

'Myth and Legend' now open at KFAC

Morehead State University's Kentucky Folk Art Center has announced the opening of the Myth & Legend exhibit.

The exhibition, which presents 37 works by folk artists from Kentucky and nine other states, will remain on display until Sept. 7.

Artists' work represented include: Minnie Adkins, Isonville; Tad DeSanto, Louisville; Earl Gray, Huntington, W.Va.; Chris Hubbard, Athens, Ga.; Lonnie and Twyla Money, East Bernstadt; Jo Neace Krause, Nunnely, Tenn.; Charles Spellman, DeValls Bluff, Ark.; and Lavon Williams, Lexington.

Exhibition visitors will encounter wood carvings, paintings, whirly gigs, found art and stone carvings.

"This invitational exhibition produced surprising commentaries around the theme of myth and legend," said KFAC curator Adrian Swain. "We were expecting artwork about many local or regional myths. However, the artists took this opportunity to examine national and historical mythologies, pop culture, and religion. It is a fascinating and exciting exhibition."

Myth & Legend opens in conjunction with A Day in the Country Folk Art Show and the Clack Mountain Festival held on Saturday, June 7.

Complete festival information is available by visiting clackmountainfest.com. Admission to the festival, including A Day in the Country and all musical performances, is \$5 for adults.

The Kentucky Folk Art Center, located at 102 West First Street in Morehead, is a cultural, educational and economic development service of Morehead State University. The Center is open Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 1 - 5 p.m.

Additional information is available by calling (606) 783-2204.

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Cooper, Smith to receive 2008 Appalachian Treasure Award

Morehead State University has announced the recipients of the 2008 Appalachian Treasure Award are Calvin Cooper of Fleming County, and Paul David Smith of Pike County.

They will be recognized on Saturday, June 7, at 6:30 p.m. during the Clack Mountain Festival in downtown Morehead.

The Appalachian Treasure Award was initiated in 1988 to honor contributions to the arts and culture of Appalachian Kentucky, including the fields of art, craft, dance, literature, and music. It is sponsored by MSU's Kentucky Folk Art Center (KFAC) and Kentucky Center for Traditional Music.

Cooper took up woodworking following his retirement from the Kentucky Department of Transportation in 1986. His initial work was cut from plywood and painted, but in 1988 he began carving wood found in the forested hills behind his home.

A brightly painted rooster made from a forked branch soon became Cooper's signature piece. Over the years, his work has become a favorite of collectors, and is included in the collections of several museums. A careful inspection of a Cooper's sculpture reveals not only the work of an artist with a fine eye for color and form, but also the work of a consummate craftsman who is dedicated to building objects of lasting significance.

As a boy, Smith became a protégé of the renowned Pike County fiddler Owen "Snake" Chapman. He learned the guitar first, then the mandolin, and by the age of 12, he had mastered the fiddle.

His favorite fiddle was likely made in France more than 200 years ago, and he bought it from a woman in Williamson, W.Va. for \$5.

Smith has played with a number of different bands over the years, most recently with Kentucky Wildhorse. He is a regular at Appalshop events and guest master artist at the Augusta Heritage Center. Smith has won the Ed Haley Memorial Fiddle Fest six times. He has taught numerous workshops at Cowan Creek Mountain Music School, the American Fiddle Tune Festival and at Berea College

Cooper and Smith, as the 2008 Appalachian Treasure award recipients, will join some of the great figures in the cultural history of East Kentucky. Past award winners include Tom T. Hall, Ronald and Jessie Cooper, Loyal Jones, James Still, Gurney Norman, Minnie Adkins and Jean Ritchie.

Other events taking place that day as part of the Clack Mountain Festival include A Day in the Country folk art show, the Appalachian Arts and Crafts Fair, and performances by Ralph Stanley, the SteelDrivers, the Carolina Chocolate Drops and Clack Mountain String Band.

Additional information is available from the event's Web site at clackmountainfest.com or by calling (606) 783-2204. KFAC, located at 102 West First Street in Morehead, is open Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, 1-5 p.m.

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MSU's Regional Enterprise Center has banner first year

What a difference a year can make.

Morehead State University assumed operational responsibility for the Regional Technology Center in July 2007. The University without delay began making changes to strengthen the Center's economic development and job growth mission.

The center became part of MSU at West Liberty campus, and its name was changed to the Regional Enterprise Center to better define this mission and responsibility for the coordination of the Center's Business Incubator was given to the University's College of Business.

According to Porter Dailey, director, "the name change and the involvement of the College of Business augments the Center's primary mission to develop new businesses, plus the transition to MSU has been seamless."

Johnathan Gay, director of the West Liberty Innovation Center, assumed the additional duties as business incubator director, according to Dr. Robert Albert, dean of MSU's College of Business.

"Gay's position as innovation center director at the enterprise center and the statewide economic development network he works within made him a logical choice to coordinate the business incubator," said Dr. Albert.

MSU President Wayne Andrews appointed an Advisory Committee of area professional and business leaders to assist in the development of incubator policies, the review of business plans and tenant applications, and provide advice to Center tenants on issues and problems related to the growth of their respective businesses.

MSU's College of Business also assigned a full-time small business development consultant to work from the Center. According to Michael Rodriguez, SBDC's business consultant, "we work with prospective, new and existing

businesses. Our objective is to assist businesses, develop and growth. The business does not have to be located in the Enterprise Center to receive our free services and our location in West Liberty is convenient for area clients to visit. We welcome all inquiries."

MSU's Regional Enterprise Center now has seven businesses in its Incubator.

"Four of the businesses are operating full time from the Center," according to Dailey, "meaning the success of these enterprises is of paramount importance to the owners because their livelihood is primarily dependent upon their success."

"One characteristic of an entrepreneur is that he or she is a risk taker - these individuals fit that mold," said Gay, whose rural enterprise network has been successful in securing grants for some of the businesses to pay for qualified services such as legal advice, patent reviews, prototype development and marketing.

Since opening in 2004, the Regional Enterprise Center's Business Incubator has undergone two physical modifications and another is planned in 2008. According to Dailey, "we learned early on that smaller offices were in greater demand than the larger complexes and we have been able to adapt to meet this need."

When the latest realignment is completed, the Center will have three large complexes and 12 one-or-two-person offices. "Depending on the business and the owners' needs, low monthly rental rates are the norm and grants are sometimes provided to cover rent for a business during the initial startup period," Dailey said.

"Tenants don't have to worry about back office support, janitorial issues and other day-to-day complications and can concentrate on product or service development," said Gay. Incubator tenants also have access to all meeting rooms, copiers, printers, communication services and high speed Internet.

Additional information about the Business Incubator and the services provided by the Small Business Development Center and the Innovation Center can be obtained by calling the Center at (606) 743-4005, or online at www.moreheadstate.edu/msurec/.

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EKSBDC to offer workshop June 26

Morehead State University's Small Business Development Center will conduct a workshop on "Starting and Financing Your Own Business." The workshop will be held at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College, 120 S. Riverfill Drive in Pikeville on Thursday, June 26, from 1-3 p.m.

The session is geared toward individuals interested in starting their own business. Topics to be covered are: financial consideration, business selection, business plan, permits and licenses requirements, and advertising and marketing issues.

The workshop is free for all participants; however, seating is limited and advance registration is preferred. Training programs, sponsored or co-sponsored by SBDC, are available to all individuals without regard to race, color, sex, creed or national origin. Special arrangements will be made for those with disabilities if requested in advance.

Additional information and pre-registration are available from Linda Casebolt or Mike Morley at the East Kentucky Small Business Development Center at (606) 432-5848.

Posted: 6-3-08

Dr. Steele to present at Oxford University

Morehead State University's Dr. Paul D. Steele, associate professor of sociology and director of the Center for Justice Studies in the Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy, will present a paper, titled "Children in Danger: Civil and Criminal Justice Policies to Protect Children from Sexual Abuse in the United States," at Oxford University in London, England.

Steele has been invited to participate with 25 other scholars from around the world in a think tank to be held from July 27-Aug. 1.

While the group will discuss several types of risk that children face, Dr. Steele's paper will focus on research concerning the prevention of and intervention with child sexual abuse in criminal and civil justice agencies. This presentation expands upon earlier research that was the basis of his testimony before the U.S. Senate's Indian Affairs Subcommittee concerning re-authorization of the

Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act in 2006.

