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July 7, 2010

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University hosted its “Super Summer Camp” for gifted students June 28-July 2.

More than 140 children, from third through eighth grades, were enrolled. Students represented Rowan, Montgomery, Bath and Menifee counties along with students from Corpus Christi, Texas, and Palm Beach, Fla.

The camp was taught by area educators and MSU student volunteers. The weeklong camp featured 11 workshops including A German Identity, Creative Problem Solving, More Than Money, PlayStation BCE, Hand Bells 101, Dancing Through Time (grades 6-8), Painting, Architecture, Sculpting, 30 Second Summary and Fly Wild and Free.

“Super Summer Camp” is funded in part by a regional engagement grant from MSU.

Additional information on the event is available by contacting Kim Nettleton, instructor of education, at (606) 784-4689 or Dr. Sara Lindsey, assistant professor of education, at (606) 783-2837.

Chief photographer Tim Holbrook captured some of the sights of the camp and has placed them into a photo gallery.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's 2010 Advanced Placement Summer Institute (APSI) drew educators from Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, Michigan, Montana, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia and Colorado.

The event, held July 12-16, allowed teachers to obtain guidance when beginning an Advanced Placement course or to strengthen an existing one. The program included information on creative and effective teaching strategies and practical classroom use of materials.

During their time at MSU, participants were enrolled in one subject. Eleven classes were offered, including biology, calculus AB, chemistry, economics, English language, English literature, environmental science, European history, psychology, statistics and U.S. history.

Advanced Placement courses allow high school students to enhance their studies by taking college-level courses and exams while still in high school. Students also have the opportunity to earn college credit through the AP exams.

MSU's 10<sup>th</sup> annual institute is provided through a partnership with The College Board, a national nonprofit membership association dedicated to preparing, inspiring and connecting students to college. The Board provides educators with information, tools and strategies needed to build and strengthen their professional skills and techniques.

The 2011 Summer Institute will be July 11-15.

Additional information is available from Tina Stafford, continuing education director, by sending a message to [t.stafford@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:t.stafford@moreheadstate.edu) or by calling (606) 783-2605 or (800) 585-6781, option 3.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Regina K. Beach, director of testing at Morehead State University, will be one of the recipients of the 2010 National College Testing Association Service Recognition Award.

The award is given to those who have been actively involved in supporting NCTA this past year, either through committee or board service or work on an initiative or project.

Beach will be recognized at the 11<sup>th</sup> annual national conference Sept. 8-11 in Atlanta.

She has been at MSU since June 2009. Prior to that, Beach was a high school teacher and counselor.

A two-time graduate of Morehead State, she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and a Master of Arts degree in counseling.

NCTA is a nonprofit organization of testing professionals working in postsecondary institutions, in companies with test-related products and services, and in other professional testing venues. It was organized in 2000 through the merging of several regional associations.

The group is dedicated to the promotion of professionalism and quality in the administration of testing services and programs, including issues relating to test administration, test development, test scoring and assessment. NCTA currently has more than 1,300 members, representing more than 600 postsecondary institutions and more than 40 corporations and certification agencies in the United States and Canada. The organization maintains a comprehensive set of standards for testing centers administering paper and pencil and computer-based examinations, as well as a compilation of useful operational guidelines.

Additional information is available from Beach by calling (606) 783-2526.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Office of Career Services has announced the hiring of Megan Boone as a career counselor.

Boone previously worked at the University of Kentucky's James W. Stuckert Career Center and served as liaison to the College of Engineering. She began in career services at Sullivan University.

She has a background in human resources working as an HR generalist at General Electric.

Boone has a master's degree in industrial organization psychology from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and a bachelor's degree in psychology from Transylvania University.

She is qualified to administer the MBTI and Strong Interest Inventory.

Boone is active in professional associations, serving on the board of the Kentucky Association of Colleges and Employers (KACE), and a member of Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) and Kentucky Career Development Association (KCDA).

"I am very excited to join the career services team at Morehead State University," said Boone. "In my new position, I will be able to help students explore and develop their careers as well as assist employers in finding the right candidate."

The career center, located at 428 University Blvd., offers services and resources to partner with students in career decision making, professional development and job search.

Additional information is available by calling (606) 783-2233 or by visiting the career services Web site at [www.moreheadstate.edu/career](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/career).

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Camden-Carroll Library will host "Movie Fest" Thursday, July 15.

Starting at 8 a.m. and running until 6 p.m., CCL will show some of the worst B-rated honor films of all time.

The "Movie Fest" will be held in the library commons area.

