

## Standing Up!!

As you read this newsletter you will notice the overarching theme to be “STANDING UP”. On a national level there is a big push to “stand up” and be counted by the 2010 Census. Commission members along with the deaf and hard of hearing community are demanding access to theatres by “standing up” and pushing HB 439 . The community also attended a series of rallies conducted by the 874K Coalition by “standing up” and saying they will be counted as legislation cuts the budget.

During the Super Bowl the Department of Highway Safety Programs took it upon themselves to warn against the dangers of drinking and driving by posting a vlog on the web. Unfortunately, this vlog was not captioned so the deaf and hard of hearing community were not able to understand the message. One individual changed this by “standing up” and emailing the Director of Highway Safety Programs to ask that the message be captioned. The Director responded that he had simply never thought of captioning the message and by the end of the business day the message

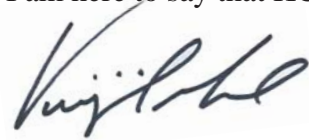
*“One + One...  
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together  
we become  
a beautiful  
tapestry”*

was resent with complete captions. This only took one person “standing up” and speaking out for their needs.

“Stand up for what you believe” is something we have all heard at some point in our life. A statement that is easily written on paper, signed on the tips of our fingers and said to one another; however, it is not something so easily done. Many of us believe we cannot make a difference and we make comments such as: “I am only one person”, “others do it better”, “I don’t know how” or the big statement of “it won’t make a difference anyway!” I ask you, what would we do if everyone thought this way?

Oftentimes when we think about the tremendous need or the huge impact an issue may have, we freeze and wait for others to take up the fight. It is the “knowing” which makes us uncomfortable, the knowledge of the tremendous “NEED”. It is like walking into a room full of boxes from top to bottom and you don’t know where to start so 1/3 of us will walk out, 1/3 will sit down and cry and the other 1/3 opens one box at a time. For those who walk away or sit down and cry the room will never be in place. Those who “stand up” and open the first box will make a difference and the room slowly begins to change!

I am proud to say that as the Executive Director I have meet many of you who will “stand up” and make a difference and I am here to say that KCDHH stands with you.



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## Captions on the Web

July 26th of this year, deaf Americans will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act into law. Though many positive changes have come as a result, there is still much to be done to ensure accessibility to deaf and hard of hearing Americans in various areas.

One such area is the captioning of public media. All too often we are still seeing important public announcements being made which are inaccessible to the deaf and hard of hearing people. There are thousands upon thousands of Deaf Kentuckians alone and then there are approximately 28 million deaf and hard of hearing Americans. Think about that, 28 million people are not receiving your uncaptioned messages!

In the past, captioning was a rather arduous task which could be very expensive. Today, however, there are tools which are not only very easy to use to caption media, but they are also 100% free. One such tool is called CaptionTube (<http://captiontube.appspot.com/>). This tool is especially good because it is tied to Google's YouTube site. With this tool, you simply upload your video to YouTube, then using CaptionTube you create your captions, and then upload those captions and that's it, YouTube will do the rest.

Thanks to Google, captioning videos has become a task easily accomplished and at no cost to you. Now, more than ever, there is no reason to not caption your media.

## Stand up and be counted!

United States  
Census  
2010

The U.S. Census will be taking place this spring across the nation and our Commonwealth. The U.S. Census Bureau will mail census forms to each household for residents to complete and mail back. The U.S. Census counts all residents in the United States every 10 years, as it is required by the U. S. Constitution. This count is critical as it will affect federal funds received by communities that are used for hospitals, job trainings, schools, public accommodations, emergency services, etc.

