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Students mark anniversary of 9/11 attacks

From left, Derrick Wilson, Darrien Harris and Emily Wise raise a flag with the names of those who died in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks during a ceremony Friday morning at West Hopkins School.

Remembrance

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RABBIT RIDGE

West Hopkins School students invited first responders to join them in a brief display of respect and reverence Friday.

The school's Beta Club organized a ceremony to remember the 2,900 people who died when terrorists crashed two jets into the World Trade Center Towers in New York on Sept. 11, 2001.

Beta Club members addressed the students, faculty and visitors, which included Hopkins County Schools Superintendent James L. Stevens and State Sen. Jerry Rhoads.

The honors, though, were given to the firefighters, law enforcement officers, utility workers and other first responders who attended the ceremony.

A flag bearing the names of all who died at Ground Zero was raised as the crowd sang "God Bless the U.S.A."

"A piece of America died

More coverage

Fans of The Messenger's Facebook site share their thoughts of when they first learned of the Sept. 11 attacks.

National leaders also paused to pay tribute to the victims who died during the attacks on the World Trade Center Towers and the Pentagon and on a plane that crashed in a field in Pennsylvania.

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Many of the students at Friday's ceremony were too young to remember what happened on 9/11. Some of them were even born after the world they live in, said Chris Nichols, a member of the Richmond Volunteer Fire Department.

"It's a history lesson for them to understand the tragedy that actually happened," Nichols said. "It never needs to be forgotten."

Beta Club sponsor Kristin Cook said the children were affected by the ceremony.

"They realize how close it can hit to home," she said. "They have a greater appreciation for first responders."

Childress family performing at gospel gathering

Extravaganza set for Victory Church

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Four musical groups will perform during the second annual Gospel Music Extravaganza and today at Victory Church in Madisonville.

"We're trying it again this year because we had such a great response," said Teresa Childress, who's part of The Childress Family.

About 1,000 people attended last year.

"We're expecting that many more again," she said. "We just hope we are planning on coming," she said. "Hopefully, this is the event in a prelude to the National Quartet Convention."

which starts Sunday at the Kentucky Fair and Expo Center in Louisville. The convention is Southern Gospel Music's largest event, drawing nearly 50 acts.

Saturday's Gospel Music Extravaganza will start at 2 p.m. Admission is free, but an offering will be taken. The local event is organized by The Childress Family in coordination with the Hopkins County Tourist and Convention Commission.

Featured performers are The Childress Family of Madisonville, Southern Sound of Nashville, His Drive of Highlandsville and The Conquerors of Evansville.

Visitors were mailed to churches and individuals. Last year.

Members of Warrior Coal's mine rescue team, from left, Michael Burrows, Kevin Vaughn and Joel Braden study a map during the 2009 National Mine Rescue, First Aid, Bench and Preblast Competition held Aug. 31-Sept. 3 in Nashville. The Warrior team was crowned national champion of the mine rescue competition.

Warrior Coal team wins national rescue contest

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Competition was fierce, but in the end, Warrior Coal's mine rescue team was crowned the best out of 49 teams from across the country.

The 18-member Warrior Coal team was crowned national champions earlier this month at the United States Department of Labor, National Mine Rescue, First Aid, Bench and Preblast Competition.

The National Mine Safety and Health Administration cosponsors the biannual event, which was held at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville from Aug. 31-

Sept. 1.

The Warrior team is the first western Kentucky team to be named national champions since Phobos's Camp Mine took the title 29 years ago.

"It's something you can go your whole mining career and never achieve," said team captain Kevin Vaughn, who entered his first national competition in 1982.

"There are a lot of good teams and a lot of good captains that have never been able to be a national champion," he said. "For coal miners, it would be like the gold medal in the Olympics."

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First Presbyterian Church celebrates its 175th anniversary this weekend

Festivities include food, games and fellowship

By Patricia Wilson
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Throughout the buildings and grounds of Madisonville's First Presbyterian Church, remnants of the past are tucked in among modern conveniences.

Friday workers were preparing the building for the church's 175th anniversary celebration. Activities start at 4 p.m. today on the church lawn, with music, food, children's

games and more.

