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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF HARDY COUNTY'S PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

JULY 2026



FREE CONCERTS ALL SUMMER LONG ON THE NEW OUTDOOR COURTYARD STAGE

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AUG. 1 - THE FLY BIRDS
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AUG. 15 - JIMMY LEE
AUG. 22 - THORNS & ROSES

FREE ADMISSION
ALL CONCERTS BEGIN AT 7PM
THE COURTYARD PLAZA OPENS AT 6PM
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

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Get ready for unforgettable summer nights filled with live music, community, and fun at McCoy's Grand Theatre's new Courtyard Plaza! Our **SUMMER CONCERTS UNDER THE STARS** series brings six exciting evenings of free live entertainment to downtown Moorefield this July & August. Bring your lawn chair, gather your friends, and enjoy a relaxed outdoor concert experience featuring an incredible lineup of regional artists performing everything from country and classic rock to Americana favorites.

July 11 - Jam Session

Grab your instrument and show up to be part of a Jam Session Concert with other musicians. You may even see our **Scholarship Winner Carter Sherman** on the stage! We just may be creating Moorefield's next great band!

July 25 - Bat Country 304

Bat Country 304 is an eclectic local cover band based and are known for playing a versatile mix of rock, blues, bluegrass, and country.

AND COMING IN AUGUST!

August 1 - The Fly Birds

August 8 - Alexander Holmes & Co.

August 15 - Jimmy Lee

August 22 - Thorns & Roses

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NO RESERVATIONS OR TICKETS REQUIRED

In case of inclement weather, the concerts will be moved indoors.

FREE ADMISSION - Donations Accepted In case of inclement weather, concerts will move indoors to the Mainstage Theatre. Guests can also enjoy a variety of concessions available for purchase, including drinks, snacks, beer, seltzers, and more throughout the evening.

These concerts are part of McCoy's Grand's continued commitment to creating affordable community entertainment and bringing people together through live music in the new Courtyard Plaza & Gardens.



BAT COUNTRY 304 APPEARS ON OUR STAGE ON JULY 25 AT 7PM

FIDDLE FEST IS BACK FOR HARDY HERITAGE WEEKEND



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fiddlefest

HARDY COUNTY HERITAGE WEEKEND

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
7PM
ALL SEATS - \$15
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Save the date and start practicing for the annual fiddle and banjo contest at McCoy's Grand. More information will be coming in next month's newsletter



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FALLFEST OPEN HOUSE

WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD VENDORS FOR OUR FALL FEST PLAZA

Do you have a craft, product, specialty food item, artwork, or business you'd like to showcase to the community? Join us for the Fall Fest Open House 2026 at McCoy's Grand on Saturday, October 24, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM! The Fall Fest Plaza will be open from 11am to 3pm as part of the entire day.

Last year's event welcomed nearly 1,000 visitors and featured live music, food, vendors, family activities, museum tours, and entertainment throughout the day. This year's festival promises to be even bigger with nine live bands, expanded activities, and our beautiful Courtyard Plaza & Gardens serving as the centerpiece of the celebration.

Vendor spaces are available for artisans, crafters, community organizations, small businesses, authors, specialty food vendors, and more. Fall Fest is a wonderful opportunity to connect with customers, promote your business, and be part of one of Hardy County's most anticipated community events.

Vendor spaces are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis by hitting the button below to register. The fee is \$25.00 and includes one table for your spot on the plaza. For non-profits, please email us at mccoysgrand@icloud.com to register for a free space.

Don't miss your chance to be part of this exciting day of music, shopping, food, and family fun in downtown Moorefield!

[VENDOR REGISTRATION](#)



IT WAS A GRAND CELEBRATION!

McCoy's Grand celebrated the official **Grand Opening of the Courtyard Plaza & Gardens** on June 19 with a wonderful evening of music, food, and community. Hundreds of community members gathered to enjoy the new outdoor space as the sounds of bluegrass filled the air from performances by **Keplinger Bluegrass** and **The Mullins Pickers**.

Guests enjoyed free hot dogs, pepperoni rolls, cupcakes, lemonade, and a special book giveaway from **WordPlay Connects** while exploring the newly completed gardens and plaza. The event marked the culmination of months of planning and volunteer effort to transform the area into a vibrant outdoor gathering space for performances, community events, and recreation.

The enthusiastic crowd and positive feedback confirmed what many already knew—the Courtyard Plaza & Gardens has quickly become a special new destination in downtown Moorefield. McCoy's extends its sincere thanks to the volunteers, sponsors, donors, and community partners who helped make the project and grand opening celebration such a tremendous success.



MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE BREAKS PARTICIPATION AND AUDIENCE RECORD AT McCOY'S GRAND


McCoy's Grand welcomed its largest-ever Missoula Children's Theatre residency this summer, with 55 local children taking part in the week-long production of **Beauty Lou and the County Beast**. The record number of participants made auditions more competitive than ever, encouraging students to work even harder as they learned lines, songs, choreography, and stagecraft in just five days.

The hard work paid off with two outstanding performances on June 27 that drew more than 287 audience members, filling the theatre with family, friends, and community supporters. The production showcased the incredible talent, confidence, and teamwork of Hardy County's young performers while giving many children the opportunity to experience live theatre for the very first time.

McCoy's Grand is grateful to the Missoula Children's Theatre touring team, the dedicated volunteers, parents, sponsors, and everyone who attended the performances. The overwhelming participation and enthusiastic community support made this year's program the most successful in our history and reaffirmed the importance of providing high-quality arts experiences for local youth.

MADE POSSIBLE IN PART BY

The Hardy County Community Foundation Hardy County Community Impact Fund and the William "Bill" Sloan & Family Community Giving Fund.



AGATHA CHRISTIE'S MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS
ADAPTED BY KEN LUDWIG FOR THE STAGE

ALL ABOARD FOR AUDITIONS!

Open auditions for **Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express**, directed by **Mark Stickley**, will be held on **Friday, July 17, at 6:00 p.m.** and **Saturday, July 18, at 10:00 a.m.** at McCoy's Grand. Auditions will consist of readings from the script, and no prepared monologue is required.

Whether you're a seasoned performer or trying community theatre for the first time, we encourage you to come aboard for this classic mystery filled with unforgettable characters, suspense, and intrigue. Join us at McCoy's Grand and become part of one of the most famous detective stories ever told. All aboard!

PRODUCTION DATES ARE OCTOBER 2, 3, 9, 10 AT 7PM. OCTOBER 4 & 11 AT 2PM

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