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The submission deadline for the next edition of *Weekly Bulletin* will be Tuesday, July 14, at 4 p.m. Please send comments, questions, and submissions to the [editor](#).

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Featured Events

Weed ID Class

Wednesday, June 17, 5:15 p.m.

West Central Research and Outreach Center, Horticulture Display Garden

[1965 50th Reunion](#)

Friday, June 19–Saturday, June 20

Morris Campus

Summer Session II Begins

Monday, June 22

Morris Campus

Independence Day Holiday

Friday, July 3

Morris Campus

Gateway Begins

Monday, July 13

Morris Campus

[Changes in Nature Workshop](#)

Monday, July 13—Friday, July 17

Morris Campus

[Check out all of the campus events.](#)

News and Announcements

[Morris Is a Consumers Digest Top-5 Value in Public Colleges and Universities](#)

Among 50 public institutions cited, Morris scored third in the nation.

[Morris Earns 2015 Environmental Initiative - Community Action Award](#)

The award honors innovative projects that have achieved extraordinary environmental results by harnessing the power of partnership.

[Morris Joins Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR Low Carbon IT Campaign](#)

Morris saves energy by shifting campus computer usage.

[National Science Foundation Award Supports UMM S-STEM](#)

The project is designed to encourage the success of rural and American Indian students in four-year colleges and the sciences.

[Athletic Director Mark Fohl to Retire after 28 Years](#)

Fohl came to Morris in 1985 and became the athletic director in 1987.

[Buchanan '15 and Macnab '15 Take Part in Century America Digital Humanities Project](#)

Britta Buchanan '15 and Colm Macnab '15 document local history and the Great War.

[Joul '18 Acts as Rural Housing Advocate](#)

Maura Joul '18, Saint Cloud, worked with Habitat for Humanity and the Center for Small Towns.

[Center for Small Towns Celebrates 20 Years](#)

This spring marks the 20th anniversary of the University of Minnesota, Morris Center for Small Towns.

[Rural Arts and Culture Summit Promotes Engagement, Initiative, and Creativity in Small Towns](#)

Hosted by the Center for Small Towns and Springboard for the Arts, the summit celebrated art and culture programs in rural areas.

[Bees Create Buzz on Campus](#)

The bees will foster education and collaboration throughout the Morris community

City of Morris Observed Honor and Remember Weekend

Mayor Sheldon Giese declared the weekend of May 22–25, 2015, Honor and Remember Weekend. At this time citizens were encouraged to show gratitude to Stevens County veterans.

[This Month in Photos:](#)

- [American Indian Honoring Ceremony](#)
- [Honors and Awards](#)

- [Commencement](#)
- [Native American Garden Blessing](#)
- [Morris at the Saints](#)
- [WCSA Alumni Garden Planting](#)
- [Summer Campus Photos](#)
- [Rural Arts and Culture Summit](#)

Accomplishments

The athletic department has announced its annual student-athlete awards: **Cody Hickman '15**, Morris, was awarded the Arnold Henjum Award, and **Molly Olson '15**, Lakeville, **Kendra Wycoff '15**, Montrose, and **Emily Auch '15**, Benson, shared the Willis Kelly Award. **John Hastings '15**, Bloomington, and **Kelsi Kolle '15**, Sartell, were named Senior Honor Athletes.

Si Chen '15 was one of two 2015 Mestenhauser Student Award for Excellence in Campus Internationalization recipients. The awards were presented at a ceremony celebrating accomplishments in international education and global engagement across the University of Minnesota.

Kaitlin Kamm '17, Kasota, jumped 1.59m to place 18th at the National Collegiate Athletic Association Outdoor Championships.

Eric Terres '15, Melrose, was named to the Midwest All-Region Third Team by the American Baseball Coaches Association and was named All-Region by D3baseball.com.

Julia Dabbs, associate professor of art history, presented a paper on “Making the Invisible Visible: The Exemplarity of Older Women Artists in the Early Modern Period” at a conference on Women and Ageing: New Cultural and Critical Perspectives at the University of Limerick, Ireland, in May.

Cyrus Bina, distinguished research professor of economics, led a discussion on the context of Edward Snowden's affair and the recent Supreme Court decision that prohibited the use of gragnet gathering of information on United States citizens following a screening of *CITIZENFOUR* at the Grand Arbor Theatre in Alexandria in June.

Troy Goodnough, sustainability director, attended the [2015 Upper Midwest Civic Engagement Summit](#), held June 9–10 at the Gustavus Adolphus campus in St. Peter. Goodnough presented lessons learned from sustainability-related community engagement work in the Morris area.

Andy Spofford '07 has been named [North Branch Area Public Schools Teacher of the Year](#).

Sophie Bishop '17, Zimmerman, **Peter Kvale '16**, Duluth, **Katie Ledermann '17**, Mahtomedi, **Austin Tipper '18**, Palatine, Illinois, **Jasmine Paron '16**, Shakopee, **Faith Bradley**, Minnesota GreenCorps member, **Troy Goodnough**, sustainability director, **Jim Barbour**, biomass energy scientist, **Lowell Rasmussen**, vice chancellor of finance and facilities, **Tony Nemmers**, general manager of dining services, **Ed Brands**, associate professor of environmental studies, Viktor Berberi, assistant professor of Italian, **Sheri Breen**, associate professor of political science, and **Clement Loo**, associate professor of environmental studies attended the 2015 Upper Midwest Association for Campus Sustainability Conference, held June 17–19 at Bemidji State. Bishop, Ledermann, Tipper, Bradley, Barbour, Goodnough, Nemmers, and Loo presented at the event. **Erika Bailey-Johnson '99**, sustainability director at Bemidji, was the lead conference organizer. Tipper, Paron, Brands, Breen, Berberi and Loo were supported by the Sustainability Leaders for the Future program by a grant through the Margaret A. Cargill Foundation.

In the News

Rebecca Dean, associate professor of anthropology, and archaeology students were interviewed by [WDAY News](#). According to reporter Catherine Ross, the team “is restoring peace to the final resting place of some Minnesota pioneers” by [excavating the Boerner family cemetery near Herman](#).

Jim Hall, director of information technology, is mentioned in a [story by GNOME](#). Hall is working with a student as part of the Outreachy project to do usability testing on open source software.

Kristen Peterson '05 was featured in *Definitive Woman*. Peterson recently opened Butterfly Hill Nature Preschool in Alexandria.

Kristie Swenstad '10 was [profiled by the Echo Press](#). Swenstad discusses her love for the outdoors, which was borne of her Morris experience.

According to [her blog](#), **Kayla Zimmer '10** is running for the Miss North Dakota International title on a platform of empowering young women.

Lera Hephner '15 is quoted in a [story by DL Online](#). Hephner recently shared her experiences with Detroit Lakes High School graduates.