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Please send comments, questions, or submissions to the editor. The submission deadline for the next edition of Weekly Bulletin will be Tuesday, September 11, at 4 p.m.

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Upcoming Events

**Morris Area Farmers Market**
Mondays and Thursdays, 3–6 p.m.
East Side Park

The Morris Healthy Eating Team encourages everyone to visit the Morris Area Farmers Market, where farmers, growers, producers, and artisans sell their own products directly to the public, allowing customers to have a direct relationship with the producers of the items they purchase. The market emphasizes quality, freshness, and originality for the Morris community and surrounding area. The Farmers Market opened on June 14 and will run on Mondays and Thursdays from 3 until 6 p.m. through September 20.

**Art Club Poster Sale**
Wednesday, September 5, 9 a.m.
Student Center, Oyate Hall

Support the Art Club with your poster purchases. The sale will be open until 5 p.m.

**Spanish Conversation Table**
Wednesday, September 5, 6 p.m.
Student Center, Turtle Mountain Cafe

Come join fellow Spanish-speakers at La Mesa de Conversación en la Universidad de Minnesota, Morris, otherwise known as the Spanish Conversation Table at UMM. All are welcome! Students, faculty, staff, and community members have casual conversations in Spanish about a variety of topics. Meet new people and improve your Spanish weekly!
Tournées Festival of French Films  
Wednesday, September 5, 7 p.m.  
Student Center, Edson Auditorium

The French Discipline and Entre Nous, a group of Morris francophiles, are pleased to announce the 2012 Tournées Festival of French and Francophone Films. Selected by student officers in Entre Nous, the Festival includes five new, award-winning feature films. The films will be screened at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays for five weeks beginning on August 29 and ending on September 26. The campus and the public are invited to attend these free screenings subtitled in English. For more information, contact Tammy Berberi berberit@morris.umn.edu. The second film in the festival, on September 5, is Les Hommes libres /Free Men, directed by Ismaël Ferroukhi (2011/99 min.). A fascinating look at a little-known chapter in the French Resistance during World War II, Ismaël Ferroukhi’s second film highlights the courage of a group of Muslim agents who provided North African Jews with false identification papers and assassinated Vichy informants. Free Men focuses specifically on the political awakening of Younes, an illiterate Algerian immigrant who makes his living selling goods on the black market. A taut, suspenseful, and impassioned thriller, Ferroukhi’s film stirringly depicts Younes’s transformation from apathetic criminal to fully committed freedom fighter.

Thursday Afternoon Faculty Seminar (TAFS)  
Thursday, September 6, 4:30 p.m.  
Humanities Fine Arts 6

Joseph Alia, associate professor of chemistry, presents the first TAFS of the semester, entitled “The Chemical Structural Formula, a Physical Picture Too?” Refreshments will be served at 4:30 p.m.

Dinner in the Garden  
Thursday, September 6, 5:30 p.m.  
West Central Research and Outreach Center (WCROC) Horticulture Garden

Dinner in the Garden will feature tasty, locally-grown cuisine, expertly prepared by area Chef Matt Jensen and served amid the beauty of late summer in the WCROC Horticulture Garden, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a local wine and cheese tasting. Dinner in the Garden tickets, and more about Chef Jensen, are available online [http://bit.ly/NWoess] as well as at WCROC and Pomme de Terre Food Co-op. This event is sponsored by WCROC Horticulture and UMM’s Morris Healthy Eating Initiative. Proceeds contribute to the sustainability of the WCROC Horticultural Gardens.

French Conversation Table  
Thursday, September 6, 6 p.m.  
Student Center, Turtle Mountain Cafe

Join new friends and old at the French conversation table. Meet fellow francophones, practice your French, and have fun each Thursday evening!

Suicide Prevention and Awareness Program
Suicide is not an everyday topic of conversation, but it may be a concern on the minds of many. How can you help? What are the warning signs? How do you know when to step in and try to assist? On Thursday, September 6, the UMM Wellness Center and Student Counseling will present on the prevention of suicide through public awareness and education. The goal of the program is to reduce the stigma and fears that are associated with suicide and discuss various resources available for those concerned about the risk of suicide. Questions? Please call the Wellness Center at 589-6061 or email Bridget. joosbi@morris.umn.edu

English Dessert
Thursday, September 6, 7 p.m.
LaFave House

Come join English faculty and fellow majors for a dessert reception at the LaFave House.

Improv Club Workshop
Saturday, September 8, 12 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts 120

Join members of the UMM Improv Club and Breakfast for Dinner, Morris’s acclaimed improv troupe, to hone your skills and play a variety of improv games. For more information, please contact Andrew Sletten.
slett118@morris.umn.edu

Live Music: Word Will Spread + More
Saturday, September 8, 2012, 7 p.m.
Student Center, Oyate Hall

Come enjoy an evening of live, local music. This concert, hosted by the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, will host a number of artists, including Sam Fettig and Word Will Spread.

