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2007-08 KENTUCKY AMERICORPS PROGRAMS



Every 1 Reads AmeriCorps Program

Program Sponsor: Jefferson County Public Schools

of Members: 10 full-time

Description: Members will serve to expand Every 1 Reads (E1R), a community-wide partnership between business,

local government and Jefferson County Public Schools to address the educational needs of at-risk students through literacy training. Members will also recruit and train community volunteers as tutors.

Program Director: Sondra Ferren, (502) 485-3926

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FRYSC Corps

Program Sponsor: Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services

of Members: 25 full-time

Description: Members, serving under the supervision of Family Resource and Youth Services Center (FRYSC) coordinators, will provide reading tutoring for academically at-risk students utilizing the "Great Leaps" reading curriculum.

Program Director: Heather Musinski, (502) 564-4986

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Getting Things Done for Kentucky's Homeless

Program Sponsor: Homeless and Housing Coalition of Kentucky

of Members: 28 full-time

Description: Members counsel low-income families/individuals, assisting them in attaining permanent and/or transitional housing. Members also serve as construction assistants at non-profit agencies, rehabilitating and building housing in low-income communities.

Program Director: Josie Kirker, (502) 223-1834

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Homeland Security Corps

Program Sponsor: Green River Area Development District

of Members: 10 full-time

Description: Members serve in rapid response agencies to educate individuals in public safety, public health and disaster preparedness issues; train agency-affiliated volunteers; and assist in developing closer collaboration among local response agencies.

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2007 KENTUCKY AMERICORPS LAUNCH

The 2007 AmeriCorps Launch was one of the best ever. The two-day training event for 225 first- and second-year AmeriCorps members was held at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Frankfort. Members serve in 11 programs across the state.

During the Launch, members from all the AmeriCorps programs had the opportunity to socialize and learn tips, techniques and other valuable information to help them during their year of service. Work-



shops covered topics including Internet safety, community strengthening, disability awareness, personal safety, organizational skills, the drug problem in Kentucky, financial planning and disaster preparedness. The Launch also helped members understand the big picture of national service. One member said, "I didn't realize how much of a difference AmeriCorps members make in Kentucky – it's amazing."

Trainers and presenters included Doris Settles, Chef Nancy Russman, Lanny Taulbee of the Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service, Gary Perkins of Operation UNITE, Regina Horine of the Kentucky Department of Labor, Ben Marcus and the Rev. Damon Lynch III with The Leadership Practice, Judy Morris, Jennifer Watson and Jessica Amburgey of Kentucky Child Now, Rose Johnson of the American Red Cross and Carolyn Wheeler.



This year, the induction ceremony was different, held in the hotel ballroom instead of the state Capitol steps. Steve Buttleman, official bugler at Churchill Downs, issued the Call to the Post and the Frankfort Police Department Honor

Guard presented the U.S. and Kentucky flags. Nedra Young, a Louisville Metro AmeriCorps Program member, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by Buttleman playing the National Anthem. After a brief welcome by Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service Chairwoman Wendy Stivers, Ph.D., Cabinet for

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Throughout the newsletter are small bits for your enjoyment. Keep an eye out for them.



The happy dancing man is always accompanied by a "funny." Lighten your mood a little with a short joke.



The thinking man is followed by wise witty words from many sources. Allow him to engage your mind.



This icon is accompanied by a brain teaser. Go ahead, see if you can catch the solution.



This icon indicates that interesting statistics follow. It also begs the question: are all things number? From the philosophy of Pythagoras who said, "all things are number."

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Did you know?



In the 2007-08 program year, AmeriCorps members are serving in **103** of Kentucky's 120 counties.

WHO WE ARE

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KCCVS MISSION

To promote all Kentuckians working together to meet actual community needs in a way that fosters personal, family and community pride and an enduring ethic of volunteerism and service.

DID YOU KNOW?

