

News Items for 2012 - April

Gebka enjoys her part in 'Escuela Rayo de Luna'

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With funding from Morehead State University's Center for Regional Engagement and in partnership with the Rowan County School System, Kimberly Nettleton, Dr. Itza Zavala-Garrett and Dr. Brian Boisvert have been hosting Escuela Rayo de Luna.

The program is a series of information sessions for non-native English speaking members of the Morehead/Rowan County community. Through invited speakers, the program provides parents with the opportunity to learn additional information regarding school procedures; health; education above and beyond public school; laws, customs, and regulations relative to U.S. culture. Monthly meetings have been held primarily in the Rowan County Public Library on the last Tuesday of each month in the evening.

Students from MSU's College of Education and members of Amigos Unidos, MSU's Spanish Club, attend the sessions. The more advanced students work with the adult participants in the Escuela Rayo de Luna while the novice language students provide care for children whose parents attend the sessions. The education students plan crafts, games, and other activities pertaining to the current season or upcoming holiday. Through these activities, the children learn more about American culture and how different holidays are celebrated. For instance, they completed a Valentine's card where they wrote Happy Valentine's Day in English and in other languages such as Spanish, German and French. Children attending the sessions have the opportunity to meet and get acquainted with children from other schools in the community who may share their culture and background. Parents have the opportunity to talk with other parents who may be facing the same challenges they face as non-native English speakers.

Undergraduate Research Fellow Stephanie Gebka of Union works with Nettleton and helps plan the sessions.

"Starting an undergraduate research project seemed to be a daunting task. However, since the beginning of the fall 2011 semester, I have learned the great joy and skills that come from an opportunity such as this one. Being an honors student, I knew that I had to complete an undergraduate research fellowship. When she (Nettleton) approached me with the concept of Escuela Rayo de Luna, I was definitely intrigued. The program assists families who have English as a second language. Being a double major in elementary education and special education, I feel that it is important to understand students that come from various cultural backgrounds. I was definitely excited to have the opportunity to work with this program. Multicultural education and diversity is an aspect of every community," said Gebka.

She is collecting data and researching similar programs across the country. She plans to present her results not only at MSU's Celebration of Student Scholarship in April, but also at a conference in Ohio during the summer. Gebka has been working with the program since August 2011.

"It is important that teachers and members of the community address this and provide opportunities that allow students and parents from various cultural backgrounds to be active members of society. Through this program, I take pride in knowing that we are helping to bridge this gap in the Morehead community. My project with Nettleton has allowed me to develop skills and understanding about multicultural students and families that I can utilize when I become a teacher. Through the program, we have been able to educate parents about all that America has to offer, various American customs, and the Rowan County School system. I have thoroughly enjoyed researching this topic and I hope to one day not only help the multicultural families in Morehead, but also in my hometown of Union.

"I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to work on such a beneficial project. It is important for teachers to understand that students come from multiple diverse backgrounds and it is important to provide all students with a rich education in multicultural aspects. Escuela Rayo de Luna does just that. I am so proud to know that through this program we have helped many parents and students feel more at home in the United States."

Additional information is available by calling the Center for Regional Engagement at 606-783-9327.

Concert on the Lawn set for April 26

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Morehead State University will present the annual President's Concert on the Lawn Thursday, April 26, at the Adron Doran University Center Commons.

The event, which will begin at 5 p.m., is free and open to the public.

This year's entertainment will feature MSU's Jazz Big Band.

Additional information about the President's Concert on the Lawn can be obtained by calling Allison Caudill, assistant director of donor relations in the Office of University Advancement, at 877-690-4483 or 606-783-2033.

Creative Writing Symposium slated for April 11

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Morehead State University's BFA degree in Creative Writing Program will host the 2012 Creative Writing Symposium Wednesday, April 11. The event will gather writers from all over the Eastern Kentucky region to listen to successful writers and publishers discuss publishing and the craft of writing fiction.

The symposium is free and open to the public and will be held in the Adron University Center and the Kentucky Folk Art Center.

It will kick off at 10 a.m. at ADUC with “The New Frontier of Small Press Publishing” with Dan Wickett and Matt Bell of Dzanc Books.

