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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, January 22, 2013, at 4 p.m.

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Featured Events

Russian Conversation Table

Fridays, 4:30 p.m.

Student Center, Turtle Mountain Cafe

<<http://bit.ly/UBFOQH>>HFA Gallery Opening Reception—*LOCAL COLOR: Artists from the Lake Region*

Thursday, January 17, 7 p.m.

Humanities Fine Arts Gallery

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Monday, January 21

Morris Campus

No classes. Administrative offices closed.

<<http://bit.ly/TGUBf4>>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

Monday, January 21, 1-5 p.m.

Student Center, Oyate Hall

January Community Meal

Monday, January 21, 5 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church (108 West 8th Street, Morris, MN 56267)

Weight Watchers Open House

Tuesday, January 22, 11:30 a.m.

Behmler Hall, First Floor Conference Room

Matt Patinode & Trio Carrefour

Tuesday, January 22, 7 p.m.

Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall

<<http://bit.ly/T6iCvH>>Morris on the Move to Sacramento, CA

Tuesday, January 22, 7 p.m.
The Firehouse Restaurant, Old Sacramento, California

<http://bit.ly/SKj84P>>**Tunnel of Oppression**

Wednesday, January 23-Friday, January 25
Student Center, Oyate Hall

Check out all of the campus <http://bit.ly/vn6ZIT>>events.

News and Announcements

<http://bit.ly/13vxBCE>>**Little '07 Takes Mayoral Oath of Office**

On Monday, January 7, Matt Little '07 began a two-year appointment as the newest mayor of Lakeville, Minnesota. At 28, he is the youngest mayor in Lakeville's history. Administering Little's oath of office was Minnesota State Supreme Court Chief Justice Lorie Skjerven Gildea '83.

<http://bit.ly/10jiRJm>>**26th Season of *Prairie Yard and Garden* Airs on Pioneer Public Television**

The 26th season of *Prairie Yard and Garden (PY&G)* begins on Thursday, January 17. Larry Zilliox, former University of Minnesota Extension educator from Alexandria, Minnesota, hosts the popular 30-minute program—one of Minnesota's top resources for gardening information. *PY&G* airs Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. on Pioneer Public Television.

<http://bit.ly/WKq2ls>>**Sō Percussion to Perform at Morris**

Sō Percussion will perform on Saturday, January 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall. Known for its use of such unusual and exotic instruments as toy pianos, hammers, a glockenspiel, and an amplified cactus, the Brooklyn-based quartet promises an evening not soon to be forgotten.

<http://bit.ly/SFmhTv>>**Third Annual Prairie Gate Literary Festival to be Held this Spring**

The third annual Prairie Gate Literary Festival will be held Thursday, February 21, through Saturday, February 23, 2013. The festival aims to build the role of the literary arts in Morris and the surrounding community.

<http://bit.ly/TzCIX9>>**Morris Named a Best Value Public College by Kiplinger's Personal Finance**

Morris was again named to the *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* list of 100 best values in public colleges for 2012-13. The ranking cites four-year schools that combine outstanding education with economic value. The low average student debt, financial aid availability, and overall value of Morris distinguished it for inclusion on this year's Best Values list.

Education News

Secondary Education Program Applicants Planning to Graduate in 2014—Application materials were to be submitted to Pat Nelson in the Education division office by November 30, 2012. Remember to sign up now for your secondary education program interview. Interviews will take place next week—January 23, 24, and 25. Sign-up sheets are posted on the division office door.

Elementary Education Program Applicants Planning to Graduate in 2015—Application materials were to be submitted to Pat Nelson in the Education division office by December 14, 2012. Remember to sign up for your elementary education program interview. Interviews will take place February 4 through 7. Sign-up sheets are posted on the division office door.

Elementary and Secondary Education Program Applicants—You must complete the Minnesota Teacher Licensure Examinations (MTLE) basic skills subtests *before* entering either the elementary or secondary education program. The MTLE will be offered at Morris on several dates each month. Contact Pat Nelson, nelsonpa@morris.umn.edu, or Jane Kill, killjb@morris.umn.edu, for information on registering.

Accomplishments

Peter Wyckoff, associate professor of biology, recently published a paper with co-authors **R. Greiman**, **T. Krueger** and **L. Luce**. This is Wyckoff's second publication that includes data collected at Niemackl Lake Park in Herman.

Wyckoff also gave a research talk entitled <<http://bit.ly/UQiBK4>>*The view from Lake Wobegon: changing forest dynamics at Minnesota's prairie-forest border* at Harvard University on Friday, January 11.

Cyrus Bina, Distinguished Research Professor of economics, recently returned from the Allied Social Science Associations annual meeting, held January 4-7 in San Diego, California. Bina presented a paper entitled "Synthetic Competition, Global Oil, and the Role of the Developmental State." As a member of governing board of *Economists for Peace and Security*, he also planned for upcoming activities in 2013.

Katie Kestner '13, Phoenix, Arizona, has earned <<http://bit.ly/W3L5Bt>>National Soccer Coaches Association of America All-Region 2nd team honors for the second time. Last fall she became the first Morris women's soccer player in the NCAA Division III era of the program to earn this honor as well as one of the first women's soccer players in the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference to do so.

Kari Wersal Jung '88 was named the CBS MaxPreps Small Schools <<http://bit.ly/VI3juS>>Coach of the Year in 2012 after leading her team to a state title. Her team was also named CBS MaxPreps Small School of the Year and featured two players that earned national awards. The team went 34-0 without losing any of their 90 sets played this year.

Work by **Corina Bernstein '07** will be featured in *Picture This: What We Photograph* at the Minneapolis Photo Center on Friday, January 18. The original piece is displayed in the Student Center's Prairie Lounge.

Ben Greiling '09, Saint Paul, was recently named the outstanding graduate student in Metropolitan State University's College of Health, Community, and Professional Studies.

In the News

Windy Roberts, teaching specialist, was featured in an <http://bit.ly/VfOMFz> article by Minnesota Public Radio News. The article discusses steps Roberts and the University have taken to connect with the local Latino/Latina community.

Kevin Pope '09 was profiled by the <http://bit.ly/SElthG> *Morris Sun Tribune* after receiving the Morris Area 2012 Teacher of the Year award. Pope, who is in his fourth year in the district, said he is “completely honored and humbled” by the award.