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**BLUEGRASS WITH A MODERN COUNTRY TWIST:  
THE GRASCALS TO PERFORM AT LA-Z-BOY CENTER**

*Local Bluegrass Band Flatland Grass to Open*

MONROE, Mich. – The Grascals, an award-winning and chart-topping six-member band that blends bluegrass and country music, will take the stage at Monroe County Community College’s La-Z-Boy Center, Meyer Theater on Saturday, Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m.

The La-Z-Boy Center is located on MCCC’s Main Campus, located at 1555 S. Raisinville Rd.

The Grascals are known for bluegrass with a modern, country twist. Three vocalists offer solos and trios above the instrumental unit, which is comprised of a mandolin, banjo and fiddle. The Grascals classify the sound as “timely yet timeless,” as it is relevant to the here and now while immersed in traditional bluegrass values.

Two of the band’s previous album releases – “The Grascals (2005)” and “Long List of Heartaches (2006)” – received Grammy nominations for Best Bluegrass Album by the International Bluegrass Music Association. Some of the band’s well-known songs include “I Am Strong” featuring Dolly Parton, “Me & John & Paul” and “Last Train to Clarksville,” which was originally recorded by The Monkees.

Other IBMA honors earned by The Grascals include Entertainer of the Year, Banjo Player of the Year, Album of the Year and Song of the Year. They were awarded Best Bluegrass Band of the Year by

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the Society of Preservation of Bluegrass Music of America in 2007, 2008 and 2010 and Best Instrumental Group of the Year each year from 2006 to 2009.

All of The Grascals' six albums have reached the top 5 on the U.S. Bluegrass charts, and three have hit No. 1. The most recent No 1. Album was "Country Classics with a Bluegrass Spin," which was released in January.

Opening for the Grascals will be local bluegrass band Flatland Grass.

Tickets are \$20 for reserved seating and \$30 for VIP seating, which includes balcony seating, munchies and cash bar. They can be purchased on the Web at [www.monroecc.edu/theater](http://www.monroecc.edu/theater), in person at the MCCC Cashier's Office in the Warrick Student Services/Administration Building, or via phone using VISA, MasterCard or Discover by calling the MCCC Ticket Hotline at (734) 384-4272.

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