BACKSTAGE THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF HARDY COUNTY'S PERFORMING ARTS CENTER SEPTEMBER 2025

McCOY'S GRAND RECEIVES \$65,000 **GRANT FROM WEST VA DEPT OF TOURISM/WV COMMISSION ON THE ARTS FOR LIGHTING & SOUND UPGRADES** McCoy's Grand just received a \$65,000.00 grant for the new lighting and sound upgrades from the West Virginia Department of Tourism with approval of the West Virginia Commission on the Arts. McCoy's Grand is continuing work on a new LED Stage Lighting System and new Digital Sound System being installed at the theatre. The theatre has been working on a capital campaign to raise \$250,000.00 to make these enhancements. The new lighting will be LED

theatrical lights both on stage and in new locations throughout the theatre. These upgrades will make our shows and concerts shine. The new digital sound system includes assisted hearing devices for our patrons as well as a headset system for the technicians working the show. These long term enhancements will have an everlasting effect on the productions and audience experience at McCoy's Grand. We look forward to sharing this new enhanced experience with you all at our FiddleFest and FallFest Open House in October! SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING DONORS IN MAKING OUR LIGHT THE LIGHTS! **CAMPAIGN POSSIBLE**

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MICHELINE WILLIAMS It's not too late to add your name to the growing list of sponsors in our LIGHT THE LIGHTS! Campaign. Become a donor to this special effort in helping us make these improvements to McCoy's Grand for decades to come!

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MOOREFIELD EXAMINER

Raises Record \$210,000 with Help

Bank (\$10,000), PCB (\$15,000), formances the theater can host. the Hardy County Commission Meanwhile, McCoy's Grand is (\$25,000), the Town of Mooregearing up for a packed fall seafield (\$15,000), and Hawse Health son. On Fri., Sept. 26, it will host (\$1,000). Board members Mark "Fiddlefest," the Hardy County Stickley and Eric Schaeffer also Fiddle and Banjo competition, contributed personally. Schaeffer, during Heritage Weekend. Tickets who led the fundraising effort, are \$10 and available online or at secured two major state grants: the door. \$25,000 from the WV Dept. of On Sat., Oct. 25, the theater will Energy and \$65,000 from the WV hold its first-ever "Fallfest Open Dept. of Tourism with approval of House" from noon to 6 p.m., feathe WV Commission on the Arts. turing free performances; live mu-"Arts grants were an untapped sic from 12 bands; cabarets; food resource for us," Schaeffer said. trucks; craft and vendor tents; raf-"The process is competitive and fles; a cornhole tournament; and time-consuming, but the payoff is Broadway-themed bingo, among worth it." other family-friendly activities. Brennskag agreed. "Grant writ-More details are available at ing is a specialized skill we didn't www.mccoysgrand.org. McCOY'S GRAND fiddlefest HARDY COUNTY HERITAGE WEEKEND



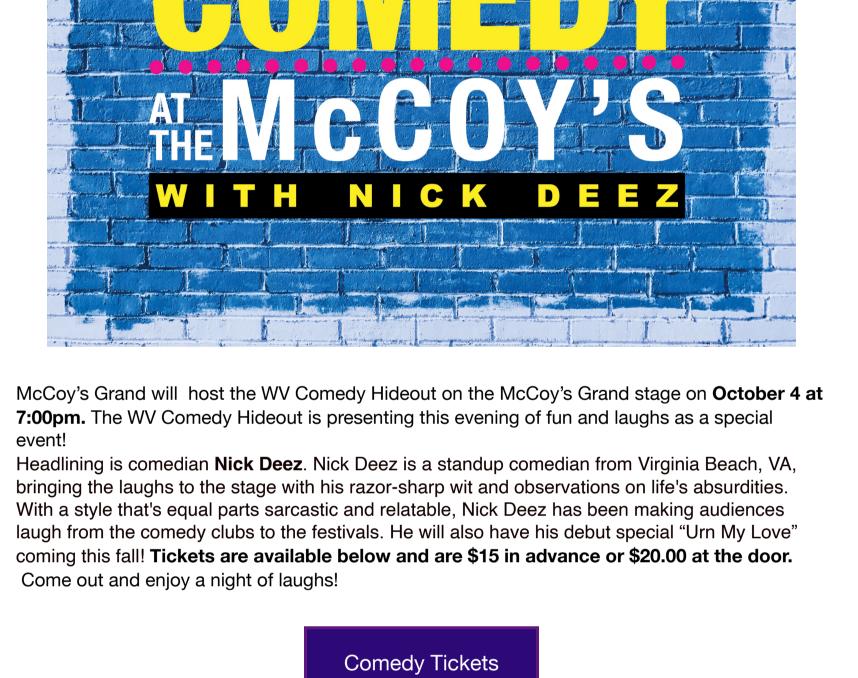
FiddleFest Tickets

COMEDY NIGHT IS OCTOBER 4!

