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Editor's Note

Dear Friends,

Thank you for picking up The Lakefront Magazine and for supporting the local businesses, attractions, and organizations that make this community such a special place. Whether you've been reading us for years or this is your first issue, I'm so glad you're here.

One of my favorite parts of publishing this magazine is hearing from readers. What do you love about the area? What stories would you like to see featured? What hidden gems have you discovered? I would genuinely love to hear from you! Tag us @lakefrontmagazine or email us at info@lakefront-magazine.com.

And while you're making summer memories, don't forget to share your photos with us. You can find this month's reader snapshots on page 114.

As chair of the Garrett 250 Commission, I can tell you that the upcoming birthday bash event represents months of planning, collaboration, and dedication from countless volunteers, organizations, businesses, and community leaders. While there is still work to do as I write this, I am incredibly excited to see it all come together on July 18! Please note the facing page for all of the details; please come say "hi"!

One more note: this issue is also personally meaningful because I can hardly believe it marks the beginning of my second year as publisher of The Lakefront Magazine. The past year has gone by faster than I could have ever imagined. It has been a privilege to continue a publication that holds such a meaningful place for many and I am grateful for the support, encouragement, and feedback so many of you have shared along the way.

See ya around the lake!
-Sarah Myers



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**The Garrett 250 initiative, a countywide celebration, is commissioned
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Community at the Garrett County Sesquicentennial

Garrett 250 Birthday Bash

Celebrating America Together

By Sarah Myers

Across Garrett County, preparations have been underway for months. Volunteers have attended meetings, organizations have planned exhibits, communities have coordinated activities, and countless individuals have contributed their time and talents to create something special. On July 18, those efforts will come together for Garrett 250's signature event: the Garrett 250 Birthday Bash.

As excitement builds, many people are asking the same questions: What exactly is Garrett 250? Who is it for? And why does it matter? Here's everything you need to know.

The simple answer is everyone with a connection or interest in Garrett County..

Garrett 250 was commissioned by the Garrett County Government as a community-wide celebration welcoming residents, visitors, families, veterans, students, business owners, civic organizations, and anyone enjoys Garrett County. Whether your family has lived here for generations or you discovered the area through a weekend visit and fell in love with it, Garrett 250 is designed to bring people together.

The event itself reflects that spirit. Local nonprofits, community groups, veterans organizations, first responders, businesses, and volunteers will all play a role in the celebration. It is a reminder that the story of Garrett County has never been written by one person or one generation. Instead, it has been shaped by thousands of people whose contributions—large and small—have helped build the community we know today.

Garrett 250 is Garrett County's participation in the nationwide commemoration of America's

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250th anniversary and communities across the country are finding unique and meaningful ways to recognize the people, places, and events that have shaped their local history while also celebrating American Pride. Here in Garrett County, the Birthday Bash serves as the centerpiece of those efforts.

The free, family-friendly event will feature exhibits, educational displays, children’s activities, live entertainment, community organizations, local history, veterans programming, food and beverage options, and opportunities to connect with neighbors and visitors alike.

“This is a community event to celebrate local and what makes Garrett County special,” said Garrett 250 Event Director, Missy Galish. “I was taught to volunteer and give back at an early age and I love being able to play a role in celebrating Garrett County!”



Text “Garrett250” to 888777 and stay connected to the Garrett 250 event. Event schedule, map, traffic, safety information, and more will be shared.

One of the day’s signature moments will be “A County United,” a large-scale American flag unfurling that will bring together volunteers from across the region. The ceremony is intended to honor the generations who have contributed to Garrett County’s story and to symbolize the shared connections that unite communities throughout the county.

“I can tell our community is excited about the drone show. Anecdotally, I’ve talked to many people who saw the drone show last year [for the DCL 100 event] and they want to be sure to see this year’s show. Also, it seems everyone that I’ve talked to who missed the drone finale last year, are making plans to make sure they see the show this year,” said Garrett 250 Chair, Sarah Myers.

The Garrett 250 Birthday Bash will take place on:

Saturday, July 18, 2026
Noon to 10:00 p.m.
Garrett County Fairgrounds

Activities and exhibits will be available throughout the afternoon and evening. Visitors can spend the entire day exploring the fairgrounds, enjoying live entertainment, relaxing in the Biergarten, learning more about local history, and participating in activities designed for all ages.

Several featured events are scheduled throughout the day, including the official program kickoff with George Washington, a commemorative coin distribution, and fan-favorite entertainment to include The Remedy, the Garrett County Community Concert Band and the drone finale show.



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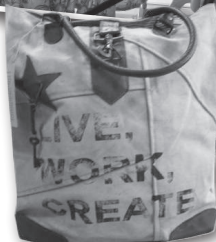
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Perhaps the most important question, though, is “why?”. Why invest the time, energy, and resources into a celebration like this?

Across the nation, communities are participating in America 250 by reflecting on their history, recognizing the people who helped shape it, and celebrating the values that continue to unite us. Here in Garrett County, we are doing the same through our guiding theme, “Celebrating America Together”.

In a time when it can be easy to focus on our differences, community celebrations remind us of what we share. They create opportunities to meet neighbors, learn local stories, honor service and sacrifice, celebrate accomplishments, and build connections across generations.

On July 18, the community is invited to come together, reflect on that shared story, and celebrate all that makes Garrett County a place worth calling home.

Listen to the full interview podcasts with Sarah Myers and Missy Gralish, on The Backbone Podcast, stories and perspectives from Western Maryland. The podcast is available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, and YouTube.’



A family enjoys the Garrett County Sesquicentennial



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A "SKIP" AROUND TOWN

BY: LINDA "MRS. SKIP" GARR

This is it! The height of summer is here with every day bringing sun and fun. Kick off the month with annual fourth of July activities beginning July 3rd in downtown Oakland with a patriotic celebration at the Gazebo, Dailey Park, Oakland, MD, featuring a grave marking dedication to a Revolutionary War soldier, patriotic music, a visit with Abigail Adams, and Firebox food truck. The Yough Glades NSDAR, Little Meadows SAR, and the Garrett County Historical Society will be honoring America's past and celebrating its spirit. Begins at 1 PM. That evening you can enjoy the Garrett Community Concert Band playing a patriotic set beginning at 7:30 PM, followed by fireworks over at Broadford Lake Park.

