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Owego man advances on reality show Luby reaches third round of Spielberg's 'On the Lot'

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OWEGO --Kenny Luby Jr. is still in the running to be America's next filmmaker after Thursday's second edition of the reality TV show "On the Lot."

Luby, of Owego, was one of 50 semifinalists chosen from more than 12,000 contestants worldwide who submitted videos to win a \$1 million contract with DreamWorks.

"On The Lot" was created by famed producers Steven Spielberg and Mark Burnett.

During Tuesday's season premiere, judges eliminated 14 of the semifinalists chosen to visit Hollywood for audition challenges. Thursday, another batch was let go, but Luby remained in the running.

The semifinalists had 24 hours to film and edit a video to the judges' liking. Next week, viewers will decide who stays and who must pack their bags.

"I have the confidence, the focus (and) the drive," Luby, 28, said on the season premiere. "I don't want to blow this opportunity."

Luby's video submission, which showcased himself and a friend skateboarding in Owego, is one of the most talked-about short films at www.thelot.com. Luby shipped his video two days before the deadline.

He has been filming skateboarding videos ever since he got his first camera when he was 10 years old, parents Kenny Luby Sr. and Ann Lewis, of Owego, have said.

"That's where it all started for me wanting to be cinematographer," Luby said.

Every "On The Lot" contestant has something to offer, he said.

"I'm a neurotic type of dude like a lot of filmmakers and we tend to let our emotions get the best of us, as you will see on the show," he said.

Prior to "On The Lot," Luby said he had opportunities to film professional skateboarders, but he gave it up for a few years when he became a surfer while living in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

"When I graduated from (Owego Free Academy) ... I wanted to move on and see the world like a lot of young kids," Luby said.



Luby

ON THE LOT

A two-hour "On The Lot" will feature the first films produced by Kenny Luby Jr. and other finalists. The program will be shown at 8 p.m. May 28 on FOX, WICZ Channel 40.

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A few years ago, he made his first marketable skateboard video for Krudco Skateboarding, based in Rochester. But, in 2005, he put his dream on hold, moving back to Owego to help his father's business, Ken Luby Painting, when his father had a liver transplant in 2005.



Now that his father's health has improved, Luby said he wants to pursue film full time.

"I would regret not trying to live this dream in some way or another," he said.



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