

# Diamond Rio to play Carter County Thunder

*Jesse Keith Whitley will be guest performer*

By **TIM PRESTON**  
*The Independent*

**GRAYSON** Multiplatinum selling country music group Diamond Rio will headline the sixth annual Carter County Thunder celebration along with guest performer Jesse Keith Whitley and others to be announced, for the event at the Carter County Fairgrounds on June 30.

"We are very excited to have Diamond Rio as our Headline performer for Thunder 2012," said founder and organizer Lincoln Theinert. "Folks can also expect another great fireworks display, all free to the public thanks in no small part to the many generous sponsors throughout our area."

"This is a project we have been working toward for some time now and is one of our longstanding goals that I have been trying to guide the project to-

ward since our formative years on the Carper Park Memorial Ballfield in Carter City, long before the 'Carter County Thunder' we know today was conceived. You can imagine that something of this scale really does require the support of an entire community both logistically and financially through sponsorship contributions."

In addition to free general Admission there will be several Inflatables and jump houses for children to enjoy free of charge as well, he said.

"By all means this poses a large but enjoyable challenge. The puzzle pieces are all out there, my job is to toss out a concept to pursue and then assemble the pieces," Theinert joked.

Diamond Rio has won six Vocal Group of the Year awards (CMA, ACM), sold more than 10 million albums including nine No.

1 hits, and 22 top 10 singles and is a member of the Grand Ole Opry. The band made history as the first group to have their debut single, "Meet In The Middle," reach No. 1 on the country charts. Other No. 1 hits include, "I Believe," "One More Day," "Mirror Mirror" and "Unbelievable."

In 2011 they won a Grammy Award for their latest album, "The Reason," and have 14 total Grammy nominations to their credit. Diamond Rio consists of all six original band members, led by lead singer Marty Roe, who has local ties in the Carter City community. In their autobiography titled "Beautiful Mess," he describes his memories of playing in Carter City at the Carter City Jamboree.

Additional opening acts for Diamond Rio have not yet been finalized but are expected to be announced soon. New this year will

be a special reserved section for sponsors. Contributions of any amount will be accepted, Theinert said.

"Those contributing up to \$100 will be promoted as a Bronze Sponsor. \$150-\$499 as Silver, \$500-699 as Gold, \$700-999 as Platinum, \$1,000-\$4,999 as Diamond and \$5,000 as an Event Sponsor."

Gold, Platinum, Diamond and Event Sponsors will be encouraged to hang their company logo or banner on or near the stage and will be recognized on WTCR Radio 103.3.

"One main priority this year will be to improve the flow of traffic exiting the event," Theinert said. "A permit will be used to temporarily close U.S 60 with officials in place to facilitate two lanes of traffic upon the exit of the Fairgrounds, one forced to turn left and one forced to turn right toward Grayson. Those who find themselves in the left lane

would be forced to turn left but could take old 60 back into Grayson if needed."

In addition, all sponsors will be recognized on WGOH as well as in area newspapers. Exhibit spaces will be available for purchase with specific rates applying to non-profit organizations, for profit businesses, and political campaigns. Platinum Diamond and Event Sponsors will receive a 14'x14' exhibit space as part of their sponsorship package.

Anyone interested in becoming a sponsor and wanting additional information on reserved seating can contact Theinert directly at (606) 776-6570 or Wilma Theinert at (606) 474-8156. Additional event related information will be posted at [cartercountythunder.com](http://cartercountythunder.com).

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## Drug abuse info session planned Thursday

*Community event to spread public awareness*

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**RUSSELL** Information is the most important step to recognizing and addressing the local drug problem, officials say.

On Thursday the public is invited to a free Community Drug Abuse Prevention Information session at the Russell High School Library from 6 to 8 p.m. The session will feature information about the effects of drug abuse and how drugs are being concealed.

Guest speakers will be Sam Castle, the staff supervisor of Pathways Regional Prevention Center, and Kentucky State Police Trooper Elliott Gollihue.

"I hope to accomplish

awareness," said Kim Shope, Greenup County Community Education director and event coordinator.

She said Castle's program, on the various ways drugs are being concealed, is very informative. "I would love to bring this to the parents, anyone in the community's attention," she said. "They may not be aware of the things to look for. I have put this program on for the teachers in the high school and they loved it."

Gollihue, she said, will discuss the effects of various drugs as well discuss the consequences of things that can happen to individuals caught using or abusing drugs.

There will also be a community discussion

part of the session, Shope said, where attendees can "talk about ideas, what they are seeing and what they think can be done."

Shope said she hopes community members will attend the event to learn. She is concerned some parents won't come because they believe others will place a stigma on them.

"My deep concern is that people will think, 'I'm there and everybody will see me and think my kid is on drugs,'" said Shope. "No one is going to judge or think anything. I respect them for wanting to learn. I just want to bring people's heads out of the sand. It just seems like this whole area is affected

by it. "If you can save one kid from getting hurt it is all worth it."

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