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Celebrate National Geography Awareness Week at UW-River Falls Nov. 12-16

November 1, 2018 – National Geography Awareness Week is being celebrated Nov. 12-16 at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls with events that are free and open to the public including a GIS (Geographic Information Science) Lab Open House on **Monday, Nov. 12**, from 2-4 p.m. in 301 Kleinpell Fine Arts.

Meet geography & GIS faculty, learn more about programs, and view student work at the Open House. Enjoy snacks and beverages and take a geography quiz for a chance to win prizes.

Three UWRF alumni will speak about how they use GIS to promote environmental sustainability, perform research in soils, and push the boundaries of spatial technology on **Wednesday, Nov. 14**, from 4-5 p.m. in the Kinnickinnic Theater in the University Center. Speakers include Hailey Sauer, St. Croix Watershed Research Station, Science Museum of Minnesota, Marine on St. Croix, Minn., speaking on “Our Polluted Waterways: A Gunpowder Mapping Project,” Betsy Schug, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Fergus Falls, Minn., speaking on “Utilization of GIS in Soil Survey Investigations” and David Brandt, Washington County, Minn., speaking on “GIS Potpourri: Past, Present, Future.” From an 8,000-year-old town plan map in Turkey to Pokemon Go, Brandt will demonstrate how geography is the framework for data fusion through location.

Then on **Friday, Nov. 16**, from 2-4 p.m., in 301 Kleinpell Fine Arts, take part in a GIS Mapping Workshop to see what GIS software can do. GIS Club members will lead guests in working with data, making a map and printing the finished product to take home. No experience needed! Registration is required for this event by emailing geography@uwrf.edu or by stopping in 344 Kleinpell Fine Arts to register. Participants are limited to 15.

For more information, contact the UWRF Geography & GIS Department at geography@uwrf.edu or 715-425-3264.

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