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- By the age of 60, most people have lost 50% of their taste buds.
- Forty percent of Americans have never visited a dentist.
- Istanbul, Turkey is the only city in the world located on two continents.
- 7,000 new insect species are discovered every year.
- Anteaters prefer termites to ants.
- A marine catfish can taste with any part of its body.
- Saturn's rings are about 500,000 miles in circumference but only about a foot thick.
- The last time American Green cards were actually green was 1964.
- At birth, a panda bear is smaller than a mouse.
- The Amazon rainforest produces more than 20% the world's oxygen supply.
- Every three seconds, a new baby is born.
- Frogs cannot swallow without blinking.

Editor: Shannon Ramsey

COMMISSIONER SPOTLIGHT: STEVE SWIM



Born in Maysville and raised in the small Kentucky community of Farmers, Steve Swim now resides in Midland in Bath County. But, it might make more sense to call Morehead State University his home.

Swim received his bachelor's degree in industrial technology from MSU in 1984 and his master's in Vocational Education in 1987. Swim recently retired from MSU where,

over the years, he served as instructor of construction technology, adjunct faculty, Job Training Partnership Act trainer, assistant director of career planning and placement and Upward Bound counselor. He also served as director of MSU's Kentucky's PromiseCorps AmeriCorps program, a reading tutoring program, from 1994 to 2006.

For the past 25 years, Swim also has been co-owner and operator of a mobile disc jockey business and been involved in his community, serving as vice president of education and district president for Kentucky PTA, president of Bath County Memorial Library and president of Owingsville Lions Club. The former U.S. Army Hawk missile crew chief also speaks publicly on the healing power of humor.

Swim and his wife of 34 years, Rhonda, suffered tremendous personal loss in 2000 with the death of their 18-year-old daughter, Lauren. "She was needed by God to help us and others to learn to love, learn patience, appreciate beauty and enjoy life," Swim said. "She is missed every day but is with us always in our hearts. "

In her memory, Lauren's family and friends established a scholarship fund at MSU for female graduates of Bath County High School.

In his free time, Swim enjoys fishing, hunting and listening to oldies rock 'n' roll music. His favorite movie is *Field of Dreams* and favorite book is *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*, by Mitch Albom.

Swim believes people should laugh long, hard and often, as he knows all too well how brief life can be. He encourages people to let family and friends know how much they are loved and cared for and advises that "life is an education – learn from it, don't just exist," he said.

He credits the time he spent as an AmeriCorps program director to having helped shaped his personality, values and ambitions. "Meeting the children that were served by Kentucky's PromiseCorps members and hearing of the wonderful things that happened with them made me a better person and parent," Swim said.

Swim was appointed to KCCVS in 2006 and is eligible for reappointment when his term ends. Swim's background as

an AmeriCorps program director provides the commission with a unique and welcome perspective and we are delighted he chose to continue serving Kentucky and AmeriCorps as a member of the commission.

NATIONAL BIG BROTHER OF THE YEAR

Charles Matthews of Louisville was named the 2007 National Big Brother of the Year June 26 at the annual Big Brothers Big Sisters of America National Conference in Scottsdale, Ariz. National Big Brother of the Year is the highest honor bestowed by Big Brothers Big Sisters of America on its adult volunteers. Award nominations are received by more than 400 BBBS agencies across the country.



Kay Keenan with the organization's national headquarters in Philadelphia said Matthews may be the first Kentuckiana resident to receive the honor.

Jeri Swinton, executive director of BBBS of Kentuckiana said, "Chuck Matthews is the epitome of what a Big Brother should be and we are so happy that he is being recognized on a national level for his caring and open spirit."

Matthews is a graduate of Alabama A&M University and was an engineer with General Electric for 32 years. He currently is on the faculty at the University of Louisville and president and CEO of Matthews Enterprises.



Matthews was introduced to the mentoring organization through his affiliation with the Psi Boule fraternity, which provided volunteers for BBBS. He has now mentored his Little Brother, Rico

Johnson, 15, for more than four years, providing support and encouragement that helped the former D student with behavior problems become an honor student with his sights set on a medical career.

"Mr. Matthews helped me to see that I could do anything that I set my mind to do," Rico said in a speech he gave at a local reception honoring Matthews.

Although Rico and Matthews focus much attention and effort on academics and meeting with Rico's teachers and advisors, the most important aspect of their Big Brother-Little Brother relationship is simply the time they spend together.

