

WHAT'S UP

■ **The Asylum: Ward 24**, dark-10 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Sunday; dark-midnight Friday-Saturday, Oct. 1-31. The haunted house will give guests a look into lives of most volatile asylum patients. Not for the faint of heart. Guests under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Advance tickets available online at www.talasy-lum.com. Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum, three miles off I-79, on W.Va. 33 West, Weston. \$15.

■ **The Creep Show**, noon-midnight Saturday, Oct. 16. Tailgates welcome. Featuring Broken Shadows, Stitch Rivet, SteroVenom, Extinct By Design, Faded, Dreamcult and Cheap Wine. Carter County Old Time Machinery Fairgrounds, Grayson. \$5.

■ **FETCH! Challenge Lab**, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays. Try activities that you've seen on PBS's FETCH! Highlands Museum and Discovery Center, 1620 Winchester Ave. Ashland. Free with regular admission.

■ **Saturday KidsArt**, 1-3 p.m. Saturdays in Studio 5. Offers children in kindergarten through fifth grade a different art activity each week with supervision and guidance by art instructors. Call 304-529-2701. Huntington Museum of Art, 2033 McCoy Road, Huntington.

■ **Story Time**, 2 p.m. Saturdays. Stories and activities for toddlers and young children. Questions, call 304-736-6233 or visit www.borders.com. Borders, 120 Huntington Mall, Barboursville.

■ **Annual Spooktacular Family Fun Day**, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16. Some activities include trick-or-treat bag decorating, Haunted Lab, spooky story time, trick-or-treat trail, pumpkin decorating, Boo Zoo, costume parade and more. Visit www.theclaycenter.org or call 304-561-3570. Clay Center for the Arts & Science, One Clay Square, Charleston. \$7; \$5.50 children.

■ **Huntington Symphony Orchestra: A Fall Classic**, 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16. Featuring symphonic celebration of the silent age. Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center, 925 4th Ave. Huntington.

■ **WVSO with Pianist Valentina Lisitsa**, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 15-16. The West Virginia Symphony Orchestra's 2010-2011 Capitol Conference Center Symphonic Series season continues with a program entitled "Valentina Returns. Come before the show for Preludes, a conversation with Maestro Grant Cooper at 7 p.m. Tickets, call 304-561-3570, www.wvsymphony.org or at the Clay Center Box Office. Clay Center for the Arts & Science, One Clay Square, Charleston. \$10; \$6 students and children.

■ **West Virginia Book Festival**, Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 16-17. An annual, two-day event celebrating books and reading. For a complete schedule of events, visit www.wvbookfestival.org. Charleston Civic Center, 200 Civic Center Drive, Charleston.

■ **BB's Car Club: Halloween**, 4-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16. KYOVA Tri-State Mall & Lifestyle Center, 10699 U.S. 60, Ashland. \$5.

■ **The Maze at Cooper Farms**, 5-10 p.m. Fridays; noon-10 p.m. Saturdays; 1-5 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 11-Oct. 31. Closed Mondays. Tuesdays-Thursdays by reservations only. Theme: "The Miner." Questions, call 304-743-0548 or visit www.comfieldmaze.com. The Maze at Cooper Farms, LLC, Route 3, Box A156, Milton.

■ **Jed's Karaoke featuring Jim Daniels**, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Thursdays and Saturdays. Also, enjoy a steak dinner with a baked potato, salad and roll. Dinner offered on Thursdays only. American Legion Post 177, 6024 U.S. 60 E. Barboursville. Dinner: \$8.

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Dancing Outlaw to take stage at the V Club

By **DEREK HALSEY**
For The Herald-Dispatch

Jesco White, known as West Virginia's Dancing Outlaw, is scheduled to take the stage at the V Club today, Oct. 16.

His appearance comes just days before the DVD release of the movie, "The Wild and Wonderful Whites of West Virginia." The film is a documentary about Jesco and the rest of his family who have achieved both positive and negative notoriety in the

coal country of Boone County, W.Va.

