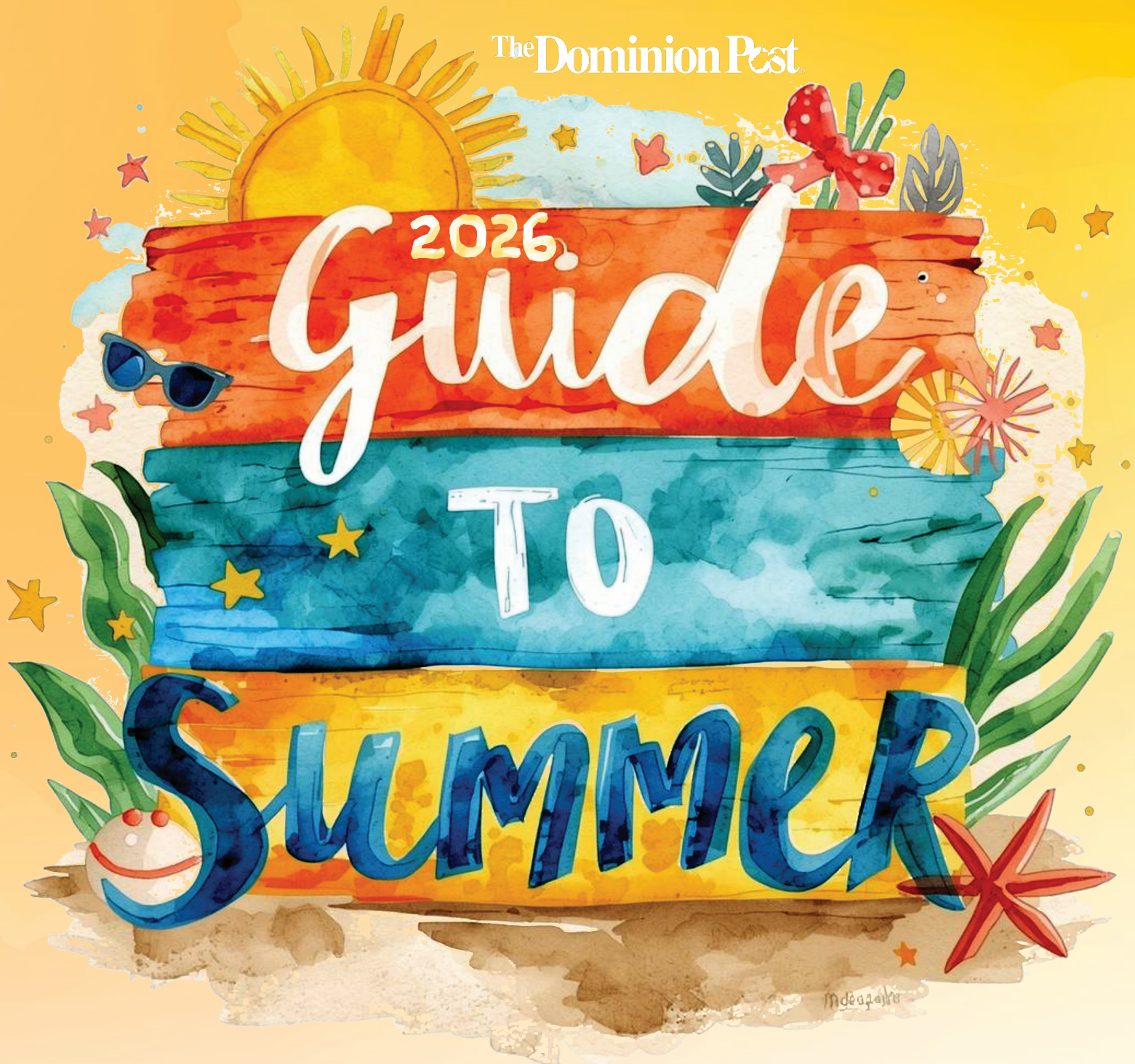


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# Welcome cryptid enthusiasts

## Grafton Monster Festival returns for third year

**By Logan D. Cottrell**

*For the Dominion Post*

GRAFTON — Downtown Grafton is preparing itself for the third annual Grafton Monster Festival to welcome cryptid and Fallout enthusiasts alike.

On Saturday, June 13, the third annual Grafton Monster Festival will take place allowing cryptid enthusiasts and Fallout lovers to come together and celebrate a staple in West Virginia folklore through guest speakers, live music, vendors, food trucks and more.

“The festival will open its gates at 10 a.m. and stay open until 9 p.m.,” said Matt King, a member of the Grafton Monster Festival Board of Directors. “The vendors will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. We are going to have guest speakers all day long, they vary from podcasters to cosplayers to Fallout enthusiasts.”

King added some of the lineup including Spooky Appalachia, The

Mothboys and even the entire cast of Lost Monster Files.

King expressed excitement for some of this year’s entertainment.

“We actually ended up getting Grammy award-winning artist Chance McCoy,” he said. “He’s a West Virginia native who won a Grammy back in 2014 for best folk album. His set will be going on from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. McCoy will be performing some traditional and haunting Appalachian music during his set.”

Continuing with the tradition of the festival in years past, people will be coming dressed up in their favorite cosplays to celebrate a popular gaming franchise Fallout.

Fallout 76 is an installment in the popular video game franchise Fallout, with the setting taking place in a post-apocalyptic West Virginia with the different cryptids of West Virginia folklore taking center stage.

“Just like last year we’re going to be celebrating Fallout 76, which is a game set in West Virginia,” King said. “The game actually showcases the Grafton Monster as an enemy the player can fight in the game. We’re going to have a lot of cosplay for Fallout 76 and we’re going to be having the cosplay contest again this year.”

Dr. Greg Popovich from Buckhannon will also be attending again this year wearing his Grafton Monster cosplay he made himself, King added.

“He will actually be talking about how he built all of his suits,” King said. “He is going to be talking to folks about how they can make their own cosplays and costumes.”

The night before the festival there will be a VIP dinner for guests to be able to meet the different special guests that will be attending this year’s festival, King said.

“Friday night we are going to have our VIP dinner,” he said. “A lot of our guest speakers and musicians will be coming to that dinner if



Photo by Logan D. Cottrell  
**The Grafton Monster was caught in action at last year’s Grafton Monster Festival.**

anyone would want to meet them.”

Other events that will be happening at the festival include a monster drawing contest and Michael Strayer with the Mothboys podcast will be reading his children’s book at Gallery 62 West, King added.

“We’re really excited about this year’s festival,” King said. “All of the events are free of charge to the public.”

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# On a roll

## West Virginia's Pepperoni Roll Trail celebrates anniversary with new stops, prize

### MarionCVB.com

PLEASANT VALLEY — The award winning West Virginia Pepperoni Roll Trail is celebrating its one-year anniversary by adding two new bakeries and a new prize for pepperoni roll lovers.

The Marion County Convention and Visitors Bureau released the WV Pepperoni Roll Trail in April 2025, a special initiative directing folks to visit local bakeries to earn points and collect prizes.

The trail includes original places like Country Club Bakery, Tomaro's and Colasessano's. After receiving input from Pepperoni Roll Trail lovers throughout the state, the trail will now include stops in Monroe County and Wood County.

The Dough Ball, located in Gap Mills, offers interesting takes on the

classic with modifications like jalapeno dough and when in season, ramp dough.

