

September

CenterNET brings dulcimer music program to Somerset, Corbin and Pineville elementary students: On September 24, artist/musician/songwriter Dick "Richard" Albin visited Pineville Independent Elementary School to educate students on dulcimer music. In the class, Albin addressed questions concerning **folk music** and demonstrated how to play the **dulcimer, banjo and mouth bow**. The CenterNET videoconferencing network allowed 30 students from Somerset, 28 from Corbin and 38 from Pineville not only to see and hear the program, but also participate through **interactive discussion** via CenterNET.

Public Safety/Law Enforcement Technology project continues to move forward: New vendor and product evaluations have been completed to identify additional sources of **computer aided dispatch, records management, and mobile communications** software. A contract has been signed with VisionTek for mobile communication software and contracts for the remaining applications are in the final stage.

In addition, a **joint application design** session with the identified potential vendors has been completed to establish software programming and development standards. This process will ensure **compatibility and seamless integration** among all the components.

Public Safety **wireless network** communication portion is also progressing.

September C-TRAIN grant recipients announced: September marked the **first time** a **Knott County business** applied for and was awarded a C-TRAIN grant. **Hindman Settlement School, Inc.** was awarded **\$8,000** for three employees to receive training in graphics and web design programs. Six other regional businesses were also awarded grants, totaling over **\$66,000**. Recipients included Consolidated Health Systems, Inc., Highlands Regional Medical Center, Worldwide Equipment and Central Appalachia Mining, LLC all of Floyd County. In addition, Somerset Hardwood Flooring, Inc. from Pulaski County and First Corbin Banc Services of Whitley County also received grants. To date, **over \$1 million** has been awarded in Phase II C-TRAIN grants, benefiting **1,012 employees** in Southern and Eastern Kentucky.

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- On September 10, **Patty Loveless** made her way back to her roots with a **concert** at The Center. With an unforgettable voice, she sang many of her hits including "Blame It On Your Heart" and "You Can Feel Bad (If It Makes You Feel Better)." New country artist **Andy Griggs** opened for Loveless.
- Three Broadway performers brought **The Best of Broadway-Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber** to The Center on September 23. It was truly an unforgettable musical journey through the Webber's greatest hits including songs from *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Cats* and *Evita*. The musical genius of Webber and the extraordinary talent of these performers created a **memorable and exciting evening** of entertainment.
- Many organizations and individuals took advantage of The Center's attractive **meeting & event space** in September, including the **Kenny Woods Gun & Knife Show**; several high school class reunions and wedding receptions; a two-day meeting of the **Kentucky Bar Association**, as well as meetings of the **Kentucky Broadcasters Association** and the **Kentucky Society of CPAs**.

October

Youth Leadership Summit to be held at The Center:

A half-day leadership conference is planned for **October 20** at The Center where 9th & 10th graders will get a taste of the adventures they will face in life. Students will learn **essential leadership skills** and be introduced to the possibilities that await them as future leaders. Keynote speakers include **James Malinchak**, who has authored eight books including the internationally acclaimed *Teenagers Tips for Success*, and **Dr. William H. Crouch, Jr.**, president of Georgetown College. Malinchak is also a contributing author for the well-known *Chicken Soup for the Soul* series. Dr. Crouch is credited with facilitating the construction of the Athletic and Conference Center Complex on the Georgetown campus that is home to the NFL Cincinnati Bengals football team's annual summer camp.

Currently 350 students from four counties have registered. The October 20 summit is from 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., is **free** to 9th and 10th graders and includes **lunch**. Any student wanting to **register** can contact their **guidance counselor**. Registration **deadline** is **October 12**.

CenterStage season continues with three shows in **October**: Lake Cumberland Performing Arts will present three CenterStage shows in October. On **October 7** at 7:30 p.m., **Keep on the Sunny Side-Songs & Story of the Carter Family** will be at The Center. While most people know Alvin's niece June, who married Johnny Cash, the story focuses on A.P. Carter, his wife Sara and their sister-in-law Maybelle Carter. It's not only a great story, but also a true historic tale of **how country music got its start**. Tickets are \$25; \$20 for children under 12.

Kentucky native and singer-songwriter **Stoll Vaughan** will perform songs from his debut album, *Hold on Thru Sleep and Dream* at The Center on **October 19** at 7:30 p.m. With his **edgy originality**, prolific songwriting, and a voice reminiscent of Bob Dylan, he is sure to stir something inside. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under.

The **Lexington Philharmonic** Orchestra will bring an evening of classical favorites and pop hits to The Center on **October 28** at 7:30 p.m. From the beauty of Respighi's *Ancient Airs* and *Dances No. 3* and Beethoven's *Symphony No. 2* to the folly of Broadway's award-winning musical *The Producers*, this evening is sure to please everyone. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$25 for children 12 and under.

All tickets can be purchased at The Center box office in Somerset or by phone at 606-677-6000.

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- Recruitment has begun for the upcoming **2005 class of Rogers Scholars** and school visits are being scheduled to inform students about the program.

Any high school sophomore in The Center's 42-county service area who is interested in developing skills in **leadership, technology, entrepreneurship** and **community service** and has at least a 3.0 GPA can apply. The application requires three letters of recommendation, a short essay, a copy of high school transcripts and a list of community service and extracurricular activities.

Applications will be available from guidance counselors or can be downloaded from the web at **www.rogersscholars.com**. The **deadline** to apply is January 31, 2005.

- **Children's Prime Time Theatre** will present *The Little Red Hen* on **October 14**. This foot-stompin' country musical adaptation of the classic tale follows the plucky crimson heroine as she perseveres in making a loaf of her delicious bread, despite the lack of help from her barnyard friends. **Tickets** are \$6 for adults and children 12 and up and \$4 for children under 12 and are available at The Center box office or by phone at 606-677-6000.