

News Items for 2012 - July

Audible alert system test Monday

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

MSU closed for Independence Day

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In observance of the Independence Day holiday, Morehead State University will be closed Wednesday, July 4.

There will be no classes or office hours and mail will not be delivered.

Offices will reopen and classes will resume on regular schedule at 8 a.m. on Thursday, July 5.

Retirees plan July trip

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Retirees Association

The Morehead State University Retirees Association will attend a production of the musical “Fiddler on the Roof” by the Kincaid Regional Theatre Company at Falmouth on Thursday, July 19.

The luncheon and theatre package will be \$27. Car pools will leave from the old Food Lion parking lot at 10 a.m. with arrival in Falmouth at 12:30 p.m.

Reservation deadline will be Friday, July 6, and may be made by calling 606-783-2080 or 800-783-2586. Email responses may be sent to t.jones@moreheadstate.edu.

MSU hosts high school science researchers from Puerto Rico

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During the summer, most high school students are working or enjoying their vacation. But six high school students and one college student traveled more than 1,500 miles from Puerto Rico to Morehead to complete a challenging research experience.

This unique eight-week opportunity was possible thanks to a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant obtained by Universidad Metropolitana de Puerto Rico, under the leadership of Dr. Juan F. Arratia, director and principal investigator (PI), and the academic and personal commitment of five Morehead State University faculty members.

This group of talented students was selected after completing a rigorous series of Saturday workshops on the basics of scientific research. Their summer experience at MSU allows them to apply and expand what they learned in realistic research scenarios.

Dr. Ilsun White and Dr. Wesley White, professors of psychology, mentored a team of students: Natalia C. Santiago-Merced, a bio-mathematics major at Universidad Metropolitana, who is a chaperone; Guillermo R. Díaz-Ginés, a junior from University Gardens High School; and Jessica N. Pita-Aquino, a senior from University Gardens High School. These students worked on projects using rats as human models to study behavioral and cognitive effects of food deprivation and illegal drugs.

Dr. Allen C. Risk, professor of biology, mentored a team of two students: Natalie López-Rodríguez, a junior from the Academy of the Immaculate Conception; and Nydiana Benítez-Mangual, a sophomore from Isidro Sánchez High School. Their projects aimed at using tree growth rates and climatic variables such as precipitation, temperature, and drought patterns to predict future changes in the composition of the forest at Eagle Lake.

Dr. Jennifer Birriel, associate professor of astrophysics, and Dr. Ignacio Birriel, associate professor of nuclear physics, mentored the third team of researchers: Gabriela D. Talavera-Santiago, a junior from Colegio Santa María del Camino; and Daniel Rodríguez-Torres, a senior from the Residential Center of Educative Opportunities of Mayagüez. These students' research study combined physics and earth science by examining radioactive emissions from rock formations and light pollution in Rowan County.

The culminating activity will be a series of oral presentations where students share the results of their experiments. In addition, they are required to present a poster or oral session at the AGMUS Research Symposium in Puerto Rico on Sept. 21-22.

Dr. Wilson González-Espada, associate professor of physics and science education, acted as the liaison between the two partnering institutions.

“Universidad Metropolitana has summer research partnerships with the University of Vermont, Purdue University, the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, the National Center for Atmospheric Research, MIT-Haystack Observatory, Morehead State University and University of Texas El Paso, impacting 29 pre-college students from private and public schools from Puerto Rico. This is the first year Morehead State University received students from this program and the experience has been fantastic. These are motivated, hard-working students with a deep interest for science,” said Dr. González-Espada.

Ricardo Nazario-Colón, director of student activities, inclusion and leadership development, has sponsored several educational field trips around east Kentucky. Some of the local attractions they have visited included Carter Caves, Cave Run Lake, the Newport Aquarium and Natural Bridge State Park.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. González-Espada at 606-783-2927.

Dr. Miles to be keynote speaker, conductor and presenter at Australia National Conference

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Morehead State University's Dr. Richard Miles, professor of music and director of bands, will serve as a keynote speaker for the 2012 ABODA Conference in Brisbane in July. In addition, he will conduct the Queensland Wind Orchestra in a feature concert.

