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FREE CONCERTS EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT ON OUR NEW COURTYARD STAGE

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 exciting evenings of free live entertainment to downtown Moorefield this 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.

August 8 – Alexander Holmes & Co.
Alexander Holmes & Co. brings an energetic mix of country, rock, and Americana to the stage with strong vocals, outstanding musicianship, and crowd-pleasing favorites. Their high-energy performance is perfect for a summer evening of live music.

August 15 – Jimmy Lee
Jimmy Lee delivers an engaging blend of classic country, Southern rock, and timeless favorites with a warm, authentic style. His easygoing stage presence and rich vocals make for an entertaining night of music for all ages.

August 22 – Thorns & Roses
Thorns & Roses combines powerful vocals, tight harmonies, and an eclectic mix of rock, pop, country, and Americana. Their dynamic performances and diverse repertoire make them a favorite with audiences throughout the region.

ALL CONCERTS BEGIN AT 7PM THE COURTYARD PLAZA OPENS AT 6PM
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.



ALEXANDER HOLMES, JIMMY LEE, THORNS & ROSES

HARDY HERITAGE WEEKEND AT McCOY'S GRAND

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HARDY COUNTY HERITAGE WEEKEND

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

7PM

TICKETS: Adults - \$15 & Students - \$10

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BETWEEN THE STRINGS

THE DOCUMENTARY FILM



McCoy's Grand will once again be a centerpiece of **Hardy County Heritage Weekend**, offering a variety of events for visitors of all ages to enjoy. Throughout the weekend, guests can explore the McCoy-McMeehan Museum, tour the historic theatre, enjoy live entertainment, and experience special activities celebrating the rich history and culture of our community. Whether you're a longtime supporter or visiting for the first time, McCoy's Grand invites you to stop by and be part of the celebration.

FIDDLE FEST
Friday, September 25 at 7:00PM
Tickets available in advance at or at the door. Refreshments Available.
Adults - \$15.00; Students - \$10.00
Experience the rich musical heritage of Appalachia at McCoy's Grand's Old-Time Fiddle & Banjo Competition. Musicians of all ages are invited to showcase their talents by performing traditional old-time tunes that celebrate the artistry, skill, and timeless traditions of mountain music. Whether you're a seasoned competitor or stepping onto the contest stage for the first time, this friendly competition offers an opportunity to share your music, preserve an important cultural legacy, and compete for awards before an enthusiastic audience. Local musical judges preside over the event. Application forms are available below or can be filled out that night at the theatre. All competitors must report to the theatre by 6pm and check-in in the lobby.

TOUR McCOY'S GRAND
Saturday, September 26 10:00am - 3:00PM
FREE
There's never been a better time to discover the history and transformation of McCoy's Grand Theatre & Museum. Visitors are invited to take a guided tour of this beautifully restored 1928 theatre and learn about its remarkable journey from a historic movie house to one of West Virginia's premier community arts centers.
Tours include access to the 209-seat theatre, backstage areas, the McCoy-McMeehan Museum, the Eunice McCoy Lounge, and the new Courtyard Plaza & Gardens. Along the way, you'll hear fascinating stories about the theatre's history, its recovery following the devastating 1985 Moorefield Flood, and the volunteers and supporters who have helped preserve this local landmark for future generations.
Whether you're a first-time visitor or have enjoyed performances at McCoy's Grand for years, a tour offers a unique behind-the-scenes look at one of Hardy County's most treasured historic and cultural destinations.

BETWEEN THE STRINGS - Movie Showing
Saturday, September 26 - 7:00PM
FREE
Refreshments Available.
BETWEEN THE STRINGS is a feature documentary that captures the heart and soul of the 2025 West Virginia's Branch Mountain Bluegrass Festival. More than a concert film, it is an intimate portrait of the musicians, volunteers, and community who come together each summer to celebrate the rich traditions of Appalachian bluegrass music.
Filmmakers Billy Keplinger and Robert Isacson take audiences beyond the stage and into the campgrounds, backstage, and late-night jam sessions where lifelong friendships are forged and music becomes a shared language. Featuring performances by nationally acclaimed bluegrass artists alongside regional favorites, the film reveals the passion, craftsmanship, and enduring spirit that make this four-day festival one of West Virginia's most authentic musical experiences.
Set against the scenic backdrop of the Branch Mountains, BETWEEN THE STRINGS is a celebration of heritage, community, and the timeless power of music to connect generations. Through unforgettable performances and candid personal moments, the documentary preserves an important piece of Appalachian culture while inviting audiences everywhere to experience the joy found between the strings.