Located in Parkersburg, JR's Donut Castle offers a modern traditional roll with softer dough, pepperoni slices and choice of pepper jack cheese and pizza sauce.

"It's exciting to be on the trail and help make pepperoni rolls even more popular throughout the state and welcome newcomers to try them, too," Aaron Parsons, owner of JR's Donut Castle, said.

Once a user has checked into all bakeries on the trail, they will earn an 11 x 14 inch print done by local artist Ben Kolb. Kolb, a Mannington resident, owns Nativibes and teaches art classes. In his personal art, he has used coal as a medium with Appalachian inspiration such



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as mountaineers, nature, fish and maps. He is the creator of the Great Pepperoni Roll Drop and the artist behind the 200-pound pepperoni roll at the event.

“Adding this new prize is another way we can share more of our culture with people who don’t know much about West Virginia,” Leah Smith, Marion CVB executive director, said. “And it’s a very cool prize for West Virginians who love pepperoni rolls and cryptids.”

The print is unavailable through points collected and is based on location check-ins.

To experience all the variations, travelers and locals can register to participate in the WV Pepperoni Roll Trail online and instantly receive the digital passport via email or text. Once downloaded, visitors can check in at bakeries around the state to earn points and unlock exclusive Pepperoni Roll Trail prizes – including an official sticker, food baggie and lunch tote.

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Discover the Italian Appalachian bakeries of West Virginia! Open the passport on your phone, scroll to find the location you’re visiting and check in to mark it off your list.

The trail highlights 17 spicy bakeries across West Virginia. The 18th stop, however, is full of pepperoni, but it is not a bakery. The Great Pepperoni Roll Drop is the only non-bakery on the list. Get double points by attending Mannington’s New Year’s Eve Celebration and watch a massive pepperoni roll drop from the sky at 11:59 p.m. Dec. 31.

The trail won the 2025 Governor’s Award for Regional Tourism Impact at the West Virginia Governor’s Conference on Tourism.

For more information on the WV Pepperoni Roll Trail or to register for a digital passport, visit <https://marioncvb.com/wv-pepperoni-roll-trail/>.

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## New Gravel and Bikepacking Network connects 12 Mon Forest towns

**DPNews@DominionPost.com**

MARLINTON — The Mon Forest Towns Partnership announced the launch of its Gravel and Bikepacking Route Network, a comprehensive collection of more than 60 curated routes across eight counties in the Monongahela National Forest region. The network spans routes ranging from family-friendly day rides to intense multi-day bikepacking adventures, all accessible through the newly expanded monforesttowns.org and Ride With GPS.

One of the largest networks on the East Coast, the routes activate thousands of miles of gravel roads across the Mon Forest for visitors and local communities alike, supporting the organization's core mission of deepening the connection between gateway towns and their public lands. Routes are organized by both length and town, allowing riders to explore the Mon from any of the 12 Mon Forest Towns — Elkins, Parsons, Thomas, Davis, Durbin, Marlinton, Richwood, Cowen, Petersburg, Franklin, Seneca Rocks, or White Sulphur Springs. The most ambitious route in the collection, the Mon Circuit 600, links all 12 towns in a single continuous journey with more than 50,000 feet of climbing. Pocahontas County stretches across the heart of

the Mon Forest and offers the broadest and most diverse riding in the entire network, with Durbin anchoring the northern end and Marlinton serving as the hub of the southern Greenbrier River corridor. From Durbin, routes range from a beginner-friendly loop combining Forest Road 44 with the West Fork Rail Trail to ambitious backcountry ridge loops reaching Laurel Fork Wilderness, the trail town of Glady, Smoke Camp Knob, and the remote high country around the Laurel Divide. The most demanding Durbin route — Gaudineer's Watch — crosses both sides of the upper Greenbrier River valley through red spruce stands on Back Allegheny Mountain, passing Gaudineer Knob's moss-draped forest preserve and the historic turnpike toward Camp Allegheny. From Marlinton, the Greenbrier River Trail anchors the southern corridor with routes ranging from a family-friendly out-and-back to Sharp's Tunnel to a full 78-mile bikepacking traverse between Caldwell and Cass Scenic Railroad State Park. More challenging loops climb toward the Highland Scenic Highway,

the Falls of Hills Creek, and Droop Mountain Battlefield, while the Green Bank Observatory loop ventures into the National Radio Quiet Zone before ascending to Snowshoe Mountain's high plateau and Bald Knob beneath some of the darkest skies in the Mid-Atlantic. Connector routes link Pocahontas County north to Elkins via the GRUSK route, south to Charlottesville's Amtrak station via Sweetwater Farm Trail Center, and

east to Harrisonburg through the George Washington National Forest.

Josh Nease, the Partnership's Executive Director, remarked, "The launch of MFTP's Gravel and Bikepacking Route Network marks an exciting milestone for our region and our

work. By weaving together existing forest roads and historic infrastructure, we have created a world-class recreation asset that physically and symbolically connects all 12 of our mountain towns to the Monongahela National Forest—and to one another. This network is more than just a trail system; it is an engine for economic development. It invites the global cycling community to experience

our rugged beauty while providing our local communities with the platform to host premier races and events, contributing to new jobs and thriving main streets for generations to come."

Reflecting on the project, David Landis, of Village to Village Trails, added "The Mon represents something rare—million-acre public lands, remote backcountry experiences, and a network of mountain towns woven together by an expansive web of gravel roads. That connectivity creates a richness of riding experiences you simply don't find anywhere else. It's also a place that's become deeply personal to me, just beyond my back door in Harrisonburg and shaped by years of exploring with friends and family."

Riders looking to experience the network firsthand can join the Bikepacking Roots Annual East Coast Summit, hosted in Marlinton from May 29 through June 1, 2026. The gathering brings together bikepacking enthusiasts from across the region for guided rides, community events, and exploration of the southern Mon Forest's most scenic terrain.

The full route network is available at [monforesttowns.org/gravel](http://monforesttowns.org/gravel), with routes also published on Ride with GPS and featured on Bikepacking Roots.



## Take a guided tour of the historic LaVale Toll Gate House

CUMBERLAND, Md. – Guided tours at the historic LaVale Toll Gate House have returned for the 2026 season, welcoming visitors to experience a unique piece of America's early transportation history. [Text Wrapping Break] [Text Wrapping Break] America's first road trip began right here in Allegany County, Maryland, at mile marker "0" of the Historic National Road, an iconic route that expanded trade and commerce and laid the foundation for the nation's modern highway system. [Text Wrapping Break] [Text Wrapping Break] Construction of the National Road began in 1811, connecting Cumberland, Maryland, to the Ohio River and opening a vital corridor to the trans-Appalachian West. Today, travelers can explore this state and nationally designated Historic National Road Scenic Byway and step into the past at the LaVale Toll Gate House. [Text Wrapping Break]

[Text Wrapping Break] Built in 1835 after the State of Maryland assumed ownership of the road, the LaVale Toll Gate House was the first toll house constructed along the National Road in Maryland and is the last remaining of its kind in the state. This distinctive seven-sided structure once served as a collection point for tolls, helping to fund the maintenance of one of America's most important early infrastructure projects.