"It doesn't matter where we are or what we do, Rico and I just simply enjoy one another's company," Matthews said.

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In July, KCCVS staff and commissioners Aaron Anderkin and Sue Brammer attended the National Conference on Volunteering and Service in Philadelphia. Brammer shared her thoughts on the conference with *The Heart Line*.



The National Conference on Volunteering and Service in Philadelphia was educational, inspiring and a great opportunity to meet many people from across the country involved in lots of great projects.

The conference helped me better understand how AmeriCorps works and how policies and procedures help ensure program integrity, efficiency and effectiveness.

With more than 100 workshops, the conference offered something for everyone. Among the workshops I attended were sessions on recruiting baby boomer volunteers and programs available in some of the areas named among the 100 Best Communities for Young People.

Awards were presented during the conference to honor some of the wonderful programs and volunteers around the country. These special award winners reminded us what a big difference one person can make in his or her community. Among the volunteers recognized was a former AmeriCorps member who started a program to match veterans who overcame drug addictions with teens struggling with drug problems.

Evening events, like a special reception at the National Constitution Center, gave us a chance to unwind and socialize. I was also happy to have a chance to fit in some sightseeing while visiting the City of Brotherly Love. I very much recommend the annual National Conference on Volunteering and Service to anyone seeking inspiration and fellowship with others dedicated to improving American communities.

Sue Brammer

From www.corsinet.com/braincandy



A man is driving down the freeway with his two pet penguins when he gets pulled over by a cop for speeding. After the cop hands over the speeding ticket to the driver, he notices the 2 penguins. The cop informs the driver that he must take the penguins to the zoo. The driver agrees to do so.

Two months later, the same man is pulled over by the same cop for speeding. The cop notices the penguins again only now they are wearing sun glasses and eating ice cream.

The cop says, "I thought I told you to take those penguins to the zoo."

The man responds, "I did take them to the zoo, now I'm taking them to the beach."

National Big Brother of the Year (continued from page 3)

Rico agreed and said other young people could benefit from having a friend like Matthews.

Rico, who lives with his mother and three brothers, said, "It is good for people like Mr. Matthews to receive awards like this one because it will show them that it is important to give back to the community."

Big Brothers Big Sisters is the oldest and largest youth mentoring organization in the United States. Last year, the Kentuckiana agency served more than 1,500 children, creating and nurturing friendships between adults and children.

To learn more or volunteer with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kentuckiana, go to www.bbbsky.org or call toll-free, (877) 588-2300.

Submitted by Brenda Bankston, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kentuckiana

2007 AmeriCorps Launch (continued from cover page)

Health and Family Services Department for Human Support Services Commissioner Marla Montell introduced special guest, Kentucky Secretary of State Trey Grayson. Secretary Grayson administered the AmeriCorps pledge of service to members and program directors and the ceremony closed with a stirring rendition of My Old Kentucky Home by Buttleman and the retiring of the colors.

"As someone who is passionately driven by engagement in our counties, cities and neighborhoods, I am extremely proud of the vital contributions AmeriCorps members have made to our commonwealth and nation," Grayson said. "Engaged citizens, such as AmeriCorps members, are more likely to vote and to engage in the legislative process, and I look forward to watching the impact that these latest AmeriCorps members make on our society."

Eileen Cackowski, executive director of the KCCVS, said Kentucky AmeriCorps members continue to prove the value of community service in meeting even the most serious social, academic and preparedness challenges.



"Faced with challenges, they persevere and overcome, reaching out to their fellow Kentuckians with direct service, compassion and care," Cackowski said. "AmeriCorps members help frail elderly people remain in their homes, learn and train others to respond in the event of emergencies, help at-risk students catch up and even surpass their academic peers and, perhaps most valuable of all, they offer an ear to listen and a strong desire to help that inspires and appeals to others seeking a way to serve."

To see more pictures from the 2007 AmeriCorps Launch or for more information about the 2007-08 Kentucky AmeriCorps programs, visit our Web site, www.volunteerKY.ky.gov.

