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Herb Parker Stadium plans unveiled

Minot State University officially broke ground on Phase III of the Herb Parker Stadium renovation project June 10. The ceremony started a 14-month build that will establish Herb Parker Stadium as one of the finest facilities in North Dakota.

“We proudly broke ground on our new press box facility,” said Rick Hedberg, athletic director. “This will finalize a big portion of the upgrades to Parker Stadium, a facility that the community will be proud of.”

Phase III has two parts that include a press box, suites, concessions and merchandise sales included in a new three-story building project and a Daktronics video replay scoreboard on the west berm. The press box features roughly 16,000 square feet of space and includes 10 suites for spectators to lease and a meeting space, which can accommodate approximately 100 guests. There will also be space for sports information, radio and television booths, coaches’ boxes and a video replay production room. To read the full article, visit www.minotstateu.edu/news/000681.shtml.

Davidson to direct ‘25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee’

Aili Smith, assistant humanities professor, will direct the musical “25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee” June 26-30. Based on the book by Rachel Sheinkin and conceived by Rebecca Feldman with music and lyrics by William Finn and additional



material by Jay Reiss, the story follows the lives of six young outsiders dealing with hardships, ranging from puberty to simply finding their places in the world, while competing for the honorable spelling championship.

MSU Summer Theatre season 48's other scheduled productions include "The Nerd." This comedy, by Larry Shue about making promises leading to dysfunctional obligations, runs July 6 to 10.

After over a decade of absence, "Jesus Christ Superstar" closes the season July 18 to 23. This 1960s rock opera recaps the swift rise to fame of Jesus, his radical teachings and the apostles who supported or betrayed their beloved teacher.

All shows are in the MSU Amphitheater at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens and children over 12, \$5 for children 12 and under and \$3 for MSU personnel and summer students with current MSU ID. Reservations may be made by calling the Summer Theatre box office at 858-3228.

Minot State hosting annual luau at NDSF

Minot State University invites alumni and friends to a luau party at the North Dakota State Fair on July 24, 5-8 p.m. The event will be in the outdoor area of the Flickertail Gardens, and admission is free.



The MSU luau provides the venue for Minot State supporters to rekindle old friendships and create new memories. Highway 55 will begin performing country and rock music at

6 p.m. There will also be drink specials and other prizes.

"The luau is a perfect occasion for MSU alumni and friends to get together and have a great time," said Janna McKechnie, director of alumni relations and annual giving. "Last year we had our best turnout ever, we hope everyone comes to enjoy the evening with us again."

For questions about this gathering, contact McKechnie at 858-3234 or janna.mckechnie@minotstateu.edu.

Friend-raising Golf Tour continues

There are four stops left on Minot State University's eighth annual Friend-raising Golf Tour. The golf tour stops at the Bottineau Country Club July 2, the Garrison Golf Club July 16 and the Velva Golf Course July 30. Kenmare follows on Aug. 1. MSU will recognize area students receiving 2013-14 scholarships at each event.



Registration begins at 4:30 p.m., with a shotgun start at 5 p.m. The format for each tour stop is a four-person, nine-hole scramble. A social will immediately follow completion of golf. Non-golfers are welcome to attend.

Optional meals and refreshments are provided by the course. Golfers are responsible for their own green fees and cart rentals. Transportation from Minot State to each course will be available at no charge. Reservations for transportation and meals are requested one week before the date of each outing. It is recommended that golfers interested in carts make early

reservations because of limited availability.

New this year, a drawing for two \$1,000 scholarships will be conducted Aug. 1 at Kenmare. Prizes and T-shirts will be awarded at each event. The golf tour is sponsored by MSU Alumni Association, Advancement Office, Athletic Department and the Marketing Office. Call the MSU Advancement Office with questions or to register at 858-3234 or 1-800-777-0750, ext. 3890, or visit the website, www.minotstateu.edu/alumni.

Pre-Institute kicked off NPWP Summer Institute

The Northern Plains Writing Project launched its summer program May 30



with a Pre-Institute attended by nine teachers. The Summer Institute begins July 8 and runs through Aug. 2, while the Advanced Summer Institute is from July 15 to Aug. 2. NPWP is in its tenth year, with five returning teachers and four new teachers.

“At the Pre-Institute, we gave them a taste of what the Summer Institute is like. We started with a writing prompt; then we presented them some templates and information on how to build a Common Core Unit for Language Arts Instruction,” said Ron Fischer, associate English professor and NPWP director. “We want all the teachers to walk away at summer’s end with a binder full of units and lessons.”

Past participants served as facilitators. Leslie Knutson led the newcomers through a “demo” or writing lesson. Tyler Hancock gave an overview of the National Writing Project and showed a YouTube interview with

Jeffrey Wilhelm, co-author of the summer reading. Holly Eidsness explained the different writing (teaching reflection, creative writing, memoir and an inquiry piece) they will do for their writing portfolios. She then entertained



them with “Uncle Elmer,” the creative piece she wrote last summer. KiMar Gartman explained how to make the inquiry writing into personally significant research.

