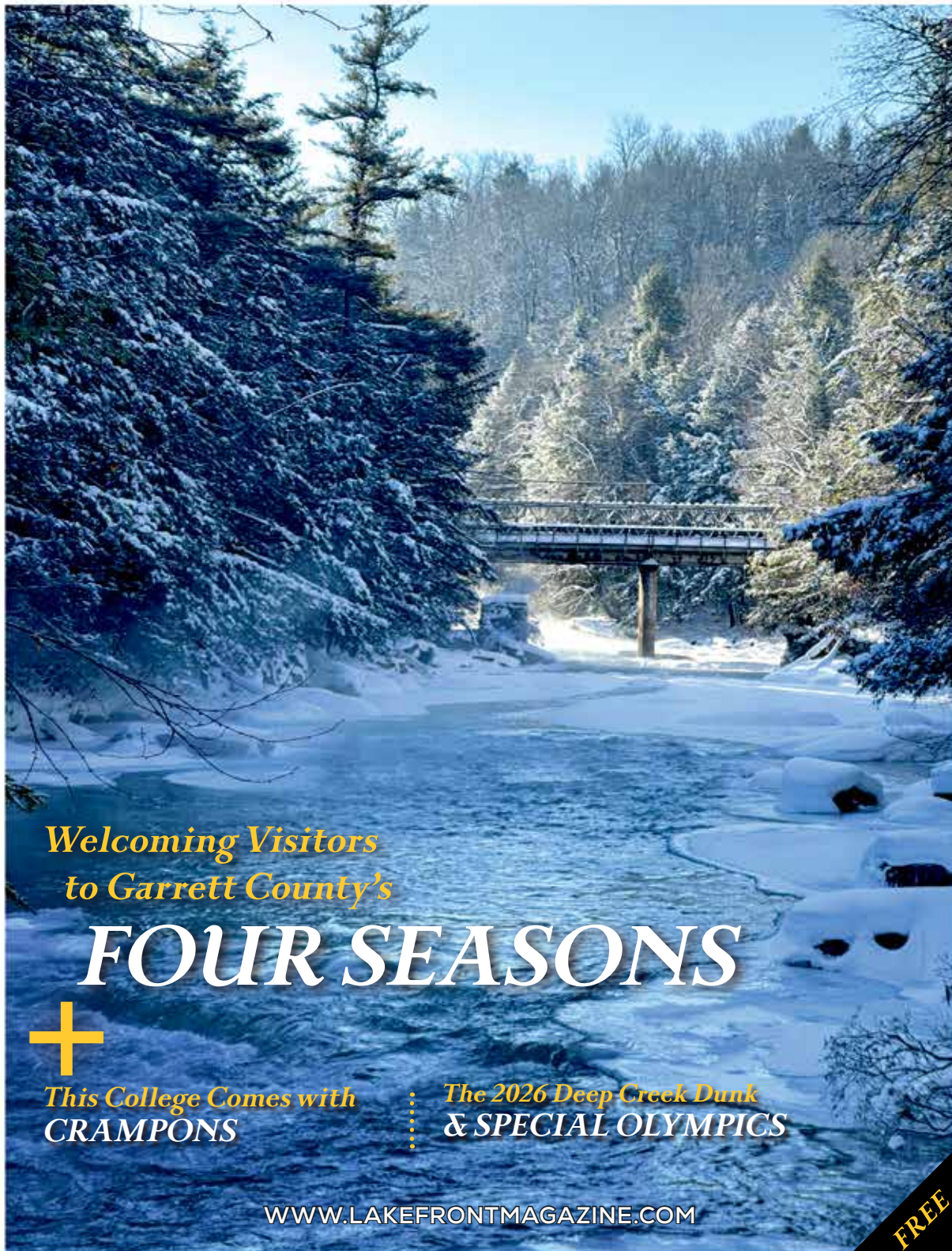




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Editor's Note

Dear Friends,

This issue is a special one for me because you're holding a freshly redesigned Lakefront cover. I'm honestly so proud of how it's coming together!

The Lakefront has been "helping visitors feel like locals since 1991" and the time is right to give this monthly publication a little new energy to carry it well into the future.

One of my favorite parts of this magazine has always been how much of it comes from you. Our community, our visitors, our everyday life around the Lake. Those stories are also what inspired our latest venture, The Backbone podcast. This is the audio and video perspective where we get to go a little deeper with the people, places, and ideas that make this area so great. It's very new but I hope you have a few moments to listen; you can find it on Apple, Spotify and YouTube.

Also, I have a favor: were you in the Lakefront Magazine at any point over the years? Do you have a copy? I'd love to see it and hear from you.

Email us your photos, or tag us on social and we may put together a yearbook of sorts to celebrate 35 years!

Here's to a beautiful February in the mountains.

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Feature Story



Governor Nandel at Wisp Resort on April 25, 1969

Welcoming Visitors to Garrett County's Four Seasons

By Sarah Myers

It's easy to forget now, especially when most Deep Creek weekends are booked months in advance and we have named November, March and April the “shoulder seasons”, that there was a time when Garrett County didn't really know how to benefit from winter weather. For a long while, the area was simple and predictable: people retreated to the mountains when the lake was warm, left when the leaves were gone, and the county waited it out until spring. As Lynn Beckman shared with me in an interview, “We had a basic summer economy here,” and for years, that was not only true, but it was also accepted.

Lynn has seen many versions of Garrett County but was integral in shaping the early focus on four-season tourism in the late 1960's as Executive Director of The Deep Creek Lake—Garrett County Promotion Council, Inc. When he talks about those early days, you can still hear how uncertain it all felt, because at that time, the idea that winter could be an asset rather than an obstacle wasn't obvious at all. Snow, after all, is romantic only in hindsight.

That's where Wisp enters the story, not as the polished, four-season ski resort we know today, but as a genuine leap of faith that forced the county as a whole to reconsider what was possible.

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“Wisp was obviously a real boom for the winter season,” Lynn told me. Through the visionary leadership of founder Helmuth “Ace” Heise 70 years ago, Wisp Resort changed the economic and psychological calendar for the entire Western Maryland region.

