

April

Lindsey Wilson offers scholarships to Rogers

Scholars: Dr. William Luckey, President of Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia, and Lonnie Lawson, President and CEO of The Center, made an **exciting announcement** on April 18. Rogers Scholars graduates with an ACT score of 24 or higher will be offered a **full scholarship** to the college. Those with a score less than 24 will receive a **half scholarship**. There are no other partnerships of this kind in the state of Kentucky—hopefully, others will follow the example.

Stuart Arnold named director of marketing and public relations:

On April 25, The Center welcomed Stuart Arnold to the team as director of marketing and public relations.

“I am excited to be a part of The Center, an organization that has great, **innovative ideas** that benefit the communities of Southern and Eastern Kentucky,” commented Arnold.

According to Lonnie Lawson, CEO of The Center, Arnold will be responsible for **overseeing communications both internally and externally**. As the former publisher of the *Somerset-Pulaski News Journal*, Arnold managed several advertising and promotional campaigns that won **KY Press Association awards**. In addition, Arnold brings experience he gained as the public relations director of Ephraim McDowell Health to The Center, as well as marketing director for *The Advocate Messenger* in Danville.

Members attend grand opening ceremony:

On April 25, many members of the **Executive Committee** and the **Full Board** from The Center for Rural Development attended the grand opening ceremony for the Center for Advanced Learning, Inc. (CAL) at Valley Oak Technology Complex where **U.S. Congressman Hal Rogers (KY-05)** was the keynote speaker. In addition, they participated in two presentations illustrating new capabilities and opportunities provided by The Center. The first was a presentation about **CenterNET2**, an updated version of the original CenterNET videoconferencing technology, and the partnership with The Center and **Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS)**. Also, they were able to hear first-hand from Deputy Terry Davis the benefits of the latest **Law Enforcement Technology (LET)** software as it proved valuable in a recent Amber Alert situation in Wayne County.

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- In April, The Center staff began collecting items for care packages to be sent to a **former Rogers Scholar** who is now defending his county in Iraq. **Sgt. Brian Curtis** was a member of the Rogers Scholars class of 1999.
- The Center announces the 2005 Rogers Scholars. A total of **60 high school sophomores** from The Center's 42 county service area were chosen for this **prestigious program**.
- Last month, The Center awarded over **\$116,000** in **Phase II C-TRAIN grants** to nine regional businesses benefiting **124** of their employees. To date, more than **\$3.1 million** has been awarded benefiting over **3,300** employees in **38 counties**. For more information, contact Jessica Melton at 677-6000.
- On April 11, U.S. Congressman Hal Rogers (KY-05) and Lt. Colonel Byron Jorns of The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers christened the **PRIDE of the Cumberland**. The one-of-a-kind vessel will remove trash and wood debris from Lake Cumberland.
- April 9-23 was PRIDE Spring Cleanup. It was a **two week spring cleaning session** for the region. Final numbers of volunteers and how much trash was collected will be announced in **July**. Early indication is that that the 2005 Spring Cleanup was the **biggest ever**.



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Review a look ahead... Preview

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“KY Watercolor Society Aqueous USA 2004/2005 Travel Show” comes to The Center: From **May 5** through **June 4**, the “Kentucky Watercolor Society Aqueous Travel Show” will be on display in **The Center lobby**.

Founded in 1977, the Kentucky Watercolor Society (KWS) encourages the development of watercolor media as fine art form and works to educate the public about the best of watercolor.

The annual juried exhibition, Aqueous USA, is one of the ways KWS promotes the work of watercolor artist from across the nation. This year approximately **200 slides** were submitted by artists from **30 states**. An estimated **20 paintings** were juried for **Aqueous USA 2004/2005** to hang in various locations across the state. The traveling show allows people throughout the area to view these works of art.

Pat Dew, A.W.S., N.W.S., Juror commented, “I love the painting process. For me, the journey is the best part.”

In addition, Pat noted, “I was honored to serve as Juror of Selection and Awards for the Kentucky Watercolor Society. I am happy I was able to judge the paintings that were accepted, as well as the paintings that received an award. I know my favorite painting was not left behind.”

CenterNET brings “Wave Watch”: CenterNET videoconferencing technology offered by The Center allowed approximately **125 students** from Meece Middle School to participate in “Wave Watch,” a **distance learning program** presented by Louisville Science Center on May 2.

Students were able to explore the science behind light, sound, water, infrared and electromagnetic waves and how they impact our daily lives. In addition to the educational component of the videoconference, it also completed the school’s goal of having every student participate in a videoconference before they move on to high school.

The Louisville Science Center encourages people of all ages to enjoy science, mathematics and technology in a stimulating and engaging environment that is educational as well as entertaining. It was founded in 1871 as a natural history collection and is now Kentucky’s largest hands-on science center serving more than **550,000 people** annually. The Science Center is a non-profit agency that strives to improve the public’s understanding of science, math and technology through various mediums.

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- **The Center** continues to enhance the **website**. The latest upgrades have been to the **Executive Committee** link for only Executive Committee access. For all the latest **updates** and **information**, visit www.centertech.com.
- **Somerset Community College** will hold **graduation** on **Friday, May 6 at 6 p.m.** at The Center. For more information, call **679-8501**.
- **Somerset Junior Woman’s Club** will host their annual **Derby Party** at **The Center** on **Saturday, May 7 from 4 – 10 p.m.** The **Bachelor Auction** will also be held as a part of this event.
- **PRIDE Envi Awards ceremony** will be held at The Center on **May 16**. The gala honors the **schools, volunteers** and **community leaders** who excelled in pursuing the PRIDE mission - Personal Responsibility In a Desirable Environment - this year. Speakers will be **U.S. Congressman Harold, “Hal” Rogers (KY-05)** and **Dave Shuffett**, host of KET’s *Kentucky Life* program. Entertainment will be provided by the **Kentucky Opry** and the clogging team from **Owsley County Elementary School**.