

June

The Center holds regional forum: On June 28, The Center held a regional forum at **Lindsey Wilson College** in Columbia. This was the first of **four events** planned across The Center's 42-county service area.

Elected officials and other **community representatives** were invited to attend and discuss how The Center can help **improve the quality of life** for citizens in their communities. A presentation of **Center facilities** and **services** was given by The Center President and CEO, Lonnie Lawson, and CIO, Charley Simpson. **Questions** and **comments** were taken from individuals and discussed as a group over lunch. In addition, Emily Fox, The Center's community liaison for the region, gave an **enthusiastic presentation** as she remembered her experience as a **Rogers Scholar**, a **key youth leadership program** initiated by the Center.

Volunteers recognized at appreciation luncheon: Since The Center opened in 1996, volunteers have **contributed many hours of dedicated service**. On June 30, The Center hosted an **appreciation luncheon** for all **volunteers**. The theme was "county fair" and all attendees **played games, won prizes and ate cotton candy, popcorn and snow cones**. Lunch was catered by Shaffer's Catering. After lunch, **awards** for service hours were given and all new volunteers were recognized. **The Center**, along with **PRIDE** and **SKED**, donated items to be given as prizes and awards.

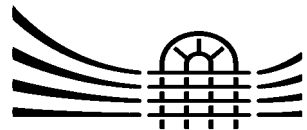
First week of Rogers Scholars was a huge success: During the summer of each year, The Center hosts two classes of Rogers Scholars. On **June 19**, the **first class** arrived for an **intensive one-week session** designed to **develop leaders and entrepreneurs**.

Rising juniors took part in many activities teaching **leadership, teambuilding and demonstrating dedication to community service**. Each day they participated in a **luncheon presentation** with various **motivational speakers** from across the region. 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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- The Center welcomed **Rachael Keck** on board as their newest **community liaison**.
As a community liaison, Keck will be a primary contact between The Center and **local government officials, civic, community and business leaders and business interests** in her region. She will also be responsible for **promoting Center programs and services** that will benefit the communities she represents. Included in Rachael's service area are the counties of **Lee, Breathitt, Knott, Letcher, Perry, Owsley, Leslie, Harlan, Clay, Jackson, Rockcastle, Laurel, Knox, Bell and Whitley**. She will join The Center's other two existing community liaisons to better represent and see first-hand the needs of The Center's 42-county service area.
- The Center also welcomed **Dennis Busher** as their **video production manager** in June.
"I came to The Center because I thoroughly believe in the mission. This dynamic organization has served the region well and will continue to do even more in the future," commented Busher. As video production manager, Busher will be responsible for the **video production facility, as well as producing, directing and editing any program content that is developed through The Center**.



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A telecast on “Building a 21st Century World Class Workforce” comes to The Center: The Center’s CenterNET2 will offer a telecast entitled, “Building a 21st Century World Class Workforce,” sponsored by the **Economic Development Administration** to all 102 CenterNET2 sites across the state. The telecast will take place on **Wednesday, July 27 from 3-4 p.m. EDT.**

This telecast will showcase bold new initiatives in the expansion of workforce development systems for maintaining and strengthening **America’s economic power.** Included in the telecast will be a discussion on what it takes to build a **world class workforce**; a new streamlined **workforce development system** in the state of Mississippi; and a **community college perspective** of how local efforts are putting these concepts into practice.

While the telecast is **free, registration is necessary.** For more information, or to locate a CenterNET2 site near you, contact **Robyn Phillips** by phone at **606-677-6000** or by e-mail at rphillips@centertech.com. You can also visit www.centernet2.com.

The Center welcomes Pat Bradley to the team:

Pat Bradley has been named **arts and culture outreach coordinator** for the Center.

Bradley will be responsible for meeting with **arts and cultural resources** throughout The Center’s 42-county service region, working to improve and enhance all areas of arts and cultural activities. Increased **opportunities** for arts **education programs, increased crafts development and marketing opportunities,** and production of **professional development workshops** are just a few of the program initiatives being developed at this time.

If you’re involved with arts and culture in your community—or want to become **involved,** contact Pat Bradley by e-mail at pbradley@centertech.com, by phone at **606-677-6000, ext 6083,** or cell phone at **606-335-1488.**

Avalon comes to The Center: The Center, along with **Manchester Memorial Hospital,** will present **Avalon** in concert on **Friday, July 15 at 7 p.m.**

General Admission tickets are **\$25** per person and **\$20** per person for groups of 10 or more. Gold Circle Seating is **limited to 120 seats** and is **\$30** per person. For more **information,** or to purchase **tickets,** contact The Center box office at **606-677-6000.**

All proceeds will benefit the **Women’s and Children’s Healthcare Center** at **Manchester Memorial Hospital.**

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- **The Center,** in partnership with **Big Brain Learning Center** will present **three summer camps** in July. “**Girl Power**” and “**Princess Boot Camp**” will be held at The Center from **July 11-13. Grades six through nine** will be from **9 a.m.-noon** and **grades one through five** will be from **1 p.m.-3 p.m.** The camps will cover **skin care, etiquette, and organizational and study skills.** **Camp Invention,** for **grades one through six,** will take place **July 25-29 from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.** This camp is sponsored by the **U.S Patent Office** and it will allow students to **invent** their own **rollercoaster,** come back to earth after a **space crash,** make a **better egg,** and save the **crash test dummies.** For more **information,** or to **register,** call **606-677-6000.**
- The **second class of Rogers Scholars** will arrive on **Sunday, July 17.** Students will participate in the same **leadership and teambuilding activities** as the first class. **Thirty students** are expected to attend.
- **Somerset Refinery, Inc. and Clear Channel Radio** will sponsor “**A Joyful Night**” featuring **praise and worship bands** in **The Center exhibit hall** on **Saturday, July 30 from 7-10 p.m.** The **public** is invited to attend and tickets are **\$5.** For more **information,** contact **The Center** at **606-677-6000.**
- **EKU’s Small Business Development Center** will host **Small Business Development Day** on **August 2.** Deadline for booth registration is **July, 27** and deadline for event registration is **July 29.** For more **information,** contact **Marlene Morgan** at **606-677-6120.**