

News Items for 2014 - 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 7, 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, located on Ginger and Cartmell halls along with Jayne Stadium, are designed primarily to alert pedestrians on campus sidewalks and streets.

Faculty, staff and students also can be notified by signing up for Eagle Alerts (e2Campus).

Additional information on MSU's emergency procedures can be found on the MSU website at www.moreheadstate.edu/emergency/.

MSU closed July 4

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In observance of the Independence Day holiday, Morehead State University will be closed Friday, 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 Monday, July 7.

The MSU Police Department will be available at 606-783-2035 to answer questions and address campus concerns.

‘Between The Covers’ added to MSPR’s programming

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Morehead State Public Radio (WMKY 90.3 FM) has announced the addition of a book discussion program to its lineup.

“Between the Covers” is a community oriented talk show focusing on a new book every season with guests to include readers, experts and authors. The next program will air Sunday, July 20, at 3 p.m.

Susan Thomas, owner of CoffeeTree Books and The Fuzzy Duck Coffee Shop in Morehead, and Jennifer Reis, faculty/coordinator of MSU's arts entrepreneurship program and gallery director, are the co-hosts of the program.

“I am always excited to talk about books with different people, listen to their perspectives and hear their thoughts and opinions. I hope this opens the door to more conversations in our community about ideas and the power of books,” said Thomas.

The programs will discuss some of the most engaging and thought-provoking contemporary fiction and non-fiction on the shelves with a rotating panel of engaged readers.

“Honestly, the idea of doing a community oriented, discussion based book show was one of those 3 a.m. thoughts. I was awake and thinking about the role local bookstores play in our region, not just a place to buy books but also a community resource and the hub of a town,” said Reis.

On the July 20 program, “The Circle” by Dave Eggers will be discussed. A dark comedic novel about a fictional and highly successful social media company called The Circle, where Mae Holland is hired as a Customer Experience representative. Mae slowly becomes "encircled" by the corporation, whose sole mission is to have all experiences, images and thought by everyone available to all people.

Guests on the program include Stephen Middleton, instructor of mass communication, April Hobbs Nutter, web director, Toni Hobbs, director of creative and branding services, and Sasha Reinhardt, middle school educator. They will discuss issues of virtual privacy, data sharing, and the role of social media in contemporary culture.

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 translator (88.3 FM) in Inez. MSPR serves more than 20 counties in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia.

Information is available by calling MSPR at 606-783-2001 or log on to www.wmky.org.

MSU expands creative opportunities with arts entrepreneurship minor

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Morehead State University's Department of Art and Design now offers an arts entrepreneurship minor that will allow students to obtain a valuable skill set.

The arts entrepreneurship minor is the only minor of its kind in Kentucky. It is built on the success of the department's arts administration minor that was implemented in 2012, which focused on management, finance, public relations, marketing and legal coursework.

This 21-credit-hour program will have three core courses, one of which is a practicum. It focuses on small and micro business management skills, personal empowerment and consultancy work. The minor complements a variety of degrees in the humanities (art, music, theatre, etc.) and will give students the skills needed to create their own market-based opportunities in the arts.

The arts entrepreneurship minor also is available to any student interested in setting up their own micro business or collaborating with nonprofit organizations.

"I perceive the arts entrepreneurship minor as a type of boot camp. They leave college with a very strong skill set that makes them highly employable," said Jennifer Reis, assistant professor of art. "I feel like this is not only going to benefit the college and our University, I also think it's going to benefit our region."

For additional information on the arts entrepreneurship minor, contact Reis at 606-783-5446 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/arts_entrepreneurship/.

Paintsville SBDC to offer free business seminar

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Morehead State University's East Kentucky Small Business Development Center (SBDC) in Paintsville will host "What You Need to Know to Start and Fund a Business in Kentucky," Tuesday, July, 29, from 5-7 p.m.

Have you thought about starting your own business? If so, this workshop will walk you through the essentials to starting a business in Kentucky also providing you with different scenarios on financing your new business venture. It will be held at the offices of the Paintsville Small Business Development Center, 224 Main Street.

"Small businesses are the heart of the American economy and this workshop is designed to show entrepreneurs the essentials to starting a business and financing that potential business venture. If you've asked yourself if entrepreneurship is for you come by and see what it entails," said Michelle Spriggs, SBDC consultant.

The workshop is free 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, www.ksbdc.org or email m.spriggs@moreheadstate.edu.

Retirees plan July event

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The Morehead State University Retirees Association will stay close to home in July with tours of the Rowan County Military Museum and the Rowan County Arts Center on Thursday, July 10, at 11 a.m.

Depending on the size of the group, it may be split with some starting at the Military Museum and others with the Arts Center.

Dutch treat lunch will follow at the Bakery on Main.

Deadline for reservations will be Monday, July 7.

Reservations may be made by calling 606-783-2080 or 1-800-783-2586 toll-free. They also may be made by email to t.jones@moreheadstate.edu.

C-SPAN Bus visits MSU

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Students in the Governor's Scholars Program at Morehead State University received the opportunity to learn about C-SPAN's programs and resources Tuesday, July 1, by stepping aboard the [C-SPAN](#) Bus during a stop on its summer tour.

The Bus, now in its 21st year on the road, will be at MSU helping to inform communities about the public affairs network. It is visiting cities, schools and universities across the country, promoting C-SPAN's educational and political resources for students, teachers and community members along the way.

Aboard the C-SPAN Bus, visitors learned about C-SPAN's recently concluded original series, First Ladies: Influence and Image, and the networks' other programming and resources through interactive technology:

- In-depth public affairs coverage and educational outreach;
- Touch-screen quizzes on C-SPAN and the three branches of government;
- Social media networking including Facebook, Twitter, Foursquare, YouTube, Tout, XM Radio and mobile apps;
- HD cameras and production equipment demonstrating C-SPAN's capability to produce public affairs programming aboard the Bus.

C-SPAN also provides a unique way to experience public affairs through its newly redesigned website, [C-SPAN.org](#), which contains more than 200,000 hours of political and governmental footage dating back to 1987.

As of March 2014, C-SPAN will have aired 35 years of complete coverage of the House of Representatives.

Purcell earns CPPO credential

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Morehead State University's LaDonna Purcell, director of support services, has been notified by the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC) that she has earned recognition from the UPPCC by receiving the Certified Public Procurement Officer (CPPO) credential.