After participating in the meetings at Oxford, Dr. Steele will travel to Boston and present a related paper, "Crossing Borders: Contention and Convergence in the Response to Child Sexual Abuse Cases in the Civil and Criminal Justice Systems," at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems on Aug. 2.

He also serves as a member of the advisory board of the Bonnie Eaglin Gateway Children's Advocacy Center in Morehead.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Steele at (606) 783-2254.

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SBDC to host business workshop in West Liberty

Morehead State University at West Liberty's Small Business Development Center will conduct a workshop on "Starting Your Own Business" on Tuesday, June 24, from 2-4 p.m. at the MSU Regional Enterprise Center.

The free event will introduce the basic concepts of opening your own business. Topics to be discussed will include: business planning, business types, financing, taxes and licensing.

Training programs, sponsored or co-sponsored by SBDC, are available to all individuals without regard to race, color, sex, creed or national origin.

For a list of upcoming events, visit the Web site at www.moreheadstate.edu/sbdc or call Michael Rodriguez, SBDC consultant, at (606) 743-4005.

Posted: 6-4-08

Dr. McCoy receives Phi Kappa Phi grant

Morehead State University's Dr. Janet McCoy, assistant professor of advertising and public relations, has been awarded a 2008 Literacy Grant of \$2,050 by The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

Dr. McCoy was one of 14 recipients nationwide to receive such an award. Other project partners include Opal Fannin, program specialist for the Morehead State University Adult Learning Center, and Dr. Emma Perkins, associate professor of art and recently-inducted Phi Kappa Phi member.

The Williamsburg, Ohio, native plans to use the grant to support "Rowan County Reads" in partnership with university students, their professors and the Adult Learning Center for a two-pronged approach to support literacy. Education majors will implement monthly enrichment activities for adult clients and their children. Programs will focus on specific books with crafts, games and reading activities.

In November, public relations students will host a community celebration for National Family Literacy Month. Events will include the mayor signing a proclamation and the distribution of a book to every child enrolled in pre-school in Rowan County.

The Phi Kappa Phi Literacy Grants program was initiated in 2003 to provide an opportunity for campus chapters and individual members to reach out to local communities to share with them the love of learning. Because Phi Kappa Phi is a multidisciplinary society of students and scholars from large and small institutions located in both urban and rural communities, applicants are encouraged to consider literacy projects that have creative relevance to their disciplines and to the needs of their communities. To date, Phi Kappa Phi has awarded more than \$150,000 in literacy grants.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. McCoy at (606) 783-2603, or by e-mail to j.mccoy@moreheadstate.edu.
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Board of Regents meeting set for June 5

EVENT: Board of Regents Meeting
DATE: Thursday, June 5, 2008
TIME: 9 a.m.
SITE: Riggle Room, Adron Doran University Center

A variety of items are on the agenda for the meeting, including approval of Code of Ethics for Regents; faculty promotions; tenure with promotion; emeritus status; reappointment of an auditing firm; 2008-09 Eagle Student Handbook; disposal of real property, minimum scope of annual audit; PG-55, technology resource acceptable use policy; and the 2008-09 operating budget, fee schedule and personnel roster.

The Board will ratify the 2008 spring graduates and personnel actions. Amend and approve exception to the campus master plan; and accept the third quarter financial report and amend the operating budget.

They will adopt reimbursement resolution; confirm appointments to the FKFAC; approve resolutions of commendation for Regents Terry Irons and Brian Gay.

The final report on spring 2008 enrollment and gift income will be presented at the meeting. Reports on personal service contracts and general receipts revenue bonds also will be given.

A ribboncutting ceremony will follow at 1:30 p.m. at MSU's newly-constructed Equine Health Education Center at the Derrickson Agricultural Complex on KY 377 (north of Morehead).
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Fetal ultrasounds to be offered

The Department of Imaging Sciences' Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program at Morehead State University will offer free, two-dimensional fetal ultrasounds to expectant mothers this summer and fall.

The ultrasound examinations will be performed by appointment only on the fourth floor of Reed Hall in the University's sonography lab during Summer II and Fall semesters.

The scans are performed by senior level students who will be directly supervised by associate professor Marcia Cooper. She is certified in obstetrics and gynecology by the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers. The fetal ultrasound scans provide students the experience they need for entering into the sonography workforce.

All volunteers will be asked to sign a consent form stating that the scans are "non-diagnostic" and are performed for educational purposes only. Participants are asked to bring a towel and a VHS tape or DVD to record the images, if desired.

Additional information and appointment times are available by calling MSU's Department of Imaging Sciences at (606) 783-2646.

Posted: 6-5-08

Regents extend President Andrews' contract through 2012

Citing "excellence exceeding our expectations" Morehead State University's Board of Regents Thursday rewarded President Wayne D. Andrews with a contract extension, five percent salary increase and MSU's first-ever presidential bonus - \$20,000.

Board Vice Chair Jean Dorton of Paintsville, who chaired the committee which evaluated Dr. Andrews' performance in 2007-08, made the laudatory comments about his leadership in her motion which was approved 8-1.

"I am deeply gratified by the board's action and the positive comments recognizing that the University overcame so many obstacles this school year to emerge with a tolerable budget, a creative tuition plan and a renewed commitment to be the best of the best," Dr. Andrews said after the meeting.

The contract extension carries his appointment through June 30, 2012, and the pay increase raises his annual salary to \$251,160 with an additional five percent of that figure, \$12,558, being contributed to a deferred compensation plan, payable upon retirement.

Dr. Andrews became MSU's 13th president on Jan. 1, 2005. The Regents decided last December to establish a performance bonus as a means of helping retain his services as a successful chief executive. The bonus plan actually allows a maximum of 40 percent of the base salary. This year's bonus represents 8.4 percent of his 2007-08 base.

In other action at the quarterly meeting, the Regents approved a \$122 million operating budget for the 2008-09 academic year, adopted a Code of Ethics for its members and authorized a new tuition model.

The new tuition plan requires students to pay for each course in which they enroll instead of the traditional flat rate for full-time students.

MSU's new budget includes \$1,000 raises for full-time faculty and salaried staff members and a 50-cent per hour increase for full-time hourly staff.

The Regents also recognized former chair James Booth, Dr. Irons and Brian Gay, student regent, for their service to the University.

In other business, the Regents:

- ratified promotions for seven faculty members;
- granted emeritus status to two faculty members;
- reappointed Dean, Dorton and Ford, PSC, as external auditors;
- authorized revisions of the 2008-09 Eagle Student Handbook;
- accepted the gift of 2.3 acres of real estate near St. Claire Regional Medical Center as a future building site;
- approved the disposal of real property through a land exchange with Rowan County Fiscal Court, subject to approval of the Finance and Administration Cabinet;
- confirmed appointment of three new board members of Friends of the Kentucky Folk Art Center, Inc.

The Regents also heard reports on spring 2008 enrollment, gift income, personal service contracts and general receipts revenue bonds.

MSU's unique equine center opens

Morehead State University officially opened its new and unique Equine Health Education Center with a ribboncutting ceremony Thursday at the Derrickson Agricultural Complex on KY 377 north of Morehead.

"This state-of-the-art surgical and medical treatment facility for horses will greatly benefit our veterinary technology, equine science and animal science students as well as regional horse owners," said MSU President Wayne D. Andrews. "It is a major enhancement of our efforts to support the equine industry in Kentucky."

Built at a cost of \$881,000, the facility was financed with a \$550,000 grant from the Kentucky Equine Trust and additional funds from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and MSU. The grant application was developed by Dr. Judy Willard, associate professor of agriculture, and Dr. Philip Prater, professor of veterinary technology.

The 6,000 square foot building will be dedicated to the training of students in modern equine veterinary technology, including ultrasound, fiber optic endoscopy, surgery, advanced reproductive techniques, intensive care management and digital radiology.

"We are very proud of the fact that we have the only dedicated equine medical and surgical facility in the nation that is associated with a stand-alone veterinary technology program," said Dr. Gerald DeMoss, dean of MSU's College of Science and Technology. "Adding this facility to our livestock and other teaching resources at the agricultural complex will have a very positive impact on our students in all animal science programs."

