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Dear Friends,

January always feels like the real start of winter in the mountains.

Lately, I've been thinking about an old memory, and I'm not even sure if it's completely accurate. I swear there was a time when you could grab a McDonald's value meal and somehow get a discounted ski ticket along with it. Maybe it was real. Maybe it was just a kid's memory.

But, that's what January is about. Fewer crowds. More routine. Locals' rhythms returning. The season settles in, and winter becomes something you live with, not just visit.

Here's to snow-covered mornings, well-worn gloves, familiar faces, and the quiet magic that only shows up once the holidays are over.

And seriously—does anyone else remember that deal?

Cheers,
Sarah

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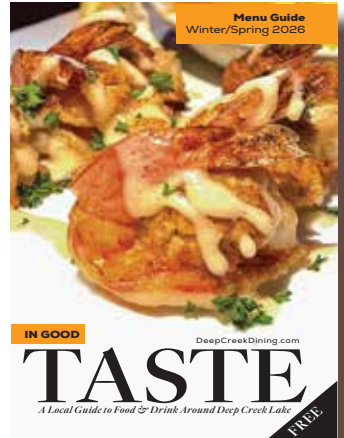
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Feature Story



Garrett County Coyotes
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Highlands Fat Bike Series

By Sarah Myers / Zach Adams

The Highlands Fat Bike Series is what happens when you mix snow, singletrack, and a cycling-obsessed community that refuses to let winter be an “off-season.” It’s part race, part reunion, and part excuse to play outside when the thermometer says otherwise. Riders show up with four- to five-inch tires aired-down soft, pogies wind blockers on their handlebars, and the kind of optimism you only see with Type 2 adventure enthusiasts.

Locally produced by Sarah Myers of the Deep Creek Adventure Bureau (@DCABfun) and Zach Adams of Trail Labs, the series ties together the West Virginia and Maryland geography known as the Allegheny Highlands or Allegheny Mountains.

“Most of my summer is spent building trails, so winter is when I finally get to slow down and ride them myself. Fat biking gives me the chance to reconnect with cycling and enjoy the trails,” said Adams.

Fat biking uses extra-wide tires at low pressure on a mountain bike frame to float over snow. Think of it as the snowshoe of bicycles: more traction, more stability, more ways to keep moving when the snow depth would stop a typical bike. While your summer XC course aims for consistency, a winter course in the mountains changes by the hour. Sun, shade, wind, overnight temps and other riders turn the same race course into different trails lap to lap.

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The result? A course that rewards strength and patience. Riders who stay light on the bars and keep momentum do well. Those who over-brake on the ice or plow straight through soft “sugar” learn quickly why tire pressure and body position matter as much as leg strength.

The five-race series held last winter delivered packed, frozen trails, a soft snow base, and the ultimate fun finale at party-central White Grass Ski Touring Center.

This year, there are four races across two states in the series. The first event will be held at the Lions Club Park in McHenry. The second race will be in Davis, WV and the third will be back in Maryland at Herrington Manor State Park. The final race, and season party, will be hosted by the Blackwater Bicycle Association at the White Grass Ski Touring Center.



**Tina Coleman (L) and Carol Everhart (R)
High-Five at the End of Their First Fat Bike Race**

Ed Stanley, a new fat bike rider from Cumberland,

embraced fat biking at the McHenry race. “I enjoyed the fat tire bike experience. I have never done anything like that before, I have ridden gravel bikes and on the GAP Trail extensively. I will definitely be riding a fat tire bike again,” Ed shared.

There’s a particular electricity at a winter cycling start line. Helmet liners pulled low. Buffs up. Goggles down. Someone’s doing arm swings to stay warm. Someone else is testing tire pressure one last time. One favorite memory is the rolling start at the Lions Club race in McHenry where the pack of about 50 riders spun through the slushy start in legitimate blizzard conditions of an active snow and 30mph winds. It’s truly something special.

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From the start, riders spread out. Some discover confidence early, others recalibrate after that first slippery washout. The race rewards quick learners. By the second lap, the cautious are riding smoother, and the bold are realizing where caution pays off. By the third lap those interested in placing in the top few are jockeying for position while the adventurers are focused on digging deep to just get it done.

Shoutout to everyone who makes the Highlands Fat Bike Series more than just a race. At the aid stations, it’s bacon, hot drinks, and encouragement that keep riders moving. At the finish, it’s shivers turning into

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These races don't happen without local support. The local shops keep bikes rolling, volunteers stoke the fires, land managers open access, and sponsors cover the details like timing services, fencing, promotions, and banners. Add in fans ringing cowbells, spectator dogs in sweaters, and a post-race scene that feels like a winter tailgate, you can see what this series is really about. It's racing at the core but it's also community, celebration, and insight into the best of what the Allegheny Highlands has to offer.

The Highlands Fat Bike Series is the official winter race circuit in Western Maryland, but riders are out all season long. At Herrington Manor State Park, fat bike rentals make it easy for anyone to try, and group rides pop up whenever the conditions line up. Night riding is part of the fun, too since it gets dark so early riders regularly roll under the stars. Experienced veterans coach newcomers and women's participation continues to grow thanks to beginner-friendly outings and a welcoming, supportive atmosphere.

Thanks to everyone who came out and made the Highlands Fat Bike Series such a blast. Whether you raced for the podium, finished with a smile, or just came to cheer, you're part of what makes this community so special.

Follow Deep Creek Adventure Bureau on Facebook or Instagram to stay connected and see what's coming next. Starting with snowy singletrack and adding spring trail rides and year-



Philip Fadul (L) and Susan Haywood lead the mass-start of the Herrington Manor Race event.

round Thursday Womens+ Casual Mountain Bike Rides, we're building opportunities to ride, explore, and celebrate the region's incredible outdoor assets.

"Give fat biking or mountain biking a try; it just might become your new favorite hobby," said organizer Sarah Myers. "I have so much respect for those who are willing to get out of their comfort zone and try something new. That first ride is about rediscovering strength, experiencing joy, and becoming part of a community.

