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**Great-grandson to present 'Sitting Bull: His Life and Legacy'**

Ernie LaPointe, great-grandson of Sitting Bull, the renowned Hunkpapa Lakota chief, and author of "Sitting Bull: His Life and Legacy," will present "The Sitting Bull Connection" Wednesday (Nov. 20) in Aleshire Theater at 7 p.m. LaPointe is a sun dancer who lives the traditional way of the Lakota and follows the rules of the sacred pipe.

LaPointe's presentation, part of the Northwest Art Center lecture series, is sponsored by the Minot State University Native American Cultural Awareness Club.

A question-and-answer period, a book signing and informal reception will follow LaPointe's presentation. All NAC lectures are free and open to the public. For questions, contact Annette Mennem, Native American Center director, at 858-3365 or [annette.mennem@minotstateu.edu](mailto:annette.mennem@minotstateu.edu).



LaPointe

**MSU's Bismarck students participate in Freezin' for a Reason**

Friday (Nov. 22), Minot State University's social work students in Bismarck will raise awareness for the homeless population by Freezin' for a Reason at Bismarck's Kmart from 4 p.m. to midnight. Annually MSU's Student Social Work Organization gathers monetary donations, food items, various clothing articles, personal hygiene products and baby items for Bismarck's Missouri Valley Coalition for Homeless People, Inc.

According to the North Dakota Coalition for Homeless People website, [www.ndhomelesscoalition.org](http://www.ndhomelesscoalition.org), in January 2012, North Dakota conducted a point-in-time survey of 972 homeless people. The findings were: 65 percent were unaccompanied individuals; 35 percent were families, including 189 children under the age of 18; 59 percent couldn't afford rent, although they had income; 48 percent were unemployed; 36 percent had alcohol or drug abuse problems; and 35 percent had a mental illness.

Freezin' for a Reason volunteers "freeze" outside, to promote compassion and gain understanding of the challenges of homelessness. Interested individuals can "freeze" with SSWO members or contribute funds or goods. Freezin' for a Reason is held during National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week, Nov. 16-24.



To learn more, check out the Facebook event page: Freezin' for a Reason - MSU @ BSC. For questions about Freezin' for a Reason, contact co-chairs, Stephanie Little at [stephanie.m.little@my.minotstateu.edu](mailto:stephanie.m.little@my.minotstateu.edu), Mandy Perius at [mandykalyn@hotmail.com](mailto:mandykalyn@hotmail.com) or Stephanie Rutledge at [stephanie.rutledge@yahoo.com](mailto:stephanie.rutledge@yahoo.com).

### **Bearded Men to perform improv**

Bearded Men Improv Theatre, a Minneapolis-based improvisational theatre troupe, will perform Saturday (Nov. 23) in Aleshire Theater at 7:30 p.m. Minot State University Campus Players sponsors the event, which is free and open to the public. Earlier that day, a workshop will be offered in Aleshire and Black Box Theaters, 2-5 p.m. For questions, contact Kevin Neuharth, associate communication arts professor, at [kevin.neuharth@minotstateu.edu](mailto:kevin.neuharth@minotstateu.edu).

### **Luminus fall concert showcases American composers' work**

Luminus, Minot State University faculty piano trio, will present its fall concert Monday (Nov. 25) in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m. Luminus, now in its 10th year, consists of Jon Rumney, violin; Erik Anderson, cello; and Dianna Anderson, piano. Admission is a freewill donation, which will benefit scholarships for Dakota Chamber Music students.

The program will feature two works by contemporary American composers: Joan Tower's "Big Sky," and Jennifer Higdon's "Piano Trio." "Big Sky" is based on the composer's childhood memory of riding her horse in the valley of La Paz, Bolivia. Higdon's "Piano Trio," dedicated to Joan Tower, a Grammy-winning contemporary American composer, concert pianist and conductor, is in two movements. Each depicts a color, pale yellow and fiery red. The program will conclude with Dmitri Shostakovich's "Piano Trio in E Minor, Op. 67," a work evoking emotions ranging from desolation to ecstasy.



*Left to right, Erik Anderson, Dianna Anderson and Jon Rumney.*

Dedicated to the promotion of live chamber music performance and education, Luminus has performed hundreds of outreach concerts for regional schools and is the resident piano trio for DCM, MSU's summer chamber music institute. For questions, contact Dianna Anderson at 858-3403 or [dianna.anderson@minotstateu.edu](mailto:dianna.anderson@minotstateu.edu).

### **President's open forum slated for Tuesday**

Join Minot State University President David Fuller for an open forum as he updates the campus on the budget, findings of the Planning and Budgeting Council's recent focus group sessions and campus initiatives. The open forums are Tuesday (Nov. 26) in Aleshire Theater at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.; the sessions are interchangeable. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend. For questions, contact Deb Wentz, executive assistant to the president, at 858-3300 or [deb.wentz@minotstateu.edu](mailto:deb.wentz@minotstateu.edu).

### **Singers unite Dec. 1 for Handel's 'Messiah'**

The Heritage Singers, Voices of Note, MSU Concert Choir and area community members will perform Handel's "Messiah," one of the longest running traditions at Minot State University, Dec. 1 in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall at 4 p.m.



This community performance of Handel's famous masterpiece will join the yearlong celebration of MSU's 100th anniversary. The mass choir and performance will be conducted by Kenneth Bowles, MSU Division of Music chair, and accompanied by a combined MSU and community orchestra.

The production is open to the public, and admission is by freewill offering. As in the past, proceeds from the "Messiah" performance will go to the Joseph Hegstad and John Strohm Memorial Scholarship funds. The concert will be taped and locally televised over the holiday season. For more information, call the Division of Music at 858-3185 or visit the Heritage Singers website at [www.theheritagesingers.com](http://www.theheritagesingers.com).

