

## November

### First-ever public Iraq videoconference held

Veterans' Day is not only about reflecting on the sacrifices made by Veterans in years past, it's also about showing appreciation for the service and dedication of current military personnel. Local fifth grade **students** were able to do so along with **Congressman Hal Rogers** (KY-05) and the **family of U.S. Marine Sergeant Phillip Stith**. History was made during this **first-ever** public videoconference with military personnel serving overseas at The Center.

During pre-videoconference activities in The Center theatre, to celebrate Veterans' Day, members of the fifth grade class presented a skit, sang songs and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. "This is a fitting tribute to all of those that have made this nation free," said Congressman Rogers. **Veterans** were asked to stand and be recognized as the Congressman concluded, "All of us at this moment stand in awe of our veterans for all that you have done." The crowd in attendance responded with a standing ovation while many of the students waved small **American flags** they brought with them.

The videoconference was made possible in part by the **Freedom Calls Foundation**, a public charity organization which built a satellite network to support state-of-the-art communications to military personnel overseas.

### Holiday Celebration reflects "Spirit of Giving"

The holidays are a magical time for all children, and as a part of their annual "The Spirit of Giving" community holiday event, The Center helped to make it especially magical for the children of Pulaski County.

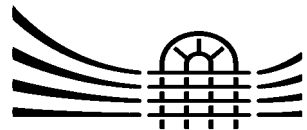
Approximately **250 families** and more than **550 children** are given a special Christmas each year due to the efforts of the dedicated **Chester Kaiser Boy Scout Troop 79** of Pulaski County. The troop, one of the nation's oldest, headed this year's community project at the annual holiday celebration. Contact Debbie Hines at 606-274-4971 to find out how you can help.

The Bell Elementary **Bell Tones** choir from Wayne County delivered a performance that echoed all the joy and excitement of Christmas. A total of 49 Bell Tones made up of 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students warmed the hearts of all who attended. The Bell Tone's performance was followed by a Jenny Wiley Theatre presentation of *A Christmas Story*.

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- **BellSouth** has contributed **\$5,000** to The Center for Rural Development to support the mission of The Center. BellSouth's regional manager of regulatory and external affairs, David McFaddin, presented the contribution during The Center's fundraising campaign. "We have long been a supporter of The Center and its mission," McFaddin said. "The services The Center provides to the communities of Southern and Eastern Kentucky are unparalleled. We want to be a part of that service." Funds raised during The Center's fundraising campaign will be used to support community leadership programs such as Rogers Scholars and arts and culture outreach initiatives.
- The Center welcomes four **new Full Board members**. **Clarence Noland** of Estill County, retired locomotive engineer and state representative; **Margaret Sloan** of Rowan County, research associate for UK Martin School of Public Policy and Administration; **Rhonda Brashear** of Leslie County, business liaison for Leslie County Center of Hazard Community and Technical College; and **Connie Hunt** of Rockcastle County, CEO/GM of Renfro Valley. All four have been elected to serve a three-year term to promote and coordinate increased public and private efforts designed to address regional and rural development issues. The Full Board is composed of a representative from each of the 42 counties in The Center's service area.
- On November 1, 260 Southern and Eastern Kentucky students in grades Primary through 12 participated in the **Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP™)** Showcase at The Center. A total of **373 students, staff** and **judges** attended. Students and STLP Coordinators gathered to learn from each other, share ideas and return to school with new innovative technology projects.



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# Review a look ahead... Preview

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### **The Nutcracker opens holiday season**

The annual holiday classic, *The Nutcracker* opened the Center Stage holiday season on December 1. Presented by Lake Cumberland Performing Arts, in partnership with The Center, *The Nutcracker* is always a **sure crowd-pleaser**. Complete with the Nutcracker Prince, Mouse King, and Sugar Plum Fairy, this traditional holiday ballet enchanted both children and adults.

### **Children's Prime Time Theatre's holiday show**

Children's Prime Time Theatre, presented by Lake Cumberland Performing Arts in partnership with The Center for Rural Development, brings Beatrix Potter's *The Tailor of Gloucester* to The Center on **Thursday, December 8 at 7 p.m.**

When a poppy-cock mayor orders a special coat for his Christmas wedding, the poor tailor of Gloucester works his fingers to the bone. He gives his last coin to Simpkin, his faithful pet cat, to purchase the twisted silk needed to sew on the final button. But, it is Christmas Eve, when animals are granted the gift of speech. And so, we hear from Simpkin, and all the mice he has trapped for his holiday feast. Natural enemies become steadfast friends, and all work together to complete a dazzling coat for a miraculously happy ending on Christmas Day.

**Tickets** are \$4 for children 12 and under, and \$6 for adults. For tickets, visit The Center box office or call 606-677-6000.

### **Louisville Orchestra brings Holiday Show**

Center Stage, presented by Lake Cumberland Performing Arts in partnership with The Center for Rural Development, brings the **Louisville Orchestra Holiday Show** to The Center theatre on **Thursday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m.**

The Louisville Orchestra, now in its 67<sup>th</sup> season, is the only full-time orchestra in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The repertoire will be a mix of **holiday-themed classical music** and **traditional carols** and tunes. The program will be conducted by Principal Pops Conductor, Robert Franz, and will also feature a vocal soloist.

Tickets are \$30 with the following discounts based on availability: fifty-percent off student tickets ages preschool through college, and \$5 off for groups of 10 or more. To purchase tickets, visit The Center box office or order by phone at **606-677-6000**. Check out our website at [www.centertech.com](http://www.centertech.com) for more information.

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- On **December 21, Roger Scholars Ambassadors** will hold their first meeting at The Center. They are responsible for helping plan future Roger Scholars **programming, speakers, recruiting** and the **annual reunion**. Ambassadors were nominated and voted on by Rogers Scholars alumni at the 2005 Rogers Scholars Reunion. After being elected, members will serve a one-year term. This year's members include: Michelle Combs of Laurel County, Cory Gearlds of Monroe County, Kala Means of Wayne County, Michael Oghia of Breathitt County, Jacob Edwards and Chelsea Luckey of Adair County, Molly Merrick, Sarah Todd, and Amy Puerto of Pulaski County, and Danielle Williams of Taylor County.
- "**Rise Up**," featuring praise and worship bands comes to The Center on **December 16 at 7 p.m.** **Tickets** are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. For more information, contact The Center at 606-677-6000.
- **The Somerset Junior Women's Club** will host their annual **New Year's Eve Extravaganza** at The Center on **December 31** beginning at **8 p.m.** Doors open at 7:30 p.m. "Midnight in Vegas" will feature dancing, refreshments, party favors, midnight breakfast and photographs. Advance tickets are \$30 per person, \$50 per couple and \$20 for seniors or college students with valid ID. At the door, tickets are \$5 more per person. Proceeds will benefit the March of Dimes. **To purchase tickets**, visit The Center box office, Clear Channel Radio, Citizens National Bank or BB&T. For more information, call **606-305-2831**.
- On **December 13-14 from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m.**, **Kim's Shoe Sale** returns to The Center just in time for Christmas. Get **name brand shoes at discount prices**. **Hard-to-find sizes**, including infants to adults, are also available at the biggest shoe sale under one roof in the area.