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A "SKIP" AROUND TOWN

BY: LINDA "MRS. SKIP" CARR

2026? How did that happen? Sounds like a date from a science fiction movie. Yet, here we are. After a whirlwind **December**, I am personally looking forward to some downtime. While many are excited about the opportunities for outdoor adventure this month, I am ready for long nights by the fire with a good book.



The Circle Sisters Gather - Seated: Judy Sconyers and Wendy Friend. Standing: Linda Tomblin, Linda Fike, me, Leslie Noland, and Patty Wells holding Juniper Glotfelty.

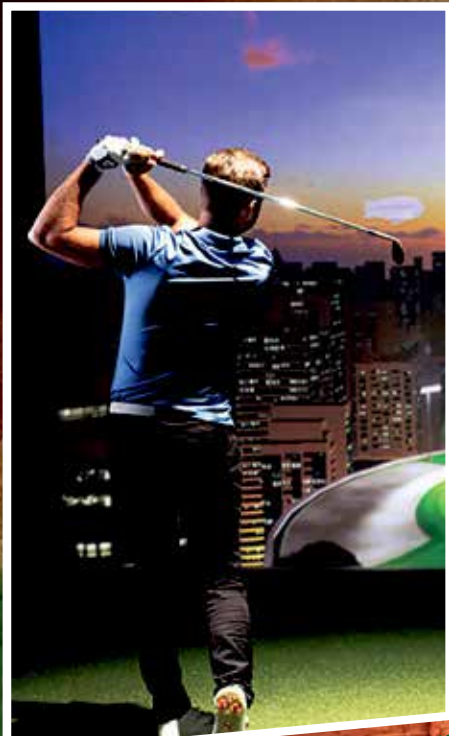
The holiday season was magical in many ways. It started with the **Thanksgiving** holidays and our annual trek to the **Festival of Trees** and breakfast with **Santa**. My grandsons were literally trembling with anticipation as **Santa** and **Mrs. Claus** walked toward us. Their excitement is truly, to me anyway, what the season is all about. We spent several hours there taking pictures, doing crafts, eating a yummy breakfast (thanks to **Brenda McDonnell** and her wonderful staff at **Traders Coffee House**), and visiting with old friends.

I got to visit with **Carol and Kevin Bass**, whom we've known since our kids were all in daycare together. It was also great to see their son **Matt** and his lovely wife **Meg** and their two adorable children. I heard a rumor that **Scotty Bass** was there as well but I missed him. It's such a joy to see the kids I watched grow up with their own little ones.

I enjoyed my annual post **Thanksgiving** brunch with my beautiful circle sisters: **Judy Carbone, Judy Sconyers, Wendy Friend, Patty Wells, Linda Fike, Linda Tomblin and Leslie Noland**. We had a wonderful lunch at **Harvest House** and even little **Juniper Joan** joined us for a while. It is rare that we can all be in the same place these days so the afternoon was a treat.



Matt and Meg Bass with Cameron and Betty.



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We collected a truckload of canned food and over \$12,000 in cash and checks for the two food pantries run by the organization. As their **Executive Director**, I can personally attest to how far that money goes to help our neighbors and friends during the holidays and the rest of the year. As I've said many times, the people of **Garrett County** are the kindest, most generous I've ever known.

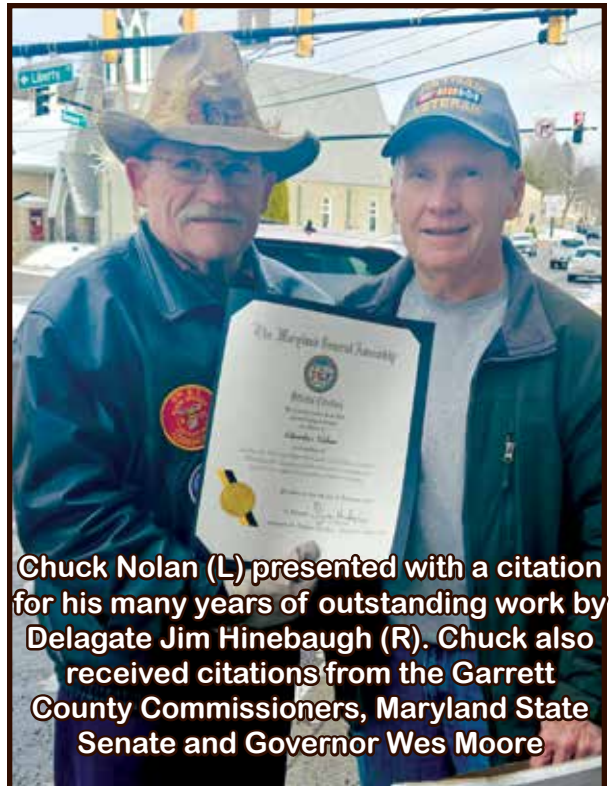
I love our community!

It was fun interacting with donors, many of whom came just to see organizer **Chuck Nolan**, who has announced it is his last year coordinat-

ing the event. **Chuck's** entire family was there to wish him well and we enjoyed some yummy cupcakes made by local **Jonna Frazee**. A special thanks to him and also to **Ben Lawrence** and **Tony Max** of **WKHJ** without whom this would have been possible. **Ben and Tony** have assured me that this event will happen again next year and we're hoping we can get **Chuck** to at least make an appearance.

Speaking of fundraisers, don't forget the **FurBall Auction** benefitting **HART for Animals**. From **January 1 - 10**, you can bid on wonderful items online. Just visit <https://hart-animals.betterworld.org/auctions/2025-fur-ball-auctionfor>

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While the kids spread love and joy at this event, unfortunately they also spread germs and I spent a week battling a head cold, which put a cramp in my holiday shopping. A call to **Stephen Rodeheaver** at **Schoolhouse Earth** saved the day and his staff will put together some gift baskets for me. Thank you **Stephen!**

Editor **Sarah Myers** brought me a yummy gift from the **Copper Kettle Popcorn Factory** that I devoured immediately. Another great last minute gift idea!