On the 4th, don't miss Accident's 4th of July parade (a family favorite) culminating in the annual firework show over Deep Creek lake Saturday night (rain date is Sunday, July 5th). Head to Wisp Resort for a premier seat and enjoy live music from 6:30 - 9:30 PM.

I had lunch at Stonecroft Manor recently. I forgot how good the warm chicken salad was, I enjoyed every bite. Owners Jim and Shirley Bailey have kept the ambiance and

delicious food we all remember from Cornish Manor days, with some very special additions. The fried brussels sprouts are a can't miss.

I also enjoyed a class with Bella Kruper at Bella Art Mosaics. I had decorated a rock for my grandson Theo several years ago, and wanted to do the same for Ollie. It was a fun afternoon with old friends and new. You can find other creative fun at Deep Creek Pottery, another great place to spend a summer afternoon creating and



enjoying time with friends and families.

The Morning Markets on 42 are back! Featuring local artisans, fresh coffee, food trucks, local produce and meat and live music, the market takes place two Saturdays a month: in July dates are 11th and 25th

On your way there, be sure to visit local favorite Schoolhouse Earth, and don't miss

THROWBACK

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"Skip" Around Town by Skip Carr & Caitlin

Special thanks, this month, to **Ruth Beitzel** of the **Point View Inn**, **Mike Heslop** of **Slopeside Market** and **John Anderson** of **Dry Dock Sprit Shoppe** for making our party.

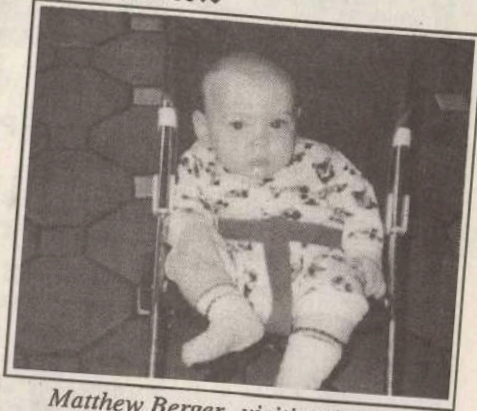
Bimbo is a basketball player, **Jumbo** is a golfer, **gumbo** is a soup, **limbo** is a dance, **Dumbo** was an elephant...I don't understand why you would be confused.

Best of luck to my friend, **Stan Eggleston**, who is now running the **Board Room Restaurant** in **Oakland**...try the lemon peppered fish.

Gene Hamm sent me his headline of the month: "Grandmother of eight shoots hole in one."

Word is that **Mike McCann** is retiring from driving truck to take a job with the **Rockettes**...some new underwear commercial or something.

A day without sunshine is like meat loaf and mashed potatoes without gravy...**Brenda McDonnell** of **Pizzazz Pizzeria** agrees with me...I just realized that the letter "z" appears 6 times in that name.



Matthew Berger...visiting from Baltimore

Check out the selection of floral arrangements and cakes that **Tim Cosner** is offering at **Advantage Florist**...just opened at **Dry Dock Plaza**...next to **Four All Seasons**.

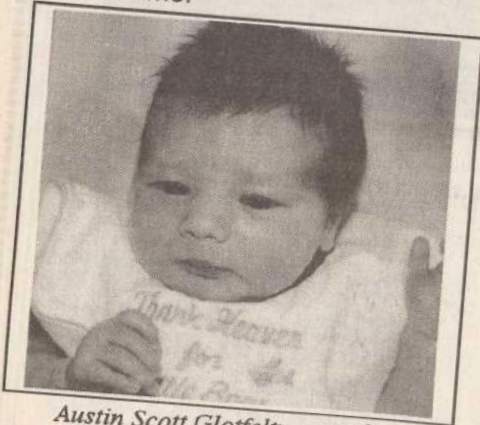
Caitlin is proud to announce the loss of her top front tooth...special thanks to **Ruth Beitzel** for telling her that the **Tooth Fairy** is now paying \$10.00!

Thanks to **Bill Meagher** of **Lakeside Creamery** for calling **Caitlin** to tell her about his latest creation.

Don't forget that you can rent **Mopeds** from **Garrett County Outback** this year...next to **Slopeside Citgo**...great way to enjoy a leisurely trip around the lake...**Paul Ruane**, **Walt Danser** and I are thinking about making a trip.

We had dinner at **Red Run Lodge** last month...great meal in a peaceful atmosphere.

Don't forget the "oldies in the afternoon"...**Mondays** at **McClives** and **Wednesdays** at **The Harbor Bar**...both places, 4pm...**Roger** will be available for lessons.



Austin Scott Gtofelty, son of Brandy at The Tourist Trap
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their 40th anniversary celebration on July 18th from 10 AM to 6 PM

The sign at Third Street Diner are always fun to read, but this one literally made me laugh out loud. “I ordered a chicken and an egg online; I’ll let you know”

The Green Room Lounge in downtown Oakland is serving up live music all summer long. It’s a great place to stop after a day of shopping in Oakland.

Speaking of live music, one of my absolute favorite summer traditions is the Wednes-

day night music series at Wisp Resort each July and August. Come early to browse local artisan booths (beginning at 5 PM) with music beginning at 6 PM. Don’t forget your blanket and lawn chairs! Food and drink is available for purchase.

Victorian Chautauqua returns July 11th and 12th in the heart of Mountain Lake Park’s Historic District. Enjoy free admission and parking, live performances, lectures, and music under three large tents, plus activities for the entire family. The weekend event celebrates the history of Mountain Lake Park, founded in 1881 as Maryland’s

original Chautauqua resort community. Come dressed in your Victorian finest attire and become part of the experience. For more information and full two day schedule, visit www.victorianchautauqua.com.

Of course the highlight of the month will be the Garrett250 celebration held at the GC Fairgrounds on Saturday, July 18th. The day will include a Biergarten (bring a chair), live music all day, speakers, historical reenactors, kids zone and much more! End the day with a live drone show. This event is free to all.

If you’re looking to enjoy some good food, be sure to pick up the latest issue of The Menu Guide. Sarah has put together an impressive guide featuring over forty restaurants from all over the



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county. New in the current edition of the *In Good Taste* menu guide is a centerfold section highlighting drinks and experiences around the area.

Rumor has it that there is a new speakeasy located downstairs at Ace’s Run.

One of our new advertisers is Tall Pines Distillery located in Salisbury, PA, just north of Grantsville. I spent Father’s Day afternoon there with an old friend, enjoying a perfect summer day, a cold drink, and yummy food from a local food truck. They have tastings of their impressive list of products and I can’t wait to go back and hear some live music there soon.