Three of the featured compositions are "Jessie's Well" (composed by one of Australia's leading composers, Ralph Hultgren), "The Second Symphony" by Frank Ticheli (composed by one of America's leading composers and co-commissioned by the Morehead State Symphony Band) and John Philip Sousa's "Hands Across the Sea." Dr. Miles will present a conducting master class that will include the Queensland Wind Orchestra while working with a select group of Australian conductors.

During the conference, Dr. Miles will present five specific topics based on his chapters from the text series, Teaching Music through Performance Band. Those sessions include "The Music Score is the Curriculum; The Art of Concert Programming; Featuring Soloists with Wind Band and Orchestra Performances; Improving Performance with "Sound" Seating; and Practical Score Study, Preparation and Music Selection.

He holds a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the Florida State University and graduate and undergraduate degrees from the University of Illinois and Appalachian State University. Since coming to MSU in 1985, the Symphony Band under his direction has received national and international recognition having performed for numerous conventions and international concert tours to The People's Republic of China (2000 and 2012), Brazil (2003) and Spain (2008).

He has co-authored, compiled and edited 14 volumes of the internationally recognized wind band series and three additional texts. He is a past president of the College Band Directors National Association - Southern

Division, and past president of the Kentucky Music Educators Association.

Internationally, he has conducted concerts and clinics in 23 countries. Dr. Miles' awards include Distinguished Alumnus Award from Appalachian State University, the Presidential Recognition Award and Distinguished Leadership Award from the Kentucky Music Educators Association, the Kentucky Outstanding Contributor to Bands Award and is the 2006-07 recipient of the Phi Beta Mu International Bandmasters Fraternity, International Outstanding Contributor to Bands Award presented at the 60th Annual Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic.

In addition, he has been awarded the Orpheus Award from Phi Mu Alpha and the National Arts Associate recognition from Sigma Alpha Iota.

He is an active member of the World Association for Symphonic Bands and Ensembles, College Band Directors National Association, National Band Association, National Association for Music Education, Kentucky Music Educators Association, and is an elected member to the professional honorary associations of Pi Kappa Lambda, Phi Beta Mu, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Sigma Alpha Iota, and the American Bandmasters Association.

Project Graduate wins national award

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Kentucky's Council on Postsecondary Education has announced that Project Graduate has won a major national award from Noel-Levitz for developing one of the "most successful, state-of-the-art retention programs in use today."

The program is Kentucky's collaborative effort with public universities to recruit, retain and graduate former students with 80 or more credit hours but no bachelor's degree. It offers a smooth transition and high-touch student services and incentives for busy, working adults who want to complete their degree.

"Each year these awards recognize the most successful, state-of-the-art retention programs in use today," said Tim Culver, vice president of Noel-Levitz. "This year's honorees have made great strides in student retention, and we are pleased to recognize them for these efforts. The winners demonstrated measurable institutional outcomes, originality and creativity, as well as excellent use of resources and adaptability for use at other institutions."

Project Graduate was launched by campuses in the spring term of 2008. As of spring 2011, 605 former students had earned their bachelor's degrees through the program, and another 651 adults were enrolled in fall 2011.

"Project Graduate is a widely respected returning adult learner initiative that is improving the quality of lives of our former students and their families, increasing the quality of Kentucky's workforce, and helping raise educational attainment levels across the Commonwealth," said Bob King, CPE president.

The Retention Excellence Awards Program was established by Noel-Levitz in 1989 to honor outstanding achievements in student retention by colleges and universities throughout the United States and Canada. Winners are selected by leading campus-based retention practitioners.

Winners will be recognized at this year's National Conference on Student Recruitment, Marketing and Retention, July 24-26, in Chicago.

Since 2008, Morehead State University has had more than 350 students to participate in the program and more than 130 to graduate.

Additional information is available from Jill McBride, MSU's Project Graduate liaison, at 606-783-2000 or 1-800-585-6781, or email her at j.mcbride@moreheadstate.edu.

Morehead native receives Army's prestigious civilian award

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Ginny (White) Klaus, daughter of Victor and Lyda White, still calls Morehead home despite her 16 plus year absence as a Kentucky resident.

