

October

International convention held at The Center

The Center for Rural Development was the site of an **international roundtable discussion** entitled, "Police Challenges in the 21st Century." Discussion topics included "Counter-Terrorism Challenges," "Democratic/Community Policing in the Face of Terrorism," "Future Issues and Trends," and "Technology Support for Law Enforcement."

The featured speaker at a gala dinner on Tuesday evening, October 11, was **Fifth District Congressman Hal Rogers**, who was instrumental in the establishment of the Rural Law Enforcement Technology Center in Hazard and in securing funding for numerous homeland security initiatives involving ECU, other Kentucky colleges and universities, and The Center.

Local, state and federal dignitaries from the **U.S. Department of Justice, Department of Homeland Security** and the **Federal Bureau of Investigation** participated. In addition, dignitaries from **Mongolia, Ukraine, Romania, Latvia, Slovakia, Sri Lanka, Germany** and **Turkey** were present.

International students visit Somerset

On October 14, four students from the **University of Kentucky Martin School of Public Policy and Administration** visited The Center for Rural Development in order to learn how activities, services and programs are used to promote economic development in Southern and Eastern Kentucky.

The students are public administrators in their home countries of **Bulgaria, Romania** and **Albania**, working with respective departments of economy and finance and various mayors' offices. These students are participating in a one-year U.S. foreign exchange program designed to provide education on U.S. public agencies. The information and experience gained from this trip will be important in their efforts to develop solutions for problems in the rural areas of their home countries.

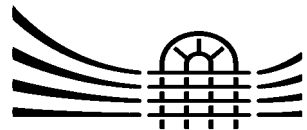
Regional Forum held in West Liberty

The Center hosted a regional forum at the **Morgan County Regional Technology Center** on October 21. Counties included in this forum region were: **Morgan, Estill, Lee, Owsley, Wolfe, Breathitt, Menifee, Bath, Rowan and Lawrence**. The West Liberty event was the fourth and final forum planned across the region to determine how The Center can be of greater assistance in its 42-county service area.

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- In **October**, The Center awarded **five regional businesses** a total of over **\$46,800** in **C-TRAIN phase II grants** benefiting **61 employees**. To date, more than **\$3.2 million** has been awarded benefiting over **3,600 employees** in **40 counties**. For more information, contact Jessica Melton at 677-6000.
- **Robyn Phillips, CenterNET2 project manager** for The Center for Rural Development, was instrumental in planning the second annual **Keystone Conference** held **October 3-5** in Indianapolis, IN. The conference enabled more than **1,100 educators** to learn about interactive videoconferencing in the classroom. The goal of the conference was to motivate educators, videoconferencing leaders, content providers and industry representatives to learn how interactive videoconferencing technology can motivate **students and ignite opportunities** for learning, help users reach beyond the limitation of their local and regional resources, and **create links with users around the world**.
- On **October 17 and 18**, **LCPA** in partnership with The Center, presented **The True Story of Pocahontas** during two **School Time Theatre** performances and a **Children's Prime Time Theatre** performance.
- **The Grand Illusion Show** featuring Terry Evanswood came to The Center on Saturday, October 29 at 7:30 p.m. The show was a **high-energy, magical experience**. The audience was amazed as a woman defied gravity and floated on jets of water 10 feet above the stage.



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Review a look ahead... Preview

November

'One Night in Vegas' kicks off fundraising effort

On Friday, November 11 at 8 p.m., The Center exhibit hall will be transformed into a **Vegas casino**. "One Night in Vegas" will kick off fundraising efforts to benefit programs such as **Rogers Scholars** and **arts and cultural outreach**.

Try your luck at black jack, craps, roulette and Texas Hold'em. Everyone has the chance to win one of **five great door prizes** including a **Great Smoky Mountains getaway**. There will be **international food** and a **live auction** featuring a catered dinner houseboat cruise on Lake Cumberland and a one-week vacation package for Myrtle Beach. Bids will also be taken for **silent auction** items including restaurant gift certificates and jewelry. Live music will be provided by **Klassyc Tymes Band**.

'The Spirit of Giving' community event

The holidays are a magical time for all children. In "The Spirit of Giving," The Center for Rural Development hopes to make it especially magical for the children of Pulaski County.

On Tuesday, **November 22** from **6-7:30 p.m.**, The Center encourages the community to help in "The Spirit of Giving" by bringing an **unwrapped, new or gently used toy** to benefit **Pulaski County Toys for Tots**. Each person donating a toy will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win **T-shirts, toys, Center Stage tickets and more**. Entertainment will be provided by the **Bell Elementary Bell Tones Choir** of Wayne County, and Clear Channel's John Alexander will emcee the event.

The doors will open at 6 p.m. and the **tree lighting**, the first of the season, will take place at 6:30 p.m. At 7 p.m., the Bell Tones take the stage and at 7:30 p.m., Jenny Wiley Theatre will present **A Christmas Story**, a classic holiday story sure to put a smile on your face and get you in the mood for the holiday season.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students, with \$5 off groups of 10 or more. They can be purchased at The Center box office or by calling **606-677-6000**.

Rogers Scholars deadline approaching

Rising high school juniors are encouraged to apply. For more information, students should contact their school guidance counselor, visit www.rogersscholars.com or call Jessica Melton at **606-677-6000**. Deadline for applications is **January 31, 2006**.

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- In celebration of **Veteran's Day**, The Center will host a videoconference that will allow **Linda Stith**, a local teacher at Meece Middle School, to communicate with her son serving in Iraq.
Phillip Stith, a **Sergeant** for the **U.S. Marines**, has been serving since July 26. He, along with **10 other marines**, will join in for the videoconference where **Congressman Hal Rogers** will express gratitude for the job they are doing and several middle school students will ask questions.
This event is one of many Meece Middle School students are participating in to celebrate Veterans' Day.
- **The Knox County Cooperative Extension Service** and the **Kentucky Arts Council** are sponsoring two workshops on arts education on **November 22** at the **Knox Co. Cooperative Extension office**. The first meeting from **1:30-4:30** is for artists interested in working in schools to share knowledge of their art form with students and teachers. The second meeting from **5:30-8:30** will be for educators, FRYSC staff, and parents interested in learning how to apply for an artist residency for their school.
- "**Classic Rock Night**," and "**Pickin' for the Pantry**" were held at The Center on November 4 and 5. All proceeds benefited **God's Food Pantry** and their **hurricane relief efforts**. To date, the local Pulaski County God's Food Pantry has sent **two trucks of food** to disaster areas and is **feeding approximately 25 hurricane victim families**.
- **Center Stage** presented by LCPA in partnership with The Center, will bring **LUMA: Theatre of Light** on Saturday, November 12 at 7:30 p.m. The audience will experience depictions of **natural, artificial and metaphysical light** in this visually striking performance.