Don’t forget, seasonal reservations are now required for entry to Swallow Falls state parks on weekends and holidays from 8 AM to 4 PM through Labor Day. Reservations can be made online at parkdayuse.maryland.gov.

This will be my last column for a while, although I will still be contributing photos to our Community Snapshots page.

In July I will be travelling along Rt. 66 for a few weeks but I will be back for the Garrett 250 celebration. I hope to see you all there!

And remember, whatever your pleasure this July, enjoy!



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What's In a Name?

by Tony Lolli

Ever wonder how Garrett County towns were named? No? Why not? Work with me here.

Most town names seem pretty straightforward, while others might leave you scratching your head. All that mattered was that the name made sense at the time. The fact that these names are still in use suggests an acknowledgement of the perseverance of early settlers. Or, it's evidence that newcomers were too busy to name it for anything but themselves. In all fairness, they deserved it.

As was the case for many places in Maryland's Appalachian counties, these town names recognized early landowners, railroad figures, or pioneer families. It was a common naming process. Often, all inhabitants were related to those who first settled their respective area. To have a place named for a family was a tribute to their pioneering spirit. Either that or it reflected that something unexpected happened there. More on that later.

The naming process might have been a little more difficult than it would seem at first blush. Imagine a group of settlers gathered around a campfire in 1800. They've cleared a couple of trees, built a few cabins, and are feeling optimistic enough to call their collection of stumps a town.

"We need a name," says one.

"What about Pleasant Valley?" suggests another.

"No," says another, "it's already taken."

"How about Cedar Grove or Pine Ridge or Oak Plains?"

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“Works for me,” said one and they all agreed, knowing the uniqueness of the name would not be copied by anyone else. And all was well until the bear decided to return and reclaim its territory, thereby necessitating a change in venue as well as another naming session. C’est la vie.

As large as Garrett County is (655 square miles and the largest county in Maryland), there are only eight incorporated municipalities, each with their own town government. These are: Accident, Deer Park, Friendsville, Grantsville, Kitzmiller, Loch Lynn Heights, Mountain Lake Park, and Oakland.

In addition, there are well over 100 named districts (towns, villages, crossroads, hamlets, and populated places). These unincorporated areas are part of Garrett County and are managed by the county rather than a local government. Hmm, what’s the difference?

Unlike residents of incorporated towns, people in unincorporated areas do not have a mayor or town council. Instead, they are represented directly by the elected Garrett County Board of Commissioners, which serves as the county’s governing body. As a result, the county government acts as the principal provider of local services for most residents, while the incorporated towns maintain authority over their own municipal affairs. With a relatively small population spread across Maryland’s largest county, county-level administration is generally more practical than creating dozens of small municipal governments. Well, that makes sense.

Many unincorporated communities retain strong local identities despite lacking municipal governments. Places such as McHenry, Finzel, and Swanton have post offices, churches, volunteer fire departments, schools, businesses, and community organizations that function as local centers. Residents often identify strongly with these communities even though they are not legally incorporated. But fear not. It’s not as if someone may be



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going to jail because I suspect the statutes of limitation are up.

Let's begin with the naming of Garrett County. Francesca Branson's wonderfully detailed piece, *The Railroad's Essential Role*, in the May issue of *The Lakefront Magazine*, describes John Work Garrett's important contributions to the opening of this area to tourism and economic development. His influence was a result of his impact on the development of the Baltimore & Ohio (B&O) railroad.

Before the B&O reached here in the early 1850s, travel through the Allegheny Mountains was difficult and slow. The railroad linked our region with Baltimore, Washington, Pittsburgh, and the Midwest. This connection made it possible to efficiently transport coal, timber, agricultural products, and passengers. There was no mention of bootlegging, but who knows. Oakland itself was laid out in 1849 after the B&O selected the route through the area, and the town quickly became an important rail center.

Thanks to our natural environment, John Work Garrett was able to promote our area as a desirable mountain resort region. This brought wealthy travelers to the Deer Park Hotel and other resorts. Presidents Ulysses S. Grant, Benjamin Harrison, Grover Cleveland, and William McKinley joined other industrialists, politicians, and celebrities who rode B&O passenger trains into the mountains to stay at the Deer Park Hotel and other resorts.

Smaller towns probably followed the tradition of naming towns after landowners or early pioneers. Examples include Bittering, Crellin, Finzel, Floyd, Friendsville, Gorman, Gortner, Herrington Manor, Hutton, Hoyes, Jennings, Kearney, Kempton, Kendall, Kitzmiller, McHenry, Merrill, Mitchell Manor, Schell, Shallmar, Steyer, Strawn, Strecker, Swanton, Thayerville, Wallman, and Wilson.

Other towns were named for landscape features, mills, railroad stops, or rivers. A few have documented origins, while others survive mostly through local tradition and historical usage. Examples include: Altamont (from Spanish/Latin roots meaning "high mountain"); Bowling Green (indicating a flat common or recreational area); Camp Whitethorn (for whitethorn or hawthorn shrubs); Elder Hill (probably named for elderberry trees); Fairview (for scenic mountain views); and Foxtown (probably named for fox hunting or plentiful foxes).

Many others were fairly self-explanatory, such as Gravel Hill, High Point, Locust Grove, North Glade, Piney Grove, Redhouse, Sand Spring, Sang Run (short for ginseng), Mineral Spring, Table Rock, and Winding Ridge.

Others have unusual names. For example, Accident. Local legend has it that the town received its curious name in the 1700s when two surveyors accidentally selected the same parcel of land independently while laying out land grants. The overlap was referred to as an "accident," and the name stuck. I suppose the town might also have just as easily been named "Oops."