On Sunday, there will be a continental breakfast at 9 a.m. Lunch will be served in the gym following the 10 a.m. morning worship service.

First Presbyterian's pastor, the Rev. Len Lorton, said that for him, tonight's music and fellowship will be the highlight of the weekend.

"My point of view of what is special is what makes us a community," he said. "It's more important that we're really just sharing the time with each other."

The church's original name

was Rotterick Presbyterian Church when it was organized in 1833. Members met in a log building in Madisonville. In 1847, a brick meeting house was constructed, then another in 1880.

The 1,800 building will be used in the Sunday morning worship service. Lorton said the theme for the service will be Hebrews 12:1-2.

"Break. Celebrate in the same way," he said. "We're really just sharing the time with each other."

The church is sponsored by

Maroon Classic to feature marching bands from area

By The Messenger Staff

Marching Bands from Boone, Gates, open at 4 p.m.

The MHSB Band will perform the National Anthem at the 2009 Maroon Classic.

"There'll be 800 kids performing here," said band director Bryan. "There'll be a total of 13 bands including us and the Maynard State (University) Racer band."

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Deaths

Ethel M. Guinn

Ethel M. Guinn, 88, of Providence died Friday, Sept. 11, 2009, in Madisonville. She was a homemaker and member of the Providence Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son, Duane; three daughters, Mary Kirk, Thelma Shalshberger and Teresa; a brother, Charles Oakley; and four sisters, Juan Oakley, Linda Marchbanks, Wanda Holley and Hattie Gibson.

Services: 11 a.m. Monday at Townsend Jones & Trivette Funeral Home, Interment: The Family Plot of Shady Grove Cemetery in Crittenden County. Visitation: From 10 a.m. Sunday and after 9 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Frances Pauline McCormick Harberson

Frances Pauline McCormick Harberson, 78, of both homes died Friday, Sept. 11, 2009, at Ridgeview Terrace Nursing Home in Madisonville. She attended Jesus Christ Business Church and retired from Carter's Manufacturing in Selma.

Survivors include three sons, Donald Harberson, Ronald Harberson and Harold Harberson; four daughters, Sheri Benjamin, Ann Norton, Sheila England and Leisa Bernick; two brothers, James L. McCormick and Richard McCormick; and four sisters, Sue Underhill, Elsie Chamberlain, Arma Pace McCormick and Thelma Deacon.

Services: 2 p.m. Sunday at Tombstones Funeral Home, 2401 S. Main St., in Madisonville. Visitation: From 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Paula Kaye Lewis

Paula Kaye Lewis, 61, of Mortons Gap died Thursday, Sept. 10, 2009, at Ridgeview Terrace Nursing Home in Madisonville.

Born in Madisonville, she was the daughter of the late Ulla and the late Lillian (Davis) Lattin.

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Autopsy planned after death at KenAmerican

By the **MadisonvillePost-Examiner**

A death Friday at the Ken-American mine near Central City is under investigation to determine if the mine died of natural causes or because of an accident.

Ralph Dulon, 51, of Bremen was pronounced dead at the Mahaberry Community Hospital emergency room at 8:28 p.m. according to Mahaberry County Deputy Coroner Jimmy Jolly.

"We're not sure that's going to be an (immediate) accident," said Coroner Tony Aronow. "He does have a couple little injuries, but we don't see anything life-threatening. We think he may have had a heart attack."

Dulon also said Ken-American has cooperated with the investigation.

Dulon's body has been taken to Louisville for an autopsy to be conducted today. Following that, the body will be released back to Tucker Funeral Home in Central City.

Bands: Racers to perform

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Class AA: 8:30 p.m. Harcock County, 8:15 p.m. Union County, 8:00 p.m. Webster County, 6:45 p.m. Todd County, 7 p.m. Class AAAA: Owensboro, 7:30 p.m. Class AAAAA: Daviess County, 8 p.m.

The Marching Maroons, holding four straight state championships, will perform in table bands at 8:15 p.m. This performance will be followed by the MSU Racer Band at 8:30 p.m. Awards will be presented at 9 p.m.