The Morehead State University graduate and former reporter for Ashland's Daily Independent, has been honored with the Army's Order of Our Lady of Loreto award in celebration of her sacrifice, support, refuge, caring and outreaching of support that she has provided to military families at home.

Read more from The Morehead News website. [CLICK HERE](#)

MSPR to host CAB meeting, Aug. 2

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The Community Advisory Board for Morehead State Public Radio will conduct its quarterly meeting on Thursday, Aug. 2, at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the MSPR studios, located in Breckinridge Hall on the Morehead State University campus. Meetings of the board are open to the public.

Morehead State Public Radio broadcasts 24-hours a day from the MSU campus. WMKY (90.3 FM) serves as the flagship station for the network. MSPR serves more than 40 counties in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia.

Additional information is available on MSPR's website at www.msuradio.com or from Paul Hitchcock, MSPR's general manager, by email at wmky@moreheadstate.edu or by telephone to 606-783-2001.

SBDC free workshop slated for July 25

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Morehead State University's East Kentucky Small Business Development Center will offer a free "Quickbooks" workshop on Wednesday, July 25, at the Morehead SBDC office, located at 150 East First Street, from 5-7 p.m.

Quickbooks is a program that makes it easy for business owners to get customers, earn money, pay employees, and track sales and expenses. Millions of small business owners have made Quickbooks their resource for key services they need to start or manage a business.

Topics to be discussed include payroll, tracking sales, invoices and expenses, printing checks and invoices, business reports and inventory.

Small Business Development Centers are located in Morehead, Pikeville, Paintsville and Ashland. The centers provide free one-on-one consulting services and training to new ventures and existing businesses.

Training programs, sponsored or co-sponsored by SBDC, are available to all individuals without regard to race, color, sex, creed or national origin. Special arrangements will be made for those with disabilities if requested in advance.

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

To register, visit www.ksbdc.org or contact Mark Murphy at 606-783-2895 or by email to m.murphy@moreheadstate.edu.

MSU students vying for Miss Kentucky crown

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Two Morehead State students are among the 31 contestants that will compete in the 2012 Miss Kentucky Pageant. Those contestants are Lara Turner, 21, of West Liberty and Annie Franklin, 19, of Winchester.

According to its website, each student gained entry into the 2012 Miss Kentucky Pageant by winning an official preliminary pageant in their respective regions. Turner won Miss Magoffin while Franklin captured Miss Monticello.

Turner is a nursing major with a platform of “Protecting our Youth,” while her talent will be “the Well-Tempered Clavier” on the piano.

Franklin is a theatre major with a platform of “H’Art of the Matter- Much More than Art” while she will sing “My Man” as her talent.

The event’s preliminary competitions will take place at 7 p.m. on July 12 and 13 with the finals and crowning set for 7 p.m., July 14. Each day of the pageant will be held at the Singletary Center for the Arts on the campus of the University of Kentucky in Lexington. Tickets are \$25 for each preliminary night, \$50 for the finals and available by calling the Singletary Center box office at 859-257-4929.

Supporters of the two can possibly play an important role in the pageant’s outcome. One of the semifinalists for Miss Kentucky will be voted in by the public rather than the judges’ panel. Each vote costs \$1 and can be made by credit card or PayPal at www.misskentuckypageant.com with no voting limit.

The winner will go on to represent Kentucky in the Miss America Pageant in January 2013. In addition, more than \$39,000 in cash scholarships will be awarded during the pageant’s duration.

For additional information on the Miss Kentucky Scholarship Organization, visit www.misskentuckypageant.com.

Staton receives Kentucky Women in Agriculture scholarship

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In keeping with the mission to empower women in agriculture through education, involvement, and action, the Kentucky Women in Agriculture Inc. organization has chosen Amy J. Staton as this year's scholarship recipient.

Staton is a member of the first Ed. D. cohort at MSU with an expected graduation date of May 2013. She is a staff technologist/instructor in the MSU Veterinary Technology Program with a focus on animal husbandry, radiology and surgical nursing.

Independent features MSU Project Graduate students

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Three area women spoke last week about a program that revived their dormant college careers.

Denise Yanik has completed the program and is pursuing a master's degree.