All information collected by the census remains confidential and federal law prohibits the U.S. Census Bureau from releasing or making that information public. Be watching for the census forms to arrive to you by mail (one form per household). Complete and promptly return the forms so an accurate count can be conducted and funds can be appropriated accordingly. **Stand up and be counted!**

For more information, you can visit the U.S. Census Web site at <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/>

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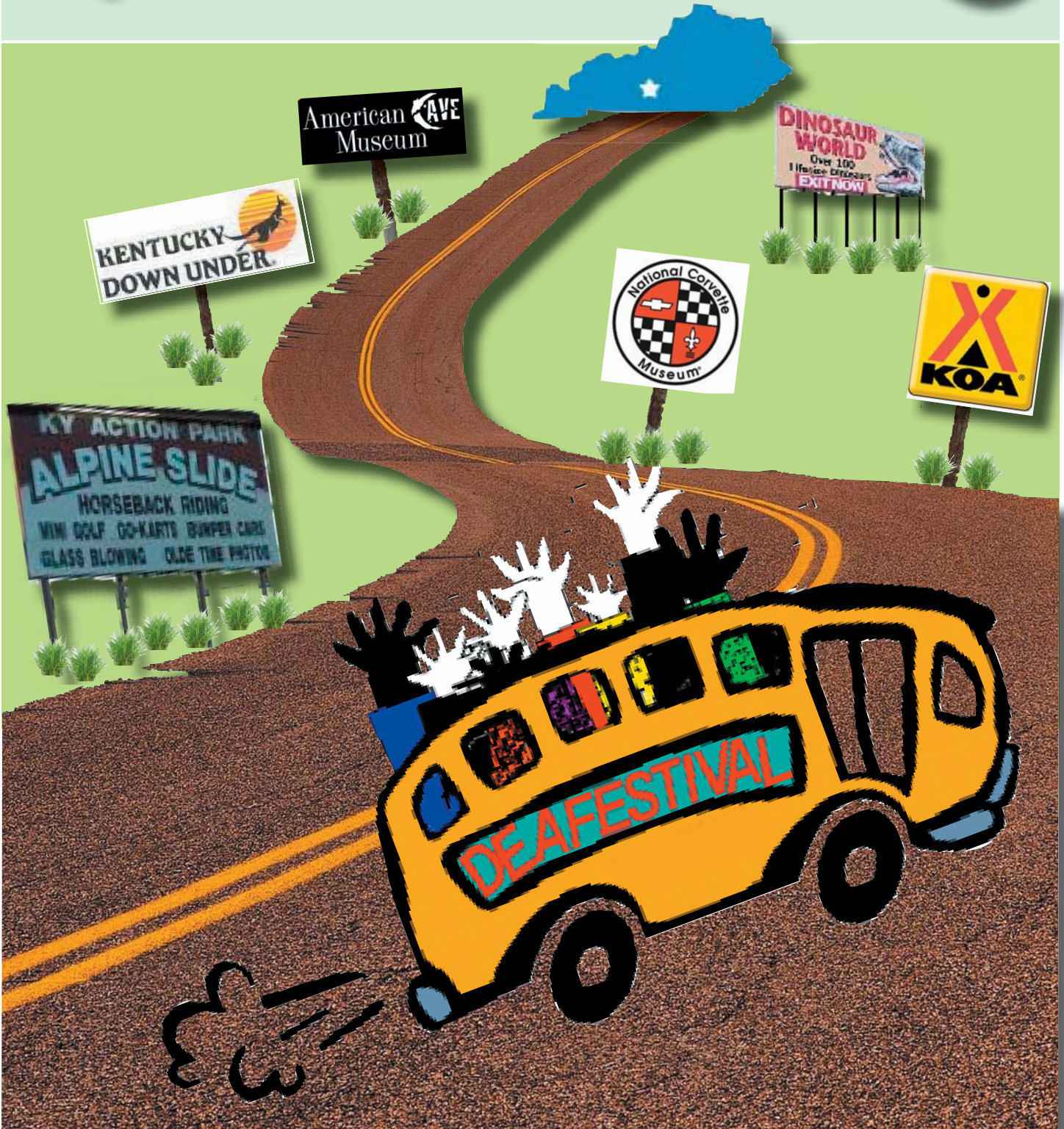
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# Horse Cave Here We Come!



**Visual Theatre**

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm CST

**Childrens Program**

10:00 am - 1:00 pm CST

**Jam Tent**

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm CST

*Exhibitors  
&  
Vendors*



*Visual  
Artist  
Studio*

**DEAFESTIVAL  
KENTUCKY**

**September 4, 2010**

**107 East Main St.**

**Horse Cave, Kentucky**

*Comedy*

**MUSIC**

*Drama*

*Dance*

**\*\*NOTE: All times are Central Standard Time-CST.\*\***

## “A CALL TO SERVE”

Every year since 1965, Kentucky’s governor has hosted a prayer breakfast to bring together citizens from across the state as well as members of the House and Senate, state employess, clergy and the current administration. The breakfast is an opportunity to recognize and give thanks for the many blessings we have while praying for the strength, courage and wisdom we need to effectively do our daily jobs.

