

May 21, 2024

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Please review the enclosed resume and letter of the nominee, along with the meeting minutes of the Mountain Party State Executive Committee.

Sincerely,

Denise Binion  
Chair, WV Mountain Party  
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Enclosure



# Todd Cotgreave

## Overview

An enthusiastic leader with experience creating, implementing, and teaching varied processes and systems. I excel when creativity is needed to overcome obstacles, and exceed at intrapersonal communication, task management and time sensitive goals.

## Contact

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## Education

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Regents Bachelor of Arts  
Degree from Shepherd  
University

Concentrations in:  
Communications  
Photography & Design

Blue Ridge Community and  
Technical College

- Management Training  
Course

## Experience

Journalism ----- 2000 - Present

**A Wide Place in the Road** (Print and online magazine)

Editor in Chief / creator / owner

**Shepherdstown Chronicle**

Freelance crime and special interest stories / weekly police log

**Talk Radio WRNR**

On air news writer and reporter

**Shepherdstown Good Newspaper**

Reporter / editor

Jefferson County Schools -----2018 - 2021

**CDL licensed School Bus Operator**

- Maintained control and safety while surviving the behavior of today's youth

Town Run Taphouse ----- 2015 - 2020

**General Manager / Owner**

- Creator/operator of a two-hundred-person event space/community center and restaurant.

- Marketing and customer retention

- Implementation of all procedures and practices

WSHC 89.7 FM ----- 1992 - 2015

**Chief Operating Officer**

- Managed a federally licensed station with over one hundred students and staff

- News Reporting, DJ, scheduling, marketing, staff management etc.

- Integration of modern technology and processes

- Worked up from D.J. to C.O.O.

Shepherd University ----- 2008 - 2015

**Lecturer of Radio Practicum - Comm 326**

- Created and taught curriculum for modern radio operators and reporters

- Communication liaison with Campus radio and the University

Yellow Brick Bank restaurant ----- 2005 - 2007

**Assistant floor manager**

- Updated the Point-of-Sale system and integrated modern beverage trends

- Increased sales and staff retention

- Lead and trained staff in service, sales and cuisine

Wine and beverage salesman ----- 2007 - 2015

District sales manager with 3 different distributors spanning eight years

Curious Exports Custom Furniture ----- 1996 - 2005

**General Manager / Owner**

- Design and build custom cabinets and furniture "from forest to home"

- Created a self-guided apprenticeship to understand industrial arts



## **Brief Biography of Todd Cotgreave**

Growing up in Elkins, West Virginia, Todd Cotgreave found a deep appreciation for the surrounding natural beauty and the unique people living amongst it. Now, he can often be found camping, hiking, and exploring the wilds of West Virginia, and is the proud father of his high school- aged daughter, whom he loves and adores.

He was raised by public school teachers, who instilled an emphasis on critical thinking and a strong work ethic in his values. Moving to Shepherdstown to attend Shepherd University in 1992, that foundation was given the ingredients it needed to flourish.

Creating an art gallery with fellow college students and being empowered by its success, (and the tight knit community he found himself in) led the way for him to create more complex endeavors. One of which was turning Shepherd University's radio station into a vibrant and beloved station that connected both the University and the community in a way that had not existed before. He ensured that students, community members and local musicians had a strong platform which led to the station being locked into dials across the county and internet. Another was converting an old warehouse into a large community center / restaurant that brought members of Jefferson County together in a significant and new way, as it provided a free space for fundraising, and all types of local groups needing a place to meet / organize. Currently he is designing a magazine to showcase the spirit, and culture of small-town West Virginia, which will allow him to openly explore the region and its people, who are the true heart of the mountain state.

With a love for the natural environment and the people in it, Todd Cotgreave is a proud and active West Virginian working not to divide us because of our differences, rather to bring us together to celebrate the beauty in those differences.

Post Script: This biography was edited by his adoring daughter





# MOUNTAIN PARTY

Affiliate of the Green Party of the United States

May 20, 2024

7:30 pm

*Participants: Denise Binion, Dylan Parsons, Robert Smith, Darrin Cox, Brendan Muckian-Bates, Ash Elswick, Chase Linko-Looper*

## Minutes

- Minutes from meeting of the May 6, 2024 accepted as presented with one correction

## Personnel Issues

- Filling a seat on Jefferson County Commission
- Interview with Todd Cotgreave – Mr. Cotgreave gave background on himself and how he would represent his magisterial district and the Mountain Party
- Vote: unanimous in favor of submitting Todd Cotgreave's name to the Jefferson County Commission for consideration

## Old Business

- Mountain Party legal issues update – Denise will meet with our attorney next week
- Business cards – two-sided design needed, check for best prices

## New Business

- Election updates  
Kris Kinkaid and Robby Parsons didn't win their races, Chase Linko-Looper and Betsy Orndoff-Sayers will go on to the general election; Jill Stein won all of WV Presidential primary delegates; first in a Green

121 Village Green Rd



Salem, WV 26426

Party presidential candidate was on the primary ballot

- Chase requests help/volunteers from members with his campaign
- Mountain Party Convention  
Tentative date July 20, 2024 for a virtual convention; discussion of credentialing, platform and by-laws amendments

The next meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2024 at 7:30pm via Zoom

Meeting adjourns at 9:01 pm

Denise Binion  
*Chair, WV Mountain Party*

Robert E. Smith  
*Acting Secretary (in the absence of Secretary T. Fout)*

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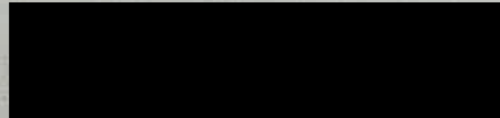
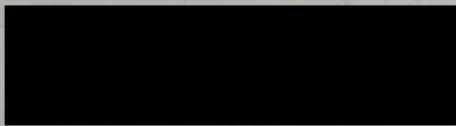
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