

## November

**The Center's Network Operations Support Center opens at Valley Oak Technology complex:** November 1 marked the opening day for **The Center's Network Operations Support Center**--another phase in the highly successful **Law Enforcement Technology** (LET) program.

"This operations center will ensure that our law enforcement agency subscribers will have the **support** they need to most effectively **serve** and **protect** their communities," said Lonnie Lawson, President and CEO of The Center. Staffed 24/7/365, the facility will not only provide **expert hardware & software support** to police officers and dispatch centers in The Center's 42-county region, but also **monitor the wireless communication network** that will provide 90% coverage in each county. In addition, this strictly controlled, extremely secure center will offer commercial services such as off-site **data backup, storage** and possibly **disaster recovery services**.

"The LET program tackles (communications problems) and is one of the **most ambitious multi-jurisdictional law enforcement initiatives** ever undertaken in Kentucky," commented U.S Congressman **Hal Rogers** (KY-05). "With the addition of this new operations center, we are taking the program to the next level."

**Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge and Governor Ernie Fletcher to address conference:** **U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge** and **Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher** will be at The Center for the **Southern & Eastern Kentucky Summit of the Tennessee Valley Corridor** on November 4 and 5 to focus on **homeland security** and **economic development** issues. The summit will be hosted by Kentucky **Fifth District Congressman Hal Rogers**.

The theme for the two-day event is "**Technology: Linking Homeland Security and Hometown Prosperity**." The theme reflects the capability to link development resources in the region to homeland security needs as a means of growing a technology-based sector of the economy.

During the summit, Congressman Rogers will announce the formation of **The National Institute for Homeland Security** and **The Kentucky Homeland Security University Consortium**—two **new organizations** that will enhance the Fifth District and Kentucky's position in the Tennessee Valley Corridor. The National Institute for Homeland Security will be based at **The Center** in Somerset.

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- The hilarious comedy mix of **Williams & Ree** plus **Etta Mae**, presented by Lake Cumberland Performing Arts, will be at The Center on **November 11** at 7:30 pm.

Although Williams and Ree bill themselves as "**The Indian and the White Guy**," their hilarious pointed jabs tend to poke fun at just about everyone. Adding to the fun will be **Etta Mae**, the reigning **Queen of Southern Sass**. The only way to describe **HER** is "Minnie Pearl with a migraine." **Tickets**, \$25 for adults and \$20 for children 12 and under are available at The Center box office or by phone at 606-677-6000.

- The **Sheltopee Art Fair** will be at The Center on Friday, **November 12**, 5-8 pm, Saturday, **November 13**, 10-6 pm and Sunday, **November 14**, 12-5 pm. Admission is free.
- **God's Food Pantry Benefit and Auction** will take place Thursday **November 18** at The Center. Social time is 6 pm and dinner is at 6:30 pm. **Tickets** are available at First Southern National Bank and First & Farmers, Grand Central Branch, both on S. 27 in Somerset. All proceeds will benefit God's Food Pantry.