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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Ribbon Cutting to Celebrate Leadership Bedford County Class Project: Refurbishing of the Dr. Knisely Covered Bridge Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.**

The Leadership Bedford County Class of 2011, sponsored by CenturyLink, has completed its class project: the refurbishing of the historic Dr. Knisely Covered Bridge in Pleasantville. The class, consisting of 14 business leaders from throughout Bedford County, power-washed the bridge, made some minor repairs, and then repainted the bridge to match its original brick-red and white color scheme. The Dr. Knisely Bridge, a Burr Truss design, was originally built in 1867. It is 80 feet long and 12.5 feet wide. It is one of 14 covered bridges in Bedford County which is visited by thousands of tourists each year.

The Bedford County Chamber of Commerce will hold a Ribbon Cutting event to celebrate the project Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Dr. Knisely Covered Bridge, located just off Rt. 56, 1.5 miles south of Pleasantville (across the street from Long's Outpost.)



#### **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 or E-mail: [Director@BedfordCountyChamber.org](mailto:Director@BedfordCountyChamber.org). Visit online: [www.BedfordCountyChamber.com](http://www.BedfordCountyChamber.com).*