Wisp Resort opened on **December 5** for their 70th season, one of the earliest opening dates I remember in quite a while. They took advantage of **December** snow and cold temps and made snow round the clock. Cold weather enthusiasts should have a banner year this year. There are lots of fun events there happening this winter, be sure to check out their website at www.wispresort.com for details. You can also buy your tickets online, a must for busy weekends.

For more information on more daily happenings be sure to read our sister publication, www.deepcreektimes.com. **Sarah** and her team do a great job updating us on weather, happenings, and more.

It is my sincerest wish that you all have a Happy and Healthy 2026! And whether it's quiet time or outdoor adventure, enjoy!



Grandson Ollie with Mr. Chuck E. Cheese



Brenda McDonnell and me at the House of Hope Fundraiser



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by Special Olympics of Maryland

The Maryland State Police/Natural Resources Police will host the 27th Deep Creek Dunk on Saturday, February 21st, 2026 at Deep Creek Lake in Western Maryland benefiting Special Olympics Maryland – Garrett County. This year will be a monumental year with the debut of our first ever Super Dunk on Friday the 20th. As a part of this unique challenge 25 brave individuals will raise \$2,500 for the honor of being a Super Dunker and take 12 Dunks into the frigid Deep Creek Lake in 12 hours, have incredible bragging rights and some great Super Dunk swag to showcase their accomplishments.

A word from Lieutenant Michael Sigmund - Barrack Commander/MD Dept of State Police/McHenry Barrack - "W" about the Deep Creek Dunk and Maryland State Police relationship.

"The Maryland State Police proudly collaborates with Special Olympics Maryland and is committed to maintaining our support. As the commander of the McHenry Barrack in Garrett County, I feel privileged to take part in and endorse the 1st Annual Super Dunk, the Deep Creek Dunk, and the Special Olympics Winter Games. Special Olympics Maryland not only aids our athletes both locally and statewide, but it has also reinforced our collaboration with the community, including the Garrett County Public Schools, where they persist in providing opportunities for unified sports involving students and athletes."

As a part of our Super Dunk recruitment Special Olympics Maryland has already gotten commitments from the following civic and business leaders in the area to be Super Dunkers:

- Chelsie Manges - Dir of Special Education/Garrett County Board of Education
- Michael Sigmund – Lieutenant Maryland State Police, McHenry Barracks
- Luke Mongrain - State Park Ranger Supervisor Maryland Forest & Parks
- Helga Mehring - Co-Owner/206 Alder Bistro & Bar
- Nick Sharps - President/Garret County Chamber of Commerce
- Daryl Anthony - Former Asst. Secretary/Maryland Natural Resources





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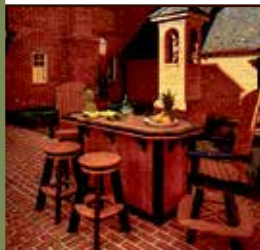
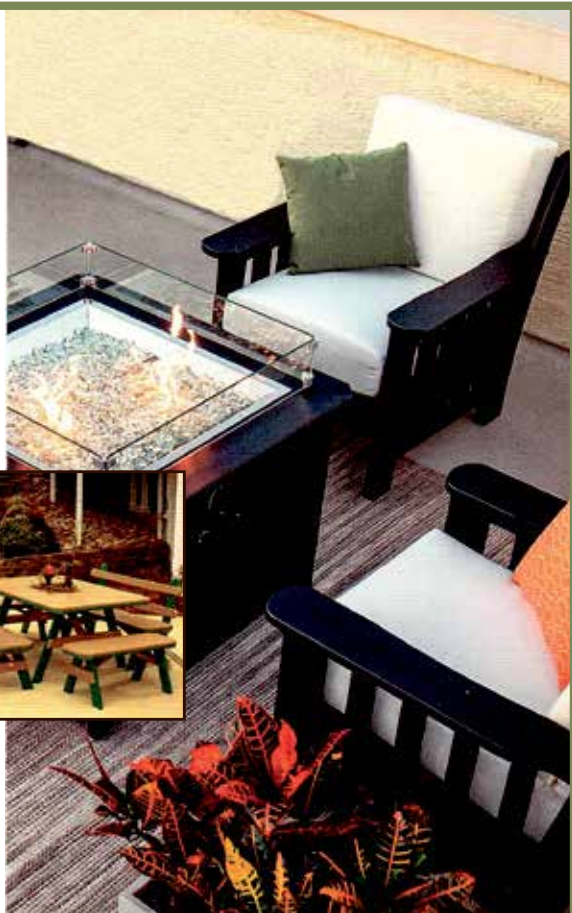
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- Erika Kolb - Owner/Pawn Run Bar & Kitchen
- Connor Norman - Business Development Specialist/Garrett County Govt.
- Bryce Manges – Garrett County Health Department
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That leaves 11 open spots for Super Dunkers to join in on this tremendous challenge.

One of the first registered Super Dunkers was Chelsie Manges - Director of Special Education/ Garrett County Public Schools and she states "Unified sports through Special Olympics, MD, follows a simple principle that training together and playing together is a quick path to friendship and understanding. We've been so fortunate to see this principle come to life in Garrett County Public Schools as we continue to offer and expand unified sports. As we've increased unified sports, we've witnessed students without disabilities build awareness and acceptance of students with disabilities. We've seen these friendships carry over into the academic setting, along with understanding and advocacy for their peers. We've also seen whole-school communities altered, as our middle and high schools earned State Banner Recognition, a high accolade given to schools who lead the way in inclusion, with our elementary schools striving for this same recognition this year. Unified sports isn't just an opportunity for students with disabilities; it's an opportunity for all of us to learn and grow in accepting differences.

When I was approached about being part of the first group of Super Dunkers, I couldn't think of a better, and more crazy way, to support something I'm truly passionate about."

All funds raised at the Super Dunk and the Deep Creek Dunk will be used to support Special Olympics programs in Garrett County as well as the Unified programming in Garrett County Schools.