To Enter the Fiddle or Banjo Competition - download the forms below and send them in to register.

Any additional questions - email mccoysgrand@icloud.com.

FIDDLE COMPETITION FORMS



OCTOBER 26, 2025 ON MAIN STREET IN MOOREFIELD 11:30AM - 6:00PM

THE FALLFEST OPEN HOUSE IS

OCTOBER 25th - A FULL DAY OF FREE

ARTS AND EVENTS FOR THE

COMMUNITY

We have a great day planned for Moorefield to enjoy music and the arts all day for FREE! The festival begins at 11:30am and runs till 6pm. We have two stages of free concerts throughout the day along with Museum Tours, Broadway Bingo, a Corn Hole Tournament, Silent Auction, Pick-A-Pop and face painting for the kids and a plaza full of vendors and food trucks! We'll also have a special Silent Auction that you'll want to bid on. There will be hourly drawings for door prizes and a special McCoy's Ticket Sale where you can buy discounted tickets for the coming events! Slated to appear at the FallFest Open House includes:

ASTORIA

THE FLY BIRDS

CAROLINE & THE EVERGREENS

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KEPLINGER BROTHERS RAW COUNTRY RYAN JEWEL RICH FOLLET ALEXANDER HOLMES JAY HALTERMAN THORNS AND ROSES And for kids, we have Face Painting, Pick-A-Pop - where you can win a prize and a lollipop and local author Joe McGee with a free book giveaway. **AUTHOR JOE McGEE & HIS KIDS' BOOKS** Meet popular kids' author and Hardy County resident Joe McGee and hear about his newest Junior Monster Scoutsbooks - Don't Wake Dracula (ages 5-7) and Castle of Schemes and Dreams (ages 7-10). Take home a signed copy for free, courtesy of WordPlay Connects (while supplies last).

There is something for everyone!

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION visit our website at mccoysgrand.org to get all the latest up

to date information. You can download the schedule below

2:45PM - MEET HARDY CO. AUTHOR JOE McGEE & HIS

Wake Dracula (ages 5-7) and Castle of Schemes

Enjoy the fabulous bluegrass music of Kiplinger

Grab a seat outside and enjoy Moorefield's

and Dreams (ages 7-10). Take home a signed copy for free, courtesy of WordPlay Connects

Meet popular kids' author and Hardy County

resident Joe McGee and hear about his newest Junior Monster Scouts books - Don't

(while supplies last).

McCOY'S MAINSTAGE

Bluegrass.

OCTOBER 25, 2025 ON MAIN STREET IN MOOREFIELD

11:30AM - 6:00PM ALL EVENTS ARE FREE

WORDPLAY WORDPLAY CONNECTS

BIG TIMBER BREWING COMPANY

DOOR PRIZES PROVIDED BY

BURKE & HERBERT BANK CASA AZUL

GUESTHOUSE LOST RIVER MACK'S BINGO

McCOY'S GRAND ON AIR DIRECT

WARDENSVILLE GARDEN MARKET

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

12:00pm - OPENING CONCERT WITH ASTORIA

11:30 - FALLFEST PLAZA OPENS

food trucks.

ASTORIA

FALLFEST PLAZA

McCOY'S MAINSTAGE

12:00PM - FACE PAINTING

THE EUNICE McCOY LOUNGE 3:00PM - KEPLINGER BLUEGRASS

3:15PM - JAY HALTERMAN IN CONCERT

RESTROOMS SPONSORED BY own on the guitar.COURTYARD STAGE Restrooms are located in the McCoy's Grand lobby and in Duffey Memorial Methodist Church Baby changing station located in McCoy's Grand. PILGRIM'S AMERICAN WOODMARK TREX 3:30PM - HISTORY OF McCOY'S Get a look at how McCoy's Grand came into **BURKE & HERBERT BANK** PCB CAPON VALLEY BANK McCOY-McMECHEN MUSEUM ATM ON THE PLAZA ENVIRCO FRALEY FUNERAL HOME Provided by **PCB**, you can get instant cash for the vendors on the FallFest Plaza with this special 4:00PM -RYAN JEWEL IN CONCERT HARDY TELECOMMUNICATIONS Ryan Jewel and his band bring their country songs to the stage. MOOREFIELD EXAMINER **CONCESSIONS IN THE LOBBY** McCOY'S MAINSTAGE MOOREFIELD COLLISION SERVICE Soda, Candy, Popcorn, West Va Wines, Big Timber Brewing Co. - Cash or Credit Cards Accepted 4:15PM - ALEXANDER HOLMES & CO. IN CONCERT STATE FARM - JUDY BALL Grab a seat outside and enjoy