Movies scheduled to be showed are: The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari, Carnival of Souls, Nosferatu, Plan 9 from Outer Space, Santa Claus Conquers the Martians, Reefer Madness (Tell Your Children), and White Zombie.

Additional information is available by calling Sandy Sumner, instruction and outreach librarian, at (606) 783-5510.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University faculty and staff are invited to an open house for the new Center for Health, Education and Research, July 9, from 3-5 p.m.

The event will be held in the lobby of the new building and hosted by MSU and St. Claire Regional Medical Center.

Tours and refreshments will be available.

The official ribboncutting will be on Friday, Aug. 27, at 1 p.m.

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July 8, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Dr. Clarendia Phillips, chair of the Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminology at Morehead State University, will spend the 2010-11 academic year as an American Council on Education (ACE) Fellow at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Started in 1965, the ACE Fellow Program has provided professional development opportunities for more than 1,500 emerging leaders in higher education, including more than 300 who have become chief executive officers at colleges and universities.

Dr. Phillips will work directly with Chancellor Linda P. Brady, herself an ACE Fellow in 1997-98; Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor David H. Perrin; and other senior administrators. ACE Fellows observe and participate in key meetings and events, take on special projects and assignments while under the mentorship of experienced campus leaders, participate in three-week long national seminars, visit other campuses, and attend national meetings.

“We are delighted to welcome Clarendia Phillips to UNCG for the 2010-11 academic year,” Chancellor Brady said. “The ACE program is the premier leadership development program in higher education today. As a former ACE fellow myself, I know this will be an exciting year of learning and discovery for Dr. Phillips. We look forward to learning from her as well.”

Dr. Phillips’ research investigates the social factors that contribute to the resilience of African-Americans, especially African-American women, with an emphasis on social support networks and religiousness. In 2007, she became chair of the university’s Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Criminology.

“The senior administration, faculty, staff and students as well as the Greensboro community make UNCG the ideal placement for my fellowship,” Dr. Phillips said.

She is particularly interested in community partnerships and engagement, and collaboration between UNCG and N.C. A and T State University, which includes a joint master’s degree in social work, the Joint School of Nanoscience and Nanoengineering, and Gateway University Research Park.

She earned her bachelor’s degree in sociology at DePauw University and her master’s and doctorate in sociology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. After graduate school, she spent three years in Washington, D.C., evaluating the effectiveness of youth development programs like the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and education programs like the U.S. Department of Education’s Program for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth.

Dr. Robert A. (Bob) Bylund, professor of sociology, will serve as interim department chair.

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July 30, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University will host the 2010 Journey of Hope Trans-America cycling team on Tuesday, Aug. 3. 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.

The Journey of Hope is a summer-long bike ride that begins in San Francisco and concludes in Washington D.C. This year marks the 23rd anniversary for the event. 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 will host 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 Web site at <https://secure.pushamerica.org/getinvolved/Chapters/chapfr/profile.cfm?rID=1099157>.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Kentucky Folk Art Center has announced its second annual summer arts program for children.

KFAC's Summer Arts Studio will be held at the Rowan County Arts Center, July 19-23 and July 26-30 from 9-11:30 a.m. each day.

Children ages 7-11 are eligible to participate in one of the sessions. Cost is \$25 per child.

Participants will learn about different art processes, be exposed to diverse cultures, and create their own original artworks using a variety of media, including watercolor, papier-mâché and pastels.

"We're very excited to have the Summer Arts Studio in Morehead," said KFAC Outreach Educator Erin Moore. "Last year was a huge success, so much so that we added a second session this year. With the budget difficulties faced by Kentucky schools, many children have fewer opportunities to gain hands-on experience with art. We have a great program, and it shows in the students' enthusiasm and creative productions."

Slots for the program are limited and will be reserved on a first come, first serve basis. Pre-registration is required and is available by contacting Moore at (606) 783-2204 or [e.moore@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:e.moore@moreheadstate.edu).

The program is sponsored in part by the Rowan County Arts Center.

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.

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July 1, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Former Morehead State University bowler Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J., has been nominated for ESPN's "Best Bowler ESPY" for 2010.

It is the first time that Kulick has been nominated.

ESPN announced nominees in a wide variety of categories last week.

Fans can vote through 11:59 p.m. on July 10 at [espn.com/espys](http://espn.com/espys). Use the scroll-down list to locate the "Best Bowler" category and click on the image of your favorite player to vote.

The winners will be announced during the 17th annual ESPYs, televised live on ESPN at 9 p.m. Wednesday, July 14.

Saturday Night Live star Seth Meyers will host the event from the Nokia Theater in Los Angeles.