Registration is now open for all Deep Creek Dunk events at DunkMD.com. To participate in the Saturday Dunk individuals must raise a minimum of \$75 in pledges and will receive a commemorative event sweatshirt, a food coupon provided by Uno's Pizzeria and Grill, and the great feeling of freezing their "fur" off for a truly worthy cause.

The MSP/NRP Deep Creek Dunk's events to include Cool Schools Dunk (students, teachers, and community members duk to raise money for the Garrett County Public Schools Unified Champion program)

Thursday, February 19th.

The Super Dunk and Goosebumps, Grapes, and Growlers (a wine and beer tasting event with live music) will be held Friday, February 20th.

With the main Saturday Dunk being held Saturday, February 21st.

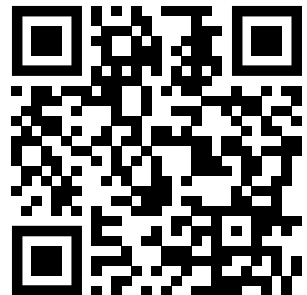
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Are you up for the challenge of 12 Dunks? Dunking in Deep Creek Lake every hour on the hour starting at 10am with last Dunk at 9pm.



*Interested in event sponsorship or being a Super Dunker?
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Calendar

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As of press time, this list was accurate but please verify before heading out; www.DeepCreekTimes.com maintains a digital event listing and calendar.

Thursday, January 1

First Day Hikes 2026 - Kick off the New Year outdoors with Maryland State Parks during First Day Hikes, featuring ranger-led and self-guided options for all ages and abilities at parks across the state. Check out the parks near you at <https://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/pages/firstday-hikes.aspx>

January 1-10

Fur Ball Online Auction - HART for Animals' Fur Ball Online Auction returns January 1–10, featuring exciting items like travel experiences, Washington Capitals tickets, wine and spirits, golf packages, and more. Bid from anywhere and support HART's mission to save the lives of homeless animals. Preview the auction at <https://hartanimals.betterworld.org/auctions/2026fur-ball-online-auction>.

Friday, January 9

AYCE Buckwheat Cakes - At the Swanton Community Center; starts at 4:30 PM until 6:30 PM or sold-out. Adults \$12.00. Child \$ 7.00. Carry-outs also available!

January 9- January 11

Wisp Resort's 70th Anniversary Weekend - Wisp Resort is celebrating 70 years of adventure with its 70th Anniversary Weekend! Enjoy a weekend on the mountain filled with memories, fun, community, and more as Wisp marks this milestone in its history. More details are available at <https://www.wispresort.com/wisp70/>.

Sunday, January 11

Highlands Fat Bike Race #1 - 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 Deep Creek Lions Club Park, McHenry, MD. For more details and to register, visit www.HighlandsFat-BikeSeries.com.

Buzz One Four Document

ary - Shown at 2pm with special thanks to filmmaker Matt McCormick, Buzz One Four uncovers a hidden chapter of Garrett County history—the dramatic story of a 1964 Cold War B-52 bomber carrying two thermonuclear bombs that crashed near Savage Mountain, just 90 miles from Washington, D.C. Reserve your seats for this free show:

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Saturday, January 17

Winter Luau - Honi-Honi Bar is turning up the island vibes with a winter luau, featuring live music from Undercover. It's a fun, tropical twist on winter with great music and a lively atmosphere. Event starts at 8:00 PM. Check out their Facebook page for more details.

Sunday, January 25

Highlands Fat Bike Race #2 - 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 Canaan Valley, Davis, WV. For more details and to register, visit www.HighlandsFatBikeSeries.com.

January 29 - January 31

2026 Western Maryland Classic - The Western Maryland Classic at Deep Creek Lake takes place January 29–31 at Garrett College in McHenry, MD. More details are available at www.westernmaryland-classic.com.

Ongoing:

Polska Polish Pottery Scavenger Hunt - Available EVERY DAY while supplies last. Stop in during store hours (in Dry Dock Plaza).

Try It Pottery Wheel Class - Try something new this January with Deep Creek Pottery's Try It Pottery Wheel Class. This hands-on experience includes a ½-hour class, up to two pots, with glazes and firings included. Call 301-501-1619 to arrange a date and time.

Mondays:

Pizza Monday - Start your week the delicious way with hot, cheesy slices and unbeatable deals — only at Brenda's Pizzeria!

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Tuesdays:

Taco Tuesdays - Enjoy all your favorite tacos at Friendsville Public House. Stop by The Pub and make it a great day.

Industry Night - From 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Firewater Kitchen + Bar on Tuesdays. Offering an evening of good company, great atmosphere, and the perfect midweek break. Stop by to unwind, connect, and enjoy the Firewater experience.

Wednesdays:

Wedgie Wednesday - Take \$2-off any Large Wedgie at Fox's Pizza Den in Oakland!

Pasta Night - Pasta Night at Ace's Run Restaurant & Pub happens every Wednesday from 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM.

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Thursdays:

Local's Night - Every Thursday at Dutch's at Silver Tree, year-round residents can enjoy a special perk—after dinner, bring your receipt to the hostess stand and receive a gift card worth 20% of your subtotal to use on your next visit.

Wing Thursday - Come get your wing fix today at Friendsville Public House! Check their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsvillePublicHouse> for wing specials.

Steak Night - Indulge in perfectly grilled steaks and lakeside dining at Firewater Kitchen + Bar from 4:30 PM to 9:00 PM.

Team Trivia Thursdays - Gather your crew for a night of laughs, friendly competition, and great prizes at Mountain State

Brewing Co. in Deep Creek Lake. The fun starts at 6:30 PM!

Tubing Thursdays-- Purchase your 4hour Tubing Tickets on Thursdays for just \$24.00. *Holiday Blackout Dates Include January 16-19

Sundays:

Team Bingo Sundays - Wrap up the weekend at Mountain State Brewing Co. in Deep Creek Lake with bingo, laughs, prizes, and great food starting at 1:00 PM.

