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Please send comments, questions, and submissions to the editor. The submission deadline for the next edition of *Weekly Bulletin* will be Tuesday, October 22, 2013, at 4 p.m.

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Featured Events

**Jane Addams Project**
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Imholte Hall 111

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

**Russian Conversation Table**
Friday, 4 p.m.
Student Center, Turtle Mountain Cafe

**Mazinaatesijigan Gekinoo’amaadiwin Film Series**
Wednesday, October 16, 7 p.m.
Imholte Hall 109

**Asking the Big Questions**
Wednesday, October 16, 7:30 p.m.
Briggs Library, McGinnis Room

**Briggs Library Associates Book Sale**
Thursday, October 17, 12 p.m.–7 p.m.
Friday, October 18, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
Student Center, Oyate Hall

**Chamber Concert**
Thursday, October 17, at 7:30 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall

**Fall Break**
Monday, October 21–Tuesday, October 22
Morris Campus.
No classes.
Check out all of the campus events.

News and Announcements

**Morrisons’ Generosity Creates Beautiful Space**

For nearly 40 years, Morris’s art gallery went without a formal name. This year the space received a new name and look as a result of two devoted campus benefactors’ generosity.

**Falkum ’80 Selected as Latterell Visiting Alumnus**

Morris will welcome Peter C. Falkum ’80, director of research and development for Silk Brand of White Wave Foods, as the 2013 Latterell Visiting Alumnus on Thursday, October 24.

**Holus Bolus Graces the Morrison Gallery**

The Edward J. and Helen Jane Morrison Gallery concludes its fall semester with *Holus Bolus: A Rural Aesthetic Initiative* by Andrew Nordin and Lisa Bergh of New London.

**Students Organize Environmental Forum**

Morris students co-sponsored a forum with arctic explorer Will Steger and Fresh Energy’s J. Drake Hamilton.

**Kroska Triplets Stand Out, Fit In**

For vastly different reasons, three siblings end up calling Morris home.

**This Week in Photos:**

The 2013–14 Performing Arts Series continued with Susan Werner’s *Hayseed Project*, the Edward J. and Helen Jane Morrison Gallery was dedicated, and Eric Schwartz delivered the 2013 Jooinn Lee Lecture. Enjoy these photos and more today!

**Cafe Scientifique Continues with “Tigers in the Potholes”**

Heather Waye, assistant professor of biology, will present the next Café Scientifique discussion on Tuesday, October 29, at 6 p.m. at Common Cup Coffeehouse (501 Atlantic Avenue, Morris, MN 56267). The title of Waye’s talk is “Tigers in the potholes; tiger salamanders in your ponds and window wells.” The discussion will cover what is known about the tiger salamander and its role in the prairie pothole ecosystem. Café Scientifique is an ongoing series that offers a space where anyone can come to explore the latest ideas in science and technology for the price of a cup of coffee. Meetings take place outside of a traditional academic context and are committed to promoting public engagement with science. Additional information is available online. Interested audiences can look forward to additional discussions typically on the last Tuesday of selected months in 2013 and 2014. Café Scientifique is supported in part by a grant to the University of Minnesota, Morris from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.
through the Precollege and Undergraduate Science Education Program.

Take the Employee Engagement Survey

This week employees will receive an email from the Hay Group with a link to the new U of M Employee Engagement (E²) Survey, which will be open from October 14–November 1. The goal is to gather faculty and staff feedback and determine ways in which supervisors, managers, and leaders can take concrete steps to create great work environments and effective cultures. The online survey is confidential and is being administered by the Hay Group. For more information, check out the U of M Employee Engagement Survey Frequently Asked Questions document.

Public Observing

Reid Ronnander ’14, Bemidji, will host several public observing nights over the next several weeks. Observing will be held in the UMM Observatory at 9 p.m. on the follow evenings: Wednesday, October 16, Tuesday, October 29, and Tuesday, November 12. Cancellations will be posted online no later than 8 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Upcoming Education Meetings

Elementary Education Majors—There will be an elementary education application/information meeting for students interested in entering the elementary education program on Thursday, October 24, at 5 p.m. in Imholte Hall 111. During the meetings, questions will be answered as to the prerequisites required, when you should apply to the program, when you should begin the program, student teaching, graduation, etc. If you have already picked up your application packet, please bring it to the meeting. Further information about admission requirements may be found in the University of Minnesota, Morris catalog.

Accomplishments

Kristina Hernandez ’15, Chanhassen, Ellie Hofer ’15, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Julie Bonham ’14, Eagan, earned first-place honors in the undergraduate poster competition at the 73rd Annual Meeting of the North Central Branch of the American Society for Microbiology in Brookings, South Dakota. Their presentation was titled “Cell shape determination in Helicobacter pylori: characterizing the roles of Csd1 and Csd2.”

Matt Zaske, web app developer and Windows server administrator, is a recipient of the 2013 IT Outstanding Service Award. A recipient of this award is someone who makes outstanding contributions to the objectives of IT@UMN and achieves high performance in going above and beyond the responsibilities of their position.

In the News

Jim Hall, director of information technology, was featured in the October issue of University Business. In the magazine’s “Innovation Report,” Hall discusses the development of a mobile app for Morris students.

Seth Elsen ’13 was featured in a recent story by Seattle’s KING 5 News. Elsen and his team are counting and sampling dead salmon in and around the Tahuya River so as to provide a census for fish managers. The river has
been suffering steady losses in salmon numbers lately.