

JANUARY

Telecom staff travels region to serve CenterNET sites:

Aside from relying on them to answer our **intermittent cries** for help, we often fail to realize what goes on in the Telecommunications department. Not only is our Telecom staff charged with ensuring the **smooth daily technological operations** within this building, but also for answering requests and providing training to over 30 **CenterNET sites** across the region.

During frequent trips to CenterNET facilities, Telecom staff trains facilitators or student workers on **videoconferencing capabilities** as well as videoconference etiquette. In a world of rapidly changing technologies, this has become increasingly important. **Good videoconferencing etiquette** includes making sure everyone has their microphones on mute until Q & A time so that camera angles remain steady, keeping cameras out of lights to avoid glare, and acting as if they are sitting in the same room as the presenter of the program so as not to distract or be unintentionally disrespectful. Such training ensures that those in our service region will put their **best face forward when telecommunicating outside of Southern and Eastern Kentucky** and inside conference rooms of other learning institutions, governmental bodies, and business corporations.

SKED opens door of opportunity for new intermodal park: Development of a regional intermodal facility is one step closer to reality, following the completion of a feasibility study done at the behest of the **Southern Kentucky Economic Development Corporation (SKED)**. The study determined that there **is indeed a need for the park**; site selection is already underway with a focus on Pulaski and Laurel counties. The purpose of the park is **to attract large manufacturing industries** to the region. SKED Executive Director Greg Jones says, "This project has the **potential to create hundreds of new jobs** throughout our service region...we are extremely privileged to have been given this task. The **creation of jobs** in Southern Kentucky is our mission. This is just one more way to achieve that."

PRIDE reports many measurable successes: Twice a year the folks at PRIDE review their **progress** toward fulfilling their four goals of **cleaning the region's waterways, removing illegal dumps, promoting environmental education, and developing personal responsibility** in a desirable environment. Below are just a few numbers that tell the story of their success. For more information visit <http://www.kypride.org>.

- Homes no longer polluting our waterways: 24,285
- Illegal dumps eliminated: 1,960
- Streams cleaned: 353
- Road miles cleaned: 9,126
- Bags of trash collected: 283,181
- Appliances collected: 130,737

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- **The Law Enforcement Technology program** continued its success in January by awarding **Computer Aided Dispatch systems** to the Pikeville and Casey County police departments. The CAD systems included two dispatcher workstations, one supervisor workstation, a 'server' computer, and related hardware and software. The **\$26 million grant program**, secured from the U.S. Department of Justice by Congressman Rogers, has already **made great strides** by distributing ruggedized laptops and Mobile Data Computing equipment to all participating law enforcement agencies. The program was developed and **initiated by The Center** in 2001 as a holistic approach to **helping law enforcement agencies to improve communications and in turn, public safety.**
- During the month of January, The Center awarded four regional businesses a total of \$72,912 in **C-TRAIN Phase II grants** to provide technology **training for 88** of their employees. Businesses receiving grants were: **Image Entry** and **Marymount Medical Center**, both of Laurel County, **Data Futures, Inc.**, of Harlan County, and **Ingersoll Rand Company** of Taylor County.

FEBRUARY

Titanic – The Musical will sail into The Center on **February 27**: The Tony Award-winning depiction of the 20th century's most **legendary tale of romance, adventure, greed and ambition** told live on stage, *Titanic – The Musical*, will be presented by Lake Cumberland Performing Arts and hosted by The Center as a part of the CenterStage popular series on Friday, February 27 at 7:30 p.m. *Titanic* is a joyous, breathtaking and often heartbreaking **Broadway musical** that dramatically captures the series of events that occurred during the ship's **historic voyage in 1912**. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased by visiting The Center Box office or calling 606-677-6000.

2004 South Kentucky Sport, Boat and Fishing Show: Whatever you're **dreaming of** for this summer, you're sure to find it at the 2004 South Kentucky Sport, Boat and Fishing Show to be held at The Center **February 20-22**. This annual event promises to **be better than ever** with boats of all kinds, **plenty of fishing equipment, all-terrain vehicles**, and other **outdoor and water paraphernalia**. Come to shop or just to look at the latest must-haves for a summer of fun on the lake. There will also be fishing demonstrations and educational seminars at the popular **bass tub**. For a change of pace, try the "**Rock Wall Challenge**" where you can experience the thrill of climbing and rappelling. It will be a weekend of fun for the **entire family**, so make sure you don't miss the 2004 South Kentucky Sport, Boat and Fishing Show.

Admission is \$4.00 per person, and children 12 and under get in free. There is **no additional charge for the attractions**. Times are 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, February 20, 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, and 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call (606) 677-6000.

Owen Lovell comes home Feb. 8 to tickle the ivories at The Center: Presented by Lake Cumberland Performing Arts and hosted by The Center, on February 8 at 3:00 p.m. **classical pianist Owen Lovell** will tickle the ivories at The Center. Lovell, the son of Susan Shibley and local physician Dr. Phillip Shibley, is currently completing a **Doctor of Musical Arts** degree at the University of Texas at Austin. Specializing in 20th century **Russian composers** such as Shostakovich and Rachmanifnoff, he also has a strong interest in performing "**new music**." Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by visiting The Center Box Office or by calling 606-677-6000.

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- Prior to the Owen Lovell **CenterStage** classical piano concert on February 8 at The Center, another local talent, **Jonathon Thompson**, will be presenting a PowerPoint photo show of **stunning images taken in Pulaski County and The Big South Fork N.R.R.A.** The twenty-minute presentation is free to the public and will begin at **2:15 p.m.** The "Best Photo" show was recently presented at the **Watershed Arts Alliance "Taste of Art"** in December to rave reviews. Thompson lives and writes in a cabin in rural Pulaski County.
- Until May, **three interns**, Angie McClin, Laura Hayre, and Stephen Clark will **join the Telecom staff. From Somerset Community College**, the interns will primarily be observing but will eventually settle into doing **research and data entry** for our CenterNET sites. Welcome!
- February computer classes are: **Excel 2000 Intro**, Feb 3 & 5, **PowerPoint 2000 Intro**, Feb 10 & 12, **Using Excel to Create and Manage Your Database**, Feb 17, **How to be Involved in Your Child's Internet Experience**, Feb 19, and **Access 2000 Intro**, Feb 24 & 26.