

65th Annual

HERITAGE *Weekend*



A special supplement to the Moorefield Examiner, Sept. 19, 2018

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Schedule of Events

Friday, September 28

All Day	Community Yard Sale The community yard sale will be held at the HL Wilson yard sale site at 730 N Main St, Moorefield.
Noon - 5 p.m.	Carriage and Heritage Museum of the South Branch Valley: Large display of wagons, carriages, and more. 1 Maple Hill Ave, Petersburg. Free admission.
Noon 9 p.m.	Al Mach s Amazing Animals Photo/History Exhibit: Extensive photo and memorabilia display showcasing fascinating photos of beautiful animals and more! South Branch Inn Conference Room. Free admission.
7 p.m.	Luminary – Join the McNeil’s Rangers at the Olivet Cemetery in Moorefield for a luminary for Civil War Soldiers. Free admission.
6:30 p.m.	Movie Night: Come enjoy the classic Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory” at the Moorefield High School Auditorium. \$3 at the door.

Saturday, September 29

	WELCOME CENTERS Purchase Tickets, get information, etc.
9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Hardy County Public Library: 102 N Main St, Moorefield
10 a.m.-5 p.m.	Lost River Artisans Cooperative: 8937 SR 259, Lost City
10 a.m.-6 p.m.	Wardensville Garden Market: 28813 SR 55, Wardensville
10 a.m.-5 p.m.	South Side Depot: 126 South Main St., Petersburg
All Day	Community Yard Sale: The community yard sale will be held at the HL Wilson yard sale site at 730 N Main St., Moorefield.
8 11 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast: Old Mathias School House, Upper Cove Road, Mathias. Sponsored by the Mathias Ruritan Club.
9 a.m. 5 p.m.	Carriage & Heritage Museum of the South Branch Valley: Large display of wagons, carriages, and more. 1 Maple Hill Ave, Petersburg Free admission.
9 a.m.-7 p.m.	Craft Vendors Open: Moorefield High School Gym, 401 N Main Street, Moorefield. Free admission.
9 a.m.-7 p.m.	Craft Demonstrations: Moorefield High School Gym, 401 N Main Street, Moorefield. Free admission.
9 a.m.-9 p.m.	Al Mach s Amazing Animals Photo/History Exhibit: Extensive photo and memorabilia display showcasing fascinating photos of beautiful animals and more! South Branch Inn Conference Room. Free admission.
9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Quilt Show: Moorefield Elementary School, 400 North Main St. \$2 Admission for adults. Children and students are FREE. Sponsored by the Highland Star Quilters Guild.
9 a.m.	Arthur Halterman Memorial 5K/10k Scholarship Fund Run: Wardensville Community Center.
10-11 a.m.	Children s Activity – Come make a traditional Corn Husk Doll, Moorefield High School, N. Main St Moorefield. Free admission.
10 a.m.-5 p.m.	Historic Homes/Buildings Tours: \$12 for admission into all sites. \$5 for single site tour. Children 12 and under are free.
10 a.m.-5 p.m.	Antique Farm Equipment Show: Lawn of Summit Financial Group, 300 North Main St., Moorefield. Free admission.
10 a.m.-5 p.m.	Civil War Living History: Sons of the Confederate Veterans Camp #582, McNeill’s Rangers on the lawn of the Moorefield Presbyterian Church. The 7th WV Infantry, Company I (Union) will be in the field beside Duffey United Methodist Church on Winchester Ave. Skirmishes will take place throughout the weekend. Free admission.
10 a.m.-5 p.m.	Craft Demonstrations: Lost River Artisans Cooperative and Museum, Route


	259, Lost City. Juried craft demonstrations and Appalachian crafts for sale. Free admission.
10 a.m.-5 p.m.	Mathias Community Center: Crafts, food, and music. Howards Lick Road, just off Route 259, Mathias.
10 a.m.	Muzzle Loading Demonstration and Competition: Hardy County Rod and Gun Club, about 2 miles south of Moorefield via South Fork Rd. at S. Fork Estates Rd. #2.
10 a.m.	Federal Generals Corps at Lost River State Park: Lost River State Park will be hosting the Federal Generals Corps, a premier Civil War living history group on both Saturday and Sunday. Camp by the administration building. Free admission.
10 a.m.	WV History Alive! Presents Nellie Bly: A West Virginia Humanities Council History Alive! program at the historic McCoy Theater on Main Street in Moorefield. Free admission.
11 a.m.	Children s Activity- Come make a traditional Rag Doll, Moorefield High School, N. Main Street, Moorefield. \$4 per kit.
11 a.m.	Guided Walking Tour: Guided walking tour Moorefield will be available to those who have purchased a Home Tour Ticket. The tour will leave from the Mullin Hotel.
11 a.m.	Historical Presentation by Historian Steve French: WV Author Steve French will give a historical talk followed by a book signing at the Moorefield Presbyterian Church on Main Street in Moorefield. Free admission.
11:30 a.m.	Ride Excursion Train: Leaving from the Jefferson St railroad crossing The Potomac Eagle will take riders through the iconic Trough section of the South Branch of the Potomac River. Train boards approx. 30 min prior to departure.
Noon	Bear Hill Bluegrass Band: Performing on the lawn of the Moorefield Presbyterian Church on Main Street in Moorefield. Free admission.
1 p.m.	Historical Presentation by Steve French: WV Author Steve French will give a historical talk followed by a book signing at the Moorefield Presbyterian Church on Main Street in Moorefield. Free admission.
2 p.m.	Mary Lincoln Portrayal: Event will take place at the Inn at Lost River, SR-259 in Lost River. Free admission.
2 p.m.	The Fly Birds: Performing at the Lost River Garden Market in Wardensville. Free admission.
3 p.m.	Pie Contest: Bring your best pie offerings for a chance to win great prizes! Registration at 3 p.m. with judging beginning promptly at 4 p.m. at the Hardy County Public Library. Free admission.
3 p.m.	Mill Creek Ramblers: Performing on the lawn of the Moorefield Presbyterian Church, Main Street in Moorefield. Free admission.
4 -10:30 p.m.	MHS All School Reunion: MHS auxiliary gym; dinner and dance with various presentations. Contact Bev Vetter at bsvfwv@hotmail.com for more information and reservations.
5 p.m.	Antique Auction: Encore Auctions, 108 South Fork Road Moorefield, will host an auction with the proceeds from select items benefiting the Hardy County Tour & Craft Association.
All Day	Community Yard Sale: The community yard sale will be held at the HL Wilson yard sale site at 730 N Main St., Moorefield.
9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Al Mach s Amazing Animals Photo/History Exhibit: Extensive photo and memorabilia display showcasing fascinating photos of beautiful animals and more! South Branch Inn Conference Room. Free admission.
10 a.m.-4 p.m.	Craft Vendors Open: Moorefield High School Gym, 401 N Main St, Moorefield. Free admission.
10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Antique Farm Equipment and Antique Car Show: Lawn of Summit Financial Group, 300 North Main St., Moorefield. Free admission.

Sunday, September 30

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Happy Heritage Weekend!
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Schedule of Events

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10 a.m.-1 p.m. Stump Cabin – Special house tour hours, must have a house tour ticket for entry.

10 a.m. Federal Generals Corps at Lost River State Park: Lost River State Park will be hosting the Federal Generals Corps, a premier Civil War living history group on both Saturday and Sunday. Camp near the administration building.

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Craft Demonstrations: Lost River Artisans Cooperative and Museum, Route 259 Lost City. Juried craft demonstrations and Appalachian crafts for sale. **Free admission.**

11 a.m. Worship Service: Valley Baptist Church, Lost City. All are welcome.

11 a.m. Worship Service: Moorefield Presbyterian Church, Main Street, Moorefield. All are welcome.

Noon-5 p.m. Mathias Community Center: Crafts, food, and music. Howard's Lick Road, just off Route 259, Mathias.

Noon - 3 p.m. Carriage and Heritage Museum of the South Branch Valley: Large display of wagons, carriages, and more. 1 Maple Hill Ave, Petersburg. **Free admission.**

Noon-5 p.m. Historic Homes/Buildings Tours: \$12 for admission into all sites. \$5 for single site tour. Children 12 and under are free.

1 p.m. Wardensville in the Early 1920s : Historical talk at the Wardensville Town Hall, 301 E Main Street, Wardensville. **Free admission.**

1 p.m.-4 p.m. Quilt Show: Moorefield Elementary School, 400 North Main St. \$2 Admission for adults. Children and students are FREE. Sponsored by the Highland Star Quilters Guild.

2 p.m. Teaching Music in Appalachian Schools : Presentation and book signing by local author Ann Funkhouser at the Wardensville Town Hall, 301 E Main Street, Wardensville. **Free admission.**

3 p.m. History of the Churches in the Wardensville Community : Panel discussion at the Wardensville Town Hall, 301 E Main Street, Wardensville. **Free admission.**

6 p.m. Special Joint Service: Members of all denominations are invited to close out Heritage Weekend festivities at the Old Fields Church/Ft. Pleasant Meeting House. Sponsored by Duffey Memorial United Methodist Church. Located off US 220, North of Moorefield. **Free admission.**

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New Activities Announced for Heritage Weekend

Hardy County's Heritage Weekend is West Virginia's only county-wide celebration of culture and history. This year marks the 65th Anniversary of what began as historic house tours to support the Hardy County Public Library.

Historic homes are still the centerpiece of the weekend and this year, some never-before open homes join the tour.

Judge Muntzing Home - 136 N. Main St. in Moorefield - Open Saturday and Sunday with special presentations and exhibits by Moorefield High School students.

The Farmhouse and General Store at Peru - 111 Peru Hollow Rd. 18.3 miles south of Moorefield on South Fork Road. - Open Saturday and Sunday.

Ben Mathias Barn - located on Route 259 in Mathias, directly across from Misty Valley - Open Saturday and Sunday.

The Dyer Homestead - 27508 State Road 55 in Wardensville - Open Saturday and Sunday.

Music

This year's Heritage Weekend Music Crawl features two local musical groups on the lawn of the Moorefield Presbyterian Church.