The Promotion Council itself was also the result of Heise’s vision and ingenuity. The organization is recognized as a major factor in the early development and growth of tourism in the County. It spearheaded a concerted and organized functional effort to make the Mountaintop a recreational destination and its membership included small businesses, County government, community leaders, and other organizations with a common goal to create a viable tourism industry worthy of Garrett County’s attributes and opportunities.

Although the Council no longer exists as a stand-alone entity, it played a significant role during the county’s formative tourism years. It has since merged with the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce.

What really stands out in talking with Lynn about his experience, though, is his deep appreciation for Garrett County.

Lynn’s perspective on all of this is shaped in part by the fact that he didn’t just come across as a promoter, but as a communicator. Before the promotion council chapter of his life, he had worked as a broadcast journalist. “We already had all of the elements,” he told me. What was missing, in those early days, was the story that tied them together and the dedicated effort to put that story in front of the right people.

One of the places that story took physical shape was in the traveling display the county used at sports and outdoor shows. Lynn remembers it in very specific detail; created by local talent Asa Stanton and Bill Reny (better known as William Renshaw from WMSG Radio) for the design and hand lettering.

The display itself was a kind of three-dimensional argument for the idea of four seasons before that phrase had fully taken hold. Summer, of course, was there. Fall was there too, framed around hunting and the county’s autumn beauty, long before there was any such thing as an Autumn Glory Festival. Winter was represented by Wisp, skiing, and ice fishing. Deep Creek Lake carried both recreation and investment, with Sky Valley standing in for what development could look like. Even spring had its place, promoted as the season for freshwater fishing in the lake and the



Lynn Beckman (L) with Senator Joseph Tydings



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mountain streams. And then there was the trout.

One of the most eye-catching parts of the whole display was a large, taxidermy-mounted trout that, at the time, held the Maryland state record for its species. The fish had been caught by Simon Cogley in the Red Run area of the lake and usually hung at Johnny Marple's Bait House along Route 219 when it wasn't on the road. For each travel show, Lynn would borrow the mount, load it up, and hang it on the display, a literal centerpiece meant to stop people in their tracks and start conversations.



Lynn Beckman (R) MCs a WinterFest event at Wisp Resort circa March 1975

stands now is -- and has been -- one of the quintessential four-season views in the county. There is the North-facing (thus, snow-holding) Marsh Mountain, amazing sunsets, forested hillsides and sweeping Deep Creek Lake views from a single vantage point..

These stories are interesting and they're a reminder of how much of what we enjoy here today exists only because a few folks were willing to believe in it early.

To hear more from Lynn, in his own voice, including the stories that didn't fit on these pages, you can listen to the full conversation on The Backbone podcast available on Apple, Spotify and YouTube.

Every year, the circuit of travel and sportsmen's shows would culminate at a show in Cleveland, which was billed as the premier show for both the U.S. and Canada markets. It was the biggest by far, and also, in some ways, the most challenging. The crowds were large and curious, but they were also skeptical, especially when it came to the idea of going south to ski.

Lynn remembers the comments vividly. "Oh, yeah, skiing in Maryland. Down south. Yeah. I'll bet."

That disbelief was hard, because Lynn was genuinely excited about the four season opportunity in Garrett County. In his opinion, where the Wisp

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BY: LINDA "MRS. SKIP" GARR

First month of 2026 is over. Usually, **January** goes by very slowly but not this time.

My **Christmas** present was a bout of pneumonia and **Influenza A** so even though I did not venture out a lot this month, time passed pretty quickly. Unfortunately, I missed some fun happenings at the lake, but I've heard some positive reports.

The big news was that **Wisp Resort**, **Maryland's** only ski resort, celebrated 70 years. They had an entire weekend full of events, commemorations, and entertainment. While I did not make it there in person, I did have the chance to

watch a documentary about the resort on YouTube entitled "**Making of Maryland's Ski Resort – Tribute to A True Pioneer**".

It's a very nice tribute to the late **Helmuth "Ace"** and **Evelyn Heise**, founders of the resort, and parents of my friend **Martin**.

He and other locals expressed their appreciation for the work and dedication they and other locals brought to the project that truly put **Garrett County** on the map, not only in **Maryland**, but on the national stage.

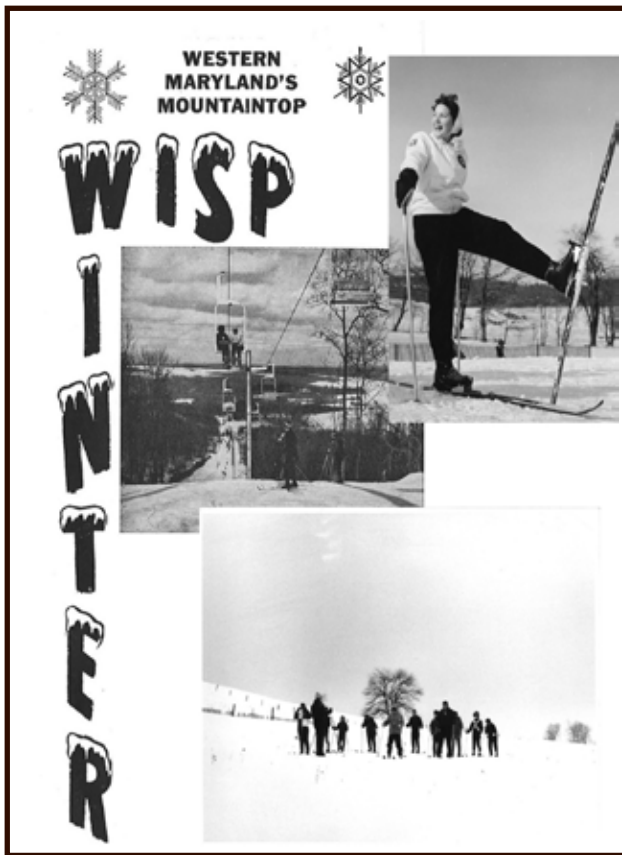
The project really gives you a strong idea of how much sacrifice was made by the entire family, and what foresight it took to move forward with such a bold idea (and how much work!!).