DAILY POINTS OF LIGHT AWARD

On July 10, 2007, the Homeland Security Corps, a Kentucky's AmeriCorps program, was honored with a Daily Point of Light Award (No. 3504). The Daily Point of Light Award honors individuals and volunteer groups committed to connecting Americans through service to help meet critical community needs. The award focuses on the goals for children and youth set by the President's Summit for America's Future. Each weekday, one volunteer or volunteer effort in the country receives a Daily Point of Light Award. The following is the article about Homeland Security Corps, reprinted with permission.



Program Director Dave Clark encourages members in both the Homeland Security Corps and Senior Connections programs to participate in at least one of the Citizen Corps programs. Clark sets an example by volunteering for all five of the Citizen Corps programs and the Red Cross Disaster Action Team.

The Green River region in western Kentucky has had eight Presidential declared disasters since 1997 according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) including floods, tornadoes, hail, straight line winds and snow. The region is also vulnerable to earthquakes from the New Madrid and Wabash Valley fault zones. In the

seven county region approximately 70% of the population and 90% of the surface area is served by volunteer fire departments. Emergency managers have identified a need for at least 500 trained volunteers in the region to assist first responders who may be overwhelmed in a disaster.

AmeriCorps members sponsored by county Emergency Management and other disaster preparedness agencies recruit volunteers from throughout the seven county area for training as Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT). The initial class with 20 volunteers was held in 2003 in Daviess County. Hancock County, with the help of an AmeriCorps member, began offering CERT training in 2006. The program becomes truly regional in 2007 as Henderson County joins the training rotation. To date 316 community volunteers from all seven counties in the region have been trained as CERT members.



CERT volunteers are trained to help family and neighbors before first responders arrive on the scene in the event of a disaster. Our CERT volunteers are equipped with basic tools and supplies necessary for them to assist in the event of a disaster. They are supplied with a hard hat, safety vest, identification, basic medical supplies, a wrench (to

shut off natural gas valves) and more. CERT training is a series of eight classes given one night a week. Training is conducted by certified professionals, who volunteer their time, and includes Disaster Preparedness, Terrorism, Fire Suppression, First Aid, Medical Triage, Search & Rescue, Disaster Psychology, and the final class is a live exercise utilizing all of their training.



AmeriCorps members, working with their agencies, provide follow up training, including Weather Spotter classes and Pandemic Flu Summit, to CERT members to keep them active and involved. CERT members also participate in other Citizen Corps programs including Volunteers in Police Service, Firecorps, Neighborhood Watch, and Medical Reserve Corps. Many volunteers are active in more than one Citizen Corps program.

The CERT program in the Green River region is the most active such program in Kentucky. The growth and development of the program here is a direct result of the involvement of AmeriCorps members adding capacity to their host agencies and their ability to effectively recruit volunteers. For many CERT members this is their first volunteer experience. At every meeting or training session members share stories about how they were prepared through their CERT training to assist someone injured in a traffic accident or helped direct traffic at a fire incident.

The Homeland Security Corps was recognized with a Distinguished Achievement Award from the National Association of Regional Councils in 2004.

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2007 MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY



Make A Difference Day is one of the most widely observed national days of helping. Created by USA Weekend Magazine, Make A Difference Day is an annual event observed the fourth Saturday of October. This year, it falls on **Saturday, Oct. 27**. The goal of Make A Difference Day is to inspire and encourage local residents to participate in community service projects. Large or small, as individuals or in groups, one-day or ongoing – the nature of the service isn't as important as simply giving your time, effort, resources, skills or support to make a difference in the lives of people in your community.

To find a project in your area or to register your project, visit the Make A Difference Day Web site at www.usaweekend.com/diffday/.

The KCCVS will be hosting our annual beef stew/canned good drive competitions. Contact us or visit our Web site, www.volunteerKY.ky.gov, for more information.

Citizens Police Academy

In the last issue of The Heart Line, the topic of discussion in the Disabilities Corner was Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) programs, which train regular citizens to respond to community needs in the event of disasters and other emergencies. This month's column will focus on a similar program offered in many communities called the Citizen Police Academy (CPA).

