

WHAT'S UP

■ **NFL Draft Party and Battle of the DJ's**, Saturday-Sunday, April 26-27. Live DVD taping. Register before 11 p.m. Up to 16 emcee's will battle it out for bragging rights, mic supremacy and cash. Live performances by Tiger, Buzzy Shine, Boss, D.O. Caesar, Prim, Northern Lights, Fam Click, 6'6 240 and more. \$1,000 Cash Battle of the Champions begins on Sunday. To perform, call (304) 633-5977. Paradox Rift, 2127 Manchester Ave. Huntington.



■ **The Tommy Webb Band**, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26. Questions, call (304) 743-5749. Mountaineer Opry House, Milton exit of Interstate 64, Milton. \$12; \$10 seniors 55 and over; \$5 children 12 and under.

■ **James Monroe Bluegrass Special**, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 26. Tickets, visit www.ticketmaster.com. Paramount Arts Center, 1300 Winchester Ave. Ashland. \$22.

■ **36th annual Dogwood Arts & Crafts Festival**, Friday-Sunday, April 25-27. Vendors offer hand-crafted jewelry, wood items, candles, quilts, metal works and more. Tickets, visit www.ticketmaster.com or call (304) 696-4400. Big Sandy Superstore Arena, One Civic Center Plaza, Huntington. \$4; \$3 seniors, \$1 children 12 and under.

■ **Junior Recital: Christina Riley, piano**, 4 p.m. Saturday, April 26. Marshall University Department of Music. Questions, call (304) 696-6417 or visit www.marshall.edu/cofa.music. Smith Recital Hall at Marshall University, 3rd Avenue, Huntington.

■ **Senior Recital: Kristen Pino, voice**, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 26. Marshall University Department of Music. Questions, call (304) 696-6417 or visit www.marshall.edu/cofa.music. Smith Recital Hall at Marshall University, 3rd Avenue, Huntington.

■ **The Stardust Dance Club "Spring Dance,"** 7-10 p.m. Saturday, April 26. Featuring music by Jimmy Stevens. Dress: semi-formal. Bring finger foods. YWCA, 633 5th Ave. Huntington. \$10 per guest; free to members.

■ **Joe Dipietro's "All Shook Up,"** 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, April 24-27. Presented by the Huntington High School students. Under the direction of the school's Fine Arts Department, more than 30 students will bring the musical to life through song, dance and drama. Tickets, call Choral Director Anna Smith, (304) 528-6461, or stop by the HHS Choral Room B105, between 3:30 and 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Huntington High School, 1 Highlander Way, Huntington. \$8; \$10 reserved seats.

■ **2008 KOHVA Regional Golden Gloves**, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 25-26. Come see the best of the best compete to make it to the National Golden Gloves. Featuring open fighters from Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia, with Junior Olympic boxers and novice male and female boxers. Kentucky National Guard Armory, 2519 Lexington Ave. Ashland.

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Independent film finale

Film fest wraps up with awards ceremony

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HUNTINGTON — There really is nothing like seeing a film on the drive-in movie-sized screen at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center.

The Greater Huntington Film ion wrapped up another great weekend of film last week during the fifth annual Appalachian Film Festival.

At the Saturday night awards ceremony at the Frederick, it was inspiring to listen to such prolific regional filmmakers such as Bill Richardson, of Williamson, W.Va. His "Crash Gordon," took second place in the features category.

Other winners included first place feature: "Tattered Angel," Will Benson, Cincinnati and

third place: "Grilling Bobby Hicks," Tommy Wood and Marc Benton, Lawrenceville, Ga.

Documentary winners were first place: "Change Comes Knocking: The Story of the North Carolina Fund," Rebecca Cerece, Durham, N.C.; second place: "Mountain Top Removal," Michael O'Connell, Pittsboro, N.C.

Screenplay winners were first place: "Juniper Bass," C.B. Wilson, Ruther Glen, Va., and second place: "I:ll," Meg Lansaw, Wilmington, N.C. (formerly of Huntington).

Short film winner was "Joe Mover," Gabe Fazio and Lev Gorn, Sunnyside, N.Y.

Young Filmmaker first place went to "Anthropophobia," Zachery Groff, McLean, Va. Micro-Film winner was "Simulacra," Tatchapon Lertwifojkul, New York City.

Nashville star

North Carolina film maker Michael O'Connell, whose powerful film, "Mountain Top Removal," (mostly shot in West Virginia) took second place at the Appy, also won the 2008 Reel Current Award from the Nashville Film Festival.

He was presented with the award last week by former vice president and Nobel Peace Prize winner Al Gore at the Regal Green Hills Cinemas where the festival took place.

West Virginia resident and fighter for Marsh Fork Elementary School, Ed Wiley and his granddaughter, Kayla Taylor, joined O'Connell and the film's producers Gill Holland and Augusta Brown Holland at the presentation. Wiley said he liked the film because it allowed the audience to connect with the emotions

of families dealing with mountain top removal mining.