As Maryland and the nation commemorate the 250th anniversary of the United States, sites like the LaVale Toll Gate House offer visitors a tangible connection to the movement, innovation and expansion that shaped the country's early years. [Text Wrapping Break] [Text Wrapping Break] Guided tours will be offered from noon to 4 p.m. on the following dates:

- June 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, and 21
- July 4 and 5



- August 1 and 2
- September 12 and 13
- October 3 and 4

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Break] [Text Wrapping Break] The LaVale Toll Gate House is located at 14302 National Highway SW, Cumberland, MD 21502. For more information, please visit [www.mdmountaininside.com](http://www.mdmountaininside.com).

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# A little rain must fall...

## Fun predicted for Rain Day festivalgoers

By Garrett Neese

*For the Dominion Post*

At most lively summer festivals, the arrival of rain marks the point where crowds thin out and people sprint away to the nearest dry spot.

Once a year on July 29, Waynesburg is the exception.

There, rain clouds — specifically, the clouds that always seemed to erupt on one man's birthday — have drawn the nation's attention to Waynesburg, and have brought people and their umbrellas out to celebrate.

At the Fountain and College parks in the Waynesburg Commons, visitors can enjoy music, check out vendors, compete in various contests and even get their picture taken with Rain Day's iconic mascot, Wayne Drop.

Shuttles will also run all day from the downtown business area to the parks.

Live music on two stages will keep the audience moving from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m., capped by The Suns of Beaches Band, who evoke the Parrothead aesthetic with Jimmy Buffet covers and their own spirited originals.

West Virginia will also be represented in the music lineup.

Morgantown's Becky Anne will sing the national anthem, accompanied by cellist Morgan Blanks, who teaches math at Morgantown High School. Morgantown performer Lucien will also play on the second stage at Fountain Park at 11:30.

This year's festival will boast a foam party from 6 to 7 p.m., in addition to the day's music, kids' games, food trucks and craft booths.

The event will also be the first of many civic events presided over during the next year by that year's Miss Rain Day, crowned at a pageant earlier that week. She and the crowd will get to witness the crowning of Baby Rain Day and Little Miss Rain Drop, contests available for Greene County residents up to 13 years old.

Adding to the excitement is the umbrella decorating contest, where people compete for the most eye-catching spin on that year's themes.

Awards are also given out to recognize notable achievements.

Each year, the Jack McCracken Award is presented to a local humanitarian. And marking its second year is the Chief Hawfield First Responder with Honor Award, given in honor of the late Timothy Hawfield, a longtime Waynesburg police chief.

Local businesses also get into the Rain Day spirit, offering discounts and decorating their windows in a bid to win the prestigious Watering Can.

The crowds soaking up the festival's excitement will be just a few blocks from where it all began.

As recounted on the Rain Day website, the first drop fell sometime in the 1870s at the JT Rogers & Co. drug store on High Street. During his regular visits to town, farmer Caleb Ely would remark to local pharmacist William Allison that it always seemed to rain on his birthday.

Allison was intrigued. Starting on July 29, 1874, he began keeping track, a task that was later handed down to his brother and others.

Eventually, a whole country was following along. Thanks to the efforts of local newsman John O'Hara, stories about Rain Day began popping up nationwide in the 1930s.

Slowly, Rain Day spilled out of a notebook and became a public celebration. There was a ceremony on the courthouse steps, and the debut of the "hat bet," where a luminary would place a friendly wager on whether or not it would rain that day. The first celebrity, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette sports-

Photos by Garrett Neese  
While Wayne Drop presides over July 29, his visits come during all seasons.

(Below left) Musician Dave Pahanish.  
(Below right) Wild Thing of the Washington Wild Things strikes a pose.





**Kathy McClure, executive director of the Bowlby Library in Waynesburg, reads to children.**



**Owyn Lindstrom, 8, and Layla Lindstrom, 6, of Carmichaels, Pa., pose with umbrellas for a photo during Rain Day.**

writer Albert Abrams, made his bet in 1939.

A torrent of local, regional and national celebrities followed, including Bing Crosby, Mr. Rogers and Muhammad Ali (who, rather than a hat, put up a quill pen he used to compose poems, UPI reported at the time).

Last year's celebrity was weatherman Charles "Pye" Plasko, who's been keeping residents up to date with local forecasts on his Pye's Greene County Weather page since 2012. He made a gutsy — and ultimately incorrect — bet of no rain.

Since 1979, the day has always been commemorated with a festival. First held on High Street, it recently outgrew the street and was relocated to the parks.

Ely's anecdotal "always" was backed up by hard data. Once Allison began keeping tabs, the next sunny July 29 didn't happen until 1931, according to the Rain Day website.

It's been more mixed since then. But if your hat is on the line, it's safest to bet on rain. Since 1874, it's rained 119 times out of 152.



**Local queens, including newly crowned Miss Rain Day Camryn Hawfield, far right, deliberate over the winners of the Mini, Little and Jr. Miss Rain Drop after 2025's Rain Day pageant.**



**Entertainment at 2025's Rain Day included caricaturist Jeff Harris, seen here drawing Hailey Bardell, 7, of Smithfield, Pa.**



**A large crowd watches during 2025's Rain Day to see who will be named Mini, Little and Jr. Miss Rain Drop.**



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# Kingwood continues Summerfest tradition

By Logan D. Cottrell

For the Dominion Post

KINGWOOD — Downtown Kingwood will be full of vendors and guests looking to have a good time for the fourth annual Kingwood Summerfest.

This year's Summerfest will take place June 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"We're going to be incorporating America turning 250 years old so we're going to be having an opening ceremony," said Roz DeWitt, a municipal court clerk and a volunteer with Kingwood Community Engagement. "That will include a local Scouting America Troop to be the Honor Guard. The National Anthem will be sung by Clay Justice followed by a short prayer."

DeWitt added the WVU Mountaineer will be walking around the festival from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The goal for this year was to add more community events to the festival, DeWitt said.

"We are doing the scavenger hunt again this year," she said. "We're doing a raffle to

benefit Kingwood Elementary School for their improvement and beautification of the school. The raffle basket has a \$1,500 value. All of the 50-50 ticket proceeds will go to the Preston County Animal Shelter."

DeWitt added the festival has continued to grow each year.

"We have been doing this for the past four years and it

has just gotten bigger every year," she said. "We only have two vendor spaces left, we already have a total of 60 vendors signed up so far this year."

Summerfest acts as a way for the city to continue to help the community, DeWitt said.

"We enjoy doing these kinds of events," she said. "We limit ourselves to just a few

events a year and this is one of our bigger ones. We take pride in doing it, we not only incorporate the Father's Day Car Show but we also include the West Virginia Heritage Days at the McGrew House."

DeWitt added the main goal of the festival is to get everybody together and continue to grow their sense of community.



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Summerlong Events

### Summer Farmers Markets

8:30 a.m.-noon Saturdays  
 Morgantown Market Place  
 Spruce Street  
 Morgantown

Summer farmers markets offer a wide range of vendors selling a variety of different homegrown or handcrafted goods. The farmers market will gather all the way up until Nov. 14. All products sold at the farmers market are grown and made within a 50-mile radius of Morgantown.