Carol Cox is looking forward to ticking an item off her bucket list.

And Cindy Black simply sees an open door.

Read entire story from the (Ashland) Independent, [click here](#).

Alumnus Gore wins 2012 Carter G. Woodson Memorial Award

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Morehead State University alumnus Jerry Gore has won the 2012 Carter G. Woodson Memorial Award. The award is presented jointly by the National Education Association and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) for leadership and creativity in promoting Black History Month, for furthering the understanding of black Americans' heritage, and for making significant positive changes in a local community.

Gore helps people hear the voices of slaves who risked everything to achieve their freedom, and he helps us bear witness to those who helped the slaves on the Underground Railroad.

Retired from Morehead State University where he taught Black History, Gore established an Underground Railroad Museum in Maysville, called Freedom Time.

Gore has unearthed much of the Underground Railroad history from Maysville, across the Ohio River, to Ripley, Ohio. He created a Pictorial History of Maysville, Washington County and Ripley, Ohio. And he has brought all that he has learned to life by creating a Freedom Time Tour. As the Tour's informational flier states, it allows you to "retrace the path to freedom for human justice and dignity and explore the secret hiding places and trails used by enslaved Africans and conductors of the Underground Railroad."

The Freedom Tour has had a major impact on students who have only read about the Underground Railroad. A Kentucky Education Association diversity committee member reports that "Gore's tour was life changing."

"Education is a key to a better life and a better world if people are soundly educated in the fact," said Gore. "We try with all our heart and soul to have a clear understanding of history and relationships in history, including life and social issues."

He is more than a local historian. Gore has designed a Multicultural Curriculum that is aligned with the Kentucky Program of Review Standards. He is a consultant on the history of the Underground Railroad to the U.S. National Park Service. And he coordinated the Bi-National Underground Railroad Field Study for Parks Canada and the U.S. National Parks Service. He served on the International Underground Railroad Association Advisory Board and on the Board of Directors of Pathways, Inc., a not-for-profit human services organization.

'Linvel Barker: Works from the Collection of Rita Biesiot' on display through Oct. 27

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Morehead State University's Kentucky Folk Art Center has announced the upcoming exhibition, "Linvel Barker: Works from the Collection of Rita Biesiot." The opening reception will be held on Thursday, July 19, from 6-8 p.m. The exhibition will remain on display through Oct. 27.

The exhibition features more than 40 wood carvings by Elliott County folk artist. Barker, like many of his generation, had been a part of the great Appalachian outmigration during the two decades that followed World War II.

Upon his retirement as a technician from a northern Indiana steelworks, he and his wife, Lillian, moved back home to Elliott County. With early encouragement from the famed folk artist Minnie Adkins and the upstart folk art center at MSU, he took up wood carving as a way to keep himself busy and find a new sense of purpose in his post-retirement life. Barker would go on to create some of the most beautiful and recognizable wood sculptures in the history of folk art. He only carved for a few years before his death in 2004.

Recent years have seen an ever increasing demand for Barker's sculptures on the collectors market as the art world finally began to recognize the significance of his work. This exhibition represents the first ever retrospective showing of Barker's work. Most of the pieces in this exhibition come from the collection of Rita Biesiot.

In a brief statement written for the exhibition catalog, Biesiot writes:

“While I have a large collection of other folk art, mostly three dimensional and mostly made by Kentucky folk artists, my Barkers are my pride and joy, my favorite pieces by far. His work is unique and quite striking, almost like fine art. I still find myself picking up a piece every now and then to feel the wood, to examine the fine lines and features, and to just take in its wonderfulness. I think of Linvel and the great love he had for his wife, Lillian, and the joy they shared making art.”

“Barker’s carvings will continue to be objects of insight and the subject of inquiry,” said Adrian Swain, KFAC artistic director. “His art represents his fascination with life. His body of work remains, now that he is gone, for us to appreciate and to be inspired by his unique vision. We couldn’t be happier that Rita Biesiot is willing to share her fine collection with the public.”

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. For more information, call 606-783-2204 or go to www.kyfolkart.org.

MSU named to the President's HECS honor roll

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Morehead State University has been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for general community service by the Corporation for National and Community Service for 2011.

