

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual River City Festival of the Arts**  
**Bicentennial – A Celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Preston County**  
 Schedule of Events MAY 25, 26, 27, 28, 2018

**Friday 5/25/2018**

9am-11am  
Museums & Exhibits Tour & Lunch  
 Preston County  
 Middle & High School  
 Students & Parents  
 Szilagyi Center/OLDRHS/AUD

11am  
 Doug Riley  
Outline of History of Preston County  
 Free SC/OLD RHS AUD

2pm  
Creative Non-Fiction Writing Workshop  
Preston County Experiences  
 Dr. Sandra Wales – Author  
 Carolann Hooton Library 3<sup>rd</sup> Tier Free

5pm-6:30pm  
Back Porch Music with a Country Twist  
 Clyde Sypolt and Group  
 Rowlesburg Park  
 Free Park Concession Stand

3pm  
Afternoon of Arias, Art Songs, Broadway Tunes  
 Cristina Nassif, Soprano  
 Guest Appearance - Jamie Kotmair, Baritone,  
 Dr. Thomas Nassif, Accompanist \$15/AUD  
 Free for Children and Teenagers

4:15 pm  
Reception – River City Café

5pm  
Ham & Turkey Dinner with all the fixin's  
 Christ United Methodist Church \$10/5

8pm  
RCF Gala Dance Evening The Classics Rock Band  
 Organizers - Lorenza & Judy Halterman,  
 Tom & Kenneta Moreland  
 Casa Marrara Wine, Finger Food, Soft Drinks  
 BYOB \$15/25 AUD

5pm  
RCF Patriotic Dinner  
 Catered by Side Tracked Restaurant –  
 Allen & Donna Close  
 Meatloaf, Baked Potato, Green Salad, Rolls,  
 Coffee, Sweet & Unsweetened Tea,  
 Apple Crumb Cake  
 Program – Invocation by Reverend Keplinger &  
 Sister Priscilla –  
 WWI Poetry Read by Rev. Keplinger, Eric  
 Bautista, Sister Priscilla, George Nassif  
ON TRAC Upcoming New Business Award  
Cheat River Trading Post  
 Jason Riggs & Paul Riggs  
 RCF Silent Auction – Organizers - Mary & Phil  
 Wotring  
 VFW Social Hall \$10/5

**All Day**

10 AM River City Café Continental Breakfast  
 Lunch available @ River City Café Saturday &  
 Sunday  
Sidewalk Visits  
Historic Buildings and Sites  
 Main Street Garden, Side Tracked Restaurant,  
 City Hall, World War II Memorial  
 Peoples National Bank – Town Churches - Old  
 Rowlesburg Church Property  
 Curiosity Shoppe Main Stay –  
 River House Lodge  
 I.O.O. F. Building/Rowlesburg Historical Society  
 & Railroad Depot  
 The Doctor Milton Proudfoot House, The  
 Charles Felton House-The Parkinson House –  
 Cannon Hill  
 Serafino House

**Saturday 5/26/2018**

10am  
Return of the Buckwheat Stars  
Preston County Sports Museum  
 Mike Argabrite – emcee - Gene King –  
Newburg Sports History  
1938 Kingwood and Newburg Football Game  
 Tributes - Barney Fortney, Roy Nutter, Glenn  
 Luzier, George Ayersman, Milt Metheny  
Parks & Recreation - Rails to Trails

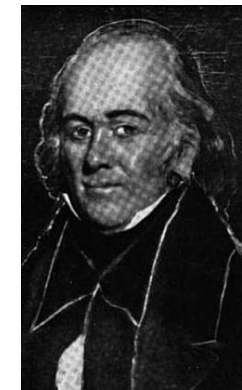
**Sunday 5/27/2018**

2:30pm  
World War I – The War to End All Wars  
The Christmas Truce  
 An Original Play Directed by Lynn Broderick  
 With Preston High Theater Ensemble  
 Dedicated to WWI Preston County Soldiers On  
 the Occasion of 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of End of  
 WWI  
 \$15 SC/OLD RHS Aud  
 Free for Children & Teenagers