Purcell was among 130 professionals who successfully completed the CPPO examination held in October 2013. Established in 1964, this prestigious certification is an outstanding honor for individuals employed in the public procurement profession and is an asset to their specific division of governmental administration.

"Earning a professional certification designation goes a long way in ensuring trust and credibility in the public procurement process," said Beth Patrick, chief financial officer and vice president for administration. "An achievement such as this reflects commitment to the profession and experience that supports best practices here at MSU."

To date, just 2,439 procurement professionals nationwide have achieved this accomplished status. To become certified as a CPPO, candidates must demonstrate that they meet specific requirements, including formal education, procurement related coursework/training, public procurement experience and functional management experience. A comprehensive written examination is required to confirm the candidate's mastery of the body of knowledge for public procurement professionals. The CPPO certification recognizes only those professionals who have fulfilled these prescribed standards of competency in public procurement.

A native of Mason County, she received her associate's and bachelor's degrees from MSU and is a graduate of the President's Leadership Academy. She earned the CPPB (Certified Public Procurement Buyer) credential from UPPCC in May 2013. She has been employed in procurement positions for 15 years.

GSP to host Alice Lloyd

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Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program at Morehead State University will present Jacqueline Hamilton as Alice Spencer Geddes Lloyd Wednesday, July 2, at 7 p.m. at the historic Button Auditorium.

The event is free and open to the public.

The Alice Lloyd College's founder will be brought back to life as part of the Kentucky Humanities Council's Kentucky Chautauqua dramas.

The [Kentucky Chautauqua](#), which had its inception in 1992, seeks to tell Kentucky's story through actors portraying historical figures who have made a substantial contribution to the state. The "living history" characters do not have to be famous, however, they must have great, important tales to relate to audiences.

The addition of Alice Lloyd is a welcome one, not only because she is an incredibly significant female pioneer, but she is also one of the only eastern Kentuckians ever to be showcased in these popular performances.

Hamilton, an instructor at Eastern Kentucky University, up until a few years ago had never even heard of Alice Lloyd or her college. **For Hamilton, it was a stroke of destiny that introduced her to this tiny New England woman who is responsible for educating many of Appalachia's brightest young people.**

"I believe that I was called to be Alice," said Hamilton. "Some friends of mine were talking about kids who were going to Alice Lloyd College, and I immediately wanted to find out more about that place. I did some research and read Alice's story on the College's website. I felt a strong kinship with her. We have so many similarities."

Additional information on the Governor's Scholars Program at Morehead State University can be found at www.moreheadstate.edu/gsp/.

MSU to hold 'Summer Send-Off' July 31 in Pikeville

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Morehead State University Office of Enrollment Services will host a "Summer Send-Off Celebration" Thursday, July 31, from 6-8 p.m. at the Pikeville City Park Shelter and Gazebo.

Before new Eagles come to campus, Morehead State would like to invite them to the "Summer Send-Off Celebration." The event will bring together our alumni and current students to welcome incoming students to the MSU family, answer last minute questions and ease the transition to college life.

The Pikeville City Park Shelter and Gazebo is located at 178 College St. (directly between the parking garage and the East Kentucky Expo Center).

The free event will feature free food, music, drawings for door prizes and every new Eagle will walk away with a special MSU duffel bag.

MSU also has invited all local alumni to join in the fun to welcome the new students to the MSU family. MSU graduates may contact the Office of Alumni Relations and Development at 877-690-4483 or email events@moreheadstate.edu for additional information.

An RSVP is not required but is appreciated.

Additional information is available online at www.moreheadstate.edu/eaglenation or by contacting Holly Pollock, director of undergraduate admissions, at 606-776-7379 or email h.pollock@moreheadstate.edu.

CCL hosts eBUG conference

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Morehead State University's Camden-Carroll Library hosted the eBUG (Ex Libris Bluegrass Users Group) Annual Conference for Kentucky, West Virginia and Tennessee Friday, June 20. eBUG is a regional group for the larger ExLibris Users Group of North America.

The conference, held at the Adron Doran University Center, was for a group of librarians, systems librarians, and IT staff who support ExLibris products from across the tri-state that use Voyager as their Integrated Library System (ILS) and other ExLibris products.

The guest speaker was Marshall Breeding, an independent consultant, speaker, author and a major expert on technologies in libraries. Breeding provided an overview of the current state of technologies available to academic libraries for managing and providing access to their collections and of the models of automation that have shifted away from a focus on print to ones that encompass electronic resources and digital collections.

Strategic cooperation has become a central concern, where multi-campus universities, consortia, statewide, or even national library systems are increasingly exploring opportunities to share infrastructure rather than implement local systems. Many of the new platforms are deployed as multi-tenant SaaS (software as a service).

Breeding also discussed the next generation of library resource management systems and other topics of interest to academic libraries.

Ophelia Chapman, systems/business liaison librarian, was this year's chair; and Pamela Colyer, head of cataloging, was this year's secretary/treasurer.

Additional information is available by contacting Chapman at 606-783-2200.

GSP to present the 4th on the 5th

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[Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program at Morehead State University](#) has partnered with the community to host a patriotic celebration. GSP will host the 4th on the 5th Saturday in downtown Morehead.

According to Charles Myers, GSP campus director, the day will begin at 8 a.m. with the [Al Baldwin Memorial 5K](#) starting at Jayne Stadium. Entry fees for the race are \$10 for preregistered runners and \$15 for race-day registration. Proceeds will benefit the GSP. There will be awards for each age group and a Most Patriotic Award.

A holiday parade will start at 10 a.m. along Main Street from Wendy's to the [Rowan County Arts Center](#). Scholars and residents will make floats for the parade. GSP students also will decorate storefronts downtown.

From 11 a.m. until noon, activities lead by the GSP Scholars on the Arts Center Lawn. There will be face painting, balloon animals, voter registration, open-mic story-telling, etc. This will lead up to the commemoration of the Rowan County Flood and survivors and descendants are welcome to share their memories.

At noon, at the [Morehead/Rowan County Chamber of Commerce](#) office (formerly the C&O passenger depot) on First Street will be the unveiling of a plaque and tolling of bells as the names of the 25 flood victims of the 1939 flood are read. Area churches also will toll their bells. Flood survivors and descendants of flood victims are especially encouraged to attend.

At 2 and 4 p.m., at the Rowan County Arts Center, there will be performances of the Art Theatre Guild followed by Dr. Gary Agee's PowerPoint presentation and the reading of the published poem by Danny Mabry. Admission to the performances will be \$5 per person and proceeds will benefit the Rowan County Arts Center.

