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Wild Birds Unlimited sowing seeds of a great holiday gift

BY JIM BISSETT

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Call it the perfect Christmas gift of the time-released variety, Scott Cavallaro said.

Yep: A hummingbird feeder.

"Can't go wrong with 'em," said Cavallaro, a birder from way back who owns and operates Wild Birds Unlimited, in Suncrest Towne Centre.

"People love hummingbirds," he said.

"They're enjoyable and colorful. A feeder from us will make your backyard a pretty popular place."

For ornithological enthusiasts across the region, his store is a pretty popular place.

The consumer migratory pattern is always the same, Cavallaro said.

A person will drop in for a just-right blend of bird seed, so they can attract, say, more robins or sparrows to the winged and feathered ecosystem just past their back deck.

Or maybe they're just getting started with the hobby. That's where the hummingbird feeders, and other feeders for other species come in.

Maybe a seed wreath (exactly what it says) or a "seed character" (bird seed whimsically shaped into the form of cartoon-inspired renderings of skunks and other animals) will fit the bill.

Either way, he said, one visit makes a repeat visitor – who will always stay and perch for a while, so as to pick up some insight from Cavallaro, who has been bird-watching since he was a little kid.

"This is such a great hobby," Cavallaro said. He was 8 years old and knee-high to an eagle when he started practicing it.



Visit Wild Birds Unlimited from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

A few years back, he decided to make his hobby his business. He was visiting friends in Winchester, Va., when he happened to walk into a Wild Birds Unlimited store for the first time.

The chain began in Indianapolis – Indiana's state bird is also West Virginia's state bird, the Northern Cardinal – and he was hooked. Not long after, he became a franchisee in Morgantown.

His Wild Birds Unlimited store in Suncrest Towne Centre is open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The phone number is 304-241-4370.

Cavallaro, of course, wants you to fly in for Christmas shopping – but orders may also be made online at <https://morgantown.wbu.com/>.

Don't forget that hummingbird feeder, if you're helping out Santa with his gift list, the store owner said.

Hummingbirds usually start arriving in the Mountain State in March and stay for the summer.

"Something to look forward to after you unwrap the gift," he said.



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The Mountaineer's student section gets excited for WVU men's basketball game against Pitt on Nov. 13 in Hope Coliseum.

WVU Athletics offers a range of affordable holiday options

BY MICHAEL GRIFFITH

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MORGANTOWN — As the holiday season approaches, Mountaineer fans can score big on tickets and merchandise with the WVU ticket office's Black Friday and Cyber Monday special offers. The event gives fans plenty of time to snag deals for any WVU fans in their lives.

WVU Athletics Holiday Special

From Nov. 24 through Dec. 5, fans can take advantage of discounts on tickets and apparel. Tickets for every remaining home game for Women's Basketball will be available for only \$5. As well as all remaining home matches for the wrestling

team (excluding Oklahoma State) being available for the same price.

For men's basketball, WVU is offering a \$10 discount on all upper-level tickets for the contest against Little Rock on Dec. 9.

Online Shopping Deals

Can't make it to the store? No problem! WVU Athletics' official online store, ShopWVU.com, will also offer special holiday deals on licensed Mountaineer merchandise. Shop from the comfort of your home and still get amazing discounts on items.

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Vittone's Music Center owner Tony Vittone playing one of the store's Kawai Pianos. Vittone's Music Center has been open in Greensburg, Pa., since 1988.

BY MICHAEL KOVAK
For the Dominion Post

Tony Vittone is a big believer in brass instruments, having played and studied them as a student at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh.

But he's an even bigger believer in a pair of widely played and wildly popular instruments.

"After doing this for 50 years, as much as the band instruments are wonderful, I agree with them, I did it," Vittone said. "Once you leave school, you're going to play clarinet at 20 years old? Probably not. But two instruments that are wonderful to learn and play are piano and guitar. You can sit down anywhere and strum a guitar, and everybody watches a piano player."

About 60 miles from Morgantown in the Gabriel Brothers Plaza along Route 30 in Greensburg, Pa., Vittone's Music Center offers a selection of guitars, pianos, organs and accessories.

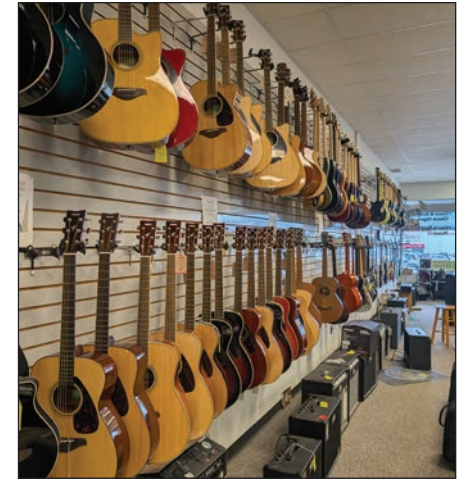
Need a lesson? Vittone's offers those. Piano or organ tuning? Vittone travels all over to provide his expert service.

Generations of aspiring musicians have shopped at Vittone's Music Center, open since 1988, many making their first six-stringed purchase there, but what gives the store added distinction is its collection of pianos and organs.

No other music store in the area sells Kawai Pianos or Rodgers and Johannis organs. Customers and churches seeking these products come from far and wide, even Morgantown, where Vittone and staff member Bob Zimmerman travel every other month to teach lessons to seniors.

"Mostly I think of us as a family music store," the 81-year-old Vittone said. "This is a good place to come and get started."

Vittone's Music Center is open Monday through Saturday with Sundays by appointment. Store hours are



Michael Kovak/For the Dominion Post photos
Some of the guitars for sale at Vittone's Music Center in Greensburg, Pa. Store owner Tony Vittone says most guitars at the store range in price from \$200 to \$400.

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Spa Roma, at 170 Lakeview Drive, in the Cheat Lake area, offers plenty of beauty- and wellness-related items for purchase and services such as massage, facial, nails and hair.

