

Hall of Fame bringing musical to elementaries

Randy Lanham, education director at the Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame & Museum has written a musical, “The Birth of Bluegrass,” for fifth-graders to perform.

He’s starting with Whitesville Elementary next week.

Lanham said, “I’ll be there Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, teaching them fiddle tunes,

dance and songs from 8 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.”

He said, “Then Thursday, we will practice in the morning and do the performance at 1:30 p.m. assisted by their music teacher Cathy Mullins.”

Lanham said, “The students put together fiddle tunes, narration, a square dance, interpretive song art and an original song

to teach the audience about Bill Monroe’s musical influences as a kid.”

He said, “They will start by telling the story of young Bill Monroe, and then perform all they have learned to bring it alive. They will cover Irish music, square dance fiddle tunes, folk, gospel and blues.”

Lanham said, “This will be the first musical performance as part of Bluegrass in the Schools in many years, and we will bring it to the

students to learn and perform in four days.”

The last musical the Hall of Fame put together for students was “Young Monroe,” which was written by Rick Miller with music by Lanham and Miller.

It was part of the Hall’s celebration of Bill Monroe’s 100th birthday in 2011.

Kentucky’s First Lady, Jane Beshear, and several members of Monroe’s Blue Grass Boys attended the

performance at the RiverPark Center.

Lanham said, “We are excited to put together many different art forms to educate the kids and let them be proud of our bluegrass music heritage. This musical will empower the fifth grade students to teach the younger students, and give them a hands-on experience putting all the arts together for a fun and educational performance.”

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also sent out lead cars to help mark confusing turns with confetti while encouraging local motorists to “meet the touring groups and to accompany the groups out of town.”

The tour became known as the Glidden Tour, named for a wealthy New England industrialist and “avid automobile supporter,” Charles J. Glidden, the tour’s most notable sponsor, a task he continued over the years.

Vehicles participating in the Glidden Tour are typically members of the vintage car groups Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) and the Vintage Motor Car Club of America, or VMCCA.

Tour director Jeff Stumb, who is also the director of the Hemmings Motor News Great Race, a vintage car race taking drivers across the country that began in 1983 by Tom McRae and Norman Miller, said the tour is unlike The Great Race because “it’s more relaxed” with drivers traveling around 100 miles a day.

Around 327 drivers and passengers from all around the United States and Canada stopped in Owensboro, the tour’s home base, to make a variety of trips, including to the John James Audubon Museum in Henderson, the World War II museum in Evansville, Indiana, Santa Claus, Indiana, Squire Boone Caverns, the home of Judge Joseph Holt in Hardinsburg and Rosine.

The race also gives the drivers and passengers, who act as navigators, dress in the style of the year their cars were put together.

Marge Hall was dressed up in 1900s period attire to accompany the 1909 Buick Model 16 Roadster that she and her husband, Randy, brought on the tour from Punta Gorda, Florida.

“We towed it here, of course,” Hall said. “And it took two days to come up here. We drove 12 hours the first day and just did four hours the second.”

The couple has participated in other tours, some with other vehicles, but the first year with the Roadster, it didn’t have a windshield, Hall said.

“...So we put the windshield

on it to keep bugs from hitting your face because this car likes to run,” she said. “It’s really, really comfortable at 30 to 35 miles per hour, but it will go faster if it will go faster if it’s got a long open space.”

Acquired from a museum around 20 years ago, the Roadster suffered damage in 2018 during the Hershey Hangover, held around Hershey, Pennsylvania, from an engine compartment fire which made it all the way back to the car’s firewall.




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Vintage cars from the 9th Revival AAA Glidden Tour roll down Kentucky 279 to Lower River Road on the way to Stanley on Monday.



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ZONING OF A 3.758 ACRE
TRACT AND A 3.611 ACRE
TRACT LOCATED AT 3151
STATE ROUTE 85 E.,
ISLAND, KY FROM
INDUSTRIAL (I) TO
RESIDENTIAL (R-1)

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WHEREAS, the County has received a request for a change in zoning of real property located at 3151 State Route 85 E., Island, KY, as more particularly described on the Exhibit A hereto (the "Real Property") from Industrial (I) to Residential (R-1); and

WHEREAS, the proposed zoning change is in agreement with the Comprehensive Plan and the McLean County Planning Commission has approved such change;

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2. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after its adoption, approval and publication of Notice of Passage hereof, including the title of this Ordinance, which publication is hereby approved by the Fiscal Court pursuant to K.R.S. 67.077.

INTRODUCED AND GIVEN FIRST READING ON August 19th, 2025
SECOND READING, PASSED AND ENACTED ON August 28th, 2025

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