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NASCAR STARS COMING TO THE ILLINOIS STATE FAIR

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – NASCAR drivers Ken Schrader and Kenny Wallace are entered to race in the second annual UMP Modified Dirt Car Series Illini Dash. The event will be held at the Illinois State Fair Grandstand Saturday, Aug. 18. It is a 20-mile event ran in conjunction with the USAC Tony Bettenhausen 100.

Both famous racers have competed on the world’s fastest dirt track before, but not for several years. It will be Schrader’s first visit since he ran in the Allen Crowe 100 ARCA event in 2009. He also took first place at the UMP Modified race in 1998 and has several victories in the ARCA Stock Cars and Midget races at the State Fair as well. Wallace will be racing in Springfield for the first time since he won first place in the street stock race on the Springfield Mile in October of 1983.

Defending champion Shelby Miles of Bloomington, Ind., and Joey Kramer of Hanover, Ind., are expected to join the race along with several local drivers. The Illini Dash will be held at 1 p.m. immediately prior to the USAC Tony Bettenhausen 100.

Director’s Lawn to host USDA anniversary celebration

USDA agencies in Illinois will mark the 150th anniversary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture tomorrow on Ag Day at the State Fair. The celebration, which begins at 10:30 a.m. on the Director’s Lawn, will highlight the impact USDA has had on the lives of Americans each day since 1862 when President Lincoln signed legislation creating the agency. USDA also will recognize former Secretary of Agriculture John Block and commemorate the Morrill Act, Lincoln’s establishment of the public land grant universities.

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Not-So-Newlywed game a good time for all

Laughter filled the Illinois Building Auditorium on the state fairgrounds today where the “Not-So Newlywed” game, a spoof of the popular TV game show, took place.

Eleven couples left no stone of their marriage unturned as they were tested on how well they knew one another.

First, the women were each asked four questions while their husbands waited in another room. After all the questions were asked the couples took turns answering. Then it was the men’s turn to be asked four different questions while their wives waited.

The winning couple, Bill and Deb Singer of Petersburg, only missed one of the eight questions. They have been married for 18 years.

The winning couple says they owe their victory to playing the actual game. After Bill went through a surgery, they needed something fun to do at home so they played the “The Newlywed Game” when Deb got home from work.

“We thought we probably knew the most about each other since we played (The Newlywed Game) at home,” Deb said.

The second and third place winners were decided by a coin flip. The second place couple was Gary and Linda McCandless of Springfield, and the third place couple was Eugene and Mary Jane Heid, also of Springfield.

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Results of Special Events competitions announced
Vocal Contest

Female Vocal:
12 & Under:
1st – Sophia Magruder, Rochester
2nd – Emily Hough, Petersburg
3rd – Alexia Christison, Alexander
13-17:
1st – Taylor Lykins, Mahomet
2nd – Mikayla Murphy, Olney
3rd – Allie Fidler, Chatham

Male Vocal:
1st – Tyler Jones, Petersburg

Instrumental/Piano Contest
1st – Paul Schrieber, Jacksonville
2nd – Olivia Bolles, Bloomington
3rd – Alexis Schrieber, Jacksonville

Fiddle & Banjo Contest

Banjo 16 & Under:
1st – Lucas Worthington, Sparta
2nd – Nikki Warnecke, New Athens
3rd – Cody Waibel, Peoria

Banjo 17-59:
1st – Zack Hardesty, Bloomsdale, Mo.
2nd – Chris Talley-Armstrong, New Athens
3rd – Chelsea Bergmann, Fayetteville

Banjo 60 & Over:
1st – Mike Casey, Oak Park
2nd – Jerry Myers, Mattoon
3rd – Jim Herzing, Woodlawn

Fiddle 16 & Under:
1st – Morgan Phillips, Lostant
2nd – Arden Hooper, Wheaton
3rd – Dante Freund, Mansfield

Fiddle 17-59:
1st – Robin Kearton, Urbana
2nd – Sharron Graf, Springfield
3rd – Chelsea Bergmann, Fayetteville

Fiddle 60 & Over:
1st – Mike Casey, Oak Park
2nd – Lyle B. Clary, Decatur
3rd – Zane Prosser, Edwardsville

Dance Contest

Dance Solo 13-18:
1st – Madison McClurg, Wapella
2nd – Marissa Johnson, Chatham

Dance Group 12 & Under:
1st – Lookn’ Good, Jacksonville.
2nd – 2 Loud 4 U, Clifton
3rd – The Rockin Red’s, Clifton

Dance Group 13-18:
1st – Glamorous Life, Jacksonville
2nd – B-Town Ladies, Clifton
UPCOMING EVENTS: Tuesday, Aug. 14
Agriculture Day

Illinois agriculture, which is featured throughout the fair, is highlighted on this day. Grand champion junior livestock, including the barrow, steer, wether, poultry trio and rabbit trio, will be auctioned at the Governor’s Sale of Champions, and the best of Illinois processed foods will be auctioned at the Commodities Auction.

Livestock Center
4:30 p.m. – Commodity Auction
5:30 p.m. – Governors Sale of Champions

The Arena: ITPA Truck & Tractor Pulls, 7:30 p.m.

The Shed:

9:00 a.m., Cutest Little Farmer Contest. Contestants may enter the day of the contest, but preregistration is suggested. Contestants may bring one object that will accent his/her costume. Ribbons will be awarded to the winners, along with a general participation ribbon for all contestants.

1:30 p.m., Pedal and Tractor Pull. This competition is open to all boys and girls weighing between 30 and 80 pounds. There will be no advanced entries. The winner of each contest is determined by who can pedal a tractor down the track the farthest while pulling a weight transfer sled. The competition is divided into three weight divisions and 1st-3rd place will be given a cash prize for each division.

Grandstand: Brantley Gilbert performs with the Charlie Daniels Band, 7 p.m.
Stop and listen to any of Brantley Gilbert’s lyrics and you’ll know a little more about him. Brantley pours his heart and soul into every song he writes and performs. He has helped write hit songs for other artists, like “Dirt Road Anthem,” and “My Kinda Party” for Jason Aldean. He also has some hits of his own, including “Country Must Be Country Wide” and “Kick it in the Sticks.” Charlie Daniel’s Band’s hits include “Devil Went Down to Georgia” and “Long Haired Country Boy.”

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