

MAY

Anti-Bullying project brings together Meece Middle and London, England students: Bullying, an issue portrayed in a comedic light in the recent movie *Mean Girls*, in reality is **no laughing matter**. On May 12, students from **Meece Middle School** in Pulaski County met with students from **Southfields Community College** (similar to a U.S. high school) in London, England, members from the **U.S. House of Representatives** in Washington, D.C., and representatives from Sullivan University's **Telecommunications Research Center** in Louisville, Kentucky via US/European videoconference to interactively address this topic.

Sullivan University Europe, the European division of the Sullivan University System headquartered in Louisville, KY, has begun an Anti-Bullying pilot program through its **International Center for Dispute Resolution**. The purpose of the meeting was to conclude Phase I of the project and showcase the elements of the **Anti-Bullying toolkit** while facilitating discussion with youth as well as local and national leaders. Elements of the Anti-Bullying toolkit include **best practices materials**, signage, project steps, evaluations, online web-based training for students, faculty and parents, regular 'best-practices' newsletters for faculty, administrators, and **student anti-bullying clubs**, as well as on-going technology updates. Additional information is available at www.europe.sullivan.edu or www.southfields.wandsworth.sch.uk.

Four Governors talk terrorism via PROACT site at The Center: On May 26, Governor Holden of Missouri led a **bioterrorism scenario** teleconference involving the Governors from Virginia, Florida, and Governor Fletcher from Kentucky in conjunction with the **Southern Governors Association**. The PROACT statewide network of **telehealth sites** from Pikeville to Paducah, provides capability for **emergency teleconferencing** on a 24/7 basis should a terrorism threat or attack occur.

During the teleconference, the Governors **compared tactics** for responding to a public health emergency scenario in which an investigation reveals that high school students participating in a debate team competition were exposed to the smallpox virus.

In addition to Governor Fletcher, in attendance were senior members of his leadership team including Dr. James Holsinger, Secretary for the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, and Dr. Rice Leach, Commissioner of the Department for Public Health. Following the interstate teleconference, Dr. Holsinger and Dr. Leach led a discussion with Shawn Crabtree, Director of the Lake Cumberland District Health Department in Somerset.

From the bioterrorism teleconference, a ten-minute video will be produced for the fall Southern Governors Association conference to **demonstrate the effectiveness** of using existing **telehealth technology** to conduct interstate emergency teleconferencing.

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- During the month of May, The Center awarded four **regional businesses** a total of \$62,132 in **C-TRAIN grants**. C-TRAIN grants were awarded for the training of 7 employees in the following organizations: **SouthEast Telephone**, Pike County; **Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation**, Laurel County; **PC Solutions of KY, LLC**, Clay County; **Datatrak Information Service**, Knox County.
- On May 21, Robyn Phillips from the telecommunications department traveled to **Southeast Community College** to do a training session on videoconference etiquette, successful tips, and **operations** for faculty and staff.
- **2004 ENVI AWARDS RECAP:**
Elementary School Campus of the Year: Robert W. Combs Elementary School (Perry County)
Middle School Campus of the Year: Meece Middle School (Pulaski County)
High School Campus of the Year: Adair County High School
College/Community Project of the Year: Lindsey Wilson College
Tony Turner Volunteer of the Year: The Dixie Bend Retreat Lot Owners Association
Rogers-Bickford Environmental Leadership Award: Jim Ed McDaniel
Kentucky PRIDE Award: WYMT-TV of Hazard

JUNE

Nancy Phelps' photographs to showcase the simple things in life: Nancy Phelps, **Graphics Associate** at **The Center**, will have a collection of **photographic digital prints** displayed from June until August. Phelps, a current resident of Jamestown, received a Bachelor of Fine and Applied Arts in Visual Design from the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth and minored in photography, which immediately became the medium of choice for her **personal creative expression**.

Phelps' photographic digital prints display will consist mainly of glimpses of **Kentucky scenes**. Phelps composes her images based on natural light, texture, color, and content; a purist at heart, there is minimal retouching or cropping done on these images. Her mission is to capture a **feeling of peace and well being** with the imagery from every day life -- to remind all of us to appreciate the **simple things** in life that can actually be the most fulfilling. Phelps' artist reception will be Thursday, June 10 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

PRIDE deadline approaching: The deadline for submitting applications for the **2004 PRIDE Environmental Education Grant** program is June 23. Grants of up to **\$5,000** will be awarded to teachers, schools, non-formal educators, and non-profit organizations to pursue **environmental education activities** such as building outdoor classrooms, developing wildlife habitats, operating recycling programs, and purchasing curriculum materials. Grant recipients must provide funds or in-kind services that equal 25 percent of the grant amount. Since establishment of the Environmental Education Grant program in 1998, PRIDE has awarded 502 grants worth more than **\$2 million**.

The Center's volunteers to be honored June 8: Numbering close to 70, The Center's large group of volunteers play a vital part in ensuring its continued **success**. Since September 1999, the volunteers have spent over 17,292 hours assisting with the LCPA performing arts series, special events, mailings, and daily operations. On **Tuesday, June 8**, The Center will be honoring the volunteers for their dedication and enthusiasm with a **"You Are The Star" luncheon** in the theater from **11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** At the luncheon, Joyce Mize will be recognized for volunteering over 1000 hours; the first volunteer to ever reach this milestone. Volunteers that have totaled 250 and 500 hours will also be recognized for their hard work.

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- The Community and Business Education department will be offering **Windows XP**, June 10; **Word 2000** – Intermediate, June 15 & 17; and **Outlook Intro**, June 24.
- From June 28-July 2, 30 **Rogers Scholars** from around the region will be convening at The Center for the program's **first session**. The second session of the intensive week of exciting and interactive learning opportunities for upcoming sophomores will be July 18-23.
- **How to Get Control of Your Time & Life:** Get more done in less time and be **better organized** than you ever dreamed possible using the practical hands-on approaches to **time management** taught in this valuable course. Sue McMillin, professional organizer and motivational speaker will be at The Center (also available via select CenterNET sites) on **Thursday, June 17 from 1 p.m.-4 p.m.** to help you to get a better grasp on managing your life through an effective and simple four-part plan. To register (cost is \$100) for the **DLG approved** course or to find out if your CenterNET site is participating, call 606-677-6000. The deadline for registration is June 9.