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A full house enjoyed food and entertainment at last year's Annual Meeting.

## Hardy 2010 Annual Meeting Set For October 1 At East Hardy High

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- Sept. 28 Deadline: Proxies For Annual Mtg.
- Oct. 1 Annual Meeting Of Members At East Hardy High School

Hardy Telecommunications, Inc., would like to invite all of our members to attend the Annual Meeting of Members on Friday, October 1, 2010, at the East Hardy High School gymnasium. The agenda includes the election of three members to fill seats on the Board of Directors.



**Gerald Smith**



**Arlie Funk**



**Greg Zirk**

Three 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 Lost River serving area 1, currently held by Gerald W. Smith of Baker; Lost River serving area 2, currently held by Arlie W. Funk of Rio; and Moorefield serving area 2, currently held by Greg M. Zirk of Moorefield.

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 10, 2010. The resumes should be 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 1 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 throughout the evening.

Hardy Telecommunications members will receive a mailing that includes a reservation card and proxy for the annual meeting. If you plan

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## Hardy Donates \$600 For East Hardy Planners

Hardy Telecommunications has once again come to the aid of East Hardy High School in a time of need.

Hardy Marketing/Human Resource Director Derek Barr presented EHHS Guidance Counselor Jennifer Strawderman with a \$600 check to help with the costs of purchasing student planners for the 2010-11 school year. It is the sixth consecutive year that Hardy, a business partner with the school, has contributed toward the cost of the planners.

"We certainly appreciate everything that Hardy Telecommunications does for us," EHHS Principal Brad Simmons said.

He added that Hardy has always stepped up to the plate when the school has asked for assistance. "Hardy Telecommunications has always been the first to deliver when we're in need," he said.

Each EHHS student receives a free planner at the beginning of the school year. The planners also serve as the students' handbooks and contain information such as school standards of conduct and graduation requirements.

The school purchased the planners itself in the past, but costs for the handbooks greatly increased. Since then, Hardy has



Hardy Marketing/Human Resource Director Derek Barr presents a \$600 donation for student planners to East Hardy High Guidance Counselor Jennifer Strawderman.

assisted with the tab every year, increasing its donation from \$500 initially to \$600 the past two years.

"We know how important the planners are for the students, and we're happy to do our part," said Derek, who also serves on the school's Local School Improvement Council.

## Local Students Thank Hardy For D.C. Trip

“Exciting”, “enjoyable”, “amazing”, and even “educational” were words used by East Hardy High School rising seniors Jesse Cook and Ashley Dove in describing their experience in June as part of the Foundation for Rural Service Youth Tour in Washington, D.C.

Hardy Telecommunications sponsored Jesse and Ashley for the tour, paying all basic expenses including meals, hotel, and transportation. Jesse and Ashley joined about 100 other students from around the country in D.C., where they toured the sites while also learning about the rural telecommunications industry. All of the students were sponsored by rural telecommunications companies.

Both Jesse and Ashley wrote about their memories of the tour. Here are excerpts:

**Jesse Cook:** “The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) Youth Tour was an exciting, enjoyable, and educational experience. I was honored to be selected by Hardy Telecommunications to go on

the tour. I really enjoyed the four days I spent in Washington, D.C., from sightseeing to meeting new people to learning about rural telephone companies across the nation, much like Hardy Telecommunications.

“While in Washington, we were able to visit several monuments and museums, including Arlington National Cemetery and the Smithsonian Institute. We met with fellow students from across the country with lifestyles much like ours, with small towns and rural communities.

“... I am honored that I was sponsored by the only telecom in West Virginia that sponsors students to attend the FRS Youth Tour.”

**Ashley Dove:** “Visiting Washington, D.C., for the FRS Youth Tour was an amazing experience. ... I will never forget the memories that were made while I was there.

“... My favorite event of the whole week was when we were guided through D.C. on a night tour where we were able to see the Vietnam



East Hardy High students Jesse Cook and Ashley Dove visit the U.S. Capitol during the 2010 FRS Youth Tour.

and Korean monuments, the Reflecting Pool, and the Lincoln Memorial.

“I would definitely recommend that upcoming juniors consider

filling out the applications (for next year’s tour), for this is the opportunity of a lifetime.”

Jesse and Ashley both thanked Hardy for the experience.

### Hardy To Hold Two Open Houses In July

Hardy will be hosting two open-house events in July! Stop by for some food and fun, including games and prizes. Find out about Hardy services and Sprint wireless! Open houses will be held from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, July 23, in Wardensville at 345 East Main St., Suite A; and from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, July 30, in Moorefield at 121 South Main St. We hope to see you there!

## Broadband Plan Leaves Rural Areas Behind

How would you feel if the federal government said that city roads, bridges, and infrastructure should be better-constructed and more efficient than those in rural areas? With regard to the Internet, the information superhighway, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is proposing just that.

The FCC has released a National Broadband Plan to make high-speed Internet

access universally available. But the FCC’s proposal establishes a speed goal that is **25 times slower** for rural areas than for urban areas.

Reliable broadband is the essential service of today, the same as electricity and telephone were in the past. The Internet allows farmers to monitor weather patterns and buy and sell livestock in faraway markets; small business owners to reach

customers nationwide; students to take classes online; and doctors to remotely diagnose patients.

The FCC plan will leave rural areas behind and make rural Americans second-class citizens in the new broadband world.

To find out more about the FCC plan and how you can help, visit our website at [www.hardynet.com](http://www.hardynet.com).



The 2010 East Hardy High graduating class celebrates their achievements at Hardy’s Grad Party.

## EHHS Class of 2010 Enjoys Food, Fun At Hardy Grad Party

East Hardy High School’s Class of 2010 ended their high school graduation night June 4 with a party at South Branch Potomac Lanes, hosted by Hardy Telecommunications.

Hardy Telecom, a business partner with EHHS, has sponsored the after-graduation party for the past several years. The goal of the event is to provide students, faculty, and guests with a safe, alcohol-free environment in which to celebrate their achievements.

“These students have accomplished something special, and we want to acknowledge that while giving them a safe place to get together,” said Hardy Marketing/Human Resource Director Derek Barr.

The students enjoyed cosmic bowling, billiards, karaoke, and food. Students also were eligible to win numerous door prizes donated by local businesses, organizations, and individuals, including a TV and laptop computer.



Donated prizes included a Vizio TV and a Dell laptop computer.

“We’d like to thank everyone who donated in any way to the party,” Derek said. “Without the support of the community, the party wouldn’t be successful. It’s really a wonderful time for the students.”

Several East Hardy High faculty members, including teacher David Rudy, stopped by the party after the graduation ceremony.

“We definitely thank (Hardy Telecommunications) for this and everything else that you do for the school,” Mr. Rudy said.

## 2010 Annual Meeting Set For October 1

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to attend, please return the completed reservation card in the provided postage-paid envelope by Thursday, September 23, 2010.

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 in order to be accepted.

Only proxies that are received by Tuesday, September 28, 2010, will be accepted. No proxies will be accepted at the meeting.

If you would like more information about our election process, please see our bylaws, which begin on page 36 of the 2010 Hardy Telecommunications directory.

Our bylaws can also be reviewed by visiting the Hardy Telecommunications website at [www.hardynet.com](http://www.hardynet.com).

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