

## DECEMBER

The Center opens Prestonsburg Field Office: The Center officially opened its **new field office** in **Prestonsburg** with an afternoon open house on **December 17**.

"The best way we can become relevant to the people we serve in our 42 counties is to be out there in the region," said President and CEO Lonnie Lawson. "The Prestonsburg office gives us a presence in the eastern-most counties, which we'd been lacking."

"The Center's field office is an **information station**," commented Nikki Allen, field office associate. Information concerning The Center's services and programs such as **C-TRAIN grants**, **CenterNET** videoconferencing and **performing arts** programs is available.

The office, co-located with Congressman Rogers' field office at 100 Resource Drive, is open Monday through Friday and can be reached at 606-886-6955.

**Arts and culture outreach launched:** The Center has launched **Art Matters**, an extensive outreach campaign that will focus on **increasing awareness** of and **access** to arts and culture in its 42-county service area. The Center's goal through *Art Matters* is to be a proactive **leader** and facilitate **relationship-building** efforts to **enhance arts and culture** throughout Southern and Eastern Kentucky.

Any **individual** or **organization** involved with arts and culture, or who wants to become involved, and shares The Center's belief that **Art Matters** should contact Pat Bradley, arts and culture outreach coordinator for The Center, by e-mail at [pbradley@centertech.com](mailto:pbradley@centertech.com).

**Estill County 911 receives CAD system:** The Center's **Law Enforcement Technology (LET) Program** awarded a computer-aided dispatch (**CAD**) **system** to **Estill County 911**, enabling it to better serve all public safety first responders.

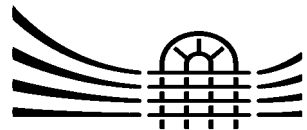
The CAD system is valued at over **\$105,000** and includes a computer server, supervisor and dispatcher workstations, and other related **hardware** and **software**. User **training** was provided to all dispatch personnel upon installation and The Center will also provide any additional requested **technical support**. The equipment will enable the communications center to better serve the citizens of Estill County by automating call records and access to **critical information** such as the caller's phone number and address.

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- On **December 2**, The Center made a **presentation** to the Kentucky Interim Joint Committee on Seniors, Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Protection on the **Law Enforcement Technology (LET) Program** and its effort in support of **homeland security**.
- In December, **15 regional businesses**, were awarded over **\$206,000** in Phase II C-TRAIN grants benefiting **377 employees**. To date, over **\$2.8 million** has been awarded in C-TRAIN grants benefiting **2,875 employees**. For more **information**, contact **Jessica Melton** at The Center.
- **Pat Banks' watercolors** were put on display at **The Center** as a part of the **visual arts** display presented by **Lake Cumberland Performing Arts** on **December 1** and will continue through **February 27, 2005**.

Pat has worked in the Kentucky **Arts Council's Artist-in-the-Schools** program and created works for selected galleries, fairs and shows. Her goal as an instructor is to help students **master basic skills** and techniques until they become second nature, so the real objective—**creating wonderful art**—can progress.



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# Review a look ahead... Preview

## JANUARY

The Center welcomes Rodney Murphy: Lonnie Lawson, President and CEO has announced that **Rodney Murphy** has been named the **public safety program director** as of January 3, 2005. According to Lawson, Murphy will be responsible for **overseeing** all areas of **public safety** programs developed and administered by The Center, including the **Law Enforcement Technology (LET) program**.

Murphy comes to The Center with **34 years experience with the Kentucky State Government**, including IT operations management, network support, voice systems support and application development. Murphy also served as **chief information officer** for the **Cabinet of Families and Children** and executive director of infrastructure service for the **Governor's Office of Technology**.

2<sup>nd</sup> annual New Car and Truck Show coming up: Still didn't get the perfect Christmas gift? The Center will host **The Lake Cumberland New Car and Truck Show** the weekend of **January 7-9, 2005**. Admission is free and show hours are **Friday, 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. and Sunday 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.**

The show will feature all the latest models of new cars and trucks under one roof from the area's major dealerships including **Karnes GM Center, Alton Blakely family of dealerships, Toyota of Somerset and Don Marshall**.

*CenterStage:* Mari Anne Jayme, jazz singer: Soulful music-making and intermittent bursts of vocal gymnastics are the results of Mari Anne Jayme's (pronounced *high-me*) joyous approach to performing. An emerging **Chicago vocal artist & songwriter**, she creates a laid-back vibe from the moment she stands behind a microphone, whether she's about to sing **swing tunes**, wail over a **funk groove**, or spontaneously compose a **simple melody** to start a conversation with the band.

Lake Cumberland Performing Arts, in partnership with The Center, presents Mari Anne Jayme on **Thursday, January 20 at 7:30 p.m.** **Tickets** are \$20 for adults and \$15 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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- The application **deadline** for the **2005 Rogers Scholars** program is **January 31**. To download an **application**, visit [www.rogerscholars.com](http://www.rogerscholars.com).
- PRIDE SuperGrant **applications** are due **January 12**. Cities, counties, other public entities and nonprofit organizations are eligible for grants of up to **\$1 million** to clean massive illegal dumps. For more information, visit [www.kypride.org](http://www.kypride.org).
- The Center will host a **regional job fair** on **Thursday, January 13 from 11:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m.** presented by Cumberland's Workforce Network. Job seekers are encouraged to **bring a resume, references** and other useful information to share with employers from **top companies** in a **38-county area**. Information about **training and educational opportunities** will also be available. **Admission is free.**
- PRIDE/Corps of Engineers Section 531 **applications** are due **January 26**. Cities, counties and wastewater utilities in the **5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District** can apply for the competitive funding program that awards **75%** of the project **costs** for a variety of sewer projects. For more information, visit [www.kypride.org](http://www.kypride.org).