Congratulations to the **Heise** family and a big thank you to **Wisp Resort** for showcasing their vision.

It's been a terrific ski season so far and **Wisp** will continue to feature live

music every Friday throughout the season as well as other fun events. Check it out at wispresort.com

I also missed the **Sparkle Party** at **FireWater** although I saw some great photos of social media. Word is that (as always), the





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food and drink was outstanding and the company even better. Next year!!!

I received some sad news this past month. **Dennis Barton**, long time second home owner at the lake, and dear friend of **Skip’s**, passed away after a short illness. I remember fun **4th of July** parties at his cabin on **Harvey’s Peninsula** and the fierce trivia competitions that **Dennis**, his brother **Glen**, and **Skip** enjoyed. **Rest in peace, Dennis.**

My friend **Kendall Ludwig**, owner of **Curly Red Creative Design Agency** in **Oakland**, is celebrating 19 years in business. Each year, she donates 10% of her proceeds to various charities. This year she has chosen the **House of Hope** as one. Thank you **Kendall** for being such a positive force in our community. We are grateful.

While reading by the fire remains my favorite winter activity, there is quite an uptick of local events happening around the area. We are so lucky to have such talented performers in our area, and you can find them performing at any number of local venues on weekends.

Live performances also return to the **Performing Arts Center** this month, including a tribute to **James Taylor** and **Billy Joel** by musician **Clay Mottley**. For information or to purchase tickets, visit [\[artscentergc.com\]\(http://artscentergc.com\).](http://www.performing-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

The **Town of Oakland**, along with the **Arts & Entertainment District**, hosts their annual **Winterfest** on **February 14th** from 11 AM to 4 PM. Enjoy ice sculptures, family and children’s activities, store specials, live music, **Wine Walk** and more. It’s always a fun event, no matter what the weather. Of course, one of the biggest attractions during February is the **Annual Deep Creek Dunk** which raises funds for **Special Olym-**



pics athletes. This fun event will be held on **Saturday, February 21** behind **Pizzeria Uno** and hosts lots of brave folks in crazy costumes, all on hand to raise funds for **Maryland Special Olympics**, which starts on **Sunday the 22nd** at **Wisp Resort**. Can’t make it? Donate online at www.dunkmd.com.

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Registration is now open at www.Dunk-MD.com. Participants must raise a minimum of \$75 in pledges and will receive a commemorative event sweatshirt and the great feeling of freezing their “fur” off for a truly worthy cause.

After the Dunk we will make our way to Wisp Resort for our annual Special Olympics Maryland Winter Games.

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Full Moon Refresh - Reset under February's full moon at Herbal Earth Apothecary & Gardens. Enjoy a guided sound bath, herbal tea, and community connection. Register here: <https://bit.ly/4aY0aDc>

Monday, February 9

Besties & Bubbly - Girls' night starts at 6:00 PM at Pawn Run Bar + Kitchen with pampering and fun, including special event pricing on permanent jewelry and manicures by Marigold Layne Salon, plus trivia, handcrafted cocktails, and small plates. For more event information, contact 240-442-5774.

Saturday, February 14

Deep Creek Boat Show - All five local marinas are teaming up for a weekend full of boats and fun. Browse a variety of local business vendors and enjoy delicious food and beverages from Brenda's while you shop and explore. The event runs

from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM at Heritage Hall at the Garrett County Fairgrounds. For more information, contact 301-387-5536.

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Cupid's Corner: A Handmade Market - Find locally made gifts, sweet treats, and

one-of-a-kind creations at this Valentine-themed handmade market at \$SMART ART Space in downtown Oakland. The event runs from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/4ouESQJ>.

Sunday, February 15

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Tuesday, February 17

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Thursday, February 19

Cool Schools Dunk - Take a bold plunge into icy Deep Creek Lake to support Garrett County Public Schools Unified Champion Schools. The event runs from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Register here: https://dunkmd.com/?utm_source=DCT

Friday, February 20

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Saturday, February 21

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PM. Register and find more details at https://dunkmd.com/?utm_source=DCT

Sunday, February 22

Highlands Fat Bike Race #3 - The Highlands Fat Bike Series is a collaboration between several partner groups passionate about fat biking. The series aims to get more people riding fat bikes during the winter months through grassroots rides and racing events, creating great reasons to bring people together on fat bikes. The event will be held at Herrington Manor State Park. For more details and to register, visit www.HighlandsFatBikeSeries.com.

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Local Life

This College Comes with Crampons

By Sarah Myers

There are some experiences you expect to need a plane ticket, a big-budget guide service, or a once-in-a-lifetime splurge to ever have. And then there are the ones you can access because you go to college in Garrett County.

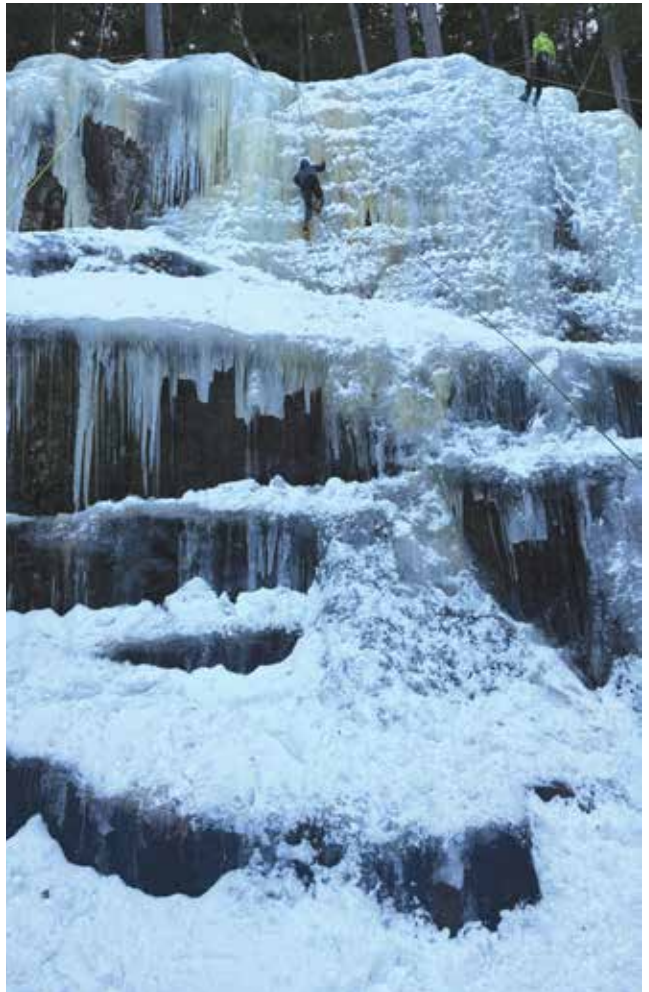
This January, a group of Garrett College students stood on the summit of Mount Washington in New Hampshire (one of the most extreme and weather-beaten mountains in the world) as part of their coursework in the Outdoor Leadership & Adventure Education program.