Downtown Morehead Inc. and Rowan County Arts Center have helped organize the event. St. Claire Regional Medical Center, US Bank, MSU and Embroidery Unlimited are sponsors.

Additional information on the Governor's Scholars Program at Morehead State University is available by calling 606-783-2075 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/gsp/.

MSU to host SOAR listening session July 24

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Morehead State University and [Shaping Our Appalachian Region \(SOAR\)](#) Education and Retraining Working Group will host a public listening session Thursday, July 24, in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center.

The event will be held from 6-7:30 p.m.

Dr. John Ernst, executive assistant to the president, will facilitate the session.

Jeff Whitehead, executive director of the Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program, Inc. (EKCEP) serves as chair of the working group. Whitehead, along with 16 working group members, is working to develop three to five plans of action that will be presented to the SOAR executive committee this fall.

The sessions will give the public a chance to deliver input on these plans of action and ensure the suggestions are supported across the region

The Shaping Our Appalachian Region (SOAR) Education and Retraining Working Group has launched an online public survey to rank education and retraining action ideas aimed at improving the region's ability to support and attract new and existing industry, create and foster innovation, and support an entrepreneurial movement throughout the region. *(Note: Survey instructions should be closely followed so that individual responses will be accurately recorded.)*

If you can't attend, participate in the survey: www.surveymonkey.com/s/soaronlinesurvey.

The SOAR initiative was launched by Gov. Steve Beshear and Congressman Hal Rogers in late 2013, after a stunning downturn in the coal market exacerbated historic challenges in Eastern Kentucky related to unemployment and poverty.

More than 1,700 Kentuckians attended a one-day SOAR summit in December. SOAR is intended to help the region develop and put into action new locally-oriented strategies to attack those persistent challenges.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Ernst at 606-783-2022.

SOAR gains \$1.3 million in investments, launches CDC Health Impact Series

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Gov. Steve Beshear and U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers joined the [Shaping Our Appalachian Region \(SOAR\)](#) Executive Committee to announce Monday (July 7) new investments into the region and new partnerships.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development Jay Williams announced an investment of \$312,000 from the U.S. Economic Development Administration to provide technical assistance in the formation and implementation for the SOAR initiative for job creation and private sector growth in the region.

“EDA is pleased to support the collaborative SOAR initiative,” said Williams. “This vital EDA assistance will help SOAR in its mission to help eastern Kentucky capitalize on its strengths to diversify, innovate and implement job-creating diversification strategies.”

The EDA investment will support implementation and technical assistance by a consortium of nine Area Development Districts located in the region.

Wendy Spencer, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), announced an investment of more than \$1 million to engage 52 full-time AmeriCorps VISTA members to improve the economy and quality of life in eastern Kentucky.

Through this investment, AmeriCorps VISTA members will provide more than 100,000 volunteer hours to Eastern Kentucky families and individuals in the areas of job creation and retention, youth engagement, education success, and health and human services over the next year. The VISTAs will recruit and manage volunteers, raise funds, and build the capacity of 16 local nonprofit and education organizations that tackle poverty and expand opportunity in Kentucky’s Appalachian region.

“SOAR is a bold and innovative effort to improve the lives of the people of eastern Kentucky, and we are thrilled to join with Congressman Rogers and Gov. Beshear in advancing this important goal through this major investment of human capital through AmeriCorps,” said Spencer. “AmeriCorps members are passionate, dedicated citizens who give a year of their lives to service, and we know they will make a big difference for eastern Kentucky.”

Gov. Beshear announced he will promote eastern Kentucky during his upcoming attendance at the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Rural Opportunity Investment Conference in Washington, D.C.

Congressman Rogers announced SOAR will host a “Health Impact Series” in August featuring Dr. Thomas Frieden, the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The tour marks the first time that the Director of the CDC has visited eastern Kentucky.

The SOAR Health Impact Series is free and open to the public.

Aug. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Center for Rural Development;

Aug. 5 at 10 a.m. at the Hazard Community and Technical College;

Aug. 5 at 5:30 p.m. at the Ramada Paintsville Hotel & Convention Center;

Aug. 6 at 10 a.m. at the Morehead Conference Center.

Space is limited for the SOAR Health Impact Series, but individuals can reserve a seat by contacting Cheryl Keaton at 606-657-3218 or at ckeaton@centertech.com.

For more information contact the SOAR office at 606-444-5127 or 606-437-5127.

GSP to host Trey Grayson

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Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program at Morehead State University will present Trey Grayson, director of the Institute of Politics at Harvard Kennedy School, Thursday, July 10, at 8 p.m. at the historic Button Auditorium.

The event is free and open to the public.

Grayson has served as director since Jan. 2011, after previously serving six years on the IOP's senior advisory committee.

Grayson is a recognized expert on civic education, the political beliefs of Millennials (18-29 year-olds), civility in politics and governing, and election administration, with a focus on presidential primary and voter registration reforms.

He served two terms as Kentucky's Secretary of State from 2004-11. Upon his election in his first run for political office in Nov. of 2003, he became the youngest Secretary of State in the country. During his tenure, Grayson was recognized as a national leader in business services and government innovation – modernizing the Secretary's office by bringing more services online and enhancing Kentucky's election laws through several legislative packages – and for reviving the civic mission of Kentucky schools by leading the effort to restore civics education in the classroom.

Grayson served as president of the National Association of Secretaries of State from 2009-10 and held a variety of other prominent national leadership positions, including serving as chair of the Republican Association of Secretaries of State.

An attorney prior to his election, he graduated with honors from Harvard College (A.B., Government), where he was an IOP student leader. Grayson also holds graduate degrees from the University of Kentucky (J.D. / M.B.A.).

Additional information on the Governor's Scholars Program at Morehead State University can be found at www.moreheadstate.edu/gsp/.

MSU and AAUW to offer a space camp for girls

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Morehead State University's Space Science Center, in partnership with the American Association of University Women (AAUW), will offer SpaceTrek, an immersive one-week camp for girls entering their sophomore, junior or senior year of high school.

The camp will take place July 12-19 at the MSU Space Science Center. The workshop/camp is designed for girls interested in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) and would like to learn more about space and engineering through hands-on activities under the guidance of faculty and staff from the Space Science Center and high school instructors in the field. Working as a team, their mission will be to build a small satellite, attach it to a large helium balloon launched from the roof, collect and interpret data and draw conclusions. Their mission results will be presented to the SpaceTrek team.

