

Family Weekend set for Sept. 26-28

For nearly three decades, Morehead State University has welcomed students' parents, grandparents, siblings, friends and neighbors to campus for a weekend of events and good times.

This year marks the 29th annual Family Weekend, scheduled for Friday through Sunday, Sept. 26-28. The theme of this year's weekend is "Morehead Music Mania."

"We would like to invite everyone to take part in our Family Weekend," said President Wayne D. Andrews. "For 28 years, this has been a tradition which allows everyone to see our beautiful campus, get a taste of what college life is all about and to spend time with their loved ones who are here in school."

A variety of activities are planned for Family Weekend which kicks off on Friday, Sept. 26, at 7 p.m. with the Student Government Association's Friday Night Movie at the University Cinema on Main Street. A second showing will run at 9 p.m.

Students with their EagleCard are admitted free for the Friday Night Movie. Family members of students also are admitted free for Family Weekend only.

On Saturday morning, Sept. 27, activities will begin at 9 a.m. with a fashion show at the University Bookstore in the Adron Doran University Center. A family mixer with doughnuts and coffee also will begin at 9 a.m. in ADUC. All new students and their families are invited.

Parents of MSU students are automatically members of the Family Association, which will meet Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in ADUC. Members of the Family Association will be given the opportunity to sign up to serve on the association's advisory committee.

At 11 a.m. on Saturday, the Academic-Athletic Center (AAC) rear lawn will be the site for the Family Tailgate before the Eagle football game. In case of rain, the picnic will be held inside the lobby of the AAC.

The Eagle Prize Patrol with members of the Minority Leadership Caucus and the Student Activities Council will be asking trivia questions to those in attendance at the Family Tailgate. A variety of great prizes will be awarded.

Head coach Matt Ballard's football Eagles will face off against St. Francis (Pa.) at 1 p.m. at Jayne Stadium. Students, who are admitted free with their EagleCard, may purchase tickets for their families in advance in the athletics office in the AAC. Tickets also can be purchased in the Student Activities Office, located in 204 ADUC.

Morehead Music Mania will continue on Saturday evening at 6:30 p.m. with Morehead Idol, sponsored by the Student Government Association. This talent show will be held in Button Auditorium.

There is no admission charge for Morehead Idol but donations will be accepted at the door. Proceeds will benefit the Student Emergency Loan Fund, managed by the MSU Foundation Inc.

On Sunday, a gospel brunch, will be held at 10 a.m. in the Drill Room in Button Auditorium. Following the brunch a performance featuring the Black Gospel Ensemble and the Methodist Student Center Choir will be held in the auditorium of Button at 11 a.m.

For those who choose to attend Sunday morning worship services, area churches will welcome MSU visitors to their congregations.

One of the favorite activities during Family Weekend is that family members have the opportunity to spend the night with their son or daughter in their residence hall room. To do so, arrangements must be made through the student's residence hall director.

Various motels, inns and camping facilities are available for those who prefer to stay off-campus.

Blocks of tee times and special pricing and packages have been arranged at MSU's EagleTrace Golf Course for the Friday and Sunday of Family Weekend. Additional information is available by calling (606) 783-9973.

Parents registered during Family Weekend have the opportunity for their son or daughter to win a cash scholarship of \$250 for the spring semester. Winners will be announced during the football game on Saturday and must be present to claim the award.

Additional information about the 2008 Morehead Music Mania Family Weekend is available by calling Terri Roberts, MSU student activities coordinator, at (606) 783-2071.

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Dr. Hassan has article published

Morehead State University's Dr. Ahmad Hassan, assistant professor of management in the Department of Management, Marketing and Real Estate, recently had an article published in a leading management journal.

Dr. Hassan's article is titled "When Learning Is Not Enough: A Process Model of Expatriate Adjustment as Cultural Cognitive Dissonance Reduction." The article was published in the Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes Journal.

The journal publishes fundamental research in organizational behavior, organizational psychology and human cognition, judgment and decision-making.

Topics covered by the journal include perception, cognition, judgment, attitudes, emotion, well-being, motivation, choice and performance.

The Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes Journal is one of the top three journals in the field of management. The journal has an acceptance rate of only three percent.

More information is available by calling Dr. Hassan at (606) 783-2742.

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Retirement Planning Seminar to be held in West Liberty

Morehead State University at West Liberty's Small Business Development Center and Smith Barney are sponsoring a seminar titled "Your Power Years: A Preview of Tomorrow's Possibilities" on Thursday, Sept. 18.

The free workshop will discuss what new opportunities may be present and what challenges should be considered when funding your retirement. Featured speaker will be Amanda Jason, financial adviser with Citi Smith Barney.

The workshop will be held in room 318 of the Regional Enterprise Center, 151 University Drive, West Liberty. The program will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Those interested in attending may register by calling the West Liberty SBDC at (606) 743-4005 or online at www.ksbdc.org.

This workshop is one of many provided by Morehead State University's Small Business Development centers. For a list of upcoming events you may visit the MSU SBDC Web site at www.moreheadstate.edu/sbdc.

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

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MSU to host KHC equine abuse/neglect training

Morehead State University will host a three day course on investigating equine abuse and neglect offered by the Kentucky Horse Council (KHC) Oct. 1-3 at the Derrickson Agricultural Complex, located on Ky. 377 north of Morehead.

The class, part of the KHC horse welfare program, is designed for animal control officers, sheriffs, and other Kentucky law enforcement officials involved in investigating and prosecuting equine neglect and abuse.

"We are committed to being part of the solution in support of better outcomes for neglected Kentucky horses," said Madelyn Millard, president of KHC. "Providing education and networking opportunities for equine abuse investigators is a clear way for us to promote the health and welfare of Kentucky horses."

The training includes lecture and hands-on learning and incorporates a strategic approach to the investigation process. Experts in Kentucky Animal Abuse Statutes, Equine Nutrition, and Equine Veterinary Medicine will present information relevant to the investigation and reconditioning process. MSU faculty will make presentations on selected topics in partnership with KHC staff.

The first day is optional but recommended for all attendees and teaches basic horse handling skills and equine knowledge. Day two and three cover the investigation, documentation and legal process and rehabilitation of the confiscated animal. Attendance on day two and three is required to receive a course completion certificate.

"We are excited to work with the Horse Council on this educational project," said Dr. J. Mike Phillips, chair of MSU's Department of Agricultural and Human Sciences. "This is a great opportunity for us to expand our community presence as part of a larger network of equine resources in East Kentucky."

Tuition is \$75; however, funds are available for scholarships as well as per diem reimbursement. For information or to enroll, contact the KHC at (859) 367-0509; e-mail erogers@kentuckyhorse.org ; or visit www.kentuckyhorse.org .

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Open House slated for Oct. 4

Morehead State University's Office of Enrollment Services will host an Open House on Saturday, Oct. 4, from 9 a.m. until noon, the events will be held in the Adron Doran University Center on the Morehead campus.

According to Enrollment Services, the Open House events will be an excellent opportunity for students and families to discover why MSU has been named one of "America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News and World Report for the fifth year running.

University representatives will be available to meet students and families, answer questions, lead campus tours and share information concerning college life.

"Our goal is to make it convenient to get answers to questions about starting college by bringing deans, department chairs and faculty from our academic programs, as well as staff from admissions, financial aid, housing and many more services together in one place," said Holly Pollock, assistant director of enrollment services. "Families will hear success stories about our graduates and learn some statistics that demonstrate the academic quality offered at MSU."

On one such measure of success, MSU graduates are consistently accepted into professional schools, including medical, dental and pharmacy programs, at rates well above state and national averages.

Students and families are encouraged to register for the Open House. To learn more about this event or to complete an online registration card, you may visit www.moreheadstate.edu/openhouse.

Additional information is available by calling Enrollment Services at (606) 783-2000 or (800) 585-6781.

MSU at Mt. Sterling to hold celebration

Morehead State University at Mt. Sterling will host a Celebration of Student Achievement on Thursday, Sept. 25, to celebrate the campus' first five years of student success.

MSU at Mt. Sterling students, present and past, the advisory board and Dr. and Mrs. Wayne D. Andrews extend the invitation to all who would like to celebrate the regional campus center's five year anniversary. The event begins at 6 p.m. at MSU at Mt. Sterling's Clay Community Center. The evening includes a reception followed by dinner.

After dinner, the evening will continue with a spotlight on regional students and their artwork, musical performances and creative writing. A ceremony in recognition of scholarship students also will be held.

Mt. Sterling is the largest of five MSU regional campus centers. Degrees offered include nursing, social work and general business. Interdisciplinary associate and bachelor's degrees are also offered.

"The success that MSU at Mt. Sterling has achieved is attributable to the support that the communities have provided from financial, to helping young people and employees take classes, to offering advice and ideas to make the campus more successful," said Dr. Janet Kenney, director of MSU at Mt. Sterling. "With continued support, we can make the next five years even more successful."

Corporate and individual sponsorships are available. Tax-deductible corporate sponsorships are \$500 for a table of eight. Corporate sponsorships include a listing in the evening's program and recognition on the table card. Individual sponsorships are available for \$50 per person. These sponsorships are also tax-deductible.

All proceeds from the Celebration of Student Achievement will benefit MSU at Mt. Sterling.

Details and ticket information are available by calling Dr. Kenney at (859) 499-0780 or e-mailing her at j.kenney@moreheadstate.edu.

Posted: 9-4-08

Dr. Phillips elected Agri-Energy vice chair of governor's task force

Dr. J. Mike Phillips, chair of Morehead State University's Department of Agricultural and Human Sciences, has been elected vice chair of the Agri-Energy component of the Governor's Task Force on the Future of Agriculture in Kentucky.

After a nine month process, the group created a future plan for Kentucky agriculture and set the stage for meeting the goals of increasing net farm income and improving the quality of life for rural communities. The Task Force established six key topic areas with specific goals, actions and benchmarks for each one.