Other towns were named for more "obvious" reasons. Oakland was named for the abundant oak trees surrounding the original settlement. Deer Park was named because

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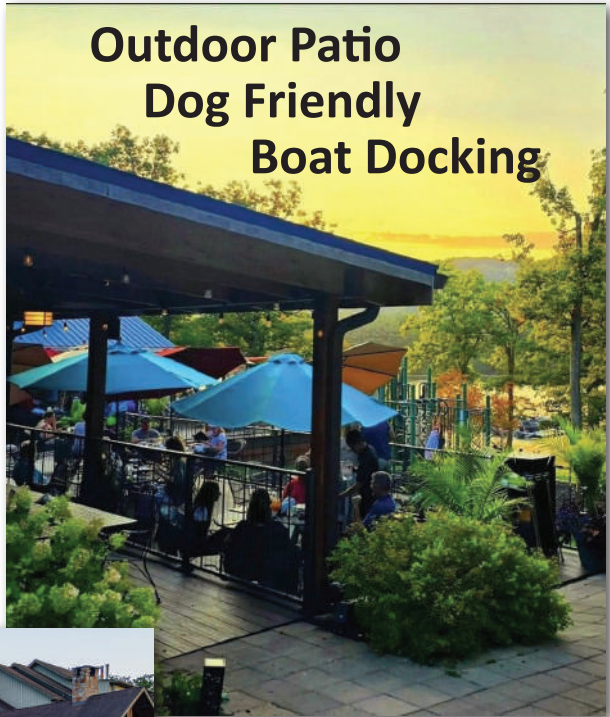
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the area was once known for large numbers of deer roaming the mountain forests and meadows. Grantsville was named for General Ulysses S. Grant. However, during the Civil War era, the town's earlier name was Jenningsville and later was changed to honor Grant. Others have similar name sources: Green Glade for a lush green glade near Deep Creek Lake; Hazelhurst for hazel trees; Loch Lynn, a resort name meaning lake waterfall or lake pool; Sand Spring for groundwater sources; and Table Rock, for a flat rock atop Backbone Mountain.

So, there you have it. If you want to try your hand at naming a town, just buy up some unincorporated acreage, add a few fenceposts and some signage. Maybe you'll consider calling your new town "Oops."

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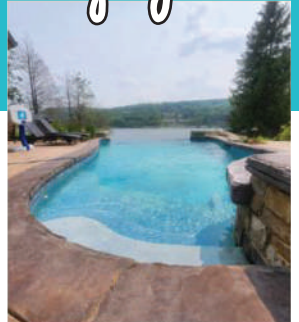
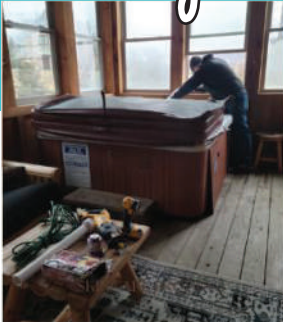
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Wednesday, July 1

Birds of Prey Program at Deep Creek Lake - Get up close with hawks and owls in their natural habitat with the hands-on Birds of Prey Program at Deep Creek Lake until August 26th, offered by All Earth Eco Tours. Book your guided wildlife experience for \$475. For more information, please visit <https://www.allearthtours.com/event/birds-of-prey-program-at-deep-creek-lake/>

Friday, July 3

Town of Oakland July 4th Celebration and Fireworks Display - The Town of Oakland holds its annual fireworks display at Broadford Lake Park, featuring a concert and Armed Forces salute by the Garrett Community Concert Band Choral Society. The music begins at 7:30 PM at the amphitheater, with fireworks following at roughly 9:30 PM.

Team Trivia - Grab your crew and meet at The Green Room Lounge! Team Trivia kicks off at 7:00 PM.

Saturday, July 4

Sidewalk Sale & Giveaways - Celebrate Independence Day all day long at The Shoppes at The Fort! Fantastic deals and fun prizes await, and we will be posting the complete event details this week on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/shopthefordcl>.

3rd Annual Wiener Wars Hot Dog Eating Contest - It's baaaaaack! The party kicks off at 1:00 PM with Live Music by the Jason Shaw Band. The contest will start at 2:00 PM! Check out the details and registration at <https://www.msbcdeepcreek.com/events/3rd-annual-wiener-wars-hot-dog-eating-contest>.

Fourth of July Stage Wisp with Kelly Bell Band + Fireworks Display - Celebrate America's 250th birthday at Stage Wisp! The Artisan Market opens at 5:00 PM, followed by free live music on the front lawn from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM. Bring your own blankets and lawn chairs. Food and drinks are

available for purchase on-deck, and the Fire on the Mountain Fireworks Display will light up the sky right after the concert. The event runs rain or shine (moving inside the McHenry Lodge if it rains), and outside food or beverages are strictly prohibited.

Sunday, July 5

Make a Mug - Celebrate Independence Day weekend at Deep Creek Pottery with a fun afternoon making your own one-of-a-kind mug from 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM! Using slabs of clay and a variety of texture tools, you'll design your piece, choose your favorite glaze color, and let us take care of the rest. Tickets are available for \$45 each, and your finished masterpiece will be ready for pickup in 2-3 weeks. Feel free to bring along your favorite drinks and snacks, and secure your spot today by purchasing tickets at <https://checkout.square.site/merchant/BNGPCS23PBRD0/checkout/CQJ7SBJZBA-JKYGWZ4OSCIEJE!>



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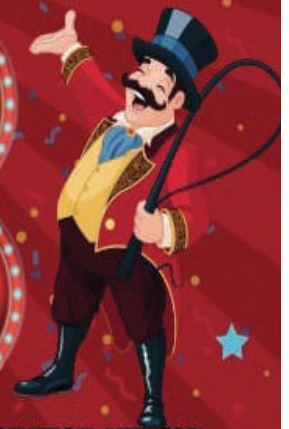
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Monday, July 6

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Tuesday, July 7

Kids Summer Camps - Deep Creek Pottery is hosting a mid-summer art adventure featuring clay projects and pottery painting. The camp runs from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM for ages 8–12. Cost is \$75, and a packed lunch is required. Call 301-501-1619 or email deepcreekpottery@gmail.com to register.

Saturday, July 11

Art in the Park - Deep Creek Lake State Park is hosting its 26th Annual Art in the Park event in the Day Use Area, featuring nature-inspired works from 30 local artists, food vendors, and a mobile Discovery Center. Visitors can browse the event from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturday and 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Sunday, while

interested artists can email wgcspvinc@gmail.com to learn about the jury process.

Mosaic Stepping Stone - Head to Deep Creek Pottery for a fun creative session making your own beautiful 8x8 mosaic tile stepping stone at 1:00 PM! You'll get to design your piece from a wide variety of vibrant glass colors, and we will grout everything together so you can take your finished masterpiece home the exact same day. Tickets are available for \$60 each, and you can secure your spot right now by purchasing them at <https://checkout.square.site/merchant/BNGPCS23PBRD0/checkout/TMQM24K5TD-7BHNLQ5PC4PBZO>.

