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Department of Geography

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Presentations

- April 23 **Patrick Abbott:** "Depictions of Plains Indians along the Oregon Trail," a Master's Thesis presentation, 8:30 am, 15 Eisenhower.
- April 23 Jim Harlan: "Back to the Future: A View through the Lens of the Missouri Historic Landscape Project," 300 pm, 213 Student Union.
- April 24 **Jake George:** "Conservation Reserve Program: Relationships Between Agricultural Commodity Output Prices, Input Costs, and Slippage In Kansas," a Master's Thesis presentation, 3:00 pm, 132 Seaton.

Events and Things of Note

Nikki Wayant was selected by the K-State Alumni Association to receive the Anderson Outstanding Senior Award in Academics. A double-major in Geography and Mathematics, Nikki is the only graduating senior at KSU to be honored by the Anderson Outstanding Senior Award in the category of academics. Congratulations Nikki!!!
inspiration.

The 40th South Dakota State University Geography Convention was held last week in Brookings, SD. KSU presenters included **Roy Sando**, *Air Pollution Climatology of Rangeland Burning in the Flint Hills*, and **Mitch Stimers** *Capital Vice in the Midwest: The Spatial Distribution of the Seven Deadly Sins*. Roy and Mitch were also members of the KSU/SDSU Geobowl team that won the competition. K-State former Ph.D. Chris Laingen also presented a paper entitled *The Geography of South Dakota Pheasant Hunting*. Chris was also awarded the 2009 SDSU Geography Department's Distinguished Graduate Student Alumni award. Congratulations Chris.

The Department of Geography conducted a GPS presentation and geocaching exercise for Mrs. Miles' 2nd grade class at Marlatt Elementary School on Friday, April 17. Special thanks to volunteers Ryan Bergstrom, Mark Gossard, Katie Franke, and Tom Vought who were small group leaders for the

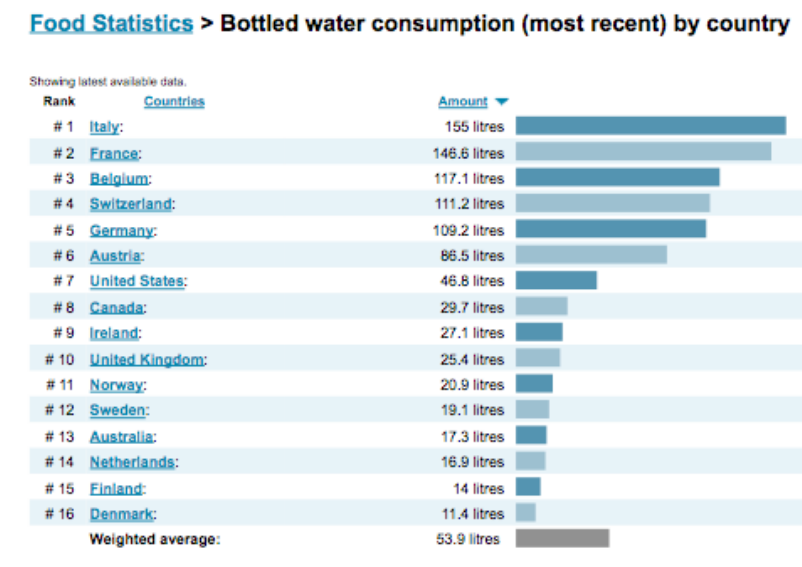
geocaching. The response from the kids and teachers at Marlatt was very positive! In the spirit of 2nd grade, five gold stars are hereby awarded to Ryan, Mark, Katie, and Tom!

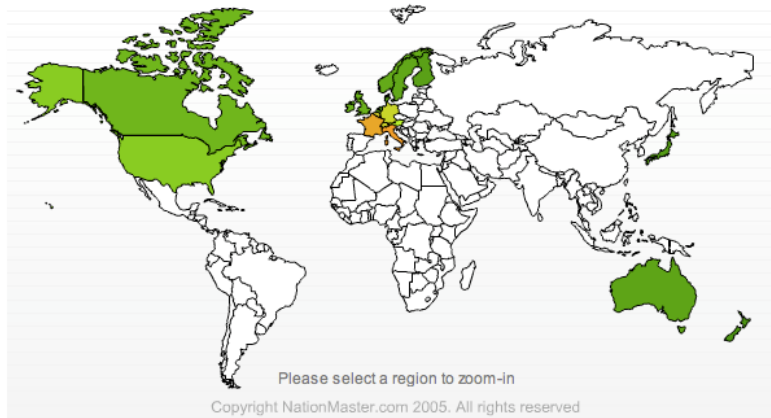
Shane Csiki (M.A. 2005) recently accepted a position as fluvial geomorphologist specialist for the state of New Hampshire. Working through the State Geological Survey of New Hampshire, Shane will be responsible for developing a fluvial geomorphology program that is applied in nature and deals with some of the fluvial issues (e.g., increased flood frequency and magnitude, dam removal) that plague the state. He is currently finishing his Ph.D. in Geography at the University of Illinois.

REMINDER: If you plan on attending the GTU banquet this Thursday, April 23rd, please get your ticket request and payment to Kathy in the main office by today!

Website of Interest

NationMaster.com is a site filled with an incredible amount of international statistics and information. For example, if you want to quickly find out which country consumed the most bottled water per person, select “Food” in the top dropdown, then select “Bottled Water Consumption” in the second menu. The results are an exportable graph, and an interactive map. The maps cannot be directly exported, but that’s nothing a little screen capture trickery can’t solve (see examples below). This is one example of thousands, and all have the data sources listed.





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