For their summer reading, new teachers received three books on argumentative writing, informative writing and narrative writing. All three books, co-authored by Wilhelm, James Frederickson and Michael Smith, provide strategies for implementing the new Common Core Standards for teaching language arts.

“It hasn’t been easy this year. We survived budget cuts and sequestration, but we are still here,” Fischer said.

State Staff Senate met at MSU

The North Dakota University System State Staff Senate met at Minot State University June 18 for its annual face-



to-face meeting. The new slate of officers includes Kristi Swartz, University of North Dakota, president; Emma Tufte, Valley City State University, vice president; Patricia Young, UND, secretary/treasurer;

Krissy Sparks, communications officer; and Anthony Willer, Dickinson State University, parliamentarian.

The State Staff Senate serves staff members at the 11 NDUS institutions. It identifies staff interests and issues; acts as a forum for staff-related matters; and promotes communication between the NDUS campuses' Staff Senates, the NDUS chancellor and the State Board of Higher Education.

Students highlighted global HR practices

Seven students in Minot State University's Master of Science in management international cohort



presented June 13 at a meeting of the Minot Area Human Resource Association. They spoke about human resource practices in their native countries.

The students were Jia Fu, Zhijian Ren and Lei Tian, China; Chulki Kim, South Korea; Odi Nixide Ynis Kouadio and Ines Melissa Gokon Koue, Ivory Coast; and Giang Thuy Nguyen, Vietnam. Gary Ross, business administration professor and MSM director, oversees the program.

MSU alumnus named academic vice president at LRSC

On May 31, Lake Region State College named Lloyd Halvorson vice president of academic affairs. Halvorson has been with LRSC since 2002.

Halvorson brings both a classroom faculty and



Halvorson

administrative perspective to his new position. From 2011 to the present, he served as LRSC assistant vice president of academic affairs. He also served as an assistant professor and Peace Officer Training program director from 2002 to 2011. Prior to joining LRSC, he served as a patrol officer, accreditation manager and supervisor with the Bismarck Police Department.

The Devils Lake native earned an associate degree from LRSC. He continued his education at Minot State University, earning bachelor's and master's degrees in criminal justice in 1990 and 1997.

New staff aboard

Minot State University welcomes two new employees, Dana Hinton and Angie Johnson.

Hinton, an admissions coordinator in the Office of Enrollment

Services, earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from MSU and previously worked for Minot Public Schools. She loves to golf, read and referee high school volleyball. Her husband, Dan, also graduated from MSU.



Hinton

Johnson is the evening access services associate in the Gordon B. Olson Library. She possesses a bachelor's degree in English with a minor in library media and information science from Valley City State University. At VCSU, she worked for Sodexo and the VCSU Learning Center.



Johnson

Northwest Art Center receives \$7,355

To finance regional arts programming, Art Friends of the Northwest Art Center was awarded a \$7,355 Institutional Support grant by the North Dakota Council on the Arts. The grant will provide funds for the

Minot State University's two galleries, the Hartnett Hall Gallery and Gordon B. Olson Library Gallery, as well as programming for the Northwest Art Center lecture series.

The Institutional Support program benefits artists, arts organizations and the general public. The program gives general support for qualifying arts and cultural organizations that have strong management and leadership, quality artistic programming and services and are an important part of the arts infrastructure in their communities. A total of \$427,095 was awarded during this grant round.

"The Northwest Art Center is a valuable educational and cultural resource for northwest North Dakota," Director Avis Veikley said. "Area school groups take field trips to our galleries, and our lecture series draws audiences from the community as well as from the university."

All exhibitions and lectures are free and open to the public. To learn more about Northwest Art Center activities, visit www.minotstateu.edu/nac.

In the galleries

June 19-28 — "Literacy Without Borders," photography by Pam Rettig, Bismarck, Library Gallery.

June 25-July 25 — "A Trip Around the World," an exhibit of pastel-charcoal drawings by John S. Postovit, Hartnett Gallery. The public reception with Postovit will be Tuesday (June 25) in Hartnett Gallery, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

July 9-Aug. 6 — "Face to Face," a photography exhibit by senior art students Molly Kvigne and Katelyn Reiter, Library Gallery. The public reception with Kvigne and Reiter is July 10 in the Library Gallery, 6–7:30 p.m.

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.

Mehmet Koseoglu, business administration instructor, presented his paper, "Linkages among business strategy, uncertainty and performance in the hospitality industry: Evidence from an emerging economy," at the 21st National Management and Organization conference in Kutahya, Turkey.

Mary Mercer directed the 27th annual state conference for the North Dakota Association of Community Providers May 8-10 in Fargo. Attendance at the event topped previous records with over 565 disability professionals, self-advocates and family members participating. Mercer is the community training and technical assistance coordinator for Minot State's North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities. Among the 55 presenters were several NDCPD staff including **Tom Alexander, Amy Armstrong, Stephanie Burt, Mercer, Brenda Munson and Vickie Troftgruben.**

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