StageWEST Presents Scotty Hasting - Enjoy the high-energy sound of rising country star, Purple Heart recipient, and Army veteran Scotty Hasting live at the Performing Arts Center at 7:30 PM! His show delivers a powerful mix of country storytelling and straight-up fun designed to inspire hope and connect with listeners. Adult tickets are \$40, and students and kids get in free with a paying adult. Get your tickets at <https://artsandentertainment.org/scotty-hasting/> for an empowering performance that will leave you feeling good and knowing you're not alone.

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Make a Clay Luminary - Spend your Sunday Funday getting creative at Deep Creek Pottery by making a beautiful clay luminary from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM! Tickets are available for \$50 each, and your finished, fired piece will be ready for pickup in 2–3 weeks. Secure your spot today and grab your tickets at <https://checkout.square.site/merchant/BNGPCS23PBRD0/checkout/XN4LY6L-ROJ6W766CXFGU2JFI>.

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Monday, July 13

An Organic Day Camp for Kids at Backbone Farm - Offered through a partnership with All Earth Eco Tours and Backbone Farm, Farm Camp 2026 is a popular \$475 organic day camp introducing kids to farm life, survival skills, and sustainability. Running until July 16th starting at 10:00 AM, the program blends hands-on agriculture, creative arts, and outdoor play. Secure your child's spot today at www.allearthtours.com!

Tuesday, July 14

Kids Summer Camps - Kids can beat the July heat inside the Deep Creek Pottery studio while crafting beautiful mosaic tile creations and suncatchers. Open to ages 8-12 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Cost is \$75; packed lunch required. Register by calling 301-501-1619 or emailing deepcreekpottery@gmail.com.

Saturday, July 18

Garrett 250 Birthday Bash: Celebrating America Together - Mark the 250th anniversary of the United States at a free countywide festival featuring local music, historical exhibits, family activities, and a finale drone show. This massive community gathering brings all county towns together at the fairgrounds for a patriotic concert, interactive history walks, and local food. Find more details and plan your visit at Garrett250.com.

Cars & Coffee at The Shoppes at The Fort - Whether you have a classic, exotic, truck, or a daily driver you love, bring it down from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM at The Shoppes at The Fort! Enjoy a laid-back morning of great

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Schoolhouse Earth celebrates 40 Years - Come celebrate a massive milestone from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM as Schoolhouse Earth hosts an anniversary festival packed with live music, face painting, food trucks, and friendly animals! Bring your family, friends, and good vibes to enjoy the fun while exploring our unique collection of gifts, home decor, jewelry, and gourmet foods.

Friendsville's Makers Market - Mark your calendars for our summer market featuring an incredible lineup of local artisans, farmers, and growers sharing their small-town charm! Hosted by the Greater Friendsville Business Association, this favorite community event runs from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Email GFBAinfo@gmail.com for details or to register as a vendor.

Thursday, July 23

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over a century of tennis history at the Western Maryland Tennis Championships, hosted at the Mountain Lake Park Tennis Club. This sanctioned event brings together regional players to compete on historic red clay courts, offering grandstand seating and a welcoming family atmosphere. Player registration fees are \$30–\$55 with a July 19th deadline, while spectators can watch matches from 9:30 AM to 7:00 PM. See the article on page 34.

Step Right Up! - Enjoy an afternoon of live music, circus entertainment, games, and a silent auction from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, featuring a buffet lunch served until 3:00 PM and a cash bar. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for kids 12 and under, and you can get yours at <https://www.bridginggapsnonprofit.org/>.

Friday, July 24

Western Maryland Tennis Championships (begins on July 23)

Saturday, July 25

Western Maryland Tennis Championships (begins on July 23)

Artist Studio Tour 2026 - The Garrett County Arts Council showcases our county artists' working studios annually, encouraging residents and tourists to travel the scenic byways of Garrett County to meet local artists. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn about their creative inspiration, technical processes, and the tools and materials they use to make their unique handcrafted work. Explore and connect with the local arts community from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM each day!

Celebration of Life for Janice Judy - VFW Post 10077 invites you to celebrate the life of District Three Auxiliary President and Lifetime Member, Ms. Janice Judy, at 2:00 PM.

Sunday, July 26

Western Maryland Tennis Championships (begins on July 23)

Artist Studio Tour 2026 (begins on July 25)

Sunflower Mosaic - Spend a fun afternoon at Deep Creek Pottery from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM creating a beautiful, one-of-a-kind sunflower

mosaic on an 8-inch form! Secure your spot today by purchasing your tickets at <https://checkout.square.site/merchant/BNGPCS23P-BRD0/checkout/CY7CD4P-CKKQKYTGQLSTW73A>.

Tuesday, July 28

Kids Summer Camps - Young creators can finish July with a spark at Deep Creek Pottery. This 1-day art camp experience runs from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM for ages 8–12. Cost is \$75, and a packed lunch is required. To sign up, call 301-501-1619 or email deepcreekpottery@gmail.com.

Thursday, July 30

Tiki Night - Celebrate the last Thursday of each month all summer long at Firewater Kitchen + Bar! Handcrafted cocktails and Polynesian food specials start at 4:00 PM, followed by Pan Jamin' live in the pavilion from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Visit firewaterkitchen.com for more details.

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Tuesdays:

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Pasta Night - A Deep Creek Lake staple since 1997, this favorite event is available every Wednesday from 4:00 PM to 9:30 PM. Select your favorite ingredients to have your custom dish prepared directly in front of you, and call 301-387-6688 to make your reservation today!

Wednesday Yuengs & Wings - 50% off wings with choice of sauce (7.99) and enjoy 2.49 Yuengling at Last Chair Bar + Bistro.

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Market - Find all your farm favorites, fresh produce, crafts, and baked goods at our summer markets held every Wednesday and Saturday from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Located by the town parking lot at Town Park Lane and South 1st Street, visit www.MountainFresh.org for a full list of vendors and more information.

Adventures with Raptors - Summer just got wilder with All Earth Eco Tours' Adventures with Raptors, held weekly from July 1 to August 26 (10:00 AM to noon) at Friendsville's town park. Perfect for all ages and photographers, this unforgettable experience lets you get eye-to-eye with hawks, falcons, and owls alongside expert falconer Deron Meador. Tickets are \$40 per adult and \$20 per child under 16; spots are limited, so call 301-746-4083 or visit allearthtours.com to reserve yours today!