Props to the paddlers

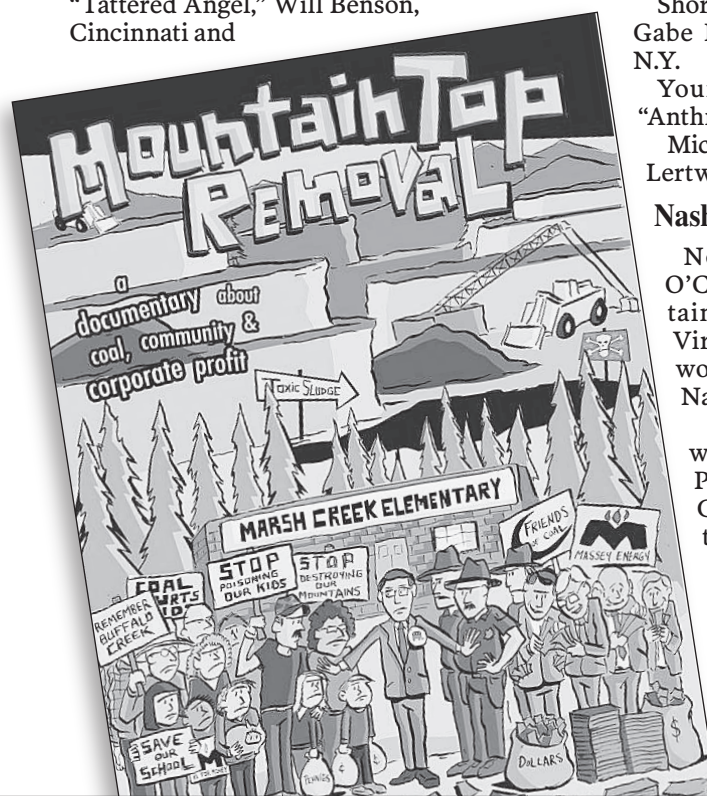
Heath Damron and the brave kayakers in the Marshall University Whitewater Club have been at it again.

Damron's film, "Another Year: In the Life of the Marshall Whitewater Club," won the Paddler's Choice Award in late February.

The short film features a bunch of local paddlers such as Chris Barry, Casey Cunningham, Damron, Stacey Bowen, Jim Denvir, Seth Collins and others paddling down roaring and windy, boulder-filled creeks in the mountains.

Ramped up with a good soundtrack of tunes, it's a real rush watching them run "Headless Horseman"

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WORKING WITH HER HANDS: Huntington-based sculptor juried into Tamarack event

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HUNTINGTON — If you want to see the always imaginative clay sculptures of Carter Taylor Seaton, they are now on display and for sale at West Virginia's premier handcrafts outlet, Tamarack in Beckley.

If you'd like to talk to the artist and see some of those wild works such as "Every Tom, Dick and Harry," you and your gas tank are in luck. The Huntington artist, who was just juried into Tamarack, will demonstrate how she makes her clay sculptures from noon to 3 p.m. today at The Downtown Depot, located at the corner of 4th Avenue and 9th Street in Huntington.

Seaton has been working in clay since 1996 when she took pottery classes from master potter, Bill Meadows, at the Huntington Museum of Art. Her work has been exhibited in Georgia, Florida and West Virginia, winning awards in each state. Twice juried into the biennial W.Va. Juried



File photo/The Herald-Dispatch

Carter Taylor Seaton of Huntington polishes a sculpture in her studio in this 2006 file photo. She has been juried into the Tamarack, West Virginia's premier handcrafts outlet, in Beckley at the April 8 session.

Exhibition, she has now been accepted as a gallery artist at Tamarack.

Seaton said she is honored to be one of the 43 West Virginia artists from nine different counties representing 20 differ-

ent media that were juried into the Tamarack system at the April 8 session in Beckley.

According to Artisan Services Director Ron DeWitt, artisans

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Naked Brothers Band to appear at Wal-Mart

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ASHLAND — Nat and Alex Wolff, stars of Nickelodeon's hit series, "The Naked Brothers Band," will appear at 2 p.m. today at Wal-Mart on U.S. 60 in Ashland.

The duo will greet fans, sign autographs and promote the new album titled "I Don't Want To Go To School." The album was released April 15. The album includes 12 original songs from the second season of the popular show.

As with the first album, self-titled "The Naked Brothers Band," all music on the new album was written and performed by the show stars, real-life brothers and musicians Nat Wolff, 13, and Alex Wolff, 10.

Inspired by the Wolff siblings' real-life, pre-school-born band, "The Naked Brothers Band" follows a world-famous

rock group, chronicling their fame, friendship, temporary break-up and adolescent experiences. The cameras track the charismatic rock stars - led by sensitive singer-songwriter Nat, and energetic drummer Alex - on

and off stage, focusing on their celebrity lifestyle with all of its perks and problems.