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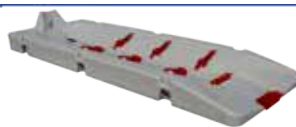
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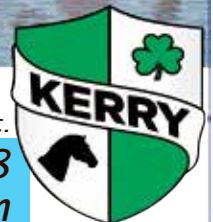
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Business Spotlight

Wisp Resort Turns 70: A Platinum Winter Celebration at Maryland's Only Ski Resort

For 70 winters, Wisp Resort has been part of the Deep Creek Lake story.

In the early 1950s, original owner Helmuth Heise and his wife Evelyn operated a small roadside motel and cabins along Route 219, now known as Will O' the Wisp. One cold February when the accommodations brought in barely enough income to keep the lights on, the pair realized something had to change.

Heise had an idea to lease land from the Brenneman family, where Wisp now stands, and traveled to New Hampshire to buy a used rope tow, laying the foundation for what would become Maryland's premier ski area. Early snowmaking was improvised with hoses spraying water into the winter air. Not very efficient, but overall, the idea worked. The resort expanded and a single Poma lift followed, pulling skiers uphill by a small disc tucked between their legs.

From those humble beginnings, Wisp steadily grew. Heise, along with snowmaking innovator Bob Yaste and local partners with the Beitzel Corporation, helped pioneer advances in snowmaking technology, eventually earning patents that shaped modern systems still used today. Over time, Wisp developed a snowmaking operation so refined that industry professionals from around the world came to Deep Creek Lake to study it.

Today, that same spirit of ingenuity lives on in a four-season resort with 33 slopes, advanced snowmaking, modern amenities, and multiple dining options to relax and refuel.

This January, Wisp is celebrating that legacy in a big way.

The resort's 70th Anniversary Weekend, happening January 9–11, is both a look back and a celebration of what's still ahead. With throwback pricing, live music, historic film premieres, après gatherings, and a full slate of on-snow specials, the weekend is designed to bring longtime locals, first-timers, families, and visitors together on Marsh Mountain.

"This anniversary is about honoring where we started and the community that helped shape Wisp Resort along the way," said Lori Zaloga, Marketing Director at Wisp Resort



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parent company Pacific Group Resorts, Inc. “For 70 years, families have learned to ski here, celebrated winter here, and made lasting memories here. This anniversary weekend is our way of saying thank you!”

The official celebration kicks off Friday, January 9, with an all-day \$19.55 Platinum Day Lift Ticket, a nod to Wisp’s founding year of 1955. Après music from Herb & Hanson fills the Last Chair Bar + Bistro in the early evening, followed by a historical movie premiere at McHenry Lodge that highlights Wisp’s evolution over seven decades.

On Saturday, January 10, the party continues with a birthday cake cutting by Charm City Cakes, Platinum Après on the Beer Garden Deck, a second showing of the historic film, and a crowd-favorite Torchlight Parade returns to the base of Squirrel Cage (in front of the Lodge).

The weekend wraps on Sunday, January 11, with a \$70 Learn to Ski or Ride Platinum Package, making it one of the most accessible days of the season for newcomers. A Time Capsule Ceremony at McHenry Lodge will be a fun and meaningful closing note; marking this milestone year for future generations.

To honor its roots, Wisp is offering a series of Platinum Deals tied directly to its 1955 beginnings:

- Friday, January 9 – \$19.55 Day Lift Tickets
- Saturday, January 10 – \$19.55 Night Lift Tickets
- Sunday, January 11 – \$70 Learn to Ski/Ride Package

The celebration continues beyond the anniversary weekend with 2025–26 Winter Season Platinum Deals, including:

- Wednesday Night Lift Tickets for \$19
- Thursday 4-Hour Tubing Tickets for \$24

Note, quantities are limited, and holiday blackout dates apply.

For those looking to turn the celebration into a full mountain escape, Wisp is also offering a Platinum Lodging Package starting at \$287 per person (based on double occupancy) on non-holiday winter weekends during the 2025–26 season.

The package includes:

- A 2-night slopeside stay at the Lodge at Wisp
- 2-day lift tickets per guest
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- A \$30 resort dining gift card
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Seventy years in, Wisp Resort remains an integral piece of the Deep Creek Lake landscape. Whether you’ve been skiing here for decades or never clicked into bindings before, the 70th Anniversary Weekend offers a chance to be part of Wisp’s lasting legacy.



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Happy New Year to all! I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season, however you and your loved ones chose to celebrate. January always feels like a deep breath after the rush, a chance to look back at what just happened and peek ahead at what is coming next. Around here, the last month has been full in the best way, with good food, good people, a few milestones, and just enough winter excitement to keep things interesting.

The holiday season wrapped up nicely at an end of year dinner party for our team at Railey Design and Bungalow Deep Creek. Shawn Fitzgerald and Steven Wilburn hosted a wonderful holiday dinner at Pawn Run, which has certainly become one of those places you can count on for warmth and comfort when the temperature drops. I stayed loyal to my favorite. The pork nachos. With a special request - If you know, you know.

Swapping the nachos for french fries turns an already indulgent dish into something downright decadent. It is the kind of meal that makes January feel less bleak and more cozy, and it should absolutely not be reserved just for the holidays. Consider it permission to treat yourself well into winter.

Another recent stop in December was Firewater, where I've found my latest favorite "mocktail". I love that their cocktail menu translates beautifully without alcohol, and there is no sacrifice in flavor, creativity, or presentation. My pick is a drink with a name that deserves its own moment. Apple Butter Jeans – Boots with the Fur. If you were born after 1980, you probably smiled reading that. If not, do not worry. You can still participate in the cultural reference the best way possible, by ordering one yourself. It is rich, layered, and just plain fun, and proves that a great drink does not need to get you tipsy to be memorable.

