

## July

**It was “One Joyful Night:”** On Saturday, July 30, The Center for Rural Development presented “One Joyful Night” of **praise and worship music** to showcase local talent. The event was sponsored by **The Somerset Refinery, Inc. co-owners Roy Shirley and Frank Lynch, and Clear Channel Radio.**

The feature band was **Live Fish**, plus other performances were held by **Davidic** and the **Eagle Heights Praise Band.**

**Exciting summer camps held at The Center:** The Center, along with **Big Brain Learning Center**, presented **three summer camps** in July.

“**Girl Power**” covered etiquette, skin care, organizational and study skills, as well as **career opportunities** in math and science. “**Around the World**” allowed students to spend three days learning about the language, costumes, culture, art and food from **Mexico, France and Japan.** At “**Princess Boot Camp,**” the “**ultimate tea party,**” girls learned about **etiquette** and **fitness** plus **organizational, and study skills.**

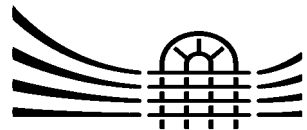
**Second week of Rogers Scholars as successful as the first:** During the summer of each year, The Center hosts two classes of Rogers Scholars. On **July 17,** the second **class** arrived for an **intensive one-week session designed to develop leaders and entrepreneurs.**

**Rising juniors** took part in many activities learning about **leadership, teambuilding and demonstrating dedication to community service.** Each day they participated in a **luncheon presentation** with various **motivational speakers** from across the region. The speakers included Lindsey Wilson president, **William Luckey, Jr.;** Georgetown College president **William Crouch;** 1972 U.S. Olympic team captain, **Kenny Davis;** chairman, CEO and president of Outdoor Venture Corporation, **J.C. Egnew,** and former CEO of The Center, **Hilda Gay Legg.** In addition, all students selected a **major** for the week and received training from Center staff and other professionals in the field.

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- On **July 15, Manchester Memorial Hospital** presented **Avalon** in concert. Approximately **650** individuals enjoyed the performance. All proceeds from ticket sales and donations benefited the **Women's and Children's Health Care Center.**
- **SEKTA** would like to congratulate **Becky Claxon** of Garrison, Kentucky, winner of an overnight stay at a **Kentucky Resort Park.** Claxon called 5-1-1 and selected the tourism option in response to an ad in *Kentucky Living* magazine.
- In July, **UNITE** received **accreditation** by the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police (**KACP**). Operation UNITE is only the **second law enforcement drug task force** in the state to do so.
- **SKED** welcomes **Joe Baron** as their **transportation specialist.** In this new position, Baron will work to further **develop** and **promote** the Southern Kentucky Intermodal Park, planned for construction in Pulaski County this year. Baron brings to SKED **20 years of management experience** in manufacturing, packaging, production, warehousing and shipping.
- **PRIDE** released its annual report on volunteerism and solid waste collection. To date, **156,441 volunteers** have worked **496,058 hours** cleaning up illegal dumps and collecting **380,198 bags of trash.**



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# Review a look ahead... Preview

## August

**Governor Fletcher visits The Center:** Governor Ernie Fletcher spoke at the **Somerset-Pulaski County Chamber Luncheon** held at The Center on August 2.

Fletcher spoke on the **successes** under his administration including tax modernization and **economic growth**. There have been **3,500 new jobs** added statewide in the past two months according to the Governor's statistics.

Michael Goins, Fletcher's deputy communications director commented, "The governor likes to come to this area, and especially to The Center. It's a great facility. He's utilized The Center for several of his functions."

### **Regional forum scheduled in Floyd County:**

On **August 17**, The Center will hold the **second regional forum**, at the **Big Sandy Area Development District** in Prestonsburg from **11:30 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.** This is the **second of four events** planned across The Center's 42-county service area.

**Elected officials** and other **community representatives** will be invited to attend and discuss how The Center can help **improve the quality of life** for citizens in their communities.

Lunch will be catered by the **Johnson County Senior Citizens Center**.

### **"Battle of the Scholars" to take place on August 6:**

Keeping in touch with other Rogers Scholars is an important step towards establishing a network of contacts that can provide many advantages for **future leadership** and business endeavors. The best way to do that is to have an **annual reunion**, and that's exactly what's going to take place at The Center for Rural Development in Somerset on **Saturday, August 6, 2005 from 1-5 p.m.**

The 2005 Rogers Scholars Reunion—"Battle of the Scholars" will take place on the front lawn of The Center. The afternoon event will begin with a **social luncheon** where nominations for Roger Scholars **officers** will be taken. The results will be announced at the end of the reunion. This is the perfect opportunity to **help Center staff** in planning summer camps, upcoming reunions and many other Rogers Scholars events.

After all the business has taken place, let the fun begin! "Battle of the Scholars" will challenge scholars to compete in **fun and crazy games** for **Rogers Scholars dollars!** The more "dollars" you win, the more **prizes** you will be able to buy at the end of the reunion.

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- **Lake Cumberland Children's Theatre** will present *Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* on **August 13, 14, 20 and 21** at **7 p.m.** nightly.
- **King of Kings Radio** will present *The Inspirations* at **The Center** on **August 13** at **7:30 p.m.**
- The upcoming **Center Stage** season schedule can be viewed on **The Center's website** at [www.centertech.com/events/centerstage.com](http://www.centertech.com/events/centerstage.com). For **ticket information**, contact **The Center box office** at **606-677-6000**.
- **Joe and Nancy Fish** were presented with an **engraved mantel clock** by **Lonnie Lawson**, president and CEO of The Center, on **August 1**. The clock was presented on **behalf of The Center staff** in **appreciation** for **over 900 volunteer hours** each.
- **People Encouraging People (PEP), Operation UNITE** and **Eastern Kentucky PRIDE** worked with local officials to organize the end of Beattyville's PRIDE-funded sewer project and kick off the local **"Hooked on Fishing-Not on Drugs" program (HOFNOD)**. **Congressman Hal Rogers** will present **trophies** to students who win the HOFNOD poster design and fishing hat design contests. Students from **Beattyville Elementary School** and **Southside Elementary School** **PRIDE Clubs** will release **thousands of catfish** into the Kentucky River, symbolizing that **improved sewer service** creates **cleaner water**.