Also nominated are Bill O'Neill and Walter Ray Williams Jr.

In January, Kulick became the first woman ever to win a major title on the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) Tour when she captured the 2010 Tournament of Champions. She followed with wins in the USBC Queens and Women's U.S. Open.

Kulick, a three-time All-American, was the 1997 and 1998 Collegiate Bowler of the Year while at MSU. In 1998, she helped guide coach Larry Wilson's squad to the National Championship.

The MSU women won national championships in 1989, 1998, 2000 and 2002, were runner-ups in 1993 and finished in third place in 2006.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---The Community Advisory Board for Morehead State Public Radio will conduct its quarterly meeting on Sunday, Aug. 1, at 3 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 MSPR network, which includes WOCS in Booneville and a translator in Inez. MSPR serves more than 40 counties in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia.

Additional information is available on MSPR's Web site at [www.msradio.com](http://www.msradio.com) or from Paul Hitchcock, MSPR's general manager, by e-mail at [wmky@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:wmky@moreheadstate.edu) or by telephone to (606) 783-2001.

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July 19, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.--- The Kentucky Horse Council (KHC), partnering with the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association (KCA), has developed a three-day training program for Animal Control Officers, Sheriffs and other Kentucky law enforcement officials and prosecutors.

Conducted in partnership with Morehead State University, the course will be held at the Derrickson Agricultural Complex at the MSU Farm Aug. 11 - 13.

The training includes education on ruminants and swine as well as horses. The first day includes in-depth training on horse behavior, managing and handling difficult horses, the use of restraints, and advanced loading techniques. It is optional, but recommended, for those with extensive prior horse experience.

The second and third days of training required for course completion certificates and include ruminant and swine behavior, handling and loading, extensive training on body condition scoring (ruminants, horses and swine), re-feeding strategies, working with a veterinarian, and applying constitutional law to animals.

Continuing education credits through the Department of Criminal Justice Training are available for peace officers attending Level II Livestock Investigation Training.

Guest instruction will be provided by Milt Toby, an attorney specializing in equine law; MSU faculty including Drs. Tammy Platt, assistant professor of animal science; Troy Wistuba, regional livestock specialist and associate professor; Philip Prater, professor of veterinary technology; Essie Rogers, director of Education and Welfare with the Kentucky Horse Council; and Beckey Reiter, director of the Boone County Animal Shelter.

The cost to attend the three-day training is \$100 per attendee or \$75 for day two and three. Limited scholarships for tuition are available. For additional information or to register, visit [kentuckyhorse.org](http://kentuckyhorse.org) or contact the Kentucky Horse Council at (859) 367-0509 or e-mail [info@kentuckyhorse.org](mailto:info@kentuckyhorse.org).

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July 2, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---In observance of the Independence Day holiday, the University will be closed Monday, July 5. There will be no classes or office hours and mail will not be delivered.

Summer II registration will be held and classes will begin at Morehead State University and all regional campuses on Tuesday, July 6. The term will continue through Friday, July 30.

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

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July 23, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University Athletics won the Ohio Valley Conference's Institutional Academic Achievement Award for 2009-10. It marks a league-record 10th time in 24 years that MSU has been awarded the OVC's highest academic honor.

The Eagles also had three sports (women's cross country, women's track and field and volleyball) honored with the Team Academic Achievement Awards, 17 student-athletes presented with the OVC's Medal of Honor and 91 student-athletes on the Commissioner's Honor Roll.

"This is one of the goals I push our coaches and our staff towards every year," said Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Brian Hutchinson. "I am extremely proud of our student-athletes and what they have accomplished. I also commend Valerie Ousley, academic athletic coordinator, and the work she and her staff do to ensure our student-athletes' academic success."

The Institutional Academic Achievement Award is presented annually to the member institution with the greatest percentage of its student-athletes named to the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll for that academic year.

MSU has won the award in five of the past six years.

The team awards use the same criteria as the institutional award, applying it to each sport. The Medal of Honor is given annually to the student-athlete who achieves the highest grade point average in a conference-sponsored sport. There were 1,042 student-athletes named to the 2009-10 OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll, the second-highest total in the history of the award (trailing only the 1,044 award winners a season ago). To be listed, recipients must have achieved at least a 3.25 grade point average and have been eligible and on the team throughout the competitive season in their chosen NCAA-sponsored sport or sports.

