

Communicator

A Semi-Annual Newsletter for Cooperative Customers



Attendees at last year's Annual Meeting enjoy the pork barbecue meal.

Hardy 2013 Annual Meeting Set For October 4 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 4, 2013, at the East Hardy High School gymnasium. The agenda includes the election of two members to fill seats on the Board of Directors.



Gerald Smith



Greg Zirk

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 Lost River serving area 1, currently held by Gerald W. Smith of Baker; 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 20, 2013. 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 4 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 to attend, please return the completed reservation card in the provided postage-

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Hardy Youth Board Views OneNet Fiber Technology

With Hardy Telecommunications offering television for the first time via a new fiber-to-the-home network, the company gave its Youth Advisory Board a detailed view of the technology that makes it all possible.

The students visited Hardy's South Fork Office, which houses much of the equipment that will be used to deliver OneNet services to Hardy County residents. Hardy Video/Internet Technician Philip Miller explained how the system works over the Internet.

Hardy receives television signals via large satellite dishes located at the South Fork office. The signals for different stations are decoded and then transformed into a signal that can be distributed via Internet, Philip said. The Internet signal is then transported through fiber-optic cables to residents' homes.

Derek Barr, Hardy's marketing and human resources director, stressed that OneNet will offer standard Internet connection speeds of 5 Mbps, 15 Mbps and 25 Mbps.

"Streaming and downloading video is a much better experience on fiber," Derek said. "If you're downloading a 2 GB movie, it will take almost three hours with a 1.5 Mbps connection. At 25 Mbps, that same download is about 10 minutes."



(Left to right) Hardy Video/Internet Technician Philip Miller explains the technology behind Hardy's OneNet television service to Youth Board members RaeAnn Orndorff, Paula Smith, MaKayla Miller, Krysten Ayers, Ian Im, and Josh Ograbisz.

Derek also gave the students a demonstration of the Program Guide used by OneNet and some of the new features that will be available. In addition to the usual DVR recording capabilities familiar to TV subscribers, OneNet also will have a feature called Restart TV. With Restart TV, viewers can go backward in the Program Guide up to 48 hours and watch a previously aired program in its entirety.

"Let's say you missed the big game unexpectedly, so you didn't set it to record to DVR," he said. "With Restart, all you have to do is go backward in the guide to that game and watch it as it was originally broadcast, without having to record anything."

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- Sept. 2 Labor Day Holiday - Offices Closed
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- Oct. 4 Annual Meeting Of Members At East Hardy High School



Visit any of our offices, such as Moorefield shown here, and see our high-definition TV picture with OneNet.

It's Here! OneNet Launches In Moorefield

Hardy Telecommunications entered a new era in its history in June when OneNet - our fiber-to-the-home network featuring high-definition digital television, faster Internet speeds, and digital voice service - debuted in Moorefield.

"It's been a long time coming, but it's finally arrived," said Hardy Marketing and Human Resource Director Derek Barr. "We've opened up the main portion of Moorefield, and we will continually be rolling it out to new areas over the next several months."

Derek said Hardy's website, hardynet.com, also has a lot of new content devoted to OneNet.

"Our pricing, descriptions of our packages, channel lineups, and new service areas are all on our website now," he said. "That's the best way to keep up with the most recent



Moorefield resident Yvonne Hinkle was our first OneNet customer.

developments, because we frequently will be opening up new areas and some things can

change. For example, we've already added TV channels since our first lineup."

Derek said MASN (the Mid-Atlantic Sports Network) has been added to OneNet's lineup.

"We can't necessarily do that with every channel requested, but a large number of people asked for MASN, and we responded, even before we officially launched," he said.

Hardy employees have been placing door hangers in areas that are ready for installation, and Hardy's website lists each new area that opens. Response has been very positive so far.

OneNet features three television channel tiers, three standard Internet speeds - including up to 25 Mbps - and unlimited local or unlimited local and long distance telephone service.

"The TV picture is crystal-clear, and the Internet speeds are incredible," Derek said. "You can do in minutes what used to take hours."

Students Thank Hardy, Praise D.C. Experience During FRS Youth Tour

Seeing the sights of Washington, D.C., with other youths from across the United States was "truly a great opportunity," two Hardy County high school seniors said.

East Hardy High Senior Paula Smith and Moorefield High Senior Jacy Barr attended the Foundation for Rural Service Youth Tour in the nation's capital June 1-5. They were sponsored by Hardy Telecommunications, which paid all basic expenses.

"I think this is one of the best experiences that I've ever had," Paula said. "Before this trip, I had never been to Washington to tour the city, and now I'm ready to go back again."

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.



MHS Senior Jacy Barr (left) and EHHS Senior Paula Smith pose outside the U.S. Capitol during the 2013 FRS Youth Tour.

Both girls urged rising juniors to apply for the 2014 tour.

"I would definitely recommend this trip to all

high school juniors!" Paula said. "... I am so happy that I went. I now have several new friends, and lots of new experiences to tell everyone."

2013 Annual Meeting Set For October 4

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paid envelope by Thursday, September 26, 2013.

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.

Only proxies that are received by Tuesday, October 1, 2013, 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 2013 directory, or read them on our website at www.hardynet.com.

Communicator Newsletter Now Semi-Annual Publication

The Communicator, Hardy Telecommunications' customer newsletter, will now be published twice a year instead of quarterly.

"We found that with things changing so rapidly with the release of OneNet, we felt that the website was a better way to keep customers informed of

the latest developments," said Hardy Marketing and Human Resource Director Derek Barr. "The newsletter simply isn't as fluid as the website."

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