"The University proudly accepts this award in honor of our entire faculty, staff and students who are involved in community service. We have been practicing good citizenship for more than 120 years and will continue to do so," said MSU President Wayne D. Andrews.

Launched in 2006, the President's Honor Roll recognizes institutions of higher education that support innovative, effective and exemplary community service programs. Honorees for the various award levels, including the Presidential Award, were selected on a series of factors, including scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers service-learning courses.

MSU's application for inclusion in the 2011 Honor Roll highlighted the University's involvement in the third Annual Repair Affair, second Annual MLK Jr. Challenge for Change, and Pay It Forward.

The Repair Affair, an event co-sponsored by the MSU Center for Regional Engagement (CRE) and Frontier Housing, was a one-day blitz that addressed the minor home repair needs of low-income, elderly and disabled homeowners throughout the community. Funding for the event was awarded to the CRE through the Kentucky Housing Corporation Homeowner Occupied Repair Affair Program. In total, 21 homes were selected to receive repairs which include painting, door repair, window replacement, gutter repair, and various other services. Additionally, two ramps were constructed to address accessibility issues for homeowners. The total number of volunteers (including both registered and unregistered) participating in this year's event was 272 people.

For the second year in a row, to commemorate the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, the students at MSU and Eastern Kentucky University challenged each other to determine which could log the greatest number of

service hours in their respective service regions. For the second consecutive year, MSU won the battle by logging 4,111 service hours during the time period of Jan. 23 through Feb. 17, 2011 - three times the previous year's output. The students at several of the MSU campuses held food and clothing drives or worked at recycling centers or food pantries. They volunteered at schools or held campus blood drives. The clubs and organizations held events to draw attention to their adoptive causes and submitted their hours to the Center for Regional Engagement. The VITA Club prepared community members' taxes for free and a large group of students spent one Saturday going door-to-door for Operation UNITE, informing residents of the danger of keeping prescription drugs unsecured in their homes and to promote the Drug Take-Back Program.

During two afternoons, students dropped by the MSUCARES at the student center to sew blankets, prepare hygiene kits, and Valentines for the homeless in the area. The Student Government Association (SGA) partnered with the Center for Regional Engagement to create this monthlong event that pitted these institutional rivals between the two home basketball games.

Finally, with funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service through Kentucky Campus Compact, MSU was awarded a \$15,500 grant to implement a Pay It Forward: Student Led Philanthropy Grant Project.

In addition to providing matching funds to cover travel and administrative costs, the CRE provided funding for an additional course. Professors and their students in five courses wrote and released requests for proposals to area nonprofit agencies. The students designed scoring rubrics, scored the submitted proposals, and decided which projects to fund. Students awarded \$18,000 to 12 area schools and other agencies for a variety of projects impacting children and youth programs; neighborhood development and revitalization; and hunger, homelessness and health issues. In addition to money, students gave the nonprofits a substantial chunk of time. Each student who participated in Pay It Forward was required to volunteer at least 15 hours during the semester. With 89 students participating, they contributed more than 1,300 hours to the schools and other nonprofits in MSU's service region.

"Congratulations to Morehead State and its students for their dedication to service and commitment to improving their local communities," said Robert Velasco II, acting CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

"We applaud the Honor Roll schools, their faculty and students for their commitment to make service a priority in and out of the classroom. Together, service and learning increase civic engagement while fostering social innovation among students, empowering them to solve challenges within their communities."

The Corporation for National and Community Service, which has administered the Honor Roll since its launch, admitted 642 colleges and universities for their impact on issues from literacy and neighborhood revitalization to supporting at-risk youth. Of that total, 513 were named to the Honor Roll, 110 received the recognition of Honor Roll with distinction, 14 were identified as finalists, and five received the Presidential Award.