Diversi-tea
Monday, September 10, 3:15 p.m.
Student Center, Alumni Room

Diversi-Tea is an afternoon tea hosted by the Multi-Ethnic Experience Committee. The event is meant to get the campus community thinking about diversity, and to serve as an opportunity for attendees to meet the committee and learn about its charge.

Book Club
Monday, September 10, 4:30 p.m.
Briggs Library, McGinnis Room

Members of the campus and Morris communities are invited to make time for pleasure reading and to join the book group that meets on campus. This is a very casual group and participants come and go as they can. The club’s
September selection is *Witch & Wizard* by James Patterson; the October selection is *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte.

**German Conversation Table**  
Monday, September 10, 6 p.m.  
Student Center, Turtle Mountain Cafe

Join fellow German-speakers for friendly conversation each Monday evening. Everyone is welcome!

**Jane Addams Project**  
Tuesday, September 11, 7 p.m.  
Imholte 111

Bringing the University, Morris area, and Hispanic communities together, the student and community member-led community-building project “Jane Addams” will meet on Tuesday evenings throughout the year. Everyone is welcome.

**Webinar-Today's Chinese Students**  
Wednesday, September 12, 2 p.m.  
Student Center, Moccasin Flower Room

“Understanding how to successfully integrate Chinese students into a college campus starts with understanding the students themselves. China's rapid growth has created socioeconomic changes that affect the aims and priorities of its university-ready population. Campuses need to reassess how they are welcoming, educating, and supporting larger populations of Chinese students on their campuses.” This public film screening aims to explain and explore these issues.

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Morris at the Minnesota Twins  
Thursday, September 13, 4:30 p.m.  
Target Field, Minneapolis  

The UMMAA invites alumni to gather and watch the Minnesota Twins take on the Kansas City Royals. The group will be gathering at Kieran's Irish Pub prior to the game, where they may enjoy complimentary appetizers. Alumni can purchase up to two tickets, which will be available for pick up at the pre-game gathering at Kieran's Irish Pub.

Resume/CV/Cover Letter Writing Workshop  
Thursday, September 13, 7 p.m.  
Science and Math 1020  

Career Services will be hosting a resume writing workshop. For more information, please contact Irene Maloney. maloneyi@morris.umn.edu

News and Announcements  

Ray Schultz's Production of Burn This "Sizzles" in Michigan  

Associate Professor of Theatre Arts Ray Schultz recently directed Lanford Wilson's Burn This at Performance Network Theatre in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The production, which ran through September 2, 2012, received very strong reviews from area critics. Read the full story online.

Book Group  

Members of the campus and Morris communities are invited to make time for pleasure reading and to join the book group that meets on campus. The club meets once a month, usually the second Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m. in the McGinnis Room of Briggs Library. The next two books have been selected and the meetings are set, but the club is always looking for newcomers to add to the discussion and help broaden its literary horizons. If you have an idea for a book group read or you would like to be added to the book group email list, stop by the next meeting on Monday, September 10 at 4:30 p.m. This is a very casual group and participants come and go as they can. The club’s September selection is Witch & Wizard by James Patterson; the October selection is Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte.

Save the Date for the 2012 Celebration of Scholarly Accomplishments  

The UMM 2012 Celebration of Scholarly Accomplishments event is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, in Oyate Hall. University of Minnesota Vice President for Research Timothy Mulcahy is planning to attend as part of his last visit to the Morris campus, prior to his retirement in December. A call for poster submissions for the event is forthcoming. In the meantime, 2011 posters and event information can be viewed online [http://bit.ly/JdyXfn].
The University of Minnesota, Morris made a significant jump in Sierra magazine's "Cool Schools" listing, a ranking of the country's greenest four-year colleges. Morris reached 47th in the 2012 ranking while earning top scores in two categories, and was the only Minnesota school to make this year's list. For more information, continue reading.

Lynn Bixler ‘12 will be hosting a benefit concert to raise funds for her upcoming trip to Bangalore, India, where she will serve as a teaching artist with Artists Striving to End Poverty. This organization aims to bring the arts, and the life skills they foster, to disadvantaged youth. Song of Peace: A Concert Fundraiser will feature music ranging from classical pieces to musical theatre. The event will take place on Friday, September 7, at 7:30 p.m. at Federated Church in Morris. Entry to the concert is free, and the proceeds raised will be used to set off Bixler’s travelling costs.

In the News

The Morris Sun Tribune provided an in-depth account of the recent local farm tour hosted by the Stevens County FFA alumni chapter in its article “FFA alumni host local farm tour for UMM students.”

Jason Rohloff, special assistant to the president for government and community relations at the University of Minnesota, commended Morris for its work with renewable energy in the Minnpost.com article “Higher ed at the Fair: From Tommie Totes to the U’s Gridlock Buster.”

Alumnus Brett Noser will be teaching orchestra at Beatrice Middle School, according to the newstimes.com article “Teacher brings passion for orchestra to Beatrice.”

Biomass Magazine noted the roles that James Barbour, staff scientist, and Arne Kildegaard, economics professor, are playing in the Power Trainer, an ongoing project led by the University of Minnesota, Morris and California-based All Power Labs LLC. The full article, “Demonstrating Portable Energy,” is available online.