

This Week's Events

Monday January 14

Change of Schedule or Late Registration

Continuing Education...

Beginning Sign Language
Class (8 sessions) 7 p.m. MSU Campus

Tuesday January 15

Change of Schedule or Late Registration

Wednesday January 16

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Athletics...

Women's Basketball at Texas Woman's 7 p.m. Denton

Friday January 18

Juanita Harvey Art Gallery...

Opening Receptions: Don Ray McKinney, From the Ceramics Studio V,
and British Studies 2012. 6-8 p.m. Main and Foyer
Galleries

Saturday January 19

Athletics...

Women's Track at J.D. Martin Indoor Track Meet Norman, Okla.

Around Campus

Continuing Education Courses

The following classes will begin or will be available in January:

Beginning Sign Language

This study is for those who have little or no background in sign language. Class will meet from 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays beginning January 14 through March 4. The instructor is Kathy Peterson, and cost is \$70.

Pastel Drawing Class

Spend an evening exploring the medium of chalk pastels from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, January 31, at the Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU. Every level of artist is welcome. Cost is \$40 and includes all material. Crimson Pitts will instruct.

Pottery and Sculptural Ceramics

MSU resident ceramic artist and alumna Pamela Moeller and MSU ceramics professor Steve Hilton will teach

beginning, intermediate, and advanced pottery (wheel throwing) and hand building (sculpture) from 6-9 p.m. Mondays beginning January 14 through May 6 in the MSU ceramics studio. Tuition is \$350 and includes all materials and firings. For questions about this class, email steve.hilton@mwsu.edu or call ext. 4270.

For more information about these classes, contact Continuing Education at ext. 4307. To view the complete schedule of events for Spring, visit www.mwsu.edu/conted.

Paycheck Loan Deadline

The deadline to pick up a paycheck loan through the MSU Credit Union is Wednesday, January 16. Requests must be submitted by 3 p.m. Tuesday, January 15. Any full-time, benefit-eligible employee and member of the credit union may apply for a paycheck loan. For more information, call ext. 4622.

Mark Your Calendar

MLK Day

The university will be closed Monday, January 21, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Workshop on Grants and Exhibitions

The Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU will host a free workshop on grants and exhibitions from 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday, January 24. Learn more about opportunities, exhibitions, and other resources provided by Humanities Texas, the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, and the Texas Historical Commission. Representatives from each organization will make brief presentations and will be available for questions and discussion. To register for this workshop, contact Humanities Texas at (512) 440-1991 or email at rsvp_wf@humanities.org.

Campus News

Faculty/Staff Perception Survey

In December, faculty and staff were invited to participate in the Faculty/Staff Perception Survey of our Greek community being conducted by the Interfraternity Council at MSU. For faculty and staff community who have not

taken the survey, there is still an opportunity to do so.

The survey is designed to gauge faculty/staff perceptions about the fraternity/sorority community's engagement in varying areas of educational practices and commitment to their organizational values. The survey takes approximately 5-10 minutes to complete.

Information provided will help the Interfraternity Council and members of the Greek community at MSU identify areas of strength and needs for improvement, as well as lead to constructive conversations related to the quality of our community members' educational experiences.

Please complete this survey by January 15. Click the following link for access to the survey:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Q2BMZP6>.

Thank You

The MSU Credit Union would like to thank everyone for their donations to the Children's Miracle Network this past year. With your caring support we were able to make a difference in children's lives. We are proud to be a part of the Midwestern State University Mustangs Family!

In the Spotlight

Steve Hilton, Associate Professor of Art, recently participated in three exhibitions in December and January. A piece titled "Tea for One" was exhibited at Baltimore Claywork's *100 Teapots VI*, an international teapot exhibition. An untitled cup was shown at the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton, Virginia, in the show, *Drink This: The Workhouse International Ceramic Cup Show*. Lastly, Hilton has a piece in the Morean Arts Center's *Functional/Dysfunctional National Ceramics Competition* in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Assistant Professors of Nursing **Marty Gibson**, **Betty Bowles**, **Lauren Jansen**, and **Jane Leach**, had an article titled "Intrapartum Nurse's Guide to Protecting, Promoting and Supporting Breastfeeding: Another Ten Steps" published in the current issue of *Clinical Lactation*.

Associate Professors of Biology **Michael Shipley** and **Roy Vogtsberger** co-authored an article titled "Fatty Acid Composition of a Burrowing Mayfly, *Hexagenia limbata* (Ephemeroptera: Ephemeridae), From a North Central Texas Lake" in the most recent issue of *The Journal of the Kansas Entomological Society*. It represents studies on the fuel molecules that power mayflies, which are aquatic insects that do not feed as adults and live for a very short time. Three former students also worked on the project.

Dana Mills, Assistant Professor of Biology, and **Fred Stangl**, Professor Emeritus in Biology, published "Historical Zoogeography and Current Status of Two Species of Hybridizing Ground Squirrels (*Ictidomys parvidens* and *I. tridecemlineatus*) on the Southern Plains of Texas" as Occasional Paper in Texas Tech's Museum publication series. Two MSU biology graduate students participated in the project.

Sympathy

Dr. June Kable Backhaus, Professor Emeritus of Fine Arts, passed away on January 7, 2012. She served as Professor of Speech Communication, Division Director and later Dean of Fine Arts from 1967-1992. She is survived by a son and daughter, and a grandchild.