"It's truly an honor to assist in providing leadership in this capacity. Agriculture will play a major role in providing the energy needs for this country in the future, as demand for renewable fuel sources increases," said Dr. Phillips.

"Kentucky has an opportunity to capitalize on the new technology in biofuels and biomass production along with today's renewable energy industries. There are extensive areas of productive farmland in Kentucky and we are very suited for dedicated production of biomass. Additionally, Kentucky has an abundance of forest products to supply materials for energy utilization. The next challenge for all of us in the Commonwealth is to position ourselves as a long term leader in the field of renewable energy."

Dr. Phillips earned his Ph.D. and master's degrees from the University of Arkansas and his bachelor's degree from the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

He joined MSU in January 2007.

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'Can' your parking fines

Morehead State University's Student Government Association has teamed up with the University's police force on a unique project to collect food for the needy, while allowing students to "pay" parking tickets at the same time.

SGA has partnered with the MSU Police Department to sponsor a food drive that allows students to pay a portion of their parking fines with canned goods. The amount of the reduction depends on the number of food items the student donates.

A contribution of at least five cans of food will reduce a parking ticket by \$10. To get \$15 off a fine, a student may donate at least seven cans of food. Nine cans or more will give a student a \$20 reduction on a ticket.

There are certain conditions that apply. A minimum \$5 charge on any ticket will always be in effect, and the food donation/fine reduction plan is not valid toward tow charges. It also may not be applied to either disabled parking or fire lane parking violations.

All food collected will be donated to Christian Social Services in Rowan County for distribution to needy individuals and families. The drive will last through the spring semester.

Additional information is available by calling the SGA office at (606) 783-2298.

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Drs. Wymer and Williams commercialize computer software

Morehead State University's Dr. Scott Wymer, assistant professor of computer information systems, and Dr. L.K. Williams, professor of accounting, have commercialized two Web-based computer software products designed to track faculty and student activities.

Faculty180, a faculty activity reporting system, was the company's first product. The system has been used by MSU's College of Business during the past six years and was released commercially last fall. The system was designed to help academic institutions manage faculty resources by tracking teaching, research and service activities and providing reports for internal decision makers, accrediting bodies and/or external users. Reports include faculty vitae and tenure or promotion reports.

"We have used Faculty180 in the College of Business at Morehead State University since 2002," said Dr. Robert Albert, dean of the college. "The database has been a huge success for the college. Faculty

members like Faculty180 because they can quickly and easily input their credentials, teaching, research and service activities once and then use the information for creating their annual reports."

"Faculty180 has helped us be better managers of faculty resources within the college by being able to monitor faculty sufficiency, qualifications and usage on an ongoing process," continued Dr. Albert. "In addition, Faculty180 received praise from our accrediting body as both a management tool and as an efficient and effective means to produce accreditation reports."

The company released its second product, Student180, this summer. Student180 allows students to create resumes, portfolios, cocurricular transcripts, service learning reports, civic engagement reports and other activity reports. The system allows students to input all of their activities in one place, thus benefiting the entire academic institution.

More information on Data180 and the company's software products is available by calling Dr. Wymer at (606) 783-2265 or Dr. Williams at (606) 783-2911, or visit www.data180.com .
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Study Abroad information session slated for Monday, Sept. 8

Morehead State University's Office of International Education will have a study abroad information session on Monday, Sept. 8 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. The event will be held in a tent in front of Allie Young Hall.

MSU offers students a variety of study abroad opportunities. Programs, coordinated through the Office of International Education, allow students to experience other cultures in English speaking countries.

A member of several consortia, MSU has a number of collaborative exchange agreements with foreign universities. International study programs vary from short vacation sessions (summer or winter) to semester-long studies. Internships also are available in the spring, summer and fall.

Academic credit is available for most study abroad options. Financial aid can often be obtained and scholarships may be available with some programs.

Additional information is available by calling OIE at (606) 783-2096.

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Student arrested on first-degree trafficking charges

A 24-year-old Morehead State University student was arrested Friday afternoon near her residence hall on charges of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance.

MSU Police said the apprehension of Mary L. Jones of Greenup resulted from a 48-hour investigation led by Officer Greg Wells, who made the arrest. Jones was lodged in the Rowan County Detention Center.

First-degree trafficking in a controlled substance is a Class C felony and carries a penalty of 5-10 years in prison.

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Audible alert system test today

Morehead State University will conduct its monthly test of its audible alert system on Monday, Sept. 8, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

The system consists of three speakers that use an alert tone as well as voice messages to warn the campus during an emergency. The high powered amplifiers are located on Ginger and Cartmell halls along with Jayne Stadium.

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MSPR announce winners

Morehead State Public Radio has announced its winners for the Ghost Town In The Sky Ticket Giveaway. Each winner received four tickets to the family theme park located in western North Carolina.

The winners were: Michael Frazier, Anne Kegley, Carolyn Wells, all of Morehead; and April Back-Stevens of Letcher.

Located in scenic Maggie Valley, N.C., Ghost Town In The Sky offers amusement rides fit for the youngest buckaroo to the bravest ranch hand. Designed for the entire family, the park offers thrills around every corner with exciting rides, staged gunfights, live music and shows, crafts, gem mining, food and more. Patrons can step back into the wild west at this timeless, family-fun destination.

Visit MSPR's Web site at www.msuradio.com for more giveaways coming soon.

Posted: 9-8-08

MSU buys hybrid vehicle

Morehead State University President Wayne D. Andrews presents Jeffrey Liles, assistant vice president for enrollment services, with the keys to a new hybrid Mercury Mariner. The Office of Enrollment Services will use the hybrid vehicle in its efforts of recruiting students to MSU. Acquisition of this special vehicle to reduce exhaust emissions is part of MSU's efforts to be more environmentally friendly, to be "greener."

Lincoln author Dr. Vernon Burton to be guest speaker

Dr. Vernon Burton, author of the book "The Age of Lincoln," will speak in Morehead in celebration of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial.

Burton will hold a lecture and discussion on Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 7:15 at the Morehead Conference Center as part of the bicentennial and the Constitution Days celebration. The bicentennial is the national commemoration of the 200th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's birth and began in February of this year.

"The Age of Lincoln" has been described by publisher Hill and Wang as "stunning in its breadth and conclusions" as an original history of the five decades surrounding the presidency of Lincoln. The book was the recipient of the Chicago Tribune's 2007 Heartland Literacy Award for nonfiction.

Burton also will be signing copies of his book at the Morehead Conference Center after his presentation. The book signing is sponsored by CoffeeTree Books of Morehead.

Burton is professor emeritus at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He is also the Burroughs Chair of Southern History and Culture at Coastal Carolina University.

Author of more than 100 articles and the author or editor of 13 additional books. Recognized for his teaching, Burton was selected nationwide as the 1999 U.S. Research and Doctoral University Professor of the Year. In 2004, he received the American Historical Association's Eugene Asher Distinguished Teaching Prize.

Burton's visit is sponsored by the American Democracy project, the Morehead State University Department of Geography, Government and History and MSU's Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy.

More information on Burton's work and upcoming presentation is available by calling Dr. John Ernst, professor of history and interim department chair of Geography, Government and History, at (606) 783-2655 or Dr. Kris DuRocher, assistant professor of history, at (606) 783-2459.

Posted: 9-9-08

Office of Student Housing and MFD conduct 'fire safety' training

Morehead State University's Office of Student Housing recently completed fire safety training with the Morehead Fire Department.

The training was held on Aug. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in Wilson Hall on the MSU campus. Approximately 70 housing staff and 15 firefighters participated in the session.

During the training, housing staff members observed demonstrations of equipment used by the firefighters. They learned of the importance to evacuate students in a manner that does not impede the work of the firefighters.

"The fire safety training was very beneficial," said Ann Francis, Cooper Hall resident adviser. "I enjoyed gaining a better understanding of how to respond to real and dangerous situations."

The housing staff also participated in a simulation of a fire and had to exit Wilson Hall when the hallway was filled with smoke. The fire department used theater smoke to simulate how a hallway might look if engulfed in smoke.

"We take issues related to student safety very seriously, and training sessions like this provide staff with essential tools they will need to assist students in the event we experience a fire-related emergency on campus," said Kevin Koett, assistant vice president and dean of students. "We are thankful for the strong relationship we have developed with the Morehead Fire Department and appreciate their willingness to help us with staff training exercises."

More information is available by calling Koett at (606) 783-2014.

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MSU Reading Series to feature C. Lynn Shaffer

Morehead State University's First Book Award Winner Dr. C. Lynn Shaffer will read from her collection of poetry "Persistence of Vision" (Wind Publication) as part of MSU's Reading Series at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, at the Kentucky Folk Art Center, 102 W. First Street. The event is free and open to the public.

Dr. Shaffer's poems have appeared in *Pisgah Review*, *Louisiana Literature*, *Mid-American Review*, *Wind*, and *The Heartland Review*. She lives in Paris with her husband Steve and their daughter Sydney and is an associate professor of English at Maysville Community and Technical College. A two-time MSU graduate, she earned her Ph.D. degree in English from the University of Cincinnati.

In an effort to encourage the development of new writers, MSU established an annual creative writing competition in 2004. The winner receives the First Book Award and his or her manuscript is eligible for publication.

The previous winner of the competition was Tamara Baxter with her collection of short stories "Rock Big and Sing Loud" which was published by the Jesse Stuart Foundation.

The MSU Wind First Book Award is open to all authors from the southern Appalachian region, that have not previously been published. Current employees or students of Morehead State are not eligible to enter.

Address queries to: First Book Award, Morehead State University, UPO Box 630, Morehead, KY 40351. The winning manuscripts are chosen by a panel of judges appointed by MSU. Authors may submit one manuscript only.

MSU's Reading Series is sponsored by: MSU Arts & Humanities Council; the Caudill College of Humanities; Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy; the Kentucky Folk Art Center, Multicultural Student Services and Interdisciplinary Women's Studies.

Additional information is available by calling the Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy at (606) 783-2185.