Reading Buddies - Bring your young readers to Enzo's Library in the HART lobby for the Reading Buddies program, held every Wednesday and Thursday from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM! All participating readers must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

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Steak Night - Indulge in perfectly grilled steaks and lakeside dining at Firewater Kitchen + Bar every Thursday from 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Choose between a juicy 12oz Strip Steak (\$35), an 8oz Filet (\$45), or a Cowboy Ribeye (\$55) served with house-made onion rings, a baked potato, and a salad. Visit firewaterkitchen.com for more details

BYO Burger Nite - Build your perfect custom masterpiece at Black Bear Tavern's Thursday \$6 BYO Burger Nite! Head out to the deck or Tiki Bar at 102 Fort Dr. in McHenry, MD, to kick off

your weekend early.

Reading Buddies (every Wednesday and Thursday)

Music Express Karaoke - Come sing your heart out every Thursday at Black Bear Tavern from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM!

Womens+ Casual MTB Ride - Follow Deep Creek Adventure Bureau online @DCAB- fun for the latest schedule and join this inclusive and women's mountain bike group! FREE!

Fridays:

Deep Creek Farmers Market - Find farm-fresh food, handmade crafts, and family-friendly activities every Friday, rain or shine, at the Garrett College parking lot until October 9. Guests are welcome to bring outdoor chairs, blankets, and leashed pets, provided they respect the strict campus no-alcohol policy.

Saturdays:

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Tennis Traditions on Red Clay in Mountain Lake Park

By Evan Byrne

On July 23rd, a yellow ball will strike the red clay court from the first serve at the Western Maryland Tennis Championships, adding to more than a century of history at the Mountain Lake Park Tennis Club, all made possible through the efforts of players, members, and sponsors who are dedicated to keeping the tradition of tennis on the mountaintop alive for future generations to enjoy.

The 105th edition of the Western Maryland Tennis Championships takes place July 23-26 at the Mountain Lake Park Tennis Club, located behind the Town Hall at 1007 Allegheny Drive.

Featuring 30-50 players from the local region and beyond, this sanctioned United States Tennis Association event is sponsored by Oakland Oil & Propane, a Stuck Enterprises company, and Carter Wagoner. Player entry fees are \$30-\$55 with July 19 as the registration deadline. To register, visit <https://playtennis.usta.com/Competitions/mountain-lakeparktennisclubinc/Tournaments>.

First competing in the event in the 1970s as a teenager, Tournament Director Sean O'Neil is now in his 5th year directing the oldest tournament in Maryland. "We're celebrating our 105th year in 2026, and the tournament means a lot to me and a lot of other people," said O'Neil, who added, "It's very much a family atmosphere."



Spectators can find a gazebo and two covered grandstands to watch the action unfold on the club's four red clay courts. Anyone interested in assisting with court sweeping between matches contact O'Neil at the tournament. Thursday's matches commence in the afternoon, while Friday through Sunday's play runs from 9:30 am to 7:00 pm.



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Two evening social gatherings are part of the tournament's history: a Players' Reception (Friday) and a Corn Roast (Saturday). Players attend for free, and others wanting to attend are welcome but charged a modest fee.

Kathie Smith, a Mountain Lake Park resident and local historian, played tennis on the town's red clay courts as a young girl and later played in the tournament. As its director for 40 years, Smith said, "I knew the importance of the social events that we provided for the players... These events help provide a feeling of camaraderie, making the tournament more than just a tennis match."

Adding some historical context, Smith continued, "When the tournament began in the early 19th century, families and players came to Mountain Lake Park from what was then a great distance. Social gatherings were important in this summer community with residents and visitors coming from a variety of locations. At the beginning, Deep Creek Lake didn't exist. Those with cottages stayed for the summer; connections were made and long-lasting friendships secured."



Dustin Dull Teaches a Youth Clinic

With matches on red clay courts, the tournament is vulnerable to weather. In 2025, rain threatened to derail competition. Club members Fred Pratt and Gary Newcomb sprang into action. Pratt said, "We knew what we had to do and got right on it."

For decades, members have learned how to maintain the red clay courts to endure variable and

unpredictable Garrett County weather. Pratt and Newcomb, both turning 77 this year, take on that role now. As volunteers, they do it for their love of tennis and the privilege to play on clay. According to Pratt, clay courts once in Cumberland and Keyser are now gone. "If no one takes care of these courts, they just go downhill," said Pratt who added, "Playing on clay is so much different than playing on pavement, and your body feels that benefit no matter your age."

The red clay used on the courts is locally sourced from a farm in Pleasant Valley and is mixed with other materials. Newcomb said, "There's so much to consider when doing maintenance because you have to experience it to know what to do. Fred is like Julia Child when it comes to

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blending up soils to spread on the courts.” Pratt added, “It’s like a science experiment; mixing a sample of the red clay with some water, you can learn a lot about the clay and how much sand you have to add to soften it.” Incorporating sand into the red clay surface mix helps promote drainage. Pratt’s mentor was the late Jack Jones, a long-time member of the club who was once a ball boy at the Western Maryland Championships and later in life maintained the courts. On seeing Jones working by himself several years ago, Pratt started working with and learning from him.

Tasks include sifting rocks from the clay, weeding, rolling the surface, correcting low spots, and even watering the courts if they are too dry. Pratt and Newcomb are looking to pass acquired knowledge to their successors. The town has been very helpful in providing support in their efforts to maintain the courts. The town recently purchased a machine sifter to help in the processing of material for the surface. Pratt said the mayor asks them, “What do you need that’d make your lives easier?” Newcomb quipped, “He wants to keep us alive longer.”

Mayor Don Sincell said, “We are fortunate to have two local retired educators, Fred Pratt and Gary Newcomb, who volunteer their time to maintain our courts. Tennis players love to play on clay courts, which are rapidly disappearing throughout the country because they require so much maintenance. The tennis courts represent a huge part of our town’s legendary Chautauqua history.”

Smith said the establishment of Mountain Lake Park in 1881 and the spread of the modern outdoor sport of tennis coincided, which allowed it to become one of the main recreational activities from the past that has persisted to the present. The red clay courts are sited where they were originally in 1906, when the town hall was the Woman’s Civic Club.