Bear Hill Bluegrass will perform on Saturday, Sept. 29 beginning at noon.

The Mill Creek Ramblers will perform on Saturday, Sept. 29 beginning at 3 p.m.

The Fly Birds will perform on Saturday, Sept. 29 at 2 p.m. at the Wardensville Garden Market

Special Presentations

Movie Night on Friday, Sept. 28 at the Moorefield High School Auditorium will feature the 1972 classic "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" beginning at 6:30 p.m. Candy bars will be sold at various locations and the wrapper is your ticket to see the film. Some of the candy bars include Golden Tickets which will entitle the bearer to a special prize. All Golden Ticket holders will be entered into a drawing for a \$500 VISA gift card.

Admission to the movie is \$3 without a candy wrapper.

Train Excursion

The Potomac Eagle will carry riders through the Trough on Saturday, Sept. 29 at 12:30 p.m. Boarding will be at 225 Jefferson St. in Moorefield and the ride will last approximately
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New Activities Announced

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two hours. Concessions will be available for purchase on the train.

Tickets are available online at www.heritageweekend.com and are \$20 each. If available, tickets will be sold at the Moorefield Welcome Center prior to boarding.

The West Virginia Humanities Council History Alive! will present Nellie Bly on Saturday, Sept. 29 at 10 a.m. at the McCoy Theater in Moorefield. Admission is free.

Than Htay Art Show will be presented at the Hardy County Public Library beginning Friday, Sept. 28 through Sunday, Sept. 30, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free.

Barn Quilt Trail Project

The Lost River Educational Foundation is creating the Hardy County Barn Quilt Trail and will have maps to highlight the existing and new Barn Quilts. Maps are available at the Welcome Centers.

Mary Todd Lincoln

JoAnn Peterson of Kingwood will portray Mary Todd Lincoln, wife of President Abraham Lincoln on Saturday, Sept. 29 at 2 p.m. at the Inn at Lost River. Admission is free.

Afternoon of History in Wardensville

On Saturday, Sept. 29, three presentations will be held in Conference and Visitor's Center on Main Street in Wardensville.

At 1 p.m. historian Gary Mason will talk about Wardensville in the early 1920s.

At 2 p.m. author and retired teacher Ann Funkhouser will talk about teaching music in Appalachia.

At 3 p.m. a panel of local folks will discuss the history of churches in Wardensville.

Admission is free.

Antique Auction

On Saturday, Sept. 29, Encore Auctions will host an antique auction beginning at 5 p.m.

Donations of antiques are welcome and the proceeds from the donated items will benefit Heritage Weekend. Admission is free.

Returning Favorites

The Heritage Weekend Craft Show will be held in the Moorefield High School Gym on Saturday, Sept. 29 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 30, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Craft Demonstrations will be in the Moorefield High School Cafeteria.

Admission is free.

Quilt Show

The Highland Star Quilters Guild hosts the Heritage Weekend Quilt Show at Moorefield Elementary School, Saturday, Sept. 29 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 30 from 1 - 4 p.m. Admission is \$2 - Students are free.

Al Mach Photography Exhibit

This year renowned photographer Al Mach will present "Our Amazing Animal Friends" at the South Branch Inn. The exhibit is open Friday, Sept. 28 from noon until 9 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 29 from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 30 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Civil War Luminary and Living History

On Friday, Sept. 28 beginning at dusk, the Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 582 McNeill's Rangers will host a Luminaria Memorial at Olivet Cemetery.

On Saturday and Sunday, McNeill's Rangers will be encamped at the Moorefield Presbyterian Church and the 7th WV Infantry, Company 1 Union will be encamped at the Duffey Memorial United Methodist Church. Expect skirmishes throughout the weekend.

Pie Baking Contest

Bring your best pie to the Hardy County Public Library for a chance to win prizes and bragging rights. A copy of the recipe is required. Pies will be accepted between 3 - 4 p.m. Judging will be at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29.

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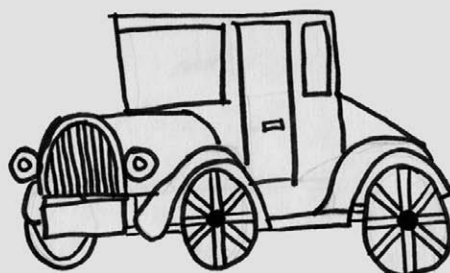


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Featured Quilter

The featured quilter for this year's Heritage Weekend Quilt Show is Diana Daunt. She began sewing in the 1970s when her two children were small. One day years ago, Diana remembers going through her mother's cupboard and finding that her mother had begun patches for a "Grandmother's Garden" Quilt. She decided to learn how to

continue making the patches to finish the quilt. Living in England at the time, Diana learned paper piecing and began to make over 2,000 little hexagons and then sew them together by hand.

In 2013, she joined the Highland Star Quilt Guild and continued to make little hexagons and finally will finish the quilt by September of 2018. Since Diana learned to quilt, she has made several quilts that will be displayed during Heritage Weekend. Her husband, Glenn, will also assist with the Quilt Show set up.

The 2018 Heritage Quilt show will be held on September 29-30 and will also feature the Hoffman Challenge Quilt Trunk quilts and the Highland Star Quilt Guild Challenge. Both challenges use a fabric selected by the organizations which must be used by the quilters in some way in their projects.

The Hoffman Challenge winners were selected by special judges as worthy of being sent around the country to be displayed and to represent the Hoffman fabric manufacturers. All quilts from both challenges will be entirely different from the others with each expressing the creative talents of the quilter. In addition to the special features and the quilts, there will be a quilt shop vendor and the Country Store with items from the quilt guild.

During Heritage Weekend the quilt show will be open on Sept. 29 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. On Sept. 30 the show will be open from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults, but is free to all students.



New Activities

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Moorefield High School All School Reunion

Beginning at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29, the MHS Alumni Association will present the Distinguished Achievement Hall of Fame and the Athletic Hall of Fame honorees. A dinner and dance will follow. Contact Bev Vetter for tickets at bsvfwv@hotmail.com.

Children's Activities

The Heritage Weekend Passport encourages children to visit historic sites and events during Heritage Weekend. Some teachers offer extra credit for participating in Passport activities.

Bring your passport with at least 10 activities stamped to any of the Welcome Centers to win a special prize.

Corn Husk Dolls

Make a traditional corn husk doll on Saturday, Sept. 29 at 10 a.m. at Moorefield High School. This activity is free.

Rag Dolls

Made a rag doll at Moorefield High School on Saturday, Sept. 29 beginning at 11 a.m. Kits are \$4.

Coloring Contest

In conjunction with the Moorefield Examiner, the Heritage Weekend Coloring Contest is open to children ages 6 and under and 7 - 14. A winner will be selected from each category and will receive two tickets to Santa's North Pole Express.

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Coloring Contest

Rules:

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Color your best official Heritage Weekend picture and return your picture for entry at one of our welcome centers for judging no later than Sept. 30 at 3 p.m.

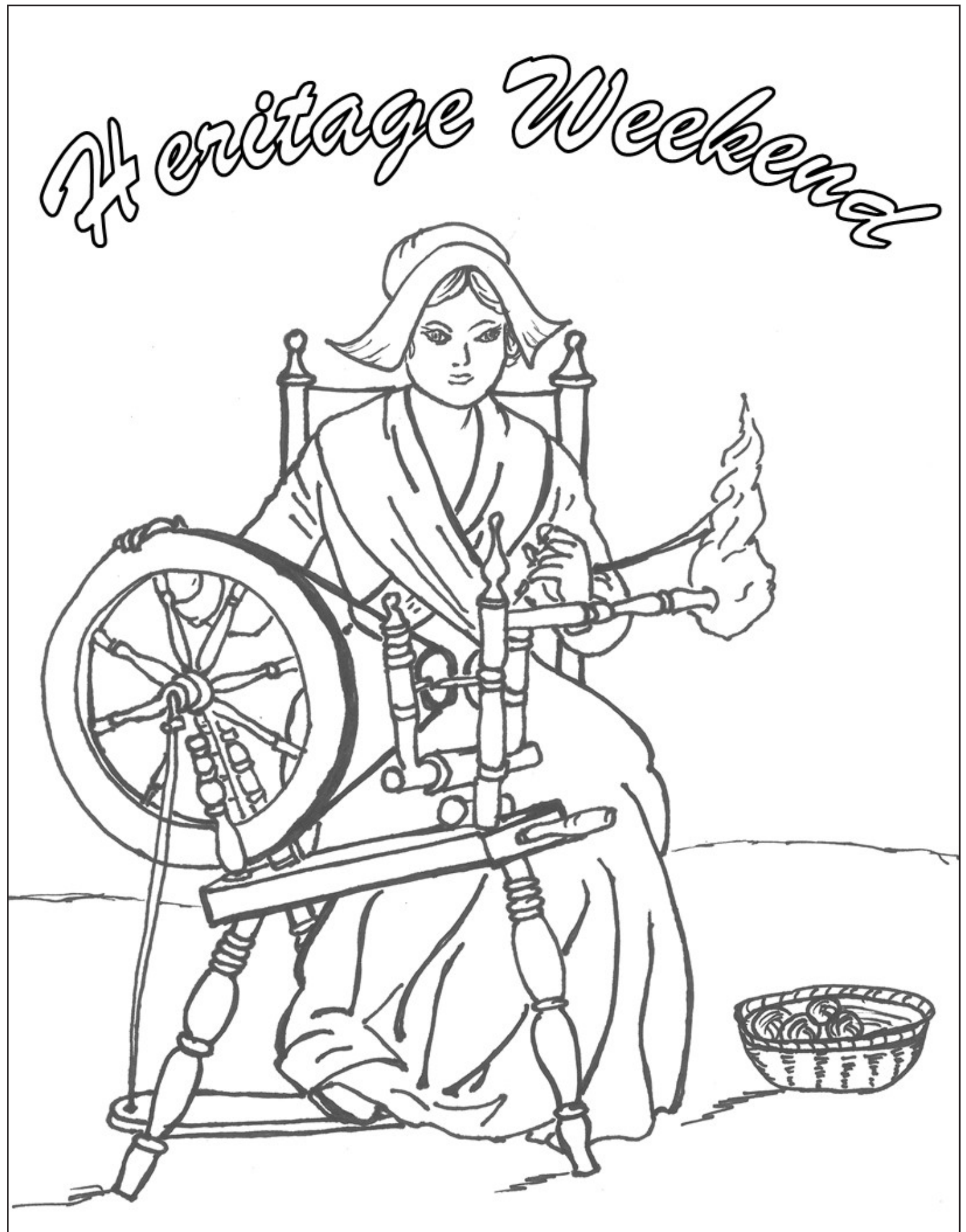
Please print your name, phone number and email address on the back of the picture. Winners will be notified after all entries have been received.

