



Don't Miss This



*5th Annual*  
**GARRETT COUNTY OPRY**  
FRIDAY JULY 14TH



**6:00pm Weeks Family String Band**  
**6:45PM Loretta Hummel and Country Grass**  
**7:30PM Second Wind (Bluegrass, Old Time Music)**  
**8:15PM Casselman Valley Travelers**  
**9:00PM Rusty Halo and the Durst Brothers Band**

**REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE** **M.C. TRAVIS MEDCALF**

**6-10PM GARRETT COLLEGE AUDITORIUM THEATER**  
**\$10.00 Adults, Children under 12 Free**  
**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO BENEFIT**  
**MEALS ON WHEELS**

This project promotes the Garrett County Community Action Committee strategy of creating an environment where vulnerable Garrett County residents have shelter, food, access to health care and support on life skills, thereby increasing the number of families and individuals who are economically self-sufficient and able to live independently.

# Community Action Releases 2-Generation Approach Video



I am pleased to announce that Garrett County Community Action Committee (GCCAC) has released a [new video](#) about the 2-Generation (2-Gen) approach as implemented here at Community Action. The 2-Generation approach increasingly demonstrates that when focusing on outcomes, the delivery of programs and services can be improved and when this occurs families and communities benefit. Families do well in communities that do well.

Interest in our approach continues to grow. Within the last 12 months GCCAC has hosted 7 different agencies from around the US in addition to being asked to present on the topic of 2-Gen at over a dozen different meetings and conferences nationwide. This video helps to articulate how as an agency we have worked to change our corporate culture, improve our data systems,

and improve the manner in which our services are provided, thus expanding our capacity to serve. Assessing family needs and goals and then linking and bundling the needed services and programs helps to shift the burden off of families and onto the programs in order to help the family succeed.

At a time when the future of budgets and programs is called into question, the needs that drive Community Action and it's community partners will remain. Community Action is committed to working with community partners to improve the quality of life of individuals allowing them a better chance to thrive and become more economically self-sufficient. The Agency will continue to offer a wide array of programs and services from [senior meals](#), to [community housing](#), to [essential stabilization and crisis interventions](#) and [education](#).

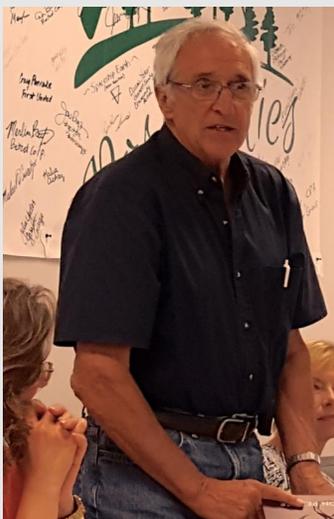
I invite everyone to [watch the video](#) which can be accessed through our [website](#) and learn more about the dynamic shift that is underway and is helping to achieve positive outcomes and results.

Warm regards,

*Duane Yoder*

President, Garrett County Community Action Committee

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## Longest Serving Board Member Recognized

Lowell Bender was acknowledged for his leadership and unwavering advocacy of Community Action for over 30 years as a member of the Board of Directors. He recently returned to participate in a strategic, scenario planning retreat that the agency held. His first affiliation with the agency was as an employee from 1968 until 1973. Years later he was asked back to serve on the Board. During the course of his Board tenure he presided as its President for 25 years.

"Lowell's steadfast dedication and open minded attitude helped the agency and the greater Garrett County community to better grow and thrive in so many ways," said Duane Yoder, President of GCCAC.

During his long service to GCCAC and the people of Garrett County, Lowell has worn many hats and supported us in many ways. THANK YOU for the thousands of volunteer hours you gave, the hundreds upon hundreds of meetings you attended, and decades of service to Community Action!

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## New Director of Human Resources Appointed



Lisa Rodeheaver has been chosen as the Director of Community Action's HR Department following the retirement of Peggy Cannon who served the agency for 19 years.

Lisa comes to Community Action with over 15 years of experience working at "big box" stores in HR and management.

When not working, she enjoys spending time with her husband and children and taking her grandkids out on the pontoon boat.

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## State Honors Rodney Durst for Fundraising Efforts for Meals on Wheels

### Dinner Music Show are Top Fundraising Activity

At the recent convening of the Maryland Association of Senior Centers, Rodney Durst was recognized by the State of Maryland for the success of the dinner music shows that are held at the Grantsville Senior Center. "I'm humbled to be recognized for something that I love to do so much," said Rodney. "These shows would not be nearly as successful without the generous support of local musician who donate their time and for the efforts of Senior Center staff who prepare delicious meal as well as support of the folks in the community who always turnout," he commented.

Attendees can enjoy a wonderful night of entertainment with music ranging from Classic Country to Gospel to 50's and 60's Rock-N-Roll for just \$10./person. All proceeds benefit the Garrett County Meals on Wheels program.