### **Tech Day highlights students of all ages**

Dec. 4 at Minot State University, high school students will compete at the Department of Business Technology's 16th annual Technology Day. Registration begins at 8:45 a.m. in the Conference Center, third floor of the Student Center.

"Technology Day is an excellent event to showcase area high school students in their business and technology skills. Underwood High School has won for the last five years," said Jan Repnow, business information technology instructor. "This event also showcases our business teacher-education students as they plan, organize and manage all aspects of this competition in preparation for their upcoming teaching careers."

High schools select students for competition in accounting, business law, desktop publishing, document production, business principles, spreadsheet applications and presentation software. Participating high schools are Berthold, Bowbells, Des Lacs-Burlington, Kenmare, Max, Powers Lake, Sawyer, Surrey, TGU Granville, TGU Towner, Underwood and Westhope.

BIT faculty members and business teacher-education students will supervise the competition, which starts at 9:30 a.m. in the Slaaten Learning Center and Old Main 314. A lunch and awards ceremony is scheduled for 11:45 p.m. in the Conference Center.

Technology Day corporate sponsors include SRT Communications, Grand Hotel, Microsoft Corporation, Connecting Point Computer Center, The Computer Store and United Community Bank. For questions, contact Repnow at 858-3325 or [jan.repnaw@minotstateu.edu](mailto:jan.repnaw@minotstateu.edu).

**KMSU Auction: 'Make the Call, Win it All'**

The countdown comes to an end Dec. 5, when the Minot State University Program of Broadcasting will host the 15th annual KMSU Auction. The auction will air live on public access Channel 19 at 6:30 p.m., with a preshow starting at 5 p.m. Bids will be accepted during the auction by calling (701)858-4019.



The KMSU Auction promotes local businesses through various media in exchange for donations and then organizes them into packages to be auctioned off in a QVC-style format. Viewers call to place bids on-air during an allotted time, with the highest bid winning the package. Over 122 businesses are participating in this year. Some of the bigger items donated are MSU tuition, a YMCA year membership, a printer from Digital Office Center, a \$500 gift certificate to Otis and James and a three-night stay at a timeshare in Cabo San Lucas. To view the package list, visit [www.kmsuauction.com](http://www.kmsuauction.com).

The KMSU Auction fundraises for scholarships and equipment for the MSU broadcasting program. Usually, 10 percent of funds raised are given to charitable causes. This year, that portion will be given to Mike Bunce to defray medical expenses. Bunce, an MSU broadcasting graduate, works within the program in addition to his full-time roles at WGO and The Zoo radio stations.

"Mike's dedication and hard work within the department really strengthens our commitment to him in his fight with cancer," said Audra Myerchin, assistant communication arts professor.

For questions, contact KMSU Auction advisors Janna McKechnie at [janna.mckechnie@minotstateu.edu](mailto:janna.mckechnie@minotstateu.edu) or Candace Brekke at [cbrekke@odney.com](mailto:cbrekke@odney.com), or visit the website at [www.kmsuauction.com](http://www.kmsuauction.com).

**Fredericks awarded University of Colorado alumni award**

The University of Colorado Boulder recently honored Thomas W. Fredericks, attorney, with the George Norlin Award, its most prestigious alumni award. The award recognizes outstanding alumni who demonstrated a commitment to excellence in their chosen field of endeavor and a devotion to the betterment of society and their community.



Fredericks, an enrolled member of the Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Nation, received a bachelor's degree from Minot State University in 1965. He earned a Juris Doctor from the University of Colorado School of Law in 1972.

Minot State's Alumni Association awarded Fredericks a Golden Award in 2011. The highest award bestowed by the MSU Alumni Association, the Golden Award selection is based on outstanding service to the university and distinguished leadership in the recipient's career or community.

Fredericks is in private practice at Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP, Louisville, Colo. To read the full news release, go to [www.minotstateu.edu/news/000742.shtml](http://www.minotstateu.edu/news/000742.shtml).

**New staff aboard**

Minot State University welcomes new employees Lisa Barlet and Amanda Isham.

Barlet is the facilities administrative services clerk in the MSU Post Office. She and her husband, Terry, have been married for 26 years and have three children, Anna, who attends MSU, Lee and Amelia. The family moved from Williston, S.C., to Williston, N.D., to Newburg. Barlet previously worked at Minot's Trinity Medical Arts.



Isham, a financial aid counselor, joins MSU after working at Minot's RSI. She earned an associate degree in administrative office support from Northland Community and Technical College, Thief River Falls, Minn. She also has an associate degree in radiologic technology from Minnesota State Community and Technical College, Detroit Lakes.

**In the galleries**

Nov. 20-Dec. 19 — "Americas 2000: Best of the Best," where artists who earned the distinction of Best of Show in the annual Northwest Art Center's Americas 2000 All Media and Paperworks competitions over the past decade will showcase their works in honor of MSU's Centennial Celebration, Hartnett and 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.*

**Robert Kibler**, English professor, has been invited by the editors of *Paideuma*, the Modernist Literary Journal, and by members of the Ezra Pound Society to give a paper and organize a panel discussion at the American Literature Association in May in Washington D.C. ALA is one of the largest and most important national literary associations in the United States. The title of Kibler's paper is "Naxi Tribespeople of Southern Tibet," and the panel discussion topic is "Ezra Pound and Other World Cultures."

**Minot State University Mission**

*Minot State University is first and foremost dedicated to the success of all students: their growth and development as educated citizens, their confidence, and their life-long devotion to the common good and the welfare of others.*

**Be seen. Be heard.**