4-7 p.m. Wednesdays  
 Monongalia County Center  
 270 Mylan Park Lane  
 Morgantown

4-6 p.m. Mondays (June through September)  
 Arnettsville Farmers Market  
 4120 Fairmont Road  
 Morgantown

9-11 a.m. Saturdays beginning June 6  
 County Seat Farmers Markets  
 McGrew House lawn  
 111 E. Main St.  
 Kingwood

### Food Truck Fridays at Camp Muffly Pool

First Friday of each summer month  
 June 5, July 3, Aug. 7 and Sept. 4

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## Summer Arts Events

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K-Pop DH Camp – June 8-12 and July 27-31

Beach Daze Camp – June 15-19

Cure Critters Art Camp – June 22-26

Claymania Summer Art Camp – July 13-17

Barbie World – July 20-24

Animal Lover Summer Art Camp – August 3-7

Wizard School Summer Art Camp – August 10-14

### First Friday for the Arts

Downtown Morgantown  
 6-9 p.m.

Take a stroll through downtown Morgantown and enjoy the arts on the first Friday of every month. June 5, July 3, August 7 and September 4

### Ruby Summer Concert Series

7 p.m.  
 Ruby Amphitheater  
 Hazel Ruby McQuain Park  
 185 Garrett St.  
 Morgantown

The lineup for the upcoming 2026 Ruby Summer Concert Series features 12 free community concerts on Fridays from June through August.

June 5: Almost Queen

June 12: Leftover Salmon

June 19: Everclear

June 26: Tonic

July 10: Darkside of the Moonshine

July 17: Switchfoot

July 24: The War and Treaty

July 31: The Fabulous Thunderbirds

August 7: Who's Bad

August 14: Hanson

August 21: Ashley Cooke

August 28: 38 Special

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Monongalia County Parks & Rec Summer Concert Series

All concerts are scheduled for 6:30-8:30 p.m. Bring a blanket or camp chairs, let the kids run up and down the hill, and enjoy the music! Kids of all ages can pop bubbles, wave streamers, and dance with hula hoops to add to the dancing fun! For each concert, the park will have concessions available, however, coolers are welcome. Tickets are \$5/person - Cash only. Children 6 and under get in free. Well-behaved pets are welcomed and must remain on a leash. Food trucks will be on hand.

## Mason-Dixon Historical Park 79 Buckeye Road, Core

- June 27: 18 Strings
- July 11: Steve Ludwig and The Casual Hobos
- July 25: Dead All Along
- Aug. 8: The Hillbilly Biscuits

## Chestnut Ridge Park & Campground 346 Chestnut Ridge Camp Road, Bruceton Mills

- May 30: Optimus Riff
- June 6: Jos Folmsbee & The Crooked Roots
- June 20: Tom Batchelor Band
- July 4: The Halftime String Band
- July 18: Soup Camel
- Aug. 1: Megan Jean's Secret Family
- Aug. 15: Meadow Run
- Aug. 29: Weary Space Wanderer



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## Evening Yoga in the Garden

6 p.m. Wednesdays

## Morning Yoga in the Garden

8:30 a.m. Fridays

## West Virginia Botanic Garden


 Tyrone Road  
Morgantown

Join us in the garden for an all-levels vinyasa flow class incorporating the inspirations of nature surrounding us. This hourlong practice will teach breathing techniques to relax and build heat within our bodies, yoga postures to strengthen and lengthen our muscles and a guided relaxation to help calm the mind, body and spirit. Bring a yoga mat. All ages. \$12 for WVBG members, \$15 for non-members.

## May 25

### 159th Annual West Virginia Memorial Day Parade

10 a.m.

 Grafton High School to Grafton National Cemetery  
For the 159th consecutive year, Grafton will host the Annual West Virginia Memorial Day Parade. Grafton is the home to the only National Cemeteries in the state with the Grafton National Cemetery being established in 1867. This annual event draws thousands of participants and patrons from all over the country as it has become a homecoming for past residents. The parade begins with a solemn division highlighting the true meaning of the holiday. The parade continues with entertainment groups that reminds us all to rejoice and celebrate the freedoms we have been afforded by the sacrifices of those who fought and died.

## May 28

### "The Music Man"

 Lyell B. Clay Concert Theatre  
WVU Canady Creative Arts Center


7:30 p.m.

Meredith Willson's six-time, Tony Award-winning musical comedy "The Music Man" follows fast-talking traveling salesman, Harold Hill, as he cons the people of River City, Iowa, into buying instruments and uniforms for a boys' band he vows to organize—this, despite the fact he doesn't know a trombone from a treble clef. His plans to skip town with the cash are foiled when he falls for Marian, the librarian, who transforms him into a respectable citizen by curtain's fall. Tickets can be purchased online at [go.wvu.edu/musicman](http://go.wvu.edu/musicman), by phone at 304-293-SHOW or in person at the

box office located in the main lobby of the WVU Canady Creative Arts Center, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## May 30

### Clay District Fair Spring Fling

 2087 Daybrook Road  
Fairview  
8 a.m.-2 p.m.

### Girls' Night Out 2026

 Erickson Alumni Center  
Alumni Drive, Morgantown  
6-10 p.m.

This year's theme is Lights. Glamour. Vegas. — and we can't wait to bring the glitz, sparkle, and unforgettable fun of the Boulevard right here to Morgantown! Girls' Night Out isn't just about the party – it's about making a difference. All proceeds benefit the Monongalia County Child Advocacy Center. Tickets available from \$85 to \$110.

## May 30-31

### Morgantown Crankie Festival

 Morgantown Arts Center  
Saturday - 7 p.m.  
Sunday - 3 & 7 p.m.

Over two days, audiences will experience a wide variety of crankies: folk tales, original songs, experimental storytelling, and traditional ballads brought to life through moving images. The festival features 19 performers and groups, including visiting and local artists. Each act presents a short crankie performance, creating an evening of diverse styles and stories. This inaugural festival celebrates the growing crankie movement and Morgantown's vibrant creative community. The event is organized by performer-composer Annick Odom and hosted by Monongalia Arts Center.

## June 5-7

### Family Fun Extravaganza


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Mall Road, Morgantown

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## June 6

### Patty Fest: An Old Time Music Festival

 Brookhaven Elementary School  
1215 Baker St., Morgantown  
9 a.m.

### Mason-Dixon Craft Show

Mason-Dixon Historical Park  
 Buckeye Road, Core  
10 a.m.-4 p.m.

## June 12

### Hike with a Naturalist


West Virginia Botanic Garden  
 1061 Tyrone Road, Morgantown  
10 a.m.-noon

Join WVBG educators for a guided hike through the beautiful Tibbs Run Preserve. On this leisurely hike through the woods, educators will share current happenings in the unique hemlock forest ecosystem and answer questions about the natural world for all ages.

## June 13


### Grafton Monster Festival

10 a.m.-10 p.m.

 Downtown Grafton  
Learn more about one of West Virginia's other cryptids, the Grafton Monster. Throughout the day there will be live music, vendors, food trucks and more. People will get the opportunity to learn more about West Virginia's deep rooted folklore and mysteries throughout this one day festival.

### Morgantown Pride Block Party

12-5 p.m.

Ruby Amphitheater  
 Hazel Ruby McQuain Park  
185 Garrett St., Morgantown

Come celebrate PRIDE with us in 2026! Join us for an afternoon of entertainment, food, vendors and community. This event is open to the public, and we welcome all ages to participate in Morgantown's Pride! There will be live music, drag performances, food and drink vendors, art and pride merchandise vendors, informational booths and more!