On campuses across the country, millions of college students are engaged in innovative projects to meet local needs, often using the skills learned in classrooms. According to the CNCS Volunteering in America report, 3.1 million college students dedicated more than 312 million hours of service valued at more than \$6.6 billion. Business and law students offer tax preparation and legal services, and college student volunteers provide meals, create parks, rebuild homes after disasters, conduct job training, run senior service programs, and much more.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a strong partner with the nation's colleges and universities in supporting community service and service-learning. Last year, CNCS provided more than \$200 million in support to institutions of higher education, including grants to operate service programs and the Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards for college tuition and student loan repayment. CNCS is a catalyst for service-learning programs nationwide that connect community service with academic curricula. Through these programs, in classes and in extracurricular activities, college students serve their communities while strengthening their academic and civic skills.

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

Dr. Henson joins MSU as associate vice president for research and dean of the graduate school

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Morehead State University has named Dr. Michael C. Henson as professor and associate vice president for research and dean of the graduate school. He brings an extensive history of experience in research, teaching and administration to the campus.

Dr. Henson holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Tennessee, a Ph.D. degree from the University of Arkansas, and further training through a National Research Service Award as NIH Postdoctoral Fellow in Perinatal Endocrinology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore, where he has served as research assistant professor.

He became assistant professor and was later promoted to associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the Tulane University School of Medicine in New Orleans, where he was director of ob-gyn research, chief of the section of perinatal research, and affiliate scientist at the Tulane National Primate Research Center. During that time, he also held adjunct faculty appointments in the departments of physiology and anatomy, and membership in the Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in molecular and cellular biology.

In 2004, Dr. Henson was honored by Tulane University as Dissertation Director of the Year and was recognized as a Newcomb College Fellow and as a Fellow of the Tulane Center for Evidence-Based Global Health for his contributions to women's health research.

He moved to Purdue University Calumet in Hammond, Ind., as professor and head of the department of biological sciences, where he chaired the University's Research Board. He then became interim dean of the school of engineering, mathematics and science and served in that capacity until coming to MSU.

Dr. Henson's research in reproductive physiology originally focused on the roles of microminerals in fertility and then on the neuroendocrine regulation of lactation and steroid hormone production in cattle and sheep. The NIH, CDC and private foundations supported his later investigations in humans and nonhuman primates at the University of Maryland and Tulane University schools of medicine, which described estrogen's role in maintaining progesterone synthesis during pregnancy via the low-density lipoprotein receptor, as well as the

potential for secondary cholesterol sources to fuel the progesterone production needed to maintain threatened pregnancies until normal term. Interests in fetal toxicology resulted in identifying cadmium, a metal that is an industrial pollutant and constituent of tobacco smoke, as an inhibitor of progesterone synthesis that linked maternal exposure to premature labor and miscarriage. His interests also include leptin, a protein hormone that regulates energy utilization and promotes conceptus development. Work in his laboratory defined leptin dynamics with advancing pregnancy and suggested a role for the hormone in regulating fetal lung maturation.

Dr. Henson has taught many courses in the life sciences at the undergraduate, graduate and professional levels and is certified by the National Society of Experiential Education in the Fundamentals of Theory and Best Practice in Experiential Education, and in Teaching and Learning Experientially. He has served as an invited peer reviewer for the NIH, NSF, MRC(UK), Canadian Diabetes Association and USDA; has been peer reviewer for more than 40 scientific journals; and was a member of five editorial boards. His research is illustrated in more than 100 peer-reviewed scientific papers, chapters and presentations at scientific meetings, and in book editorships, published progress reports, funded research grants, invited lectures, and the personal mentorship of more than 50 graduate trainees.

Dr. Henson and his wife, Libby, have three adult children.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Henson at 606-783-9399.

Fetal ultrasounds to be offered

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Morehead State University's Department of Imaging Sciences' Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program will offer free, two-dimensional fetal ultrasounds to expectant mothers.

The ultrasound examinations will be given through Sept. 13, and be performed by appointment only on the fourth floor of the Center for Health, Education and Research, Room 402, in the University's sonography lab.

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

All volunteers will be asked to sign a consent form stating that the scans are "non-diagnostic" and are performed for educational purposes only. Participants are asked to bring a towel.

Additional information and appointment times are available by calling the Department of Imaging Sciences at 606-783-2646.

Paintsville SBDC to offer free workshop on July 31

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Morehead State University's East Kentucky Small Business Development Center (SBDC) in Paintsville will host "Essentials for Starting a Business in Kentucky," July 31, at 5 p.m.