Spa Roma central for all gifts beauty, wellness

BY ALISE CHAFFINS

For the Dominion Post

The holidays can be stressful, and there is nothing like taking a spa day at Spa Roma to help calm those holiday nerves. Offering massages, facials, nail services, hair services, make-up and more, Spa Roma is your

source for all things beauty and wellness-related.

In preparation for the holidays, Spa Roma will be offering discounts on various services. They also offer gift cards, and for the holidays, the purchase of a \$125 gift card will include an additional \$10. They will also be offering some gift baskets for purchase, though own-

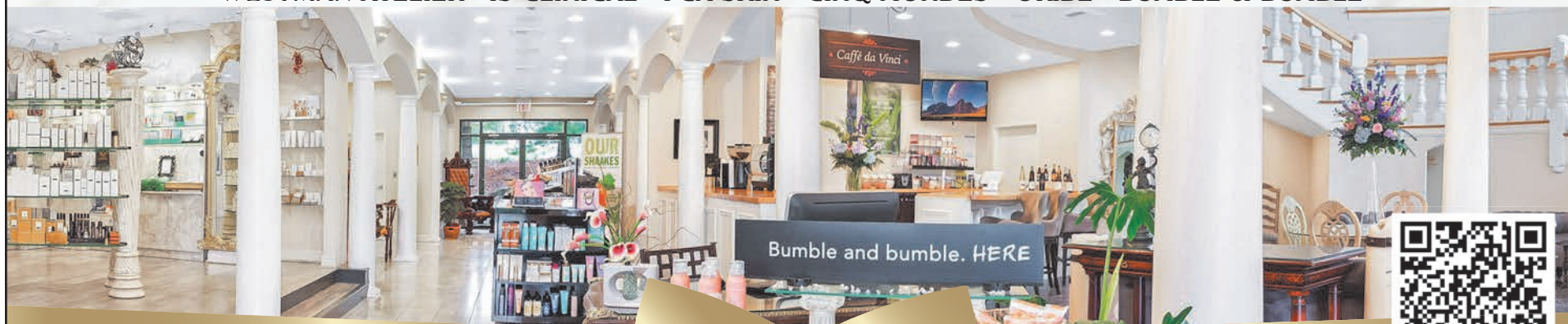
er and Medical Aesthetician Michel Marlett suggested that people can also assemble their own items.

Michel also encourages people to download the new rewards app from Spa Roma. Available for both iPhone and Android, the Spa Roma app will have ways for you to earn rewards by purchasing items, and also allow you

to see what is coming to the store. With an account, you can purchase gift cards directly in the app, making them a great gift any time of year, especially during the busy holiday season.

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Mountaineer Gun Sales the gift spot for your favorite fisherman

BY JENIFFER GRAHAM

For the Dominion Post

Theresa Walsh started her business venture in her hometown of Kingwood, with a store called Flintlock's. She said her ex-husband, the late Rick Snyder, made custom muzzle loaders for people.

"I got the idea to start selling the items you needed to shoot them. Then I expanded into hunting, fishing and a small gift area. When we divorced, I reopened the store in the Kingwood Shopping Plaza."

Walsh said. "I loved playing store a little girl. I am now 70 and still love playing store."

She said she later met a man from Morgantown by the name of Mark Walsh.

"We married and opened 2 stores in a building on 659 Point Marion Road. Mark always wanted an ice cream shop. I made his dream come true. We started Mountaineer Country Ice Cream and Mountaineer Gun Sales," Walsh said.

She said at Mountaineer Gun Sales they sold guns and all the hunting gear, fishing tackle and bait and had a gift shop for the women.

"We no longer sell guns. Fishing is a bigger thing in today's world. We have just about everything you need for the young fishermen and the tournament fishermen. We have gear and lures for trout, walleye, bass, catfish and musky. We also sell live bait. Our store sells fathead



Mountaineer Country Ice Cream shares a space with Mountaineer Gun Sales.

minnow, bass shiners, sucker fish, night crawlers, meal worms, maggots and wax worms. I was told by many people Mountaineer Gun Sales is the largest fishing store in the tri-state area. Customers are now driving a long way to get their fishing fix," Walsh said.

She said Mountaineer Gun Sales sells fishing lures by Megabass, Rapala, Keitech, Berkley, Z-man, 6th Sense, Yamamoto, Strike King, MadKatz, Hellcat and Whisker Seeker.

"Mountaineer Country Ice Cream is a very popular place, too. We sell 72 flavors of Hershey's Hand Dipped Ice Cream. Hershey's Soft Serve is seasonal. You can get your favorite flavor in the cone, dish, milkshake or float. We also make banana splits and make it your way, 3 ice cream and 3 toppings. And you can create your own sundae," Walsh said.

She said there will be a three-day sale Black Friday



Photos courtesy of Mountaineer Gun Sales
Fishing gear is the draw to Mountaineer Gun Sales at 659 Point Marion Road in Morgantown.

weekend, with many specials on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Walsh said gift certificates are a big seller at Mountaineer Gun Sales and Mountaineer Country Ice Cream. A gift certificate lets the recipient pick out their own special gift.

Hours are Monday noon to 9 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday noon to 6 p.m. Hours change during the winter months and will be posted on Google and Facebook.

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Spencer & Kuehn Fine Jewelry Studio is located at 716 Venture Drive in Morgantown.

Spencer & Kuehn: Holiday destination for fine jewelry

BY BENJAMIN POWELL

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MORGANTOWN – For those seeking a gift that carries both artistry and legacy, Spencer & Kuehn Fine Jewelry Studio offers a rare blend of craftsmanship and creativity. Formed in 2018 by professional artist Katherine Spencer and longtime Morgantown jeweler Jon Kuehn, the studio represents the evolution of nearly five decades of expertise. Kuehn, who has been a staple in the local jewelry industry since 1976, will celebrate 50 years in the business next year.

The partnership emerged organically. Spencer envisioned opening her own studio, while Kuehn — “unhappily retired,” as he described with a smile — was far from ready to step away from the bench.