Wickett founded the Emerging Writers Network by reviewing Alyson Hagy’s Keeneland and e-mailing the review to 21 individuals. Throughout the years, he has continued to develop the EWN by adding interviews, e-panels, and other literary reporting to the itinerary and developing a database website for storage of these, as well as a blog for more daily topic discussions. The EWN currently has more than 2,600 members. “Visiting Hours,” an anthology of short stories edited by Wickett, was published by Press 53 in late 2008.

Bell is the author of “Cataclysm Baby,” a novella, and “How They Were Found,” a collection of fiction, as well as three chapbooks. His fiction has appeared in Conjunctions, Hayden's Ferry Review, Gulf Coast, Willow Springs, Unsaid, and American Short Fiction, and has been selected for inclusion in anthologies such as Best American Mystery Stories 2010 and Best American Fantasy 2. His book reviews and critical essays have appeared in the Los Angeles Times, American Book Review and The Quarterly Conversation. He also runs a literary magazine, “The Collagist,” and teaches writing at the University of Michigan.

Brian Leung will present a craft talk titled “Hurting Your Mother's Feelings, Ruling the World, and Eating Raspberry Jam: The Price and Ethics Verisimilitude” at 2 p.m. Leung is author of World Famous Love Acts, Lost Men, and Take Me Home. His fiction, creative nonfiction, and poetry have appeared in numerous outlets. He also is the co-author of the non-fiction humor titled, “Not Another Feel Good Singles Book.” The recipient of numerous awards and fellowships, Leung earned his B.A. and M.A. degrees from California State University, and an M.F.A. degree from Indiana University. He currently heads the creative writing program at the University of Louisville.

Tony Ardizzone will present “Writers at Work: the Creative Writing Process” at 3 p.m. Ardizzone is author of eight books of fiction. A native of Chicago, his creative writing has received the Flannery O'Connor Award for Short Fiction, the Chicago Foundation for Literature Award for Fiction sponsored by the Friends of Literature, the Milkweed Editions National Fiction Prize, the Pushcart Prize, the Virginia Prize for Fiction, the Lawrence Foundation Award, the Bruno Arcudi Literature Prize, the Prairie Schooner Readers' Choice Award, the Black Warrior Review Literary Award in Fiction, the Cream City Review Editors' Award in Nonfiction, as well as two individual artist fellowships in fiction from the National Endowment for the Arts. He is an award-winning professor of creative writing in Indiana University’s MFA degree in Creative Writing Program.

The symposium will culminate in the afternoon and evening with a series of readings from the presenters. Bell will read at 4 p.m. in 312 ADUC. Ardizzone and Leung will read from their work at 7 p.m. at the Kentucky Folk Art Center.

MSU’s Creative Writing Symposium is sponsored by the BFA degree in Creative Writing Program in the Department of English, MSU’s Arts and Humanities Council, Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Kentucky Folk Art Center, Multicultural Student Services, International/Interdisciplinary Programs, Corporation for Public Broadcasting and Morehead State Public Radio.

For more information, contact MSU’s Department of English at 606-783-9448.

Students to participate in 2012 Judy Rogers contest

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Morehead State University's Women's Studies Program and the Department of International and Interdisciplinary Studies are taking submissions for the 2012 Judy Rogers Art/Media/Writing contest. The artist/author must strive to offer original insights and/or novel approaches to problems in women's studies.

The contest is open to currently enrolled MSU students.

Writing submissions must be no longer than 10 pages; art submissions - 2D, 3D, media- must be exhibit ready. Both must include a cover sheet with name, contact information and e-mail address.

Cash prizes will be awarded.

Winners will be invited to present at the Women's Studies Spring Celebration on April 17.

Deadline for submission is April 10. Submit work to 111 Breckinridge Hall.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. Ann Andaloro, director of women's studies, at 606-783-2714 or e-mail a.andaloro@moreheadstate.edu.

SBDC to host seminar at MSU Prestonsburg

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“Building a Road to a Successful Business” is a free seminar to be presented by Morehead State University’s East Kentucky Small Business Development Center Thursday, April 26.

The seminar for present and prospective small business owners will be conducted at the Morehead State University at Prestonsburg, 6 Bert Combs Drive, from 5-7 p.m. The presenter will be Mike Morley, director of the MSU East Kentucky Small Business Development Center.

Topics to be discussed will be: business description, marketing, managers and employees, financing, operations and locations.

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

For a list of upcoming events, you may visit the MSU SBDC website at www.moreheadstate.edu/sbdc.

