

# Garrett County Opry returns to the stage

## The event is a grand fundraiser for the county Meals on Wheels program

FOR THE WEEKENDER

**MCHENRY** — Garrett County Community Action Committee Inc. — Agency on Aging and Nutrition will host the fifth annual Garrett County Opry on July 14 in the Garrett College auditorium theater from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The event is a grand fundraiser for the Meals on Wheels program with an array of musical groups and refreshments.

This year the entertainment will be donated by several bands, including The Weeks Family String Band. This group plays a variety of instrumental bluegrass and gospel music. Loretta Hummel and Country Grass will

play classic country music in the style of Kitty Wells in addition to some original songs written by Hummel like "The Wall of Backbone Mountain," a Garrett County favorite.

Second Wind will take the stage next, playing what it calls "down-home, back-porch country music." This is the fourth year the group will perform at the Opry and it is always a crowd favorite.

Casselman Valley Travelers, new to the Opry this year, is from the Grantsville area. Its members have been playing music in other groups for many years and specialize in 1960s, '70s and '80s country music. Rusty Halo will close out the eve-

ning with a band that has been at the Opry since the beginning, the Durst Brothers Band.

Last year, the agency's home-delivered meals program served 33,340 nutritious meals five days a week to vulnerable elderly at an annual cost of over \$288,391. The need is great and it couldn't be done without fundraisers like this event, organizers said. While the future federal funding of Meals on Wheels is in question, attendees can help to bridge the gap and continue the valuable and necessary service.

Tickets will be sold at the door the night of the show. Children under 12 will be admitted free.



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