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Fall Garden Fair preparations

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Julie Reichard prepares a display of autumn herbs, crafts made from homegrown materials and more. Representatives from the Community at the Hopkins County Extension Office, The Improvement Foundation will also be at the fair to answer questions about the Hopkins County Re-Leaf project, which will replace some of the trees lost in January's ice storm.

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Church: Members celebrate long history

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past, recognize what they have today and look to the future. In members share communion, Lorton said, the lost will be there for members to touch the water, if desired — not as a rebaptism, but to allow for a "re-member their baptism."

The church also has the cornerstone and the bell from the 1889 building. The bell will ring, Lorton said with a chuckle.

"We wake up every year in the neighborhood on Easter morning," he said. As members preserve the past, they are also adopting a new tree — young green workers were busy Friday installing energy-saving light bulbs in the sanctuary.

Lorton hopes past participants in the church's Walk to Emmaus and Great Banquet events will attend. He estimated that thousands of area residents have been a part of the program the church has hosted for 20 years.

For more information on the church's anniversary celebration, visit its Web site at www.wepbc.org.

Gospel: Performance to include new songs

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will draw people to this area and region. The Children's Family, which has been singing gospel music together for nearly 40 years, will release a new CD, entitled "Tribe."

The group will perform songs from the new album at today's event. This is the family's fifth recording project.

"We didn't 'Tribe' because I heard a minister say once that praise gives God attention," Lutz said. "We want to get God's attention. We want full attention tomorrow, too."

Three of the groups appearing in Madisonville — The Children's Family, Southern Sound and The Congregants — will also perform next week at the National Day of Commemoration.

"We can meet a lot of people from all over and hopefully invite them back to Madisonville next year," Lutz said. "We'd like to do this again next year, possibly as a two-day event. We've had a lot of requests, so we may take that step if faith and do that."

Contest

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Russell Vaughn, Warrier's mine rescue team includes Joel Bradley, Marcus Arnold, James Messon, Michael Burnett, Jerry Hedgepeth, Rick Aubby, Kyle Gardner, Barry Richard and Bryn Branson.

The mine rescue team was formed in 2005. Members include mine safety officials, engineers, mechanics and equipment operators.

The team trained on average four hours per week during the summer months to prepare for competitions, Vaughn said. The team attended five competitions this year, including the national contest in Nashville.

Their success wouldn't have been possible without the help of everyone at Warrier Coal who helped the team train or filled in for them at the mine while they were training, according to Vaughn.

"I really feel like we were carried by the shoulders of everyone we ever competed against, who we have ever been on a team with, whoever helped us at some time," he said.

The mine rescue competition was held indoors, on a course that simulates an underground mine. Teams were given a mine emergency scenario like an explosion or a fire, Vaughn explained.

The scenarios are very similar to emergencies that teams face in real life. Teams are judged on speed and accuracy.

Kenny Murray, vice president of safety at Adams Resources, the parent company of Warrier Coal, told the team during a luncheon Thursday at the mine that, based on his observations, the team responded the same in competition as in a real life scenario.

"You guys don't do any different as you do on the field, as you do underground," he told them. "There were better teams, but I've never seen any more deliberate or any team function more as a group."

At this year's competition, western Kentucky teams ranked in six of the 23 events, according to Carl Rouse with MSIA District 15 in Madisonville. Warrier Coal took first places in Mine Rescue and Combustion, which tests teams on both mine rescue and fire-fighting.

Area Gas Prices

Madisonville	\$2.46
Mortons Gap	\$2.39
Dawson Springs	\$2.49
Henderson	\$2.18
Hopkinsville	\$2.30
Owensboro	\$2.19
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Today's Poll

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A special thanks to Harris Funeral Home, Ridgeview Terrace and Bro. Roy Conley, Dr. Kaspalis, and Dr. Koster for making this difficult time a little easier to bear. Please keep our family in your prayers and may God bless all of you for being here to good as all of us.

Loving children,
Roger Davis, Billy Joe Watson,
Elizabeth Anne Adams