

# Communicator

A Biannual Newsletter for Cooperative Customers



Last year's Annual Meeting drew a big crowd to East Hardy High. The gym will be ready in time for this year's meeting despite this summer's construction work, school officials say.

## Hardy To Hold Annual Meeting October 3 At East Hardy High

Hardy Telecommunications, Inc., would like to invite all of our members to attend the Annual Meeting of Members on Friday, October 3, 2014, at the East Hardy High School gymnasium. The agenda includes the election of two members to fill seats on the Board of Directors.



**Loring Barr**



**Victoria Dyer**

Two seats on the Board of Directors have terms that expire this year. Present directors may be nominated and elected to succeed themselves. The positions expiring this year are South Fork serving area 1, currently held by Loring E. Barr of Moorefield; and Lost River serving area 3, currently held by Victoria O. Dyer of Wardensville.

delivered to the Nominations Committee, Hardy Telecommunications, Inc., 2255 Kimseys Run Road, Lost River, WV 26810.

Doors will open for registration at 5 p.m. October 3 with dinner to follow immediately upon registration. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. Meals are free for each member and one guest (up to two free meals per member), with additional meals costing \$10 each. Drawings for door prizes will be held.

Hardy Telecommunications members will receive a mailing that includes a

reservation card and proxy for the annual meeting. If you plan to attend, please return the completed reservation card in the provided postage-paid envelope by Thursday, September 25, 2014.

If a member wishes to vote by proxy, please keep in mind that only the official proxy included in your mailing will be accepted. This proxy will include the member's name, address and account number. Your proxy must contain both your signature and the signature of a witness to be accepted.

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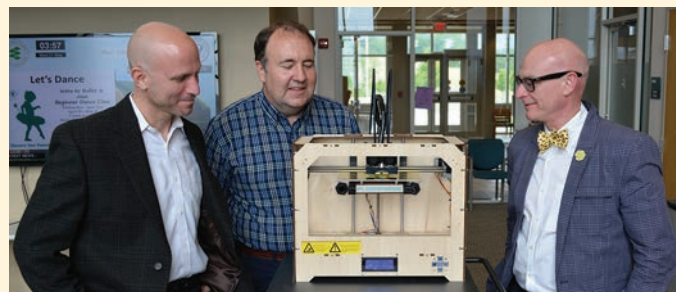
## Hardy Donates 3D Printer To Eastern College

The creative possibilities with 3D printing are revolutionizing everything from industry to medicine, and Hardy Telecommunications wants that next world-changing invention to come from a local entrepreneur at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College.

To aid that process, Hardy recently donated a new FlashForge Creator 3D printer to the college. Eastern President Charles Terrell said the college plans to utilize the printer not only for its own students and entrepreneurs, but also for demonstrations at area middle and high schools.

"It's going to be ideal to take to middle schools and high schools," he said. "When they see something like this, I have no doubt they're going to be fascinated." Eastern serves a six-county region including Hardy, Grant, Hampshire, Mineral, Pendleton, and Tucker counties.

A 3D printer allows a person or business to create new items or replicas of existing items using a digital file with exact specifications. It can use different source materials to manufacture items, like plastic or metal. Eastern's new FlashForge printer uses thermoplastics as its source material. Thermoplastics become soft and moldable when heated but return to solid form after cooling.



(From left) Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College Adjunct Faculty and Entrepreneurship Consultant Joseph Kapp, Hardy Telecommunications General Manager Scott Sherman and EWVCTC President Charles Terrell watch a demonstration of the school's new 3D printer, donated by Hardy Telecommunications.

Hardy Telecommunications General Manager Scott Sherman said 3D printing might be the key to success for a small business or inventor just starting out.

"Clearly this starts to revolutionize the way things are done," he said. "The potential is really what the mind can conceive."

Scott said Hardy Telecommunications wanted to donate the printer to the college to advance that upcoming group of inventors and small businesspeople. Because Hardy is building a fiber-to-the-home network throughout Hardy County, residents will have the Internet speeds capable of transporting large digital data files necessary for 3D printing.

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- Sept. 1 Labor Day Holiday - Offices Closed
- Sept. 30 Deadline: Proxies For Annual Mtg.
- Oct. 3 Annual Meeting Of Members At East Hardy High School

Any member interested in serving on the Board of Directors may submit a resume that defines the member's interest and qualifications for the position. The deadline for resumes is August 15, 2014. The resumes should be

# Youth Tour Like 'Walking Through History'

East Hardy High Senior Madalynn Payne felt like she was "walking through history" during her recent five-day trip to Washington, D.C., sponsored by Hardy Telecommunications. Madalynn and Moorefield High Senior Benjamin Shirk traveled to our nation's capital May 31-June 4 as part of the Foundation for Rural Service Youth Tour. Hardy paid all basic expenses for the two students and provided transportation.

"The (FRS Youth Tour) was a trip that I will never forget," Madalynn wrote. "The trip also gave me the chance to see memorials and museums that I would not have been able to see otherwise. I felt like I was walking through history, and I realized that I am a small part of our history to come."

The FRS Youth Tour is designed to teach rural youth about telecommunications while also giving them an opportunity to tour our nation's capital. The trip included sightseeing as well as a visit to the Federal Communications

Commission, where commissioners spoke and answered student questions. About 100 students from all over the United States participated in the tour.

Madalynn said the visit to the FCC gave her insight into the unique challenges faced by telecommunications providers in rural areas like Hardy County.

"The educational sessions opened my eyes to the struggles that rural telecommunications face and made me appreciate the service that Hardy Telecommunications provides," she said.

Because the tour attracts youths from across the country, Madalynn also made many new friends from different areas.