Jennifer Carter, SpaceTrek Curriculum director and former high school physics and astronomy teacher from Rowan County Senior High School, along with Lana Swartz from Menifee County High School, and Sherry Ison, a graduate from MSU, will serve as instructors during the camp. Helen Lurie, visiting engineer, also will spend the week with the campers.

Female mentors are a large facet of the camp. One of the objectives is to instill confidence and a "can do" attitude.

AAUW members will participate in the non-curriculum based activities as volunteers. SpaceTrek was spearheaded by AAUW Kentucky. Kim Boggs and Michele McNeil, co-directors of AAUW SpaceTrek, recruit, fundraise and organize the camp. Robert Twiggs, world-famous satellite engineer and inventor, Dr. Ben Malphrus, chair of MSU's Department of Earth and Space Science, and engineers from the Space Science Center will be involved in the workshop activities.

The SpaceTrek program is funded by a NASA KY mini-grant, MSU's Center for Regional Engagement, Office of Advancement, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, College of Science and Technology, AAUW Community Action Grant and donations from AAUW and community members.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Space Science Center at 606-783-2381 or visiting the SpaceTrek website at www.spacetrekky.org.

GED testing available for only \$10

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For a limited time, eligible Kentucky adults can take each module of the GED® test at the reduced cost of \$10, a savings of \$20.

The offer is being made possible in Kentucky through \$20 limited-time vouchers using federal Workforce Investment Act funds. Through the offer, the full GED® test is available at the reduced cost of \$40, a savings of \$80.

“We are pleased to offer this opportunity and are hopeful that Kentuckians will take full advantage of it,” said Reecie Stagnolia, vice president for Kentucky Adult Education, Council on Postsecondary Education.

The current version of the GED® test was launched by the GED Testing Service™ in January. The computer-based test consists of four modules: Reasoning through Language Arts, Mathematical Reasoning, Science and Social Studies. The test allows for individual content modules to be taken one at a time.

According to Stagnolia, vouchers will be distributed while supplies last.

“We encourage all Kentucky adults who need to earn a GED® credential to visit their local Kentucky Adult Education centers as soon as possible for more information. Whether you need a quick refresh in a particular subject area or additional assistance in preparing, the staffs at our local centers stand ready to help,” he said.

To determine eligibility, residents should contact their local centers available at: www.kyvae.org/countycontacts.aspx.

Morehead State University’s Adult Learning Center is located at 316 E. Main Street.

Additional information is available by calling 606-783-2871 or visit www2.moreheadstate.edu/alc/.

CHER to host state auditor public hearing on fiscal health of rural hospitals

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**Auditor of Public Accounts
Adam H. Edelen**

Kentucky Auditor Adam Edelen will have a series of public hearings across the Commonwealth to talk about the fiscal health of rural hospitals.

Morehead State University's Center for Health, Education and Research will host one of the events Wednesday, July 23, at 10 a.m. The CHER building is located at 316 W. Second Street.

The 10 hearings kick off a study by the Auditor's office that seeks to understand the challenges facing small, community hospitals that provide health care to 45 percent of Kentuckians and are key economic drivers in those communities.

"Rural hospitals are teetering on the edge of survival in many Kentucky communities," said Edelen. "This is an effort to understand the degree to which our hospitals are in crisis and what might be done to save them."

The Auditor's office is currently soliciting the financial records of some 66 public, non-profit and for-profit hospitals in rural western and eastern Kentucky. A survey asking key questions about their fiscal health will then be conducted. A report will be issued this fall.

Hospital administrators and staff, local elected officials, other health care providers and the public are invited to attend the hearings to voice their concerns and experiences in rural hospitals.

Other public hearings are scheduled for:

Prestonsburg

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 15

Mountain Arts Center

50 Hal Rogers Dr.

Hazard

2:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 15

UK Center of Excellence in Rural Health

750 Morton Blvd.

Pineville

10 a.m., Wednesday, July 16

Pine Mountain State Resort Park

1050 State Park Road

Maysville

2:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 23

Mason County Health Department

130 East 2nd St.

Madisonville

10:30 a.m. CDT, Thursday, July 31

Baptist Health

200 Clinic Dr.

8th Floor

Princeton

2:30 p.m. CDT, Thursday, July 31

Caldwell Medical Center

100 Medical Center Dr.

Leitchfield

10:30 a.m. CDT, Wednesday, Aug. 6

Elizabethtown Community and Technical College, Leitchfield Campus

101 E. Carroll Gibson Blvd.

Columbia

10 a.m. CDT, Tuesday, Aug. 12

Westlake Regional Hospital

901 Westlake Dr.

Campbellsville

2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12

Taylor Regional Hospital

1700 Old Lebanon Road

BBA-CIS program now online

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Morehead State University's School of Business Administration has announced that its Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Computer Information Systems has moved totally online beginning the fall 2014 semester.

The Computer Information Systems (CIS) program will prepare students with the organizational and technical abilities needed for professional information technology positions in contemporary organizations. CIS students will learn to assess business needs and develop appropriate solutions and are provided with programming, database, data communications, and project management skills, along with learning how to plan and implement information systems in organizations.

Graduates are employed as systems analysts, applications programmers, Web developers, network administrators, and information systems consultants.

This new online complete program in CIS will permit a student to finish all upper division information systems and business coursework via the internet, with courses rotated such that the BBA degree can be earned within two years (assuming appropriate business foundation and general education coursework has been completed prior to acceptance).

Other online business programs include Accounting, Small Business Management and Entrepreneurship, and General Business.

All of Morehead State University's business programs are accredited by AACSB International (the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business).

Additional information is available by contacting 606-783-2090 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/business/.

Morehead SBDC to host business workshop

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Morehead State University's Center for Regional Engagement and East Kentucky Small Business Development Centers would like to announce a free workshop.

"Starting a Small Business" will be held at the Small Business Development Center located at 150 East First Street in Morehead Thursday, July 24, from 5-7 p.m.

The workshop is designed for those who have thought about starting a business or who have already started a business and need guidance and support. Topics that will be covered include: choosing a business, organizing a business structure, market analysis, the business plan and business financing options.

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.

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, management consultant, at 606-783-2895 or by email at m.murphy@moreheadstate.edu.