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- 29 Surrender Dorothy

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## West Virginia Day Square Dance

 18 Q Road, Arthurdale  
7-9 p.m.

Join us for our annual West Virginia Day Square Dance. This is a family-friendly event, accessible to all ages and skill levels—no experience needed. And thanks to funding from Try This WV and Your Community Foundation, this square dance is FREE!


## Young Birders Walk

West Virginia Botanic Garden  
 1061 Tyrone Road, Morgantown  
10 a.m.-noon

This walk will introduce children of all ages and their parents to the wonder and joy of birds and bird-watching. Bring binoculars and a bird guide if you have them. This walk will be led by Avian Conservation Center of Appalachia's Director Katie Fallon, for all ages. Free. Pre-registration is required.

### June 16

## Family Fun Fest: Krepps Pool

 1235 Parkview Drive, Morgantown  
6:30-8:30 p.m.

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### June 19


## Fairfax Slave Cemetery Dedication

 Historic Center Hall  
18 Q Road, Arthurdale  
11 a.m.


The memorial service and program will be held in Center Hall, located at 18 Q Road in Arthurdale, West Virginia, with a short graveside service following. The dedication will feature performances from local poets and musicians. Dr. Tamara Bailey, associate professor of history at West Virginia Wesleyan College, will offer the main address, focused on the history of the cemetery, remembrance, and oral tradition. Light refreshments will be served. The event is free, and an RSVP is requested.

### June 19-20

## High Point Raceway


 281 Taylortown Road, Mount Morris, PA  
The first day of racing begins at 8 a.m. June 19 and goes all day. Day 2 on June 20 will begin at 1 p.m., with the winner being named that evening.

## Barrackville Covered Bridge Festival

 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.  
Join us for a fun-filled day celebrating one of Barrackville's most iconic landmarks! The 5th Annual Barrackville Covered Bridge Festival will take place on Saturday, June 20, 2026, bringing families, friends and neighbors together for food vendors, craft show, activities and hometown pride. Enjoy local artisans, entertainment for all ages, community history and a full day of small-town charm.

### June 20


## Wild and Wonderful Symbols

 West Virginia Botanic Garden  
1061 Tyrone Road, Morgantown  
10 a.m.

What better way to celebrate West Virginia Day than learning all about the state symbols! WVBG Environmental Educators will lead a walk to teach all about these plants and animals and share the stories of how they were chosen to represent our state. \$5 for WVBG Members, \$15 for general admission. Pre-registration is required.

### June 23

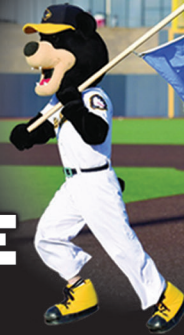
## The Wildmans at the Rustic Church

 Rustic Church at Modern Homestead  
Long Alley, Reedsville  
6:30 p.m.



# 2026 SCHEDULE

**DRAFT LEAGUE**



## JUNE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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@MV 2:05 PM	OFF	@ABD 6:30 PM	ABD 6:30 PM	ABD 6:30 PM	MEX 7:00 PM	MEX 7:00 PM
MEX 1:00 PM	OFF	@ABD 7:00 PM	@ABD 7:00 PM	@ABD 7:00 PM	TRE 7:00 PM	TRE 7:00 PM
TRE 1:00 PM	OFF	WSP 6:30 PM	ALL TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE			



## JULY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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## AUGUST

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## SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1 MV 6:00 PM	2 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME Location/Time TBD		



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## June 28


### The Magic of Mud

 West Virginia Botanic Garden  
1061 Tyrone Road, Morgantown


2-4 p.m.

Join WVBG Educators at the Children's Adventure Garden to celebrate International Mud Day! This unique holiday is the perfect time for families to play together, use creativity, and get a little dirty. Make awesome memories of playing outside together while making mud pies and other fun creations! All ages welcome. Free.

## July 4

 Fairview Fourth of July Celebration  
7:30 a.m.- 11:45 p.m.

### City of Morgantown Fourth of July Celebration

 Hazel Ruby McQuain Park  
7-10 p.m.

Celebrate the 4th with our wonderful community with live performances, food trucks, face painting and, of course, a spectacular fireworks show!

### Palatine Park Fourth of July Celebration

 Palatine Park  
Everest Drive, Fairmont

6 p.m.


Celebrate the Fourth of July at Palatine Park with an evening of free live music and fireworks. The celebration kicks off at 6 p.m. with local favorite Byron "Six-Six" Cooper, followed by Motorcycle Drive-By at 7 p.m. The night wraps with Nightrain, a Guns N' Roses tribute band, taking the stage at 8 p.m.

### Big Bear Lake Camplands Fourth of July Fireworks

 Big Bear Lake Camplands  
Bruceton Mills

Celebrate the Fourth of July at Big Bear Lake Camplands with a laid-back evening and a fireworks display to end the night. Enjoy time with friends and family and take in the holiday atmosphere by the lake.


### Ride to the Grafton National Cemetery

 Triple S Harley-Davidson  
Willie G Avenue

Westover  
noon

Honor Independence Day with a patriotic group ride starting at Triple S Harley-Davidson. Riders will gather for registration before heading out on a scenic 70-mile ride through Grafton National Cemetery and ending at Dairy Creme Corner. Celebrate freedom, friendship and the open road.

### Masontown (PA) 150th Anniversary Festival Hot Dog Eating Contest

 Masontown-German Park  
3 p.m.

\$5 entry fee


Ages 18+ to participate

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## July 5


### Community Church Service

 Wadestown  
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Before the 98th Battelle District Fair July 7-11, there will be a sunrise church service hosted by Pastor Warren Wehyl from Jakes Run Assembly of God.

## July 11


### New Deal Fest

 Arthurdale  
11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Enjoy our annual family-friendly festival in historic Arthurdale, WV featuring live music, food trucks, an old-fashion fiddle contest, artisan market, kids' activities, hay rides, quilt show, West Virginia authors, folk art demos, and much more!

## July 11-12

### Preston County Farm Crawl

 Get ready to explore the charm of Preston County one stop at a time during this exciting Farm Crawl! Spend the day visiting a variety of local farms, each offering a unique experience, from fresh produce and homemade goods to interactive activities and scenic countryside views. This self-guided adventure is the perfect way to support local farmers while enjoying the beauty of the region. Whether you're picking up seasonal treats, meeting farm animals, or simply soaking in the fresh air, there's something for everyone to enjoy along the way. See participating farms at [www.prestoncountyfarmcrawl.com](http://www.prestoncountyfarmcrawl.com).



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## July 14


### Family Fun Fest: Wiles Hill Neighborhood Park

 287 Eureka Drive, Morgantown  
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Enjoy backyard games and a live steel drum concert for a fun-filled, family-friendly experience.

## July 17-18

### Bruceton Mills Good Neighbor Days

 Festivities begin on Friday at 5 p.m. with dinner, inflatables and games with a parade following at 7 p.m. The first night is capped off with a movie night beginning at 9 p.m. Festivities on Saturday go from 1-10 p.m. being capped off with fireworks.

## July 18

### Hometown Market: Feast in July

 Monroe Street, Fairmont  
4-8 p.m.

Christmas can't come soon enough! Monroe Street will be lined with dozens of local vendors and artisans! Join us downtown from 4-8 pm for music, food, and more.