“It took us six months of conversations to realize we could build something remarkable together,” Kuehn said. “Katherine has completely transformed the business. Her formal metalsmithing training allows her to turn raw platinum into intricate, diamond-studded designs. We’re operating at a whole new level now.”

Their combined expertise has produced a full-service, in-house jewelry

studio unlike any other in Morgantown. With four jewelers and designers on staff, Spencer & Kuehn specializes in custom design, repairs, watch services and fine jewelry lines crafted using both ancient hand-fabrication techniques and cutting-edge technology. This unique model helped earn them the title of Best Jewelry Business in West Virginia.

For Spencer, the work is pure passion.

“When I’m at the bench, it doesn’t feel like work,” she said. “We’re a blend of a traditional old-world jewelry store and a contemporary artisan studio. Providing all these services under one roof is what makes us successful.”

Earlier this year, the studio doubled its footprint with a renovation and expansion at their location in the Pierpont Centre at 716 Venture Drive.

This holiday season, visitors can also take advantage of a 60% off three-day estate sale on Black Friday, Small Business Saturday and Cyber Monday — making it the perfect time to discover Morgantown’s most innovative jewelry destination.

For more information and holiday business hours, visit: <https://www.spencerandkuehn.com>

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WVU's Canady Creative Arts Center on the Evansdale campus

Coming full circle at the WVU CAC

BY JIM BISSETT

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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas ... at the Canady Creative Arts Center.

The circular confines of the performance space on West Virginia University's Evansdale campus are already abuzz with holiday activity for the season.

And a ticket purchase for any or all those shows just might make the perfect pre-holiday gift for that artsy person on your Christmas list.

"Nutcracker! Magical Christmas Ballet" arrives Dec. 1 on the stage of the Lyell B. Clay Concert Theatre in the CAC. The international troupe of dancers from Ukraine and other spots on the globe will blend classical ballet with a touch of avant-garde.

"Champions of Magic: Holiday Spectacular takes the Clay stage Dec. 22, featuring grand-scale magic acts and the occasional goofy holiday sweater – all performed by master magicians and illusionists from across the U.S., the United Kingdom and Mexico.

To take you into 2026, "Chicago: The Musical" will enthrall you with one show-stopping song after another on Jan. 13.

Mountain Stage, the acclaimed music performance show hosted by West Virginia Public Radio, is bringing a concert to CAC on Jan. 18, featuring Don Was & The Pan-Detroit Ensemble, Vienna Teng, Joe Crookston and other acts.

Visit <https://creativeartsandmedia.wvu.edu/events/university-arts-series/2025-26> for more information on ticket prices and other performance particulars.





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Jack & Jill Menswear owner Frant Tatta stands in his Morgantown store.

Sportcoats, vests and ties good gifts from Jack & Jill

BY DAVID BEARD

For the Dominion Post

MORGANTOWN – If you and Santa are looking for luxury garb for a man in your life, consider Jack & Jill Menswear. The store opened in Fairmont in 1955 and has shops on Fairmont Avenue in Fairmont and at Northpointe Plaza on Easton Hill Road in Morgantown – opened in 2005.

Owner Frank Tatta said Jack & Jill is a luxury men's store specializing in suits, sportcoats, dress pants, shirts, ties and

sportswear from Europe. They also have West Virginia game day apparel and casual sportswear by Tommy Bahama and Peter Millar.

The biggest seller, he said, is his own line, the Tatta Collection – recognizable by its bright red label. He selects the fabrics and designs the items – even ties.

Holiday buyers, Tatta said, are drawn to sweaters, sport shirts, causal pants.

"Sportcoats are always a good Christmas gift. The outerwear and vests are good items at Christmas time, also."



'It's a Wonderful Life' tickets would make a wonderful gift

BY ALISE CHAFFINS

For the Dominion Post

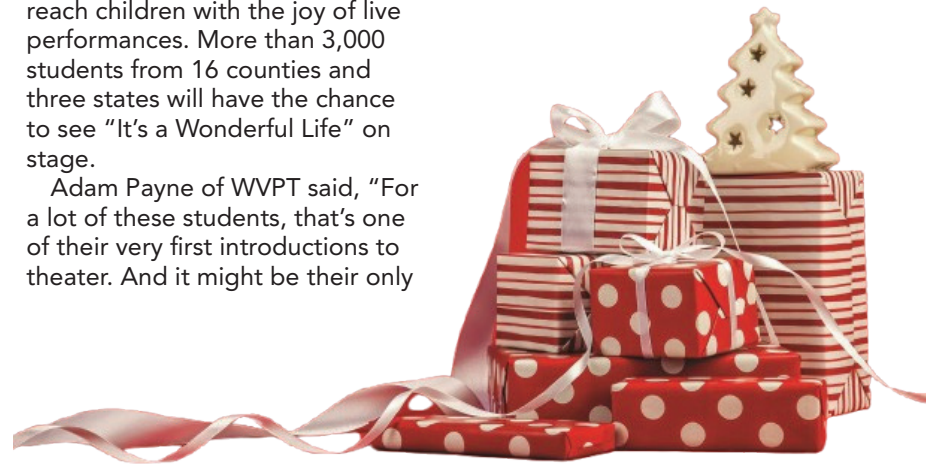
One of the most iconic holiday films is Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life," and this year, West Virginia Public Theatre is bringing the story of George Bailey to the stage from Dec. 13-19 at the Lyell B. Clay Concert Hall at WVU. The last time they performed this show was in 2018, so they are excited to bring it back to audiences this season.

Each year, WVPT uses its Christmas show as an opportunity to reach children with the joy of live performances. More than 3,000 students from 16 counties and three states will have the chance to see "It's a Wonderful Life" on stage.

Adam Payne of WVPT said, "For a lot of these students, that's one of their very first introductions to theater. And it might be their only

experience getting to see live theater, so we're proud to be able to be a professional theater company that's also offering them discounted rates and really trying to get as many students from disadvantaged backgrounds to be able to see live theater as possible."

