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Fundraiser participants announced

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File photoCompetitors from 2018, Brad and Michelle "Mickey" Green, danced to their wedding song at last year's "groovy" '60s themed Dancing with the Stars fundraiser.

GREENSBURG – The full line-up for this year's highly anticipated Meals on Wheels Dancing with the Stars event have been announced.

Dancers for this event come from widely varied backgrounds, though they all share one thing in common: the desire to shake it on the dance floor to raise money for Meals on Wheels.

Each pair of dancers will dust off their disco duds as they dress for the "70s and Disco" theme.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Feb. 28 at the DCCS Administration building. Dancing is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

Tickets are already sold out for the evening of local entertainment with a purpose.

Dancing with the Stars is Meals on Wheels biggest fundraiser of the year, according to Executive Director Diana Robbins. For years, she has organized the event to put some of the "fun" back into fundraiser.

"It is due to the money raised at this fundraiser that we can keep the cost to our clients at a bare minimum," Robbins said. "The cost to our clients is \$2.40 per meal. Our cost is around \$6.50 per meal, so the difference of \$4.10 is what we pay for with this fundraiser money."

Robbins revealed the dancers' names this week.

Shannon Allgeier will be dancing to represent Arbor Grove Village alongside partner Somer Hart, of Somerset Racing Stables.

Jim Jameson and Angel Hocker will hit the dance floor representing South Decatur Schools.

Josh Snapp is representing Greensburg Youth Baseball alongside partner Hunter Gramman, of Bigger than Texas Salong and Boutique and Red Rose Ranch Party Ponies.

Bryce Logsdon will represent "his stud muffin self" as well as C&O Automotive alongside Charity Wilder of The Breakfast Club.

Representing WTRE and Denim & Honey Boutique are Tom Flemming and Erica Evans.

Rachel Sullivan rounds out the roster of dancers, representing REMC with her partner Brad Tressler of the Greensburg Fire Department.

Practice starts this week, with Stacy McCauley serving as choreographer.

The judges and emcees for the evening will be last year's dancers: John and Jill Pratt, Kelly Wampler and Tony Blodgett, Dennis and Lori Speers, and Joyce Geist and Steve Storm.

Each of the couples have organized unique fundraisers, from auctioning highly-sought prizes to "GoFundMe" accounts and attention-grabbing social media posts.

In addition to working on their dance moves, it takes hard work and dedication to raise enough money to impact Meals on Wheels. Dedication doesn't seem to be a problem, however. Robbins said one of the dancers broke his leg over the weekend and still intends to perform.

Robbins also teased at a surprise performance, but said all would be revealed to Dancing with the Stars guests Feb. 28.

Without sponsors generously helping, this event wouldn't be as successful or as profitable for the non-profit Meals on Wheels. Robbins said Ameriprise, Herman, Kittle Properties Inc., and Levensteins Abbey Carpet have all signed on as sponsors.

Anyone with questions about Meals on Wheels or Dancing with the Stars is welcome to contact Robbins at 812-663-6099.

The organization, which serves roughly 70 people each week, is always in need of volunteer drivers.