July 26

### West Virginia Wellness Festival


 Mylan Park Community Center  
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10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Join us for the WV Wellness Festival, where wellness meets fun! This free event is designed to connect you with essential health resources, fun family activities, expert guidance, and community support—all in one place. Whether you're looking to improve your physical, mental, emotional, spiritual or social health, you'll find something for you and your family.

## July 29


### Rain Day

 Waynesburg (PA)  
11 a.m.-7 p.m.

An annual event featuring live entertainment on multiple stages, arts and crafts booths, hometown food booths, children's games and assorted other diversions – including a window and umbrella decorating contests. Foam party from 6-7 p.m. Admission is free!

## August 8


### Summer Shindig Square Dance

 Arthurdale Heritage Inc.  
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Join us for our annual Summer Shindig Square Dance. This is a family-friendly event, accessible to all ages and skill levels—no experience needed. And thanks to funding from Try This WV and by Your Community Foundation, this square dance is FREE!

## August 10

### Ron Smith Memorial Car Show

 Reedsville  
9 a.m.-TBD

## August 11

### Try-A-Thon: Marilla Park

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8 a.m.-noon

Kids can explore a variety of sports, activities and games in a fun, hands-on environment.


## August 12-15

### Clay District Fair

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## August 13-16

### Valley District Fair

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## August 15

### Gary C. Martin Memorial Ride

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## Hometown Market: Annual Tomato Festival

 Monroe Street, Fairmont  
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Marion County Master Gardeners and Main Street Fairmont have partnered together to bring you the Annual Tomato Festival! Join us for a day of fun, food, music, vendors, and more! And don't forget to sample some tomatoes!

**August 16**

## Jack Forman Memorial Truck Show

 Reedsville  
10 a.m.-TBD

Chicken dinners, crafts, bounce houses and games

**August 29**

## Real Fight Night 12

 Morgantown Marriott at Waterfront Place  
5 p.m.


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**Sept. 9-13**

## Monongalia County Fair

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**Sept. 19**

## West Virginia Pawpaw Festival

### Core Arboretum

Monongahela Boulevard, Morgantown  
noon-5 p.m.

Come to WVU Core Arboretum to taste, buy and learn about pawpaws! This annual event celebrating a native fall fruit of the forest is family-friendly, free and open to the public, no registration needed. The festival will be in the Lawn Area at the Arboretum, and free parking is available in the adjacent WVU Coliseum parking lot. We will have Peterson Pawpaws select varieties of pawpaw fruit available to sample and purchase, samples of pawpaw dishes prepared by a chef, a talk by a pawpaw expert, the North American Pawpaw Growers Association booth, pawpaw trees and other native plants for sale, live music, food trucks and more. This is the 8th annual WV Pawpaw Festival at WVU Core Arboretum. Pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*) is the largest fruit native to West Virginia. Pawpaws have a delicious tropical flavor that some describe as a combination of banana, mango, and pineapple and a smooth, creamy texture. Pawpaws ripen in autumn, and we host several pawpaw events at the Arboretum each year to coincide with pawpaw season. Even though pawpaws are fairly common, many people have never tasted a pawpaw, and we hope to change that!



# 'Something for everyone': 2026 Ruby Summer Concert Series

By Ben Conley

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MORGANTOWN – Ever fall on Troubled Times? Questioning whether you're even Tuff Enuff to Hold On Loosely?

If so, I Dare You to Move, but not to Santa Monica.

No. Get out of Your Place and MMMBop it on down to the Ruby Amphitheater, because If You Could Only See this summer's Ruby Summer Concert Series lineup, you'd wanna get right Down to the River.

Featured artists Hanson, Everclear, Leftover Salmon, Tonic, Switchfoot, The War and Treaty, The Fabulous Thunderbirds, Ashley Cooke and 38 Special will be joined by respected, touring tribute acts including Almost Queen (Queen); Philadelphia Freedom (Elton John); Dark Side of the Moonshine (Pink Floyd) and Who's Bad (Michael Jackson) to create a 12-week musical menagerie on the Mon.

All free in downtown Morgantown, rain or shine, most Friday nights this summer between June 5 and Aug. 28

"We're always talking about 'something for everyone,' That's kind of the motto, but there really is something for everyone because the scheduling and the diversity of the acts is intentional," Morgantown Director of Arts and Cultural Development Vincent Kitch said.

Intentional, but not easy.

Kitch and crew spend a year or more stitching together the lineup of headliners and opening acts. The timing has to be right. The money has to be right. Sometimes, it takes years before the stars align.

"We've been talking about Everclear and Tonic for a couple years. Normally, I would not have them one week to the next. I would have had one in June, but the routing was such that these were the only dates," Kitch said. "And as you start to fill them in and you get down to two or three dates, it gets even harder. Because now you're like, 'We need this kind of music for this date. Who's out there?'"

Kitch said he initially thought this year's bill would be a little bit country. As things turned out, it's a little bit rock'n roll, with Ashley Cooke, on Aug. 21, the only true country show on the lineup.

There are also a couple genre-defying offerings. Leftover Salmon (June 12) is a bluegrass jam band in rock'n roll sunglasses and cowboy boots, all dunked in cajun seasoning. The War and Treaty (July 24) is a husband/wife duo laying the sounds of southern soul over a foundation built on country,



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The schedule includes blues-rock stalwarts The Fabulous Thunderbirds (July 31), 80s powerhouse 38 Special (Aug. 28) and a band of blond brothers from the '90s - Hanson (Aug. 14)

Now entering its fifth summer, the Ruby Concert Series has become a perennial Best of Morgantown, and, last summer, ranked third nationally in the USA Today 10 Best after the 2025 series brought more than 50,000 people downtown for free Friday night tunes.

"We just appreciate the support we have from the city, and, of course, all of our sponsors. Nobody could do this without this kind of support. I understand that we are very lucky here in Morgantown to have this and to be able to do this, because nowhere else do you see this kind of lineup for free concerts. It just doesn't happen," Kitch said, adding, "It's all for the community. It truly is an investment for the community."





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# The eyes have it

## Must-see Morgantown and surrounding area

By Logan D. Cottrell

For the Dominion Post

**MORGANTOWN** — The summer months in Morgantown are rather calm, relatively speaking, which allows local residents and tourists to experience more of the city and the surrounding area.



### Coopers Rock State Forest

Nestled comfortably in both Monongalia and Preston counties sits Coopers Rock State Forest. The forest itself spans about 12,747 acres through both counties. The biggest summertime draws to Coopers Rock are hiking, fishing, biking, camping and the views. The forest offers more than 50 miles of trails for hikers and cyclists. Two campgrounds, with 50 campsites combined, allow people to bring their tents and see more of the Appalachian Mountains and the wildlife within them. Highly popular are the five two-bedroom A-frame cabins which provide a dark-sky view of the stars. The overlook, currently undergoing repairs to its pedestrian bridge, is scheduled to reopen in July. The best time to be at the overlook is just before the sunrise so you can see the forest slowly come into view as the sun shines over the valley.