The student-athletes that were awarded a Medal of Honor include:

**Women's Cross Country:** Kate Bomar and Amanda Faust. **Men's Golf:** Michael Brown. **Women's Golf:** Karolina Tunstig. **Rifle:** Shawn Holley. **Soccer:** Erin Adams, Jillian Birchmeier, Bethany Davidson, Lily Meisner and Samantha Toepfer. **Women's Track and Field:** Kate Bomar, Amanda Faust and Jaimie Howard. **Volleyball:** Holly Evans, Emma Keough, Ellie Roberson and Lindsey Ruddell.

MSU's OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll winners are:

**Baseball** - Kellen Begeman, Michael Bottoms, Taylor Davis, Andrew Deeds, Michael Fear, Austin Haney, Jacob Helvey, Hunter Hewitt, Tyler Hieneman, Drew Lee, Quentin Morgan, Travis Redmon, Travis Thompson.

**Men's basketball** - Jamel Marshall, Ty Proffitt.

**Women's basketball** - Kristin Raker.

**Men's cross country** - Patrick Fouch, Josh Wakeman.

**Women's cross country** - Kate Bomar, Elizabeth Braunwart, Amanda Faust, Alexis King, Holly Mandzak, Ruth Millard, Natalie Norman.

**Men's golf** - Michael Brown, Grant Hinton, Dean Schneider.

**Women's golf** - Emma Eksell, Emma Jonsson, Marisa Kamelgarn, Karolina Tunstig.

**Rifle** - Kathleen Bush, Shawn Holley.

**Women's soccer** - Erin Adams, Julie Arnold, Jillian Birchmeier, Kaitlyn Blevins, Bethany Davidson, Stephanie Gildehaus, Devan Jordan, Brittany Kiracofe, Brittany MacLennan, Lily Meisner, Alyss Nacke, Lauren Seebach, Lindsay Stefanini, Samantha Toepfer, Arnie Weckenbrock.

**Softball** - Kayla Brill, Bianca Cardenas, Bethany Ellis, Sarah Funston, Amber Riddle, Brittany Scheer, Samantha Sparks, Elizabeth Wagner, Brianna Williams, Samantha Woodall.

**Men's tennis** - Gregory Anderson, Dusan Milovanovic, Christopher Shafik.

**Women's tennis** - Catherine Butts, Lauren Delaney, Alixandra Lakow, Alexandra Rydberg.

**Men's track and field** - Patrick Fouch, Josh Wakeman, Michael Wright.

**Women's track and field** - Megan Arnold, Kate Bomar, Elizabeth Braunwart, Amanda Faust, Jaimie Howard, Alexis King, Holly Mandzak, Bree Massie, Ruth Millard, Natalie Norman, Lauren Seebach.

**Volleyball**, Aryn Bohannon, Kirstie Brangers, Caitlin Clark, Kaitlin Craven, Holly Evans, Anne Gruenschlaeger, Emma Keough, Ellie Roberson, Lindsey Ruddell, Kristina Schoo, Elizabeth Schuler.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---The Morehead State University Police Department, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Office of Highway Safety (KOHS) and Kentucky State Police have teamed up to remind everyone to drive safely during the July Fourth holiday period.

MSUPD officers and other law enforcement agencies will be out in force, cracking down on any violation, with an emphasis on impaired drivers. "Blue Lights Across the Bluegrass" runs through Aug. 8.

"We want to do our part to help keep our community safe as students, faculty and staff, and visitors travel to campus," said MSU Police Chief Matt Sparks.

According to a study conducted by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, July 2, 3 and 4 are in the top 10 deadliest days on U.S. roadways.

By following these easy steps, drivers can enjoy a safe and festive holiday without jeopardizing their lives and the lives of others on the road:

- Plan a safe way home before the festivities begin;
- Before drinking, designate a sober driver and give that person your keys;
- If you're impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation so you are sure to get home safely;
- Use your community's Sober Rides program;
- If you happen to see a drunk driver on the road, don't hesitate to contact your local law enforcement.

Those who drive while impaired risk killing themselves or someone else. The trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for driving while impaired can be significant. Violators often face jail time, the loss of their driver's licenses, higher insurance rates, and dozens of other unanticipated expenses.

According to Sparks, "Of the 791 total fatalities in Kentucky last year, 162 were due to alcohol and 15 involved a motorcycle rider."

Additional information is available by calling the MSU Police Department at (606) 783-2035.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Gov. Steve Beshear has appointed attorney Patrick E. Price of Flemingsburg and former newspaper editor David V. Hawpe of Louisville to six-year terms on the Morehead State University Board of Regents.

Price and Hawpe succeed Dr. John O’Cull of Vanceburg and Jill Rose of Winchester, both of whom had served since 2004.