The performances for the students are Dec. 16-19 at 10 a.m., and the tickets are just \$10 for students and parents. Tickets for their non-student performances are between \$15 and \$30 and can be purchased from wvpublictheatre.org.





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Everyday's A Party has you covered this holiday

BY ALISE CHAFFINS
For the Dominion Post

If you're looking for a good time, but you want to keep it local, Everyday's A Party has you covered. As the premier party store in Morgantown, they offer beers and wines from around the area, along with popular gift items like Stanley and Yeti tumblers, Crossroad Candles and Labubu plushies.

Their local beer collection includes all varietals from these WV breweries: Big Timber Brewing, Screech Owl, Chestnut, Parkersburg Brewing Company, Weathered Ground, High Ground Brewing and Greenbrier Valley Brewing. If wine is more your speed, they have wines from Forks of Cheat, Mountain Dragon Mazery, Lambert's Vintage Wines, West-Whitehill Winery, Kirkwood Winery and Daniel Vineyards.

If your tastes lie elsewhere, they also carry international flavors, THC-infused drinks and a wide variety of non-alcoholic beverages. They also carry snacks, including items from local vendors, so you have something to eat with your drinks.

Everyday's A Party has everything that you need for a party of every size. They have 21 different colors of party supplies to make decorating a breeze. Manager Clark Shrum highlighted that they are able to put together packages for a party, based specifically on your needs, making the experience more personalized and special. And if time gets away from you, his team can put it together quickly to make sure you have what you need when you need it.

For more information, check out their website at everydaysapartywv.com.

Suncrest Towne Centre a one-stop gift destination

BY BEN CONLEY

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MORGANTOWN – From fashion to fitness to food to finery, Suncrest Towne Centre has it covered when it comes to holiday gifts – for yourself or others.

"We've got the national brands here, and then we've got privately owned shops. Not only can you come here to shop and get your Christmas done, you can find services for yourself. You can get your nails done and have your hair done, get lunch and hit Kroger on the way out for gourmet goodies and holiday entertaining supplies," Property Manager Michele Krucoff said. "We're more of a shopping destination for special gifts with stores like Chico's, Jacqueline's Fine Jewelry, Joseph A. Bank. There are gift cards for restaurants and places like Alumni Hall, with their extensive selection of WVU gifts and fanware."

Krucoff said fashion stores like Park & Madison Boutique are stocked with sparkles and contemporary brands like Free People, Pistola and Barefoot Dreams, as well as an array of candles, stocking

stuffers and accessories.

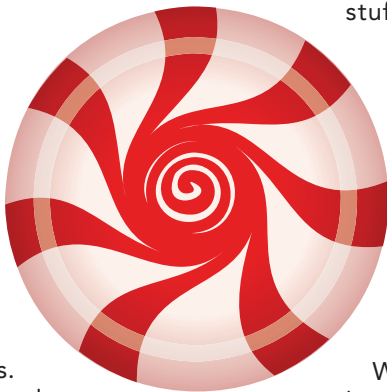
"This year, we've also got some health and wellness options that are interesting. Country Road Running & Walking is a new store that just opened. They sell exercise gear and running and walking shoes.

We've got a new Pilates studio (BODYBAR Pilates), as well as cycling and yoga memberships. We've got Project Lean Nation, which is healthy meals to go," Krucoff said. "So, if you've got 2026 New Year's resolutions to be healthy, you can certainly get started here, at Suncrest Towne Centre."

All that said, if you've still got gift ideas you need to pass along to the big guy, Buffalo Wild Wings will host a lunch with Santa on Dec. 6 in conjunction with the Star City Volunteer Fire Department and the WVU Hip Hop Dance Team.

Krucoff said the businesses in Suncrest Towne Centre, large and small, are ready to welcome the holiday crowds.

"We've got our holiday decorations up. The music will be playing, and the stores will be packed with merchandise," she said. "We're ready to go."



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Suncrest Towne Centre offers shops, restaurants, salons and more.



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Appalachian Gallery: Gifts from the Mountain State



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Appalachian Gallery is housed Walnut Street's iconic "Sandcastle Building" in Morgantown.

BY BEN CONLEY

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MORGANTOWN — Throughout its nearly 40-year history, Appalachian Gallery has grown into a showcase for West Virginia's creative spirit and a must-stop for shoppers with an eye for unique gifts crafted amongst the rolling hills.

Founded in the 1980s by author David A. Stelzig, the business has spent the last 14 years or so in Walnut Street's iconic "Sandcastle Building," constructed 123 years ago to serve as the home of William J. Price.

Today, the historic building serves as studio and showroom for artist and proprietor Penelyn VanOrange, who fills the space primarily with West Virginia-based creators from across the artistic spectrum.

"Our customers know that they can find quality local art and gifts here. We have earned that knowledge over decades of carrying the work of ded-

icated artists, craftpersons and other professional businesses — Blenko, Appalachian Glass, Fiesta, Allegheny Treenware, West Virginia Book Company, etc," VanOrange said, explaining the shop is expanding into art supplies this holiday season with offerings from Blick Art and Utrecht Art Supplies.

The store features creations ranging from paintings and stained-glass pieces to wooden bowls, ironwork, handmade jewelry and the printed word. Further, VanOrange's custom framing work has become a staple of the business.

"Popular Holiday purchases here include handmade pottery of all kinds, Fiestaware, vintage and current-production glassware, hand-blown ornaments, fused-glass jewelry, stained glass and books by local authors," VanOrange said.

For more information about Appalachian Gallery, including business hours, check out wvcraft.com.

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Appalachian Gallery features vintage and current-production glassware.

Hoot and Howl offers unique selection of local items

BY MICHAEL GRIFFITH
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MORGANTOWN – If your holiday shopping list includes friends and family with differing interests, Hoot and Howl is the place to go this season.