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MSPR fund drive set for Sept. 26-Oct. 3

Morehead State Public Radio's Fall Fundraiser and Membership Drive is scheduled for Sept. 26 through Oct. 3. During this time, MSPR will ask listeners to support MSPR's award-winning regional news, educational and entertainment programming. In addition, member gifts support the professional learning environment for students attending MSU.

Regional news, storytelling and educational programming as well as locally-hosted classical, bluegrass, folk, jazz and blues make MSPR a vital part of the community.

"For more than 40 years, we've offered programming which is educational, informative and entertaining with an emphasis on preserving and promoting the region's cultural heritage," said Paul Hitchcock, MSPR general manager.

Thank you gifts will be available to listeners such as a MSPR T-shirt, canvas tote bag and a Best of Americana Crossroads Live, Vol. 6 CD. MSPR is especially seeking new listeners and first-time supporters during this membership drive. Gifts to MSPR may be made online at www.msuradio.com or by calling 1-800-286-9659 during the on-air fundraiser.

MSPR's annual online auction will be Sept. 24 to Oct. 1. Viewing of the auction items will be available on Sept. 23. More than 50 items such as artwork, furniture, concert tickets, home décor, entertainment, vacation packages and several other unique items will be offered to the highest bidder. Proceeds from the online auction at www.msuradio.com support MSPR's programming and services.

Serving more than 40 counties in eastern Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia, Morehead State Public Radio broadcasts 24 hours a day in digital audio from the campus of Morehead State University.

Ruth Hunt Candies, of Mt. Sterling, will donate a can food item (up to 350) to a regional food pantry for each gift of \$10 or more.

In addition, MSPR's Web site offers many features including live audio and music webstreams, podcasts, archived audio and videos. In 2006, Morehead State Public Radio was recognized by the Kentucky Arts Council as the recipient of the Media Award through the Governor's Awards in the Arts.

Gifts to Morehead State Public Radio are tax deductible and may be made online at www.msuradio.com. Volunteers are needed during the fall fundraiser to help answer phones and welcome guests.

Additional information is available by calling MSPR at (606) 783-2001 or 1-800-286-9659.

Posted: 9-10-08

Campus to remember Sept. 11 attacks

On Sept. 11, members of the Morehead State University community will honor those killed on the day that changed the lives of all Americans.

The service will begin at 8:40 a.m. on Thursday at the Little Bell Tower on the campus of MSU. The observance will include tolling of the bells at the times the two hijacked airliners struck the World Trade Center in New York City.

Residence Hall Association President Katie Hockenberry will begin the service and introduce Maj. Max Ammons, professor of military science. He will speak and members of the MSU ROTC will present the colors.

Rev. Drew McNeill, campus minister of the Wesley Foundation, will be the bugler playing taps to honor the lives lost.

The memorial is sponsored by the MSU Residence Hall Association.

This marks the seventh anniversary since planes were hijacked by terrorists and 2,973 people were killed.

Planes crashed into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Passengers overpowered their hijackers and brought down a plane in a field in Shanksville, Pa.

Additional information on the memorial service is available by calling Jessica Brierley, RHA representative, at (859) 391-1403.

Posted: 9-10-08

George Rogers Clark to visit Mt. Sterling for Constitution Days event

George Rogers Clark (1752-1818), a tall and talented Virginian, came west as a surveyor, but it was as a military leader during the Revolutionary War that he made his mark. In 1778 Clark launched a daring campaign against British posts in the Illinois Country north of the Ohio River. He surprised the enemy and secured the western frontier for our young nation. (He also founded the city of Louisville in 1778).

Clark's western campaign is still regarded as one of the most brilliant in American military history. Dedicating the Clark Memorial in Vincennes, Ind. in 1936, President Franklin Roosevelt called the campaign "a flash of genius." The treaty ended the Revolutionary War in 1783, ceded the Northwest Territory to the United States, whose borders now reached the shores of the Mississippi River.

Clark, the Conqueror of the Northwest, should have been triumphant, but already his fortunes had begun to decline. He was deeply in debt because he had pledged his own credit to fund his famous campaign, and Virginia refused to pay most of his claims. Plagued by alcoholism and poor health, he lived out his life convinced he had never received the credit a man of his accomplishments deserved.

Clark is portrayed by Mel Hankla, who has been active in the "living history" of the frontier era since the early 1980s. Hankla is a flintlock gunsmith and makes several traditional long rifles every year. A lifelong resident of Jamestown, he holds a master's degree from Western Kentucky University. Hankla also portrays frontiersman Simon Kenton for Kentucky Chautauqua.

Kentucky Chautauqua is an exclusive presentation of the Kentucky Humanities Council Inc. with statewide support from the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels and funding from the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government, Peoples Bank & Trust Company of Hazard, Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, Brown-Forman Corporation, Union College in Barbourville, and Toyota Motor Manufacturing North America Inc.

This presentation is the MSU at Mt. Sterling regional campus program for Constitution Days. This presentation is sponsored by MSU's Center for Regional Engagement. This performance will be at 2:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 17 in the Montgomery County High School Auditorium located at 724 Woodford Drive. Contact Dr. Janet Kenney at (606) 783-2078 for more information.

Posted: 9-10-08

Atta Kul Kulla performance set for Hazard

Atta Kul Kulla (c. 1715-1780) was the Peace Chief of the powerful Cherokee Nation from 1758 until his death. Called the "most important Indian of his day," Atta Kul Kulla was a skilled and sophisticated diplomat. His policies and actions are still controversial, but he did unite his people and lay the foundation for the long-term survival of the Cherokee Nation on a continent that was rapidly filling up with European immigrants.

In 1775, Atta Kul Kulla played a key role in the famous land transaction known as the Transylvania Purchase. The Cherokees were depleted after a war with the Chickasaw. In return for much-needed arms and ammunition, he made the Treaty of Sycamore Shoals with the Transylvania Land Company, headed by Judge Richard Henderson of North Carolina, who used the agreement to claim purchase of what is now Kentucky.

Unlike Henderson, Atta Kul Kulla did not regard the treaty as a sale. The legislatures of North Carolina and Virginia termed the treaty illegal and annulled it, but Virginia still used it to claim state ownership. Kentucky was lost to the Cherokee forever and sold to a flood of settlers from the east.

Atta Kul Kulla died around 1780, but the unity and sense of identity he had forged allowed the Cherokee to prosper until the 1830s, when the U.S. government forcibly removed them to the west from their homelands in the southeast. Atta kul kulla's legacy is that Cherokees still seek and cherish the separate identity he did so much to establish.

Robert K. Rambo portrays Atta Kul Kulla for Kentucky Chautauqua. Rambo, who is of Cherokee ancestry, has been studying and portraying the great chief for more than a decade. A graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, Rambo is a graduate student in history at Western Carolina University.

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This presentation celebrates "Constitution Day" and is an outreach program of the MSU at Jackson regional campus. This presentation is sponsored by MSU's Center for Regional Engagement. This performance will be at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 17 at the Hazard Community and Technical College- Lees College campus, located at 601 Jefferson Ave. in Jackson.

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BOR meeting set for Sept. 11

EVENT: Board of Regents Meeting

DATE: Thursday, Sept. 11, 2008

TIME: 9 a.m.

SITE: Room 201, MSU Regional Enterprise Center (West Liberty, Ky.)

A variety of items are on the agenda for the meeting. The Board will hear reports on personal service contracts and preliminary figures for fall enrollment. The Regents also will ratify personnel actions and approve tenure, emeritus status, MSU 21st Century Education Enterprise Inc., the renaming of Thompson Hall and disposal of real property.

The Board also will hear the President's report and approve a resolution of commendation for former Regent Helen Pennington.

The spotlight will be on MSU's regional campus at West Liberty. Porter Dailey will do a report on the Regional Enterprise Center and Dr. Jonell Tobin will report on the academic center.

Posted: 9-11-08

Lake to be named for MSU

Morehead State University's Charles E. Mason, professor of geology, has literally put the University on the map.

Mason has been at work above the Arctic Circle near the Houghton Crater Research Camp, located on Devon Island in the territory of Nunavut in Canada. Devon Island is the second largest of the Queen Elizabeth Islands and is a member of the Canadian Arctic Archipelago.

Because of MSU's work for the past four years for the Houghton-Mars Project research team, a body of water may be designated Morehead State University Lake on a plateau overlooking Astronaut Canyon on Devon Island. The lake is located at 16 x 0419651 easting, 8373650 northing (NAD27 Canada).

Pending formal approval by the Inuit Committee, the Houghton-Mars Project will begin using the designation Morehead State University Lake. The lake is located inside Inuit-owned land.

Mason was working through the NASA Houghton-Mars Project, a global research consortium made up of experts from several disciplines. The project's participants conduct field research on Devon Island's Mars-like terrain to better understand Mars and to create and test new technologies for future missions to the moon and Mars.

Through this involvement with the project, Mason is hoping to establish undergraduate research opportunities for students in the U.S. and Canada.

Mason was accompanied during his research expeditions by two MSU alumni: Megan Ennis, a geology and astrophysics major, is currently doing graduate work in planetary geology at the University of Tennessee and Bill Atwood, a graduate of MSU's space science program, is currently enrolled in the graduate paleontology program, at the University of Tennessee.

Mason holds a bachelor's degree in geology and biology from MSU and a master's degree in paleontology from George Washington University.

A corresponding member of the International Subcommission on Carboniferous Stratigraphy, he is a member of the American Institute of Professional Geologists and the Paleontological Society. He also

holds membership in the Kentucky Academy of Science, the Kentucky Society of Professional Geologists, the Kentucky Section of the American Institute of Professional Geologists and the Kentucky Paleontological Society.

Mason was recognized as Morehead State University's Outstanding Faculty/Staff Fundraiser in 2005 and named MSU's Distinguished Researcher in 2003. He has published articles and abstracts in several national and international publications, including works in the Journal of Paleontology, the Newsletter on Carboniferous Stratigraphy, the Journal of the Kentucky Academy of Science and the proceedings of the Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists Memoir.