“I felt like I was in the Arctic,” said student Ashlynn Anderson. “But I was really glad I did it. It was a really cool accomplishment.”

Mount Washington is famous for its brutal winter conditions. The mountain has recorded some of the highest wind speeds ever measured on Earth, and even on good days, winter ascents demand preparation, focus, and respect for the environment. It has dangerous exposure to ice faces, weather conditions and heights and takes specialized training to stay safe.

Enter the Garrett College program.

The climb was part of OLA 125: Introduction to Alpine Climbing, a 12-day immersive, three-credit course in Garrett College’s Outdoor Leadership & Adventure Education program, led by Program Director Andrew Hershey. This is a full expedition experience including ice climbing, avalanche education, winter backcountry camping, technical skills training, and ultimately, a summit attempt on one of the Northeast’s most iconic peaks.



Day 1: Ice Climbing (look for the two climbers at the top of the ice face)

The course began weeks earlier with preparation and planning, then took students north for nearly two weeks of hands-on learning in the White Mountains. Along the way, they earned their AIARE Level 1 avalanche certification, learned to use crampons and ice tools, practiced



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For many students, including Brooks Mead, this was a first. “I’d never done anything like this before,” Brooks said. “Using crampons was completely new. It was fun but it was very tiring. Just the ice picking was a workout.”

His mom, Julie, saw opportunity in the experience. “As a mother, I felt really comfortable with the group. It’s legit and they take safety very seriously,” she said. “I loved that he got to have this kind of experience through school.”



Summit Day on Mt. Washington

That’s a big part of what makes this program special: this isn’t a far-away, elite experience reserved for students at big-name mountain schools. It’s happening right here, for local students, through Garrett College.

Most of the required technical gear such as mountaineering boots, ice tools, crampons, helmets, packs, and even expedition-weight sleeping bags can be borrowed from the college’s Adventure Equipment Center. The course also received major support from the Scott Hess Adventure Sport Student Fund, which covered lodging and avalanche training fees, reducing the cost of the course by about \$1,000 per student.

The course itself is part of a larger Outdoor Leadership & Adventure Education degree, where students complete a full field skills track—options include alpine climbing, rock climbing, mountain biking, paddlesports, and snow

sports. These aren’t “try-it-once” classes. Each field course involves long days, real environments, and professional-level training.


Anderson says the Mount Washington experience changed how she sees what’s possible and that may be the biggest takeaway of all. Students don’t just come home with photos and stories. They come back with confidence, technical skills, certifications, and the knowledge that world-class experiences aren’t out of reach and they’re part of what’s available right here at home.

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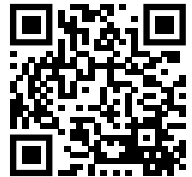
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THE MIKE DROP

by Mike Fratz

January has felt like one of those rare months where life stayed busy, but not chaotic. The good kind of busy. The kind that makes you stop and realize you're not just surviving winter, you're actually enjoying it.

Most of my energy has gone into the finishing touches of my new home, and I'm finally in the stage where the fun parts take over. Styling, decorating, tweaking, rearranging, tweaking again. It's been exciting in the best way, and it's making this whole "new chapter" thing feel real.

Outside of work and house projects, I've taken it easier this month than usual and I'm not mad about it. I did get out on the slopes a few times though, which always feels like a reset button. There's something about winter air and the rhythm of skiing that clears your head. Plus, it makes those cozy nights at home afterward feel even better. Winter here is really about that contrast. A little adventure, then a soft landing.

I also squeezed in one social event that deserves a mention because it was both hilarious and genuinely fun: I was a rare male guest invited to Ladies Sparkle Night at Firewater, hosted by Jessica Fike, Jeany Blamble, Terah Crawford, and the legendary owner of Firewater and Brenda's Pizzeria - Brenda McDonnell. Firewater always knows how to set the scene, but that night was especially festive. Great crowd, great energy, lots of laughter. If you ever get invited to anything with "sparkle" in the title, go. Don't overthink it.



Now, here's something that really stood out to me over the last couple weeks, and I want to talk about it because I don't think we give ourselves enough credit around here. Deep Creek has quietly become a legit place to shop for fashion, not just outdoor gear. We already know High Mountain Sports has us covered for active and winter apparel, but what surprised me is how strong our clothing options have become when you want something more styled, more elevated, more "I'm not wearing fleece to dinner tonight."

I've popped into three stores recently, and I left each one thinking the same thing: we don't have to go over the mountain for good shopping anymore. We can stay right here and still find what we need, whether you're hunting for something special, building a wardrobe, or just trying to look like you have your life together.



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Cashmere Clothing Co., owned and operated by Marcia Warnick, has been doing it right for years. It's beautifully curated, upscale without feeling stuffy, and always seasonally on point. Marcia has a real talent for bringing in pieces that feel current and polished, but still wearable for real life in Garrett County. Her shop is located at 1550 Deep Creek Drive, Suite J, in the Pine Lodge shopping building on the upper level, close to Short Story Bar and just down from Black Hawk Coffee & Kitchen. And

coming right into February, she's inviting the community to celebrate her birthday with a relaxed boutique weekend on January 31 and February 1, during regular store hours. It's meant to be festive and simple, with sweet treats while you shop and a few surprises sprinkled in. No RSVP, just stop in. If you want to reach her, it's 240-321-3334 or cashmereclothingco.net.