Located on Spruce Street in Downtown Morgantown, Hoot and Howl offers a handpicked selection of unique gifts from small-batch artisans and businesses in West Virginia and abroad. From food and beverages to arts and prints, stationery and paper products, and candles and home fragrances, Hoot and Howl has something for all ages and interests.

“The highlight of our holiday season is our Saturday pop-up parties,” owner Stephanie Swaim said. “We bring two local artists into the store, and they bring in samples of their work to share. Small Business Saturday is also a big day for us and the local businesses around the city.”

The Saturday pop-up parties will begin on Dec. 6 and will be held every Saturday and Sunday during the month. The event will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays and from noon to 4 p.m. Sundays.

For any plant lovers on your shopping list, Hoot and Howl’s plant shop, Euphorbia, is the ideal place for anything you need. Directly connected to the main store, Euphorbia offers plants, pots, soils, amendments, fertilizers and other plant-related merchandise. It even provides plant care guidance and shares the same hours as Hoot and Howl.



Hoot and Howl displays a handpicked selection of gifts at its Walnut Street location.

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Hoot and Howl is situated on Walnut Street in downtown Morgantown.



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Courtesy of M-SNAP

Located at 28 Commerce Drive in Westover, ReTails becomes a Christmas Shoppe from October to December.

Shop thrift and holiday specials at ReTails to support M-SNAP

BY JENIFFER GRAHAM

For the Dominion Post

ReTails by M-SNAP, (a thrift store), was opened in 2010 and is located at 28 Commerce Drive in Westover. The thrift store began in the Morgantown Mall but moved to 28 Commerce Drive in Westover in September 2024. ReTails is a very special thrift store that accepts donations of new or gently used items from its supporters. Like M-SNAP, the store is staffed by volunteers and the net proceeds support the M-SNAP Voucher Program.

ReTails is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10

a.m. to 7 p.m. The store is not open to the public on Sunday and Monday, as the volunteers are busy restocking for the next week.

"We have great volunteer opportunities - please call 304-241-1483," Nancy Young said.

She said the biggest M-SNAP event occurs in February in recognition of Spay Month and Spay Day (the last Tuesday in the month). Where M-Snap normally has special distributions of vouchers and special spay/neuter events.

The biggest fundraiser occurs in November every year. The volunteers at ReTails save all Christmas donations until late October when they clear the shelves and become

a Christmas Shoppe.

"We offer everything the Christmas holiday is about - even gift ideas. We will become a thrift store again next year. in January 2026," Young said.

Mountaineer Spay Neuter Assistance Program (M-SNAP) was founded in 2008, received its 501(c)3 status in 2009 and issued its first vouchers in October 2009.

"Our mission is to make spay/neuter the most common solution to reducing the number of homeless, abandoned, and feral animals living in Monongalia County thereby eliminating euthanasia as a necessary means of domestic pet population control," Young said.

She said to qualify for an M-SNAP voucher

you must be a resident of Monongalia County (because you must be a county resident to relinquish animals at the county shelter) and must honestly need our help. Residency & Need (on the honor system). When we began, 1,947 unwanted dogs and cats were euthanized at the county shelter. Three hundred forty-nine were euthanized in 2024.

Young said requests are submitted by calling 304-985-0123 and leaving your contact information in Mailbox #1. "We are an all-volunteer nonprofit and we all work from home. It may take several attempts to get through because every voucher must be funded before issued. We mail approximately 70 vouchers every month and vouchers are issued on a first come basis (pregnant animals do take priority). We also have a TNVR (Trap/Neuter/Vaccine/Return) program to help colony managers and neighborhoods control feral cat colonies through attrition, not killing," she said.

M-SNAP has issued over 19,000 vouchers in our 16 years. Nine local veterinary clinics accept our vouchers and M-SNAP has added over \$1M to the local economy.

"We do not rescue, foster, adopt, transport, or provide medical services - we are strictly a spay/neuter program that pays for the surgery and a rabies shot for each eligible dog or cat," she said



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Courtesy of M-SNAP

Holiday goods can be found throughout the season at ReTails.

ReTails by M-SNAP is a special thrift store selling donated new and gently used treasures - our Sales support **Mountaineer Spay Neuter Assistance Program**. We are an all-volunteer non-profit that has fixed over 19,000 eligible dogs and cats to reduce pet overpopulation in Mon County.

Think Coombs Flowers for fresh gift ideas

BY ALISE CHAFFINS
For the Dominion Post

MORGANTOWN – A gift that may not always cross your mind when you're doing holiday shopping is fresh flowers. Here in Morgantown, Coombs Flowers can help you find something beautiful, unique, and affordable when you're looking for a special gift.

Coombs Flowers has been in business since 1952 and has flowers for nearly every occasion. Their Christmas offering is available now and features a number of stunning arrangements under \$100. They have wreaths, centerpieces, and bouquets that range from very elegant to whimsical. And through the holidays, if you order online, Teleflora will make a donation to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. You aren't charged extra for this; it is just a part of the purchase.

If you're hoping to save a little bit more, Coombs Flowers will be open for Small Business Saturday on Nov. 29, as well as Saturday, Dec. 13, for the Downtown Dash. At both of these events, you will be able to



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Fresh, festive and fragrant gifts can be found at Coombs Flowers at 401 High St., Morgantown.

save an additional 20% on items in the store, though, as Jimmy Coombs said, flowers are a gift whose price has remained relatively stable over time. There have been some increases, but compared to other goods, they have not seen as many.

Coombs also suggested that if you're hoping to get items for the holidays, it would be best to order two weeks ahead to ensure items arrive on time, but they will work with you for a fast turnaround, as well. You can find more information at their website: coombsflowers.com.



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Tanner's Alley is located at 416 High St. in Morgantown.

BY BENJAMIN POWELL

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MORGANTOWN – Located at 416 High Street in Morgantown, Tanner's Alley Leather Design Studio has been a staple in the community for nearly five decades. The business was founded in 1976 by owner and craftsman Charles McEwuen, who first learned the art of leatherwork while serving with the 101st Airborne Division. Using the limited tools available at his post craft store, McEwuen taught himself to create leather goods — a skill he brought home to West Virginia and transformed into a thriving local business.

