

The Gravy Infusion



Ezell: Ballad of a Land Man

The Appalachian Center and Berea's [Forestry Outreach Center](#) are excited to support [Clear Creek Creative's](#) production of *Ezell: Ballad of a Land Man*, an outdoor eco-cultural theater experience and meal.

We invite you to one of the showings at the Pinnacles, [April 21-24](#), (5:00 – 7:30 Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and 1:00 – 3:30 on Sunday). No tickets will be available at the door, so [reserve your tickets and learn more here](#).

The event unfolds in five immersive stages: participants first gather and are welcomed; they next walk through the woods and experience the play in the middle; finally, they emerge to process over with a farm-fresh meal at the end.

The play takes participants into a parable derived from living in the foothills of Appalachia. It addresses relevant issues of our time including fracking, learning from our ancestors, and our connection with nature.

LJAC Director, Chris Green has been working with Clear Creek's artist and educator, Bob Martin, to teach a Community Activism class at Berea College, whose students have been involved in the creative process of this play. They are bringing their talents and insights to this production and are eager to share with the community their work.

Admission is free, but a \$30 donation is encouraged. The proceeds will go directly to [Grow Appalachia](#), a local non-profit organization that creates healthy and economical food systems across Appalachia.

We hope you will join us for this powerful experience! It will be unlike any theatrical performance most of you have ever seen before.

"I feel I have a calling to be in service to the stories of my community. The place we live, rural Appalachian Kentucky, is rich with story as well as song and food and land—these are the sources of creative inspiration and resilience we build from."

Bob Martin on *Ezell Ballad of a Land Man* in [Scalawag Magazine](#)

Other Upcoming Events



Women Speak ~ April 9 1:00-3:00

Join us for performances and readings from the latest [Women of Appalachia](#) publication *Women Speak: Volume Seven!*

These voices offer a lavish mix of Appalachian female voices—across varying cultural, professional, and regional backgrounds. Each voice is raised in tribute to Appalachian endurance, honor, courage, love of family, community, and the land.

This is a free virtual event and open to all! Click [HERE](#) to register.

Environment of Now ~April 12 6:00

Can readers escape the end of the world? Join National Book Award–honored authors Julia Phillips (*Disappearing Earth*, 2019 Fiction Finalist) and Jackie Wang (*The Sunflower Cast a Spell to Save Us from the Void*, 2021 Poetry Finalist) for readings and conversation.

To attend in person: Meet in the Alumni Building in Baird Lounge on Campus. Masks are required.

To attend virtually: Visit our [Facebook event](#) and tune in for the Facebook Live

This event is free and open to the public! Please also register [HERE](#).



Mental Health in Appalachia

“When I was in middle school, I began to notice that I was “not okay.” I was struggling with anxiety and depression; however, I did not know those names then and I was terrified”

One of our student workers, Erika Wilson, recently wrote an article addressing the lack of education on mental health in Appalachia and her own personal experience. You can read the entire article on our blog, [The Gravy](#).