Everyone Welcome!

Just below Cashmere in the same building is Blair's By The Lake, and if you haven't been there, it's worth the stop. Blair has a really sharp eye for putting together a well-styled shop. It feels modern, intentional, and easy to shop. Their current location is 1550 Deep Creek Drive, Suite A-1 on the lower level, and it has those great lake and ski slope views that make Deep Creek shopping feel like a little vacation errand. The other big news is that Blair's is expanding. They're moving to a larger location this spring with more offerings, including

both men's and women's clothing, and long-time apparel pro Beth Helbig will be working alongside Blair in the new space. Some of you will remember Beth from her time at Rudy's Clothing in Oakland. Their new store is being remodeled now and should open around April or May, so keep your eyes peeled.



Beth Helbig & Blair Glass

And then there's Secondhand Citizen, which I'll admit I'm proud of for personal reasons because it's owned by my Aunt Shelly, but the store genuinely speaks for itself. Secondhand Citizen is one of the most impressive retail glow-ups we've seen at the lake in a long time. Shelly curates pieces with a sharp, trend-forward eye, sourcing constantly from estate sales, auctions, private collections, and vintage connections she's built over years.

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men's section, an incredible range of women's clothing for all sizes and styles, and even a bridal department that surprises people the first time they see it. It's also one of those places where you go in for one thing and find three other things you didn't know you needed.

What I love most about all three is that they each bring something different. Cashmere is polished and elevated. Blair's is modern and well-styled, and getting even bigger soon. Secondhand Citizen is curated treasure-hunting at its finest, with the kind of unique pieces you can't find twice. Taken together, it really hit me: as a community, we've entered a new era where shopping locally isn't just something we say to be supportive. It's actually a great experience.

So that's where I'm landing as we head into February. I'm looking forward to more winter days that include a little snow, a little social time, and a lot of cozy home life in this new space.

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Artistically Speaking



Brush & Lens Fusion: A Conversation That Became a Collaboration

by Garrett County Arts Council

Every collaboration has a beginning, and for Jessica Fike and Collen DuBose, it started not in a studio—but in a furniture store.

While visiting Railey Design to explore whether her Deep Creek Lake and Garrett County photography might live as wall art, Fike was encouraged to think beyond the traditional photo canvas. The suggestion was simple but transformative: layer the work, bring in abstraction, and allow another medium to enter the conversation. That suggestion led her to DuBose—and to what would become Brush & Lens Fusion.

The project's first piece emerged from an act of creative reclamation. A damaged photo canvas—scratched and deemed unusable—was reimagined when DuBose applied bold acrylic paint over a fog-softened Deep Creek Lake boat scene. Visible brushstrokes, expressive color, and texture transformed what might have been discarded into something entirely new. That moment set the tone for the collaboration: responsive, experimental, and rooted in possibility.



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Since then, the pair has created nearly thirty collaborative works, hosted two art shows, completed custom commissions, and developed live painting events that invite audiences into the creative process. These events reflect a shared belief that art is not only about finished objects, but about connection—between artists, materials, and community. The current collection on view at the Garrett College Performing Arts Center brings together works from across that journey. The pieces reflect the shifting seasons, colors, and atmosphere of Deep Creek Lake and Garrett County—familiar landscapes interpreted through a layered dialogue of lens and brush. Photography provides the structure; paint adds movement, emotion, and interpretation.

Brush & Lens Fusion celebrates collaboration, sustainability, and local creative voices. It demonstrates how artists can build upon one another's strengths, rethink materials, and create work that is both deeply rooted in place and open to experimentation. At its heart, Brush & Lens Fusion is about seeing differently—about what can happen when artists are encouraged to push beyond their medium, respond to their surroundings, and create together. What began as a conversation has become a vibrant example of how community, creativity, and shared vision can transform not only artwork, but the way we experience it

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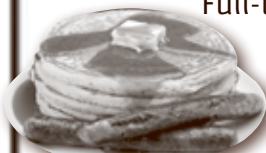


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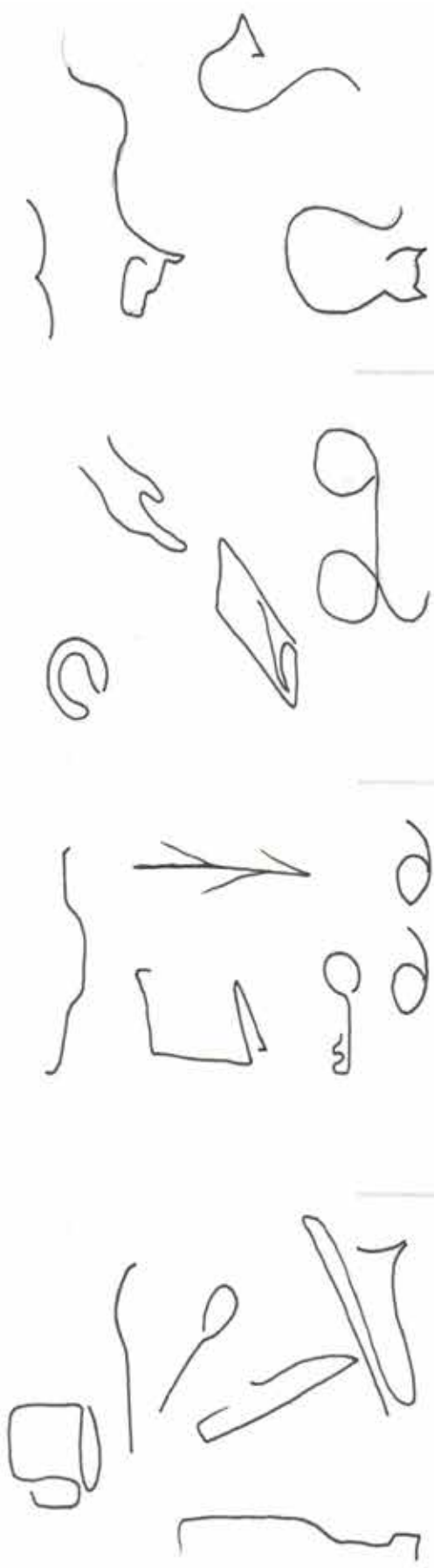


A zine (pronounced “zeen”) is a small, self-published booklet or magazine, short for “fanzine,” featuring original or appropriated text and images, typically copied cheaply for a small, non-commercial audience.