In 2021, the original Mountain Lake Park

Tennis Club donated the courts to the town and then reorganized as a public club. Applications to join are available at the courts and the town hall. Annual memberships (typical season mid-March through November) are \$95 for individuals, \$120 for families, and \$25 for students. Vacationers pay daily fees of \$15 with weekly and monthly rates available. Club ameni-



**Players shaking hands after a doubles match.
Faces Visible (L-R): Fred Pratt, Joe Osment,
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New members are entitled to a free lesson from the club's Tennis Pro, Joe Osment, whose first exposure to the club was as a musician playing at the tournament's Corn Roast. Upon seeing the unique red clay courts, he knew it was a special place and joined. He said, "Playing on clay changes the nature of the game, slowing it down a bit and forcing the player to use skills and tactics rather than raw power."

The club uses a messaging system to provide updates on court status (playability after rain), and connect members to pair up to play. The club typically has women's doubles on Tuesday and Thursday mornings; men's doubles on Monday and Wednesday mornings; and mixed doubles on Tuesday evenings after work. The club maintains a presence on Facebook but has no current website.

The club offered a free youth tennis clinic for ages 5-11 in June, and will be offering another for ages 12-17 on July 11-13 (\$25 fee). The club has held the Garrett Open to benefit tennis programs at Northern and Southern High Schools in past years. Osment said the club is "a welcoming place for all ages and skill levels, and a great family-oriented activity that doesn't break the bank - it's accessible."



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Artistically Speaking

Follow the Yellow Signs: The 2026 Artist Studio Tour

by Garrett County Arts Council

The Garrett County Arts Council invites residents and visitors to explore the 2026 Artist Studio Tour on Saturday, July 25 and Sunday, July 26 from 11am to 5pm each day. This free, self-guided tour offers a rare opportunity to step inside working studios, meet local artists, learn about their creative processes, and discover the incredible artistic talent that flourishes throughout Garrett County and the surrounding region.

Whether you're interested in painting, pottery, photography, quilting, stained glass, jewelry, sculpture, fiber arts, woodworking, or mixed media, this year's tour offers something for everyone. Visitors are encouraged to spend the weekend exploring scenic back roads, meeting artists face-to-face, and following the signature yellow signs that mark each stop along the route.

The western portion of the tour begins in Grantsville at The Gallery Shop, Too, where resident studio artist Maureen Sheaffer of Pocket Garden Blooms showcases pressed flower artwork, paper weaving, and embroidery alongside stained glass artist Bud Precht of Vitraux Glass. Nearby, visitors can explore the watercolor, pen-and-ink, and pencil works of Susan S. Johnston before continuing to Accident to visit oil painter Robert Caron of Equidel Art. At The Loft Shop, Sue Arnsen presents watercolor and alcohol ink paintings alongside guest artists Bobby Croft Studios with functional ceramics, Evitts Creek Arts with silversmithing jewelry, and woodworker Reid Cross. Just down the road, ABPH Art welcomes visitors into the mixed media world of Annie Simcoe, joined by Macee Mare of Meadowbrook Arts and painter Jesse Cloud.

In the McHenry area, Bella Kuper opens Bella Art Mosaics, featuring her vibrant mixed-media glass mosaics. Quilts and More showcases the work of Joan Chaney alongside jewelry artist Barb's Baubles and photographer Bill Hentosh. At Deep Creek Pottery, visitors can meet Lorie and Ron Skidmore and browse handmade pottery while also enjoying the fiber arts and marbling of Crimson Shamrock Fibers and the jewelry and metalwork of Wirestorm Creations.

South of the lake, Hawk's Flight Studio features the nature and landscape photography of Caroline Blizzard alongside Neal Blizzard of Ruddy Duck Studios and the artists of Four Storm Artists Gallery. Nearby, Catherine Gnatowski of Gracie Mae Company presents acrylic, oil, and watercolor paintings. Saturday visitors can also stop by Gisele's Art Glass Creations to experience the colorful world of stained glass and mosaics created by Gisele Mohler.

Other Oakland-area stops include Upcycled Lamps by Steve Imes and Choo Choo Rooster Crafting, featuring sculpture and paper crafting, as well as Creativearts by Lyn and Ed, where Marilyn and Ed Remley offer mixed-media artwork, coloring pages, handcrafted soaps, hand creams, and seeds. The Gallery Shop in downtown Oakland will be open throughout the weekend and features work by dozens of regional artists, artist ambassador Emily Elmlinger of Dissent Decals, and the special Small Works 5x7 Community Exhibit.

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The tour also extends into neighboring West Virginia with stops at Alpine Lake Lodge, featuring wildlife photographer Ron Miller, the artists of Icon Apprentice, and photographer John Wiltison. Visitors can also explore the sculptural works of Dan Quinn in nearby Terra Alta. Throughout the weekend, visitors can collect stamps for the Garrett Arts Passport Program at participating locations, making the Artist Studio Tour a perfect opportunity to continue exploring Garrett County's arts and cultural heritage while working toward this year's commemorative patch.

Every studio tells a story, every artist offers a unique perspective, and every stop reveals something new about the creative spirit of our mountain community. Admission is free, and all are welcome. Grab a map, gather some friends, and follow the yellow signs to discover art around every corner.

The Garrett County Arts Council is proud to support artists, arts organizations, and creative experiences throughout our region. Programs like the Artist Studio Tour are made possible through the support of the Garrett County Board of County Commissioners, Appalachian Regional Commission, U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Business Development, Maryland Citizens for the Arts, Maryland Department of Commerce, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, Maryland Heritage Area Authority, Rural Maryland Council, Mountain Maryland Gateway to the West Heritage Area, the Towns of Grantsville and Oakland, as well as our artist members, donors, and community supporters.





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Whether you are a lifelong resident, a recent arrival, or a visitor who loves this corner of Maryland, Garrett 250 offers an opportunity to reflect on our shared history, celebrate our community, and create new memories together.

We invite everyone to be part of this historic celebration!

Event Schedule

Saturday, July 18, 2026 | Garrett County Fairgrounds

Noon – 10:00 PM

12:00 p.m. – Displays & Exhibits Open

Hometown Heroes | Heritage Hall Exhibits | Veterans Park

Stars and Stories Kids Zone | Spirit of '76 Biergarten

Vendor & Nonprofit Displays | Freedom on Wheels Car Show

1:00 p.m. – Program Kick-Off

Live Music Throughout the Day

4:30 p.m. – A County United: Large Flag Unfurling

7:00 p.m. – Community Band

9:30 p.m. – Drone Show

For the best experience, plan to watch the drone show from the fields inside the Garrett County Fairgrounds. Visibility is limited from Deep Creek Lake and portions of U.S. Route 219. More information can be found at www.Garrett250.com.

