

McCOY'S GRAND

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF HARDY COUNTY'S PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

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LIGHTING THE LIGHTS!
McCOY'S GRAND WORKING ON A NEW
LIGHTING AND SOUND SYSTEM

McCoy's Grand is taking the next seven weeks off as we upgrade our lighting and sound equipment to enhance the audience experience of our shows and productions. 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 and also are environmentally better for the environment and the audience. We're also adding two LED spotlights so we can highlight the performers. The new sound system includes assisted hearing devices for our patrons as well as a headset system for the technicians working the show. "These new upgrades will be a huge improvement to our productions," stated Eric Schaeffer, Board Member. "We have many people in the community to thank for helping us to make this possible." We look forward to sharing this new enhanced experience with you all at our FallFest Open House in October!

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING DONORS IN MAKING OUR LIGHT THE LIGHTS! CAMPAIGN POSSIBLE

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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!

DONATE TO THE LIGHT THE LIGHTS! CAMPAIGN

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fiddlefest

HARDY COUNTY HERITAGE WEEKEND

FIDDLE & BANJO
COMPETITION

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
7PM

ALL SEATS - \$10
AT
mccoysgrand.org

TO SIGN-UP FOR THE
COMPETITION
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HERITAGE WEEKEND IS COMING WITH
A FIDDLE & BANJO COMPETITION!

McCoy's Grand will be part of Hardy County Heritage Weekend September 26 and 27th with a special Fiddle and Banjo Competition on Friday, September 26 at 7pm. Tickets are available below and are only \$10.00

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

FiddleFest Tickets

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COMING OCTOBER 4!

WV'S
comedy
hideout

COMEDY

AT THE McCOY'S

WITH NICK DEEZ

Save the date as we host the WV Comedy Hideout on the McCoy's Grand stage on October 4 at 7:30pm. The WV Comedy Hideout is presenting this evening of fun and laughs as a special event! Tickets are available below and are \$15 in advance or \$20.00 at the door.

Comedy Tickets

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FALLFEST
OPEN HOUSE

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

GET READY FOR OUR FALLFEST OPEN
HOUSE ON OCTOBER 25th!

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, 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! We'll have the final schedule available next month to plan your day but here are just a few of the artists slated to appear so far.

ASTORIA
THE FLY BIRDS
CAROLINE & THE EVERGREENS
KEPLINGER BROTHERS
RAW COUNTRY
RYAN JEWEL
RICH FOLLET
ALEXANDER HOLMES
JAY HALTERMAN
THORNS AND ROSES

AND MEET HARDY CO. AUTHOR JOE McGEE & HIS KIDS' BOOKS
Meet popular kids' author and Hardy County resident Joe McGee and hear about his newest Junior Monster Scouts books - *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! We have a very limited number of vendor spots available for our plaza so e-mail mccoysgrand@icloud.com to save one of the last ones. Next month, we'll highlight our sponsors who are helping to make this day possible!

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: MCCOYSGRAND@ICLOUD.COM
or visit our website at mccoysgrand.org

AUDITION TO BE A SILVER BELLE!

WHO'S GOING TO SAVE THE
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT?

THE
SILVER
BELLES

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The Silver Belles is a heartwarming and hilarious one-act holiday musical set in small-town Tennessee. When the beloved director of the local Christmas pageant suddenly passes away, her friends—an endearing group of Southern women—band together to keep her legacy alive and save the show. With toe-tapping country tunes, colorful characters, and a dash of ghostly charm, this musical celebrates friendship, community, and the spirit of the season.

AUDITIONS:
August 23, 2025 at 10:00 am
August 24, 2025 at 3:00 pm

WHERE:
McCoy's Grand Theatre, 121 N. Main Street, Moorefield, WV

SHOWDATES:
December 12-14, 2025
December 19-21, 2025

REQUIREMENTS:
Arrive about 10 minutes before start time for registration purposes so we can begin promptly. Anyone auditioning is required to prepare and sing a cut song (1.5 minute in length) that will showcase your voice. We will be evaluating your performance on vocal quality as well as your portrayal of a character while singing. If you download an instrumental version of your song for auditions, we will have a Bluetooth sound system available to link your device. You may also sing your audition a cappella. Dress however you feel comfortable; there will be cold readings. If you are interested in auditioning but unable to make one of these audition times, please contact the director, David Imboden, on Facebook, for special arrangements.

ROLES:
• Oralene (Female, 50+)
The long-time director and guiding spirit of Sylvia Ridge's Christmas pageant. A dynamo, confident leader—even beyond the grave.
• Ruth Ann (Female, 40+)
Former beauty queen turned cookie-baking fundraiser. Sweet-natured, nostalgic, practical.
• Gloria (Female, 40+)
Flirty, confident, fun-loving; sells kisses under the mistletoe. Bold, humorous presence.
• Berniece (Female, 50+)
Quirky town gossip and taxidermy enthusiast. Offbeat and eccentric with a darkly comic edge.
• Bo Jack (Male OR Female, 50+)
No-nonsense stage manager and radio host; devoted friend to Earl. Practical yet caring support.
• Earl (Male, 50+)
Widowed husband of Oralene; grieving songwriter trying to rediscover his purpose—and pageant. Gentle, emotional presence.
• Pianist (Female or Male, any adult)
Silent accompanist who never speaks but contributes comedic and musical character. Present and playing the piano accompaniment through the entire performance. MUST be able to play piano!

THE 2026 SEASON

GET READY FOR OUR SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT COMING IN OCTOBER!

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