Winners will receive two (2) Santa's North Pole Express tickets for Nov. 23, 7:30 p.m. train ride.

Two age groups:
6 and under and
ages 7 through 14.

Get Creative!

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Heritage Weekend Features Guided and Self-Guided House Tours

In Wardensville

Saturday, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

With the help of local sponsors, the Her-

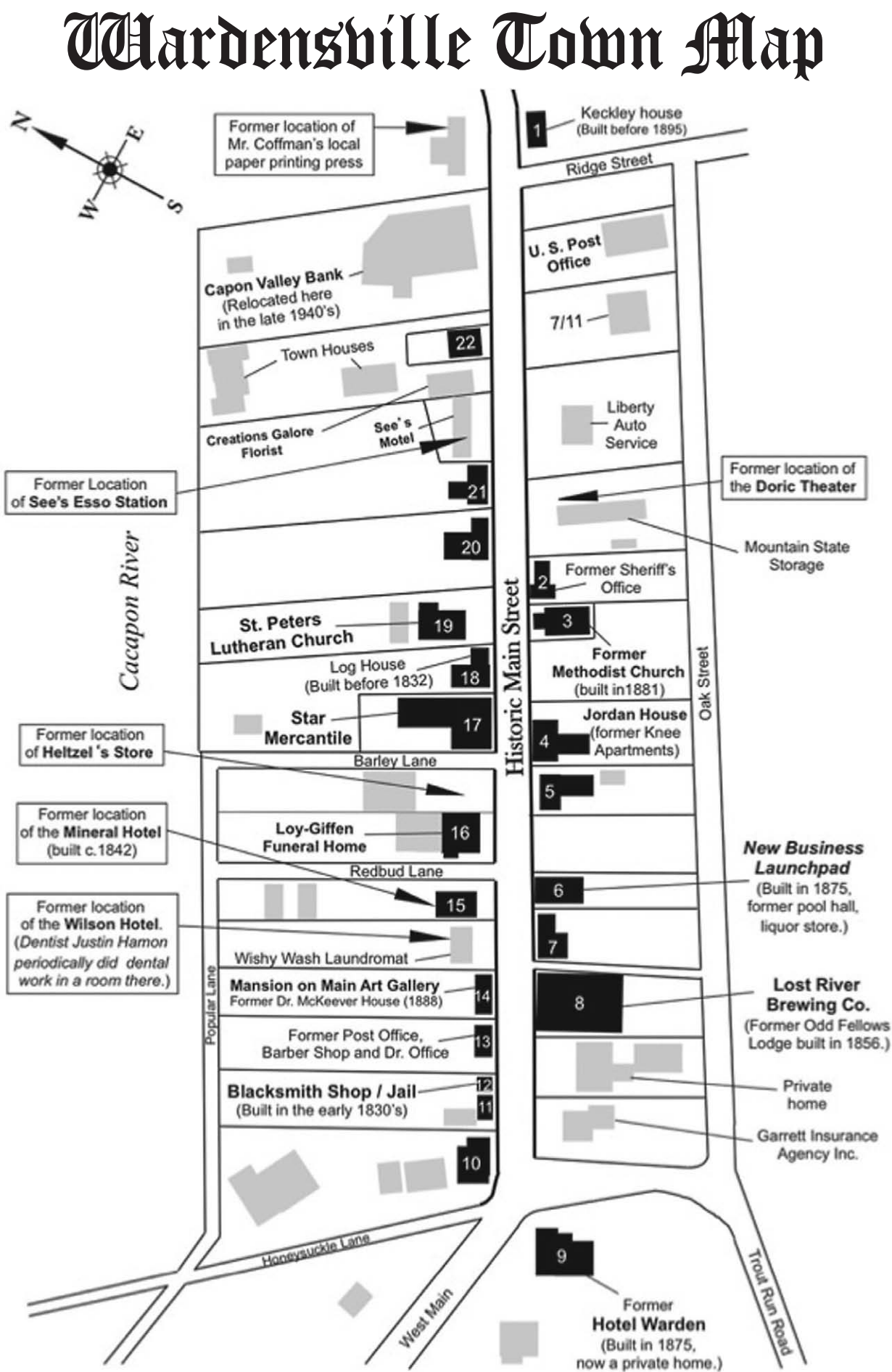
itage Weekend Board has added signs in Wardensville to educate and entertain visitors regarding the history of the area. When

there is a green flag and a sign, the house is also open with paid home tour/event ticket. Guided tours will leave from The Lost River

Trading Post at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday. All adult participants must have a Home Tour Ticket.

Wardensville Walking Tour

1. House bought by Anne Keckley c. 1895 John Pease 1922, Mrs. William Warden 1934, Roy Pilgrim 1936.
2. Sheriff H. R. Orndorff built a 3-room structure at his office, sold it to Aaron Russell c. 1910 who added rooms to make a house.
3. Former Methodist Church built in 1881, bell tower in 1898.
4. Jordan house built c. 1885.
5. House built by John C. Barney in 1923.
6. House built by James R. Baker in 1875 bought by Quintus McKeever in 1895, became a pool hall, then a liquor store in 19-3 now the New Business Launchpad.
7. Lot once owned by Dr. H. C. Baker.
8. Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge (IOOF) built in 1856; 2nd floor was Wardensville's first High School facility now the Lost River Brewing Company.
9. Built by Horace Pease in 1875, son John extended the back wing and added a tower once known a Hotel Warden.
10. Lot on which this house stands was sold by Jacob Warden to I.M. Baker in 1832.
11. House owned by John Cline Sr. dates to c. 1875.
12. Blacksmith shop built in 1830s and used by John Cline Sr. and son until 1895 leased to Wardensville for use as town jail in 1930.
13. House built in 1880 and once known as the "red house," served as a post office, barber shop, and a Dr. W.A. Wynnkoop's office.
14. The original log house on this site was replaced by the Dr. John McKeever house in 1888, now the Mansion on Main Art Gallery.
15. The Mineral Hotel built in 1835-1840 was located on this site until 1954; the present building was built by Welton Orndorff as a post office in 1960.
16. James Early owned the original house until 1890, Russell Heltzel tore it down in 1922 and built present structure was the Loy Funeral Home until bought by the Giffins in 1998, now the Loy-Giffin Funeral Home.
17. Store built by H. R. Orndorff in 1906 was White Star Bar & Grill, then White Star Restaurant now Star Mercantile.
18. Part log house built before 1832.
19. St. Peter Lutheran brick church built in 1869 replaced with present stone church in 1934.
20. House may have been built by John Long in 1880.
21. J. L. Branson Heishman built this house in 1905 and used it as a hotel until 1920.
22. House built after the 1943 fire.



In Moorefield
Saturday, 11 a.m.

With the help of local sponsors, the Heritage

Weekend Board has added additional signs on Main Street and Winchester Avenue to educate and entertain visitors regarding the history of the area. Special emphasis has been placed

on highlighting the Civil War History in our area. When there is a green flag and a sign, the house is also open with paid home tour/event ticket. Guided tours will leave from the Hardy

County Public Library at 11 a.m. on Saturday. All adult participants must have a Home Tour Ticket. Tour presented by William Bean.

Moorefield Town Map



Moorefield Walking Tour

1. W. F. Wilson House
105 Winchester Ave.
2. Old Public Library
113 Winchester Ave.
3. Alexander Home
South Elm St.
4. Old Courthouse and Jail
203-205 Winchester Ave.
5. Bergdoll Home, 1909
211 Winchester Ave.
6. Elmore Funeral Home,
217 Winchester Ave.
7. Sunnyside
307 Winchester Ave.,
8. Emmanuel Episcopal Church
South Fork Rd
9. Union Tannery House
311 Winchester Ave.
10. W. E. Woy House
313 Winchester Ave.
11. Presbyterian Church
109 S. Main St.
12. Chipley Homeplace
317 Winchester Ave.
13. Nine Gables
304 Winchester Ave.
14. Homer Carr Home
220 Winchester Ave.
15. Dr. J. M. Harman Homes
214-218 Winchester
16. Lobb House,
212 Winchester Ave.
17. Inskeep Hall
206 Winchester Ave.
18. Higgins House
200 Winchester Ave.
19. Duffey Methodist Church
North Elm St.
20. Berry General Store
108 Winchester Ave.
21. 106 Winchester
Ave., Inskeep House,
22. Library / Welcome Center
North Main St.
23. McCoy Grand Theatre
N. Main St.
24. Summer Kitchen
Paskell Hill Dr.
25. Maslin-Gamble House
131 S. Main St.
26. Presbyterian Manse
123 N. Elm St.
27. Hardy County Court House
204 N. Washington St.
28. Episcopal Rectory
224 Washington St.
29. The Parsonage
208. N. Main St.

Food Vendors Are Ready to Feed the Hungry Crowd

Hardy County 4-H Club

Serving apple dumplings at Moorefield High School.

Jakes Kettle Corn

Serving kettle corn at Moorefield High School.

Lee's Concession

Serving an array of food and desserts in Mathias.

Grillin' Times BBQ & Catering

Serving an array of food and desserts at Hardman's Hardware in Moorefield.

Moorefield High School

Band Boosters

Serving an array of food and desserts at Moorefield High School Craft Show.

Mathias Rurtian Club

Serving an array of food and desserts in Mathias.