Legal Studies program ranked ninth by TheBestSchools.org

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Morehead State University's Bachelor of Arts degree in [Legal Studies](#) ranked No. 9 by TheBestSchools.org in an article "The 25 Best Bachelor in Legal Studies Degree Programs."

MSU offers an American Bar Association approved Bachelor of Arts in Legal Studies degree. The university designed the program to develop students' understanding of legal knowledge and the skills necessary to work successfully.

Students work closely with their attorney-professors throughout the 120-credit bachelor degree program.

Students must take classes in Math, Life Science, and Humanities, plus required core classes such as Introduction to Law and Ethics, Pretrial Litigation, and Legal Research and Writing. Students can take electives or classes chosen as a concentration in their final four semesters.

Legal studies students participate in a variety of community projects, which include staffing pro se divorce clinics, wills clinics, and working with elementary through high school-aged students on mock trial events.

U.S. News and World Report ranked Morehead University #59 on its ranking of best regional (South) universities.

To view the entire article visit: <http://www.thebestschools.org/rankings/25-best-bachelor-legal-studies-degree-programs/>.

TheBestSchools.org selected MSU's program based on several weighted factors, including academic excellence, course offerings, faculty strengths, and reputation, including reputation for online degree programs.

TheBestSchools.org is a leading resource for prospective students seeking a college or university degree.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. Scott Davison, chair of the Department of History, Philosophy, Religion and Legal Studies, at 606-783-2655 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/legalstudies/.

Still time to enroll for Fall 2014 at MSU

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There is still time for new or returning students to register for Morehead State University's 2014 fall academic term.

Classes begin Monday, Aug. 18, at MSU or its regional campuses and registration is available online.

Registration for Fall 2014 is available online my.moreheadstate.edu.

Classes for summer and fall will be offered online and/or at the Morehead and regional campuses according to the following schedule: Monday, Aug. 18, through Friday, Dec. 12.

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 or apply online at www.moreheadstate.edu/apply.

Students also may view and pay their bill online. Those who are registered for the fall semester will receive monthly e-billing statements via their MSU email account. It is the student's responsibility to check their MSU email 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 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, www.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.

Information on summer course listings and activities can be found at www.moreheadstate.edu/summer/.

Additional information is available by calling MSU at Ashland at 606-327-1777 or 800-648-5370; 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 University Center of the Mountains at 606-487-3179 or 800-246-7521 ext. 73179; 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.

GSP to host Dr. Aaron Thompson

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Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program at Morehead State University will present Dr. Aaron Thompson, senior vice president for academic affairs at the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, Wednesday, July 16, at 7 p.m. at the historic Button Auditorium.

The event is free and open to the public.

Dr. Aaron Thompson has traveled across the U.S. and internationally to give more than 700 workshops, seminars and invited lectures in the areas of leadership, strategic planning, race and gender diversity, living an unbiased life, overcoming obstacles to gain success, adult learners, creating a school environment for academic success, cultural competence, workplace interaction, organizational goal setting, building relationships, and a variety of other topics. In addition, Dr. Thompson's research has been cited in popular publications such as Cosmopolitan, the Baltimore Sun, the Orlando Sentinel, and the Tampa Tribune.

In 2009, he was named as interim vice president for academic affairs with the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education. From 2001-07, Dr. Thompson served as associate vice president for academic affairs at ECU, heading enrollment management the first four years and university programs the latter two. Earlier, he served two years as ECU's assistant vice president for academic affairs and executive director of the Student Success Institute.

A member of the ECU Hall of Distinguished Alumni, he earned a bachelor's degree in political science and sociology from ECU, and master and doctoral degrees in sociology from the University of Kentucky.

Additional information on the Governor's Scholars Program at Morehead State University can be found at www.moreheadstate.edu/gsp/.

Turning Pointe Dance Center to host open house July 19

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Allie Wireman, Paintsville Small Business Development Center, Paintsville/ *Johnson County Chamber of Commerce* members, local elected officials, family and friends held a ribbon cutting to celebrate the opening of Turning Pointe Dance Center.

The new business is located at Starfire Hill.

A native of Johnson County, Wireman always had a love for dance. She began training in ballet, jazz, tap, contemporary and hip hop dance at a young age. She trained and competed for eight years as an All-Star and in college with the Division One College Dance National Dance Alliance for three years.

Wireman also performed in “The Great Russian Nut Cracker” present by the Moscow Ballet at the Pikeville Expo in 2008.

She knew when she began college at Radford University in Virginia that she wanted to pursue a career in dance and open her own studio. After graduating in December 2013, Wireman along with the assistance of her family located commercial property suited for her dance studio and her dream of opening her own business began to unfold.

In March, Wireman visited Morehead State University’s Small Business Development Center in Paintsville to discuss the proper procedure for opening her own studio with Michelle Spriggs, SBDC management consultant.

Spriggs assisted Wireman on licensing, tax information, marketing, social media outlets and other information related to opening her dance studio.

“The services that I received from Michelle and the SBDC were more than I could’ve asked for. She helped me with every single step of opening a business from filing for taxes, to getting a license, to the ribbon cutting and getting set up for opening day. She was constantly checking in to see how things are going and always let me know she was there if I needed any help. We are so lucky to have a place like this here in Johnson County and I am so grateful for the help I received through this program. I couldn’t have made it without Michelle and the SBDC,” said Wireman.

An open house and registration for new student classes will be held on Saturday, July 19, from 1-5 pm. Registration will be for ages three and up. Classes will be offered in jazz, tap, ballet and contemporary dance.

Turning Pointe Dance Center will be open from 3:30-8:30 pm. For more information, call 606-264-7045.

Eta Sigma Gamma sponsors Glow Run 5K Run and Walk

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Morehead State University's Chapter of *Eta Sigma Gamma*, Delta Mu, the student honorary for the Department of Health, Wellness and Human Performance, will sponsor a Glow Run and Walk 5K Saturday, Sept. 20, at 7:30 p.m.

The event will benefit Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates (KODA).

The race will begin at Jayne Stadium. Participants are encouraged to wear their brightest running gear for the event. The first 50 to register will receive a free t-shirt. Prizes, refreshments and goody bags will be available to all participants.

Awards will be presented to the top three male and female finishers in the following age groups:

- 14 and under
- 15 to 19
- 20 to 29
- 30 to 39
- 40 to 49
- 50 to 59
- 60 and over
- Overall male and female finishers

Prior to Friday, Sept. 5, the registration fee for the 5K is \$15. Registration will be \$20 on the day of the race and registration will be held at the stadium from 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Checks should be made payable to Eta Sigma Gamma.

