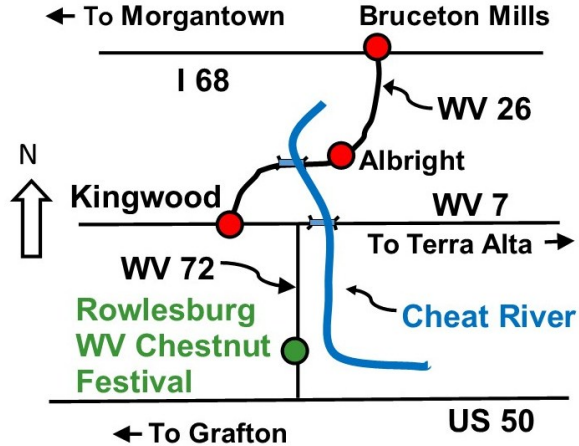


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Festival Sales Chestnut Seedlings & Roasted Chestnuts



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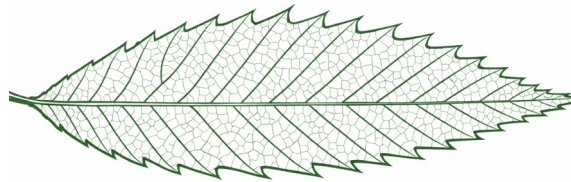
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Many volunteers help to bring success to
celebrating the restoration of the American
Chestnut during the WV Chestnut Festival
in Rowlesburg

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

18th West Virginia Chestnut Festival

Sunday
11 October 2026
9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.



Seedlings protected from squirrels and
other nut eaters. Cage is 3 ft. x 3 ft. by
7 ft. Framework is 6 inch sq. reinforcing
grid covered with 1/4 inch "hardware
cloth." It is hinged at top, back and
front. The front panel folds down to
form the protective enclosure.

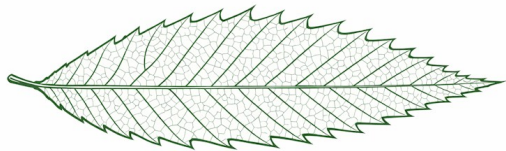
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American Chestnut Tree
Celebrating The Science of
Restoration*

18th ANNUAL WEST VIRGINIA CHESTNUT FESTIVAL

9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

Festival Activities & Events at the Scenic Rowlesburg Park

- Roasted Chestnuts on-the-grill (or raw)
- Chestnut Tree Seedlings for sale
- Honey Products
- 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
- Veteran's pictures
- Preston County Sports Museum
- River City Pottery Studio
- Historic B&O Centenary Bridge Exhibit
- Historic Class Pictures (2nd floor hall)

11:00 a.m. — 1:00 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
Sam Muncy, Treasurer

The Public is Welcome

1:00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Auditorium Historic
Rowlesburg School Szilagyi Center
Lunch and Chestnut Festival
Ceremonies
(Lunch Tickets are \$12.00 at the Door)

Welcome and Introduction of Distinguished Guests

Robert Sypolt, Festival Director
Mark Double, Festival Scientific Chair

Chestnut - Vino Novelle Ritual "Tasting the New Wine"

Shirley Hartley-Meissner
Festival Emeritus Director

18th Annual Crowning Royalty: Mr. and Mrs. Chestnut Paul and Kyla Grafton

Kyla is the daughter of
Chestnut benefactor
Duane Waddell

A silent auction will take place
and end at 3:00 p.m..

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

Session No. 1 Kaitlyn Harless

Mid-Atlantic Regional Science
Coordinator
The American Chestnut
Foundation

**TOPIC: Status of TACF's Current
Chestnut Breeding Program**

Session No. 2

**Speaker TBD
Affiliation TBD**

TOPIC: TBD

**Thank you for Visting the
2026 West Virginia Chestnut
Festival**

May your travel home be safe

