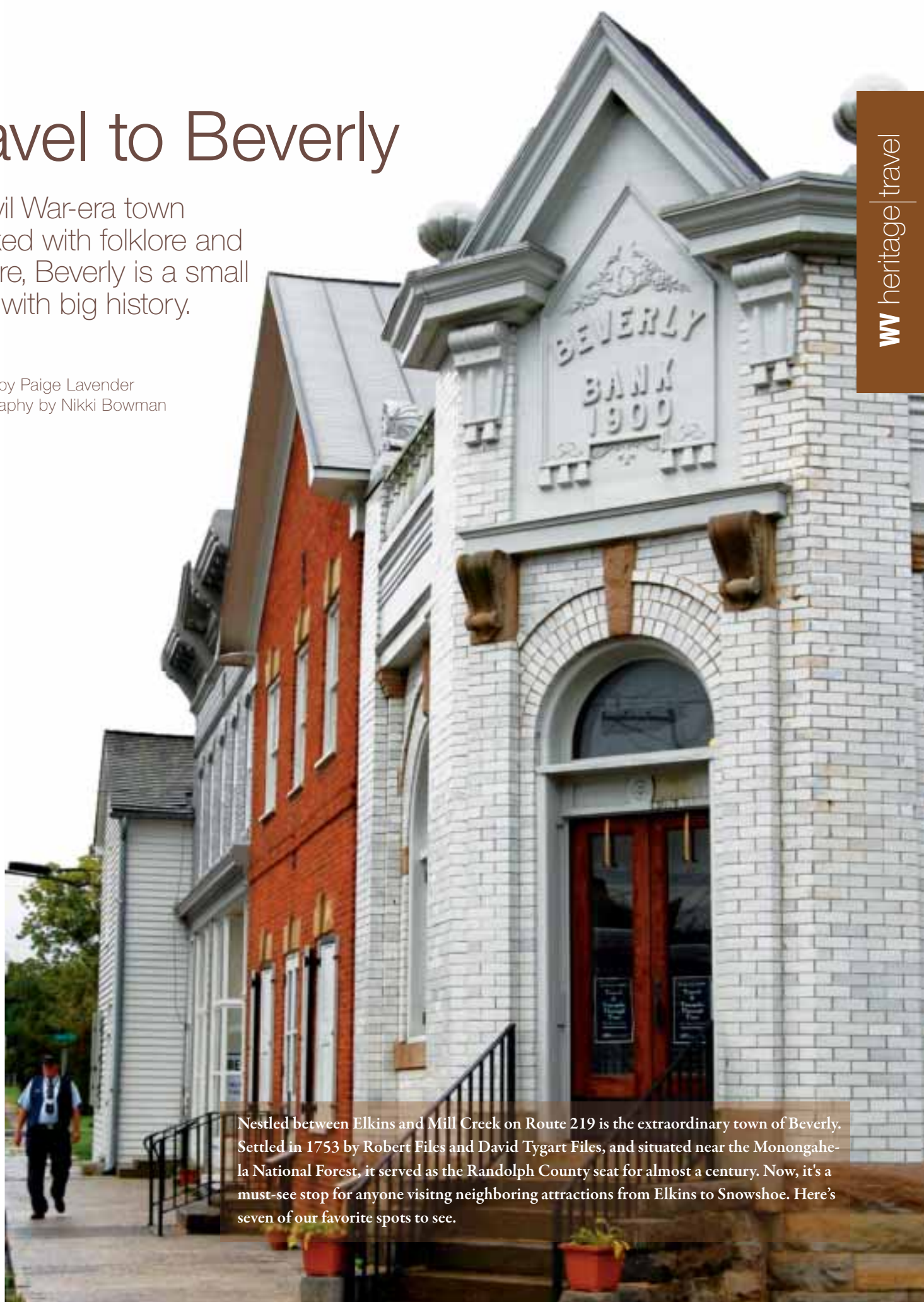


Travel to Beverly

A Civil War-era town packed with folklore and culture, Beverly is a small area with big history.

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Nestled between Elkins and Mill Creek on Route 219 is the extraordinary town of Beverly. Settled in 1753 by Robert Files and David Tygart Files, and situated near the Monongahela National Forest, it served as the Randolph County seat for almost a century. Now, it's a must-see stop for anyone visiting neighboring attractions from Elkins to Snowshoe. Here's seven of our favorite spots to see.

Beverly Heritage Center

1 Acting as Beverly's visitor center and museum, this place brings together the Beverly Bank, the Randolph County Courthouse, the Hill Building, and the Bushrod Crawford Buildings, all of which are over 100 years old. The museum is narrated by the voices of Beverly's own residents, telling the story of the town through local tradition and culture. Renovation of the structures is an ongoing project, but the main buildings are currently open to the public.

Goff House Antiques & Textile Studio

2 This weaving and textile studio is full of Civil War artifacts and works by local artisans. Laurie Gundersen calls the Goff House her home studio, where she utilizes a broad range of textiles to produce original pieces. She offers one-on-one lessons in crafts from basketry to hand weaving to dyeing, so patrons can learn to produce their own original works. But art and relics aren't the only noteworthy elements of this place—the building itself once functioned as an official U.S. Army Hospital.



Rich Mountain Battlefield Civil War Site

3 History buffs will appreciate this spot, where one of the earliest battles of the Civil War took place. The encounter occurred just one month after General George B. McClellan assumed command of Union forces, and his victory here helped lead to the eventual formation of the Mountain State. A number of events take place at the battlefield weekly, including guided walking tours and heritage celebrations.



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Beverly Books & Antiques

Located on Main Street, this bookstore offers a relaxed atmosphere for those looking for a literary fix. You can buy, sell, or trade books, join a reading group, or simply sit back and relax in one of the shop's wooden rocking chairs. There is also a selection of vintage clothing for sale, offering something for fashion lovers.

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Staunton-Parkersburg Turnpike

A drive down this scenic road is a great way to view the natural beauty our state has to offer. The turnpike, which was built in 1848, was an engineering masterpiece at the time of its completion, allowing settlers and businesses to come to West Virginia.



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Randolph County Museum

The most concentrated hub of Beverly history is the Randolph County Museum. Loaded with artifacts, the attraction is located in the Blackman-Bosworth Store building, which was erected in 1828. Go behind the museum to visit the Subscription School, an original one-room schoolhouse built for children whose parents' banded together to hire their own teachers in opposition to the public school system. Soon patrons can visit the Jacob Stalnaker Cabin, an early-settlement log structure that was moved to Beverly to undergo complete restoration.

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Lemuel Chenoweth House

Lemuel Chenoweth was a noted carpenter in the town of Beverly, having built the wraparound porch of the Goff House and a bridge across the Tygart River that was later destroyed. The grandson of Revolutionary War veteran John Chenoweth, Lemuel is best known for building the famed covered bridge in Philippi. His home in Beverly has been restored to its original 19th century condition and is open for tours, offering a view into the past of this rustic city.