Dysart Pork Rinds

Serving pork rinds and funnel cakes at Moorefield High School.

Moorefield Lions Club

Serving BBQ chicken at the Moorefield Town Park.

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Serving hot dogs and country ham sandwiches at the Moorefield VFW.

Lemon Tree

Serving an array of food and drinks at Moorefield High School.

Sweet Treats

Serving an array of food and drinks at Moorefield High School.

Dan Sterns

Serving pork barbecue at Moorefield High School.


Dip & Dots

Serving the ice cream of the future at Moorefield High School.

Mathias Rurtain Club

Serving a pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. at the Rurtain Club on Howard's Lick Road in Mathias.

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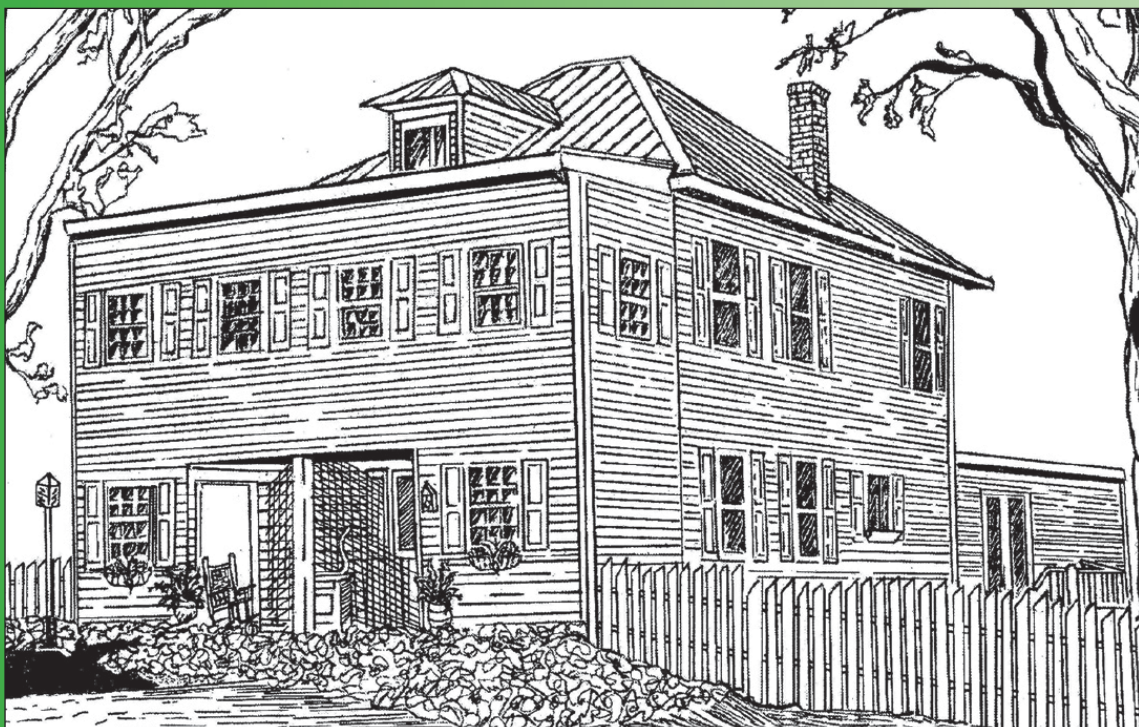
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Paskel House is the 2018 Tile House



By Jean A. Flanagan
Moorefield Examiner

In 1907, Charles W. Paskel and his wife Alice (Lantz) purchase 25 acres on top of the hill east of Moorefield. Paskel was a harness and saddle maker and also Justice of the Peace. In 1910, the Paskels built a four-over-four or four-square house facing west, overlooking Moorefield.

Like many old houses in Moorefield, the Paskel House was renovated and expanded and today bears little resemblance to the original home.

The Paskel House is the 2018 Heritage Weekend Tile House. It is owned by Mike Crites and Larry Curtis, who purchased the home in 2002.

The Paskels left the house and land to their daughter, Fannie, who never married," Crites said. "In 1959, the property was sold to Ralph Bean and Don Baker Sr. and sub-divided. It was one of Moorefield's first subdivisions. It was called Confederate Hills."

In 1961, the house and two lots were purchased by Allen and Harriette Hazard.

"Allen Hazard was the president of Boise Cascade, which was located in the old American Woodmark building," Crites said. "It was convenient to work."

The Hazards had a large family and the house was renovated and expanded.

The most significant change was the entrance was moved from the east side

to the west side of the house. A large family room was built on the east side, several rooms were remodeled and repurposed and the upstairs part of the two-story porch was enclosed.

The swimming pool was built by Ted Burns," Crites said. "It's said to be the first in-ground swimming pool in Moorefield."

Throughout the 1960s and early 1970s, the Paskel House and its in-ground swimming pool were the destination for Moorefield's kids.

There was no fence, so kids would just come and swim when they wanted to," Curtis said. "Often people tell us they swam here as kids."

In 1975, Paskel House was sold to Allen and Hope Rexrode. The Rexrodes had three children, so the house and the pool continued to be a popular destination for Moorefield kids.

In 2001, Allen Rexrode passed away and Hope put the house up for sale.

Crites and Curtis were living on Winchester Avenue in Moorefield at the time and were looking to move out of town. "We looked at this house, but the deal to sell ours fell through," Crites said.

At some point in the summer of 2002, Mrs. Rexrode approached Crites and proposed they "swap houses."

In October that year, the two separate transactions were completed and Crites and Curtis moved in November.

Since then, there have been some additional renovations to Paskel House.

"We moved the front door to make the front of the house more symmetrical," Crites said. "We replaced the original slate roof with a metal roof. We've expanded the bathroom upstairs and replaced the sliding doors to the pool and patio. This year, we replaced the staircase."

Paskel House has five rooms downstairs, plus a bath/laundry room. There are five rooms upstairs including the bathroom and a large room that was the upstairs porch.

One feature of the house and grounds that will not be present during Heritage Weekend is the stately oak tree that graced the front entrance.

"The tree was between 130 and 135 years old," Crites said. "I counted the rings. It had oak decline and had to be taken down."

"We love history and we love sharing the history of the house," Curtis said.

We get to meet all kinds of interesting people and hear all kinds of interesting stories. We learn more about the history of the house and our community."

Paskel House will be open Saturday, Sept. 29 and Sunday, Sept. 30 for tours.

Also, the Summer Kitchen from Waters Edge Farm, will be open for tours. The kitchen was moved from River Road after a fire destroyed the main house in 2010. Crites and Curtis painstakingly reassembled the log structure on the Paskel House property.



Several years ago a woman from Leesbug, Va. called the historic McCoy Theater and said she had her grandmother's wedding dress and she wanted to donate it to the theater. She sent it to the theater and the dress was used in the production of "Little Women." After the play, director Betty Stickley called Crites and said she had Grace Paskel's wedding dress. Grace was one of Charles and Alice Paskel's daughters. She was married in 1905. The family lived on Elm Street at that time.



THE HISTORIC HOMES AND BUILDINGS OF HARDY COUNTY MOOREFIELD



Old Fields Church/ Fort Pleasant Meeting House Open Saturday and Sunday

Also known as the Fort Pleasant Meeting House, the Old Fields Church holds special significance in the history of the South Branch Valley. It is the oldest church in West Virginia; and because it served, too, as a school house, it is believed to be the oldest extant school house in the state.

On Sunday evening at 6 p.m. all are invited to an old fashioned hymn sing and prayer meeting to close out Heritage Weekend festivities.

The church was built in 1812 on land donated by Isaac and Elizabeth VanMeter, early settlers in Old Fields who, in 1832, built Fort Pleasant, an 18-room mansion of mixed Georgian and Federal styles nearby. The original deed for the church stipulates that while the property was owned by the Methodist Church, it would be available for use by any denomination at any time.

Religious tolerance did not extend to racial equality. While black slaves were allowed to attend services, they were segregated in a balcony accessed from an outdoor staircase. "A contributor to the Moorefield Examiner in 1904 recalled 'Uncle' John and 'Aunt' Lydia Lowe and all the old servants in the gallery before the war," reports Richard MacMaster in *The History of Hardy County, 1786-1986*.

The meeting house had fallen into disrepair and was closed briefly in the late 1800s. According to MacMaster, Methodists from Old Fields and Moorefield raised enough money at an ice cream social in 1897 to repair the church and reopen it in 1898 with a service led by the Rev. S. G. Ferguson, who had served with Mosby's Raiders in the Civil War.

After the removal of the unsafe balcony pre-1900, the building has been maintained in excellent condition. Members of the VanMeter and other prominent local families continue to be buried in the church yard as their ancestors have been for the past seven or eight generations.

Open courtesy of the Duffey United Methodist Church of Moorefield

Directions: US 220 north from Moorefield for about 4 miles, turn left at grey barn (just north of Fish Pond Rd.) and at historic sign and farm gate. Watch for green flag, drive through field on left.

McCoy's Grand Theater Open Saturday Only

For more than half a century, McCoy's Grand Theatre operated continuously as a show place for movies and live performances. Restored and modernized, the structure serves as a home to community theater productions and live musical performances. Just as Eunice McCoy wished.

James Curtis and Eunice McCoy built the theater in 1927 and opened it on February 16, 1928 with a showing of "Wife Savers," a slapstick comedy. From that opening day Eunice McCoy dedicated her life to keeping the McCoy alive.

Declining health forced her to close the theater's doors in 1982, just a few months before her death at age 82. Mrs. McCoy left the bulk of her estate to restore the theater.

Additional financial assistance from the state and generous donations from private individuals restored the 209-seat theater's interior, replaced the seating and added a modern sound system.

A dedication performance by Percussion 80 of West Virginia University brought the theater back to life on May 27, 1988. A new heating and cooling system completed the restoration in 2004.

Join us Saturday at 10 a.m. for a History Alive! presentation, and a silent movie playing throughout the day.

Open courtesy of the McCoy-McMechen Theatre and Museum Board of Directors

Location: 110 North Main Street, Moorefield.



