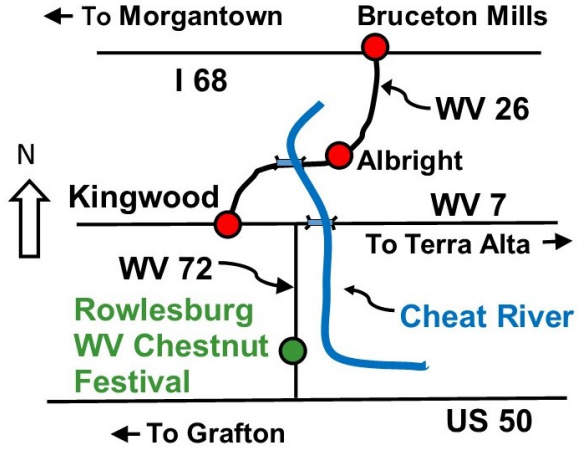


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Many volunteers help to bring success to
celebrating the restoration of the American
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in Rowlesburg

The WV Chestnut Festival will take place rain or
shine. The schedule is subject to change.

16th West Virginia Chestnut Festival

Sunday
13 October 2024
9:00 a.m.—7:30 p.m.
Rowlesburg, WV



Rev. Kevin Keplinger roasting
Chestnuts. Always a favorite at the
festival. Join us in the Rowlesburg
Community Park

*Honoring the Great
American Chestnut Tree
Celebrating The Science of
Restoration*

16th ANNUAL WEST VIRGINIA CHESTNUT FESTIVAL

9:00 a.m.— 11:00 a.m.

**River City Café
Serving Full Breakfast
(Donation requested)**

**Historic Rowlesburg School
Szilagyi Center**

**Gala Banquet Tickets Available at
The Door Before the Banquet**

9:30 a.m.— 4:00 p.m.

**Events at the Scenic
Rowlesburg Park**

- Roasted Chestnuts on-the-grill (or raw)
- Chestnut Tree Seedlings for sale
- Honey Products
- Chestnut Furniture by Charles Wotring
- Art and Craft Vendors
- Ox-Roast Sandwiches at Concession Stand in the Park
- Avian Conservation Center of Appalachia: Bird Exhibit
- The Cannon Hill Historic Site will be open for self-guided tours

**Visit the Historic Rowlesburg
School Szilagyi Center**

- River City Café— Desserts
- World War II Museum
- River City Art Room
- Preston County Sports Museum
- River City Pottery Studio
- Historic B&O Centenary Bridge Exhibit

12:00 p.m.— 2:00 p.m.

**Historic Rowlesburg School Szilagyi Center
2nd Floor**

**Meeting of the WV Chapter of
The American Chestnut Foundation
Bernie Coyle, President
Jerry Legg, Vice President
Jeff Kochenderfer, Secretary
Public is Welcome**

2:00 p.m.— 3:00 p.m.

Rowlesburg Community Park

Visit Displays and Vendors

WV Chapter Display

3:00 p.m.— 4:30 p.m.

**Historic Rowlesburg School Szilagyi Center
2nd Floor**

**Chestnut Technical
Session**

**Mark Double Moderator &
Past President, WV Chapter TACF**

**Jeff Kochenderfer
Silviculturist, U.S.D.A. Forest Service**

**Topic: "Establishing a Germplasm
Conservation Orchard (GCO) in
Central West Virginia."**

**Dr. Melissa Thomas-Van Grundy
Project Leader, Research Forester
U.S.D.A. Forest Service
Northern Research Station**

**Topic: "A Decade of Growth at Two
Hybrid Am. Chestnut Plantings in
West Virginia."**

5:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

**Historic Rowlesburg School Szilagyi Center
Auditorium**

Gala Banquet

**Welcome and Introduction
Of Distinguished Guests**

**Robert Sypolt, Festival Director
Mark Double, Festival Scientific Chair**

16th Annual Crowning

**Royalty: "Mr. and Mrs. Chestnut"
Dr. Lewis Cook & Vicki Miles Cook**

Chestnut-Vino Novelle Ritual

**"Welcoming the Chestnut Season and
Tasting the New Wine"**

**Shirley Hartley-Meissner
Festival Emeritus Director**

Dinner, Featuring:

Salad, Main Course, Dessert, Drinks

Banquet Speaker

**Mark Double, Festival Scientific Chair
Topic: Update on WV Chapter's
Chestnut Plantings**