Zines cover diverse topics from personal stories (perzines) and art to fandom (fanzines) and political activism, offering an alternative to mainstream publishing for sharing niche interests and experiences.

This one is reproduced with permission from local creator Thomas Vose. While it may be interesting to read in the book, you should consider pulling the page out and learning to fold it into a “legit” zine. Here is a great resource:

<https://www.rookiemag.com/2012/05/how-to-make-a-zine/>



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What's Happening

Nominate A Local Entrepreneur

The Garrett County Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for 2026 Emerging Entrepreneur Award and the 2026 Heise Entrepreneurial Spirit Award.

The Emerging Entrepreneur Award was created in 2024 with the purpose of encouraging new growth in the local economy and rewarding ambitious newcomers for taking risks.

An emerging entrepreneur is someone with the ability to identify new business opportunities and act on these opportunities to bring a business venture to life. Emerging entrepreneurs are inspired by all the exciting opportunities available to them and a willingness to take risks to build, launch, and grow their business. They must be able to adapt to changing circumstances in their business, overcome obstacles, and access opportunities to develop their business further. An emerging entrepreneur must also be able to pitch their ideas, sell their product or service to customers, and build a team of employees, mentors, or supporters to assist them along their journey.

Also, the Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for the 2026 Heise Entrepreneurial Spirit Award. The award, given in honor of Helmuth & Evelyn Heise, is presented to a local entrepreneur(s) for their contributions to the economic growth of Garrett County. The award will be presented at the Chamber's Annual Membership Meeting & Dinner on June 4, 2026.



**Previous Heise Award Winners;
Including Lakefront founder Linda Carr (5th from left)**

Eligible nominees are business owners including partners/families that originated, developed, and/or significantly expanded their business. Criteria for this award includes: having a willingness to take risks with the possibility of losing all, being involved in the community, having high ethical standards, being a member of the Chamber of Commerce and having demonstrated leadership:

To obtain Nomination Forms please contact Nick Sharps at 301.387.8745 or by email at nick@garrettchamber.com or download the form at visitdeepcreek.com/awards. Additional information on the awards, including past winners are listed on the website.

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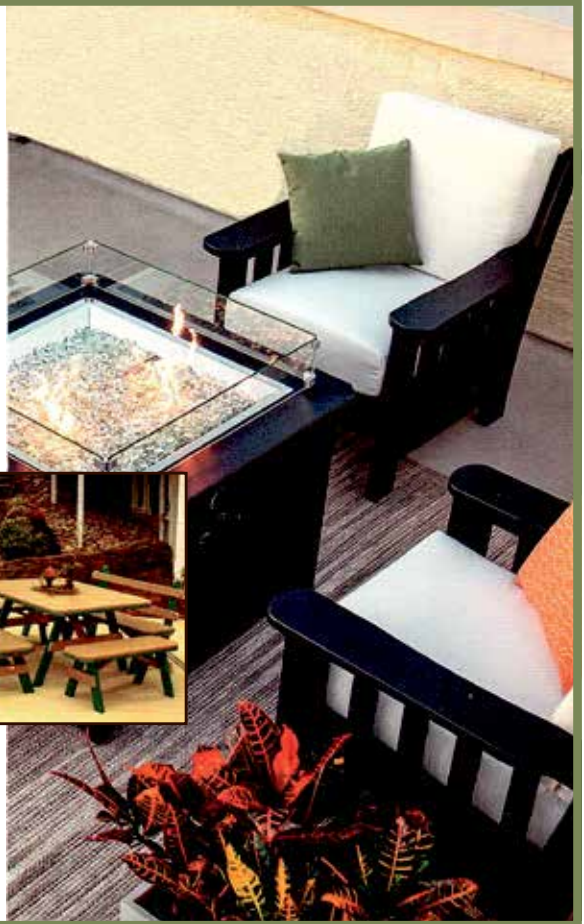
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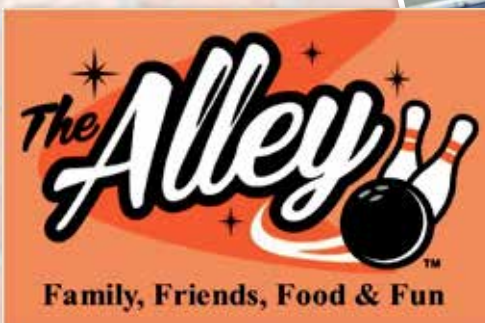
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A Project Overview: The Best Things About Deep Creek Lake

By Sarah Myers

This following magazine project was created for ART 207 by Bella Mason.

This course, Graphic Design, was taken at Frostburg State University and is a foundational course focused on core design principles, layout, visual storytelling, and communication.

The goal of this project is to design a magazine that highlights the people, places, and experiences that make Garrett County such a unique and special place.

Rather than relying only on her own photography, Bella decided this project is rooted in community-sourced content. She invited local residents and visitors to share their photos, stories, quotes, and experiences. She was open to everything from scenic views and wildlife to hiking adventures, favorite places, and everyday moments that capture the spirit of the region.

With permission, these submissions were incorporated into the design to create a magazine that feels authentic, personal, and representative of the community.

The magazine celebrates Garrett County's outdoor culture, natural beauty, and sense of place—showcasing mountains, trails, wildlife, seasons, and the quiet magic of life here. The focus is not just on “pretty pictures,” but on telling a story about what it feels like to be here.