Additional information about the Morehead State University Lake and Mason's research is available by calling (606) 783-2166.

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Reel World String Band to perform at Constitution Days

Morehead State University's fourth annual celebration of American freedom and democracy will get underway on Tuesday, Sept. 16 with the traditional sounds and melodies of the Reel World String Band, an all-female group from Kentucky.

From 5-6 p.m. the band, celebrating its 30th year of performing, will teach a workshop on traditional music. At 6 p.m. the band will perform their unique blend of classic fiddling and Bluegrass harmonies. Refreshments will be served at 7:15 p.m.

Sponsors for the event include the Center for Regional Engagement, Interdisciplinary Appalachian Studies Program, Interdisciplinary Women's Studies Program, Kentucky Center for Traditional Music, Morehead State Arts and Humanities Council, and Morehead State Public Radio.

The events are free and open to the public and will be held at the Morehead Conference Center, 150 E. First St. Questions about the workshop and performance can be directed to Dr. Ann Andaloro, associate professor of mass communications, at (606) 783-2714.

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MSU remembers - 9/11 events

Morehead State University paused Thursday morning to remember and honor those killed on the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the seventh anniversary.

The service, at the Little Bell Tower on the campus of MSU, included tolling of the bells at the times the two hijacked airliners struck the World Trade Center in New York City.

Maj. Max Ammons, professor of military science, and Dr. Yvonne Baldwin, assistant to provost/projects specialist, spoke to the crowd. Cadet David Seelye, Elizabethtown freshman, played taps to honor the lives lost.

The memorial was sponsored by the MSU Residence Hall Association.

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

Posted: 9-11-08

Abraham Lincoln featured in Hazard as part of Constitution Days

Born on a farm in what is now Larue County, Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865) spent his early years in the Commonwealth. When he was seven, his family moved to Indiana, and later to Illinois. But as his native brilliance and burning political ambition carried him to the presidency and greatness—a panel of historians recently chose him as the most influential American who ever lived—Lincoln always had connections with his native state.

In his law office in Springfield, Ill. he had a partner, William "Billy" Herndon, who hailed from Greensburg. His best friend in Springfield was Joshua Speed of Louisville. His wife, Mary, was from Lexington, a daughter of the prominent Todd family. And his political role model and friend of the Todd family, was the Kentucky statesman Henry Clay. During the Civil War, Lincoln was very unpopular in Kentucky, but when he said, "I, too, am a Kentuckian," no one could dispute it.

Though he never came close to winning Kentucky in a presidential election, and was reviled by some of the state's most outspoken citizens, Lincoln always regarded Kentucky with affection. And he never lost sight of its strategic importance in the Civil War. "I think to lose Kentucky," he said, "is the same as to lose the whole game. Kentucky gone we cannot hold Missouri, nor I think Maryland." Lincoln read Kentucky newspapers, knew the thinking of opinion leaders, and was sensitive to the state's strong attachment to the institution of slavery. Despite imposing a sometimes harsh military rule, he was able to keep Kentucky in the Union, but few Kentuckians thanked him for it until after he was dead.

Lincoln is portrayed by Jim Sayre of Lawrenceburg. A retired transportation manager, Sayre has been studying and portraying the great president for several decades.

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With funding from MSU's Center for Regional Engagement, this presentation celebrates "Constitution Days" and is an outreach program of the MSU at Jackson regional campus. This performance will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 17 at the First Federal Center Auditorium located at One Community College Dr. in Hazard.

Posted: 9-12-08

Squire and Jane Boone to make special appearance in West Liberty

Squire Boone, younger brother of the famous frontiersman Daniel Boone, and his wife Jane will return to the Bluegrass to share their tales of living in the "Middle Ground." Living history reenactors Mike and Nancy Rumping will portray the couple on Wednesday, Sept. 17 at the MSU at West Liberty regional campus as part of their Constitution Day celebration.

The Rumpings are master storytellers who have been involved with living history reenactments for more than 30 years. Their performances have been seen throughout the mid-west at numerous living history events and museums, as well as the main event at meetings, schools, libraries, and historical and genealogical societies.

This presentation is sponsored by MSU's Center for Regional Engagement. The event is free and open to the public and will be held at 4 p.m. in the auditorium of the Academic Center at 155 University Dr.

Additional information is available from Dr. Jonell Tobin, director of MSU at West Liberty, at (606) 783-5381.

Posted: 9-12-08

Cave Run Storytelling Festival slated for Sept. 26-27

Enjoy America's most popular storytellers in a scenic lakeside setting for the 10th annual Cave Run Storytelling Festival scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Sept. 26 and 27.

Seven talented artists will transport the audience to other times and places through the magic and intrigue of storytelling. Stories will be told in large tents on the shores of Cave Run Lake in the Daniel Boone National Forest, located eight miles west of Morehead.

Storytelling will take place all day Friday and Saturday. Ghost stories will be told by the fire on the beach Saturday night, while family storytelling showcases will be held both evenings.

Performers scheduled to appear are:

Shelia Kay Adams- Adams shares British Isle ballads that have been passed down through seven generations of her family. She has performed stories and songs throughout the United States and England, but always returns to her roots in North Carolina where she resides in the county where she was born. Bill Harley says, "Shelia Kay Adams is the real article, a storyteller in the true sense, so meone whose words, whether story or song, tell us about who she is and where she's from.

Peter Cook- Cook is an internationally reputed deaf performing artist whose work incorporates American Sign Language, pantomime, storytelling, acting and movement. Audiences will likely find the stories so captivating that Cook's dynamic, humorous and often poignant facial expressions hardly need the accompanying verbal interpretation. He has performed at the White House, appeared on PBS and at numerous festivals throughout the United States and Europe.

Baba Jamal Koram- Koram is a master storyteller, author and educator. He brings to life the history, language, humor, music and folklore of world cultures through storytelling. His stories help teach decision-making and conflict resolution. African values and mores presented in story, song, rhythm and rhyme address universal issues. Having captivated audiences at the Kennedy Center, Lincoln Center and the National Storytelling Festival, he will do the same at the Cave Run Storytelling Festival.

Lyn Ford - Ford carries on a family tradition by sharing stories from her multicultural heritage and continues to honor her father through presentations she calls "Home-Fried Tales." Ford is eager to tell tales about rabbits, "haints and spooks" and stories about her "family, foes and friends." She was the first Ohio storyteller to be nominated as an individual artist for a Governor's Award for the Arts. Ford says, "I think I'm doing what my grandfolks would have wanted me to do, I'm passing on the gift of stories."

Andy Offutt Irwin - A native of Covington, Ga., Irwin started out in comedy, but added music and storytelling because he had a lot more to say. He tours a lot, but when he's home he gets to be the Artist-In-Residence at Oxford College of Emory University where he directs plays from time to time. He spent five years writing, directing and performing with the comedy improv troupe, SAK Theatre at Walt Disney World, but he claims he's had "more interesting life experience-type jobs including, but not limited to, actor, camp counselor, political satirist, youth director, janitor, deputy voter registrar, theatre orchestra conductor, garbage man, teacher, carpenter's flunky and bullfrog tadpole catcher. Honest."

Bill Lepp - Falsehoods, fibs and flapdoodle are given new status when you hear Lepp tell tales. Prevarications and "plain old bull" made him a five-time "Biggest Liar" winner in West Virginia. The reputation now precedes him as he entertains audiences from coast to coast. His stage presence and timing make his performance a rollicking, outrageous presentation guaranteed to leave you with tears of laughter.

Antonio Rocha- A native of Brazil, Rocha has studied under masters Marcel Marceau and Tony Montanaro as he polished his performing skills. As a mime, he has performed around the world and he is familiar to audiences from Singapore to Vancouver as well as at major festivals and other venues throughout the United States. The Portland Press Herald said "His face is as flexible as his limbs and the control of his eyes is startling." All who have enjoyed his performances reaffirm this declaration.

The full weekend family (maximum of six) rate is \$65. Adult admission will be \$35 while the rate for children (6-18) is \$15. Rates for Friday or Saturday only are available for \$10 for children and students with ID, \$20 for adults and \$50 for a family. For individuals attending an evening performance on Friday or Saturday, the cost will be \$6.

Tickets are available at the Morehead Conference Center and CoffeeTree Books, in advance, or at the gate on the day of the event. Ticket prices are discounted if purchased prior to Sept. 15.

Camping is available within walking distance of the festival.

The Cave Run Storytelling Festival is sponsored by the W. Paul and Lucille Caudill Little Foundation, the Morehead Tourism Commission, the Kentucky Knowledge Center on Deafness Inc. and Morehead State Public Radio.

Additional information is available by calling Carolyn Franzini at (606) 783-1420; the Morehead Tourism Commission at (606) 780-4342 or (800) 654-1944; or by visiting MSPR's Web site at www.msradio.com .
Posted: 9-12-08

BOR hears of enrollment increase, honors Grote and Pennington

Morehead State University's fall enrollment will increase slightly for the second consecutive year, according to estimates given Thursday to the Board of Regents.

Provost Karla Hughes told the Regents at their quarterly meeting at MSU's West Liberty regional campus that early indications support an enrollment of 9,107 compared to 9,066 in the fall of 2007. She also reported that the incoming freshman class apparently will have the highest ACT composite averages in school history at 21.6. Official enrollment figures will be reported next month to the Council on Postsecondary Education.

As part of the business session at MSU's Regional Enterprise Center, the Regents honored a former president and a longtime board member.

The Regents voted unanimously to rename Thompson Hall as Grote-Thompson Hall in recognition of Dr. C. Nelson Grote service as MSU's 11th president (1987-92) and his continued support of the institution. A ceremony to mark the name change will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18, during Homecoming activities.

The Board also approved a commendation for former regent Helen Pennington of West Liberty for her 17 years as a board member, the fourth longest tenure of any citizen member. Pennington is a retired middle school principal.