Higgins House Open Saturday Only

One of the oldest extant structures in Moorefield, the Higgins House, was built

1786-88 by Robert Higgins, a captain in the Revolutionary War.

In 1777, the Virginia General Assembly authorized creation of a town on the lands of Conrad Moore. Called Moorefield, the town's trustees sold half acre lots to settlers on the condition that purchasers build a dwelling of at least 18 square feet, with a brick or stone chimney within two years a requirement first relaxed to five years and then later to nine years due to "the difficulty of procuring materials."

Robert Higgins purchased lot No. 33 from the trustees in 1786 and his deed became the 10th to be recorded by the town.

The structure was built of logs and covered, sometime later, with clapboard siding. Although it is two stories, it has only one room downstairs. Higgins sold the house to George Harness in 1792.

In 1983 the Duffey United Methodist Church bought the property with the intent to tear down the house and use the land for a parking lot. A public outcry caused the church to preserve the original structure and only demolish an addition to the left. The structure is now owned by the Town of Moorefield.

Mrs. Linda Shears has kindly added a display of her antique iron cookware pieces to the area surrounding the stone fireplace for your enjoyment.

Open courtesy of the Town of Moorefield.

Location: Corner of Elm Street and Winchester Avenue, Moorefield.



Duffey United Methodist Church Open Saturday for Tours and Sunday for Services

With the growth of Methodism and movement of the population center from Old Fields where the first church was constructed, at Fort Pleasant, the first Methodist Church

was built in Moorefield in 1850 on Elm Street.

The church had an auditorium that seated 200 and a gallery for slaves, who worshiped there until the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church was formed in 1887.

By 1915, according to a History of Methodism, South Branch Valley, by Daisy Sherman, the congregation had begun planning and raising money for a new church building. The first services were conducted in the new sanctuary in 1922.

Built at an estimated cost of \$50,000, the large brick church features stained glass windows of exquisite shades. The main auditorium and youth chapel were built so they could be thrown together to accommodate more than 500 people."

It was dedicated in the name of Jeffrey Waite Duffey, the son of tavern owner John Duffey. A Confederate Civil War veteran with McNeill's Rangers, he was the first Moorefield man to enter the Methodist ministry.

Open courtesy of Duffey United Methodist Church

Location: Corner of Winchester Avenue and Elm St., Moorefield.



Presbyterian Church Open Saturday for Tours and Sunday for Services

The Presbyterian Church congregation in Moorefield, organized with 31 members on the roll in 1838, traces its roots to itinerant preachers in the 1780s.

In 1846, several prominent families deeded Lot 18 in Moorefield to the trustees of the church for a new sanctuary that was begun in 1847 and completed in 1855. The church called the Rev. William V. Wilson as their pastor in the same year, and both church and pastor survived the Civil War.

During the war, the church was occupied at various times by Confederate and Union troops and both armies used it as a hospital. In 1914, the U.S. government paid the church \$800 for damage done by Union troops, including burning pews and stabling horses in-

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side the sanctuary.

The exterior reflects many characteristics of Greek Revival architecture. On the gabled roof, a bell tower houses a bell cast in Philadelphia in 1842 that was used as a fire alarm for the town until 1934. The belfry is topped with a weather vane in the shape of a fish and inscribed by its maker, Gottlieb Hutter. A Civil War Trails marker in front of the church provides more information.

Guests are invited to attend a special church service on Sunday at 11 a.m.

NOT OPEN FOR TOURS ON SUNDAY.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Camp 582, McNeill's Rangers will have an authentic encampment on the lawn of the church. This is a free event.

Open courtesy of the Moorefield Presbyterian Church

Location: 109 South Main St., Moorefield.



The Mullin Hotel

Open Saturday and Sunday

Built 166 years ago, in 1847, when West Virginia was the western part of Virginia, the hotel was originally known as the Moorefield Hotel Company and the stockholders included Charles Carter Lee, eldest brother of Robert E. Lee. In its day it was considered to have every modern convenience. Of course, there was no central heating – each room had a fireplace; there was no indoor water or plumbing, no air conditioning, no automobiles parked in front and no paved streets to drive your wagon or ride your horse and most people either arrived by wagon or horseback.

After the Civil War, it was operated by Captain C. B. Mullin, who made it into a renowned hostelry famous for its food. It was especially known for the oysters served. An old letter reads, "Only the finest oysters were brought to Moorefield because Captain Mullin had educated the people of Moorefield and hotel guests to eat only the best".

During Captain Mullin's tenure in the 1860' and 70's, known as the Golden Days of Moorefield, old hotel registers indicate that many men of note and distinction were guests, including both Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee. The building carried the name The Mullin Hotel for over 80 years and is West Virginia's oldest continuously operated hotel, serving as such for over 110 years.

Everyone who walked through its doors

contributed to its history. The visitor today might sense a ghost of a traveling salesman of the 1800's, the echo of boots down wooden hallway or the rustle of the fine ladies' dresses, all of which contribute to the ambiance of the Mullin Hotel. One can imagine the chatter of guests as they sat on the long front porch on a summer evening or around the fireplaces on wintry nights.

Hardy County history will be on display on the second floor in the Hardy County Historical Society Museum. A restaurant occupies the bottom floor. An added attraction for the visitor will be the reconstructed log building that has been moved from Clay Street in Moorefield to the rear of the property.

Open Courtesy of the Hardy County Historical Society and Ivan Cowger, III.

Directions: 104 South Main St.



Judge Muntzing Home

Open Saturday & Sunday

Built in mid-1800s as a four room log cabin and enlarged circa 1877 by Hanson Maslin and his wife Martha, this home has been an imposing piece of Victorian Architecture in downtown Moorefield. Hanson Maslin purchased the home in 1876 from Howard and Martha Scott of North Carolina and Eliza and Nancy Scott of Virginia and Joseph Van-Meter of Hardy County. G.A. Williams had conveyed the property to A. Howard Scott in 1860 for the sum of \$1,500.00. Prior to that time the home was occupied by a Mrs. Ann Kuykendall.

Hanson Maslin was the son of Thomas Maslin, who built and owned the Maslin-Gamble Mansion on the south end of Main Street. One of windows in the Presbyterian Church is dedicated by Hanson to his wife, Martha. The Maslins owned two of the signature homes on Main Street, the Beaty House and the Maslin Home.

Mr. E. C. Beaty and wife Stella, originally from Fairmont, bought the home in 1902 and lived there until 1930 when they sold it to Robert S. Kuykendall and his wife, Mary, for a total of \$5,200.00 for the dwelling, lot and outbuildings. During this time, it became known as the Beaty House.

The Kuykendalls only owned the home for a year before selling it to a young lawyer, H. Gus Muntzing, in 1931. This young lawyer became an imposing figure in Hardy County and soon it was known as the Judge Muntzing Home. The home has remained in the Muntzing family for 86 years.

In 1850 it was an airy four room log cabin with tall ceilings and generous windows. It remains as one of the only original log structures left in the town. The logs can be seen from the basement area of the house. The tall structure of the home is particularly interesting. The "hip roof" has four gables – gables being every peak in the roof that has a window. Houses with four or more gables are rare and there is "fish scale detail" in each of these gables, adding even more charm.

The hip roof supports high chimneys and three floors of rooms with crafted windows and detailed woodwork. The woodwork changes throughout the house depending on the time of building and the purpose of the rooms. The front and more formal rooms have the bullet molding on the corners of the doors and there is detailed dental molding throughout. The front staircase is impressive, while the back staircase is plain in design as it would have been used by domestic help coming and going to the kitchen and backyard areas.

The front staircase was reserved for visitors and guests entering the home from Main Street. Before the street was widened over the years, there was a small front yard and a larger porch.

The home remains much as it did in the 19th century with the exception of modern plumbing, a renovated kitchen and heating. The historic rear outhouse, designated with the sunshine emblem, is no longer an allowable addition, and therefore, creates additional charm going back to the 1800's.

During Heritage Weekend there will be a special presentation and exhibits will be offered by Moorefield High School students.

Open courtesy of Mrs. Manning Muntzing and her daughters.

Directions: 136 Main Street, Moorefield

Friddle House

Open Saturday Only

Hardy County has many homes with Victorian detailing but only a few truly Victorian designed homes. One of the most notable is the Friddle House on South Main Street in Moorefield. The three story house is a wonderful example of Queen Ann Victorian architecture with its fish scale siding and gingerbread trim. The interior of the house is equally impressive with ornate woodwork.

Robert A. Wilson, who was a merchant and mayor of Moorefield, built the home in 1906. After Robert's death, Arno and Gladys Friddle, for whom the house is known, purchased the property in 1933. It remained as a private residence until the Friddle's sold the house in 1984 to Harold K Michael who converted the structure into office space.

In 2005, Cynthia A Hinkle purchased the home and continued to utilize it as an Insurance Agency until 2015. Many upgrades were completed to include a new heating system, insulation and new siding, as well as an addition of a new sun room. The interior of the

home has been upgraded as well.

Open Courtesy of Attorney & Mrs. Jeff Weatherholt

Directions: 125 N Main St. Moorefield

Hickory Hill



Open Saturday Only

Hickory Hill, built in 1809 by Solomon Cunningham and his wife Catherine Seymour, sits on a knoll with a commanding view of the fields. Solomon died in 1825 at the age of 41, leaving behind his widow and nine children.

When daughter Jane married Felix Branson Welton, a portico was built and a large decorated dode was added to the front. Felix and Jane had three children before Jane died in 1846 at the age of 28 from tuberculosis. Felix became interested in politics and was elected to the Virginia Legislature. During this time, he became friends with William Nelson, grandson of Thomas Nelson, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Felix hired William's daughter, Sally, as a governess for his daughters at Hickory Hill. She and Felix married in 1854 and had six sons.

The Civil War brought hardships to Hickory Hill. Crops were confiscated, cattle were rustled and the house was searched several times for signs of Confederate affiliations. In the winter of 1864, Felix gave refuge to an injured Captain Jesse McNeill of the McNeill's Rangers. During the three months of recuperation, Captain McNeill and his rangers planned the successful raid to capture Generals Cook and Kelly of the Union Army on February 21, 1865 in Cumberland, Maryland.