The facility also is expected to help achieve other goals of MSU's animal-related instructional efforts. Dr. Prater, who works primarily with horses and other large animals, is excited about what the new Equine Health Education Center will do to strengthen MSU's efforts in equine veterinary technology, including the possible addition of a specialty certification in that field of study.

"It is clear that training additional veterinary technicians must be part of the solution to the growing shortage of veterinarians in large animal practice," he stated. "The equine industry offers great opportunities for vet tech professionals."

Dr. Prater is hopeful that MSU's new facility will result in the vet tech program becoming even more attractive to highly-qualified students.

"We already have one of the top programs in the country and this will make us even stronger," he added. "Our students are being prepared to move directly into positions in the most sophisticated veterinary clinics in this country."

Dr. Prater predicts that the new center also will be very helpful to private veterinary medical practitioners in East Kentucky.

"The lives of very valuable and loved horses will be saved because this facility will be so much closer when timely, critical care is needed," he added.

Also involved in the project were Dr. J. Mike Phillips, chair of Department of Agricultural and Human Sciences; Mike Padula, technical consultant to the building project manager; Paula Reynolds, departmental specialist; and Joe Fraley, farm manager.

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MSU signs agreement with Northern Ireland College

Morehead State University President Wayne D. Andrews, left, signed an agreement to work with the Northern Regional College (NRC) in Ballymena, Ireland, to enhance training and educational opportunities among the institutions. Representing the NRC delegation was Trevor Neilands, director and chief executive. Morehead Sister Cities and MSU recently hosted a welcome reception and dinner at the Morehead Conference Center.

MSPR sponsors concert ticket giveaway

Morehead State Public Radio will offer listeners the chance to win two tickets to the Robert Plant and Alison Krauss concert featuring T-Bone Burnett at Rupp Arena on Friday, July 18. In addition, the winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate good at Joe Bologna's Restaurant in Lexington.

Presented by Outback Concerts and A.C. Entertainment, the three are touring in support of their Rounder Records release titled "Raising Sand."

The CD has been critically acclaimed as one of the best new releases in Americana music during the past year. It also earned a 2008 Grammy Music Award for Best Pop Collaboration with Vocals for the song "Gone, Gone, Gone."

The winner will be able to enjoy a relaxing meal prior to the concert at Joe Bologna's Restaurant & Pizzeria, located at 120 West Maxwell Street, which is close to Rupp Arena.

To register, send a postcard or letter to: Robert Plant & Alison Krauss Ticket Giveaway, Morehead State Public Radio, 132 Breckinridge Hall, Morehead State University, Morehead, KY 40351-1689. Include your name, address and daytime phone number with entry.

Participants also may sign up by e-mailing wmky@moreheadstate.edu. Registrations by phone or fax will not be accepted and a person must be at least 18 to enter. Limit one registration per household.

Entries must be received by 3:59 p.m. on Friday, July 11. The prize drawing will be held during Americana Crossroads on Monday, July 14. Prizes will be mailed to the winner.

Official contest rules will be followed and other restrictions may be applied. Morehead State Public Radio employees and their families, MSPR Community Advisory Board members and associates of MSPR are not eligible for this contest.

MSPR broadcasts 24 hours a day and the network includes WMKY (90.3 FM) in Morehead, WOCS (88.3 FM) Booneville and a translator (88.3 FM) in Inez.

Additional information is available by calling MSPR or (606) 783-2334.

Posted: 6-6-08

MSU AmeriCorp members help during national week

Eighteen AmeriCorps members spent a rainy day working construction at Humanity Hills, a subdivision north of Morehead, to celebrate National AmeriCorps Week last month.

AmeriCorps Week is designed to bring more Americans into volunteer service, and recognize members for their powerful impact. It provides an opportunity for AmeriCorps to shine a spotlight on the work done by members in communities across the country.

AmeriCorps provides opportunities for 75,000 Americans to give back in an intensive way to their communities each year. Members do a wide range of things: recruit, train, and supervise community volunteers; tutor and mentor youth; build affordable housing; teach computer skills; clean parks and streams; run after-school programs; help communities respond to disasters; and build the capacity of nonprofit groups to become self-sustaining, among many other activities.

In addition, full-time members who complete their service earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award of \$4,725 to pay for college, graduate school, or to pay back qualified student loans; members who serve part-time receive a partial award.

Some members also may receive a modest living allowance. Additional information about AmeriCorps is on the Internet at <http://www.americorps.org>.

Seventeen members who worked at Morehead Area Habitat completed their service at MSU Corps. Another AmeriCorps member is serving as a housing counselor at Morehead Area Habitat for Humanity.

Members of the MSU Corps were: Brian Cook, **Raceland**; Mary "Cassie" Cox, **Ashland**; Rebecca Craft, **Ashland**; Danielle Curd, **Russell**; Jerelyn Grant, **Ashland**; Amanda Hensley, **Nippa**; Jessica Hornsby, **Ashland**; Vickie Jones, **Dover**; Ashley Kinder, **Ewing**; Stephanie Matthews, **Willard**; Christina McCall, **Ashland**;

Amanda Mulvaney, **Catlettsburg**; Frederick "Tommy" Perry, **Louisa**; Joshua Purtee, **Ashland**; Braun Ream, **Ashland**; Melanie Sammons, **Catlettsburg**; Tiffany Sartin, **Morehead**; Marla Saylor, **Staffordsville**; Keri Shannon, **Catlettsburg**; Heather Simpson, **Ashland**; and Mary Williamson, **Tollesboro**.

Additional information is available by calling Sherrie Bennett, director, at (606) 783-2719.

Posted: 6-9-08

Dr. Willenbrink to direct musical at Kincaid Regional Theatre

Dr. Robert (Bob) Willenbrink, chair of the Department of Communication and Theatre at Morehead State University, is directing Roger Miller's musical "Big River" for the Kincaid Regional Theatre in Falmouth.

Matinee and evening shows will be held from June 14-July 19.

"The musical, based on Mark Twain's timeless classic, sweeps you down the mighty Mississippi as the irrepressible Huck Finn helps his friend Jim, a slave, escape to freedom at the mouth of the Ohio River. Their adventures along the way are hilarious, suspenseful and heartwarming, bringing to life your favorite characters from the novel--the Widow Douglas and her stern sister, Miss Watson; the uproarious King and Duke, who may or may not be as harmless as they seem; Huck's partner in crime, Tom Sawyer, and their rowdy gang of pals; Huck's drunken father, the sinister Pap Finn; the lovely Mary Jane Wilkes and her trusting family. Propelled by an award winning score from Miller, the king of country music, this jaunty journey provides a brilliantly theatrical celebration of pure Americana," according to the Rogers and Hammerstein Music Library.

Dr. Willenbrink has directed more than 80 productions of various style and genre. He serves on the boards of the Kentucky Humanities Council and the Jenny Wiley Theatre, and is the founder of ACTS, a theatre troupe for disabled performers.

At MSU, he also is the W. Paul and Lucille Caudill Little endowed chair of theatre. Dr. Willenbrink received his Ph.D. degree in theatre from Bowling Green State University after earning graduate and undergraduate degrees from MSU. He served for several years as director of theatre and chair of the Department of Speech, Theatre and Mass Communication at the University of Central Arkansas.

Celebrating 26 years of providing the highest quality musical and comedy entertainment to Northern, Central and East Kentucky, as well as southeastern Indiana and Southwest Ohio, the Kincaid Regional Theatre is committed to artistic excellence and the advancement of the theatre arts.

Additional information about showtimes and tickets is available by calling the Kincaid theatre at (800) 674-Show, or by accessing www.krtshows.com .
Posted: 6-9-08

Summer Music Academy going on now at MSU

A group of Morehead State University's Department of Music faculty is currently hosting the Summer Music Academy on campus through June 13.

More than 50 students from Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and West Virginia are currently attending the Academy.

The purpose of the Academy is to nurture students developing musicianship in a setting which allows interaction with faculty and the opportunity to work with others by selecting a course of study for their individual performing area.

The Academy consists of activities including private lessons, master classes, ensemble performance opportunities, music theory instruction, elective courses in class keyboard, jazz improvisation, accelerated music theory, recreation activities, and performances by a selection of MSU's Department of Music faculty.