**Monday 5/28/2018**

2pm  
Nellie Bly – American Journalist  
 JoAnn Peterson – Actress –  
 A Living History Portrayal  
 Free SC/OLD RHS AUD  
 Sponsor - WV Humanities Council

4pm  
Preston County Community Chorus  
 Conductors - Shauna Bloom, Wayne Williams  
 Accompanist – Kent Pomeroy  
 Free/SC/OLD RHS AUD



James Patton Preston  
 Governor of Virginia

2018 Memorial Day Weekend Bicentennial –

Special Exhibits

Governor James Patton Preston –

by Teresa Hyre

World War I Exhibit – W.B. Shaver – by

Walter “Bud” Shaver

Books by Rowlesburg Area Historical Society  
and Preston County Authors

Displays by Susan Ramey Ridgetop Pottery

Carolann Hooton Library Exhibits

Christmas Quilt & Quilts for Purchase –

Vicky Jackson & Helen Edmunds

4-H Display – Deakin Exhibit

Creative Art Studio – Rowlesburg High School

Picture Gallery

Buckwheat Festival Princess 1974 Display

History of Rowlesburg Lions Club

Orange & Black Set ‘em Back

Farmers Market – Crystal Dean and Associates

9 – 12 Noon on Saturday

**RIVER CITY FESTIVAL & ON TRAC**

On Site Team Coordinators

Lee Waybright, George Nassif

Maggie DeWeirdt – ON TRAC Liaison

Dr. Darrell Dean, Gloria Dean, Crystal Dean,

Shirley Hartley, Kathleen Orescanin, Helen

Edmunds, Vicky Jackson, Jean Wolfe, Helen

Jane Cline, Jewel & Mark Reed, Naomi Ellen

Nesser, Catherine Burke, Walter Burke, Dr. Tim

Weaver, Mary Wotring, Phil Wotring, Paul

Riggs, Delores Riggs, Elma Leaman, Roxanne

Bautista, Eric Bautista, Judy Halterman,

Lorenza Halterman, Thomas H. Nassif, Daphne

Wotring, Bruce Wotring, Norma Dowling,

Connie Sigley, Vicky Taylor, Dr. N. Joseph

Nassif, T. J. Hawkins,

Sharon Sunderland,

Anna R. Nassif, Chairperson

**For Tickets & RRC\* RCF\* ON TRAC**

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Department & All Community

Organizations

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**WEBSITES**

[www.rowlesburg.org](http://www.rowlesburg.org)

[www.rowlesburg.info](http://www.rowlesburg.info)

[www.rowlesburgguide.com](http://www.rowlesburgguide.com)

[www.tourpreston.com](http://www.tourpreston.com)

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**ROWLESBURG, WEST VIRGINIA** is a quaint railroad town located on the scenic big bend of the Cheat River, 35 miles Southeast of Morgantown, West Virginia.

**Directions:** Take Route 7 East, Past Kingwood, and at bottom of hill, turn right onto Route 72 (go 10 miles). From I-68, take exit #23, direction Kingwood (Rt. 26); in Kingwood take Rt. 7 East to Rt. 72.

Tickets available two weeks prior to the festival weekend.



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Dr. Thomas Nassif – Accompanist

Jamie Kotmair – Baritone



IN MEMORY

WWI Preston County Soldiers



**Soldiers from WWI**

Program subject to change

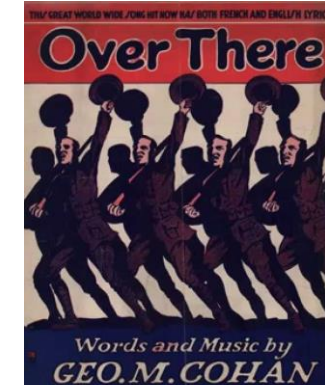
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**RRC, ON TRAC & RCF  
Present**

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**MEMORIAL DAY Weekend  
FRI SAT SUN MON  
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THE JANET AND IMRE SZILAGYI CENTER FOR THE  
VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

**Rowlesburg, West Virginia  
26425**