After Felix Welton died in 1896, his son Will, bought his brothers' shares of the farm. Will married Mary Heiskell and they had a daughter, Vernon. She married Carl Welton and they had three children, William, Patricia and Judith. William passed away at the age of 8.

A nephew, Jack Welton and his wife Francis, began operating the farm for Vernon in 1962 and remained there, except for a brief period, until 2001. The grand old house sat vacant from that time until 2015 when their daughter, Donna Alexander, bought the property from Patricia and Judith. Hickory Hill is now an event destination and many can experience the rich history of the house.

Open courtesy of Donna Alexander

Directions: Travel 9 miles south of Moorefield on Route 220 toward Petersburg. House is on the Right, look for green flag!

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SOUTH FORK



The Farmhouse and General Store at Peru

Open Saturday and Sunday

The Peru (pronounced Pea-Rew) store has been a presence along the South Fork Valley for over 100 years. This valley has a long history of stores, mills, post offices, schools and churches every few miles. The farmhouse and the store construction were consigned to Zirk Family builders by owners Mr. Ed Parsons and his wife, Clara Judy Parsons. Guests to the farmhouse always enjoy the lovely hand carved staircase of the farmhouse. The backdrop of the mountains makes for a wonderful and beautiful setting.

From the early 1900s and into the 1950s, this building operated as a post office and general store. A booming place in the 1920s, a narrow gauge "dinky" railroad ran along the river from Moorefield to Brandywine, supporting a busy timber industry.

During the devastating flood of 1985, this store, originally located near the bridge, floated to higher ground to the field between the present location and the river. In July 2010 it was moved again and gradually repaired. Most of the building is original. It was reopened in April 2015.

The building was restored by local and caring carpenters, painters, plumbers and electricians who have their own stories about their times in and around Peru. The farmhouse will also be open and boasts a hand carved, curved stairway.

Open courtesy of Tom and Mary Burgess

Location: 111 Peru Hollow Road, Moorefield WV 18.3 miles from Hardy County Library



Stump Cabin

Open Saturday.
Special Hours on
Sunday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Generally recognized as the oldest extant structure in West Virginia, Stump Cabin is a must-see for anyone wondering what life was like in the untamed frontier of the mid-1700s. The cabin has stood during the development of our great country through the French & Indian, Revolutionary, and Civil wars, and remains today as a full-time working farm. It is a vital part of the South Fork and Hardy County history.

Around 1746, Michael Stump came from Germany with his family, and built a one-story cabin along the South Fork River. A second story was added in 1859.

In October of 1746, a survey crew, which included Peter Jefferson, father of Thomas Jefferson, reached Stump Run. George Washington recorded in his diary at age 16, that he spent several days with the Stumps in 1748, while a member of Lord Fairfax's survey team headed by James Genn.

Lord Fairfax deeded the 366 acres to the Stumps in 1749. The original deed, which is written on sheepskin, is on display at the cabin.

The property remained in the hands of the Stump Family until 1973, when John Buhl purchased it and restored the cabin.

Included on the property is a museum of old stuff, a blacksmith shop, sawmill, antique tractors and cars, etc, Open courtesy of John and Bev Buhl

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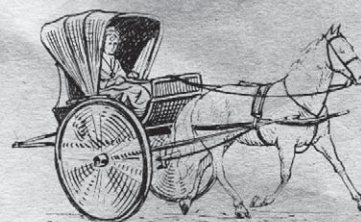
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Mount Moriah Evangelical Lutheran Church

Open Saturday Only

The Lutheran congregation in Baughman Settlement was first recognized by the German Reformed and Evangelical Lutheran Society in 1833, and was first known as the Cedar Hill Lutheran Church. Their church stood to the northeast of the present church. It is likely a Lutheran congregation was present in the area before 1820. The Reverend Peter Miler of the Capon North River Lutheran Parish was the pastor here for many years, including during the Civil War. At least 14 documented Confederate soldiers are buried in the cemetery. Many are thought to have served in the 14th VA Militia. In 2005, a significant monument was dedicated to those soldiers and to others from Hardy County who have served their country.

The current Mt. Moriah Evangelical Lutheran church

building was constructed in the early 1900's. A building dedication service was held in 1907, and the congregation remained active into the 1940's. Homecoming Services are conducted each year on the 4th Sunday of June during which the foot pumped organ dutifully belts out an accompaniment to the well known hymns. The area and the church have changed very little during the last 100 years.

Open courtesy of the Baughman Settlement Cemetery Society

Directions: Take the McCauley Road Exit off Corridor H. Right coming from Moorefield, left coming from Wardensville. At the stop sign on Old Rt. 55, turn right and follow the road until you make a left on Baughman Settlement Road (just under the bridge). Road Dead End's at the Church which is approximately 3.4 miles down a very scenic county road. Parking at the site.

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MATHIAS



Lee Cabin

Open Saturday and Sunday

For years, this rustic cabin was believed to have been built by Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee, the Revolutionary War hero and father of Confederate icon Robert E. Lee. But a study by Ellen Anderson for the WV Department of Parks documented that it more likely was Light Horse Harry's son Charles Carter Lee who built the two-story cabin in 1800.

According to Anderson, Light Horse Harry bought 17,000 acres along Howard's Lick and Cove Run Road in 1796 for speculative purposes but went into debt before he could develop the property. Rather than have it seized by creditors, he transferred the property to his four sons, including Robert and his elder brother Charles.

Charles is believed to have built the hand-hewn white oak cabin as a hunting-cabin but, sensing the opportunity presented by the existence of sulphur springs, built a two-story hotel and spa on the site. Lee ran the hotel until 1851 when it was acquired by entrepreneurs, who renamed it Hardy White Sulphur Springs. In the 1890s, H.S. Carr enlarged the hotel and called it Lee White Sulphur Springs. The hotel was destroyed by fire in 1910, but the original cabin and pavilion at the spring survived.

The Lee Cabin was placed on the National Register of Historic Places on July 30, 1974.

In 1934, the State of West Virginia purchased the property, including the cabin, to create the 3,712-acre Lost River State Park. The park has a lovely swimming pool, hiking trails, and a nearby stable where horses can be hired which makes it a great family vacation spot. Note: Cabins do book early.

Open courtesy of the WV Department of Parks

Directions: Located on Lost River State Park Road, County Route 12 (Howard's Lick

Road) four miles southwest of Mathias. Once in the park, follow signs for the swimming pool. Before the pool at a "Y" in the road, bear right up the hill. Parking is just beyond



the cabin.

Cullers Run School

Open Saturday and Sunday

Cullers Run School is one of the most complete restorations of a one-room school in the nation. It is chock full of authentic memorabilia: the original bell, pot-bellied stove, teacher's desk, student benches, lunch buckets, textbooks, papers and photographs.

The original school was a log structure built up the road from the current location on land belonging to Henry and Phebe Feathers Cullers. The Board of Education purchased the 1/2 acre for \$15.00 by deed dated June 16, 1879. The log school building served the community until a new school building was completed in 1898. By 1914 the one-room building (18' x 26') became overcrowded and a second room was added. The current two-room school building sits on 1/2 acre of land that belonged to the James and Rosa Shipe Cullers estate and was purchased by Ken and Anne Shifflet in 1977.

Built at a cost of \$137, the Cullers Run School served as a school house for generations of children from 1898 to 1956. That the school survives in pristine condition is a credit to Ken and Anne who bought the 82 acre farm that included the school. Because the school was abandoned, the land but not the building - reverted to the Shifflets. A year later they bought the building for \$500 at a school property auction.

With warm memories of the one-room school he attended in Pennsylvania, Ken organized volunteers from alumni and area

residents to restore the building and acquire authentic memorabilia. Anne did research to document the school's history. In Fall 1989, the school was opened to the public for Heritage Weekend and it has been a tour attraction every year since.

In August 2004, the Shifflets donated the school and 1/2 acre of land to the Cullers Run School Association on condition that it preserve and maintain the structure as it existed between 1898 and 1956, and that artifacts placed in the school be of that period and typical of Hardy County schools.

Open courtesy of the Cullers Run School Association

Directions: Route 259, about two miles south of Mathias, take Crab Run Road. Turn right onto Cullers Run Road, four miles to the school on the left.



John Mathias Homestead

Open Saturday and Sunday

The Mathias Homestead has survived more than two centuries of wear and tear and some misfortune to remain standing as a monument to the homesteading families of the Lost River Valley and as a special tribute to the Mathias family that made it home for 165 years.

It hasn't been easy. During the Civil War, Union troops burned the floor of an upstairs room when a raging fire in a fireplace got out of control. The scar is still visible. Natural aging and harsh weather have taken their toll.

But nothing so threatened the cabin as the natural gas explosion at a garage across the road in December 2004. The rippling explosive impact and debris crashed into the front exterior. Repairs to the windows, doors, and roof have brought the cabin back to life.

The cabin was built as a single-family structure about 1797 by John and Barbara Mathias, who had moved here from Shenandoah County. It is believed the structure was constructed in two phases with the southernmost section being the original. At or around the time when the second part was built, porches and a breezeway were added to connect the halves.

Weatherboarding that had been added at some unknown time was removed to expose the log exterior as it appeared at the turn of the 19th Century.

For more than 165 years, the cabin was home to the Mathias family. Sadi, the widow of Philip S. Mathias, lived in the home until the mid 1960s, being the last family member

to occupy it. The home place remained in the Mathias family until 1974 when it was deeded to the Mathias Civic Center Association by Wendall Mathias.

It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places Nov. 24, 1978. The Civil War Trails marker in the front yard provides more information.

Open courtesy of Mathias Homestead Inc.

Location: On Route 259 at Howard's Lick Rd., Mathias



Ben Mathias Barn

Open Saturday and Sunday

It is a working barn and an eye-catcher for barn-lovers. If you drive by, it is not unusual to see a photographer or painter capturing its beauty. It's a classic example of what Eric Slone referred to when he wrote of a time when barns were "the palaces of America."