The Regents approved establishment of the MSU's 21st Century Education Enterprise Inc, a non-profit corporation to seek grants and contracts to provide educational leadership, professional development and classroom technology innovations in Kentucky's P-12 schools.

The organization's initial board of directors will be comprised of Dr. Cathy Gunn, dean College of Education; G. Henry Hunt, COO of Kentucky DataSeam Initiative; and Porter Dailey, director of the Regional Enterprise Center.

In other business, the Regents awarded tenure to Barbra Lewis, associate professor of veterinary technology, and granted emeritus status to Linda Lowe, librarian II.

A work session will be held by the board on Thursday, Nov. 20, with the next regular quarterly meeting set for Dec. 4.

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Former Breckinridge teacher dies

Hazel Fenton Nollau, 96, a retired science teacher at Morehead State University's Breckinridge School, passed away Thursday, Sept. 11, at her home in Morehead.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 15, at St. Albans Episcopal Church and funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday with Rev. Marvin Suit and Rev. Janey Wilson officiating.

Burial will follow in Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens.

Northcutt and Son Home for Funerals is in charge of the arrangements.

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Homecoming parade packets now available

"Red, White and MSU Blue" is the theme for Morehead State University's 2008 Homecoming, Oct. 16-18. MSU will sponsor the annual Homecoming Parade set for Thursday, Oct. 16, at 6 p.m., kicking off the weekend activities. Community, civic and student groups are invited to enter a float in the parade.

Cash prizes will be awarded for first (\$750), second (\$500) and third (\$250) place.

Float theme approval forms are available at the Office of Student Activities, Room 204 of the Adron Doran University Center. Applications will be accepted in the student activities office until Friday, Oct. 3, at 4 p.m.

Float building will be the week of Oct. 13 at the MSU Farm (Derrickson Agricultural Complex) on KY 377.

Additional information may be obtained by calling Terri L. Roberts, student activities coordinator, at (606) 783-2071.

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West Liberty SBDC to offer eBay workshop Oct. 22

Morehead State University at West Liberty's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) will host a workshop in October for those interested in learning more about eBay.

This course will introduce class participants to the basic concepts and components of setting up a business on eBay. Strategies and tips will be shared on how to go about selling successfully on eBay. Participants will walk through the step-by-step process of listing, selling, and then receiving payment for an item once it is sold.

Resources will be provided that can help individuals develop their eBay business.

The free workshop will be held Wednesday, Oct. 22, from 12:30-4 p.m. at MSU's Regional Enterprise Center.

Additional information is available by calling Michael A. Rodriguez, SBDC consultant, at (606) 743-4005.

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Daniel Boone to visit MSU at Ashland for Constitution Days

By the time of his death, Daniel Boone (1734-1820) had become a legend, and so he remains. But much of what Americans think they know about this great frontiersman is off the mark. Neither a backwoods bumpkin nor an epic slayer of Indians (and he never wore a coonskin cap), Boone was an intrepid explorer and natural leader whose actual exploits easily justify his larger-than-life reputation.

Boone played a crucial role in the exploration and settlement of Kentucky and the American west. He first began to seriously explore Kentucky in 1769, and in 1775 led the expedition that founded Boonesborough in present-day Madison County. Some of his most-famous exploits soon followed: his rescue of his daughter from Indian kidnappers; his own escape from captivity to warn Boonesborough of an impending attack; and leading the defense of the fort against a nine-day Shawnee siege. In the 1780s, Boone ran a tavern in Limestone (now Maysville) and later served as a delegate in the Virginia Assembly. Having lost all his land, he left Kentucky in 1799 for Missouri, where he died in 1820. Twenty-five years later, what are believed to be the bodies of Boone and his wife Rebecca were brought to Kentucky and reinterred in the Frankfort Cemetery.

Scott New has had a lifelong interest in the Kentucky frontier and early American history. Currently historical program supervisor at Wilderness Road State Park, New has portrayed Boone in films and other venues for more than 10 years. He returns to Kentucky Chautauqua after three years as a professional character interpreter at Colonial Williamsburg.

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This presentation is the MSU at Ashland regional campus program for Constitution Days and is sponsored by MSU's Center for Regional Engagement. This performance will be at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 17 in the Teleconference Room 1271, located at 1400 College Drive in Ashland.

For more information contact Joel Pace, director of MSU at Ashland, at (606) 783-2901.

Posted: 9-15-08

GGH to host lecture on race and the presidential election

A recognized media analyst will present a special lecture on race and the presidential campaign on Tuesday, Sept. 23, at Morehead State University.

The presentation is part of a series of lectures sponsored by the MSU Government Program.

Dr. Sandra Ardrey, chair of the Department of Political Science at Western Kentucky University, will present "Why Barack Obama Should Be President and Why His Time Might Not Have Arrived," at 6:30 p.m. in 112 Rader Hall on the MSU campus.

Ardrey is in her eighth year as department chair at WKU. Her areas of expertise include African American studies, media and politics, campaign management and political opinion.

A graduate of Winston-Salem State University and Ohio State University, Ardrey is a recognized media analyst for both local and state media outlets. She has been a campaign manager, Democratic Party executive committee member and president of the Bowling Green/ Warren County NOW chapter. She currently serves as the political action committee chair for the local NAACP.

The event is sponsored by the Cultural Studies Program and the Interdisciplinary Women's Studies Program.

Details are available by calling MSU's Department of Geography, Government and History at (606) 783-2655.

Posted: 9-16-08

Wilkinson to speak with English majors at U of L

Morehead State University writer in residence Crystal Wilkinson, whose stories of African American women in the rural South have been chosen for University of Louisville's English majors to study this year, will speak about her work Thursday, Oct. 2, on the U of L campus.

Wilkinson's topic will be "Art, Creativity and Imagination: Is That Story True?"

The free, public event will run from 4 -5:30 p.m. in Ekstrom Library's Chao Auditorium. Wilkinson's talk is the English department's Barker lecture.

Wilkinson's 2000 short story collection "Blackberries, Blackberries" was selected as the 2008-09 "Book in Common" in a diversity program cosponsored by the department and the College of Arts and Sciences. Undergraduate English majors receive the free text, and several professors incorporate it into their teaching. She also will discuss her fiction writing with students in a question-and-answer session Friday, Oct. 3.

The Midway resident is working on two novels, one of which is scheduled for publication this fall. Her other short story collection, "Water Street," was released in 2002. Wilkinson's stories also have been published in literary anthologies such as "Confronting Appalachian Stereotypes: Back Talk from an American Region," "Gift from our Grandmothers," "Home and Beyond: A Half-Century of Short Stories by Kentucky Writers," "A Kentucky Christmas" and "Gumbo: Stories by Black Writers," as well as in numerous literary journals.

Wilkinson won the Chaffin Award for Appalachian Literature in 2002 from MSU and is a founding member of the Affrilachian Poets group of southern writers.

Posted: 9-16-08

Oktubafest 2008 activities set

Morehead State University's Department of Music will present the annual Oktubafest 2008 with a variety of musical performances.

Oktubafest is a series of concerts held in autumn celebrating instruments of the tuba family. Performances will feature MSU faculty, students and special guest artists. All events are free and open to the public.

The first event will be a faculty recital featuring Dr. Stacy Baker, associate professor of music, on tuba. Assisting her will be pianist Chia-Ling Hsieh, instructor in the department, and trombonist Dr. Jeanie Lee, associate professor of music. The recital will be held Thursday, Oct. 2, at 8 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall in the Baird Music Building on the MSU campus.

On Thursday, Oct. 23, at 8 p.m., the MSU Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble and special guest artist Gail Robertson will present The Wonderful World of Tuba. The event will feature music from animated films arranged by Robertson. Formerly a founding member, leader and chief arranger of Walt Disney World's Tubafours professional tuba/euphonium quartet, Robertson is currently a member of the University of Central Florida Music Department. Also appearing in the recital will be surprise MSU faculty artist-characters.

An MSU Tuba/Euphonium Studio Recital will be held on Thursday, Oct. 30, at 8 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall. Featured will be solo, duo and quartet performances by the students of Dr. Baker.

Oktubafest 2008 will conclude on Sunday, Nov. 2, at 7 p.m. with a sophomore recital by Kevin Callihan on euphonium. He will be assisted by Hsieh on piano and Dr. Baker on tuba. The recital will be held in Duncan Recital Hall.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Baker at (606) 783-2107.

Posted: 9-17-08

Thompson named minority retention coordinator

Michele Thompson has been named minority retention coordinator at Morehead State University.

Thompson, of Morehead, comes to the position from Enrollment Services where she had been working as an enrollment data specialist.

"This hire will allow us to bring someone on board who is already known by many of our students," said Bruce Maxwell, MSU assistant to the provost. "She will continue the work in helping the Minority Leadership Caucus to support minority students as they complete their education and graduate from MSU."

Her office is located 203B of the Adron Doran University Center. This location will allow her to work very closely with the Student Activities Council and the Office of Multicultural Student Services.

The Minority Retention Coordinator is responsible for providing and coordinating services to increase the retention and graduation rates of minority students. Thompson will develop and implement academic support programs which address the unique characteristics, interests, background and experiences of minority students.

Thompson will work with administrators, faculty, staff and students to assist in the development and implementation of programs to enhance the awareness and importance of minority students.

More information is available by calling Thompson at (606) 783-5195.

Posted: 9-17-08

Doran's Hammond organ reunited with MSU

Morehead State University's Department of Music has bought a vintage Hammond Organ that had been the personal instrument of popular former MSU first lady Mignon Doran.

The organ is in pristine condition, according to Dr. Steven Snyder, assistant professor of jazz keyboard and music theory, and represents, "not only a fine example of a top of the line Hammond organ built during the heyday period of home instruments of this type, but also an important link to the history of the university and the music program."

Mrs. Doran was passionate about music, and played organ frequently for university functions such as dances, sporting events and official gatherings. She was known for giving a yearly recital and sing-along of Christmas music during the holiday season.