Summer music faculty involved with the Academy include Dr. Jacob Roseman, flute; Dr. John Viton; oboe; Dr. David Oyen, bassoon; Dr. Nathan Nabb, saxophone; Dr. L. Curtis Hammond, horn; Professor Greg Wing, trumpet; Dr. Jeanie Lee, trombone; Dr. Paul Taylor, piano; Chia-Ling Hsieh, piano; Professor Suanne Blair, cello; Dr. Roma Prindle, voice; Dr. Greg Detweiler, choir; Dr. Gordon Towell, jazz improvisation. Summer staff for the program includes Paula Wing, Jessica Crittendon, Mallory Draughn and Ricky Spears.

The Summer Music Academy faculty artists recitals are Tuesday, June 10 and Thursday, June 12, at 7:30 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall in Baird Music Hall. The final Summer Music Academy student concert will be held Friday, June 13, 7:30 p.m. also in Duncan Recital Hall.

The events are free and open to the public.

Additional information is available by calling the Department of Music at

(606) 783-2473.

Posted: 6-10-08

SIU Edwardsville joins the Ohio Valley Conference

The Ohio Valley Conference announced on Tuesday that Southern Illinois University Edwardsville has been admitted to the Conference and will become the league's 11th member. The move was unanimously approved by the OVC Board of Presidents at their May 30 meeting.

SIU Edwardsville will officially become a member of the OVC on July 1, 2008 while its athletic programs will begin competing in the Conference over the following years as the institution completes its reclassification to Division I. All SIUE team sports will begin regular season competition in the OVC during the 2011-12 academic year and will be eligible for postseason competition in 2012-13. The exception will be the SIUE softball program which will be eligible for both regular season and tournament competition in 2010-11; the softball program was the department's women's sport designee to be fast-tracked to Division I, making it eligible to compete at the Division I level prior to other SIUE sports.

"I am very pleased to welcome SIU Edwardsville as a member of the Ohio Valley Conference," said Dr. Jon A. Steinbrecher, OVC Commissioner. "The addition of SIUE makes us a stronger conference. After our evaluation of the university, it was clear that it is a Division I institution, given the scope and breadth of its academic and athletic offerings. We fully expect SIUE, given its past history and tradition and the commitment they have shown with budgets and facilities, to be very competitive as a Division I institution. The addition also gives us a presence in the St. Louis market, something that is important to our league."

SIU Edwardsville is located in Edwardsville, Ill., which is just northeast of St. Louis, Mo., the 18th largest media market in the United States. The St. Louis metro population includes over 30,000 alumni of Ohio Valley Conference schools, a number that increases to over 70,000 when SIUE alumni numbers are factored in.

"We're glad to welcome SIUE into the OVC family," said Morehead State Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Brian Hutchinson. "This is a move that absolutely strengthens the league and the competitive opportunities for our student athletes. The process has been very forthright and honest in looking into our membership as a whole and SIUE fits exactly what we were looking for."

The University was founded in 1957 and celebrated its 50th year of existence in 2007-08. SIUE sponsors 18 sports (9 men's sports and 9 women's sports) and previously competed as a member of the Division II Great Lakes Valley Conference.

SIUE is currently in the reclassification process to Division I, as the program completed its one-year exploratory period in 2007-08. SIU Edwardsville will compete against a Division I schedule beginning in 2008-09 and will conclude the reclassification process in the 2011-12 season. SIUE will become a full Division I program beginning in the 2012-13 season.

With nearly 13,500 students, SIUE is ranked among U.S. News & World Report's Top 10 public master's level universities in the Midwest region. For three years in a row, *U.S. News* has named SIUE among "America's Best Colleges" for its Senior Assignment Program; the program was also recognized in 2007 as a national model for learning assessment by the Association of American Colleges & Universities.

The University offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in arts and sciences, business, education, engineering and nursing as well as professional degrees in pharmacy and dentistry. The School of Dental Medicine is ranked among the best in the nation.

"During the 12 years I was at Murray State University, I was impressed by the high level of OVC competition and great rivalries," said Dr. Vaughn Vandegrift, SIUE Chancellor. "We are most pleased to be joining this association of quality universities."

The Ohio Valley Conference is expanding for the first time since 2003 when it added two institutions, including current member Jacksonville State.

The OVC was established in 1948 and is the eighth-oldest Division I conference. With the addition of SIU Edwardsville, the OVC will include 11 teams from five states. The current members of the OVC are: MSU, Austin Peay State University (Clarksville, Tenn.), Eastern Illinois University (Charleston, Ill.), Eastern Kentucky University (Richmond, Ky.), Jacksonville State University (Jacksonville, Ala.), Murray State University (Murray, Ky.), Southeast Missouri State University (Cape Girardeau, Mo.), Tennessee State University (Nashville, Tenn.), Tennessee Technological University (Cookeville, Tenn.) and University of Tennessee at Martin (Martin, Tenn.).

The OVC currently sponsors championships in 18 sports: baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country, football, men's and women's golf, rifle, women's soccer, softball, men's and women's tennis, men's and women's indoor track & field, men's and women's outdoor track & field and volleyball.

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Dr. Ruth Barnes, former English professor, dies at 84

Dr. Ruth Croley Barnes of Morehead, a former professor of English and a recipient of the 1980 Distinguished Faculty Award at Morehead State University, died on Monday (June 9).

The London, England, native came to MSU in 1963 and served until her retirement in 1984. She held two doctoral degrees from London University and taught at Leeds and the University of Liverpool before coming to the U.S.

She was the widow of the late Dr. Lewis Barnes, a former professor of English at MSU, and the mother of Anthea Boarman of Louisville.

There is no visitation and a private family burial service will be held at a later date. Lane-Stucky-Gray Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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Dogwood Technologies another successful business aided by the REC

Dogwood Technologies LLC is a software company founded in November 2007 by CEO and owner Mike Bryant to provide software consulting to a wide variety of clients across the United States.

"Providing software consulting services around the U.S., which allows you to provide quality work at much lower prices than metropolitan areas," said Bryant.

Bryant, a serial entrepreneur, previously owned Centrant LLC, a software company that had developed a product called PHP Jumpstart, a code generation software tool. He sold Centrant in July 2007 for more than \$600,000 and immediately began working to create his new company.

Since founding this new venture, Dogwood is on track to generate nearly \$150,000 in revenue in its first year. Bryant believes it's possible to grow his company's revenues by nearly 50 percent in his second year of operation. In addition to Bryant's own work, he also employs five software developers in the community. These contract employees are expected to generate payroll of nearly \$50,000 in its first year.

"When you consider that this payroll is for men who're already gainfully employed in the community and that this is their 'evening job', this is a significant boost in our community," said Bryant.

In the future he hopes to double his payroll as well and to bring some of this talent on board as full time employees. Over the long term, he believes it is possible to grow his company to a million dollar venture.

In addition to his work at Dogwood Technologies, Bryant was recently named CEO of BAT Medical Networks, a company that's attempting to provide IT hardware that will allow hospitals to share medical records. He thinks it's possible to grow BAT to more than a \$10 million venture over the next few years if all goes according to plan. This is his second executive posting, as he previously worked for the company that purchased Centrant as a vice president.

Johnathan Gay, the director of Morehead State University's Innovation Center says Bryant typifies what is possible in a rural area.

"If I could dream up an economic development strategy for the mountains that would be certain to work it would consist of cloning multiple Mike Bryants. Mike's entrepreneurial savvy and IT skills are an incredible combination. And the fact that they're in Jackson means that the money they generate goes much farther than it would in more urban areas."

Anyone interested in learning more about Dogwood Technologies should call MSU's Regional Enterprise Center in West Liberty at (606) 743-4005 or visit its Web site at www.moreheadstate.edu/msurec .
Posted: 6-11-08

Dr. Towell awarded SAF grant

Morehead State University's Dr. Gordon Towell, professor of music, has been awarded a grant from the Southern Arts Federation through the National Endowment for the Arts.

The grant will bring acclaimed violinist Rachel Barton Pine to campus Nov. 13-15. During the three-day residency, she will present workshops, lectures and master classes. She will perform as a solo artist and with an orchestra of high school and college musicians during MSU's fourth annual Tri-State Honor Orchestras.

