



Clinton Gregory performing.

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Sharon Bounds chatting with festival-goers.

Shepherd Hill Opry Hosts Bluegrass on the Hill Concert

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On Friday, June 24th, the Shepherd Hill Opry in Samantha, Alabama hosted an event to help collect goods for 'The Little Closet - A Community Food Pantry'. The event was free of charge, with patrons encouraged to bring a canned good to donate to the food pantry.

The Shepherd Hill Opry Amphitheater was built in memory of Johnny Williamson on the property where he called home and had deep roots. Williamson's children built the amphitheater on the property because

Johnny enjoyed hosting gatherings with friends, family, food, and music. Williamson had instructed his children to continue to have parties on the property after he was gone.

All of the net proceeds of the Shepherd Hill Opry benefit the Johnny Williamson Good Shepherd Foundation. The purpose of the parties and concerts at the Good Shepherd Foundation is to raise money to fund the foundation and The Little Closet, and also to provide the local community with something to do and strengthen relationships in Samantha and surrounding communities. The Opry

provides a friendly and alcohol-free environment for patrons to enjoy themselves.

The festivities kicked off at 6pm on Friday evening with the Clinton Gregory Bluegrass Band and Sharon Bounds & Brighter Day. Brighter Day is a bluegrass gospel band based out of Tuscaloosa who performs at church singings, homecomings, and festivals. The Clinton Gregory Bluegrass Band was founded in 2012 and consists of country legend Clinton Gregory and Lisa Hoyle. The band is based out of Nashville, TN and traveled to Samantha to play the event last weekend.



Food donations collected for The Little Closet Community Food Pantry.