

July

Midway College offers new degree program

Midway College and The Center for Rural Development have formed a partnership to provide one of the first, if not the first, bachelor degree programs in homeland security in the nation. Midway's Homeland Security Assessment degree program will address homeland security education and training from a business management perspective, with an emphasis on assessment. Dr. William Drake, President of Midway College, was on hand at The Center to make the official announcement alongside Lonnie Lawson, President and CEO of The Center for Rural Development, and Bob Hammonds, State Director of Homeland Security Initiatives for the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS). Midway College is a private liberal arts institution located in Midway, Kentucky (www.midway.edu) approximately fifteen minutes west of Lexington. According to Drake, Midway, "in an ongoing effort to identify and implement relevant degree programs," saw great potential and need for a homeland security centered program. Plans are to launch the degree program at The Center for Rural Development beginning in October of this year, as well as in Lexington and Louisville through the videoconferencing and distance learning capabilities of The Center and KCTCS.

For more information on the Homeland Security Assessment degree program at Midway College, please visit www.midway.edu.

Center holds second regional forum

The Center for Rural Development hosted a community development forum at the Pikeville Community Technology Center in Pike County on July 26. The Pikeville event was the second of five planned across the region to determine how The Center can be of greater assistance in its 42-county service area.

Elected officials and other community representatives from Pike, Martin, Floyd, Lawrence, Johnson and Magoffin Counties were invited to attend and discuss how The Center can use its resources to help improve the quality of life for citizens in their communities. A presentation on Center facilities and services was given by Center community liaisons Emily Fox and Rachael Adams. Participants were also briefed on the outcomes of last year's forums.

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- In July, the Rogers Scholars Ambassadors donated backpacks to God's Food Pantry in order to supply needy children with food from school during the weekends.

Ambassadors select an area charity to sponsor for each meeting.

- South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation recently held a golf scramble to benefit the Rogers Scholars Program.

The event raised \$18,000 for the Rogers Scholars Program, which provides high school students from 42 counties in Southern and Eastern Kentucky with an intensive one-week summer session to help spark their entrepreneurial spirit, leadership, and commitment to rural Kentucky. All participants are eligible for scholarship to a numerous Kentucky colleges.

South Kentucky RECC President/CEO Allen Anderson said, to date, the golf scramble has earned about \$127,000 for the Rogers Scholars Program, which started in 1998.

"We are so pleased to coordinate this effort to help provide funds that will allow students from this area to attend the program. The Rogers Scholars Program was chosen as the beneficiary of the annual golf scramble because it is such a good fit with what we try to do at South Kentucky RECC."



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Center Stage season preview

It's that time of year to look forward to new and exciting performances coming to The Center. The following is a preview of the 2006-2007 Center Stage season.

George Davidson & Eugenio Leon - Piano and Harp Concert

Friday, September 29, 2006

Man of Constant Sorrow - The Story of the Stanley Brothers

Friday, October 20, 2006

Lexington Philharmonic - Veterans' Day Concert

Saturday, November 11, 2006

The Nutcracker - performed by Kentucky Ballet Theatre

Saturday, December 2, 2006

Urban Cowboy - The Musical

Tuesday, January 30, 2007

Camelot - The Musical

Saturday, February

Boots Randolph

Friday, March 16, 2007

Neil Simon's Lost in Yonkers

Thursday, April 19, 2007

The following discounts are offered based on availability: fifty percent off all individual ticket prices for all students (preschool through college) and five dollars off all individual ticket prices for groups of ten or more.

All Center Stage performances are presented by Lake Cumberland Performing Arts in partnership with The Center and funded in part by Kentucky Arts Council.

For more information, logon to www.centertech.com. For tickets, call 606-677-6000.

Second Annual Rogers Scholars reunion held

The first Saturday in August has been dedicated as Rogers Scholars reunion day. On Saturday, August 5, all Rogers Scholars alumni were invited to attend a semi-formal reception including dinner and dancing at The Center. During the reunion, nominations were accepted for four new ambassadors replacing those who are going to college. They will be announced in the next issue.

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- The Center's third regional forum will be held on August 24 at the First Federal Building on the campus of Hazard Community College. Local officials and leaders from the following counties are invited to participate: Owsley, Breathitt, Leslie, Perry, Knott, Harlan and Letcher.
- During the month of August, The Center will be implementing a new Voice Over Internet Protocol phone system. This system, one of the first in our region, allows messages to be transmitted through e-mail as one of its many features.
- The Somerset/Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce will hold their monthly luncheon at The Center on September 5. The speaker has not yet been announced.
- On August 8, The Center will host a public hearing from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. for citizens with questions or concerns about the new Interstate – 66. This forum will follow the London event held on August 7. The public is invited to attend and look over plans. Representatives from The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will be on hand to answer any questions.