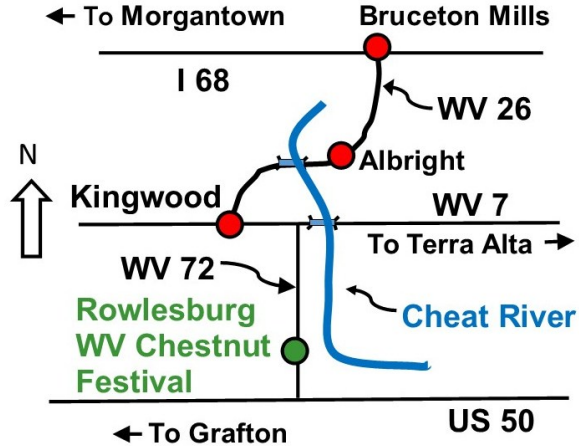


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Am. Chestnut Seedlings



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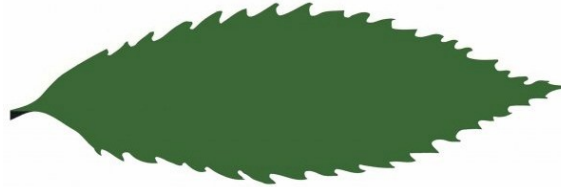
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Many volunteers help to bring success to
celebrating the restoration of the American
Chestnut during the WV Chestnut Festival
in Rowlesburg

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

17th West Virginia Chestnut Festival

Sunday
12 October 2025
9:00 a.m.—7:30 p.m.
Rowlesburg, WV



In addition to the sales of roasted
chestnuts and chestnut seedlings,
the chestnut festival also features
an artisan selling furniture crafted
from chestnut wood.

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

17th 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 & veteran's pictures
- Preston County Sports Museum
- River City Pottery Studio
- Historic B&O Centenary Bridge Exhibit
- Historic Class Pictures (2nd floor hallway)

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
Sam Muncy, Treasurer
The Public is Welcome

2:00 p.m.— 3:00 p.m.

Rowlesburg Community Park

Visit Displays and Vendors

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**

Cassie Stark
Mid Atlantic Regional Sci. Coordinator
The Am. Chestnut Foundation

**Topic: "The Science of Saving the
American Chestnut."**

Sam Muncy
Treasurer, WV Chap. TACF

**Topic: "A History of TACF
At the Summit Bechtel
Reserve Scout Camp."**

5:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

**Historic Rowlesburg School Szilagyi Center
Auditorium**

Gala Banquet

The Public is invited
Tickets Available at the Door

Welcome and Introduction Of Distinguished Guests

Robert Sybolt, Festival Director
Mark Double, Festival Scientific Chair

Chestnut-Vino Novelle Ritual

**"Welcoming the Chestnut Season and
Tasting the New Wine"**
Shirley Hartley-Meissner
Festival Emeritus Director

Madrigal Singers

Preston High School Students
Krystal McCoy, Director

17th Annual Crowning

Royalty: "Mr. and Mrs. Chestnut"
Doug Van Gundy, MFA & Melissa
Thomas-Van Gundy, PhD.

Dinner, Featuring:

Salad, Main Course, Dessert, Drinks

Banquet Speaker

Bernie Coyle
President WV Chap. TACF
Topic: "Chestnut Surprise!"