The Pine's recital program will be Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. in Button Auditorium. All components of her residency will be open to the general public.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to continue growth and awareness in MSU's orchestral program and to share a world class artist with our students, string students and audiences from our region," said Dr. Towell.

Pine is one of the world's leading violinists and has soloed with the Chicago, Philadelphia, Atlanta, St. Louis, Dallas, Montreal, Vienna, New Zealand and Budapest orchestras. She has enjoyed collaborations with the rock band Kansas, pianists Daniel Barenboim, Christopher O'Riley and Christoph Eschenbach, baritone William Warfield and violinist/fiddler Mark O'Connor.

MSU personnel assisting with the grant were Mary Jerde, arts and humanities director for grants, Dr. Scott McBride, professor and chair of the Department of Music, and Christina Hartkey Towell, lecturer in music. Additional information is available by calling Dr. Towell at (606) 783-2198.

Posted: 6-12-08

Nichols, Sartor receive honors at the Bluegrass Biennial

Two Morehead artists captured awards associated with The Bluegrass Biennial: A Kentucky Juried Exhibition, hosted in Morehead State University's Claypool-Young Art Building, through Aug. 1.

Jeffrey Nichols, a Morehead ceramist, won the Best in Show Award for his piece Yellow/Red Still-Life. Local artist Joe Sartor, MSU professor emeritus of art, won a Merit Award for his piece Merry Paleo Poppings.

The juror Tim Glotzbach, director of the Student Craft Program and former dean of the Kentucky School of Craft, selected the works based on artistic excellence.

In its history, the Bluegrass Biennial takes place every even year and has displayed the work of more than a hundred artists from the Commonwealth and showcases the wealth of visual art in Kentucky.

Scheduled for the summer of 2010, the next Bluegrass Biennial will include a juror from another region of Kentucky, and continue the same spirit of partnering with local and university organizations.

The exhibition is a collaborative effort of MSU's Arts and Humanities Council, Department of Art, Caudill College of Humanities, Clack Mountain Festival, Cave Run Arts Association and Morehead Art Guild Inc.

The gallery in Claypool-Young features contemporary art for the MSU community as well as the University's service region of East Kentucky. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment. There is no charge for viewing. Parking is available on Main Street and Elizabeth Avenue, behind Claypool-Young.

Additional information is available by calling Jennifer Reis, gallery director, at (606) 783-5446 or by visiting www.moreheadstate.edu/art.

Posted: 6-12-08

Annual ride for scholarships set for Aug. 3

Motorcycle enthusiasts throughout the region are invited to rev up their bikes and ride in Morehead State University at Prestonsburg's annual fundraiser to benefit scholarships for students attending classes on the Prestonsburg campus.

The Sixth Annual Memorial Motorcycle Ride will be held on Sunday, Aug. 3. Proceeds from the event go towards a scholarship fund established in memory of Dr. Margaret Lewis, former director of the Prestonsburg center.

Beginning at 10 a.m., riders will travel from the Prestonsburg campus on the Bert Combs Parkway to Salyersville and Highway 460 from Salyersville to West Liberty and KY 519 to Morehead. The group will have a stop in West Liberty.

Lunch at MSU's Academic-Athletic Center will include various field games. Prizes will be given on the Morehead and Prestonsburg campuses and riders must be present to win and claim their prize.

The return to Prestonsburg will include a stop in West Liberty, with the total ride being approximately 125 miles. The entry fee is \$20 per driver and \$30 per couple. All participants must sign a release form. Riders may join the group at a number of locations along the route.

MSU at Prestonsburg is located in the Postsecondary Education Center, Building 6 of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College on Bert Combs Drive.

Details and the entry form are available online at www.moreheadstate.edu/prestonsburg/.

Final registration will be held from 9-10 a.m. on the day of the event.

Additional information and pre-registration is available from Dawonna Prater at MSU at Prestonsburg at (606) 886-2405 or (800) 648-5372. In Morehead, interested persons may contact Tina Stafford in 312 Allie Young Hall, or by calling her at (606) 783-2605 or (800) 585-6781, extension 3.

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MSPR donates weather alert radios to Elliott County

Morehead State Public Radio is distributing 50 Midland AM/FM Weather Alert Radios to 18 primary counties that includes Bath, Breathitt, Carter, Elliott, Estill, Fleming, Lee, Lewis, Martin, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Owsley, Powell, Rowan and Wolfe counties.

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MSPR purchased the radios through a Rural Listener Access Incentive Grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Additional information on Ready America and this project is available on MSPR's Web site at www.msuradio.com.

Posted: 6-13-08

Students awarded Barfield Scholarship

Morehead State Public Radio's MacKenzie Bates, **Raceland** senior, and Carl Gibson, **Elizabethtown** senior, each received a renewal \$1,000 Kentucky Broadcasters Association's Harry Barfield Scholarship for the 2008-09 school year.

"We are very proud of what MacKenzie and Carl have achieved.

They worked very hard and I know the scholarships will be of great benefit as they continue their education at Morehead State University," said MSPR General Manager Paul Hitchcock.

The students are both reporters in MSPR's newsroom and can be heard on newscasts during the weekday Midday News and Mountain Edition programs.

It marks five of the past six years an MSPR student has claimed the award. James "Buck" Hawkins won it in 2003-04; Jared F. Newberry captured it for 2004-05; Kristin Murdock received it for the 2005-06; Gibson and Bates also won it last year.

KBA has earmarked \$14,000 in scholarships to aid college students in Kentucky for the upcoming school year.

During the first 17 years of the Barfield Scholarship program, KBA has awarded more than \$100,000.

The scholarship is named in honor of the late chairman, president and general manager of WLEX-TV in Lexington, Harry Barfield. It is based on academic achievement combined with extracurricular activities, and a demonstrated interest in pursuing a career in broadcasting/telecommunications.

MSPR broadcasts 24 hours a day and the network includes WMKY (90.3 FM) in Morehead, WOCS (88.3 FM) in Booneville and a translator (88.3 FM) in Inez.

Additional information about MSPR is available by calling (800) 286-9659 or (606) 783-2001; or by logging on to the station's Web site at www.msuradio.com.

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KFAC to have children's art program in July

Morehead State University's Kentucky Folk Art Center has announced its first summer arts program for children.

KFAC's Summer Arts Studio will be held at MSU's Regional Enterprise Center in West Liberty, July 14-18 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. each day. The program is held in partnership with MSU's 21st Century Educational Enterprise.

Slots for the program are limited and will be reserved on a first come, first serve basis.

Children participating in KFAC's Summer Arts Studio will learn about different types of art, be exposed to different cultures, and create their own original artworks, including watercolor paintings, paper art, and art made from found objects. The week will conclude with a field trip to the Kentucky Folk Art Center in Morehead.

"We're very excited to launch the Summer Arts Studio in West Liberty," said Matt Collinsworth, KFAC director. "We've wanted to do this for years. Now with our new Museum Educator, Erin Moore, we have the opportunity and ability to put together a great children's program. We hope to use this summer's Studio as a building block for more such activities in the future."

Children ages 7-11 are eligible. The cost will be \$15 per child. Pre-registration is required by contacting Moore at (606) 783-2204 or ate.moore@moreheadstate.edu.

Kentucky Folk Art Center is a cultural, educational and economic development service of Morehead State University. The Center is open Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m.

Posted: 6-16-08

SOAR program has two summer dates remaining

Morehead State University has two remaining Student Orientation, Advising and Registration (SOAR) programs to prepare for the 2008 Fall Semester. New first year and transfer students will register for their fall semester classes during these events.

Students also will have their photographs taken for the University's identification card, the EagleCard, and meet with representatives from the Office of Financial Aid, student housing, food services and accounting and budgetary control.

Campus tours will be available.

A student must be accepted to MSU before they can participate, and parents are encouraged to attend.

The remaining SOAR dates are June 26 and July 22.

There will be an ice cream social at 7 p.m. the evening prior at the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

Pre-registration for a SOAR program is necessary due to limited space. There are two ways to register: visit the Web at www.moreheadstate.edu/soar and complete the registration form; or register with the Office of First Year Programs by calling (606) 783-5208.

