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TODAY IS GIVING TUESDAY-SUPPORT MCCOY'S GRAND!



PICTURED FROM TOP LEFT - BURKE & HERBERT CHECK PRESENTATION, THE SNOW QUEEN, FALL FEST OPEN HOUSE, VETERANS CONCERT

Tuesday, December 2, 2025 is Giving Tuesday!

This powerful day of generosity fuels non-profits across the nation, and McCoy's Grand is proud to be part of it. When you give on Giving Tuesday, every single dollar goes directly into the heart of our community outreach programs—The Scholarship Program, Missoula Children's Theatre, and our beloved Fall Fest Open House. These initiatives change lives, spark creativity, and bring families together through the power of the arts. Your support doesn't just fund programs—it opens doors, inspires young minds, and strengthens the cultural heartbeat of Hardy County. We're grateful for every contribution and sincerely hope you'll consider making a donation on this special day of giving. Together, we can bring even more arts, entertainment, and opportunity to our community. Let's make Giving Tuesday unforgettable—because when you give, our entire county grows.

GIVING TUESDAY DONATION

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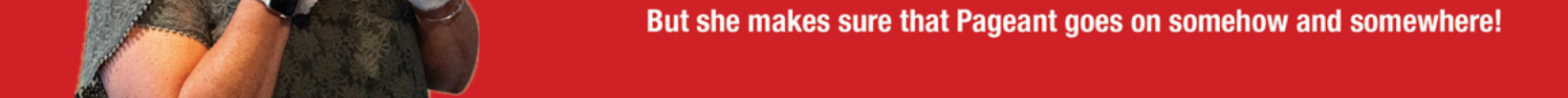
We have the perfect holiday treat for the entire family! It's *Golden Girls* meets *Designing Women* with a heaping helping of well-known Christmas tunes and clever new country and western ditties. Christmas without the Silver Belles... just wouldn't be Christmas! When Oralene, the longtime director of small town Sylva Ridge's Christmas Pageant, suddenly passes away, the Silver Belles must come to the rescue! With the spirit of Oralene looking on, the sterling-hued vixens band together, discover their talents and pull out all the stops to keep the beloved pageant alive. Six shows only on December 12-14 & 19-21! This show is sure to put you in the holiday spirit with lots of laughs and more! Reserve your tickets today to this special holiday musical and see you in the Moorefield Christmas Parade on December 8th at 4pm!!

SILVER BELLES TICKETS

ORALENE - DANYL FREEMAN

She is the longtime director of the annual Christmas pageant in the small town of "Silva Ridge, Tennessee." Her sudden death triggers a crisis: the pageant that supports the local orphanage is in jeopardy.

But she makes sure that Pageant goes on somehow and somewhere!



GLORIA - AIMEE CHAVE

One of the "Silver Belles". She is off-married and the town flirt. And she may not be the brightest lightbulb in the bunch but she makes things happen!



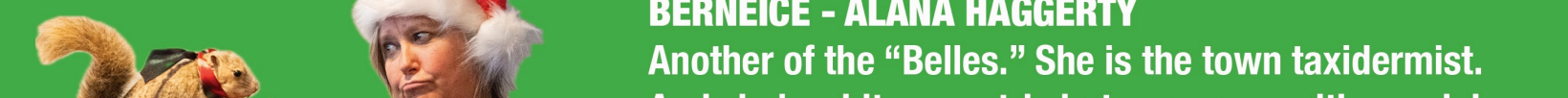
BO JACK - ANN FUNKHOUSER

The stage manager for the pageant, and a local radio personality with her "Swap Meet" show, helping keep the community informed and engaged. Someone has to try and keep the Belles in line!



BERNEICE - ALANA HAGGERTY

Another of the "Belles." She is the town taxidermist. And she's a bit eccentric but comes up with special ways to save the Christmas Pageant. And yes, she may even talk to her dead animals!



RUTH ANN - DENA EYE

A former beauty queen - THE CATFISH QUEEN and a baton-twirler. She may not be the sharpest but she keeps everyone on the sunny side of life!

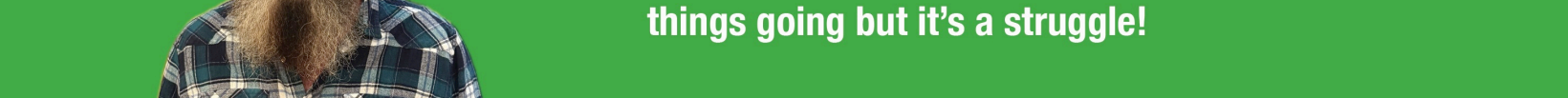


EARL - KEVIN SHREVE

Oralene's husband, who was also her collaborator in writing songs for the annual pageant. He has to keep things going but it's a struggle!



