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A Newsletter for Employees & Friends of Minot State University

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Minot's Main Street shown in its early days.

Digital Minot recording oral histories

Rather than simply present their research for Digital Minot, a web-based museum and archive, Minot State University student interns will conduct an oral history session in the Taube Museum during the Downtown Minot Fall Festival Saturday (Aug. 17), 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The festival runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

“It's a great experience for our interns working in public history and gives the public a chance to share what they know,” said Amy Lisner, project coordinator. “We welcome anyone to share their memories. We can record five minutes or 55 minutes, and it can be on any topic on the history of Minot, Minot State University and the surrounding region.”

As Minot and the surrounding community continue to grow, space concerns are often prioritized over preservation and result in the demolition of historic structures and the disappearance of records. To preserve these memories and allow MSU history students to practice their future profession within a local setting, Bethany Andreasen, history professor, established Digital Minot in 2012. The Digital Minot team collaborated with local agencies and took Minot's history out of storage rooms and boxes, uploading materials and records spanning more than a century to display the region's vibrant past on the Web. Through Digital Minot, the public has access to historical photos, postcards, newspaper articles, advertisements, scholarly journals, legal documents, oral histories and biographies. The Digital Minot website can be found through the history department homepage, <http://history.minotstateu.edu>, or at <http://digitalminot.minotstateu.edu/omeka>.

For questions, contact Lisner at amy.lisner@minotstateu.edu.

Convocation starts new academic year

Aug. 21 in the Conference Center, Minot State University convocation launches a new academic year. If student assistance is not available for coverage during the general session, President David Fuller asks employees to close their offices and attend. Breakfast items will be served beginning at 8 a.m.

At 8:30 a.m., Lenore Koczon, vice president for academic affairs, will provide welcoming comments. After comments from the presidents of Faculty and Staff Senates and Student Government Association, Wes Matthews, human resources director, will introduce new staff members, and Koczon will introduce new faculty members.

At 9:15 a.m., Joseph Jastrzembski, history professor, will highlight the Great Plains Symposium, which will be Oct. 11-12. Teresa Loftesnes, marketing director, will discuss MSU Centennial Celebration events, and Susan Ness, public information director, will outline Power of 100 service projects.

At 10:30 a.m., President David Fuller will update the campus.

Meetings of the three colleges will follow in the afternoon, starting at 1 p.m. Arts and sciences will meet in Aleshire Theater; business will meet in Main 316; education and health sciences will meet in Memorial 131.

Fall Kickoff Celebration gathers campus body

The MSU Fall Kickoff Celebration, coordinated by Staff Senate, is Aug. 21, the evening after convocation. Join your counterparts from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Student Center Quad for food, entertainment, live music and fun. Food service will begin at 5 p.m. Face painting, life-size Jenga and Connect 4, athletic events and other games are planned.



The event is free to MSU faculty, staff and student workers and their immediate families. For questions about the MSU Fall Kickoff Celebration, contact Derek Van Dyke, Staff Senate president, at 858-3373 or staffsenate@minotstateu.edu.

Minisessions scheduled Aug. 22

Convocation activities continue Aug. 22 at 8:30 a.m., with informative minisessions. Presenters include:

- Linda Seklecki, Rural Crime and Justice Center — “Campus Grant to Reduce Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking on Campus”
- Kris Warmoth, Center for Extended Learning — “Engaging, Retaining and Student Success On-Line Courses through Modular Design”
- Steve Swenson, athletics — “Rules and Regulations for Athletes”
- Jean-Francois Mondon, foreign languages — “Assessment Day”
- Donna Marquart, administration and finance, Celeste Simmons, academic affairs, and Marlene Hargrave and Tricia Houmann, payroll and benefits — “Adjunct/Overload and Non-Instructional Contracts Overview”
- Laurie Weber, financial aid — “Financial Aid Mythbusters for Academic Advisors, Understanding the Limits on Student Eligibility”
- Rebecca Porter, registrar — “Campus Connection and Degree Audit”
- Warren Gamas, University Program

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A complete schedule grid was sent to all employees via campus mail. Employees are encouraged to attend as many sessions as possible.

MSU Registrar's Office receives award

The Office of Personnel Management, Federal Investigative Services, recently recognized the Registrar's Office for its continued cooperation and superior service to the agency. Special Agents Mike Schmitt and Tim Allen presented the award to Rebecca Porter, registrar, and the entire office staff.



"It is important that we complete our investigations in a timely manner. The complete and comprehensive information provided by this office helps our efforts and enhances overall national security," Schmitt said. "I have been a special agent for 25 years and visit universities all over the state; we do not get this kind of treatment everywhere."

OPM-FIS provides background checks and investigative services for federal agencies to use as the basis for suitability and security clearance determinations. The agency also provides investigative systems training and conducts oversight evaluations of other agencies to review compliance with federal security regulations.

"We are surprised and honored to be recognized for something we do every day, which is provide courteous, responsive, and respectful service to our customers," Porter said.

Lockrem Memorial Motorcycle Rally

Minot State University and MSU Beaver Boosters are sponsoring the seventh annual Doug Lockrem Memorial Motorcycle Rally, which hits the pavement Saturday (Aug. 17). Registration begins at Minot's Pure Honda at 10 a.m. The main ride starts at 11 a.m., following registration. The rally will include Lansford, Kenmare, Berthold and then back to Minot, where lunch will be served.

Lockrem, an MSU alumnus and Minot police officer, was a past MSU Beaver Booster president. He attended almost every MSU sporting event and loved being involved in anything related to the university. Lockrem died over eight years ago from cancer. The money raised from the motorcycle rally will go toward the Doug Lockrem Memorial Scholarship to benefit MSU student-athletes.

