

January

Fletcher uses CenterNET to deliver public forums:

Governor Ernie Fletcher used the CenterNET videoconferencing network provided by The Center for Rural Development to conduct a portion of his tax modernization public forums, reaching **nine different locations** simultaneously.

The Center in Somerset was one of 13 host locations for the Governor's statewide tour and more than **450 people** at **eight CenterNET sites**, as well as representatives in **Frankfort**, were able to **interact live** with the Governor.

CenterNET sites participating were in Bell, Harlan, Monroe, Morgan, Owsley, Pike, Rockcastle and Whitley Counties. The CenterNET videoconferencing network includes **36 sites** throughout The Center's 42-county service area in Southern and Eastern Kentucky. **Citizens and businesses** can **contact** The Center at **606-677-6000** for the location of a **CenterNET** site in or near their **community**.

LET continues Mobile Data Communications installation and training:

The Center's Law Enforcement Technology (LET) program is taking the next step in **improving communications** in law enforcement. In early January, **110 participating law enforcement agencies** began receiving **software and training** that will advance communications by enabling them to **directly access** and obtain almost instantaneous response from a diverse array of **databases** for essential information during routine traffic stops or criminal investigations.

Included in this phase are installation and training on **messaging, chat and wants and warrants** modules that provide direct access to the statewide **LINK** (Law Enforcement Network of Kentucky) and the **FBI's NCIC** (National Crime Information Center).

All training and installations will be completed by The Center's LET department by **March, 31, 2005**.

The Center hosted community blood drive:

On January 19, The Center hosted a blood drive.

As a joint effort of The Center staff and affiliates, 20 individuals registered to give the gift of life. 13 units were collected and will be used for anyone needing blood in the region.

Each participant received a free t-shirt and the satisfaction of knowing they helped to save a life.

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- On January 20, **LCPA** and **The Center** presented **Mari Anne Jayme**, jazz singer. Her love for **jazz singing** was evident as her laid-back vibe **soothed** all who attended.
- In January, **4 regional businesses** were awarded over **\$51,500** in Phase II C-TRAIN grants benefiting **129 employees**. To date, over **\$2.8 million** has been awarded in C-TRAIN grants benefiting nearly **3,000 employees**. For more information, contact **Jessica Melton** at The Center.
- The Center hosted the annual **Lake Cumberland New Car and Truck Show** in January. All new car and truck dealerships in Pulaski County had their **new 2005 vehicles** on display for potential buyers to **look at, ask questions** about and even **get a feel** of what it would be like behind the driver's seat. Around **1,200** attended the weekend-long event.
- **Eight counties** and **eight cities** won **Roadside PRIDE Awards** for cleaning up roadside litter. They were **Pulaski, Owsley, Wolfe, Monroe, Rockcastle, Perry, Johnson** and **Knox** counties. The cities of **Eubank, Loyall, Lynch, Louisa, London** and **Pikeville** also received a trophy during a **ceremony** held at **The Center**.



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Review a look ahead... Preview

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Get ready for summer at South Kentucky Sport, Boat & Fishing Show: On February 25-27, The Center will host the annual **South Kentucky Sport, Boat and Fishing Show** to help drive away the winter blues.

Welcome thoughts of warm weather by browsing through **boats of all kinds, fishing equipment, all-terrain vehicles and other outdoor equipment**. Adding to the excitement will be the **Kachunga Alligator Show**, and a **rock climbing wall**.

Show times are **Friday, February 25**, from 4-9 p.m., **Saturday, February 26** from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. and **Sunday, February 27** from 12-5 p.m. **Admission is \$5** per person with **\$1 off** if you bring a non-perishable food item for **God's Food Pantry**. **Children 12 and under** get in for **free**.

Celebrate Valentine's Day with "Dine and Dance": For this Valentine's Day, treat your sweetheart to an evening of **entertainment at Lake Cumberland Performing Arts "Dine and Dance with Big Band Cavalcade."** Enjoy a **dinner buffet** and a **performance** by Rick Schalk and his orchestra, with **dancing optional**. Make memories--**Friday, February 11**, at The Center. **Dinner** begins at **6:30 p.m.** and the **show** starts at **7:30 p.m.** For **tickets**, call **The Center box office** at **677-6000**.

CenterStage: Seven Brides for Seven Brothers: "Goin' courting" has never been as much fun as in this **rip-roaring stage version** of the popular MGM movie. Bursting with rambunctious energy of the original film, *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* is all the boisterous **fun** and **romance** that harkens back to the glory days of the movie musical.

New songs have been added that include wistful ballads, charming comic turns and rousing show-stopping dances. With songs such as "Glad That You Were Born," "Bless Your Beautiful Hide," "Goin' Courting," and "Wonderful, Wonderful Day," *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* is rousing, charming and witty.

Lake Cumberland Performing Arts, in partnership with The Center, presents *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* on **Thursday, February 24** at **7:30 p.m.** **Tickets** are \$30 for adults and \$20 for children 12 and under. Groups of 10 or more get \$1 off each ticket. Tickets can be purchased by phone at **606-677-6000** or in person at **The Center box office**.

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- **God's Food Pantry** has been chosen as the beneficiary of **The Center's 2005 community service event**. For this month's internal fundraising event, a **raffle** will be held for a **Valentine date package** including **dinner for two** and **movie tickets**. **Other events** are being planned for **Center employees** as well as the **public** to help **needy families** in **Pulaski County**. All **proceeds** go directly to **God's Food Pantry**.
- **Missy's Gymnastics** will hold their **Mardi Gras Power Tumbling invitational** at **The Center** on **Saturday, February 12** starting at **8 a.m.**
- **Clear Channel Radio** along with **Monticello Banking Company** will present the **Taste of Home Cooking Show** on **Thursday, February 17** at **7 p.m.** Doors open at **4 p.m.** in the **exhibit halls**. **Tickets** are **\$12** and can be purchased at **The Center box office** or by calling **677-6000**.
- **The Center** will host the **Lake Cumberland Home Builders Association Home and Product Show** on **Saturday, February 19** from **10 a.m.-9 p.m.** and **Sunday, February 20** from **12-4 p.m.** **Admission is free**.