



Let's Do Some Good Today!



Get Ready! Camp
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A Note from CKCF President, Al Rider

A strong community is built on the bedrock of robust educational opportunities. That has been our work for 53 years.

A leading indicator of how well a community will fare in the future is the investment it makes in early childhood education today.

Last year CKCF introduced **Get Ready!** for parents of children birth to 5 years of age. It was a hit and thanks to our funding partners will be offered again in June. Call Davette at 737-8393 for the details.

Community building is our business. And a key building block is our commitment to the development of our children. Forever dividends flow from our investment in early childhood education.

Get Ready! is a small but significant step in the right direction. It is an excellent example of what a community can do with dedicated partners.

CKCF helps make Early College/Career Center a reality

Hardin County Schools, Western Kentucky University, Central Kentucky Community Foundation and Elizabethtown Community & Technical College are embarking on one of the most dynamic educational partnerships ever forged in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Central Kentucky Community Foundation made possible through a gift to WKU the use of 20 acres for a new early college/career center for Hardin County Schools.

“We are making the center possible by contributing the most essential asset for the project – land,” CKCF President & CEO Al Rider said. “The school will be located on 20 acres adjacent to Elizabethtown Community and Technical College on University Drive. This location creates great opportunities for high school students to expand their educational experi-

ences.”

Rider added: “This endeavor is a wonderful example of synergy. None of us – Central Kentucky Community Foundation, Hardin County Schools, Western Kentucky University or Elizabethtown Community and Technical College – could make this opportunity happen alone. Each brings distinct assets to make this possible for students and ultimately for our community. The key to our community’s continued success is collaboration and innovation.”

Lt. Governor Jerry Abramson heralded the partnership at the announcement in January.

“Hardin County Schools has joined a dynamic new partnership with Western Kentucky University, the Central Kentucky Community Foundation, and the Elizabethtown

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Al Rider, President/CEO of CKCF makes remarks about the significant opportunities for students the College/Career Center creates.

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jointly promote college and careers.”

The center will fulfill several roles. High school students in the Hardin County Schools will use the center to take courses in several career pathways. The pathways include, but are not limited to, health science, engineering (the Project Lead the Way curriculum), manufacturing, automotive technology, media arts & communication and culinary arts & hospitality services.

Johnston added: “The ‘what’ of this center is important, but the most powerful aspect of this concept is the ‘how’. We have heard loud and clear from our business partners that they are longing for workers that have the ‘soft skills’ and work ethic skills to be successful in our community. We share the belief that many of the skills that students need to be successful in life – persistence, resilience, motivation, teamwork, problem solving, responsibility and dependability – are not measured through an assessment.”

WKU will have the availability to offer evening college courses in the new center after HCS high school students dismiss for the day. Through a continuing partnership with ECTC, this center will also offer dual credit and early college enrollment opportunities.

“The Central Kentucky Community Foundation and its board of directors have a vision for educational success in Hardin County,” Johnston said. “That vision is a key ingredient to economic development. Without a strong educational foundation in a community, the future is bleak. However, Central Kentucky Community Foundation ensures our economic accomplishments continue. They partner with us to make sure our students have the best resources available.”



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Central Kentucky Community Foundation presents



Get Ready! Camp

A summer learning program
specially designed for children
birth – 5 years old and their parents

June 3 – 28

Monday – Friday

Anytime from 11 am -1 pm

For more information call 270-737-8393

Three locations!!!

G.C. Burkhead Elementary in Elizabethtown

North Park Elementary in Radcliff

Van Voorhis on Ft. Knox

Central Kentucky
Community Foundation
has established a fund
for the perpetual
support of
Early Childhood
Education and programs
such as ***Get Ready!***
in our community.
Contact us to find out
how you can support
Get Ready!