Posted: 6-17-08

Rural Physician Leadership Track program announced

Morehead State University, St. Claire Regional Medical Center and the University of Kentucky Tuesday announced a new program through the UK's College of Medicine which aims to recruit, train and retain future physicians in the state's medical underserved rural areas through the creation of regional medical school sites at Morehead and Murray.

"The prospect of training medical students in our joint health education facility is very exciting," said MSU President Wayne D. Andrews. "This decision by UK will have a far reaching, positive impact on East Kentucky's health care future."

Morehead's site is scheduled to open in 2010 and Murray's in 2012.

The Rural Physician Leadership Track is part of a plan by the College of Medicine to increase class size by nearly 30 percent over the next several years. Ten students will be recruited for the program each year in 2008 and 2009, raising first-year enrollment from 103 to 113.

After completing their first two years of medical school at UK's main campus, students will spend their third and fourth years at the Morehead site, which will work in cooperation with St. Claire Regional Medical Center to provide hands-on medical training.

With the addition to the new program, a new [\\$28 million health sciences building](#) near Second Street will be constructed. The 92,500-square foot facility will house MSU's departments of nursing and imaging sciences, UK's physician assistant and family nurse practitioner programs, in addition to a freestanding primary care clinic, and comprehensive health education center.

"This three-way partnership makes sense for the taxpayers of Kentucky and for each of our respective institutions. We (MSU) needed more space for educating health care professionals and St. Claire needed more space for diagnosing and treating patients," said Dr. Andrews.

"Today's announcement is the icing on the cake. A regional site of the U-K College of Medicine that is dedicated to training rural physicians will literally change the face of medical education in this state and bring even greater credibility and prestige to health sciences programs at Morehead State."

The clinic will serve as the primary training site for the SCR/UK family practice residency program and will include examination rooms, a dental suite, as well as provide for a clinical laboratory and basic radiology services.

The comprehensive health education center will be designed to accommodate a wide range of continuing education/workshop programs, teleconferencing and telemedicine initiatives, specialized professional development/enrichment opportunities for health-care providers, and rural health research activities.

The space for MSU's departments of nursing and imaging sciences would include lecture and laboratory classrooms to support the associate and baccalaureate degree nursing programs, the radiologic technology program, and the sonography, computed tomography, and magnetic resonance program options. Also included would be faculty/staff offices and conference areas.

Additionally, space will be provided for anticipated growth in these programs and the planned implementation of MSU's new master's degrees in nursing and in nuclear medicine. Similar space will be available to support UK's master's-level programs for physician assistant and family nurse practitioner.

Groundbreaking is scheduled for later this summer.

[Click here to view photo gallery of announcement](#)

[Click here to view WYMT News report on program](#)

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CPA Society awards scholarships

Two Morehead State University students were among those from across the Commonwealth to receive scholarships given by the Educational Foundation of the Kentucky Society of Certified Public Accountants (KyCPA).

The group awarded a total of \$56,000 in scholarships to college students studying accounting on behalf of the Foundation and other benefactors, plus another \$15,000 in CPA exam review grants.

Julie Cline of Owingsville received the Gordon Ford Scholarship while Britton Sloat of Morehead won the Becker CPA Review Grants, which is provided for study of the Uniform CPA Examination.

The scholarships were awarded during an April banquet at the Galt House East Hotel in Louisville to students who met academic as well as financial need criteria set forth by KyCPA's Educational Foundation, which awards the non-profit organization's scholarships annually.

The Kentucky Society of Certified Public Accountants is a statewide, non-profit professional organization serving CPAs in public accounting firms, business, industry, government, and education.
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West Liberty to host Regional Entrepreneur Conference

Morehead State University's Small Business Development Center will host its seventh annual Regional Entrepreneur Conference in West Liberty on Tuesday, Aug. 19.

The one-day conference is designed to provide information and networking opportunities for small business owners, those desiring to start up their own businesses and for the community at-large. This year's keynote speaker will be Bob Ash, a nationally renowned presenter, who will address "Creating and Maintaining a Dynamic Workplace."

In addition, there will be workshop sessions focusing on small business development and ownership. Topics to be covered include diversity training, financing options for small business owners and a small business owners roundtable discussion.

Various organizations and contacts will be present in which to engage in networking opportunities.

This year's conference is being hosted by the MSU Regional Enterprise Center on the MSU at West Liberty campus. Additional information or to register is available by calling David Barber at (606) 783-2895 or online at www.ksbdc.org.

You also may access the conference brochure online at www.msurec.com.

Training programs, sponsored or co-sponsored by SBDC, are available to all individuals without regard to race, color, sex, creed or national origin.

Posted: 6-18-08

Application fee supports new online application and Web site tools

Prospective students visiting Morehead State University's Web site and applying July 1 or later will have access to a new online application and personalized information.

Using the new online application will allow prospective MSU students to follow and monitor the steps of the admission process, including tracking receipt of applications, test scores and transcripts. Viewing the customized to-do list will prompt applicants to provide information still needed for admission.

To support these enhancements, a \$30 application fee will begin July 1. The University launched a Credential Processing Center during the spring semester and application processing times have been greatly reduced.

"We know students use the Web on a routine basis and have become comfortable making purchases online," said Jeffrey Liles, assistant vice president for enrollment services. "This new online application and Web site will allow students to interact with the University at whatever time and place that is most convenient to them."

Prospective students can complete the online application and pay the fee in one visit to the Web site. Students choosing to submit a paper application may submit the \$30 application fee by check or money order.

Those interested in enrolling in fall classes are encouraged to submit a paper application by June 30, prior to the application fee beginning July 1.

Additional information is available by calling the Office of Enrollment Services at (606) 783-2000 or the Office of Graduate Programs at (606) 783-2039.

Posted: 6-19-08

Wellness Center to offer 'Plus One' membership in July

Starting in July, Morehead State University's Wellness Center will offer a new membership option for its patrons.

The "Plus One" membership allows faculty, staff, students, and spouses or retirees who are Wellness Center members to sponsor a membership for one person of their choice.

"Plus One" members must be at least 18 years of age. The membership fee is \$240 per year.

The Wellness Center's hours of operation for July will be: Mondays through Wednesdays, 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Thursdays, 6 a.m. - 9 a.m. and 4 - 7 p.m.; Fridays, 6 -9 a.m. and 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. - noon; and Sundays, 4 - 7 p.m.

Also available in July will be a lunchtime fitness presentation on Wednesday, July 9 at 3 p.m. at the Wellness Center. The presenter is Wesley Broderick, Wellness Center intern.

Additional information on the "Plus One" membership is available by calling Jane Tenyer, director, at (606) 783-5152 or by visiting www.moreheadstate.edu/wellness.

MSPR donates weather radios to Morgan, Rowan and Bath counties

Morehead State Public Radio is distributing 50 Midland AM/FM Weather Alert Radios to 18 primary counties that includes Bath, Breathitt, Carter, Elliott, Estill, Fleming, Lee, Lewis, Martin, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Owsley, Powell, Rowan and Wolfe.

"It's our goal at Morehead State Public Radio to inform our listeners about impending weather and to protect the families in the communities we serve. We hope the weather radios will be used at key locations in our primary service region to supplement the national emergency alert system to further protect our listeners," said Paul Hitchcock, MSPR general manager.

The radios are being presented to public officials and placed in public buildings such as schools, health clinics, libraries and first responder facilities. MSPR also will distribute informational brochures on emergency preparedness from the Ready America project provided by the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA).

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Posted: 6-20-08

Weekend fiddlers convention set for July 25-26

Time to rosin up that bow and get ready for some good foot stomping action as Morehead Old Time Music Association presents its third annual "Morehead Old Time Fiddlers Convention."

The event will be held on Friday and Saturday, July 25 and 26, at the 70-plus acre Daniel Boone Jaycee's Farm just east of Morehead.

The first day will be "Art Stamper Day" as the convention will honor the legacy of the late Kentucky fiddler. The Knott County native is a member of the Bluegrass Hall of Fame and performed with the Stanley Brothers and Bill Monroe's Blue Grass Boys.

Stamper also played and taught the Appalachian fiddle style he learned from his father, Hiram.

Performing for Art Stamper Day will be several Kentucky bands: Kentucky Center of Traditional Music's Old Time Band, Ponty's Camper, Billy Stamper and Earl Thomas Jr, Rich and the Poor Folks, and Chance McCoy and Fox Chase. Entertainment will run from 5:20 - 11 p.m.