There will also be two games played throughout the day. The first game is motorcycle poker. Riders will collect playing cards at stops along the route. The person with the best poker hand wins prizes from the rally, Minot State and Pure Honda. The second game will be the Beaver Bug Hit. The most bugs on the target mounted on a participant's motorcycle wins.

The cost is \$25 and includes the ride, a T-shirt, lunch, two tickets to an MSU football game, a \$10 gift certificate from Pure Honda and more. Additional riders on a bike will be \$10 and will include the T-shirt and meal.

For further information on this event, contact Chad McNally, assistant athletic director for development, or the MSU Athletic Department at 858-3041.

Run or Dye Minot

Run or Dye, the world's most colorful 5K, debuts in Minot Sept. 14. What happens when thousands of runners and walkers, a blast of color, a heap of happiness, a pinch of passion

and a splash of spontaneity combine?

Beginning at 9 a.m., Run or Dye Minot will draw participants to Minot State University to celebrate the



vibrancy of being alive — all while being blasted with more than five

tons of color dye powder during a 5K run/walk. Culminating with a “Color Festival,” there will be no shortage of fun or color throughout the day. To learn more, visit www.runordye.com/locations/Minot-2013. To register, go to www.runordye.com.

Run or Dye is a recreational 5K that celebrates fitness, friendship and fun — all while blasting participants with safe, eco-friendly, plant-based dye powder. Its mission is to encourage better health, fitness and nutrition decisions among its participants and supporters.

NDAGA receives grant

The North Dakota Art Gallery Association was awarded an \$8,056 Institutional Support grant by the North Dakota Council on the Arts. With this grant, NDAGA will continue providing arts programming and supporting cultural activities in its region.

“The support from NDCA is appreciated and will be utilized to further the arts in North Dakota by facilitating visual art exhibits and connecting our local artists to art galleries,” said Andrea Lynn Fagerstrom, NDAGA board president. “NDCA grants play an integral role in the continued support and development of arts within the state.”

NDAGA, a nonprofit corporation promoting growth in North Dakota arts activities since 1975, provides professional training while coordinating exhibitions, information and services for gallery and museum personnel. It is headquartered in the Minot State University Art Department and overseen by Linda Olson, MSU Division of Humanities chair and

NDAGA executive director.

To learn more about NDAGA, go to www.ndaga.org/index.cfm?page=about.

MSU football enjoys an evening with Dream Catchers

Student-athletes often throw, catch, shoot, hit, jump and run to help their team win on the field of competition. Minot State University student-athletes do not take those athletic talents for granted.

July 18, 20 MSU football players and coaches played and interacted with the Dream Catchers. The Dream Catchers, Minot children with moderate to severe physical disabilities, usually play baseball at local parks. Playing



with the Dream Catchers is not a new tradition for the Beavers. Both the football and baseball programs have held annual events both on and off campus.

“It was great to get out and move around with those kids,” said sophomore quarterback Zac Cunha. “Not only for us to play with them but to get to know them: what they like, what their hobbies are. It was a great experience.”

New staff aboard

Minot State University welcomes new employee, Kayla Kvisle, a speech-



Kvisle

language pathologist with the Minot Infant Development Program. The Regina, Saskatchewan, native graduated from MSU with a master’s degree in communication disorders last May.

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.

Linda Benson, Sherri Giessinger, Vicki Troftgruben and Darla Weigel successfully organized the June 18 State Staff Senate annual face-to-face meeting, which was held at Minot State. **Paul Brekke and Susan Ness** provided tours for the visitors from the other North Dakota University System schools. **Leon Perzinski and Sodexo** assisted in hosting the event.

Lynda Bertsch, Lisa Eriksmoen, JoAnn Linrud, Teresa Loftesnes, Annette Mennem, Brigitte Mikula and Susan Ness volunteered with Junior Achievement during the 2012-2013 academic year.

Kelly Buettner-Schmidt, assistant nursing professor, received the Estelle H. Rosenblum Dissertation Award.

Stacey Folstad-Magandy, Melissa Spelchen and Bobbi Jo Zueger, Center for Extended Learning, made the 2013 MSU at BSC graduation reception a memorable event for the graduates and their families.

Randy Lakoduk, groundskeeper, keeps the campus looking beautiful.

Jan Reppow, business information technology instructor, was elected secretary for 2013-2015 at the Delta Kappa Gamma (International Society for Key Women Educators) State Convention in Dickinson, June 20-21.

Narayan Thapa, assistant mathematics professor, presented his current research, "Numerical Solution of sine-Gordon Equation by Spectral Method," at MathFest, in Hartford, Conn., Aug 2. Thapa also judged

undergraduate research presentations at the MathFest. Similarly **Michal Gudeiko**, Thapa's undergraduate research student, presented his current research, "Numerical Solution of Heat Equation by Spectral Method" at MathFest.



Michal Gudeiko (left) and Narayan Thapa

Thapa also gave a presentation about the scope and importance of North Dakota Undergraduate Mathematics Conference at the Reasonal Undergraduate Mathematics Conference program director's meeting in Hartford, Conn. The research was supported by Summer Research Funding from the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Robin Wagner and Jonelle Watson, Business Office, worked diligently with the web-based budgeting system at the fiscal year's end.

Karen Walz, assistant accounting professor, received a Citation Award at the DKG State Convention, June 20-21. She was nominated for her work at the state and chapter levels as well as community involvement. Walz was also elected to the DKG Nominations Committee.

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