What began in a modest six-foot storefront, once little more than a walled-off alleyway on Walnut Street, has grown into a well-loved destination for handcrafted leather products. Throughout its evolution, Tanner's Alley has remained committed to one

core mission: producing authentic, handmade goods of premium quality.

"We still design and make everything right here in our studio," McEwuen said. "In this day and age, that's a rare thing. You're hard-pressed to find anything made in the United States, let alone right here in your hometown. A lot of people are looking for that sort of thing nowadays — unique items that aren't mass-produced and that you can't get in a hundred other places."

From wallets and handbags to belts, accessories and custom pieces, Tanner's Alley offers a wide variety of beautiful leather products perfect for the holiday season. Each item is crafted with care, reflecting the studio's long-standing commitment to craftsmanship, durability and timeless style.

For more information or to check business hours, visit TannersAlleyLeather.com

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Tea-vents highlight holiday season at The Tea Shoppe

BY JENIFFER GRAHAM
For the Dominion Post

Lisa Biafore was looking to retire from corporate life when she decided to start The Tea Shoppe with her two daughters.

"I thought The Tea Shoppe would be a good fit for Morgantown. It truly has become a passion," she said.

Biafore, who manages the business, said her daughter Rachel is a certified pastry chef and manages the front of the house, events and catering. She said her other daughter, Regina, is the kitchen manager and is responsible for marketing and

social media.

"We are a specialty tea shoppe and tea room (restaurant). We carry over 300 loose leaf teas, and a variety of teaware and accessories. Our menu consists of afternoon tea services, gourmet sandwiches, paninis, soups, salads and fresh baked scones and sweets," Biafore said.

She said The Tea Shoppe is a great place for baby and bridal showers, and they also host special events such as tea tastings, princess teas, adult-themed events such as murder mysteries, Galentines, Kentucky Derby, Witches & Warlocks (and many others) as well as literary and arts teas.

"We also do specially

themed teas for holidays, such as Valentines, Mother's Day and St. Patrick's Day, etc.," Biafore said.

She said the Tea Shoppe will be hosting a literary tea-vent, Charles Dickens on Dec. 3; a children's event, Tea with Mrs. Claus, Dec. 13 and 14; and Holiday Tea Tasting Dec. 17. For more information or to make reservations to attend an event, call 304-413-0890 or visit TheTeaShoppeWV.com.

The Tea Shoppe is located in the Seneca Center, 709 Beechurst Ave., Suite 23 in Morgantown. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and closed Monday.



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Tea samplers are available for purchase at The Tea Shoppe.



Courtesy of The Tea Shoppe

Specialty teaware adorn the shelves at The Tea Shoppe in the Seneca Center.

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Forty Eight Donley manager Paris Russell, left, and head chef Kurt Blosser behind the bar

BY DAVID BEARD
For the Dominion Post

MORGANTOWN – If holiday shopping has left you famished, or you’re looking for someplace special for a holiday get-together, consider Forty Eight Donley.

The restaurant is located off the main lobby in the ground floor of the Marina Tower at 48 Donley Street, and overlooks the rail-trail and the Monongahela River.

“We describe ourselves as an elevated dining experience,” said Manager Paris Russell.

The menu is eclectic, said Russell and Head Chef Kurt Blosser.

“We try to cater to everybody,” Blosser said.

They feature seasonal fare and change the menu periodically. The

fall menu offered an example of the variety: braised lamb shank, chicken tikka masala, pumpkin sage lasagna, vegan mushroom ragu, sausage hoagie, beef tenderloin, sea bass, tonkatsu (pork cutlet) and butternut squash risotto.

Their chefs are classically trained, Russell, said, with one from Austria who brings a European influence.

Forty Eight Donley offers private and holiday events – such as a wreath-making day – and wine pairing dinners with the chefs, Russell said,

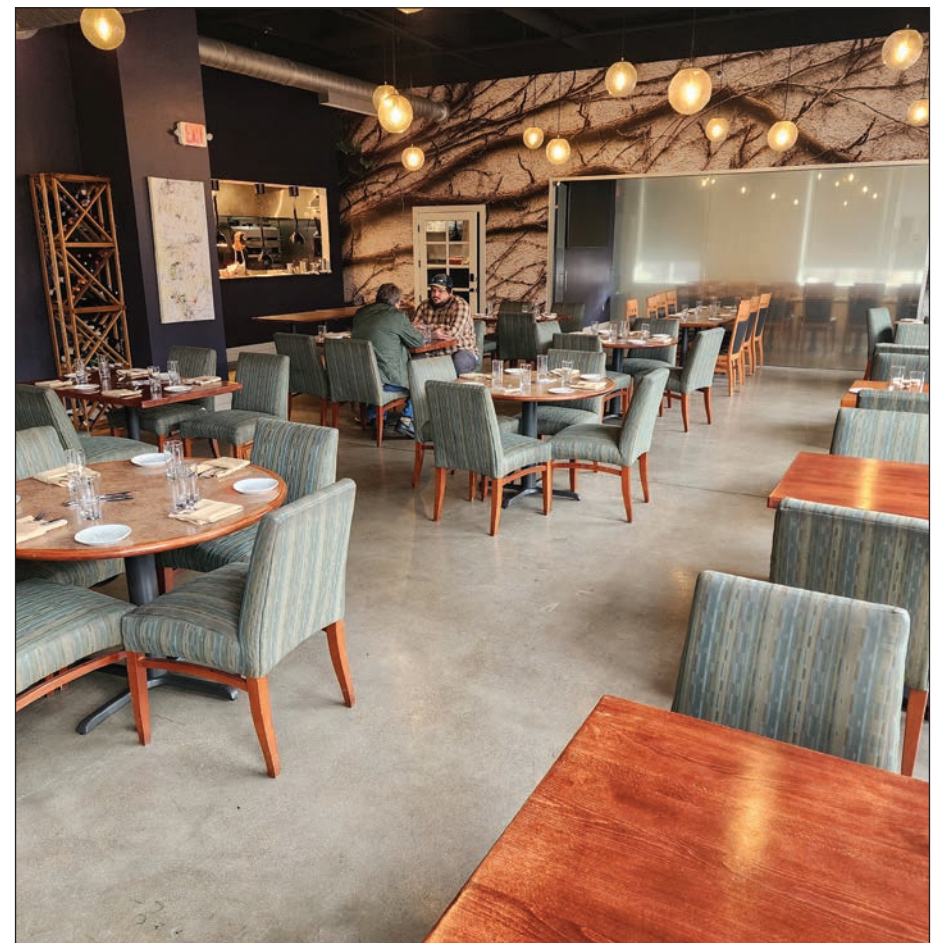
Lunch hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday; dinner hours are 5 to 9 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, and 5 and 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