In March, I ventured out of my safety zone and enrolled in the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government's CPA program. For a time my schedule was hectic, taking the CERT and the CPA classes simultaneously. But, I wanted to learn more about law enforcement and, through my participation, perhaps law enforcement would learn more about people with disabilities.

Citizen Police Academies are designed to foster communication and mutual understanding between civilians and police officers. The Lexington CPA course consists of 12 weekly three-hour classes, each covering a different program and service area of the Division of Police.



In the session on narcotics and vice, I learned to recognize the physical and environmental signs of drug use. I also met and had my photo taken with Anna, the drug alert dog.

Other classes introduced us to police department internal affairs, 911 communications, procedures used in building searches, traffic stops and detaining criminal suspects. I was surprised to learn that even people with disabilities must be handcuffed for safety reasons when detained, even if it interferes with their mobility.

During our CPA training, we toured the mobile crime lab, learned about firearms training systems, observed an Emergency Response Unit (ERU) demonstration and enjoyed a delicious cookout with ERU personnel.

Twice, class met at the driver training facility where we witnessed a simulated police chase. Driver instructors showed us several techniques



officers use to maintain control of their vehicles during high-speed chases and we actually had the chance to ride along as passengers in a simulation. Even with my seat belt firmly in place, I had a difficult time staying vertical.

Upon completion of the class we were honored with a graduation ceremony and received plaques presented by Chief Ken Hall.

I encourage anyone interested in learning more about law enforcement techniques and procedures to register for a CPA class. To locate a Citizen Police Academy near you, visit www.citizenpoliceacademy.net.

Submitted by Lanny Taulbee, KCCVS Disabilities Coordinator

From www.discoveryschool.com/brainboosters



Jake was standing on one side of the river, and his dog Scruffy was standing on the other side. "Come on Scruffy, come, boy!" shouted Jake. Scruffy crossed the river, ran to Jake, and got a treat for being a good dog. The amazing thing was that Scruffy didn't even get wet! How did Scruffy do that?

Answer on back page

KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION



After graduating from Transylvania in May, I embarked on the next chapter of life in the non-profit sector as a regional director with the Kentucky YMCA Youth Association. Since 1890, the association has encouraged the spiritual, intellectual, social and physical development of young people through community service, government awareness and leadership training.

My experiences as the youth commissioner with the Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service served as an inspiration when considering a career path. Performing fulfilling work that instills a selfless spirit in young Kentuckians seems like the perfect way to enter the job market.

Our association serves nearly 6,000 teens each year, offering two youth-in-government programs. Every fall, we host the Kentucky Youth Assembly, a three-day event that gives Kentucky teens the opportunity to assume the roles of state legislators, lobbyists, Supreme Court justices and members of the media. Participants propose and debate bills in the House and Senate chambers of Kentucky's General Assembly.

Striving to bring a sense of global awareness to Kentucky teens, we host the Kentucky United Nations Assembly in the spring. Nearly 5,000 participants spend weeks preparing to represent a foreign country and share its culture with other KUNA delegates. Each country's delegation presents a proposal to the other member countries defining crucial and time-sensitive social, economic, political and cultural needs.

I look forward to this first leg of my career path and hope to foster a spirit of good will and community service throughout our commonwealth.

Aaron Anderkin

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Louisville Metro AmeriCorps Program

Program Sponsor: Louisville Metro Community Action Partnership
of Members: 10 full-time, 20 part-time
Description: Members will address the health and nutrition, education, and human service needs of families who live in low-income urban communities by building capacity and social capital. Members will serve at various community organizations to recruit and support volunteers to expand the agencies' capacities and enhance agency responses to community needs.
Program Director: Tracey Harper, (502) 574-5777
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MSU Corps

Program Sponsor: Morehead State University
of Members: 19 full-time
Description: Members will provide reading tutoring for the academically at-risk student utilizing the "Great Leaps" reading curriculum; recruit and train community volunteers to be reading tutors; develop and demonstrate skills in tutoring, civic engagement, and volunteer recruitment.
Program Director: Sherrie Bennett, (606) 783-2719
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Prevent. Prepare. Respond.