### Mason-Dixon Historical Park

Sitting just outside of Morgantown on the western end of Monongalia County sits a park with a nature walking trail perfect for a day trip and picnic. Mason-Dixon Park sits alongside Dunkard Creek which is a major tributary to the Monongahela River. Locals use Dunkard Creek as a means to fish and to use as a swimming hole. Anglers can also test their mettle against one of the most popular fish to catch in Dunkard, the muskie. Locals have talked about the size of the muskie caught in the creek. If fishing is not your forte, then explore the walking trail which spans 1.9 miles depending on the loop you take. The trail takes visitors alongside Dunkard Creek, the non-corporeal Mason-Dixon line which divides West Virginia and Pennsylvania and the Browns Hill overlook. Other features of the park are the baseball diamond and playground. Locals in the surrounding community will use the old baseball field as an opportunity to play a game of baseball or softball or even kickball. The playground has a basketball court with two hoops perfect for pickup games of basketball. The park also comes equipped with two pavilions ideal for picnics and family events.

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**Cheat Lake**

Sitting on the northern side of Morgantown up next to Preston County sits a lake full of opportunities for fishing, swimming, boating and kayaking. Cheat Lake during the summer becomes a weekend hangout spot for locals and tourists alike. During the summer holidays, it fills with people wanting to beat the heat at the lake and maybe catch a fish or two. Cheat Lake also serves as a swimming hole for locals with rocky outcroppings to jump off into the lake and with plenty of small beaches for building a campfire and camping. During the Fourth of July, people can see fireworks above the lake and have the opportunity to watch them from the lake itself.



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# Reedsville VFD to continue tradition of good times at the Valley District Fair

By Logan D. Cottrell

For the Dominion Post

REEDSVILLE — The later months of the summer play host to some of the other fairs and festivals in the area surrounding Morgantown. Reedsville Volunteer Fire Department continues the late-summer tradition with the Valley District Fair.

This year's fair will take place from August 12-16 in Reedsville.

The fair usually kicks off with a parade but this year the tradition is changing, according to Letecia Lambert, the president of Reedsville VFD.

"This year, we are adding bingo, because we have started doing bingo on the first Wednesday of every month," Lambert said. "In August, we are going to move the bingo to fair week to help kick off the fair."

Lambert added the parade will take place on Aug. 13.

Following the opening two days, there are still plenty of events to follow, Lambert said.

"On the 14th, we will have the mud bogs," she said. "On the 15th, we will have our annual demolition derby, and on the 16th, we will have the car show as well as the truck show. Thursday through Saturday, we will be offering chicken dinners and we may be offering them on Sunday as well, but we also have regular concessions available, too."

There will be a pageant but it will be taking place before the fair actually happens in August, Lambert said.

"The pageant this year will take place on June 5th through the 7th," she said. "Applications are available through May 29th for anyone that would like to enter. We'll be doing the pageant for the girls, but we are adding the little firefighter contest, which is open to both boys and girls.

"It is a non-stage competition that runs up through age nine, the winner will be determined through donations. We also added a Mr. Valley District that will be ages 4 to 12 that is an onstage competition for just boys."

Lambert added Miss Valley District will represent the Valley District Fair at the West Virginia Fairs and Festivals Convention to compete for West Virginia Fair Association State Queen.

Lambert noted there has never really been a theme for the Valley District Fair due to it primarily being a motorsports festival.





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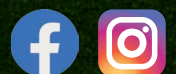
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# Fair-time fun

## Battelle and Clay District events highlights of summer

**By Logan D. Cottrell**

*For the Dominion Post*

WADESTOWN — As summer begins to set in, the western end of Monongalia County will be alight with the glow of neon signs, the smell of funnel cakes, the sounds of children laughing and beautiful music being played on stage.

### Battelle District Fair

The Battelle District Fair will kick off on July 7 and run until July 11, with this year's theme being "One In A Melon."

The theme of the fair was decided to help coincide with the headliner of this year's

fair Tracy Byrd.

"We put our theme in line with our main entertainment," said Pam Foley, president of the Battelle District Fair Association.

The fair will kick off with the normal festivities such as the parade, Foley said.

"Tuesday night, we will have our parade to help kick off the rest of the week's festivities," she said. "We don't have a parade marshal yet we're still working on that. Wednesday and Thursday night, we will be having our pageants, and again this year we will be having characters to come and entertain the kids, on Wednesday night."

Foley added Cletus T. Judd will be making another appearance again this year on Friday night as the headliner.

Fireworks will return again this year following Friday night's concert, Foley said.

"Following the Cletus T. Judd concert, there will be fireworks," she said. "If it's a foggy or rainy night, we will be rescheduling the fireworks for Saturday night, following the Tracy Byrd concert."

On July 5, there will be a church service again this year before the fair begins, Foley said.

"The service will be at 10 a.m. on Sunday followed by a community picnic afterwards," she said. "Warren Wehly from Jakes Run Assembly of God will be the pastor for the service. We'll

supply the hot dogs and everybody else bring a side dish and a chair."

Foley added there will be a new addition to this year's fair.

"Saturday morning we are going to be having a flea market," she said. "It will be running from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.. It will cost \$10 to set up a table, we will be there at 7 a.m. to help get people registered and checked in."

Foley added the second annual 5K run will also happen Saturday morning.

### Clay District Fair

DAYBROOK — With summer rolling around yet again, the Clay District Fair will be opening its gates Aug. 12-15 so members of the public can get their fill of funnel cakes and fair-time fun.

The theme for this year's fair has not been officially announced yet but, the fair will be trying to fit the theme of our nation's 250th birthday, according to Freddie Eddy, president of the Battelle District Fair Committee.

"It's going to be very patriotic," Eddy said. "We're going to tie in the 250th birthday of the United States. There are a lot of veterans that I'm going to try and include in different ways. Our parade marshal this year is most likely going to be a local veteran."

Eddy added there are plans to have fireworks Saturday night following the final performance of the fair.

The entertainment for the fair is still being worked out but the Friday

night headliner is Josh Pantry, Eddy said.

"He (Pantry) plays a lot of patriotic music," he said. "The queen and teen pageants will be held on Thursday evening. We are also having a pet show again this year but we are still working out the date on when that will be."

Eddy added the staple of the fair will be returning: the homemade pies, ranging from butterscotch to coconut cream.

One of the newest additions to this year's fair is the new community building, Eddy said.

"We're going to have our new building up and operating," he said. "I'm anxious to see how much better it makes things."



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## Koe Wetzel, Tucker Wetmore headline 2026 Wild Trails Festival

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LEWISBURG -- The State Fair of West Virginia announces the return of the Wild Trails Festival, set for June 18–20, at the State Fairgrounds in Lewisburg.

Headlining the 2026 festival are Koe Wetzel, Tucker Wetmore, Ian Munsick, and Shane Smith & The Saints, joined by a diverse lineup including Kolby Cooper, Kaitlin Butts, Larry Fleet, Bayker Blankenship, Evan Honer, The Creekers, The Jack Wharff Band, and more.

Now in its second year, Wild Trails Festival brings together three days of live music, camping, and outdoor adventure in the heart of “Wild, Wonderful West Virginia.” Held over West Virginia Day weekend, the festival blends top country and Americana artists with regional talent and a full weekend experience built for fans to stay, explore, and be part of an amazing weekend.

Tickets are available now at [wildtrailswv.com](http://wildtrailswv.com) or by calling 1-800-314-ETIX (3849). Three-day passes and VIP packages are currently on sale, offering the full weekend experience with on-site camping included. A limited number of single-day

tickets may be released closer to the event, if available.