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A graphic for Forty Eight Donley featuring three bottles of wine (Pikes, Pikes, and Pikes) on a bar. A chalkboard sign reads: "the 'BUZZ' EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 5PM TRY 3 WINES WITH A PAIRED APPETIZER!". The Forty Eight Donley logo is at the bottom.

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Shown is the dining room at Forty Eight Donley in Morgantown.



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Wisp making white Christmas dreams come true

BY DAVID BEARD
For the Dominion Post

You can indulge your dreams of a white Christmas and go dashing through the snow all winter long at Wisp Resort in McHenry, Maryland.

The resort, overlooking Deep Creek Lake, offers skiing, snowboarding, tubing, the Mountain Coaster, escape games, restaurants and lodging.

Spokeswoman Lori Zaloga described a couple offerings Wisp has this season.

One is called Mission Affordable. You can buy a four pack of lift tickets for \$269 through Dec. 1. The tickets are valid anytime, any day, for anyone, throughout the winter season. One person can use all four, or you can share them. "They do make great gifts, especially for a family," she said.

After Dec. 1, the price goes to \$309 until Dec. 19.

Another offering is the Ace's Free Learn to Ski or Snowboard program for first-timers.

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River Fair Trade offers eclectic mix for all ages

BY MICHAEL GRIFFITH
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MORGANTOWN — Everyone has that family member or friend whom we deem difficult to buy gifts for, because we don't know what to get them or they have "everything."

Look no further than River Fair Trade, located at 316 High St. in Downtown Morgantown. It offers beautiful, handmade products in a curated retail boutique in historic downtown and on its website. Doing so helps to empower small collectives and individual artisans worldwide to participate in the global economy.

Owner Shannon Dowling has a pas-

sion for fair trade that spans decades, and her experiences have taken her from Pittsburgh to Los Angeles.

"Even if we don't work with the artisans that create our items directly, we work with the companies that are all members of the World Fair Trade Federation," Dowling said. "We opened the shop nine years ago, and it's been a great experience. The holidays are even more special for us. During a time when Morgantown loses a chunk of its population as the WVU students leave, our community always shows up and supports."

From hand-knitted ornaments and mittens to bread-warming baskets and

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Spice up more than the egg nog with The Locked Door

BY ALISE CHAFFINS

For the Dominion Post

If you and your partner are looking for a unique and spicy gift for the holidays, then you need to check out The Locked Door Upscale Adult Gift and Novelty Stores, with locations in Martinsburg and LaVale, MD.

For the holidays, The Locked Door is offering a variety of size-inclusive lingerie items that include some fun Christmas-themed items. While they

do have an online store where you can order some of the more risqué items, their brick-and-mortar stores offer additional items not found online, including male and female herbal enhancement products, wigs, edible massage oils, and massage candles.

Owner Paula Kennedy said that, in addition to the many items available, she will be offering mystery bags with various novelty items included with purchases over a certain

amount. They also have some risqué candies and greeting cards that can make for fun gifts between adults.

Kennedy also wanted to stress that while this is an upscale boutique, that does not mean high prices. She tries to keep items affordable so that people are able to bring a little bit more fun into their relationships, during the holidays and all year long. You can find more from The Locked Door at their website: lockeddoor.com.

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It consists of three free learn-to packages and you can sign up online. There is a small administration fee, she said, but it can be refunded or put toward purchase of a lift ticket or product once you finish. Each of the three packages includes a lift ticket, a 90-minute group lesson, and skis or snowboard rental.

After three lessons, you can upgrade to a season pass for a discounted rate of \$99 for



Courtesy of Wisp Resort
The ski lift transports skiers to their top-of-the-run destination.

the rest of the season. Zaloga said pricing is

a barrier to entry for some because they don't want to commit to buy equipment without knowing if they like the sport. "It's a nice trial."

Wisp also has some events planned. Among them is Wisp's 70th anniversary celebration weekend Jan. 9-11. And January 23-25 is Gold Medal Weekend, to mark the start of the Winter Olympics in February. Two Olympic skiers will come to wisp for the weekend: Doug Lewis and Megan McJames.

candles and incense, body lotions and soaps, windchimes and even something for your pet, River Fair Trade is a place you'll want to be sure and visit for your holiday shopping needs.

RIVER

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Something to see at Robinson Grand

BY ALISE CHAFFINS

For the Dominion Post

The Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center in Clarksburg was built in 1913. In its 112 years, it has undergone numerous renovations, eventually being purchased by the city of Clarksburg in 2014, with a grand reopening in 2018. The Robinson Grand hosts around 125 events a year and is a must-see when visiting Clarksburg.

If you'd like to purchase tickets for someone to one of their many events, Paul Jones said, "You can purchase online, and you can purchase on behalf of someone. So when you purchase tickets, if you want to put somebody else's name on the ticket, you could do that, and they could collect it from will call, one hour before the show."

