NSSLHAConferenceBrochure.pdf.

To read the full article, visit [www.minotstateu.edu/pio/pdf/2013\\_02\\_12\\_Release\\_NSSLHA.pdf](http://www.minotstateu.edu/pio/pdf/2013_02_12_Release_NSSLHA.pdf).

## New staff aboard

Minot State University welcomes new employee, Sheila Latham, an account and grants analyst in the Business Office. Latham, an alumna, was the grants and project coordinator for the City of Minot for 22 years. She and her husband, Swift, have five children and three grandchildren.



*Latham*

## Alumna wins N.D. geography teacher award

The North Dakota Geographic Alliance honored Brenda Maus Morman Feb. 6 as the 2012 Warren Kress Outstanding Geography Teacher Award winner. An outstanding teacher and advocate for the study of geography, Morman teaches first grade at Central Elementary in Wahpeton.



*Morman*

"My students love to find places on the map and globe. So, I integrate geography into my daily teaching and help students explore maps and globe," Morman said. "During writing activities, I may ask 'Where could your story take place besides Wahpeton?' My students learn about cultural geography by celebrating the Chinese New Year, Thanksgiving, St. Patrick's Day, and Christmas around the world and through units that use maps to take a trip to Alaska and to places where penguins live."

Morman's 34-year career includes teaching in North Dakota schools, South Dakota and Minnesota. She earned a Bachelor of Science in elementary education from Minot State

University. Later, she received a Master of Education in reading with an emphasis in storytelling from East Tennessee State University.

While attending MSU, the five-hour drive to Morman's hometown of Golva made it impossible for her to go home every weekend. She often went home with friends. She realized later that was her first experience of geography, including human life and the effects of human activity, outside a textbook. This led to Morman's deep understanding that cultural geography can be experienced 10 miles away, 10,000 miles away or across the road, eating lefse at the neighbors.

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## Chamber sponsors legislative forums

Tom Seymour, business information technology professor, chairs the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee. The committee hosts Saturday legislative forums at the North Dakota State Fair Center, 9 a.m. Remaining dates are Saturday (Feb. 16) and Feb. 23, March 16 and April 6.

The forums give attendees a chance to meet with Minot legislators and ask questions. The format includes a moderator who asks questions submitted in writing by the audience.

## In the galleries

Feb. 13-20 — "Americas 2013: Paperworks," a national juried competition competition with juror Nicole Pietrantonio, Walla Walla, Wash., Hartnett Gallery.

Feb. 14-March 14 — "Mandala" or "magic circle," a joint exhibit by North Dakota artists Robin Reynolds and Marilyn Lee, Library Gallery.

## Faculty and staff achievements

*The Office of Public Information proudly shares the many accomplishments of faculty and staff with the campus community in every issue.*

**Brent Askvig**, executive director of the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, was elected chair of the N.D. State Council on Developmental Disabilities. Askvig's term as chair will run through October 2014.

**Andy Bertsch**, associate business administration professor, is on the organizing committee for "Leadership in Russia and Global Context," a leadership conference to be held in Moscow, October 2013.

**Andrea Donovan**, assistant humanities professor, presented "Morris and New England" at the Modern Language Association in Boston, Jan. 2-6. Donovan is secretary of the executive board of the William Morris Society in the United States.

**Mehmet Koseoglu**, visiting business administration instructor, had two papers published. "Assessing the Strategic Relevance of Organizational Capabilities: Evidence from Turkish Hotels," by Koseoglu, John Parnell and Cafer Topaloglu was published in the International Journal of Management and Decision Making, [www.inderscience.com/info/ingeneral/forthcoming.php?jcode=ijmdm](http://www.inderscience.com/info/ingeneral/forthcoming.php?jcode=ijmdm). Meanwhile, International Journal of Management and Enterprise Development accepted "Crisis Readiness, Strategic Orientation and Performance: Evidence from Turkey" by Cafer Topaloglu, Koseoglu, **James Ondracek**, [\[ingeneral/forthcoming.php?jcode=ijmed\]\(http://ingeneral/forthcoming.php?jcode=ijmed\).](http://www.inderscience.com/info/</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

The Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities recognized NDCPD for quality grant writing. A portion of the NDCPD core application was shared with 67 centers across the U.S. as an "exemplary example" of how to structure components of a grant application.

**Linda Olson**, Division of Humanities chair, gave a presentation, "Rock Art as a Writing System," at Dawson Community College Feb.8 in Glendive, Mont. Olson discussed North American rock art she investigated and documented over the past 20 years. DCC is displaying her exhibit, "Linda A. Olson, M.F.A. untitled plethora," from Feb.8 through March 15.

**Jan Repnow**, business information technology instructor, was the North Dakota Department of Career and Technical Education team evaluator Jan. 23-24. Repnow reviewed Bismarck Public Schools' business and office technology program.

**Gary Ross**, Department of Business Administration chair, participated in the review and revision of the Global Professional Human Resources exam in Los Angeles, Jan. 10-13.

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