"Playing the Hammond is becoming more popular now, after almost descending into a lost art," Dr. Snyder said. "There are now several well known Hammond players in the world of jazz, more than we have seen since the late 1960s."

He plans to make the organ available for students to use, as well as for events that document MSU history.

A concert series named "The Mignon Doran Hammond Organ Concert Series," will be inaugurated on Oct. 24, at 8 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall featuring Hammond organ master Tony Monaco and his trio.

A display featuring many items from the Doran Collection in the Camden-Carroll Library and the organ will be available for viewing in the lobby before and after the concert.

"We hope there are people who remember what the Dorans did for MSU and want to help us honor their memory," said Dr. Synder.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. Synder at (606) 783-2403.

Posted: 9-18-08

Tau Omega Epsilon sale to raise funds for professional development

Tau Omega Epsilon, Morehead State University's English education honorary, will hold a book and media sale to raise funds to support professional development for future teachers.

The book and media sale will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 29 and Thursday, Oct. 30 at the Adron Doran University Center on the MSU campus. Hours for the sale will be 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. both days.

Donations of books, videos, CD's and other media are being accepted for the sale. To donate, call (606) 783-2305 with information about when and where donated items can be picked up. Those supporting the sale can also drop off donations in room 412 in Combs Building Hall on the MSU campus. Items can be left in the "book sale donations" box.

All proceeds from the book and media sale will benefit Tau Omega Epsilon and its efforts to support professional development training for future educators.

Details on the book sale and Tau Omega Epsilon are available by calling (606) 783-9448.

Posted: 9-18-08

Fall Career Fair to be held Oct. 7

Are you looking for a part-time or full-time job or maybe it's a school for graduate study? The Fall Career Fair at Morehead State University may have the opportunity that is right for you.

Employers from a variety of fields in both the public and private sectors will be in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 7, to provide MSU students and alumni, as well as the general public, with information regarding their respective organizations.

"Participants will not need to preregister for the activity," said Julia Hawkins, career services director. "Bring copies of your resume and come prepared to visit with a future coworker."

Employers who have registered to be on the MSU campus include: Administrative Office of the Court; Appalachian Law School; Citizens National Bank; Eastern State Hospital; Eastern Kentucky University MPA program; Department of Environmental Protection; Enterprise Rent-a-Car; Federal Bureau of Prisons - USP Big Sandy; Federal Correctional Institution of Ashland; Guardian Automotive Trim Inc.; Internal Revenue Service;

Jewish Hospital and St. Mary's HealthCare; Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources; Kentucky Transportation Cabinet; Kentucky Department of Disability Determination Services; Louisville Metro Police Department; Marshall University STEM Graduate Program; MSU Center for Regional Engagement; MSU Graduate Programs; MSU Physician Assistant Program; MSU Upward Bound; Mazak Corporation; Methodist Hospital; Peebles Department Stores; Regent University School of Law; Rite Aid Corporation; Sears Holdings Corporation/Kmart; Social Security Administration; UK Graduate School; UK James W. Martin School of Public Policy and Administration; UK Cooperative Extension Service; U.S. Army; U.S. Border Patrol; U.S. Secret Service; U of L Graduate School; Walgreen's; WDKY Fox 56; and Wells Fargo Financial.

There is still time for organization registration. Updates to the list will be made regularly.

Additional information regarding the participating organizations can be accessed on the Web at www.moreheadstate.edu/career/ or by calling (606) 783-2233.

Posted: 9-19-08

KFAC's 'A Night in Horse Country' set for Oct. 10

The Friends of the [Kentucky Folk Art Center](#) will hold "A Night in Horse Country" on Friday, Oct. 10 at 6 p.m. at Cleveland's Restaurant at the Woodford Inn in Versailles. "A Night in Horse Country" features dinner, folk art exhibitions and sales, live music by Stirfry, and more. The purpose of the event is to raise funds for the Center's education and exhibition programs. Tickets, which need to be purchased in advance, are \$100 per person or \$800 for a group of 10.

The event will feature a special preview exhibition of the works of Lavon Van Williams. A Lexington artist, Williams low-relief woodcarvings will be the subject of a major traveling exhibition which opens at KFAC on June 5, 2009.

"Williams' work is dynamic and full of movement," said KFAC curator Adrian Swain. "At once intimate and explosive, his sculpture reflects a contemporary perspective on the African-American experience unlike the work of any other living artist."

Live music will be provided by StirFry, a Frankfort quartet whose music has heavy Celtic and Gypsy influences, and by Nikos Pappas, an Appalachian fiddler from Lexington. Cleveland's Restaurant will offer a dinner buffet, featuring many locally produced ingredients.

"I expect this to be a wonderful evening," said Pam Sexton, Friends of KFAC cochair. "While Kentucky Folk Art Center is located in Morehead, our programs and activities extend to every corner of the state. Over the past two years, our museum education program has provided direct service to more than 25,000 students in Kentucky's public schools. 'A Night in Horse Country' is a great way to spend a Friday evening supporting a great cause."

"A Night in Horse Country" is organized by Friends of Kentucky Folk Art Center. UK HealthCare is the lead sponsor of the event. Additional sponsorship support is being provided by Airdrie Stud, Dr. Michael & Ellen Karpf, U.S. Bancorp Foundation, The Cozy Corner (of Whitesburg), Pin Oak Stud, Woodford Reserve, Dr. Paul and Susan Bachner and Cleveland's Restaurant.

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.

Additional information is available by contacting KFAC at (606) 783-2204.

Posted: 9-19-08

Dr. Chatham research featured in Science magazine

Morehead State University's Dr. Doug Chatham, associate professor of mathematics, recently had his research profiled in the Sept. 5 edition of Science magazine.

Science magazine is an international weekly journal published by the American Association for the Advancement of Science. It is known as the world's leading outlet for scientific news, commentary and cutting-edge research.

The article highlighted Dr. Chatham's Aug. 1 presentation based on the queens-and-pawns problem at the 2008 MathFest. Held this year in Madison, Wis., MathFest is an annual conference that celebrates mathematics and mathematicians.

The research explored a variation on the classic N-queens problem, based on an 1848 article by Max Bezzel. The problem asks for an arrangement of N chess queens on an N x N chessboard so that no two queens attack (two queens cannot be in the same row, column or diagonal). The researchers examined what happens when pawns, which interrupt the queens' lines of attack, are allowed on the board. The group proved that each additional pawn permits an extra queen, provided the board is large enough. For example, with two pawns, it is possible to get 10 queens on a standard 8 x 8 board.

In the proof, fitting an extra k queens using k pawns on an N x N board requires N to be greater than 25k, Dr. Chatham reports. "We believe the actual minimum sizes are much smaller," he said.

Dr. Chatham has been working with a group of other researchers, including Dr. Gerd Fricke, MSU professor of mathematics; Dr. Duane Skaggs, MSU assistant professor of mathematics; and MSU graduate Jon Reitmann. The research group also includes Dr. Maureen Doyle of Northern Kentucky University and Matthew Wolff, an MSU graduate who currently works at Pyramid Controls in Cincinnati.

He and a team of researchers report there are no immediate applications yet for the queens-and-pawns problem, but the original non-attacking queens problem has found uses in statistical physics for particle models with long-range interactions. Dr. Chatham hopes to find similar applications for the problem with pawns.

The research for this particular project was funded by several agencies including a Kentucky NASA-EPSCoR (Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research) grant. This grant funded a cluster of computers used in the research of the queens-and-pawns problem. Funding also was provided by a National Science Foundation-EPSCoR grant, used to examine separation problems on chessboard graphs. The group also received support from MSU Undergraduate Research Fellowships.

More information on this research is available by calling Dr. Chatham at (606) 783-2559.

Posted: 9-22-08

2008 Homecoming activities set

Morehead State University alumni and friends are invited to campus to celebrate the annual Homecoming celebration, Oct. 16-19.

Mark your calendars to join faculty, staff and students for the homecoming events, including a parade; the Black Gospel Ensemble 40th anniversary celebration; a theatre production, athletic events, including Eagle football and soccer, reunions, recitals and much more.

The traditional parade will kick off Homecoming 2008 activities. The parade will begin Thursday at 6 p.m. on Main Street in downtown Morehead. This annual event will feature floats, bands and a variety of other campus and community entries.

This year, MSU alumni will have the opportunity to visit favorite professors and see their former classrooms and buildings through "Back to Class." Alumni will be able to sit in on selected classes Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Also, during the day, everyone is invited to view the exhibit "Ameri-Dreaming: Art and American Culture" on display in the main gallery of the Claypool-Young Art Building. The exhibit is open for viewing from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday.

The exhibit "Let Children Be Children: Lewis Wickes Hine's Crusade Against Child Labor" will be on display at the Kentucky Folk Art Center. The Center is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, from 1 until 5 p.m.

On Thursday evening, MSU theatre students will present the first main stage production of the year, Oscar Wilde's "An Ideal Husband." The play will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Lucille Little Theatre in Breckinridge Hall. Performances also will be held on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Friday has been designated Blue and Gold Day. Campus and community members are encouraged to show their MSU pride by wearing school colors.

If you need something blue and gold to wear and show your Eagle pride, the University Bookstore will extend its hours until 6 p.m. on Friday. The bookstore also will be open on Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon. A variety of MSU apparel, books and gifts are available.

Alumni are invited to "An Hour with the President: An Inside Look at MSU" on Friday at 4 p.m. in the Riggle Room of the Adron Doran University Center.

All campus visitors are encouraged to attend the MSU Alumni Association welcome reception on the third floor of ADUC from 5 until 7 p.m. The Alumni Hall of Fame banquet will begin at 7 p.m. in the Crager Room of ADUC. In the evening, MSU women's soccer will take on Murray State at 7 p.m. and will be in action Sunday at 1 p.m. as they host UT-Martin at Jayne Stadium. A faculty showcase recital will be held in Duncan Recital Hall of Baird Music Hall Friday at 8:30 p.m.