"Rodney has been a tireless advocate for Seniors and has been instrumental in advancing so many services that promote health and nutrition for our seniors," stated Pam Hageman, Director of Aging and Nutrition at Community Action.

At right, Rodney is pictured accepting the award from Regina Jenkins, President of The Maryland Association of Senior Centers.

Way to Go, Rodney!



## Check out the July Calendars for the Senior Centers

[Grantsville](#)

[Flowers Vale](#)

[Friendsville](#)

[Mary Browning](#)

## Community Artists Paint Support



Over 20 of fun-seeking artists gathered recently for an evening of barn-painting as part of a fundraiser for Meals on Wheels, a program administered by [Aging and Nutrition](#) at Community Action.

The evening raised \$360 that will be applied to the growing needs of the program. Last year Meals of Wheels delivered over 33,000 meals to seniors and shut-ins in Garrett County.

"Everyone had a really enjoyable time for a really good cause," said Jeannie Tichnell about the event arranged by Eileen McCrobie. "I'm so thankful for all who turned out to make the evening memorable and fun."

Donations can still be made to the program. [Click here](#) to learn more about the program or make a donation.



# Working with Partners

## Board of Education Summer Meal Program



Location	Dates	Days	Times
Dennett Road School- 770 Dennett Road, Oakland, MD	June 8 <sup>th</sup> – August 25 <sup>th</sup>	M-F	Breakfast: 8:30-9 Lunch: 11:30-noon
Liberty Mews - 451 Liberty Street, Oakland, MD	June 12 <sup>th</sup> – August 18 <sup>th</sup>	M-F	Lunch: 11-11:20
Crellin- 57 Crellin Street, Crellin, MD	June 12 <sup>th</sup> – August 18 <sup>th</sup>	M-F	Lunch: 11:35-11:55
Garrett College (gym area)	June 12 <sup>th</sup> – August 18 <sup>th</sup>	M-F	Breakfast: 8-9 Lunch: 12-12:30
Friendsville Elementary School	June 12 <sup>th</sup> – August 18 <sup>th</sup>	M-F	Lunch: 11:30-11:50**
Grantsville Elementary School- 120 Grant St. Grantsville MD	June 12 <sup>th</sup> – August 18 <sup>th</sup>	M-F	Lunch: 12:15-12:35**
Loch Lynn – 319 Roanoke Ave. Loch Lynn MD (pavilion)	June 12 <sup>th</sup> – August 18 <sup>th</sup>	M-F	Lunch: 11-11:20
Deer Park VFW Post - 10077 Pavilion 4107 MD-135 Deer Park, MD	June 12 <sup>th</sup> – August 18 <sup>th</sup>	M-F	Lunch: 11:30-11:50
Kitzmilller Community Park - 290 W. Main Street, Kitzmilller,	June 12 <sup>th</sup> – August 18 <sup>th</sup>	M-F	Lunch 12:10-12:30
Accident Town Park West - West End of Wood Street Accident, MD	June 12 <sup>th</sup> – August 18 <sup>th</sup>	M-F	Lunch: 11:30-11:50
Oakland Town Parking Lot	June 12 <sup>th</sup> – August 18 <sup>th</sup>	M-F	Lunch: 12:10-12:30**
<b>New Sites for 2017</b>			
Bittinger Fire Hall 176 Brenneman Rd, Bittinger, MD	June 12 <sup>th</sup> – August 18 <sup>th</sup>	M-F	Lunch: 12:50- 1:10
Bloomington Park - 334 North Branch Ave., Bloomington, MD	June 12 <sup>th</sup> – August 18 <sup>th</sup>	M-F	Lunch: 12:45- 1:05
Red House St. John Lutheran Church, 3301 Garrett Highway, Oakland, MD	June 12 <sup>th</sup> – August 18 <sup>th</sup>	M-F	Lunch: 12:45- 1:05

\*\* Designates new times for 2017

## "Partners After School" Innovates Fundraising

Partners After School, a program of the [Garrett County Local Management Board](#) (LMB) is hosting a kick off breakfast on July 20th at the Wisp Resort starting at 9:00 am. Serving 90 children, [Partners After School](#) provides high quality academic enrichment activities, homework assistance, nutritious snacks and recreation to Garrett County school students in Oakland, Accident, and Grantsville. Maintaining this programming benefits children and their working parents by creating a positive and safe experience.

Fred Polce, LMD Executive Director, and Duane Yoder, President of GCCAC, will discuss the positive impact of the program and how LMB is now able to utilize the [Community Investment Tax Credit program \(CITC\)](#) to leverage funding. By utilizing the CITC, donors will be able to receive a tax credit on their MD State Income Tax equal to 50% of their donation.

Garrett County Community Action was awarded \$20,000 in Maryland income tax credits that can be applied to this effort. Individuals and business who desire to make a positive impact on the community while obtaining a tax credit are strongly encouraged to attend.

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