The barn was built by Wade Snyder for H. Riley Heishman on his wife's home place. With its soaring interior and exceptional craftsmanship, the Mathias barn looks more like a cathedral than the working barn it is. The walls of the feed bins are tongue-in-groove, and the openings are finished with molding finer than that in many contemporary homes. Ornaments accent the barn doors.

The Heishmans were savvy business people, owning at one time the general store, post office, beer parlor, funeral parlor, and a trucking business. Eventually they owned most of the land between Mathias and Lost River, including the land purchased by the state for Lost River State Park.

When they were young, Ben and Elizabeth Mathias watched the barn's construction. They bought the house and surrounding land in 1959 and the barn and more of the land in 1967 from Woodrow and Grace Mathias. Ben and Woodrow were brothers.

Ben and Elizabeth are now deceased and the farm is owned by their daughter Connie and her husband "Rick" Hoover, who continue to raise beef cattle there. They are retired and they call it their "hobby farm."

Open courtesy of the Mathias and Hoover families

Directions: in Mathias, directly across WV 259 from the Misty Valley store and gas station.

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LOST RIVER



Valley Baptist Church Open Saturday, Sunday Service at 11 a.m. with tours after until 4 p.m.

Formerly known as the Lost City Baptist Church. In 1894 Thomas Clover and Son sold a lot for \$100 to the Lost City Baptist Church and its trustees. The building was completed in 1894 and like the houses in the area, it was surrounded by a white picket fence to keep the cows out of the church yard.

The original church building was constructed in a simple rural style with a steeple that still dominates the Lost City "skyline." The church has been lovingly cared for and added on to through the years. The original church building was only a large sanctuary, as time went on, needs for indoor plumbing and Sunday school rooms called for additions to the structure. Most recently a fellowship hall and additional Sunday school rooms were added to the left (north) of the structure. The original portion of the church still sits upon its original, 1894, foundation.

Many celebrations and memorials alike have been attended by members over the years. Once the church held ice cream festivals. Church members set tables and chairs on the church grounds, which, in those days, included what is now the roadway. They served slices of homemade cake and ice cream from freezers set up on the church steps. One area was reserved for children to play games like "Drop the Hanky." Today the church carries on the tradition of making apple butter each fall on the church grounds. It is enjoyed by all.

Dale Smith is currently the pastor of Valley Baptist Church and the congregation extends a warm welcome for all to join them Sunday at 10 am for Sunday School and 11 am for Worship. They also have Bible Study each Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

Open Courtesy of the Valley Baptist Church

Directions: The church is located on route 259. If coming from the Moorefield direction, travel on Corridor H to Baker. Turn right at the bottom of the exit ramp then make a left onto state road 259 towards Lost City and Mathias. Travel 9 miles. The church is located at the top of the hill in the unincorporated town of Lost City. If traveling from Mathias, turn North onto route 259 and travel approximately 4 miles to Lost City. The church will be on your right at the top of the hill.



Funkhouser Farm Open Saturday Only

The log cabin was built by Henry Funkhouser who was born in Shenandoah County, Virginia. Henry was a descendant of emigrants that migrated to America from Switzerland in the 1700's. Henry acquired two tracts of 67 and 17 acres in a little cove between Little Ridge and Ruddles Run between 1845 and 1850.

This is the original log cabin with minor restorations in the 1900's. The cabin was built of hewn logs joined with V notches. The piers and chimney are made of field stone. Cabin was just a two story two room house until 1900 when full front porch was partially enclosed to make a kitchen to replace separate summer kitchen. Around the same time, wood shingled roof was replaced by metal roof and Acme Hummer wood cooking stove was purchased. As best as known the barn was built around 1880.

Henry and his wife Mary Link raised nine children in the cabin, some were born in Shenandoah County and some were born after living in cabin. Their youngest son Eli and his wife Caroline Bott raised 13 children at the cabin. They were the last parents to raise a family here.

Roy Funkhouser (12th child of Eli) moved back to cabin after Eli's death in 1936 to take care of his mother. He lived in the cabin for the rest of his life. After his mother Caroline died in 1954, Roy was the last person to live in the cabin full time. After Roy's death in 1980, he left the house and land to the Baker United Methodist Church.

A year later, Dr. Funkhouser (Eli's grandson) was bound and determined to get the home place back in family hands so he attended the estate public auction on May 9, 1981. He purchased cabin and land for \$64,000. After the purchase of the property Dr. James Funkhouser was determined to restore family home for the family as well as future generations. With determination and help of friends and relatives, Dr. Funkhouser started more than 20 year journey to restore Funkhouser Farm. This was capped off in 2001 when the cabin, barn, root cellar, and family cemetery were placed on the National registry of Historic Places. So except for 1 year, the property has been owned by Funkhouser family for around 170 years.

Only modernizations to original cabin are electricity and phone.

Besides Dr. James Funkhouser, major contributors to the project were: Jeffrey Funkhouser (James son), Gary Funkhouser, Shawn Funkhouser, Kevin Funkhouser, Rusty Line-

berg, Pam Lineberg, and Paul Colberg. Along with support from many other family members.

Open courtesy of Jeff Funkhouser

Lost River Artisans Cooperative and Farm Family Museum Free admission

Lost River Artisans Cooperative and the farm family museum are new to the big red building at 8937 State Route 259 in Lost City. However, the property has held many roles in local history over the past 60 years. In 1956, Orpha Scea inherited the 1.5 acre track and its cinder block building situated "from a 20 penny spike in a wooden fence post on the southerly right of way line of the highway. Only a few years old then, the building became Capon Farm Supply and then Lost River Farm Supply. In 1973, it was deeded to the Dispanet family.

J. P. Dispanet (of South End Grocery in Lost City) remembers standing on a specially built stool behind the counter to sell hardware, feed, and all manner of farm supplies when he was very young. His stories involve chicken catchers and haulers; mixing varied blends of grains for hogs, sheep, and cattle; and writing receipts and making change from atop his stepstool. A garage at the north end of the building housed mechanics and served

Directions: Go two miles south of Baker of RT 259 to Grover Smith Road. Turn right. When the road comes to fork, bear right to Funkhouser Rd. Farm is 100 yard on left.

as a vehicle inspection station. Farm auctions were conducted off the feed store porch.

In the 1980s, 8937 became the Capon Valley Marble Company, making sinks and cabinets. The 1990s saw it used by its Funkhouser owners to assemble printers used in photography. Then a construction company owned the building until 2015 when it was purchased by Lost River Ventures, LLC.

Over its years, this simple and flexibly functional building has had many roles in the local community and its economy. These fluctuated pragmatically with ups and downs in the chicken industry and various building, excavating, hauling and storage needs. Still highly adaptable, today 8937 houses Mountaineer Stairworks; the Lost River Artisans' Co-op and the only museum in Hardy County; a realty office, the Lost River office of the Hardy County Convention and Visitors Bureau, and a farmers market.

As a Welcome Center during Heritage Weekend, the Lost River Artisans' Co-op will be open from 9 to 3:30 on Friday and 9 to 5 on Saturday and Sunday. Look for the old tractor out front.



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H.W. Frye Homeplace Open Saturday and Sunday

The Wardensville Garden Market is a non-profit farm launched with a private foundation grant in 2016 and is dedicated to encouraging the entrepreneurial spirit of local youth through small-scale sustainable farming. They currently employ almost a dozen paid Farm Assistants who are East Hardy High School students or recent grads. All of the produce and plants grown on the farm are from heirloom and/or organic seeds and are raised using sustainable and organic agriculture techniques.

The farm property has been in the Frye family (one of the founding families of Wardensville) since the mid-1800's and was part of the original land surveyed and laid-off by a young George Washington. According to family members, it was known as the "H.W. Frye Homeplace."

In 1893, Henry W. Frye gave 221 acres to his son John, who then transferred the property to his three children, Marshall, Homer and Laura. In 1909, Homer and Marshall bought Laura's share and split the property into two pieces with Marshall owning 98 acres, which is the property where the garden and market are located today. In 1917, Marshall died and deeded it to his children, Laura, Paul, John and Opal. The farm was then passed down to two more generations, before it was transformed into the Wardensville Garden Market. The last resident of the farmhouse was Violette (Frye) Lafollette who was nicknamed "Tommie".

Open Courtesy of: Donald Hitchcock and Paul Yandura

Directions: 28133 SR 55, Wardensville (Located at the intersection of SR 259 and HWY55/48)



The Dyer Homestead Open Saturday and Sunday

The Dyer Homestead was built in 1875 and was purchased in 1951 by the late Cornwell and Madeline Dyer. In those days it was part of a surrounding working farm. The home's original structure consisted of 6 rooms. This Victorian farm home has a reputation for its intricate woodwork defining its large wrap around porch that catches the eye of weekend travelers through the county. The Dyer home has a rich history with a few famous political passersby's who spent occasional nights there. The property also is the site of a grist mill that was in operation during the 1800's and early 1900's. Remnants of this mill are still visible today. The home is currently occupied by the granddaughter of Cornwell & Madeline Dyer.

Open courtesy of Ann Dyer

Directions: 27508 State Route 55, Wardensville

The Lost River Trading Post Open Saturday and Sunday

A modern, mountain general store that has an espresso bar, bakery and specializes in American-made and locally-crafted items-is the latest iteration of an old feed/general store building that was built in the late 1940's on land originally owned by Winchester Milling Co. Behind the store there used to be a railroad station (that also housed an elementary school in the early 1900's) that was used to take products to and from Winchester and Gore. On August 12, 1953 Winchester Milling Co. sold the building to Joseph T. and Esther H. Frye, who opened up Frye Farm Service. Frye Farm Service was a feed and general store serving Wardensville for many years until it was sold to William H. and Nancy P. Harmon on September 10, 1987. The Harmon's turned Frye Farm Service into a Southern States Co-op in 1988. It closed at some point in the 1990's and was two different iterations of an antiques/vintage store before becoming the Lost River Trading Post in September of 2013.