“Wild Trails is more than a music festival—it’s a celebration of everything that makes West Virginia special,” said State Fair CEO Kelly Collins. “We’re proud to welcome guests from near and far to experience live music, community, and the incredible outdoor adventures our state has to offer.”

Building on a successful inaugural year that welcomed visitors from more than 40 states and multiple Canadian provinces, Wild Trails Festival continues to grow as a premier summer event in the region. Organizers say the event not only delivers unforgettable entertainment but also showcases West Virginia’s natural beauty and outdoor recreation opportunities.

Festival-goers can enjoy on-site camping, a variety of food and craft vendors, and easy access to nearby hiking, fishing, and local attractions throughout the Greenbrier Valley—making Wild Trails a true destination event.







A parade kicks off a past Battelle District Fair.


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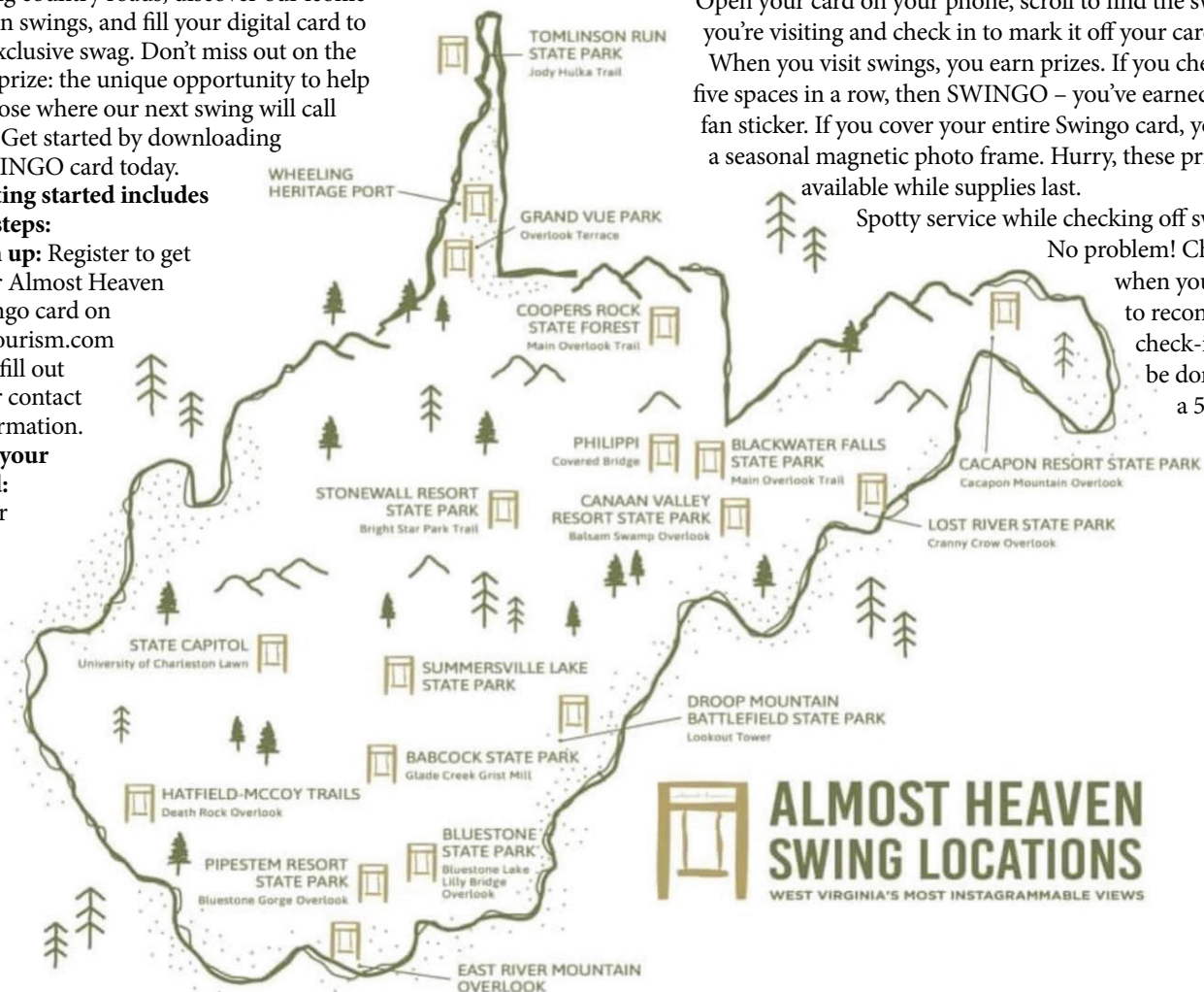
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- 06/06 StoryFest
- 06/06 Morgantown Farmers Market
- 06/13 Morgantown Farmers Market
- 06/13 Morgantown Pride Block Party
- 06/19 Car Cruise-In
- 06/20 Morgantown Farmers Market
- 06/27 Morgantown Farmers Market
- Ruby Summer Concert Series Season (Fridays June-Sept)

### July

- 07/03 First Friday for the Arts
- 07/04 Morgantown Farmers Market
- 07/04 United States 250<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Celebration
- 07/11 Morgantown Farmers Market
- 07/17 Car Cruise-In
- 07/18 Morgantown Farmers Market
- 07/18 Moonlight Market
- 07/25 Morgantown Farmers Market
- Ruby Summer Concert Series Season (Fridays June-Sept)

### August

- 08/01 Morgantown Farmers Market
- 08/07 First Friday for the Arts
- 08/08 Morgantown Farmers Market
- 08/15 Morgantown Farmers Market
- 08/21 Car Cruise-In
- 08/21-23 WV Tattoo Expo
- 08/22 Morgantown Farmers Market
- 08/26 Merchant Mixer
- 08/29 Morgantown Farmers Market
- Ruby Summer Concert Series Season (Fridays June-Sept)

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# High Point hosts Pro Motocross race on Father's Day weekend

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MT. MORRIS, Pa. — For thrill seekers looking for high-speed excitement on Father's Day weekend, the iconic, and most importantly legendary, motocross race is the place to be.

As part of the Pro Motocross Championship, the High Point National will return June 20 to the rolling hills of High Point Raceway in Greene County, Pa. The event, which attracts the

world's top riders, will be full of dirt flying action.

Known as the "Country Club of Motocross," the track offers a natural amphitheater for spectators and some of the sport's most technical features. The jumps at High Point are situated close to the main spectator areas, giving fans incredible views of the action. Fans can expect non-stop racing and entertainment all day long.

"The finishing touch comes

from its positioning on the calendar, which has allowed the High Point National to become a celebration and tradition of Father's Day," said Brandon Short, media contact for Next Level Sports.

Organized by the Coombs family of Morgantown, the event remains a staple of Pro Motocross and a celebration of the sport's roots. The Coombs family also serves as the organizer of the Pro Motocross Championship, which

makes this annual High Point race a familiar "home race" for the series.

Along with hosting the world's fastest Pro Motocross racers, the High Point National will also have an interactive Sponsor Village, Vendor Row and local fare. Amateur practice is set for Thursday and Friday with Amateur racing on Sunday.

For more information, visit [ProMotocross.com](http://ProMotocross.com).



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Christian McCauley practices at High Point Raceway in 2024. (Top) Racers leave the starting gate in the 250 class race at High Point Raceway in 2024.



Christian McCauley practices at High Point Raceway in 2024.

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