Program Sponsor: American Red Cross, Louisville Chapter
of Members: 10 full-time
Description: Members will serve in support of the three key components of Disaster Capacity Building: 1) Community Disaster Education, 2) Volunteer Recruitment and Training, and 3) Emergency Shelter Partnership.
Program Director: Loren McCamey, (502) 561-3642
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Senior Connections

Program Sponsor: Green River Area Development District
of Members: 20 full-time
Description: Members seek to improve the quality of life for at-risk low-income elderly by providing in-home assistance with chores, home repairs, home management, caregiver relief, benefit counseling and home safety education. Members initiate, implement, and participate in senior centered activities; are trained in disaster response and assist in local community projects.
Program Director: David Clark, (270) 926-4433
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SERV Corps (Service Educators Recruiting Volunteers)

Program Sponsor: Eastern Kentucky University
of Members: 30 full-time
Description: Members will provide reading tutoring and drug education for at-risk students. Members will also serve as drug education coordinators within their service site schools.
Program Director: Nancy Thames, (606) 622-6556
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SUCCESS Corps

Program Sponsor: Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services
of Members: 20 full-time
Description: Members will serve the at-risk children of Eastern Kentucky in a proactive manner with the implementation of a research based home visitation model called "Parents as Teachers" and provide support to the family to ensure a higher level of parental involvement in education and a greater level of school readiness.
Program Director: Heather Musinski, (502) 564-4986
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The Learning Corps

Program Sponsor: Barren County School District
of Members: 23 full-time
Description: Through structured reading and math tutoring sessions, members and community volunteers will raise reading comprehension and math levels of K-8 students. Members will also facilitate the recruitment and training of volunteers to provide additional tutoring for the students.
Program Director: Shannon Bailes, (270) 684-5300
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For more information about 2007-08 Kentucky AmeriCorps programs, visit our Web site, www.volunteerKY.ky.gov.

EKU CELEBRATES MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

While many of their peers will be sleeping in on Saturday, Oct. 27, students at Eastern Kentucky University will observe Make A Difference Day by participating in a variety of community service projects in Richmond and surrounding areas.

EKU fraternities and sororities will work on a Habitat for Humanity home in Berea, another group of ECU volunteers will paint faces and staff carnival games at the annual Richmond Parks and Recreation Halloween Hoedown and other student groups will host a Halloween party for Big Brothers-Big Sisters at the Madison County Public Library.

 In addition, ECU Student Life and University Housing will host the first annual Fall Harvest Food Drive for local families experiencing food insecurity. Several ECU students also plan to winterize homes for low-income families and seniors in Lexington, as part of Kentucky Utilities' WinterBlitz project. Several other student organizations have teamed up to help raise money for the Rockcastle County Respiratory Care Center.

For additional information on ECU's projects for Make A Difference Day, contact Candace French at (859) 622-3855.

Submitted by Candace French, ECU Student Life



"The purpose of life is not to be happy – but to matter, to be productive, to be useful, to have it make some difference that you have lived at all."

– Leo Rosten, American teacher and humorist (1908-1997)

WHAT'S ON OUR CALENDAR?

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER/JANUARY

2007-08

Nov. 1 – All Saints Day
Nov. 4 – Daylight Savings Time ends
Nov. 11 – Veterans Day
Nov. 12 – Veterans Day observed
Nov. 22 – Thanksgiving Day
Dec. 25 – Christmas Day
Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve
Jan. 1 – New Year's Day
Jan. 21 – Martin Luther King Day
Nov. 1 – All Saints Day
Nov. 4 – Daylight Savings Time ends
Nov. 11 – Veterans Day
Nov. 12 – Veterans Day observed
Nov. 22 – Thanksgiving Day
Dec. 25 – Christmas Day
Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve
Jan. 1 – New Year's Day
Jan. 21 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service
www.mlkday.org

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Answer to Brain Teaser on page 6.



There are two possible answers:

1. The river was frozen.
2. There was a bridge over the river, and Scruffy crossed the bridge.



Kentucky is a place where spirits are free to soar and big dreams can be fulfilled. We relish competition and cherish our champions for their willingness to push beyond conventional boundaries to reach new heights of success.



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