Keynote speaker, Harold E. Ford Jr., former US Congressman and current Chairman of the Democratic Leadership Council, gave a moving speech which challenged us all to stand up and take action.

This year the KCDHH Executive Director had the pleasure of hosting a table at the breakfast. Members of the KCDHH Movie Access Study group as well as several staff and board members were also present. After the breakfast the study group members visited senators and representatives to promote HB 439 and SB 102 regarding movie access.



*Betty Timon of Bellevue and Eddie Runyon from Pikeville look on during the Governor's Prayer breakfast.*

## HB 439 passes the House, the first state to do so!



On March 10, 2010, Room 171 of the Capitol Annex was the most accessible room in the building! Members of the KCDHH Movie Access Study group, students from the Kentucky School for the Deaf, concerned citizens and KCDHH staff were in attendance at the House Judiciary subcommittee meeting where House Bill 439 was heard. Four screens dropped from the ceiling along with a screen at the presenter’s table, all of which displayed captioning. Members of the subcommittee were in awe of how captions work and were very supportive of the accommodations, including two interpreters.

Due to opposition from the movie theater owners association, HB 439, sponsored by Representatives Leslie Combs, Kelly Flood, Frank Nesler and Susan Westrom, was amended to a study. This study will bring all the concerned parties to the table this summer to outline the technology needed to utilize captioning in theaters and the cost analysis for installing such equipment. A full report is to be submitted to the Legislative Research Commission by November 1 for further consideration. The bill moved quickly through the House and was referred to the Senate for consideration. Although this amendment is a compromise, we remain hopeful that the Senate will pass HB 439 as amended and allow us the opportunity to prove that access is needed and that deaf and hard of hearing consumers will attend the movies if access is provided. Further legislation to mandate access to movie theaters will be pursued in the 2011 session once the study is finalized.

## 874K Coalition rallies at the Capitol

The United 874K Coalition hosted a rally at the Rotunda to allow the people to voice their concerns about pending budget cuts and to advocate in order to maintain legislators’ attention on the needs of more than 874,000 Kentuckians living with a disability. This advocacy event also gave individuals an opportunity to meet their legislators, visit their offices and attend legislative meetings. The Coalition was established in 2001 to bring together and strengthen the voices of over 874,000 Kentuckians with disabilities that interfere with their daily living activities. Several legislators and Governor Beshear were present at the event and gave speeches to the audience.





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# Calendar of Events

## APRIL

- 7 - Mental Health Interpreting Peer Supervision - Florence, KY
- 7-10 - United States of America Deaf Basketball Tournament - Louisville, KY
- 10 - NIC Written Test Preparation - Nashville, TN
- 15 - "Bury The Dead" - Close Captioned and ASL performance - Covington, KY
- 15 - ASL/Subtitled film - "Universal Signs" - Owensboro, KY
- 16-18 KY Deafblind retreat - Jabez, KY
- 22 - "Bury The Dead" - Close Captioned and ASL performance - Covington, KY

## MAY

- 8 - Unlocking the NIC interview free workshop - Frankfort, KY
- 13 - N.I.C. Performance Preparation - Nashville, TN

## JUNE

- 5-6 - Family Learning Vacation - Danville, KY
- 11-13 - Trooper Island Deaf/Hard of Hearing camp - Trooper Island
- 17-20 - Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) Annual Convention - Milwaukee, WI
- 17-19 - Conference: Effective Mental Health Services for Deaf and HOH Persons - Atlanta, GA
- 27-31 - PEPNet - iTRANSITION COLLEGE CAMP - Little Rock, AR
- 30-July 3 - National Alliance on Mental Illness Conference - Washington, D.C.

For more information on these and other events, please visit the KCDHH Web Bulletin Board at <http://www.kcdhh.ky.gov/home/bulletin.html>