Open Courtesy of Paul Yandura and Donald Hitchcock

Location: 295 East Main St, Wardensville



The McKeever Mansion Open Saturday Only

The McKeever Mansion is a 2.5 story Second Empire Style building with its Mansard

roofs, rests on a continuous stone foundation and was constructed between 1876 and 1889. The one-story, full width porch is a later addition featuring scrolled metal posts and a hip roof.

John W. & Cornelia E. McKeever conveyed the property in consideration of John P. McKeever's having built the house on the lot, and the consideration of keeping us in our lifetime." The 1899 Hardy County Land Books shows the property was valued at \$1,000, with \$900 accounted for by improvements.

In a 1996 conversation, Patricia Fansler, former owner of the building said her father Kenna H. Fansler was born in the house. Census records give McKeever's year of birth as 1889. John P. McKeever conveyed the Fansler House to Kenna in 1925. Patricia Fansler purchased the house in 1985. In 2015, the Mansion on Main opened as an art's space. The Mansion has an art gallery and artists' studios.

Open Courtesy of to John Crow and Barbara Ratcliff

Location 140 W. Main Street, Wardensville



Maple Grove School Open Saturday and Sunday

The restoration of this one room school is so authentic that former student Austin Ludwig said: The only things missing are the broken water cooler and the ink wells we used to dip the girls' hair in."Dutch Hollow families sent their children to this school from 1904 to 1949. John Hahn, a veteran of the Confederate Army, donated the land for the school.

Carpenters used locally grown and milled chestnut lumber to enclose a space roughly 24 by 36 feet. Lighting came from a coal oil lantern hung in the center of the room. Students carried water from a well across the road. A large wood stove provided heat. Jake Hahn split wood and stacked logs under the front porch, charging the Board of Education \$5 per year. An outhouse behind the school still stands.

A succession of teachers instructed first through eighth grades. During a typical day the dozen or so students rotated from front to back of the room, with instruction for 15 - 20 minutes per grade in the front and then work time in the back for the rest of the day. Subjects included reading, writing, math, history and penmanship, the latter practiced on small chalk boards.

The school year extended from mid September to mid April. Students enjoyed morning and afternoon fifteen minute recesses and one hour lunch breaks. Upon graduating the eighth grade, students who went on to high school enrolled in Wardensville or Romney.

Except for the winter months, it was not uncommon for students to walk barefoot to school and home again, sometimes miles.

Open courtesy of the Hahn Family

Location: On Sauerkraut Road, near the intersection with Dutch Hollow Road.

Directions: From Corridor H between Baker and Wardensville: exit at Pinnacle Drive (to the right from Baker or to the left from Wardensville); turn right onto Route Old 55; turn right onto Sauerkraut Road; school is about four miles on the left.

Hahn Sawmill

Open Saturday and Sunday

Brothers John and Wilbur Hahn started working together in 1939. Mostly they cut, milled and hauled timber. They transported axes, cross cut saws and a portable mill to where the trees stood, cut for weeks and then moved on to the next site.

Their last portable saw mill, The Double-O Frick, sits now at the old Hahn homeplace. It hasn't moved for 25 years. A gasoline motor from a 1949 Buick Roadmaster powers the 52 inch blade. Even today, the mill operates much as it did 60 years ago.

On a good day the Hahn brothers could produce 3,000 board feet of lumber. When business prospered, they took on as many as seven employees. But competing against the big mills, producing millions of board feet of lumber each day, meant the Hahn brothers could not rest. As recently as 2005, the mill produced railroad ties, furniture boards and flooring. The heavy snows in 2010 damaged the mill shelter.

The two-story clapboard house where the Hahn brothers grew up sits empty now. And yet, beyond the out buildings, past the family cemetery and above the fields once filled with vegetables and grains to sustain a family of ten, The Double-O Frick rumbles to life: a historic country mill in a digital age.

Open courtesy of the Hahn Family

Location: The Hahn Homeplace, Dutch Hollow

Directions: From Corridor H between Baker and Wardensville: exit at Pinnacle Drive (to the right from Baker or to the left from Wardensville); turn right onto Route Old 55; turn right onto Sauerkraut Road; Hahn Homeplace is about four miles on the right. Follow signs to the mill.

PETERSBURG

Carriage and Heritage Museum of the South Branch Valley Open Friday, Saturday & Sunday

A permanent mini-exhibit of horse drawn vehicles and related items has been developed in Petersburg. This exhibit is located in the building occupied by South Branch Valley Liquidators & Sales (The Outlet) located at 1 Maple Hill Ave. Much time and dedication has been put into expanding this exhibit over the last two years.

Entrance to this exhibit will be through the store on Friday and Saturday (Sept. 28 & 29) and through the loading dock entrance located on North Main Street on Sunday Sept. 30.

This exhibit will have a person to explain the significances of each item and will be opened on Friday Sept. 28 from Noon to 5 p.m., Saturday Sept. 29 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday Sept. 30 from Noon to 3 p.m.

This is a free event, but donations for the expansion of the display are accepted.

Open Courtesy of Kent and Joyce Hudgins

Directions: 1 Maple Hill Ave, Petersburg



Old Grant County Courthouse Open Saturday and Sunday

The Courthouse dates to circa 1909 and contains a very interesting display of military articles, items and documents. It also has an extensive photo gallery of the many local citizens who have served their country throughout the years.

Directions: South on Rt. 220 from Moorefield to 115 Virginia Ave., Petersburg.

Tannery House Open Saturday and Sunday

This house is one of the original company houses built by the Union Tannery in Petersburg. It was part of a row of 10 houses, all painted yellow. In 2007, the house was moved to its present location and has been lovingly restored by the Grant County Historical Society, Inc. and the Tannery Worker's Association. Inside the furnishings are typical of the time period when the house was used by working families. Directions: 115 Virginia Ave. on the lot back of the Old Grant County Courthouse.



Miss Lizzie's House Open Saturday Only

The house fondly referred to as Miss Lizzie's house, which sits in downtown Petersburg, was built in 1854 and originally included 47 acres of land with it. Dr. Thomas Jefferson Grove and his wife built the home and his office sat next to it. This building still stands today. At the time, the upstairs housed the stable boys and the lower level was Dr. Grove's office.

The first Dr. Grove and his wife had one son, John, who was also a Dr. He served in WWI. He had four children and his son, also named John, also was a Dr. The Grove doctors served the community for 106 years. The house retains all three of the doctor's medical diplomas.

The house's most well-known resident was Miss Lizzie. Many people in town still refer to the home as "Miss Lizzie's House". After Miss Lizzie, John VanMeter inherited the house through his great grandmother who was a Grove. Until the house was purchased by Dr. Bennett in 2017, the house had stayed in the Grove family since it was built.

The well-constructed home boasts high ceilings, original wood floors in the upstairs, and 8 fireplaces. All the glass in the house has been replaced and the stairwell was replaced in the 1920's-30's. The current owner remodeled the home in 2017 and turned it into an Optometrist clinic. A quite fitting role for a house that saw three generations of physicians live there.

Open Courtesy of Dr. Cheryl Bennett

Directions: 28 Virginia Ave, Petersburg



Davis House Open Saturday and Sunday

One of the oldest houses in Petersburg, dating back before 1840. It was first used as a parsonage by the Methodist. It was later owned by the Davis family until 1974. The Grant County Historical Society recently purchased the house and is in the process of restoring the structure. They plan to make this house their official headquarters as well as a repository for Grant County History. On display will be collections of glassware, Indian artifacts, quilts, etc.

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Directions: South on Rt. 220 from Moorefield to Petersburg. Follow Rt 28/55 southwest out of Petersburg. Turn left into the



Grant Memorial Hospital and follow signs.
South Side Depot
Open Saturday and Sunday
South Side Depot serves as an Information Center for Heritage Weekend and has tiles, tickets and publications available. This building was the home to the W.C. Halterman's General Merchandise Store from 1911-1940. It was purchased and renovated by the City of Petersburg in 2003 in conjunction with the WV Department of Tourism. It was renamed The South Side Depot. The store now offers the atmosphere of times past with today's authentic West Virginia heritage.
Directions: South on Rt. 220 from Moorefield to 126 S. Main St., Petersburg.





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In the early 1960's, Weese enjoyed studying and learning about the First Ladies. She also enjoyed sewing, especially for her granddaughter, Becky Lynn. After a visit

to the First Ladies gowns exhibit at the Smithsonian Museum, she set out to sew a collection of dresses for the most famous fashion doll of the day.

In the days before internet, Weese spent many hours researching information to find the descriptions of the First Ladies' dresses. Making nearly exact copies worn by the First Lady hostesses, she worked from sketches, drawings and correspondence conducted with the Smithsonian Institution.

For Presidential wives who did not serve as First Lady or ones without Inaugural dresses, she reconstructed wedding dresses or a special dress that woman may have worn in their lifetime.

As described in a 1966 Moorefield Examiner article, Each handmade dress is adorned with trimmings, sequins, beads, pearls, buttons and lace to make them authentic."

She even did all the embroidery required.

As a result, Weese created 36 doll costumes of First Ladies and hostesses from Martha Washington to Pat Nixon. Their premiere display was part of the exhibits at the 1966 Heritage Weekend. Shown in the window of Beans Hardware, it is believed they may have also been in a smaller display at other following events.

Now you can see them for yourself. The descriptions have been updated and combined with more amazing facts about the First Ladies. Thus, 52 years later in 2018, they will once again grace the Heritage Weekend experience.

An exhibit guide has also been written to provide facts about the important influence these women had on our government and history.

This legacy from the Weese family provides all who are interested in history, government, fashion, and vintage dolls to be able to see historic information in an enjoyable way. Weese brought the world to a small corner of our community for all of us to share.

Appreciation is expressed to Helen Weese and Becky Weese and family, for sharing these artistic creations in their museum donation.

The Hardy County Historical Society Museum was developed to highlight the history of the Hardy County. It open each Saturday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and located on the second floor of the Mullin Hotel at the downtown stoplight in Moorefield. It is free and open to the public.

For Heritage Weekend, the Museum will be open Saturday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon - 5 p.m.

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