On the home front, there is big news. After lot's of time, preparation, and anticipation my new house is officially finished and ready. We are not quite sleeping there yet, as I am still adding a few finishing touches, but it will be any day now before Pen-





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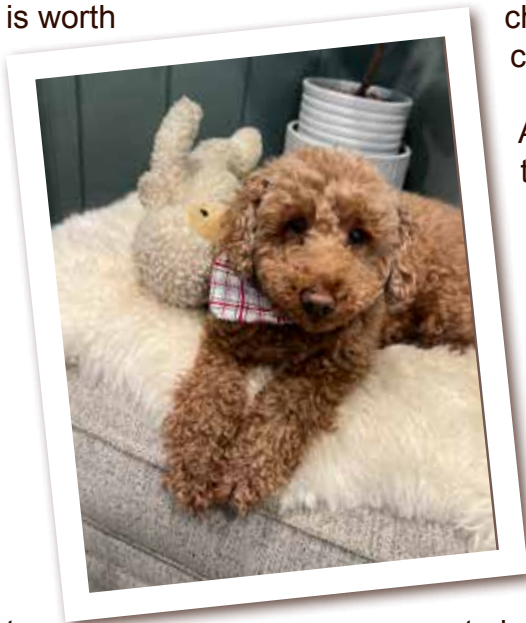


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ny and I are fully moved in. It feels like the start of a very meaningful new chapter. Penny, has had another adjustment to make family recently welcomed a new goldendoodle puppy named Stella. Penny's sweet personality, easygoing nature, and hypoallergenic poodle hair made such an impression that my brother and his wife, Zach and Kristi Fratz, decided to surprise their three kids with a golden doodle of their own for Christmas. Stella has already stolen all of our hearts. Penny is warming up, slowly but surely, and learning to share the spotlight with her new cousin. A photo is included, she's just adorable.

January also means ski season is in full swing, and I am happy to report that I am ready. Gear is set, and I took advantage of a four ticket special at Wisp that was available through December 19. If you missed

that one, do not worry. Wisp is celebrating its 70th winter season and still has plenty of ways to save through their Platinum Deals. They are offering a nod to history with \$19.55 (reference to the start of WISP in 1955) ticket specials, including day lift tickets on Friday, January 9, night lift tickets on Saturday, January 10, and a Learn to Ski or Ride package on Sunday, January 11 for \$70. There are also season long Platinum Deals for Wednesday night lift tickets at \$19 and Thursday four hour tubing tickets at \$24. Quantities are limited, and holiday blackout dates apply, so it is worth



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After a day on the slopes, there is nothing better than easing into the evening with music and good company. On Saturday, January 3, my friends Aly, Macey, and I plan to head to the McHenry Lodge for the Off the Mountain Music Series at Last Chair Bar and Bistro. Jason Shaw will be performing from 4:30 to 7:30 pm, with free live music, featured drinks, and good eats. It is exactly the kind of winter gathering that makes January feel lively instead of long.

ty to look forward to. From comfort food and creative mocktails, to a new home, a new puppy, and fresh snow on the mountain, January is shaping up just fine. Happy New Year to all, and I look forward to seeing you out and about.



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Lynn keeps his prices low by choice. He wants his art to be accessible and enjoyed, not tucked away. You will often see his work shared around town because that is where he believes it belongs.

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This year's theme celebrates love in its many forms, with ice sculptures of hearts, love birds, and cherubs; games and interactive sculptures for family entertainment; and mouthwatering treats by local bakers. Also, don't miss out on the chili cook-off hosted by St. Peter's Catholic Church!

Guests will find plenty to enjoy, with activities scattered throughout the downtown Oakland area. Live musical performances create a romantic feeling, while local shops offer exclusive Winter Fest specials, perfect for a little treasure-hunting. Don't miss multiple photo-opportunities, including installed artwork in Banker's Alley and various themed cut-outs and romantic backdrops. Also, locally made breads, chocolates, and cheeses will delight your tastebuds!

Winter Fest Wine Walk

For those 21 and older, don't miss the ever-popular Wine Walk! You'll receive a wristband, punch card, and tasting cup to sample a curated selection of wines, located at stops throughout the district. Bring a friend or Valentine and toast at each of the



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Winter Fest 2026 promises a day packed with joy, camaraderie, and plenty of frosty fun! This event is made possible through the collaboration of the Garrett County Arts Council, Town of Oakland, and the Oakland Arts & Entertainment District's community partners. Whether you're discovering unique handmade gifts, enjoying music, or toasting to your Valentine, you'll enjoy this winter celebration that will warm your heart!



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Zines cover diverse topics from personal stories (perzines) and art to fandom (fan-zines) 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/>

...yeah, two-headed dogs. Vladimir Denikho here was a Soviet scientist who grafted one dog's head onto another's several times - and plucked it into the host dog's circulation. They did live - briefly. Science! (?)



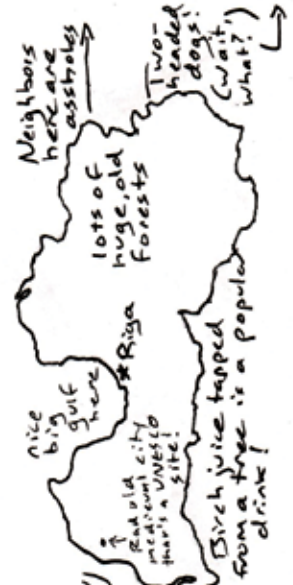
Still (probably) not Dr. Doom

Their national library is called the Castle of Light and looks amazing.



Latvia

Managed to get independent from a decaying USSR via a nonviolent "Singing Revolution" asserting their cultural independence!



nice easy flag (possibly signifies woodsman left by a guy lying in the middle of a street)

Amber washes up on the beach!

Really got swish in a big fan ac!



no, that's Latvia, and fictional.



this is a real baseball team in the Appalachian League, based in Burlington, NC. It tickles me to no end to know this exists.



I often wonder how much art was a thinly veiled play to get attractive people to take their clothes off.



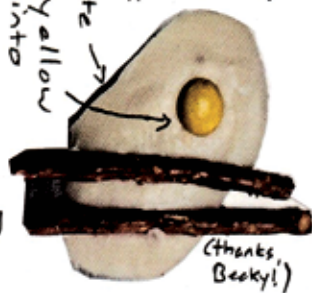
hot take

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Stick a freezy pack in your pillowcase at night to rest your head on. (I, for one, can't sleep if it gets too hot)

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Melt a small block of white chocolate
Drop a yellow M&M into it.
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(Discovered at a recent Thanksgiving potluck)



(thanks, Beaky!)