Several events are scheduled for Saturday morning. Beginning at 9 a.m., Academic Honors Program alumni are invited to attend a breakfast at the Honors House. Also Saturday, an alumni band reunion will be held at 9:30 a.m. in Baird Music Hall.

A special recognition for Dr. C. Nelson Grote, former MSU president, will begin at 10:30 a.m. in front of Thompson Hall on the MSU campus.

One of the highlights of the homecoming weekend is the football game. Before the game, the Alumni Association and the Office of Student Activities will cosponsor a free traditional tailgate at 11 a.m. in Eagle Park (across from Jayne Stadium and the AAC).

Kickoff for the game will be at 1 p.m. at Jayne Stadium as the Eagles take on Jacksonville. Halftime activities will feature a performance by the MSU Marching Band and the crowning of the homecoming queen and king (>> [view candidates](#)).

At 8 p.m., the MSU Black Gospel Ensemble will hold its 40th Anniversary Celebration in Duncan Recital Hall of the Baird Music Building. All former and current members of the ensemble are invited to attend. >> [Read more](#)
Additional information about 2008 Homecoming events is available by contacting the Office of Alumni Relations, (606) 783-2080 or (800) 783-ALUM. A complete schedule is available at <https://secureweb.moreheadstate.edu/alumni/benefits/homecomingactivities.aspx> .
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MSPR to air debates

Morehead State Public Radio will continue its tradition of political coverage as Kentucky voters decide on a candidate for November's presidential election.

MSPR will air all four presidential and vice presidential debates.

The first event will be on Friday, Sept. 26, as Jim Lehrer, executive editor and anchor of PBS's The NewHour, will moderate from the University of Mississippi. Air time will be at 9 p.m.

MSPR will rebroadcast the vice presidential debate on Friday, Oct. 3, at 8 p.m. The event will occur on Thursday, Oct. 2, and will be carried live on its Web site (www.msuradio.com).
The second presidential debate will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 9 p.m. from Belmont University in Nashville and the final event will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 15, from Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y. Both will be heard live.

Morehead State Public Radio broadcasts 24 hours a day from the campus of Morehead State University. WMKY (90.3 FM) serves as the flagship station for the MSPR network, which includes WOCS (88.3 FM) in Booneville and a translator (88.3 FM) in Inez. MSPR serves more than 40 counties in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia.

Additional information is available by calling MSPR at (800) 286-9659 or (606) 783-2001.

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Kick off event slated for Thursday in Martin County

Morehead State University has been awarded two federal grants with the goal of increasing physical activity and improving nutrition in children, their families and members of the community in Martin County.

The grants were the result of a team effort of several MSU faculty and staff, including Dr. Dayna Seelig, executive assistant to the president; David Sloan and Dr. Michael Hail of the Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy; and Dr. Monica Magner and Dr. Gina Blunt of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Sport Sciences.

The Center for Excellence and Rural Health, the University of Kentucky, the University of Louisville, the Center for Rural Development, Kentucky Educational Television, the Kentucky Department for Public Health, the Roy F. Collier Community Center and the Martin County School System are additional partners in the new wide-ranging effort that will serve the health interests of people in Kentucky.

The grants were funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The total of the two grants is approximately \$785,000.

The primary goals of the Martin County Initiative are to reduce the number of overweight individuals or those at risk for becoming overweight, with the focus on increasing physical activity and improving family involvement in changing physical activity and eating patterns. Another goal will be to improve opportunities for community-based wellness programs.

"The initial effort started with community listening sessions about issues that were important to the citizens of Martin County," stated Dr. Wayne D. Andrews, MSU president. "Community leaders discussed issues with the consortium partners and have developed ways to answer those questions as regionally engaged partners. Congressman Hal Rogers has been very supportive of this effort and its desire to create a healthier lifestyle and community for East Kentuckians," he said.

Sixth grade students at Inez and Warfield middle schools are the primary participants in the program called Martin County on the Move. However, families of these students and community members of Martin County are also targets for participation.

Dr. Magner and Dr. Blunt, primary investigators for the project, also hope to provide sustainable resources to teachers on how to incorporate more physical activity through active lessons in all classes, not just physical education classes.

Actipeds™ will be the central units to monitor physical activity. Actipeds are pedometers/accelerometers that record the number of steps taken, calories burned, miles walked and active minutes for each individual. They attach to a shoe and provide a timeline of activity. They also are simple to use with an automatic, wireless upload. The Actipeds will be used in conjunction with the Humana Horsepower Challenge, an online game that encourages physical activity.

Other tools in promoting physical activity will be the use of Dance Dance Revolution™ and the Nintendo Wii Fit™, both of which are technology-based interactive games popular with elementary and middle school-aged children.

The initiative also will promote increased activity and healthy living within the community of Martin County. This will include a healthy living series at the Collier Center targeting healthy eating, stress and weight management and exercise programs to children, their families and the community as a whole.

Those working with the initiative also will strive to make environmental changes to the area. Community access will be improved, equipment will be added to the Inez walking trail and a bike trail will be created.

On Sept. 4, students, faculty and staff from MSU and UK traveled to Martin County to administer fitness tests and establish baseline data for all sixth grade students at both Inez and Warfield middle schools. The Fitness Gram Assessment tool was used as measurement. This assessment includes recording blood pressure, heart rate, height, weight, body composition and body mass index. Cardiovascular fitness, muscular strength, muscular endurance and flexibility also were assessed. These results will be compared to measurements taken six months from the first assessment to chart each student's progress.

Other measurement tools will include a nutrition and attitude questionnaire for students, families and community members, Actiped counts and program participation numbers.

A Kick-Off Day will be held on Thursday, Sept. 25 to begin the health initiative with the middle school students. The event will include an introduction to the Humana Horsepower Challenge and a variety of fun activities for the middle school children. The Kick-Off will be held at the Roy F. Collier Center in Martin County.

More information about the project is available by contacting Dr. Seelig, project director, at d.seelig@moreheadstate.edu, or Dr. Blunt at g.blunt@moreheadstate.edu or Dr. Magner at m.magner@moreheadstate.edu.

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MSU's 21st Century Education Enterprise provides teacher training

Morehead State University has developed plans for a new initiative to help P-12 teachers and university faculty bring 21st century skills and learning to Kentucky classrooms.

The University's Board of Regents approved the formal creation of the 21st Century Education Enterprise at its Sept. 11 meeting. This not-for-profit organization will operate within the College of Education to promote community engagement partnerships through educational leadership, professional development, and classroom technology innovations in Kentucky schools.

"If Kentucky students are going to succeed in today's global economy they need communication, critical thinking and technology skills. They need to be able to use core subject matter in solving real world problems and projects," said Dr. Cathy Gunn, dean of the College of Education.

The 21st Century Education Enterprise will focus on project-based learning techniques and promote the use of technology in the classroom to help improve teacher effectiveness and to better engage today's students in the classroom. Teacher workshops are planned along with potential state-of-the-art learning labs located at the MSU Regional Enterprise Center in West Liberty.

Director of the 21st Century Education Enterprise, Krista Barton believes the new Enterprise will help the university build on several successful programs that are underway. Through work with the Kentucky Datastream Initiative and 51 participating school districts, Morehead State has developed a job-embedded inservice system and helped nearly 2,000 teachers better integrate technology in their classrooms.

Kentucky Datastream is a not-for-profit company managing a statewide computing grid that links P-12 school computers in Kentucky with the state's most ambitious scientific research projects. Kentucky Datastream has provided more than 8,000 computers to schools throughout the state and provides computing power to James Brown Graham Cancer Center at the University of Louisville where cutting edge drug-discovery research is conducted by medical researchers when the computers are not being used for classroom work.

The College of Education is also engaged with several schools in structured programs to improve literacy and math achievement scores. Most recently, the 21st Century Education Enterprise has engaged with Martin County Schools in a full assessment program to improve learning across several subjects. This technology infrastructure and school and community partnerships provide a unique 21st century learning environment for the University's faculty and P-12 educator collaborations.

According to the proposal approved by the Board of Regents, the Enterprise is designed to support Morehead State University's community engagement outreach in the University's service region. "We think it is a critical part of our mission for Morehead State to engage with communities in Kentucky to improve the future for children," said President Wayne D. Andrews.

More information on the 21st Century Education Enterprise is available by calling Barton at (606) 783-2393.

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Dr. Davison to discuss book, sign copies

Dr. Scott A. Davison, professor of philosophy and coordinator of the philosophy and religious studies program at Morehead State University, is the author of "Virtue and Violence: Can a Good Football Player Be A Good Person?" which is a chapter in *Football and Philosophy*, edited by Michael W. Austin (University Press of Kentucky, 2008).

He will present the main line of argument from this chapter and sign copies of his book at CoffeeTree Books on Tuesday, Sept. 30, at 7 p.m.

Dr. Davison also has contributed to other books on philosophy and popular culture, including *The Philosophy of the Lord of the Rings* (Open Court, 2003) and *Basketball and Philosophy* (UK Press, 2007), in addition to writing a number of articles and book chapters for scholarly venues.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, he earned his university degrees from football powerhouses The Ohio State University (BA, MA) and the University of Notre Dame (MA, Ph.D.)

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Funeral set for Woodrow Barber, retired biology professor

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday for Woodrow W. Barber, 96, a retired biology professor at Morehead State University, who died Saturday.

The services will be held at the First Christian Church at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Molly Smothers officiating. Interment will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens with full military rites conducted by Morehead American Legion Post No. 126.

A native of Morgan County and a graduate of MSU, Barber joined the MSU faculty in 1961 and retired in 1976. His wife, Mabel, who died in 1995, also was a longtime faculty member at MSU. Active in civic affairs, he served 15 years as the mayor of Lakeview Heights.

The swimming pool in Morehead's Greenhill City Park was named in his honor for his volunteer service in community recreation. Visitation will be Wednesday, Sept. 24, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Northcutt and Son Home for Funerals.