The Saturday evening concert will feature Nikos Pappas, Jesse Wells and Brett Ratliff and the winners of the Traditional String Band contest.

Also on Saturday are contests for the best old time fiddle, youth fiddle, old time banjo, flat-foot dance and traditional string band. Cash prizes will be awarded.

To add to the fun, various workshops and family activities are scheduled throughout the weekend. Along with a lot of jamming, there will be square dancing with caller, Julie Shepherd, at 10 p.m. on Saturday.

Cost of admission is \$10 for Friday, \$15 for Saturday, or \$25 for the entire weekend. Primitive camping (no hook-ups or electric) is included with a weekend pass and children 11 and under will receive free admission.

Helping with the event are: Morehead State University's Kentucky Center for Traditional Music, Kentucky Folk Art Center, City of Morehead and the Daniel Boone Jaycee's.

Additional information is available by calling Ratliff at (606) 356-3315 or visiting the Morehead Old Time Fiddlers Convention Web site at www.moreoldtime.com.

Posted: 6-20-08

Dr. Ron Morrison elected to Board of Regents

Dr. Ronald D. Morrison, professor of English at Morehead State University, has been elected as the 11th faculty member to serve on MSU's Board of Regents.

He takes office for a three-year term on July 1, succeeding Dr. Terry Irons, professor of English, who has held the post since 2005.

"I am deeply honored that the faculty elected me as their representative on the Board of Regents," said Dr. Morrison. "I will do my very best to represent faculty priorities and concerns to the Board and to the MSU administration."

A native of Salina, Kansas, Dr. Morrison has taught in the Department of English, Foreign Language, and Philosophy at MSU since 1988. He holds a doctorate and two master's degrees from the University of Kansas and a bachelor's degree from Marymount College of Kansas.

A specialist in Victorian literature, Dr. Morrison has published numerous scholarly essays on Thomas Hardy, Christina Rossetti, Bram Stoker, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, and other 19th century and contemporary writers. He is currently at work on a book-length manuscript on literary responses to the developing humane movement in 19th century Britain.

On campus, he has held numerous faculty leadership positions, including serving as chair of the University's Tenure Committee, Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee, and President's Committee on Faculty Compensation. The new faculty Regent also served as chair of the Faculty Senate.

He received the South Atlantic Association of Departments of English Outstanding Teacher Award in 2003 and he was named the University's Distinguished Researcher in 2004.

Dr. Morrison is married to Dr. Sarah R. Morrison, also a professor of English at MSU. Their son Leavitt will be a senior next year at Rowan County Senior High School.

Posted: 6-23-08

Haynes selected for Aramark's Olympic team

Morehead State University Dining Services and Aramark's Executive Chef Mike Haynes will serve as an executive chef during the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing, China, from July 1 through Aug. 31. He will report to the director of culinary operations.

Aramark has been chosen by the Beijing Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games to provide catering services for the Olympic Village, two media centers, and two media villages during the Olympics and Paralympics.

The Beijing games will mark the 14th time Aramark has been chosen to serve the world's Olympic athletes.

"Being named to the 2008 Olympic culinary team is one of the biggest honors of my career," said Haynes. "The opportunity to work with some of the most talented chefs Aramark has to offer in such a unique setting is really exciting. I hope to experience as much culture and the landscapes of both China and the Olympic communities as I can. I am looking forward to continuing to broaden my gastronomic horizons, both with the other chefs I work with and such a diverse and different cuisine."

For this year's event, Aramark chefs have created a "World Menu" of more than 800 recipes. The menu will celebrate the Chinese culture and cuisine and offer healthy dishes and nutritional guidance to fuel the performances of a lifetime.

Haynes is one of nearly 7,000 managers, chefs and employees from all over the world that will offer their culinary skills for the summer games. He earned his diploma with honors at the French Culinary Institute in New York City and has been a part of the dining team at Morehead State since May 2005.

Haynes also has more than a decade of experience with fine dining restaurants in New York City, Raleigh and Lexington.

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MSU graduate from Lexington killed in action in Afghanistan

Eric Terhune, a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps and a Morehead State University alumnus, was killed in Afghanistan.

Capt. Terhune was a member of MSU's Rifle team for three seasons and graduated in May of 2000.

The Lexington native was on his third tour of duty. The 34-year-old spent the first two in Iraq before heading to Afghanistan in April.

Funeral services will be held Saturday 10:30 a.m. at the Tates Creek Presbyterian Church, Lexington. Visitation will be from 5-9 p.m. Friday at the Kerr Brothers Funeral Home 3421 Harrodsburg Road, Lexington.

Gov. Steve Beshear has directed that all state flags be lowered to half-staff between sunrise and sunset on Saturday in tribute to Capt. Terhune.

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Revised: 6-25-08 (New funeral location)

MSU named certifying organization for presidential volunteer service award

Morehead State University announced it has teamed with the White House to become a certifying organization for the "President's Volunteer Service Award."

The award is part of a national program recognizing Americans who have demonstrated a sustained commitment to volunteer service. It was established in 2003 by President George W. Bush to give recognition to individuals, families and groups who meet requirements for volunteer service, measured by the number of service hours performed during a 12 month period.

Morehead State University is one of thousands of organizations that have joined forces to honor the volunteers who strengthen our country. As a certifying organization, the University is responsible for verifying service hours, nominating potential recipients and delivering the award.

"We are extremely proud to recognize our most outstanding volunteers with the President's Volunteer Service Award," said MSU President Wayne D. Andrews. "MSU volunteers are role models in our community, donating their time, energy and talent to bring us closer together. This award is our way of thanking these volunteers and inspiring everyone in our community to make volunteering a central part of their lives.

"Even if you've never volunteered before, this honor is within your reach," said President Andrews. "There are so many ways to contribute, and every volunteer hour makes a difference in improving the quality of life for others. MSU would encourage everyone to get involved and to bring along your family, friends and neighbors. Together, we can strengthen America, one hour at a time."

The award is issued by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, a group convened by President Bush to help foster and encourage a culture of volunteer service and civic participation among Americans. The Council is composed of leaders in government, media, entertainment, business, education, nonprofit and volunteer service organizations, and community volunteering. It is chaired by two-time Super Bowl champion Darrell Green, with former U.S. Senators Bob Dole and John Glenn as honorary co-chairs.

For more information on the award and to find out how to identify additional volunteer opportunities in this area, visit www.presidentialserviceawards.gov or call 1-866-545-5307. Additional information about the program is available from Louise Cooper, MSU coordinator of service learning, at (606) 783-9327 or e-mail her at l.cooper@moreheadstate.edu.

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FEA Summer Camp held on campus

Morehead State University's Teacher Recruitment Program and the Future Teacher Corps hosted Future Educators Association (FEA) Summer Camp, June 8-15.

High school juniors and seniors interested in teaching as a career attended the free camp, sponsored by the Kentucky Department of Education, to learn about college life at MSU and careers in education. Students were informed about opportunities in education and classroom techniques with a specific focus on diversity and the Olympic theme, "A World of Teachers...One Goal!"

It was the biggest camp in the program's history as 27 students participated in educational and social activities in which they interacted with honored educators, MSU faculty, staff, and students, learned teaching skills, and getting a glimpse at issues surrounding education.

MSU representatives attending were: President Wayne Andrews; Dr. Cathy Gunn, dean of the College of Education; Rosemarie Gold, educational service unit director; Dr. Jim Knoll, chair of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction; Dr. Kim Sharp, assistant professors of education; Dr. Lynn Spradlin, Adron Doran Distinguished professor; and Dr. Robert Boram, professor of science.

Also participating were: Michael Dailey, division director of Educator Quality and Diversity at the Kentucky Department of Education; Alicia Sneed, director of legal services at the Education Professional Standards Board; Billie Travis, MSU alumnus and 2005 winner of the Kentucky Teacher of the Year award; Kelly Middleton, assistant superintendent of Mason County Schools; Joe Dan Gold, superintendent of Morgan County Schools; April Pilcher, undergraduate adviser and graduate teaching assistant at the University of Kentucky and adjunct instructor at Midway College and ITT.