The show also features the Wolff boys' real-life friends and band mates

from pre-school days: cellist Thomas (Thomas Batuello) and keyboard player David (David Levi), along with guitarist Qaasim (Qaasim Middleton) and bassist Rosalina (Allie DiMeco). There is also the band's manager Cooper (Cooper Pilot) and Jesse (Jesse Draper), Nat and Alex's ditzy tutor/babysitter and real-life cousin.



CHAMP: 87-year-old **Herb Colker** remains a champion chairman for West Virginia Electric Supply. **Herb**, a member of National Federation of Independent Business West Virginia since 1962, has been named 2008 Small Business Champion for West Virginia. Not only is he a star with the company, he is a 58-year member of the Rotary Club of Huntington and a lifetime member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board, as well as been involved with Tri-State Area of Boy Scouts, supporter of West Virginia Symphony, Huntington Symphony and Huntington Museum of Art. He is a former board member at B'Nai Shalom Congregation. Congratulations **Herb** on a well-deserved recognition.

FUN: A rummage, toy and bake sale, inflatables, raffle and more are featured at today's Southside Festival



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of Fun from 8 a.m. to noon at Southside Elementary School, 620 12th Ave. The festival, organized by **Katie Norman** and **Elizabeth Januszkiwicz**, is sponsored by the fifth-grade class. Proceeds help with their trip to Columbus, Ohio, to visit the Columbus Zoo and COSI.

MORE: It was more than a slice of birthday cake celebrating the 80th birthday for **Nina Maxine Green Groves** of Rio Grande, Ohio. The Roane County, W.Va., native was also honored with the unveiling of Gallia County's first quilt barn squares on the Dairy Barn at

Bob Evans Farm. The celebration, featuring more than 50 of her award-winning quilts, also marks the opening of Groves' new exhibit at the farm's Homestead Museum. Let's hear a big round of applause for this quilt maker.

NEEDED: Resumes for a part-time director of music at Steele Memorial United Methodist Church are accepted through Thursday, April 30, by mailing to the church, P.O. Box 346, Barboursville, WV 25504. For a job description, call (304) 736-4583.

ATTENDED: Seven members of Buford Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution recently attended the 103rd State Conference of the West Virginia DAR Society in Morgantown. Delegates were **Mary C. Collins, Sally O. Cyrus, Patricia Daugherty, Anne Cummings, Yvonne Johnson,**

Jessie McClain and **Barbara Rutledge**. The chapter won 23 awards.

LEADERS: **Thomas Conaty, James Crouse** and **Patricia Proctor** were among 49 leaders from across West Virginia to participate in the 18th class of Leadership West Virginia. **Thomas** represented West Virginia Chamber of Commerce. **James** is with Wells Fargo Insurance Services. **Patricia** is with Steptoe & Johnson PLLC, all of Huntington.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: **Wesley Vassar, Joy James, Ginger Moosavi, Gail Maconochie, Sandy Thomas, Larry Davis, Sara Beth Watts, Eric Kennedy, Lynn Knopp, Boyd Leighton, Ruby Clark, Levin Preston Blankenship** is one less than a nickel (4), **Theresa Dillon, Shelia Roy, Noah Marcum, Teresa Torlone, Evan Hinshaw,**

Charles Patrick, Patty Withrow, Amelia Hall, Jonathan Rider and **Sue Cobb.**

TODAY'S ANNIVERSARIES: **Ric and Shelley Massie** (1997), **Scott and Lesley Thomas.**

SUNDAY'S BIRTHDAYS: **Beth Rankin, Tom Williams, Trevor Boltz, Raven Forshee, Alicea Ash Lewis, Meg Barber, Anne Zettle, Aderon Napier, Karin Dawson, Shelley Massie, Ryann Pemberton, Mike Dolin, Jennifer Chapman, Michael Campbell, Rosalie Ferguson, Andrew Conner Adkins, Erma Harris, Joe Thompson, Hannah Edgar, Sabrina Moore, Tom Thornburgh, Jennifer Rider, Virginia Riggall, Edward R. Sparks, Sabrina Vititoe, Edna Hall, Randy Short, Pamela Boggs, Marty Ruffner, Virginia Riggall and Bob Simmons.** Desiree

Mae Price is two from 25 (23). **Alexander Bryce Elliott**, a second grader at Fairland East Elementary, is two from a dime (8). **Debbie Ball** reaches the happy 5-0 mark. **Meg Barber**, a student at Our Lady of Fatima School, is one over a dime (11).

SUNDAY'S ANNIVERSARIES: **Rick and Lisa Galloway** are blessed with 11 years of marriage; **J.B. and Hildur Neal** (1946), **Golden and Yvonne Bias.**

CHUCKLE: During a children's sermon, children were asked what "Amen" meant. A little boy raised his hand and said: "It means — "Tha-tha-tha-that's all, folks!"

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