

McCOY'S GRAND

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF HARDY COUNTY'S PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

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Welcome to the new monthly newsletter for McCoy's Grand Theatre and Museum. Each month, we'll send you updates of new events and performances, give you an exclusive backstage look at all the happenings and more.



McCOY'S GRAND GIVES SCHOLARSHIP

The McCoy Theater Board of Directors is committed to doing its part in bringing culture to and supporting the arts within our community. We attempt to encourage the involvement of our youth

in all aspects of the performing arts whether it be on stage or behind the scenes.

The McCoy's Grand Theatre Scholarship is designed to recognize the talent and potential of area youth in theatrical arts by helping students financially with post-secondary education. This year's winner is **Wade Hershberger** from East Hardy High School who is attending Shenandoah University. Congratulations!



CELEBRATING BETTY STICKLEY

The Board of Directors made a special presentation to the family of **Betty Stickley** for her longtime service and dedication to McCoy's Grand. A permanent plaque will now adorn the theater's lobby in her memory and honor. Betty Stickley was a beloved teacher in Moorefield for 35 years. She was a passionate and dedicated member at The McCoy's Grand Theater, directing, acting, and mentoring in well over 20 theatrical productions. She poured her heart and soul into those involved in every show, her students, her coworkers, and most of all, her family. She loved and cherished her children and grandchildren in unmeasurable ways. "Beatrice" was courageous, fearless, and one of a kind and has touched the lives of so many. She truly made each and every person she came into contact with, realize who they truly were and could be.

McCoy's Grand celebrates Betty and all her contributions to the theatre over the years!



COMING THIS NOVEMBER!

**CAROLINE
& THE EVERGREENS**

NOVEMBER 2024 **10**
2:00 PM

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121 N. MAIN ST.
MOOREFIELD, WV 26836

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TICKETS AVAILABLE AT MCCOYSGRAND.COM OR AT THE DOOR

The McCoy's Grand Concert Series is back this fall with **Caroline & The Evergreens!** Join us Sunday, November 10, 2024 at 2:00pm as we welcome local favorite **Caroline & The Evergreens.** You'll be in for a Sunday afternoon treat filled with country hits and a tribute to U.S. Veterans! Tickets are only \$15.00 and are available by clicking the button below or at the McCoy's Grand website - mccoysgrand.org or at the door.

CAROLINE TICKETS

COMING THIS DECEMBER!

**BRING THE FAMILY
AND GET INTO THE
HOLIDAY SPIRIT!**



**A
Sinatra
Christmas**

**Featuring
SERGEANT MAJOR (ret) BOB MCDONALD
Singing Sinatra's Favorites and Holiday Songs!
With Tony Nalker on Piano**

**ONE SHOW ONLY!
DECEMBER 22 at 3PM
TICKETS - \$15.00**



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McCoy's Grand is pleased to be presenting **A SINATRA CHRISTMAS** on December 22 at 3pm for one show only! A SINATRA CHRISTMAS is a special holiday cabaret featuring the songs of Sinatra along with his Christmas classics. The cabaret features Sergeant Major (ret) Bob McDonald from the Army Chorus along with West Virginia native Tony Nalker on Piano. Get into

the holiday spirit and bring the entire family for an afternoon of Frank Sinatra! Tickets are only \$15.00 per person and can be purchased on the website or at the door.

Bob served as Group Leader and a member of the U.S. Army Chorus for over 26 years, retiring in 2020. In this capacity he performed regularly at the White House and for visiting dignitaries from across the globe. Bob is a regular fixture of the D.C. musical theatre and cabaret scene, and he has performed at such venues as The Kennedy Center, Folger Theatre, AMP by Strathmore, Wolf Trap, and Signature Theatre, among others. Bob has also performed regionally in many opera roles, with several symphony orchestras, and with his popular Sinatra tribute show. Bob is a familiar face to Washington Capitals fans, gearing up for his 31st season of singing the National Anthem for the hockey team. He has also sung the National Anthem for many other professional sports events in the D.C. area and across the country, including the Super Bowl, and was a soloist for Game 5 of the 2019 World Series.

Tickets are now on sale on the website at mccoysgrand.com or click the button below.

SINATRA TICKETS



INSIDE THE BOARDROOM

Each month, we feature a Board Member so you can get to meet the people behind the scenes that volunteer to bring the arts to Hardy County. This month, meet our **Board President John Brennskag** who has a long history with McCoy's Grand.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WITH McCOY'S GRAND?

After watching a friend in "Rehearsal for Murder," I knew I wanted to give it a shot. Three months later, I auditioned and was cast in my first show. That was 20 years ago! After involvement with numerous shows while in high school (and a few during breaks from college), I was asked to join the board of directors in 2015.

WHAT IS IT THAT YOU LOVE ABOUT THIS PLACE?

Beyond the fond memories and lifelong friendships formed in this building, my favorite thing about McCoy's Grand is the opportunity provided to the community. Either on stage or in the seats, McCoy's Grand provides Hardy County and the surrounding area a space for artistic expression, entertainment, culture, and everything in between!

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR FAVORITE PERFORMANCE?

I have to plead the fifth! :-) I have so much nostalgia looking back at the shows I acted in and get so much excitement from the "front office view" of watching a new production come together.

YOU WERE THE FIRST SCHOLARSHIP WINNER, HOW DOES IT FEEL NOW TO BE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD?

I was very honored to be the first recipient of the scholarship. No idea that I would end up on the board of directors so many years later, let alone being asked to lead our group. I think it says so much about this organization that there are multiple scholarship winners, former cast members, former directors, and the like that serve on the board and volunteer their time to continue the mission of the organization.

WHAT DO YOU HOPE FOR THE FUTURE OF McCOY'S GRAND?

I see so much potential at McCoy's Grand! McCoy's Grand Theatre is Hardy County's Performing Arts Center and I hope that more folks will step through the stage door or the front door and experience the awesome enrichment of all who do!

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COMING JULY 2025

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