This project consists primarily of an eight-page magazine layout, which serves as the main design deliverable for the course. Through this piece, Bella explored layouts, typography, image hierarchy, visual flow, and cohesive branding while applying the core principles taught in ART 207.

The final magazine is shared on pages 62-70:

THE BEST THINGS ABOUT *Deep Creek Lake*

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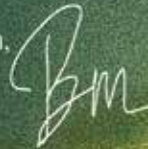
Hello, friends! I am Bella Mason — the person who put together this work. I am a local high school senior at Northern Garrett High School, but I am also a freshman in college through the Bobcat Academy Program at Frostburg State University. I am studying to earn a major in Marketing and a minor in Graphic Design.

In my graphic design class, we were given a magazine project. While researching topics to create my magazine on, I figured why not make a magazine about 'The Best Things About Deep Creek Lake'. I wanted to not only use images I have taken, but have our community contribute. I posted four different posts on Facebook and collected images from our community members so they had a part of my work.

This place may be the place I call home, but so many people call this place home too. This county is a place of community. You cannot go anywhere without someone reaching out a helping hand — that's what I love so much about this county. So, it was only deserving to ask for our communities collaboration.

I hope you all love this work, and a huge shout-out to all those who helped share their images and experiences so I could put this work together.

Thanks so much,

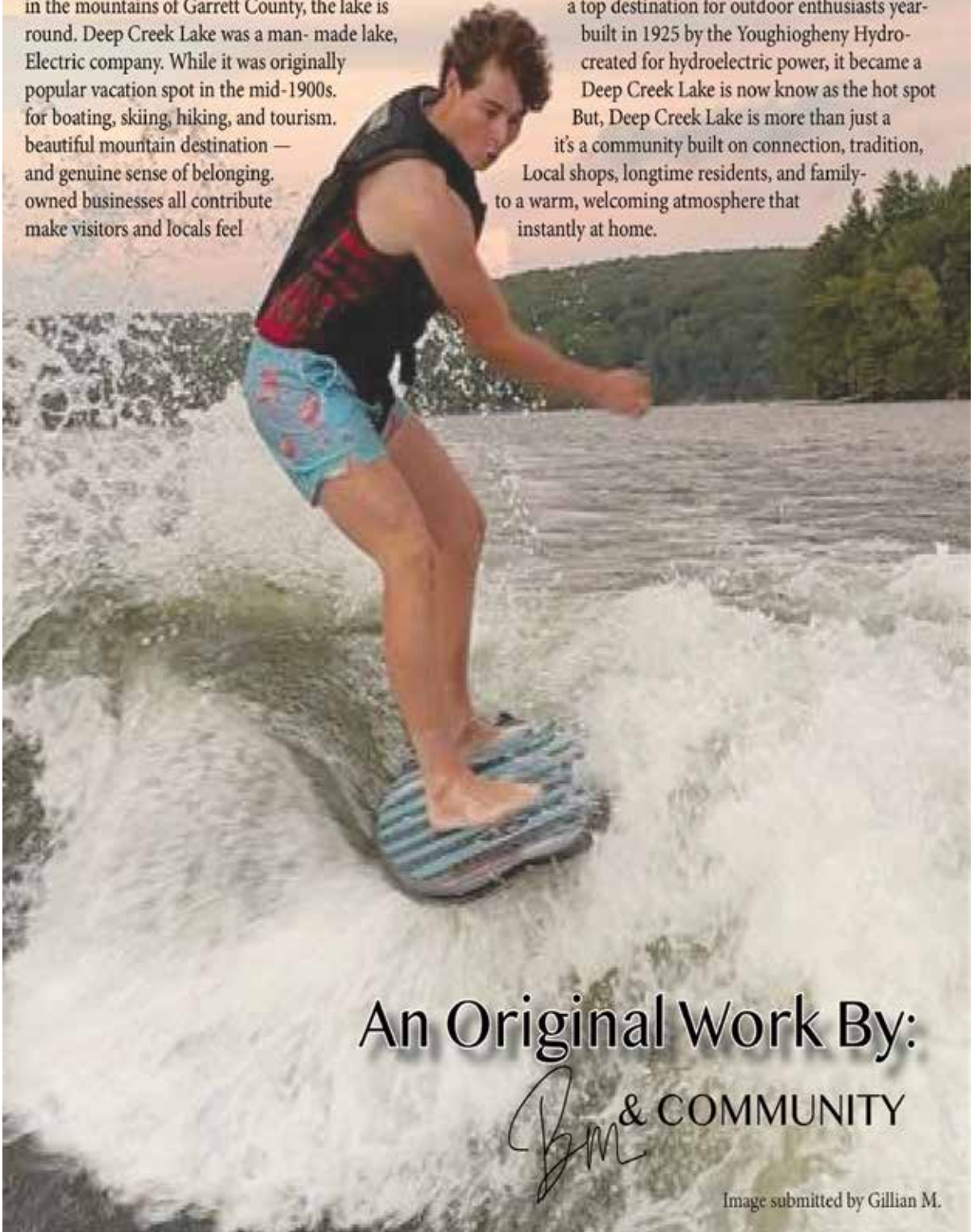


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WELCOME TO DEEP CREEK LAKE

Deep Creek Lake is Maryland's largest freshwater lake, stretching over 3,900 acres with 65 miles of shoreline. Tucked in the mountains of Garrett County, the lake is round. Deep Creek Lake was a man-made lake, Electric company. While it was originally popular vacation spot in the mid-1900s. for boating, skiing, hiking, and tourism. beautiful mountain destination — and genuine sense of belonging. owned businesses all contribute make visitors and locals feel

a top destination for outdoor enthusiasts year-built in 1925 by the Youghiogheny Hydro-created for hydroelectric power, it became a Deep Creek Lake is now know as the hot spot But, Deep Creek Lake is more than just a it's a community built on connection, tradition, Local shops, longtime residents, and family-to a warm, welcoming atmosphere that instantly at home.



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Image submitted by Gillian M.



Images submitted by Georgia J., Pamela S., Candice R., Kelli B., Mariah K.



