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

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

LIGHTING AND SOUND SYSTEM



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** BURKE AND HERBERT BANK HARDY COUNTY COMMISSION WEST VA. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY TOWN OF MOOREFIELD PCB BANK **CAPON VALLEY BANK** MARK STICKLEY FAMILY -IN MEMORY OF BETTY STICKLEY HAWSE HEALTH PATRICK HURSTON/ERIC SCHAEFFER JOHN BRENNSKAG DARRYL BUNING DANYL FREEMAN ANN FUNKHOUSER SUSAN GARRETT HANNAH HEISHMAN SARAH IMBODEN WILL RUNION **EMILY SHERMAN** MARK STICKLEY **BOB THOMPSON**

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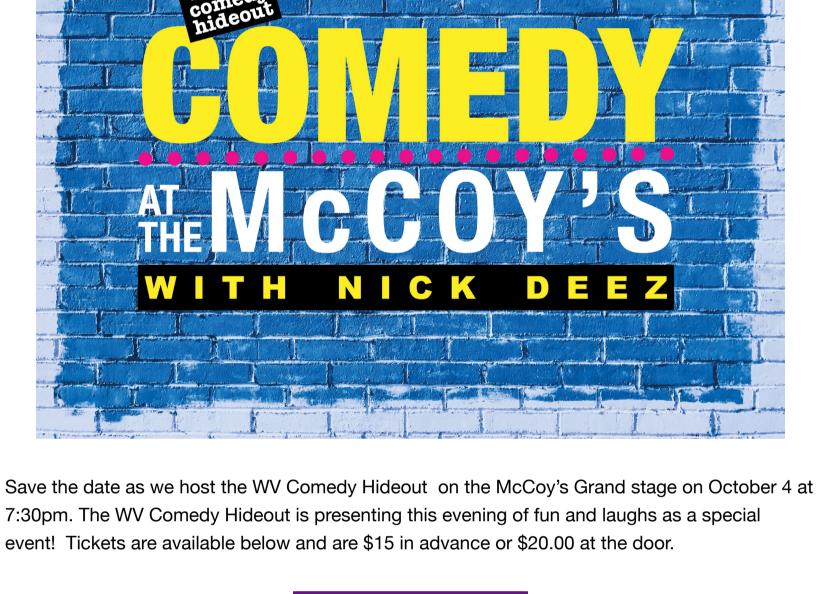
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special Fiddle and Banjo Competition on Friday, September 26 at 7pm. Tickets are available below and are only \$10.00

FIDDLE COMPETITION FORMS

FiddleFest Tickets





Comedy Tickets



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

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

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 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).

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

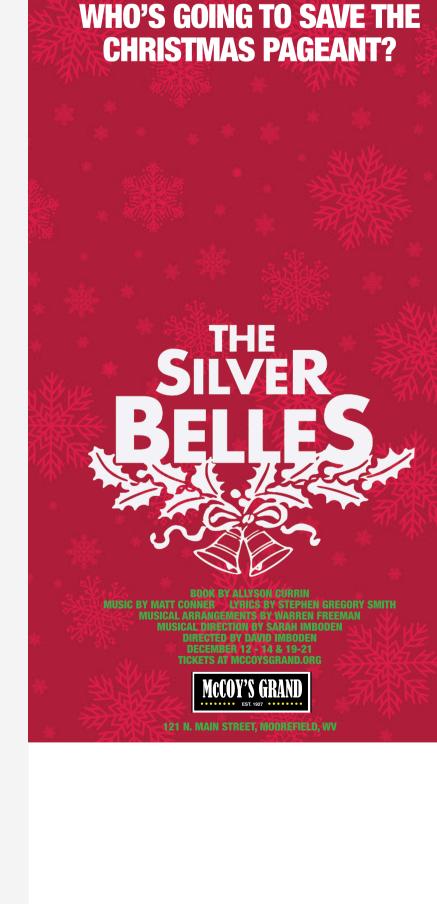
AUDITION TO BE A SILVER BELLE!

There is something for everyone! We have a very limited number of vendor spots available for

our plaza so e-mail mcoysgrand@icloud.com to save one of the last ones. Next month, we'll

highlight our sponsors who are helping to make this day possible!

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



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,

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

Moorefield, WV

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 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.

Arrive about 10 minutes before start time for

registration purposes so we can begin

ROLES: • Oralene (Female, 50+) The long-time director and guiding spirit of Sylva 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. • Berneice (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

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