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Collins continues to push Kentucky

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FRANKFORT - "We are meeting the challenge. We're working on expanding the word."

Those were the comments offered by Kentucky Governor Martha Layne Collins at a luncheon in Frankfurt, last Thursday.

The citizens of Kentucky a lot of times have a fear of change. It is the change for the better? That's a question I live off.

"We want to keep the public informed of what changes were trying to make and assure the people of Kentucky the state is continuing to move ahead," the governor continues.

Collins has just returned from Los Angeles and trip to secure some more revenue for the state. Her trip was productive with six potential film ventures representing interest.

"The film industry is very competitive, but we're working very hard to bring those dollars into the state."

Since opening her office for film development, and beginning to really work the potential of that revenue in the state, Kentucky has realized nearly \$50 million from that industry.

"I've got to go, I've got to keep moving," Collins said of her last month as Kentucky's chief executive.

Next week the governor will be traveling to Europe to spread the word about Kentucky.

"We're planning to open an office in London. This is the financial center of Europe. In addition there is no language barrier there."

"From there we'll go on to the middle east, from there on to Paris for some villa there and finish up in Frankfurt, West Germany."

Continuing Collins said, "We're not wasting any time. We need to let the people of the world know we're serious about Kentucky and its potential in the world market."

"Not only are we looking for investors, but we're looking to sell as many Kentucky products as possible. Crafts for one has become a big business. During this administration crafts have been turned into a business."

"In addition we hope to have some match marketing which will allow people to know where and what they can get products and services in Kentucky."

"We are also planning to develop a community showcase, where potential investors and buyers, plus the people of Kentucky can come and see exactly what's going on in the state of Kentucky."

The governor continued to push for her clean-up campaign across the state for several days or even a month. It is something which should be addressed every day of the year to make our state as attractive as possible to everyone."

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For 1987

Johnson, Tedder named governor's scholars

Governor Martha Layne Collins has released the names of 600 outstanding Kentucky high school juniors selected for the 1987 Governor's Scholars Program.

Boya Johnson and Donald Tedder have been selected from Nicholas County High School.

A record number of scholars will attend the prestigious, five-week residential program, to be held at the University of Kentucky from June 22 to July 23 and at Centre College from June 21 to July 24.

Students will be divided between the two campuses.

"It is encouraging that on this fifth anniversary of the Governor's Scholars Program, we are able to accept more qualified students than in any other previous year," Governor Collins said.

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to all of us. These scholars are willingly committing the major part of their summer to participate in an intensive intellectual experience. They receive no college credits or grades in the Governor's Scholars Program. There is very heavy competition for admission to the program. That says a lot for Kentucky and for the caliber of our young Kentuckians. It also reflects the quality of the Governor's Scholars Program."

Free of charge to students, the Governor's Scholars Program is financed by a partnership of state government including the Office of the Governor, which doubled appropriation for 1986 and 1987 over the previous biennium, and a number of private corporations, banks and foundations. Many donors have contributed to the program since 1983.

The 1987 scholars will represent 118 of 120 Kentucky counties.

The largest number, 28 percent, will come from the Western Kentucky region, followed by 25 percent from Eastern Kentucky, 23 percent from Central Kentucky, 12 percent from Northern Kentucky, and 12 percent from Jefferson County.

Students this summer will be exposed to 11 major interest areas ranging from physical science to philosophy.

They choose one, but courses are taught in non-traditional ways so that students may have more than one teacher and will study subjects across a number of subject areas.

They also participate in a variety of topical and personal growth seminars, and are offered an array of speakers, many with Kentucky backgrounds, concerts, performances, field trips and a host of extracurricular activities, ranging from sports to dramatic production.

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son County. Nominations are selected to each public school district based on the number of high school juniors in the district.

Students are accepted from both public and private Kentucky high schools.

A bipartisan blue-ribbon statewide committee selects the scholars from the pool of candidates submitted by the school districts.

The committee includes admission directors and assistant directors, academic deans and college professors from major Kentucky public universities and many independent colleges, representatives of the Council on Higher Education and the State Department of Education.

Two new deans will be leading the Governor's Scholars on the two campuses in 1987: Dr. Milton Hightower, chairman of the division of humanities at Centre College, will lead the Centre campus, and Dr. Kenneth Wolf, associate professor of history at Murray State University, will lead the program at the UK campus.

Lillian Press is full-time executive director of the program.

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Ledford to be in concert

Honor Ledford, one of the finest makers of traditional Appalachian musical instruments, will appear in concert April 13, 7:30 p.m., at Nicholas County Elementary School.

The concert, free to the public, is being sponsored by the Fine Arts Department of the Carlisle Community Women's Club, and is recommended for all ages from kindergarten to senior citizens. There will be a mechanical monkey for the children.

Ledford will bring seven or eight of his handmade instruments, and demonstrate their sound and style of music.

The youngest of four children, Ledford was born Sept. 28, 1927 in the rural Tennessee mountain community then known as Pryor. He spent his early years, and he left home at age 14, on his father's farm near what is now called Indian, TN.

Although there were no traditional musical instrument makers either in Homer's family or in the immediate neighborhood, there were several that taught music. Ledford recalls that "reverse lead music," and in such an atmosphere his own musical inclinations developed quickly.

He learned to play guitar, mandolin, fiddle, and, once in a while, banjo.

Ledford recalls, "I always loved music and I'd like to make things with my hands, and I seemed to be preoccupied at it, so when I got my first pocketknife for Christmas at age 13, I tried to make a musical instrument. I open that when I'm all ready again. To this day, I'm lost without my pocketknife."

With his pocketknife as his only tool, 12-year-old Ledford gathered whatever scraps of wood and other likely objects he could find - both left and one, dynamite boxes, and plastic a hair, and, using drawers at seven feet six inches, he tried again.

Buffalo Trace offers program

The Buffalo Trace Area Development District is pleased to announce the beginning of a new program called the "1988 Kentucky Counties Stage Family Mortgage Finance Program."

The program is designed to offer financial homeowners alternative rates of interest on loans to finance the purchase or construction of single family residences, along with such desirable features as down payments as low as 5% of the sales price (with a 10% down payment on the loan with 10% interest for the term of the loan, and up to 20 years to repay the loan with 10% interest).

The program is a result of the sale of single family mortgage revenue bonds by a group of 19 Kentucky counties who joined together through an interstate cooperation agreement to achieve a tax-free status of the bonds, thus insuring a lower rate of interest to the homeowner.

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He has conducted national making workshops at several schools and colleges including John C. Campbell's School, Berea College, and Eastern Kentucky University.

For the past five years he has taught folk music at the National Wildlife Conservation Council conference, Black Mountain, NC.

He has participated in a symposium held at E.K.U. and at the University of New York, Buffalo, NY on the same.

Ledford organized the Stage Area band known as "The Ledford and the Cato Crook Band" about 10 years ago. He plays 13 Kentucky counties including such musical instruments as banjos and jaw harp.

The second annual "Honor Ledford Bluegrass Festival" will be held May 21 in Winchester.

Congress passed a bill which allows for 22 extra hours of daylight this year during Daylight Savings Time.



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THIS SUNDAY APRIL 5TH