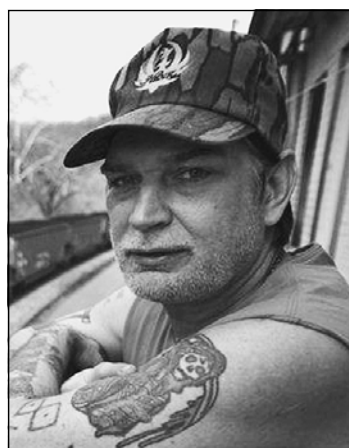
"The Wild and Wonderful Whites of West Virginia" was executive produced by Johnny Knoxville of "Jackass" fame. The film was made by director Julien Nitzberg who spent more than a year in Boone County with Jesco and his extended family. Nitzberg, a former New York City punk rocker, eventually landed a job in Whitesburg, Ky., at the famed Appalshop Arts and Edu-

cation Center as a filmmaker. While making a documentary about West Virginia rockabilly legend Hasil Adkins, Nitzberg met Jesco's sister Mamie which led to meeting the rest of the kinfolk.

At the heart of Jesco's fame is his talent at what is called mountain tap dancing. He learned this unique hybrid of dance from his late father, D. Ray White. But through appearances in previous documentaries, videos, articles

and now this new movie, Jesco and his clan are also known for their law breaking, hell raising, pill popping rowdy behavior, much to the chagrin of some West Virginians who worry about their state being stereotyped.

"I worked at Appalshop so I'm really aware of that," said Nitzberg. "We've got two or three different people in the movie who



Courtesy of Tribeca Films

Please see **OUTLAW/6C** Jesco White

Melvin back at Opry House

Local bluegrass favorite and Hall of Fame inductee returns for concert

By **DEREK HALSEY**
For The Herald-Dispatch

Local bluegrass favorite Melvin Goins and his band Windy Mountain return to the Mountaineer Opry House today, Oct. 16.

The concert marks a little over a year since Goins was inducted into the International Bluegrass Association Hall of Fame as a member of the Lonesome Pine Fiddlers.

The Mountaineer Opry House is located 10 minutes east of Huntington off of the Milton exit on Interstate 64. Tonight's show starts at 7:30 p.m. The doors open at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and \$5 for children. More information can be found at www.mountaineeropry.com or by calling 304-743-5749.

With more than a half century in the entertainment business, Goins has seen a lot of music history in the Tri-State. The West Virginia native and Catlettsburg, Ky., resident remembers his time with the Lonesome Pine Fiddlers as his big break in the bluegrass world.

"I grew up in a little town called Bramwell, West Virginia, about eight or 10 miles out of Bluefield," said Goins. "I grew up in the coal fields of Bluefield. I left home in November of 1953 and that's when I came to Kentucky and went to work in Pikeville on WLSI with the Lonesome Pine Fiddlers, me and my brother (Ray). That was my first trip to Kentucky. I got homesick and wanted to go home but didn't have any money to get back. We went to work and had a live daily radio show there every day from 11:30 to 12 noon, and we did it



Toril Lavener/For The Herald-Dispatch

Melvin Goins and his band Windy Mountain return to the Mountaineer Opry House tonight. Doors open at 5 p.m., and the show starts at 7:30 p.m.

live. We were sponsored by Home Furniture and Modern Appliance, a big furniture store in Pikeville."

After a long stint with the Lonesome Pine Fiddlers, Goins joined the legendary Stanley Brothers in the mid-1960s.

"Some of the first shows we

played when I went to work with (The Stanley Brothers) in January of 1966 were early morning shows and matinees in schools for children in elementary schools and high schools. Me and Carter (Stanley) and Ralph (Stanley) and George Shuffler. There were

four of us."

Dr. Ralph Stanley is still going strong. But the leader of the Stanley Brothers was his brother Carter who played guitar, sang lead vocals and wrote many bluegrass standards, all of which made him a legend in his own right. Carter Stanley

died of alcoholism in December of 1966 at the age of 41 about 11 months after Goins joined the group. Goins remembers his time spent with the legend.