For more information to receive a registration packet, visit the Eta Sigma Gamma Glow Run Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/esgglowrun5k> or email esgglowrun5k@gmail.com and include the subject "5K."

‘Small Town Opportunities’ to be offered July 25

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**Morehead State University
Small Business Development Center**



Morehead State University Small Business Development Center will present “Small Town Opportunities” Friday, July 25, from 5-7 p.m. at the SBDC office at 150 East First Street, Morehead.

The free workshop is for current business owners and prospective entrepreneurs who wish to learn some tips and tools in managing profit and cash flow along with helpful ideas on customer service, social media and merchandising.

Topics to be discussed include: profit and cash flow, record keeping, customers, merchandising, social media, marketing and websites.

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.

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

MSU adds student orientation program for Aug. 8

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Morehead State University will offer a Student Orientation, Advising and Registration (SOAR) program Friday, Aug. 8, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on the first floor of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC) in preparation for the 2014 Fall Semester. ([View gallery](#))

New first year and transfer students will register for their fall semester classes during this event.

Students also will have their photographs taken for the University's identification card, the EagleCard, and meet with representatives from financial aid, student housing, food services, and accounting and financial services.

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

The fall semester will begin Monday, Aug. 18.

Preregistration for each SOAR program is necessary because of limited space.

There are two ways to register: visit the Web page at www.moreheadstate.edu/soar and complete the registration form; or register with the Office of First Year Programs by calling 606-783-5208.

Retirees plan August event

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Morehead State University's Retirees Association will have a dinner and theatre outing in August, dining at La Finca and viewing the Morehead Theatre Guild's production of "Annie Get Your Gun," Friday, Aug. 8.

The group will meet at La Finca at 6 p.m. for a Dutch treat dinner and the show will follow at 7:30 in the Rowan County Arts Center. Tickets to the musical will be \$10 per person and can be obtained at the door or at Coffee Tree Books.

The reservation deadline will be Monday, Aug. 4.

Members who are planning to travel to Niagara and Toronto, Canada, Sept. 8-12, are reminded that final payment for that trip is due Aug. 1.

Additional information and reservations are available by calling 783-2080 or e-mail to t.jones@moreheadstate.edu.

MSPR to air 'Morehead Trail Town Designation' ceremony

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Morehead State Public Radio will air the Morehead Trail Town Designation Ceremony, Tuesday, July 22.

The event will take place at 10 a.m. on the lawn of the Rowan County Arts Center. Everyone in the community is invited to attend.

Guest speakers include: Bob Stewart, secretary, Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet; Elaine Wilson, executive director, Office for Adventure Tourism; Kentucky's First Lady Jane Beshear; Rep. Rocky Adkins, Majority Floor Leader; and David Perkins, Morehead Mayor.

Morehead State Public Radio (WMKY, 90.3FM) will broadcast the event following "MSPR's Midday News" at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday. The program also may be heard via MSPR's website at www.wmky.org.

The event is presented by Morehead Tourism. Additional information is available by calling 606-780-4342.

Journey of Hope Trans-America cycling team visits MSU

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Morehead State University hosted the 2014 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.

This year's event featured 19 cyclists and nine crew members, including MSU student Randall Roof of Florence.

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 27th year, the Journey of Hope is a summer-long bike ride that begins in Seattle 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.

Johnston named Administrator of the Year

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Morehead State University graduate Jacqueline Johnston, Montgomery County Schools chief administrative officer, has been selected as the top administrator in the state by the Kentucky Association of School Administrators (KASA).

KASA is the leading professional organization for school administrators in Kentucky.

Johnston was presented with the Administrator of the Year award during the KASA Annual Leadership Institute opening general session in Louisville.

Johnston's responsibilities include oversight of the state/federal grants, personnel, curriculum and finance departments, as well as district policies and procedures, and the personnel accountable for community education, family resource/youth service centers, preschool, technology, public relations and child care.

She plays a part in nearly every aspect of the school program and is a proven and valued member of the administrative team.

Johnston is a graduate of Morehead State University, where she earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a business education concentration; Master of Arts degree in counseling; a Rank I certification for Supervisor of Instruction; and certification for school superintendent. In addition to district responsibilities, her experience has included teaching business education, serving as a GED test co-administrator, and assisting SBDM Councils in the principal selection process.

Johnston and her husband, Kevin, reside in Mt. Sterling and have two children. She is the daughter of Zay and the late Olive Bowman of Morehead

"KASA could not have selected a more dedicated, competent or knowledgeable professional than Jacqui Johnston. She is phenomenal," said Montgomery County School Superintendent Dr. Joshua Powell.

MSU and AAUW host space camp

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Morehead State University's [Space Science Center](#), in partnership with the American Association of University Women (AAUW), offered SpaceTrek, an immersive one-week camp for girls entering their sophomore, junior or senior year of high school July 12-19 at the MSU Space Science Center.

(View [photo gallery](#))

The event was designed for girls interested in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) and would like to learn more about space and engineering through hands-on activities under the guidance of faculty and staff from the Space Science Center and high school instructors in the field. Working as a team, their mission was to build a small satellite, attach it to a large helium balloon launched from the roof, collect and interpret data and draw conclusions. Their mission results were presented to the SpaceTrek team.

Participants and high school represented were:

Trulee Gilkison, Anderson County; Cassidy Bailey, Autumn Holley, Kristin Monroe, Boyd County; Danielle Cottrell, Burgin; Ruth Hughes, Danville; Jade Curless, Henry Clay; Helen Ross, Highlands; Sara Franklin, Meniffee County; Honor Hare, Brandi Kelsey, Caleigh Lawson, Jasarae McKinney, Chelsea Pruett, Molly Simpson, Rowan County; and Samantha Timmers, Scott.

Jennifer Carter, SpaceTrek Curriculum director and former high school physics and astronomy teacher from Rowan County Senior High School, along with Lana Swartz from Meniffee County High School, and Sherry Ison, a graduate from MSU, served as instructors during the camp.

Female mentors were a large facet of the camp. One of the objectives was to instill confidence and a "can do" attitude.

AAUW members participated in the non-curriculum based activities as volunteers.