"We would like to extend our sincerest thanks to those educators who contributed to the future of education," said Joan Callaham, teacher recruitment coordinator.

Further information may be obtained from the Teacher Recruitment Program office, 801A Ginger Hall or by contacting Callaham at (606) 783-9446.

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Retirees to see Big River

The Morehead State University Retirees Association will attend a matinee performance of the musical "Big River" at the Kincaid Regional Theatre in Falmouth on July 10.

All retirees, both faculty and staff, and their guests are invited to participate.

Directed by Dr. Bob Willenbrink, MSU chair of the Department of Communication and Theatre, "Big River," is based on Mark Twain's classic, Huckleberry Finn, and tells the story of a boy making his way down the Ohio River and the wondrous people he encounters on his travels. Music and lyrics are by Roger Miller.

The cost of the trip will be \$35 per person and includes transportation, lunch and the show. The deadline for reservations is Monday, July 7. Reservations may be made by contacting Tami Jones at (606) 783-2586 or by e-mailing her at t.jones@moreheadstate.edu.

Vans will leave from the Academic-Athletic Center on July 10 at 10 a.m., returning there in the early evening.

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Four students receive Canadian internships

Four Morehead State University students are currently working in Canada as part of the Canadian Parliamentary Internship Program.

Brandy Eden of **Flemingsburg** , Teresa Hille of **Burlington** , Jeanine Lacock of **Grayson** and Thomas Stevens of **Taylorsville** are all working in Ottawa, Canada's capital city.

Eden is an intern in the office of James Bezan, a member of Parliament from Manitoba. Hille is an intern with "Embassy Magazine," Canada's foreign policy newsweekly. Lacock is working as an intern in the office of Olivia Chou, former mayor of Toronto and New Democratic Party Member of Parliament (MP) from Ontario. Stevens is an intern in the office of Peggy Nash, New Democratic Member of Parliament.

The Canadian Parliamentary Internship Program is a five-week internship providing college credit in an international setting. Students live at the University of Ottawa with other students participating in the same program as well as students from Canada and other countries.

The MSU students are supported with a \$1,000 Canadian Studies Scholarship from MSU. They begin the program in the spring with a three-hour seminar led by Dr. William Green, MSU professor of government, where they explore Canadian politics and current government policies.

They complete the program with an internship in Ottawa where they are placed in the office of a member of the Canadian Parliament. They attend committee meetings, caucuses, press conferences and informal meetings.

Eden has had the opportunity to meet and talk with Prime Minister Stephen Harper. Hille had her article "Two Afghan Visions, One Winner," published in "Embassy Magazine." Lacock has attended the Canadian Supreme Court to hear oral arguments in a native rights case. Stevens has researched legislation on copyright reform and pharmaceutical drug policy for Parliament.

More information on the Canadian Parliamentary Internship Program is available by calling Dr. Green at (606) 783-2128.

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MSPR donates weather alert radios to Montgomery County

Morehead State Public Radio is distributing 50 Midland AM/FM Weather Alert Radios to 18 primary counties that includes Bath, Breathitt, Carter, Elliott, Estill, Fleming, Lee, Lewis, Martin, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Owsley, Powell, Rowan and Wolfe.

"It's our goal at Morehead State Public Radio to inform our listeners about impending weather and to protect the families in the communities we serve. We hope the weather radios will be used at key locations in our primary service region to supplement the national emergency alert system to further protect our listeners," said Paul Hitchcock, MSPR general manager.

The radios are being presented to public officials and placed in public buildings such as schools, health clinics, libraries and first responder facilities. MSPR also will distribute informational brochures on emergency preparedness from the Ready America project provided by the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA).

The radios utilize Specific Area Message Encoding (S.A.M.E.) technology, which allows the radios to be programmed to receive only those warnings that apply to local counties. Operated by AC or emergency battery, the radios can be programmed for up to 30 counties and features AM/FM tuning, color coded alert lights and several alarm functions.

MSPR purchased the radios through a Rural Listener Access Incentive Grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Additional information on Ready America and this project is available on MSPR's Web site at www.msuradio.com

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Employees honored for service

Several Morehead State University employees were honored recently for attaining milestones in their years of service with the University. MSU President Wayne D. Andrews congratulated each employee as he presented them with a service pin symbolic of the achievement. Among those participating in the ceremony were, front row from left: Dr. Andrews, Cheryl Farmer, 5; Sherry Fannin, 5; and Elizabeth Williams, 5. Second row from left are, Ronald Boggs, 5; Karen Cornett, 10; Janet Glover, 45; and Debbie Dehart, 35. Back row from left are: Lucy Horton, 10; Tesa Blevins, 5; Beth Patrick, 25; and Vincent Butler, 10.

Free courses offered to high school seniors

High school seniors who want to get a head start on their college career may enroll in a class at Morehead State University. Seniors with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 may take up to six hours of college courses tuition-free in the 2008-09 academic year.

Students may choose from 100 or 200 level courses on the class schedule. Classes will be offered at the Morehead, Mt. Sterling and West Liberty campuses and online.

Students are responsible for textbooks and course fees. Textbooks for the classes are available from the University Bookstore, located in the Adron Doran University Center on the Morehead campus.

Orders may be placed by calling (888) STORE-05 or via the Internet at www.bookstore.moreheadstate.edu.

Purchases will be shipped to the address specified by the student.

Classes at MSU for the fall semester begin on Monday, Aug. 18, at all locations. The term ends Dec. 12.

Additional information and application forms are available by calling Tina Stafford-Baldwin, MSU's regional campus coordinator, at (800) 585-6781, option #3; MSU at Mt. Sterling, (859) 498-0780 or (866) 870-0809; or MSU at West Liberty, (800) 648-5371 or (606) 743-1500.

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Student services staff member Belva Sammons dies

Belva Sammons, 58, of Morehead, a longtime Morehead State University employee who devoted her career to student services, died Friday morning in an Ashland hospital.

She was the daughter of Grant Sammons of Ashland and the late Barbara Sammons. Visitation is from 6-8 p.m. Monday at the Miller Funeral Home in Ashland. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, July 1, at 11 a.m. at the Pollard Baptist Church in Ashland.

Sammons was director of the Center for Academic Services when she retired from full-time service in July 2005. She returned to MSU as interim co-director of testing for a year and was working part-time as a staff assistant in testing.

She began working at MSU in August 1974 as a student assistant in the residence halls. Subsequently, she served as director of Mignon Hall, coordinator of TRIO Special Services, academic counselor and coordinator of the Center for Academic Success.

A two-time graduate of MSU, she earned a bachelor's degree in 1972 and a master's degree in education in 1976.

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East end of campus to be without power

As a result of power surges and lightning in the storms this afternoon (Friday, June 27), the power on the east end of campus will be shut down while crews work in the area. The area from Wetherby Gymnasium/Laughlin Health Building east will be without power beginning at 4 p.m. The outage should last approximately one hour.

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MSU closed for Independence Day

Summer II registration will be held and classes will begin at Morehead State University and all regional campuses on Monday, July 7. The term will continue through Friday, Aug 1.

In observance of the Independence Day holiday, the University will be closed Friday, July 4. There will be no classes or office hours and mail will not be delivered.

Offices will reopen on the regular schedule on Monday, July 7.

Additional information about attending Summer II classes is available on the Web or by calling the Office of Enrollment Services at (606) 783-2000 or (800) 585-6781.

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Seven Turn featured at 'Sundown at Moonlight' concert series

Continue your holiday festivities with a family-friendly event in downtown Morehead on Saturday, July 5. Morehead State Public Radio (MSPR), Kentucky Center for Traditional Music, Kentucky Folk Art Center and Morehead Tomorrow will sponsor the third year of the "Sundown at Moonlight Concert Series." Morehead Conference Center, Morehead Tourism Commission and the city of Morehead support the program.

Seven Turn will be the featured band at the Moonlight Stage, located next to the Moonlight School on First Street. Music lovers are invited to bring lawn chairs and picnic supper to enjoy the live music on three separate occasions. Opossum Trot Blues Band will play the final show of this year's series on Friday, Aug. 1. All shows will run from 7:30 - 10 p.m. Parking and concessions will be available. Additional information is available by calling MSPR at (606) 783-2001 or Morehead Tomorrow at (606) 780-4342.
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