"He was a well-spoken man," said Goins, of Carter Stanley. "When he talked to you, he was real easy to talk with. If he was talking about something he felt good about, he just laid it out and didn't hold anything back. He was just straightforward. He was not laid back. He was out with it. Plain and simple. Just a mountain man. He was a great guy. His singing and emcee work, he was great at that. He really knew how to handle people. He could go on a stage and he could make you laugh or he could make you cry. He had a tone in his voice with his talking and his singing and he could just about hypnotize a crowd of people. He was a good boss, but he was a hard driver. I mean, there wasn't no playing around. I've seen him cut up and joke with you just as funny as anybody in the world, and then on some days he wouldn't speak five words to you. That was just his turn, that was his way and everybody knew it."

Goins also befriended Molly O'Day, the West Virginia Music Hall of Famer who lived in Huntington for many years where she broadcast a gospel radio show.

"I went to Molly O'Day's house, me and my wife Willa did, when they were broadcasting every day out of their home in Huntington," said Goins. "We went there and sat in on their show one day. Lynn Davis and Molly O'Day broadcast every day from their house. They had that all gospel radio show. My wife had a group called the Woodettes and Lynn and Molly played a lot of their records. They got a lot of requests for the Woodettes back then, so we would take albums up there and they would play them, and we would sit there and talk and they would interview us on the radio as a guest."

TICKET: Lillianne D. Bowersock has a ticket to ride — err, fly — and is already on cloud nine. Come Monday, Oct. 18, the Ona resident flies to Malvern, England, where her youngest son, **Tyler Davis Massey**, and his wife (her homeland) live with her granddaughters, **Lily Grace**, 13, and **Isabella "Bella"**, 10, whom she hasn't seen for four years. Lil's other daughter-in-law, **Angela**, wife of her son, **TR**, and mother to her grandson, **Tim Robert "Tripp" Massey III**, of Worthington, Ohio, bought **Lil's** round-trip ticket to England as a retirement gift. **Lil** is expected back home Nov. 1. Enjoy that well-deserved grandmother time, **Lil**.



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WALK: The first breast cancer walk, hosted by Colleges Against Cancer of Marshall University, is from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at Buskirk Field. Registration is \$20. Fundraising booths are located along the walking path for walkers to visit. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society. For registration forms, e-mail **Kristina Isaacs**, isaacs17@live.marshall.edu or call 304-419-2810. Com-

pleted forms may be returned to 611 7th Ave., Huntington, WV 25701.

FINAL: When the competition bell rang, three Huntington High School students were among the National Merit Semifinalists. They are **Dilum Aluthge**, **Emily Damron** and **Emily Denison**.

PETS: Pea Ridge United Methodist Church conducts its third annual "Blessing of the Animals" at 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17.

A TIE: For the first time, teams of **Scott Moore** and **Harry Fischer** tied for the Croquet League 2010 Championship at Woodlands Retirement Community. **Scott's** team members are **Sally**

Carey, **Linden Chiles**, **Joyce Ey**, **Milton Herndon** and **Helen Toothman**. **Harry's** team members are **Wanda Edwards**, **Freda Kagan**, **Bob Griffis**, **Marilyn Cohen** and **Sally Cyrus**. All-League First Team consisted of **Harry Fischer**, **Mary Leaberry**, **Helen Toothman**, **Linden Chiles** and **Bob Griffis**. All-League Second Team featured **Bob Trocin**, **Edna Brooks**, **Janice Gold**, **Scott Moore** and **John Lusk**. Most Valuable Player award went to **Harry Fischer**, while **Linden Chiles** received Most Improved Player award. **Janice Gold** and **Bob Griffis** won the mixed doubles tournament, with **Mary Leaberry** and **Linden Chiles**, runners-up.

CLINICS: Today's (Oct. 16) sports medicine screening clinic is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Big Sandy Superstore Arena, as part of The Herald-Dispatch Family Expo. Appointments are not necessary. Free flu shots and diabetes screenings are also available.

EXHIBIT: There is still time for artists to enter the 10th annual National Miniature Exhibition, hosted by The Renaissance Art Gallery, scheduled in November. Submissions are accepted from noon to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 22-23, and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24, at 900 8th St., Suite 20. **Donald Van Horn**, dean of Marshall University's

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