SpaceTrek was spearheaded by AAUW Kentucky. Kim Boggs and Michele McNeil, co-directors of AAUW SpaceTrek, recruit, fundraise and organize the camp. Robert Twiggs, world-famous satellite engineer and inventor, Dr. Ben Malphrus, chair of MSU's Department of Earth and Space Science, and engineers from the Space Science Center were involved in the workshop activities.

The SpaceTrek program is funded by a NASA KY mini-grant, MSU's Center for Regional Engagement, Office of Advancement, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, College of Science and Technology, AAUW Community Action Grant and donations from AAUW and community members.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Space Science Center at 606-783-2381 or visiting the SpaceTrek website at www.spacetrekkky.org.

Frieden, Rogers to host SOAR “Health Impact Series” at Morehead Conference Center

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Morehead State University and St. Claire Regional Medical Center will present Dr. Thomas Frieden, director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers as part of a "Health Impact Series" under the new [Shaping Our Appalachian Region](#) (SOAR) initiative.

The event will be Wednesday, Aug. 6, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Morehead Conference Center, 111 East First Street, in Morehead. This will be the fourth in a series of public events in Eastern Kentucky.

Dr. Frieden and his team from the CDC will be on hand to discuss the high rates of cancer, diabetes, heart disease and obesity in the region.

“While the diagnosis of illnesses like cancer and diabetes are heartbreaking, we know that hope is abundant. We've made great strides in awareness and prevention, but I am eager to hear Dr. Frieden's prescription for Eastern Kentucky and what we can do to help save lives and improve healthy living,” said Rogers.

“Dr. Frieden not only plans to share information with us, but wants to hear what medical professionals and health coalition leaders are already doing to change lives. This is our chance to speak directly to an international leader in health care about the long-time health disparities in our small corner of the world.”

According to the Kentucky Department for Public Health, the prevalence of heart disease is 84 percent higher, diabetes is 47 percent higher and obesity is 26 percent higher in Kentucky's Appalachian region compared to the U.S. From 2006-10, the region's lung cancer mortality rates were also the highest in the nation, 67 percent higher than the national average.

Kentucky also has the third highest drug overdose mortality rate in the U.S, an issue that Rogers and Dr. Frieden have worked together to combat during Operation UNITE's National Rx Drug Abuse Summits each year. Rogers and Dr. Frieden are teaming up once again for the SOAR Health Impact Series to find solutions and celebrate local champions for awareness and prevention of the region's other major health challenges.

“Partnering with state and local health organizations and officials, such as the SOAR initiative and U.S. Congressman Hal Rogers, helps the CDC to quickly and effectively respond to health threats,” said Frieden. “In working to improve health, we are all in this together. The more effectively we are connected, the more effectively we can address these opportunities. This visit to Kentucky is an important step.”

Along with Dr. Frieden will be Dr. Judith Monroe, the deputy director of the CDC who has Kentucky roots. Both of her parents were born and raised in Lawrenceburg. She first practiced medicine in the Appalachian region and plans to share her insight during the three-day tour.

The “Health Impact Series” is part of the SOAR initiative launched by Congressman Rogers and Governor Steve Beshear. The SOAR Health working group is tasked with finding solutions to health problems in the region. The group's chair Dr. Nikki Stone, who is the Mobile Dental Outreach director for the UK North Fork Valley Community Dental Outreach Program in Hazard, will serve as a moderator of several panels during the events with the CDC.

All of the events are free to the public, but registration is recommended to ensure meal service. To reserve your free spot, contact Cheryl Keaton at ckeaton@centertech.com or 606-657-3218.

MSU water treatment plant exceeded standards

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Kentucky's [Energy and Environment Cabinet](#) has announced that 61 drinking water treatment plants in Kentucky, including Morehead State University, consistently produced drinking water in 2013 that exceeded state and federal water quality standards.

The 61 systems are among 149 public and private water treatment plants in the state that participated in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Area-Wide Optimization Program (AWOP). The program challenges plants to reduce turbidity levels below those required by state and federal regulations. Turbidity, or cloudiness, of water can be caused by sand and dirt, as well as bacteria and viruses. Particle removal is critical for producing water that is free of dirt and microbes that can cause waterborne diseases.

MSU's water systems met the microbial goals 95 percent of the time in 2013.

"Together, these 61 plants serve more than 2.3 million Kentuckians," said Julie Roney, coordinator of the Division of Water's Drinking Water Program. "Plant staff deserve our recognition and appreciation for optimizing their operations and management above and beyond the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act."

Two of the water systems received an AWOP Champion Award. This award takes into account the number of years the system has been optimized and maintained overall compliance as well as the dedication of the operating staff. Kentucky American Water's Richmond Road Station won in the category for large water plant designed to produce more than 50,000 gallons of water per day.

The Williamsburg Water Department won the Champion Award for small water plant, designed to produce less than 50,000 gallon of water per day. This was Williamsburg's third Champion Award.

MSUCorps-AmeriCorps program wins 'Make A Difference Day' award

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For the third straight year, the MSUCorps/AmeriCorps program was presented with the “Make A Difference Day” award during the annual Governor’s Awards for Outstanding Volunteer Service in a ceremony at the Governor’s Mansion.

Overall it is the fourth time MSUCorps has received this award. The corps also won in 2008.

Mary Claire Williams is the program director.

“Our corps accepts this award on behalf of the citizens in the communities that we serve who took time to collect and donate tons of food to benefit local food banks and backpack programs. This year, our corps focused on food that would help backpack programs to help our students reach their maximum potential. We believe that if we can help feed hungry students, we set the groundwork for success in school by meeting their basic needs,” said Williams.

USA Weekend’s Make A Difference Day is an annual event on the fourth Saturday in October. Since its inception in 1992, corporations, charitable organizations, government leaders and ordinary citizens rally to provide a host of service projects to benefit their communities.

The Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service holds an annual contest between Kentucky AmeriCorps programs as part of the Make a Difference Day effort. Each program collects canned foods in the counties they serve which are then donated to local shelters, food banks, backpack programs and schools.

MSUCorps AmeriCorps Program’s 32 members collected more than 12 tons of nonperishable food items. Their efforts allowed area food banks to feed almost 48,000 Kentuckians an eight-ounce serving.

The MSUCorps Program has been at MSU since 1994 with more than 640 members serving in 23 counties through the years. The mission of the program is to increase the educational success of high risk school-age children and youth by providing tutoring in math and reading. In addition, MSUCorps members volunteer for multiple community service projects to strengthen their communities.