Memorial donations can be made to the Woodrow W. Barber Scholarship Fund at the Morehead State University Foundation Inc., Palmer Development House, Morehead, KY 40351 or the First Christian Church Outreach Fund, 227 East Main Street, Morehead, KY 40351.

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Black Gospel Ensemble to celebrate 40 years at MSU

With Homecoming at Morehead State University less than a month away, Dr. Ritta Ridley Abell is getting more and more excited about the 40-year anniversary reunion of the Black Gospel Ensemble.

A member of the BGE during the 1970s, Dr. Abell has returned to MSU as an assistant professor of communications. The former Louisville resident is chairing the planning group for the reunion during the weekend of Oct. 17-19.

"I am hearing from more BGE members every day and I can't wait for us to be together and share our memories from those wonderful years when our shared love of singing became the foundation of lifelong friendships," Dr. Abell said. "We are going to have opportunities to sing with each other and with the current Black Gospel Ensemble which is simply outstanding."

She noted that this won't be your average reunion of college friends. Each BGE member who attends will receive a high tech memento of the experience - a DVD with music, interviews, photos and videos of the Black Gospel Ensemble since its founding in 1968. Field production of the DVD will take place during the reunion.

"Some of us are getting older and this DVD will help us continue to celebrate our personal involvement in an organization that has meant so much to Black students and others over the span of 40 years," Dr. Abell added. "I'm so proud of the fact that we will be seeing the return of ministers, musicians, teachers, college deans, professors and other professionals whose lives were influenced for good by praising the Lord in song during our college days."

For more information about the Black Gospel Ensemble's 40-year anniversary reunion, contact Dr. Abell at (606) 783-2510, 783-9462, or e-mail her atr.abell@moreheadstate.edu

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MSU retirees cruise on Cave Run Lake

Morehead State University retirees recently had the opportunity to enjoy a sunset dinner cruise on Cave Run Lake, courtesy of Barbara Lyons and Ellen Lyons-Hoffman. Due to the popularity of the activity, two cruises were scheduled for the group and both were well attended. Pictured here are a few of the association members relaxing as the boat moves out. October brings three events for the retirees to enjoy. Information on the MSU Retirees Association, which is open to both retired faculty and staff members, is available by contacting Tami Jones, director of Alumni and Constituent Relations, at (606) 783-2080.

'Ameri-Dreaming' exhibit open at CY

Morehead State University will host a national juried exhibition, "Ameri-Dreaming: Art and American Culture," Oct. 8-31 in the main gallery of the Claypool-Young Art Building.

An opening reception will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 8, from 6-8 p.m.

The exhibition features contemporary art which interprets and/or comments on American culture and politics, democracy, and current events specific to our country. In this diverse exhibition that includes sculpture, electronic media, textiles, painting, photography, printmaking, drawing, and graphic design, fifteen artists from across the country depicts themes of current Americana.

Participating artists include: Margarita Benitez, Chicago, Ill.; Steve Coy, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Marianne Fourie, Hoboken, N.J.; Amy Guidry, Lafayette, La.; Shayne Hull, Louisville; John Judge, Needham, Mass.; Lisa Link, West Roxbury, Mass.; Joshu Lucas, Los Angeles; Matthew Mosher, Natick, Mass.; Michael Runnels, Savannah, Ga.; Halide Salam, Blacksburg, Va.; Steve Snell, Columbus, Ohio; Sarah Sorg, Bangor, Maine; Mangi Weir, Placitas, N.M.; and Dan Younger, St. Louis, Mo.

Hull will be the visiting artist associated with the exhibition. Represented by four portrait paintings in the exhibition depicting both Kentucky and national politicians, he will visit MSU's campus on Thursday, Nov. 6, to give artist lectures at 10:20 a.m. and 12:40 p.m.

All lectures, which are free and open to the public, will be held in 111 Claypool-Young.

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 visit the Web site at www.moreheadstate.edu/art.

Posted: 9-26-08

Martin County on the Move has kick off event

Morehead State University, its partners, along with sixth grade students at Inez and Warfield middles schools, kicked off "Martin County on the Move" Thursday, Sept. 25, at the Roy F. Collier Center in Inez.

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Items for sale at the University Farm

The Morehead State University Farm, located on Route 377 (Cranston Road), has a number of items for sale.

Among the sale items are pumpkins at \$3 each, apples ½ bushel bag for \$8, tomatoes at 50 cents per pound, processed shrimp at \$10 per pound, and tilapia will be offered soon.

The hours are noon until 6 p.m. each day. Supplies for some items are limited and demand is expected to be high.

Additional information is available by calling (606) 783-2662.

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Check your health at Wellfest 2008

Morehead State University's Wellness Center will sponsor Wellfest 2008, on Wednesday, Oct. 29, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Crager Room, Adron Doran University Center. Students, faculty, staff, and members from the surrounding community are invited to attend.

More than 30 booths will provide guests with information on different areas of health and wellness. There will be free massages, nutrition and weight management opportunities, and strength training demonstrations.

A cholesterol/glucose screening will be available free of charge to those who are at least 18 years of age. Admission is free.

Additional information is available from Melinda Melendez by calling (606) 783-5161 or by e-mail to m.melendez@moreheadstate.edu .

Posted: 9-29-08

Retirees plan October events

Morehead State University's Retirees Association will offer three opportunities for its members to get together in October. The association is open to both faculty and staff retirees.

On Saturday, Oct. 18, the retirees are invited to be the guests of MSU President Wayne D. Andrews for the 2008 Homecoming football game and tailgate party which precedes the game at 11 a.m. Kickoff for the Eagle football game will be at 1 p.m.

Then it's off to the races with a Keeneland outing on Wednesday, Oct. 22. The \$45 cost covers admission and the luncheon buffet in the Lexington Room. The gates open at 11 a.m., the buffet runs from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and post time for the first race is 1:15 p.m.

Again, the horses take stage with an outing at Churchill Downs on Sunday, Oct. 26. Included in the \$32 cost is admission to Millionaires Row, lunch and a program. Gates open at 11 a.m. and the first race is at 1:05 p.m.

Deadline for reservations to any of these events is Friday, Oct. 10. Reservations and additional information are available by calling MSU's Alumni Relations Office at (606) 783-2080 or by e-mailing t.jones@moreheadstate.edu.

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Family Weekend: A look back

For nearly three decades, Morehead State University has welcomed students' parents, grandparents, siblings, friends and neighbors to campus for a weekend of events and good times.

This year marked the 29th annual Family Weekend. A variety of activities were held including a fashion show, Family Tailgate, and the football Eagles defeating St. Francis (Pa.). At halftime, the MSU Marching Band performed.

[Check here for a photo recap of some of the events from MSU's 29th Family Weekend.](#)

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Dr. Michael Seelig named interim VP of CPE

Dr. Michael Seelig, senior assistant to the provost and interim affirmative action officer at Morehead State University, has been appointed interim vice president for academic affairs at the Council on Postsecondary Education. Dr. Seelig begins his duties this week. He replaces Dr. Jim Applegate who resigned to become senior vice president for the Lumina Foundation on Education in Indianapolis.

Dr. Seelig comes to the Council with extensive experience in higher education. At Morehead State University, he served as dean of the Caudill College of Humanities for seven years, in addition to a wide range of positions--dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, executive director and chief development officer, general counsel, executive assistant to the president, affirmative action officer, and as a tenured professor of social work.

"We are pleased that Dr. Seelig has agreed to serve in this important leadership role," said Dr. Richard Crofts, interim president of the Council. "His breadth of experiences and his knowledge of Kentucky postsecondary education will make him a valuable member of our leadership team. Dr. Seelig will offer immediate help in continuing the state's public agenda."

In 1990, Dr. Seelig was a recipient of a Fulbright Senior Scholar Program Grant. He also served as a Fellow for the American Council on Education in 1997-98 where he completed an internship at the 13-institution University System of Maryland.

"It is both an honor and privilege to have been selected to serve as interim vice president for academic affairs during this exciting but critical period of time for postsecondary education in the Commonwealth," said Dr. Seelig. "I look

forward to working with Council staff and leaders throughout Kentucky who believe passionately that education is a primary means for improving the lives of individuals, families and communities."

Dr. Seelig received his bachelor's degree in biology, a master's degree in public administration and a master's degree in social work, all from The Ohio State University. He also holds a law degree from Capital University.

Posted: 9-30-08

Dan Conrad featured speaker on Oct. 6

The Creative Services Director of a prominent television station will visit the Morehead State University campus on Monday, Oct. 6.

Dan Conrad of WUSA9 in Washington, D.C. will make the presentation "Breaking into the Business" at 3 p.m. on Oct. 6 in 2 Breckinridge Hall on the MSU campus.

The Washington, D.C. television market is the eighth largest in the United States. WUSA9 is part of Gannett Inc., an internationally diverse news and information company. The station has employed a number of respected individuals, including Walter Cronkite, Arthur Godfrey, Max Robinson, Howard K. Smith and Sam Donaldson.

"Dan Conrad's visit to our campus is an invaluable chance for students in communications, as well as others preparing for their careers," said Jeffrey Hill, MSU associate professor of mass communication.

Conrad's visit is sponsored by the MSU Film Committee and the MSU Arts and Humanities Council.

More information is available by calling Hill at (606) 783-9383 or by -emailing j.hill@moreheadstate.edu .
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MSU 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, Roma Prindle, 15; Lisa Shemwell, 15; Debbie Barker, 10; Dr. Hilary Iwu, 20. Second row from left are, Dr. Scott McBride, 5; Dr. Curt Hammond, 15; Dr. John Viton, 20; Dr. Suzanne Tallichet, 15; Dr. John Secor, 20. Back row from left are, Dr. Ron Morrison, 20; Dr. Betty Regan, 10; Dr. Bob Albert, 15; Dr. Layne Neeper, 15; Don Adkins, 10; and Melvin Howard, 15.