Sense Last Time

Learned a new way to fold these things (thanks, Bex!)

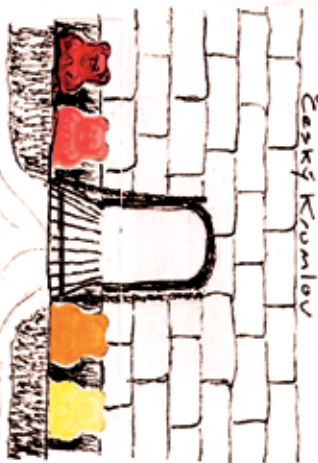
- Watched my son die on stage (but, like, in a good way)
- Dealt with a literal shitshow at work
- invented ordumblo net font
- Launched a Battle of the Books
- Buried a hamster
- Learned that a 'spurtle' is not something naughty
- Failed at smoking chicken
- Resumed my triviatation duties
- Read a bunch of spooky shit
- Saw Poe's hair →



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Bathwe
legendary
cities
supposedly
drowned for their sins,
with a lone survivor telling
the tale.

Interestingly, two Celtic
areas each have their
own legends of
sunken lands:
Lynesse, off of the tip of
Cornwall

the other day
i was giving a
presentation on social
media for a class of kids
and brought up how
addictive it is
deliberately designed to
be - and i asked if they
ever noticed how so many
grownups just keep
scrolling, engrossed
and one kid said 'i have
to beg my mom and dad to
play with me'
and he looked like he was
going to cry
and it broke my heart.



nothing here
but
us
chickens.

ain't nuttin'
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What's Happening

Garrett County Community Works Supports Local Nonprofits

In the spirit of the season, volunteers from Community Works came together in three different projects to support other non-profit organizations and the services they each provide to Garrett County residents.

Supporting the Dove Center

To kick-off the Christmas season, volunteers gathered at the Garrett County Fairgrounds to prepare for the Annual Festival of Trees. The Festival raises money for the Dove Center, Garrett County's domestic violence and sexual assault services program.

Every year, volunteers assemble cookie decorating kits for kids who visit Santa's bakery at the Festival. Community Works leader Lisa Nichols said "our volunteers joined with many other elves that day to make about 800 cookie packs for kids. It was great working together with so many other volunteers to

make quick work of a large task." Volunteer Cindy Hendershot added "I volunteer to aid the community and to meet other people. I enjoyed working on the cookie kits because it was well-organized and I happened to sit with other retired teachers."



Supporting the House of Hope

Several weeks later, on a very cold and snowy Saturday, Community Works volunteers set up a table at the door of Shop 'n Save in McHenry, to seek donations of supplies for the House of Hope's pantries in Deer Park and Grantsville.

At the end of the day, donations filled seven large cartons with shampoo, soaps, toothpaste, all kinds of household cleaning supplies, and eight 50-gallon bags of toilet paper, paper towels and other paper goods. Volunteer Kamlesh Gillespie said "I'm very glad that in these difficult times, people are still so generous and want to support those in need. Thanks also to Shop 'n Save for providing space for us!"

Linda Carr, Executive Director of the House of Hope said "we're so grateful for these donations. Cleaning, paper and personal care products are expensive, and every item we can assist with makes it easier for our clients. Thank you to everyone who donated, and to the volunteers from Community Works."

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new community food pantry in Oakland, by organizing and stocking its shelves with food and supplies. The Hub distributes healthy grocery boxes and also connects people with workforce, health and other resources. Volunteer Leah Rigby said “I like volunteering with CWorks because I get to see the immediate impact of the work we do. I’m also just so excited to watch it grow and serve our community!”

Community Works leader Eleanor Adcock added: “we’ve supported the Hub many times since its inception. We’re thrilled to partner with Community Action, the Garrett County Health Department and Maryland Physicians Care to help make this community resource a reality.”

What's Next?

Community Works will have additional projects in the new year. It has over 100 volunteers so far. Anyone interested in volunteering can register and receive updates on upcoming opportunities at <https://tinyurl.com/CWGCVolunteer>. More information about Community Works Garrett County is at <https://www.facebook.com/CWorksGC/>. Email communityworksgarrett@gmail.com with suggestions for new projects that would benefit the community, or with any questions.

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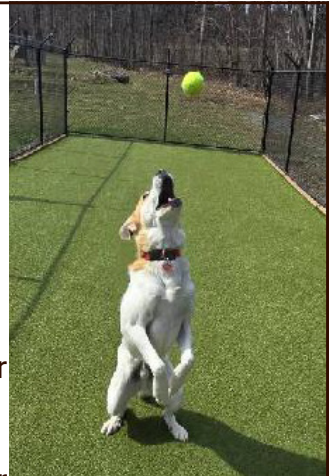
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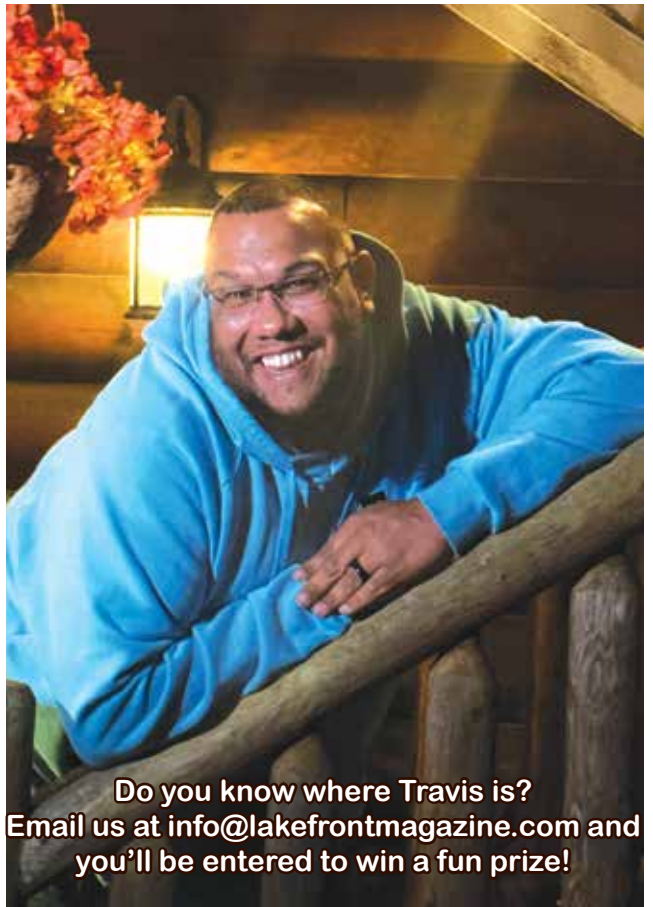
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1520 Deep Creek Drive, McHenry (Beside The FunZone @ The Fort) • 301-387-6500