Have you recently been displaced in the workforce? Have you thought about starting your own business? If so, this workshop will walk you through the essentials of starting a business in Kentucky. It will be held at Paintsville Small Business Development Center, 224 Main Street.

"Small businesses are the engine that drives the American economy," said Michelle Spriggs, SBDC consultant. "This is an excellent and affordable opportunity for individuals to learn more about entrepreneurship in Kentucky."

The free workshop is for all participants; however, seating is limited and advance registration is recommended.

Training programs, sponsored or co-sponsored by SBDC, are available to all individuals without regard to race, color, sex, creed or national origin. Special arrangements will be made for those with disabilities if requested in advance.

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

Additional information and pre-registration are available by contacting Spriggs at 606-788-7272 or by email at m.spriggs@moreheadstate.edu.

Dr. Phillips named to new post

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Morehead State University has announced that Dr. Clarendia M. Phillips, chair of the Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminology, has been named interim associate vice president for academic affairs.

Dr. Phillips earned Ph.D. and M.A. degrees in sociology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and a B.A. degree in sociology from DePauw University. She worked as a senior research associate with Policy Studies Associates Inc. in Washington, D.C., before starting her career at MSU in 2000.

“Dr. Phillips brings to the position a deep commitment to MSU and the respect of her colleagues. She has not only established a strong record of teaching, scholarly productivity and professional service, but she has demonstrated effective leadership skills,” said Dr. Karla Hughes, provost. “She will bring high levels of energy, commitment and vision to this position.”

Dr. Phillips spent the 2010-11 academic year as an American Council on Education (ACE) Fellow at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

In addition to faculty responsibilities, Dr. Phillips has served as assistant provost, heading major campus initiatives and projects including those related to diversity. She was awarded a prestigious National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) postdoctoral fellowship for the 2003-04 academic year to conduct research with the University of Kentucky College of Medicine’s Department of Behavioral Science.

She is a member of the first class admitted to the MSU President’s Leadership Academy and a former director of the MSU Interdisciplinary Women’s Studies Program.

“I am excited by this opportunity to serve MSU as interim associate vice president for academic affairs,” said Dr. Phillips. “MSU’s commitment to student success has resulted in remarkable academic accomplishments. I look forward to helping MSU build on past successes and achieve its promise for the future,” she said.

Dr. Phillips is a member of several University, college and department committees and assumes major leadership roles on many of them. In addition to the NIMH Fellowship, she has been honored by other professional associations including Theta Phi Honor Society and the American Sociological Association. Her professional activities have taken her to the continents of Asia and Africa.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Phillips at 606-783-2656.

COE Dean Dr. Gunn adds additional duties

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Morehead State University has announced that Dr. Cathy Gunn, dean of the College of Education, has added additional responsibilities. Her new duties will include providing leadership for MSU's online initiatives and regional campuses.

She will continue as dean but also will work with the Office of Distance Learning, MSU regional campus staff, deans, department chairs and program faculty, as well as with regional students and community members to create a strategic plan and structure for MSU's Virtual College and regional campus programming.

Dr. Gunn earned her Ph.D. degree in 1990 from the University of Oregon at Eugene in curriculum and instruction with emphases in reading/literacy and educational technology and educational anthropology. She received the M.A. degree in 1988 from the University of Illinois at Springfield in educational administration and a B.S. of education degree in 1971 from Illinois State University at Normal.

Dr. Gunn, who has been with MSU since July 2005, holds membership in several professional organizations including the International Society for Technology in Education, the Kentucky Association of Colleges of Teacher Education, and the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education.

An educator with more than 35 years of experience, she was executive director of the North Central Regional Educational Laboratory at Learning Point Associates, prior to coming to MSU. Dr. Gunn also has served as director of the Illinois Virtual Campus at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and was a professor of educational technology at Northern Arizona University.

Dr. Gunn has been appointed twice by Gov. Steve Beshear to the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board. Her current four-year term expires in 2013. She is serving her second year as chair of the KEPDB.