Additional information and preregistration are available from Linda Casebolt or Morley by calling 606-432-5848 or visit www.ksbdc.org.

Students may register for summer, fall April 4-17

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Now that spring break is over, current and future Morehead State University students are looking ahead to the summer and fall academic terms.

To accommodate a wider range of students, there will be four summer terms offered this year, including an intersession.

Registration for the general Summer term, Summer Intersession, Summer I and II, as well as Fall 2012 will be available online at MSU's website (my.moreheadstate.edu), April 4-17.

Classes for the summer and fall will be offered online and/or at the Morehead campus according to the following schedule:

Summer Intersession: Monday, May 21, through Friday, June 1;

Summer: Monday, June 4, through Friday, July 27;

Summer I: Monday, June 4, through Friday, June 29;

Summer II: Monday, July 2, through Friday, July 27;

Fall: Monday, Aug. 20, through Friday, Dec. 14.

Registration can be made easier by planning ahead. Students are encouraged to meet with their academic adviser prior to registering, and then to register as early as possible while there is the best variety of classes available.

For those not yet enrolled who are considering attending MSU, there is still time to submit an application for the summer or fall terms. Prospective students may call the Office of Enrollment Services at 606-783-2000 or 800-585-6781 opt #1 for admissions assistance.

Registration is based upon classification and the number of credit hours earned. Registration will open and close at specific times so check the [registrar's website](#) for designated day and time.

New transfer students will be able to register, according to their classification. New freshmen are not permitted to advance register and should contact the Office of First Year Programs to register for a [SOAR program](#).

Students also may view and pay their bill online. Those who are registered for the spring semester will receive monthly e-billing statements via their MSU e-mail account. It is the student's responsibility to check their MSU e-mail account on a regular basis as e-bills are the University's official means of delivering billing statements.

All students must pay their tuition and fees in full or enroll in an online Protect Class Schedule Plan before classes begin to activate meal plans and charge books.

Students receiving financial aid, scholarships, or third party payments that will cover their entire balance are required to enroll in the "Financial Aid Plan," to prevent their class schedule from being cancelled. To view your bill or enroll in an online plan, log in to MyMoreheadState at my.moreheadstate.edu, and choose the "finance" icon and select "My Billing Info."

Textbooks are available at the University Bookstore, located in the Adron Doran University Center on the Morehead campus. Orders may be placed by calling 888-STORE-05 or via online at www.bookstore.moreheadstate.edu. Purchases will be shipped to the address specified by the student.

Meal plan selections for the fall semester are now available. To view and order a meal plan, go to the EagleCard Web page, www2.moreheadstate.edu/eaglecard/.

Additional information is available by contacting the EagleCard office at 606-783-2701.

Bookstore and meal plan purchases can be added to the student's bill.

Additional information is available by calling MSU at Ashland at 606-327-1777 or 800-648-5370; MSU at Jackson at 606-666-2800 or 800-729-5225; MSU at Mt. Sterling at 859-499-0780 or 866-870-0809; MSU at Prestonsburg at 606-886-2405 or 800-648-6372; MSU at West Liberty at 606-743-1500 or 800-648-5371; the Office of the Registrar at 606-783-2008; or by calling the Office of Enrollment Services at 606-783-2000 or 800-585-6781.

Audible alert system test Monday

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Morehead State University will conduct the monthly test of its audible alert system on Monday, April 2, 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.

Retirees to hold annual luncheon April 11

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Retirees Association

Morehead State University retirees will be the guests of MSU President and Mrs. Wayne D. Andrews at the Retirees Association Annual Luncheon at noon Wednesday, April 11, at the Center for Health, Education and Research (CHER Building).

The association's new officers will be elected and installed, and individuals who retired within the past year will be recognized.

The event, part of MSU's 125th Anniversary celebration, will include remarks from Dr. Andrews as well as musical entertainment by faculty and students of the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music.

Reservation deadline is Thursday, April 5, and may be made by calling 606-783-2080 or 800-783-2586. E-mail responses may be made to events@moreheadstate.edu. Spouses and guests are welcome to attend.

Because of the limited parking, guests are encouraged to park at the Academic-Athletic Center, where a shuttle bus will take them to the CHER building, beginning at 11:15 a.m. and returning after the meeting.

S.T.A.R. 5K fundraiser set for April 14

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