Garrett County's farmers are the backbone to life around Deep Creek Lake. Long before the area became a travel destination, families worked these mountain fields, raising livestock, growing crops, and building rural culture that still defines the region today. Many of these farms have been passed down for generations, carrying traditions, knowledge, and a deep respect for the land.

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GARRETT COUNTY'S *Backbone*





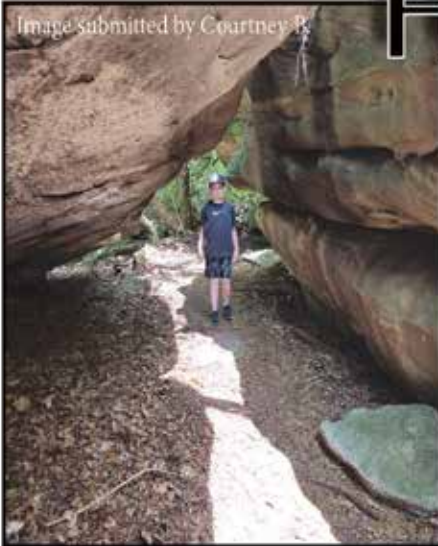
Deep Creek Lake is the centerpiece of the region, offering thousands of acres of sparkling water surrounded by the most gorgeous mountains. In the summer months, the lake becomes alive with activity — boating, swimming, tubing, paddle-boarding, kayaking, and many more activities. Deep Creek Lake State Park offers beaches and picnic areas for families, and provides the best spot for freshwater fishing. Sunrise on the lake brings peaceful stillness, while sunset paints the water with the brightest yet warmest colors. No matter what activity you do, Deep Creek Lake feels like a getaway all on its own.


Images submitted by Whitney L., Brooke B., Eric R., Tammy S., Debi K.



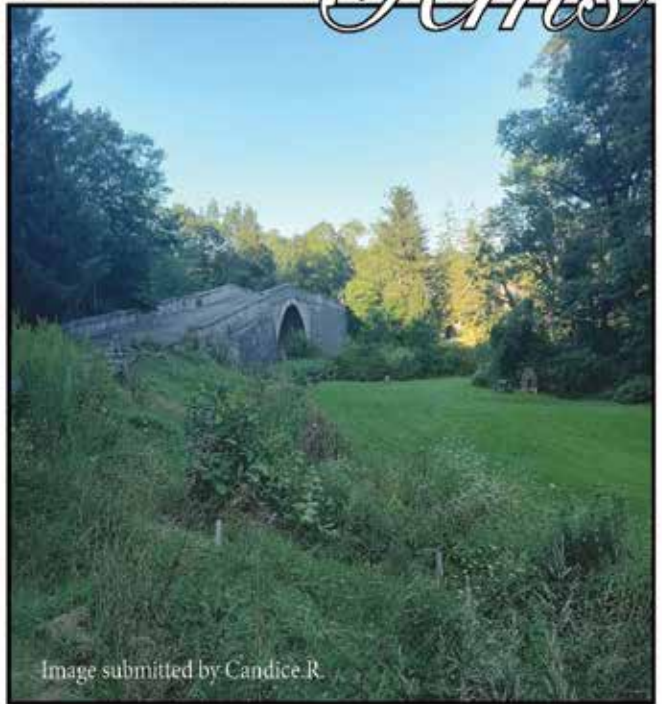
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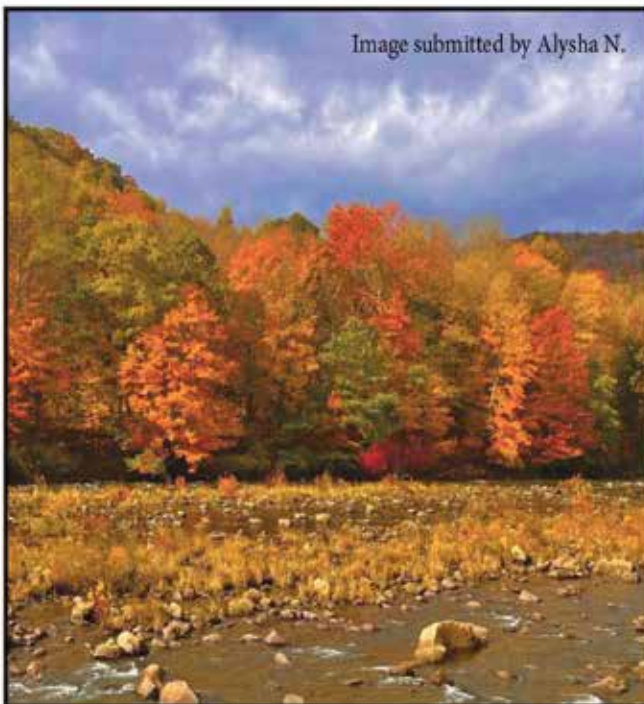



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A MUST SEE SPOT *Swallow Falls*

Images submitted by Whitney L.,
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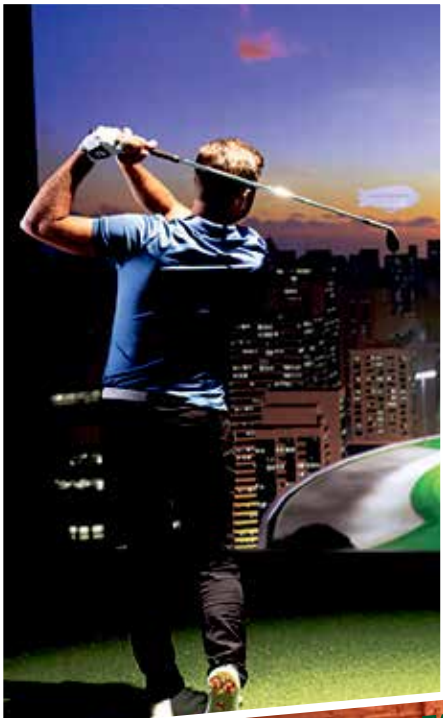
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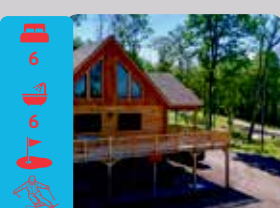
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