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## 'Forever Wild' celebrates America's wilderness

Movies are in the air this week. Check out the following:

- The Tom Ridge Environmental Center's Big Green Screen will show "Forever Wild: Celebrating America's Wilderness" on Friday at 6:30 p.m.

It's free and open to the public, but reservations are required. Call the center, 838-4123.

"Forever Wild" is an hourlong documentary narrated by Robert Redford that celebrates the glory of wild, undeveloped places and the passionate tales of the wilderness volunteers who have aimed to keep them that way.

The film also features comments by longtime wilderness

advocate and historian Doug Scott, policy and research manager for Campaign for America's Wilderness.

The feature presentation will be preceded by the 16-minute "Keystone Wilderness," a film that highlights the efforts of the Friends of Allegheny Wilderness and their many supporting organizations to protect the wilds of Allegheny National Forest.

And while the films are free, donations to the Friends of Allegheny Wilderness will be welcomed.

- You can bet Erie filmmaker Jason Hull will be partying Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Fox and Hound English Pub, 250 Millcreek Plaza, near the Millcreek Mall.

That's when the DVD-release party for his film "Chasing Darkness" will be held. The movie was first shown in October 2007 at the Eerie Horror Fest, and thanks to Midnight Releasing/Brain Damage Films, it's now available on DVD from Amazon.com and Netflix.

"Chasing Darkness" finds Vinnie Carbone (Todd Humes) in trouble with the mob after an attempted hit goes bad. Turns out, the mob is a pale crew that's bloodthirsty in more ways than one.

"The movie combines three passions of mine," Hull said in a news release. "Horror, martial arts, and mob movies."

The film also stars Erie-area actors Rocky Mullooly, A.J. Leslie, Curt Chaney, and Shannon Solo.

- The Edinboro Film Series will present "The King of Kong: A Fistful of Quarters" tonight at 7 (film starts at 8:30 p.m.) in Room 119 of Edinboro University's Doucette Hall in Edinboro.

The film features 35-year-old family man Steve Wiebe who, after losing his job at Boeing, found solace in the game Donkey Kong.

Fun at first, the game takes on grim proportions as Wiebe sets out to break the Donkey Kong record set by Billy Mitchell at 874,300 points.

Admission is \$2, free for Edinboro students. The night will start off at 7 with a Donkey Kong tournament. The film starts at 8:30 p.m. and will be followed by a taped interview with Wiebe made exclusively for the film series.