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## Wylie Gustafson Show Feature at 2003 Tumbleweed Festival

Wylie Gustafson of Wylie Gustafson will be the feature entertainment event at Pomeroy's annual Tumbleweed Festival beginning at 7 p.m., on Friday June 13 at the Seeley Opera House in downtown Pomeroy. Wylie's show is musical entertainment suitable for the entire family. According to Tumbleweed Festival organizers this performance will be the most famous act to ever to be featured within the festival's 14 year history.

No stranger to the prairies and plains, Wylie Gustafson was raised on the open range of a ten thousand acre Conrad, MT ranch. He formed his band, Wylie & the Wild West Show, in 1989. They have released several videos that receive regular air play on both CMT and TNN. The tall, bespectacled redhead makes regular appearances at the Grand Ole Opry both with his band and as a solo act. He has made more than 50 appearances at the historical concert hall since 1992. He also is a feature entertainer at major events such as The Calgary Stampede, Pendleton Round-up and the Houston Livestock Show as well as more humble events at bars, halls and rodeos. Wylie is currently being featured on the one hour long "Horseman's Radio Weekly" syndicated radio show being aired in eighty eight markets across North America. He has sold more than 500,000 albums worldwide as an independent artist on the Rounder Records Label. Lately, Wylie's knack for performing western music has garnered plenty of attention. His music is at the center of a three-year nation-wide media ad campaign for the Montana State Tourism Commission. Wylie is also responsible for that infectious voice featured in the national television and radio commercials for Yahoo.com.

Gustafson is not just a cowboy musician, he is a cowboy, period. When not on stage or in his studio, Wylie continues to live the western ranching lifestyle: waking up at dawn, riding, punching, and roping on his Dusty, WA ranch. Despite his successful career as a most popular western entertainers, Wylie still gets up everyday and tends to the livestock. According to him, it grounds him, and is the backbone of his art. For the secret of Wylie's honest, soulful western music isn't in any musical formulas or flashy gimmicks. Its purity lies in Wylie's character: earnest and hard-working, but beaming with friendly vigor -- and a smile as warm as first sunlight rising over the prairie.

You may purchase advance tickets for \$8 each at many Pomeroy businesses as well as over the telephone. Advance tickets are highly recommended. Among the Pomeroy locations where tickets may be purchased are Castlemoyle Books, Seeley Theater Box Office, Farmers' Café, The Metro, The Bank of Whitman, or U.S. Bank. Credit Card purchases may be made in person or over the telephone by calling Castlemoyle Books at 509-843-5009.

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