“We are pleased to welcome Patrick Price and David Hawpe to our governing board and look forward to working with them in the years ahead,” said MSU President Wayne D. Andrews.

A graduate of MSU and the UK College of Law, Price has been assistant Fleming County attorney since 1975 and a member of Suit, McCartney, Price, Price and Ruark law firm since 1974.

Price is a member of the Kentucky and Fleming County bar associations, Fleming County’s Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce and Buffalo Trace Foundation.

Hawpe retired in 2009 as vice president and editorial director after a 40-year career with the Louisville Courier-Journal. During his time with the newspaper, the C-J and Hawpe received numerous awards.

In his tenure as state editor, the newspaper won a Pulitzer Prize.

Born in Pikeville and raised in Louisville, Hawpe is a graduate of UK.

A Nieman Fellow at Harvard University, he taught a course in Appalachian studies. He also taught at UK, University of Louisville and Spalding University.

MSU’s 11-member governing board is comprised of eight citizens appointed by the governor and elected representatives of the faculty, staff and students.

Lindsay Rae Adkins, Ashland junior and Student Government Association president, also will join the board as the student member.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Fort Boonesborough is the next destination for members of the Morehead State University Retirees Association. The activity is slated for Thursday, July 15, with cars leaving the gravel lot across from the Academic-Athletic Center at 9:30 a.m.

The group will lunch at Hall's on the River, but lunch is not included in the \$4 fee. Deadline to register is Tuesday, July 13.

Additional information on the trip or car pools, as well as reservations, can be obtained by calling (606) 783-2080 or e-mailing [t.jones@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:t.jones@moreheadstate.edu).

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July 29, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) will host "How QuickBooks can help my business" on Thursday, Aug 5.

Quickbooks makes it easy for business owners to get customers, get paid and pay employees, and track sales and expenses. Millions of small business owners have made Quickbooks their resource for key services needed to start or manage a business.

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

The two-hour seminar which will be held at the Small Business Development Center, 150 East First Street, begins at 5:30 p.m.

It is one of many workshops provided by Morehead State University's Small Business Development Centers. For a list of upcoming events, you may visit the MSU SBDC Web site at [www.moreheadstate.edu/sbdc](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/sbdc).

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

Those interested in attending may register by calling the SBDC office at (606) 783-2895 or online at [www.ksbdc.org](http://www.ksbdc.org).

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July 14, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Space Science Center Star Theater has had a successful first year.

Nearly 13,000 visitors came to the MSU campus, according to Eric Thomas, Theater director. He stated 11,226 were either MSU or public school students while the other 1,627 were general public.

Students from 19 Kentucky counties - Bath, Boyle, Breathitt, Carter, Elliott, Fayette, Fleming, Greenup, Johnson, Lawrence, Lewis, Martin, Mason, Menifee, Morgan, Nicholas, Pendleton, Robertson and Rowan – and three Ohio counties saw programs in the theater.

“The Star Theater has exceeded all expectations for its first year,” said Dr. Ben Malphrus, chair of MSU's Department of Earth and Space Sciences and director of the Space Science Center. “This success is a tribute to Eric Thomas' hard work and innovation.”

The center hosted two conferences that utilized the Star Theater - the Kentucky Science Teachers Association's Mid-Winter Breakthrough and the Southeastern VHF Convention, an organization of Ham Radio operators from across the Southeastern United States. The theater provided live large group viewing via NASA TV of NASA launches of the Space Shuttle and Ares Test vehicle as well as a live broadcast of the LCROSS mission's lunar impact, in addition to running a series of feature films designed for the 360 degree dome and Laser light shows.

Eight different MSU courses were held in the facility while the third Thursday program hosted faculty, staff and families.

“The Star Theater adds a new dimension to the community and is an asset for science education at the university and in the region,” said Thomas. “The public response indicates that there is a need for this type of venue and that the public is pleased with the programming, we are able to provide.

“The Star Theater represents an asset to public school teachers to assist in their efforts to improve science education. We hope to inspire students in East Kentucky to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines that are so important to our economy, our way of life, and our future.”

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A total of 315 programs were held from July 1, 2009, through July 1, 2010.

Thomas stated the center has purchased a new program for elementary students (P-5), which will open in the fall along with other programs for middle, high school and MSU students.

Information on programs is available by visiting [www.moreheadstate.edu/startheater/](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/startheater/).

Additional information is available by contacting Thomas at (606) 783-9593 or by e-mailing [e.thomas@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:e.thomas@moreheadstate.edu).

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