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Dr. Jo Marshall appointed to The Center's Executive Committee: Recently, Dr. Jo Marshall, current **President** and **CEO** of **Somerset Community College** and a National Facilitator in Leadership Training for the Phi Theta Kappa Kellogg Foundation Leadership Development project, was appointed as the 11th member of The Center's Executive Committee. Marshall, a Somerset resident, is also a member of the board for the **Southern Kentucky Economic Development Corporation** (SKED), Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital, Citizens National Bank, as well as the Lake Cumberland Area Development District Workforce Investment Board.

SKED Executive Director Greg Jones said, "SKED is pleased to have **Dr. Jo Marshall** represent the organization as a member of The Center's board of directors. It's leaders like her who inspire us all to **set lofty goals** and **look beyond traditional resources** when working to improve economic prosperity in Southern and Eastern Kentucky."

SEKTDA attends Travel South: Vicki Kidd, Director of Communications for the **Southern and Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association** (SEKTDA), recently ventured to Mobile, Alabama to attend **Travel South**, a marketplace for international and domestic tour operators and media. With a mission to **positively showcase and sell** the many **unique tourist attractions** of Southern and Eastern Kentucky to representatives from Southern hotels, attractions, states, convention and visitors bureaus, Kidd met with 50 tour operators in 10-minute appointments during the program. "They were all **very interested** in our area," Kidd said, "and many of them are smaller venues that could **provide business** to our region *this year*."

"Hometown" Security discussed in Rural America Matters Conference: Co-sponsored by the **Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) Center for Homeland Defense and Security** of Monterey, California, and The Center, the "Homeland Security for Rural America Matters" conference was held on March 8. The **primary objectives** of this conference were to explore ways to **strengthen homeland security** in the context of rural development, **raise awareness** that terrorism and its consequences are **not limited to urban areas**, seek solutions to identified issues and challenges in hopes of developing and **implementing demonstration projects** in the region, and to develop training curriculum that addresses homeland security in rural America for the NPS Center.

Through **facilitated discussion**, officials provided invaluable input on the challenges, needs, and potential action steps concerning rural homeland security in six areas: agriculture, tourism, public health, utility infrastructure, public safety, and transportation.

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- Telecommunications work is underway at the **Hazard** and **London Project UNITE offices**, securing network connections.
- The ***Spirit of Ireland's Dance of Desire*** show presented by LCPA at The Center on March 19 was masterfully performed to a **sold out crowd**.
- During the month of March, The Center awarded **four regional businesses** a total of **\$41,416** in **C-TRAIN Phase II grants** to provide technology training for **43 employees**. Businesses receiving grants were: **Boswell Contracting, Inc.**, Pulaski County, **Monticello Banking Co.**, Wayne County, **Brown Food Service Inc.**, Lawrence County, **Blue Grass Energy Co-op Corp.**, Jessamine County.
- In March, the Telecommunications department at The Center launched its own offensive in the War on **SPAM**. Since installing the **SPAM filtering gateway**, an average of approximately **25,000 junk emails** have been **blocked** in each 24-hour period.
- **Two new CenterNET sites join network:** The Center's telecommunications department recently completed installation of **new CenterNET sites** in **Morgan County** at the UK Regional Technology Center and **Harlan County** on the campus of Southeast Community College.

APRIL

Youth Leadership and Entrepreneurial Summit scheduled for April 17th: A **partnership** between The Center and **Southeast Community College** is bringing a **unique** leadership and entrepreneurial opportunity to 9th and 10th graders in Southern and Eastern Kentucky. Held at the SECC Cumberland Campus, the April 17th conference will give the students who attend a **taste of the adventures** that await them in life after high school and **introduce them to future career possibilities** as aspiring leaders and entrepreneurs.

James Malinchak, author of the internationally acclaimed *Teenagers Tips for Success*, and contributing author and associate editor for the **best-selling** book series *Chicken Soup for the Soul*, will begin the day's inspiring lineup. Jon Auvil of Premier Agenda books will follow with a motivational presentation based on the best-selling book, *7 Habits for Highly Effective Teens*, that emphasizes the importance of teens possessing basic principles on which to **build a strong foundation** that will sustain them **through life's most difficult challenges**.

In the afternoon, Data Futures co-founders Charleen Combs and Bob Harris will present their personal, captivating entrepreneurial success story. Combs and Harris **will empower** the young leaders by sharing how they **transformed** their **vision** of developing a successful corporate technology service into **reality** right here in Southern and Eastern Kentucky.

Enjoy the heartwarming adventures of *The Ugly Duckling*: Follow the heartwarming and **comedic adventures** of Sylvia the Swan who just doesn't fit into the world to which she was born. **Travel** with her through **song** and **dance** in her **journey of self-discovery** where she finds that she really is **important** and **beautiful**. This Prime Time Children's Theatre show presented by LCPA at The Center is Thursday, **April 22nd**, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets (**\$6 adults, \$4 children 12 & under**) can be purchased by visiting The Center Box Office or calling 606-677-6000.

Revisit the golden history of Rock 'n' Roll: The music that defined **generations**, spoke the thoughts of quieted, conflicted minds, and **liberated** the youth of the world, is coming to The Center on Saturday, **April 3rd** at 7:30 p.m. Presented by Lake Cumberland Performing Arts, *Legends of Yesterday: A Tribute to the Everly Brothers, Buddy Holly, and The Beatles*, will whisk you away to bygone eras of innocence where **peace and love live once again**. Tickets (\$30) can be purchased by visiting The Center Box Office or by calling 606-677-6000.

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- **April computer classes are:**
Excel 2000-Intro, April 8,
Computers and Applications-Intro, April 15 & 17, **Word 2000**-Intro, April 20 & 22, **Power Point**- Intermediate, April 23, **Access** Intermediate, April 27 & 29.

- In addition to April showers, the month brings the last round of shows for the **2003-2004 CenterStage Performing Arts Series**. In addition to *Legends of Yesterday*, the following shows will be presented by LCPA at The Center:

The Da Ponte String Quartet
Sunday, April 18, 3:00 p.m.
Noted for their ability to make music **immediate and fresh**, *Da Ponte* members **speak directly** to the audience about the music they perform, part of an accessible, **personable style**.

Driving Miss Daisy
Saturday, April 24, 7:30 p.m.
A **Pulitzer Prize-winning** play that presents a sometimes **sentimental**, sometimes bittersweet, **always engaging view of life in the South**, this three-character work reflects the changing world over a 25-year span. Indirectly addressing issues of **prejudice, dependence, and pride**, this show includes an interactive post-performance discussion with the audience.