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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Leadership Bedford County Class Meets with Legislators in Harrisburg**

The Leadership Bedford County Class of 2011, sponsored by CenturyLink, recently traveled to Harrisburg for their Government Affairs Session. While there, the class had the unique experience of meeting with Lieutenant Governor Jim Cawley in his office; they learned about issues facing the new administration. The class also met with Senator John H. Eichelberger, Jr. and Representative Dick L. Hess to discuss matters of local interest, including the state budget process, new building code requirements, education, agriculture, communications and others.

Officials from CenturyLink were also in attendance for the day's activities. PA/NJ Market Vice President and General Manager Gerald Piper greeted the class, along with Market Development Manager Debbie Keyser. State Executive David Bonsick shared some of his legislative experiences from a business perspective.

The day was planned by Leadership Bedford County alumni, Sharon Turkovich and Jesse Topper, as well as interim facilitator, Rick Smith as part of the 2011 class curriculum.

The Class will participate in a Regional Leadership session in April and a Tourism & Recreation session in May. In addition, the Class of 2011 will work on a restoration project of the Dr. Knisely Covered Bridge as a community service. The project will include stripping and painting the county landmark, located off of Rt. 56 near Pleasantville.

**About Leadership Bedford County:** Leadership Bedford County is a 10-month program for Bedford County professionals designed to foster the principals of servant leadership, while also exploring various aspects of Bedford County and promoting self-discovery and team building. The program has been in existence since 2001, and boasts more than 200 community leaders among its graduates. Recruitment for the Class of 2012, sponsored by CenturyLink has begun. If you are interested in being part of the new Leadership Bedford County Class, please contact the Chamber office at 623-2233.

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