DIRECTOR DAVID IMBODEN SHARES HIS THOUGHTS ON SILVER BELLES



WHAT'S BEEN THE MOST FUN ABOUT DIRECTING SILVER BELLES?

The most fun has been working with such a wonderfully funny, heartfelt story and a group of characters who are larger than life but deeply human. *Silver Belles* gives a director the gift of blending comedy, music, and genuine emotion — it's not just a holiday show, it's a celebration of friendship and resilience. I've loved finding the balance between the laugh-out-loud moments and the tender ones, and watching the cast bring these Southern women and their quirks to life has been pure joy. There's a beautiful honesty in how they deal with grief and keep going — and that's been the most rewarding part to explore.

WHAT CAN AUDIENCES EXPECT FROM THE SHOW?

Audiences can expect a charming, music-filled evening that feels like a cozy holiday gathering with your funniest, most eccentric relatives. There's toe-tapping bluegrass and country-infused music, plenty of laughs, and even a few tears. It's equal parts comedy and community — a reminder that even when life takes unexpected turns, the show (and the spirit of Christmas) must go on. Expect warmth, humor, and heart — and a few surprises along the way!

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOMENT IN THE SHOW?

Honestly, each character provides great moments throughout the show. It's touching, funny, and deeply cathartic. You can feel love and loss in equal measure, and the music carries that emotion so beautifully. It's the moment when the laughter and the heartache meet, and you realize that this show is about so much more than putting on a performance — it's about keeping traditions alive and holding each other up.

CAN AUDIENCES EXPECT TO LEAVE THE SHOW FEELING JOLLY AND IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT?

Absolutely! You'll leave humming the songs, smiling through the tears, and maybe calling an old friend on the way home. *Silver Belles* captures the true spirit of the holidays — not the commercial gloss, but the heart of connection, community, and love that endures even in loss. It's funny, it's heartfelt, and it reminds us all that joy can be found even in the most unexpected places.

SILVER BELLES TICKETS

MCCOY'S CHRISTMAS WISH LIST



When you come to **THE SILVER BELLES**, bring a gift to put under our lobby tree from our Christmas Wish List! Thanks for your support of McCoy's Grand.

MCCOY'S GRAND WISH LIST

- Toilet Paper
- Cleaning Supplies
- Hand Tools for our shop
- Gift Cards to Hardman's Hardware, Lowes and The Home Depot
- Vacuum Cleaner
- Pens
- Office Supplies
- Paint Brushes
- Hand Soap

GET READY! THE 2026 SEASON

THE 2026 SEASON

Get ready for our exciting 2026 season with concerts, children's theatre, **JOSEPH & THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT**, **AGATHA CHRISTIE'S MURDER ON THE EXPRESS**, **HOLIDAY FOLLIES** and the return of **FALL FEST OPEN HOUSE**! We have something for everyone. Download the season brochure below and subscribe to great entertainment at McCoy's Grand!

AND NEW FOR 2026 - THERE WILL BE NO FEES ON ANY TICKETS WHEN YOU PURCHASE THEM ONLINE!

We've heard you and we made it happen! We are now using a special ticket service dedicated to non-profits and it will charge **NO FEES EVER!** So don't wait to try and buy tickets at the door - guarantee yourself a seat and purchase your seats on-line. They are now the same price that you would pay at the door. We are thrilled to offer this to our patrons!

Upon checking out - simply put "0" or "other" in the space provided at checkout and no fee will be added to the ticket transaction.

2026 SEASON BROCHURE

MUSIC AT MCCOY'S

THE 2026 CONCERT SERIES

CAROLINE & THE EVERGREENS

WITH SPECIAL GUEST - ALL THE KING'S HORSES
JANUARY 17 AT 7PM
TICKETS - \$15



CAROLINE TICKETS - NO FEES

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MEET BOARD MEMBER EMILY SHERMAN



WHEN DID YOU GET INVOLVED WITH THE MCCOY'S GRAND?

I was privileged to play Sandy in Betty Stickle's directorial debut of *Grease*. I had just moved to Moorefield and instantly felt at home while on the stage at the McCoy's.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE EXPERIENCE AT MCCOY'S GRAND?

I have many favorite experiences, but possibly one of THE best experiences a mom can have is watching her kids blossom on the stage, and I got to witness that happening on this very stage many times throughout my kids' childhoods. Of course I love my time in the stage, but I am really enjoying my time behind the concession stand.

WHAT ARE YOU MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO IN MCCOY'S FUTURE?

I have loved watching the theater grow and become even more amazing. I can't wait to see what else is in store!

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR FAVORITE ROLE?

I have adored every role I've had the privilege of playing, from Sandy, to a dancing cat and bird in *Honk*, but by far my favorite role (dream role) was playing Fantine in *Les Miserables*.

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