A total of 14 groups and individuals from across the state were honored for their volunteer and service contributions at the ceremony in Frankfort.

Gov. Steve Beshear and Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) Deputy Secretary Eric Friedlander presented the Governor's Awards for Volunteerism and Service at the Governor's Mansion. The awards honored service completed in 2013.

"It's been said that a lot of people doing a little bit can make a big difference," said Gov. Beshear. "You have shown that one person doing a lot, can cause a wave of change."

The Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service (KCCVS), a division within CHFS, coordinates the annual awards program.

Deputy Secretary Friedlander congratulated the honorees and said the awards give focus to a group that doesn't seek out recognition for their service.

"You make such an impact on your communities with no expectation of reward," he said. "These awards give us a chance to thank you for unselfishly serving and filling needs that sometimes even government cannot."

The Governor's Office launched the volunteer awards program in 1975. Since 1995, the KCCVS has administered the program. A panel of independent judges with experience in volunteerism and/or service chose award recipients in 12 categories.

Additional information is available from Williams by calling 606-783-5302.

Speech teams have reunion; Forensics Hall of Fame adds 16

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Morehead State University's welcomed back speech team members earlier this summer for a reunion.

More than 40 attended the two-day event. The group began the weekend on Friday evening with a welcome reception hosted at the Kentucky Folk Art Center. Saturday included a campus tour followed by a meeting with Dr. Scott McBride, dean of the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, and Keith Terry, chair of the Department of Communication, Media, and Leadership Studies. The group then enjoyed lunch at Cave Run Lake Spillway. A "Walk of Memories" social hour preceded a banquet held Saturday evening at the Adorn Doran University Center.

"The first Individual Events Speech Team Reunion was a great success. Former team members from three decades of the team gathered at beautiful MSU to reconnect and meet new friends," said Cathy Thomas (80).

"The weekend culminated with a banquet that included memories, much laughter, and the induction of 16 alumni into the Harlen Hamm Forensics Hall of Fame. All agreed that our team experiences at our wonderful alma mater were among the most enriching of our lives," said Randy Turner (80).

Inducted into the Harlen Hamm Forensics Hall of Fame were: John Edwards (78), Mike Clark (77), Cathy Figg Gaston (80), Brian Gardner (93), Rachel Craft Warnecke (93), April Erdmann Zderad (93), Chance Pennington (91), Virginia Landreth-Etherton (78), Kellie Crump (91), Vonda Ramey Melton (87), Margaret Holt Duncan (87), Lisa Shemwell (86), Keith Murphy (84), Cathy Thomas (80), Kevin Porter (79) and Randy Turner (80).

Selection Committee members were: Thomas (coach, 1987-88); Phil Martin (coach, 1983-86); and Chip Letzgus (coach, 1978-82).

Hamm taught speech and theatre at the University of Breckinridge before eventually being promoted to full professor. He served multiple terms as state chairman of nearly every speech and theatre professional organization. Hamm received the MSU Founders Day Award in 1995 and was twice named Outstanding MSU Fundraiser of the Year.

Reunion Planning Committee members were: Rita Rike Perkins (79); Porter, Thomas and Turner. According to committee members, another reunion will be held in the future.

Additional information is available by contacting Office of Alumni Relations and Development at 606-783-2033 or 877-783-4483.

Dr. Reeder wins award for outstanding contributions in water quality

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Morehead State University's Dr. Brian C. Reeder, professor of biology, was this year's recipient of the Robert Lauderdale Award for Outstanding Contributions in Water Quality.

The award is presented by the University of Kentucky Water Resource Research Institute and is named for Dr. Robert Lauderdale, who was the first director of the KWRRI and served from 1964-73. He passed away in 1999.

Dr. Reeder has the distinction of having earned all three of MSU's outstanding faculty awards: teaching, research, and service. He received M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in environmental biology from The Ohio State University; M.A. degree in Biology from Marshall University; and B.S. degree in biology from Youngstown State University.

Dr. Reeder is the founder of the Morehead State's Center for Environmental Education and a co-founder of the Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy (IRAPP).

He primarily teaches environmental courses in the Department of Biology, including wetland ecology and management, limnology, ecology, ornithology, and environmental education.

Dr. Reeder has been awarded more than four million dollars in research grants by various agencies, including the National Science Foundation, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, USEPA, U.S. Forest Service, and U.S. Department of Education. He has published more than 30 scholarly articles and book chapters, more 50 abstracts, and given more than 60 scholarly presentations.

KWRRI focuses on water resources and water-related environmental issues important to the state of Kentucky. In keeping with its statewide mission, the KWRRI works to foster research collaborations between faculty and research staff at UK as well as faculty and research staff affiliated with the various regional universities across the state. The KWRRI mission encompasses several facets including research, education, training, and technology transfer.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Reeder at 606-783-2957.

Pentair makes donation to MSU

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Morehead State University Office of Advancement and Department of Applied Engineering and Technology (AET) accepted a gift of \$19,677 from Pentair Inc. of Mt. Sterling Friday, Sept. 12.

It is the first donation as the University, AET and donors raise funds for the establishment of the 21st Century Center for Manufacturing Systems.

“We are very excited about partnering with businesses like Pentair, foundations and individual donors to build this center. It will give our students 21st Century skills and provide a valuable resource to Kentucky businesses,” said James A. Shaw, vice president of university advancement.

A first of its kind in the state, the center will allow students in AET access to hands-on learning opportunities with industry-leading technology. With financial support, MSU can make the concept a reality.

In addition to the University’s initial commitment of \$500,000, the MSU Foundation Inc. and private donors will be responsible for the remainder of the project. Total cost of the center is \$1.5 million.

MSU’s 21st Century Center for Manufacturing Systems will help propel industry in our region to a new level. It will ensure MSU is providing exciting opportunities for generations of students and ushering in the next level of global manufacturing and technology in the state of Kentucky

“AET offers both graduate and undergraduate degree programs designed to prepare students for successful 21st Century careers. AET programs are engineering and technology-based with the majority of courses offering hands-on learning experiences in robotics, automation, engineering design, sustainable energy, engineering technology and engineering management,” said Dr. Dr. Ahmad Zargari, AET chair.

The faculty members are experts in their fields and stay current by conducting scholarly research and continually engaging in professional development opportunities. The department also offers opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students to participate in research projects, internships and other experiential learning that will give students the knowledge and practical skills to pursue high-tech careers after graduation.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Zargari, at 606-783-2418.