The Education Professional Standards Board is responsible for issuing and renewing certificates for all Kentucky teachers and administrators. Board members, appointed by the governor, consist of nine teachers, two school administrators, one representative of local school boards, three representatives of higher education, and two ex officio members—the Commissioner of Education and the president of the Council on Postsecondary

Education.

'New Country: Ruralism in Contemporary Art' exhibition seeking submissions

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Morehead State University's Claypool-Young Art Building main gallery is seeking submissions of artwork for the exhibition "New Country: Ruralism in Contemporary Art" to be displayed Oct. 24-Nov. 20.

The exhibition will feature works of all media that reference and/or are inspired by current or historical ideas of rural life and the pastoral in American culture. Artists interested in submitting work for consideration are encouraged to creatively interpret issues or imagery related to rural life.

Works must be postmarked by Aug. 17 to apply for the exhibition, which has no entry fee to submit. All artists, age 18 and older, are eligible to enter. All media and styles will be considered. No reproductions will be accepted. All works must have been completed since 2007 and not previously shown in the Claypool-Young art gallery.

Review will be by digital images or videos only (no slides). To submit by mail, send materials to: New Country Exhibition, attn: Jennifer Reis, Gallery Director, 108 Claypool-Young Art Bldg., Morehead State University, Morehead, KY 40351.

To submit by email, send all materials as attachments with the subject line "NC entry" to j.reis@moreheadstate.edu (emailed entries must be received by 4 p.m. on Aug. 17). To submit an application, include the following: up to five digital entries (images must be in "JPEG" format and videos must be in "MPEG-4" format), image list (per piece: artist name, artwork title, date of creation, media, dimensions and value), artist statement and bio or resume. A full exhibition prospectus is available by emailing Reis.

The Claypool-Young art gallery, an educational resource of the Department of Art and Design and the University, features contemporary art for the Morehead State University community and its service region. The gallery, open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment, is free and open to the public. Parking is available on Main Street and across campus after 5 p.m.

Information is available by calling Reis at 606-783-5446.

Brew & Gold Happy Hours set for Morehead, July 26

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If visiting with friends and former classmates of Morehead State University sounds like something you would enjoy, prepare to attend an upcoming event.

A social gathering, titled Brew & Gold Happy Hours, will be held Thursday, July 26, from 6-8 p.m. at the Front Porch Restaurant, 303 Old Flemingsburg Road in Morehead.

You can catch up on all the happenings at the University and meet and greet fellow Eagles in an informal setting.

For the occasion, appetizers will be provided by the Alumni Association, and there will be a cash bar. The good times and memories are free for your enjoyment.

For more information about the Brew and Gold Happy Hour, visit <http://alumni.moreheadstate.edu/calendar>.

MSU's Ronnie Patrick to cheer at Olympics

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While cheerleading may not be an official sport yet, a group of U.S. cheerleaders is heading to London to cheer for the Men's Basketball Semifinal and Finals.

One of those cheerleaders is Morehead State's Ronnie Patrick, II of Huntington, W.Va. Ronnie is the grandson of Ron and Ann Patrick, formerly of the Lenore area. They now reside in Barboursville.

Read more: [The Williamson Daily News - Ronnie Patrick to cheer at Olympics.](#)

Journey of Hope Trans-America cycling team visits MSU

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Morehead State University hosted the 2012 Journey of Hope Trans-America cycling team. The group of cyclists is comprised of college men from across the United States who are members of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.

Push America is the national philanthropy project of the fraternity. It was established to raise awareness of people with disabilities by promoting a number of programs designed to involve the undergraduate and alumni members of the fraternity across the U.S.

Now in its 25th year, the Journey of Hope is a summer-long bike ride that begins in San Francisco and concludes in Washington, D.C. Throughout the duration of the ride, team members make stops in various cities to participate in "friendship visits" at numerous schools and assisted living facilities as a means of reaching out to those with disabilities.

The Journey of Hope team, along with members and friends of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity hosted an evening friendship visit with the residents of Morehead's Horizon Village. The local fraternity chapter works each semester with Horizon Village's residents to provide programming and entertainment.

If you wish to make a contribution to or learn more about the programs, visit the website at www.pushamerica.org.

Professor Emeritus Dr. Robert W. Grueninger dies

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