FIDDLEFEST TICKETS

FIDDLEFEST REGISTRATION

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FALL FEST

OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

11AM - 5PM FREE FOR ALL

MUSIC CONCERTS

ALL DAY LONG ON TWO STAGES

FEATURING

ASTORIA, THORNS & ROSES, KEPLINGER BLUEGRASS, BOB McDONALD, THE FLY BIRDS, RICH FOLLETT, ALEXANDER HOLMES, CAROLINE AUVILLE & JAKOB ROHRBAUGH

EVENTS

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT, PICK-A-POP, BROADWAY BINGO, MUSEUM TOURS, SILENT AUCTION, KID'S BOOKMARK STATION, PAINT McCOY, FACE PAINTING & DOOR PRIZES PLUS A SPECIAL SHOWING OF BETWEEN THE STRINGS!

THE PLAZA

28 VENDORS ON THE FALL FEST PLAZA ALONG WITH FOOD TRUCKS: HIGHWAY 304 and HEAVENLY DRIPS & ICE CREAM and CHICKEN AT THE CHURCH

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FALL FEST IS COMING OCTOBER 24

Fall Fest Open House at McCoy's Grand is a free, all-day celebration that brings the community together in the heart of downtown Moorefield. Enjoy a full slate of live music with concerts on both the McCoy's Mainstage and the outdoor Courtyard Plaza Stage, culminating in a special grand-finale performance for everyone to enjoy. Throughout the day, Fall Fest features Broadway Bingo, Pick-A-Pop, face painting, a cornhole tournament, museum tours, a silent auction, hourly door prizes, and a lively Fall Fest Plaza filled with local vendors, community organizations, and food trucks. With activities for all ages and free access to the arts, Fall Fest Open House is a joyful day of music, creativity, and community at McCoy's Grand.

SCHEDULED BANDS TO APPEAR:
ASTORIA, Caroline Auville, Rich Folett, Alexander Holmes, Keplinger Bluegrass, Bob McDonald, Jakob Rohrbach, The Fly Birds, Thorns & Roses

BECOME A VENDOR AT FALL FEST OPEN HOUSE
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



AGATHA CHRISTIE'S

MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS

ADAPTED BY KEN LUDWIG FOR THE STAGE

MEET THE CAST!

All aboard for Agatha Christie's **MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS** - Adapted by Ken Ludwig for the stage. Just after midnight, a snowdrift stops the Orient Express in its tracks. The luxurious train is surprisingly full for the time of the year, but by the morning it is one passenger fewer. An American tycoon lies dead in his compartment, stabbed eight times, his door locked from the inside. Isolated and with a killer in their midst, the passengers rely on detective Hercule Poirot to identify the murderer – in case he or she decides to strike again. The production will be directed by **Mark Stickley**.

MEET THE CAST
Hercule Poirot: Dale Moffitt
Monsieur Bouc: Colton Young
Mary Debenham: Lindsey Sites
Hector MacQueen: Jason Redman
Michei (Conductor): Kaden Berg
Princess Dragomiroff: Emily Pratt
Greta Ohlsson: Murryssa George
Countess Andrenyi: Sarah Imboden
Helen Hubbard: Danyl Freeman
Colonel Arbuthnot/Samuel Ratchett: David Imboden
Head Waiter: Emily Moffitt

PRODUCTION DATES ARE:
OCTOBER 2, 3, 9, 10 AT 7PM OCTOBER 4 & 11 AT 2PM
TICKETS: ADULTS - \$15.00; STUDENTS - \$10.00
Tickets available at the link below. Don't miss the train!

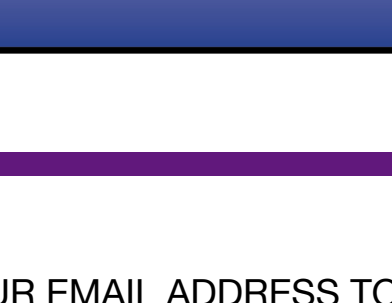
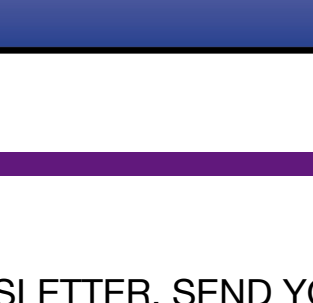
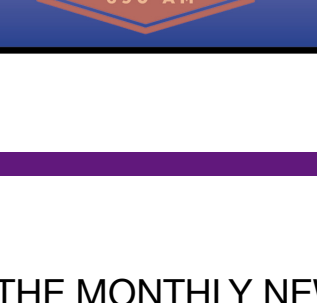
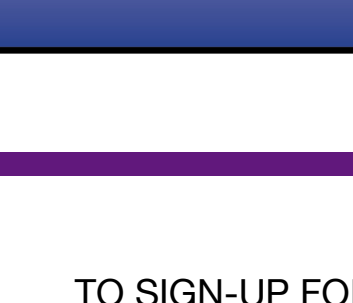
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