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GET READY FOR OUR SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT COMING IN OCTOBER!

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WEST VIRGINIA McCoy's Grand

from State Grants **By Patrick Hurston** have until this year. Eric really hit Less than a year after launching it out of the park, and audiences a major capital campaign, McCoy's are going to see—and hear—the Grand has raised \$210,000—the difference." largest fundraising total in the That difference includes an ennearly 100-year history of Hardy ergy-efficient LED lighting system County's only performing arts that uses 75 percent less power venue. The money will fund a new and lasts 25 times longer than the lighting and sound system, transcurrent setup, cutting operating forming the historic theater into a costs significantly. New computmodern entertainment hub. er-controlled rigging and lighting "It's truly incredible," said John will allow for advanced effects,

while the sound system upgrade

includes digital mixing via iPad

and new speakers positioned to

give every seat the same audio

quality. Wentzel Electric and Pitts-

burgh Stage have already begun

The upgrades are expected to

help attract top talent and broad-

en the kinds of professional per-

the installation.

Brennskag, president of the board.

"The outpouring of support from

local businesses, state grants, and

generous individuals is going to

preserve this space and create a

The campaign was launched

with a \$50,000 gift from Burke

& Herbert Bank and followed by

contributions from Capon Valley

first-rate venue."

FIDDLE & BANJO COMPETITION

Alexander on the guitar. **FOOD ON THE PLAZA** COURTYARD STAGE Twin Timbers - Coffee & Ice Cream Twisted Pig BBQ 4:30PM - BROADWAY BINGO HARDY COUNTY HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER Play Broadway Bingo and win prizes! Church Chicken & 2 Sides at Duffey Memorial Methodist Church 4:45PM - HISTORY OF McCOY'S FIRST-AID Get a look at how McCoy's Grand came into First aid is located by the bingo pavilion behind the theatre at the Hardy County EMS truck. McCOY-McMECHEN MUSEUM 5:00PM - RAW COUNTRY IN **SPECIAL TICKET SALE FOR** CONCERT The iconic band returns to McCoy's Grand! THE 2026 SEASON! McCOY'S MAINSTAGE Check out the McCoy's Grand Lobby for special 5:15PM - THORNS & ROSES Ticket savings today only on our 2026 season! with over 20 artisans and crafter tents along with Grab a seat outside and enjoy this new Moore-ALL TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN THE MAIN LOBBY field Band! TICKET BOOTH TODAY. THE SALE IS ONLY 11:30am - 6PM on October 25, 2025. ALL SALES ARE FINAL. **COURTYARD STAGE** Kicking off the show will be Moorefield favorite FALLFEST PLAZA VENDORS **FALLFEST LOCATIONS** VISIT THE PLAZA ON MAIN & McCOY'S MAINSTAGE WINCHESTER FOR OUR VENDOR AND Concerts will take place on the Mainstage. The FOOD TRUCK PLAZA line forms to the left of the main entrance. Angel's Rebellion Art Refreshments are available from the McCoy Courtyard Concerts are free and open with outdoor seating for people to come and go as you like. Refreshments are available from the McCoy Lobby. Entrance thru McCoy's Lobby **BINGO PAVILION, CORNHOLE COURT & PICK-A-POP** Walk down the McCoy-McMechen Alley to the Alley located between McCoy's Grand & the Plaza located next to the McMechen House at Main and Winchester Streets. Area includes 24

SIGN-UP FOR THE HOURLY DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS

SILENT AUCTION

WATER STATIONS

Make sure to sign-up for our hourly door prize giveaways. Sign-up pots are in the McCoy's

Grand lobby and the information tent on the plaza.

Bid on art and more with this special auction. All proceeds go to the McCoy Scholarship Fund.

There are two water stations loacted outside McCoy's Grand in the Courtyard Plaza and the Face Painting area. FREE Sponsored by **Burke & Herbert Bank**