Over the holidays, The Robinson Grand is hosting a number of

events, kicking off the season with Good Shot Judy, a swing band performing on Nov. 29. There are several other opportunities to see music, with a Community Band performance on Dec. 7, a live play-through of the full Vince Guaraldi album, "A Charlie Brown Christmas," the Motortown All-Stars performing Motown and Christmas hits on Dec. 14, and Grand Ole Opry stars, Dailey & Vincent, bringing a bluegrass Christmas on Dec. 20.

They will also be screening three family-friendly Christmas movies, including the locally filmed "Feast of the Seven Fishes" on Dec. 10, "The Grinch" on Dec. 17, and "White Christmas" on Christmas Eve. You can also take the family out for a night of magic with Extreme Illusions & Escapes performing "A Touch of Holiday Magic" on Dec. 19.

Tickets for all of the events are available at <https://tickets.therobinsongrand.com/default.asp>.

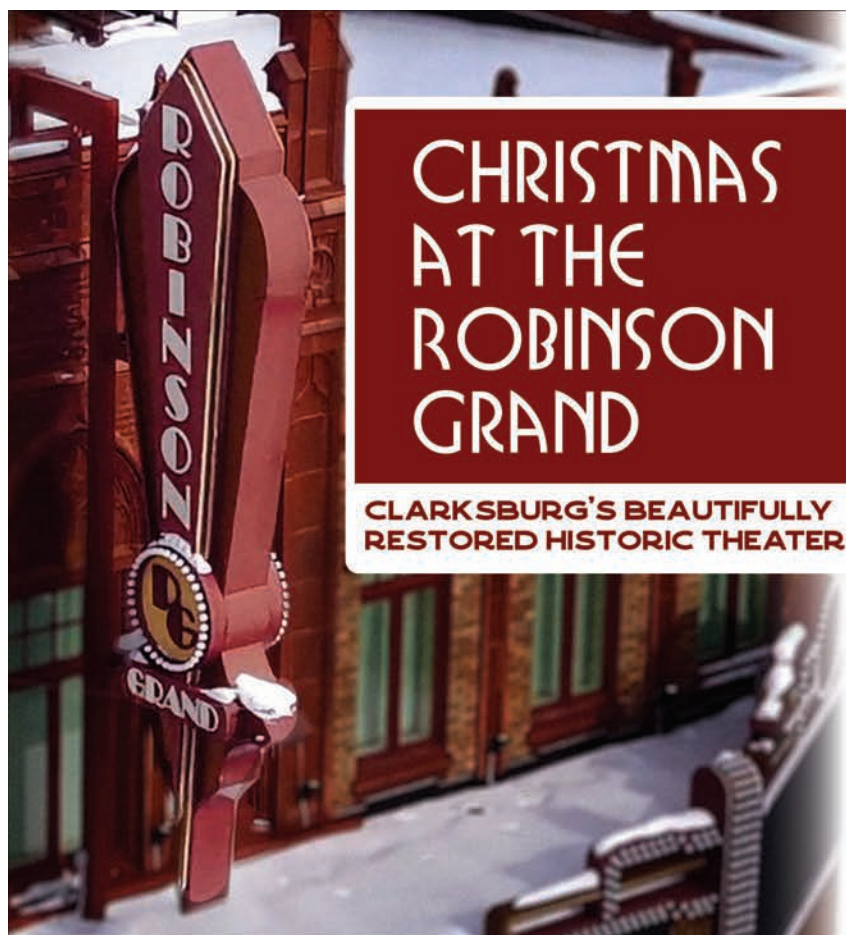


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Above: Interior photo of the performance hall showing the preservation of Art Deco details



At left: A photo from a recent concert Taylorville



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43 years of tradition at Coni & Franc



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Coni & Franc isn't just a dress shop. It specializes in accessories and unique holiday gifts as well.

BY BENJAMIN POWELL
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MORGANTOWN — For more than four decades, Coni & Franc has stood as one of Morgantown's most trusted destinations for women's fashion, wedding dresses, formalwear and specialty apparel. Located at 422 High St., the boutique first opened its doors Nov. 29, 1982, and has since grown from a small local shop into a cornerstone business known for dressing women for every occasion — from work and travel to pageants, bridal events and milestone celebrations.

Owned and operated by husband-and-wife team Connie and Frank Merandi, the boutique remains committed to personalized service and

high-quality selections. The pair still hand-select every piece that enters the store, ensuring that customers receive only the finest garments, accessories and gifts.

Over the years, Coni & Franc has dressed countless brides, pageant contestants and women of all ages across the region. The owners also take pride in serving generations of families.

"It has been our joy to help our clients dress for all the occasions in their lives," Connie said. "We take care of generations of clients — original clients have brought in their daughters and then their granddaughters to shop at Coni & Franc. From everyday clothing, career, cocktail, homecoming, evening, prom, debutante, pageant, bridal, mother of the bride — we do it all."



Located at 422 High St., Coni & Franc have served the Morgantown community for 43 years.

This year marks the boutique's 43rd anniversary, aligning with Black Friday, Small Business Saturday and Downtown Open House Sunday. To celebrate, the store will offer anniversary sales all weekend long, including 43% off separates, dresses, cocktail attire, coats and furs, along with 20-70% off select bridal gowns, plus refreshments and giveaways as a thank-you to their customers.

"We are grateful to our loyal clients and want them all to celebrate our 43rd an-

niversary with us," Connie said. "Frank and I come from families that have had small businesses that supported Morgantown and Clarksburg, and we follow their example. My grandmother Chico and my father Sam Chico always said Morgantown and the State of West Virginia have been good to us, and we must give back to those who have supported us all these years."

Shoppers will find a wide selection of purses, jewelry and unique holiday gifts,

along with gift wrapping and gift certificates available for added convenience.

"It's like walking into our home," Connie said. "We welcome people in. We want to make our customers' dreams come true — whether it's a bride, someone preparing for a new job, gift giving or finding the perfect dress for a special occasion."

For more information about holiday products, services and store hours, visit ConiAndFranc.net.

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