www.pinelodgesteakhouse.com

Open Monday - Thursday: 4 - 9 PM

Friday & Saturday: Noon - 10 PM

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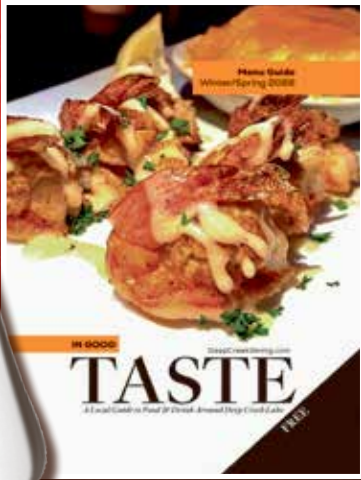


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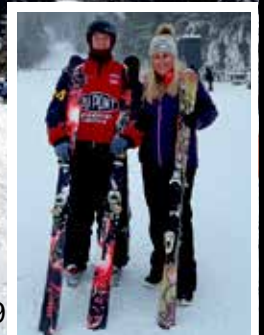


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FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

Wisp.. Free Live Music Series, 4:30
Honi-Honi Mike & Jamie, 8

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

Honi-Honi Rock Hazel, 8

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

Wisp.. Free Live Music Series, 4:30
Honi-Honi Good Guys Duo, 8

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

Wisp.. Free Live Music Series, 4:30
Honi-Honi Rushmore, 8

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301-334-9109

Harbor Bar

301-387-0525

Honi-Honi

301-387-9100

JG's Pub

301-387-6369

MoonShadow

301-750-5094

Mountain State Brewing Co.

Co.301-387-3360

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Air Conditioning / Heating:

Rush Services 387-6481

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Englanders 533-0000

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All Earth Eco Tours 746-4083

Funland..... 387-6168

The Alley..... 334-3040

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Glotfelty Enterprises .. 334-3911

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Casselman Bakery 240-442-5202

Mullenax Bakery..... 616-8175

Rolling Pin 746-8500

Banks:

Middletown Valley 240-858-8570

Beer/Wine Sales:

Arrowhead 387-4020

Hartman's Liberty 746-8886

Zip'eez 387-2992

Boat Rentals, Sales & Service:

Bill's Marine 387-5536

FunTime Watersports . 387-0725

Silver Tree Marine 387-5855

Bowling Alley:

The Alley..... 334-3040

Breweries:

Mt. State Brewing Co.. 387-3360

Building Supplies:

G&W Lumber 746-8520

Nature's Countertops.. 895-4371

Cleaning Services:

DCL Mtn Maids 240-321-4800

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Delis:

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Shop 'n Save 387-4075

Dock Sales & Repairs:

Connect A Dock ... 412-486-3388

Deep Creek Docks 387-8574

Equipment Rentals:

Garrett Equipment 334-9559

Farmer's Markets:

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Furniture Sales:

Fitzwater Furniture..... 334-2612

Patio Perfection .. 240-321-2219

Gasoline:

Arrowhead 387-4020

Hartman's Liberty 746-8886

Golf Courses

Wisp Resort..... 387-4911

Golf Simulator:

The 19th Greene 409-1883

Gourmet Foods:

Schoolhouse Earth 746-8603

Shop 'n Save 387-4075

Groceries:

Arrowhead 387-4020

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Zip'eez 387-2992

Hay Rides / Sleigh Rides:

Circle R Ranch

Western Trails..... 387-6155

Hardware:

G&W Lumber..... 746-8520

Horseback Riding:

Circle R..... 387-6890

Western Trails..... 387-6155

Hot Tub Service:

Dp Ck Spas & Billiards... 334-6226

Hot Tub First Aid..... 301-616-1968

DCL Spas/Hot Tub... 240-321-4800

Insurance Agents:

David Jochynek 334-3774

Interior Design:

Fitzwater Furniture..... 334-2612

Lake Tours:

FunTime Watersports . 387-0725

Liquor Sales:

Arrowhead Market 387-4020

Zip'eez..... 387-2992

Massage:

Healing Hands..... 304-844-6168

O.M.G. Relax..... 616-6081

Mini Golf:

Funland..... 387-6168

Motels:

Cove Creek Lodge..... 877-853-6932

Wisp Resort..... 800-462-9477

Pet Boarding & Grooming:

HART for Animals

..... 240-488-4920

Plumbing:

Rush Services..... 387-6481

Real Estate Sales

Julie Mead 540-931-6470

Keller Williams

..... 443-858-2723

Railey Realty..... 387-2000

Taylor-Made... 866-351-1119

Savoy Team.. 443-858-2723

Sailboats:

Flying Scot..... 334-4848

Seafood:

Arrowhead..... 387-4020

Shop 'n Save..... 387-4075

Tires:

Glotfelty Enterprises

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Tree Trimming:

3G Tree..... 304-642-5410

Vacation Rentals:

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844-202-2778

Veterinary Services:

HART Animal Center

387-SPAY

Wedding Venues:

Wisp Resort... 800-462-9477

Wellness Center:

Affinity Wellness

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Whitewater Rafting:

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