

August

Rogers announced Homeland Security funding:

U.S Representative **Hal Rogers** (KY-05) announced **\$9.2 million** in federal funding for 12 projects that will be undertaken by members of the **Kentucky Homeland Security University Consortium**, a collaborative organization comprised of Kentucky universities and colleges.

Rogers also announced **\$1.6 million** in funding for **The National Institute for Hometown Security**, which works closely with the University Consortium. Based out of The Center for Rural Development in Somerset, The National Institute is a non-profit organization that seeks and engages **research and development** opportunities that address **homeland security issues**. The organization also assists with the commercialization of homeland security solutions resulting from the research.

Eli Lilly hosts Medicare forum at The Center:

Eli Lilly, a worldwide prescription drug company, hosted a forum at The Center on Tuesday, August 30 to address changes in **Medicare** and **Medicaid** drug coverage beginning **January 2006**.

The Medicare Modernization Act will particularly affect those considered "dual eligible"—or those who qualify for both Medicare and Medicaid. An estimated **75,000 Kentuckians** will be affected when the changes in prescription drug coverage take place. For anyone who was unable to attend, but would like to know more, the forum can be viewed visiting www.centertech.com.

Rogers addressed Rogers Scholars: The Center has announced that beginning in 2006, the first Saturday of August will be dedicated as the annual Rogers Scholars graduate reunion day. The first ever Rogers Scholars reunion event dubbed the "Battle of the Scholars," was held on Saturday, August 6 with approximately 80 graduates attending the program.

Fifth District Congressman "**Hal**" **Rogers**, for whom the program was named, was keynote speaker.

The luncheon also served as a gathering to elect a **Rogers Scholars Alumni Committee**. The committee was created in order to give alumni the opportunity to be instrumental in planning future Rogers Scholars events, reunions, and curriculum.

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- In **August**, The Center awarded **three regional businesses** a total of over **\$15,000** in **C-TRAIN phase II grants** benefiting **13** of their **employees**. To date, more than **\$3.2 million** has been awarded benefiting over **3,493** employees in **39 counties**. For more information, contact Jessica Melton at 677-6000.
- On August 17, The Center held a **regional forum** at **Big Sandy Area Development District** in Floyd County where there were 33 participants. The Prestonsburg event was the **second** of **four** planned across the region to determine how The Center can be of greater assistance in its 42-county service area.
- The **Public Safety program** reached a major milestone after completing the last of **70 network towers** comprising the **Wireless Data Network**. The network is used to transmit information concerning **Amber Alerts, vehicle records checks, wants and warrants inquiries, and e-mail**.
- **SEKTDA** would like to congratulate **Candice Tuttle** of London, Kentucky, winner of an overnight stay at a **Kentucky Resort Park**. Tuttle won a drawing after calling 5-1-1 and selecting the tourism option in response to an ad in *Kentucky Living* magazine.
- **PRIDE** announced recipients of **2005 PRIDE Community Grants**. **Fifty-four** grants, totaling **\$2 million** were awarded across Southern and Eastern Kentucky.



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Center hosts God's Food Pantry benefit: On **Saturday, September 17 at 5:00 p.m.** The Center will host a benefit and auction for **God's Food Pantry**.

The evening will consist of **dinner, entertainment, and a live and silent auction**. Other items can be won by purchasing tickets at the door for the **ticket drop prizes**.

Come and enjoy a **fun-filled evening** while helping over **19,000 Pulaski County residents**.

Individual **tickets** are \$30, \$50 for a couple, and \$400 for a corporate table of 8. Reservations are required prior to **September 9, 2005**.

Tickets can be purchased by calling **606-677-0185** or by visiting **First Southern National Bank, South Highway 27 in Somerset**, and **God's Food Pantry, 52 Public Square in Somerset**.

Regional forum in Laurel County: On **September 27**, The Center will hold the third **regional forum**, at the Cumberland Valley Area Development District in London from **11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** This is the **third of four events** planned across The Center's 42-county service area.

Elected officials and other **community representatives** will be invited to attend and discuss how The Center can help **improve the quality of life** for citizens in their communities.

James Gregory comes to The Center:

James Gregory, "**The Funniest Man in America**," makes a special appearance at The Center for Rural Development in Somerset, KY on **Friday, September 23, 2005**. The evening full of fun and laughter begins at **7:30 p.m.**

James Gregory is celebrating his 22nd year in the business. He is one of the **top drawing comedians** in America, selling out shows week after week. James Gregory fans everywhere are promised an ample supply of timely humor with the "**modern day Will Rogers**" during one of the top comedy shows of the year. For more information, visit James Gregory on the web at www.funniestman.com.

Tickets are \$25 with \$5 off a group of 10 or more. They can be purchased at The Center box office or by phone at 606-677-6000.

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- On **Saturday, September 10** and **Sunday, September 11**, The Center will host "**Today's Cover Kidz 2005 Contest**" presented by **Kentucky Families Today**. Children ages **infant to 18** are encouraged to register for a chance to be on the **cover of Kentucky Families Today**. For more information and registration information, call **606-451-0045**.
- **The Wilderness Road National Scenic Byway** has planned a fantastic fall event package—"**Footsteps and Festivals along the Wilderness Road**." It will begin **September 16** and continue through **October 16**. The events will include activities ranging from **hands-on kids activities** to **civil war re-enactments**. **SEKTDA** hopes tourists stay for more fall activities in the area. For more information, call **5-1-1** or **877-TOURSEKY**.
- At a ceremony at The Center on **September 12**, **Congressman Hal Rogers** will join the **eight mayors** and **eight judge-executives** who won **2004 Roadside PRIDE Awards** in proclaiming **October 2005** as **Roadside PRIDE month**.
- Volunteers are needed to **clean Lake Cumberland**. The **16th annual Lake Cumberland Cleanup** will be held **Saturday, September 17** from **9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. ET**. Volunteer appreciation picnics will begin at **3 p.m. ET**, with **free lunch** and **door prizes**. For more information, including a list of volunteer check-in sites, visit www.kypride.org or call **888-577-4339**.