"It allowed me to meet new people such as another student from my county, my roommate from Kansas, and a new friend from Texas. ... Thank you, Hardy Telecommunications, for giving me this great opportunity."



(Left to right) MHS Senior Benjamin Shirk and EHS Senior Madalynn Payne pose outside the U.S. Capitol during the 2014 FRS Youth Tour.

## By Madalynn Payne

"I Walked past the graves of men who died for my freedom,  
Watched as guards changed places to keep guard over the tomb of the unknown  
Realizing how prestigious the positions those guards held were,  
Looked down on the resting place of President Kennedy  
Observing the eternal flame,  
Stood in the grass of the National Mall  
Wondering what it would have looked like full of Bonus Marchers,  
Witnessed the life of a Jewish girl during the Holocaust  
Hoping she would survive, but finding out that she was one of the many who did not,  
Was one in the crowd at Union Station  
Walking past many who were packed and ready to leave,  
Went on a night tour of Washington, D.C.,  
Gazed at the home of our President,  
Stared up at the Washington Monument  
Amazed that the same stone from the same quarry could be a different color after a few years wait during the Civil War,  
Strolled past West Virginia's marker indicating its contribution agriculturally to World War II,  
Touched the names of those who died during the Vietnam War  
And saw the statues of three men who represent the ethnicities of those who served,  
Ambled through a memorial for the men who served during the Korean War  
Feeling that I too should be given a pack and a radio to carry,  
Looked at the faces of men and one dog etched into the reflective wall,  
Climbed the steps to see President Lincoln in his iconic chair  
And felt like I was in his gaze as I sat on the top step looking towards the Washington Monument and the Capitol.

I Was given a tour of George Washington's home,  
Stood staring out over the Potomac River as he would have on many occasions,  
Paused at the sleeping quarters of his many slaves and tried to imagine what it would have been like,  
Walked paths that he would have walked on a daily basis,  
Stood in the doorway of the room in which he died,  
Strolled through the National Cathedral,  
Saw a tiny piece of the moon encased in a stained glass window,  
Stopped by the resting place of President Woodrow Wilson,  
Was guided through the many chapels,  
And stared at an organ that is large enough to fill the whole Cathedral with music.

I Visited the Newseum,  
Stood on both sides of the Berlin Wall  
Realizing the oppression the wall became a symbol for,  
Saw a piece of the Twin Towers and heard the story of a man who died while photographing the event,  
Was amazed at the collection of front pages that told the story of 9-11,  
Looked at newspapers from all the important events from the beginning of our nation's history,  
Was guided through the Capitol Building,  
Stood on top of the place that was intended to hold George Washington after his death  
But was told that President Washington's will did not allow that,  
Observed paintings that I had seen many times in my text books,  
And was gazed down upon by statues given by every state to the collection in the Capitol."

# OneNet Service Spreads Throughout County

Hardy OneNet is now available in several areas in Hardy County, and construction continues with more neighborhoods slated to begin service soon.

In addition, OneNet has added several TV channels at customer requests since our launch last year.

Areas where OneNet is now available include Moorefield, Lost River, Wardensville, Mathias, Fisher-Kessel, Fort Run, and Cunningham Lane. You can read more detailed descriptions of these areas on our website at [hardynet.com](http://hardynet.com). OneNet should be ready for customer installations in the Rig area soon.

Hardy also continues to look at the possibility of adding more channels. Often these channels come with an additional cost or they require additional equipment to carry them, but we do review each request to determine if it is economically feasible.

Since we launched OneNet in June 2013, we have added several new channels to our lineup. Most of these were the result of customer requests, including MASN and MASN2, TheBlaze, and Maryland Public Television (MPT and MPT 2).

OneNet still offers several local, state and regional channels, including WHSV-

TV3 in Harrisonburg and WDTV, WBOY and WVFX in Clarksburg. Exclusive OneNet channels include our Helmick Rock weather cam, the 911 Emergency Scanner channel, HDINet featuring West Virginia Library Commission programs, and WELD-TV with exclusive programming like Hardy County high school and local sports, government meetings and community events.

Visit our website at [hardynet.com](http://hardynet.com) for our channel lineup and detailed instructions about how to perform various functions on your OneNet remote control, complete with links to step-by-step tutorial videos on YouTube.

# Broadband Aids Resident With Captioned Telephone

Raymond Keplinger never thought he would have much use for broadband. But when his hearing-disabled wife read about a telephone that assists with calls by providing captions of the conversation, he realized the Internet offered unique benefits.

"I'm tickled to death with it. It helps her out, she can understand people, she can turn the volume up. It's working perfectly," he said.

Mr. Keplinger's family contacted Hardy, and Hardy employees installed the special phone from CapTel. The telephone is connected to the Internet and uses broadband and your telephone service to provide voices and captions during calls.



Milam resident Lisa Mae Keplinger uses her new CapTel phone, which uses broadband to provide captions for the hearing-disabled during telephone conversations.

Lisa Mae Keplinger uses the phone to call neighbors and her sister in Martinsburg.

The Internet connects directly to the phone, so Mr.

Keplinger isn't distracted by a nearby computer.

"I don't want to get on there and start buying stuff," he said.

# 2014 Annual Meeting Set For October 3 At East Hardy High

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Only proxies that are received by Tuesday, September 30, 2014, will be accepted. No proxies will be accepted at the meeting.

For more information about our election process, please see our bylaws, which begin on page 28 of the 2014 directory, or read them on our website at [www.hardynet.com](http://www.hardynet.com).

Despite the construction at East Hardy High, school officials say the gymnasium will be available for use in time for Hardy's annual meeting on October 3. The work has gone well so far.

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