Questions about the event may be directed to smyers@garrettcounty.md.gov.

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As America counts down to its 250th birthday, Garrett County is preparing a patriotic moment that organizers hope will be one of the most visually powerful of the entire summer — and they need the community to make it happen.

As part of the Garrett 250 Birthday Bash on Saturday, July 18, volunteers from across the county are being recruited to take part in a ceremonial unfurling of an American field flag at the Garrett County Fairgrounds. The initiative, called A County United, is a patriotic tribute for our veterans will serve as a powerful symbol of community, service, and pride in the generations that have shaped our nation and Garrett County.

While volunteer positions for the flag presentation are limited, the ceremony is intended for the entire community. We especially encourage veterans, active-duty military members, military families, and those who wish to honor their service to attend and witness this powerful tribute. Together, we will celebrate the people, sacrifices, and shared history that have helped shape Garrett County and our nation as the community comes together as one.

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Our Beautiful American Flag

*An America 250/Garrett 250 Guide for
Kids, Teens, and Families in Garrett County*

By MaryCarolyn Thies

As America reaches its 250th birthday, families across Garrett County are taking time to learn what the American flag truly represents and how to treat it with care. Around here, patriotism feels natural. You see it in the flags flying from porches, the way people pause when the national anthem begins, and the pride that fills the air during parades and community gatherings. That is why learning proper flag care matters. These traditions are not about strict rules; they are about honoring a symbol that represents our shared history and the values we continue to uphold.

Caring for the flag begins with simple, everyday habits. Kids and teens can help keep the flag clean by gently washing or wiping it when needed and making sure it is stored in a dry, safe place. A flag should never touch the ground, and if it is flown at night, it should be illuminated so it can be seen clearly. When hanging the flag, the blue field, known as the union, should always be on the viewer's left, whether the flag is hung vertically or horizontally. Raising the flag briskly and lowering it slowly shows respect, and taking it down during storms protects it from damage unless it is made for all weather.

Folding the flag is a tradition many Garrett County kids learn in scouts, school, or at community events. The classic triangle fold begins by folding the flag lengthwise twice, then making small triangles from the striped end until only the blue field remains. This is the same fold used at ceremonies and memori-

als, and learning it helps young people feel connected to the generations who came before them. It also teaches patience, teamwork, and attention to detail. When two people fold a flag together, each person has a role, and the final result depends on both doing their part. That sense of shared responsibility is one of the quiet lessons the flag teaches.

Eventually, every flag wears out, especially with some of the weather we get around here. Between the mountain winds, sudden storms, and long winters, even the strongest outdoor flags can fade or fray over time. When that happens, it is not something to feel bad about; it simply means the flag has done its job well. Retiring a worn flag respectfully is an important part of caring for it. Families can bring worn flags to the American Legion, VFW, Boy Scouts, or local fire stations, where they will be retired with dignity. Some ceremonies involve burning the flag respectfully, while others use burial or recycling. What matters most is the care and intention behind the act. Many young people in Garrett County attend their first flag retirement ceremony through scouts or school, and the experience often stays with them for years. Watching a flag be honored at the end of its service helps kids understand that respect is something we show not only in big moments, but in small, thoughtful actions.

As Garrett County joins the rest of the nation in celebrating America 250, these traditions help young people understand why the flag matters. It is more

than fabric. It is a reminder of service, sacrifice, and the long journey our country has taken. When kids and teens learn how to care for the flag, they are not just learning rules. They are learning responsibility, gratitude, and pride in being part of something bigger than themselves.

And in a place like Garrett County, where community and country go hand in hand, that lesson feels right at home. America 250 is a chance for families to talk about what the flag means, to share stories from grandparents and great-grandparents, and to pass down the values that have shaped this community for generations. Whether it is raised at a ballgame, folded at a ceremony, or flying above a quiet country road, the flag reminds us that we are all part of the same American story..



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Flag Facts Quiz

What is the blue part of the American flag called?

How many stripes are on the American flag?

What should you do to the flag if you fly it at night?

What is the one thing the flag should never touch?

What shape is the flag folded into during the traditional fold?

How many stars are on the American flag today?

Name the thirteen original colonies.

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As the United States celebrates its 250th anniversary, Garrett County is reflecting on the people, places, industries, and events that shaped our region—and connected these mountains to the broader American story.

Historian and author Chris Nichols has chronicled that story through a five-part series, *250 Years of Garrett County: Local History in the American Story*, tracing the county's evolution from frontier wilderness to modern outdoor destination.

The series explores how national events influenced local life across five distinct eras:

1776–1826: Frontier settlement, military land grants, and the earliest communities in the mountain wilderness.

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Together, these stories reveal how a rural Appalachian county played a role in many of the same forces that shaped the nation—from settlement and industry to military service, transportation, conservation, and tourism.

As Garrett County joins communities across the country in commemorating America's Semiquincentennial, Nichols' work reminds us that local history is American history.

Read the complete "250 Years of Garrett County: Local History in the American Story" series online as it's released on Garrett250.com.

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Local Life

Mountain Lake Park... A Look Back

By Robin Clutter

In conjunction with Garrett County's 250, let's reminisce and take a look at Mountain Lake Park, which was established in 1881, making it a little bit younger at 145.

On September 3, 1881, 5 businessmen rode through "Hoyes Big Pasture," now known as Mountain Lake Park, looking for suitable grounds to establish a Summer Resort founded upon Christian principles, and designed to afford opportunities for Religious and Literary Instruction and healthful recreation.

In 1881 Mountain Lake Park was purchased as 800 acres for the sum of \$4,672. Today the town has expanded to 1280 acres with an assessed value of over \$100,000,000. One of the first buildings to be built was the Assembly Hall located on five acres.

November 1, 1881, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad ran an excursion to Mountain Lake Park and a public sale of lots was held. A good number of lots were sold. Town lots sold for \$300 each.

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The lake was developed shortly after the town's founding in 1881 to serve as a centerpiece for the Mountain Chautauqua, a popular Victorian-era resort. The dam was constructed to create the lake for recreation through the summer months and for ice harvests for the B&O dining cars in the cold season.

In 1908 the Mountain Lake Park Tennis Club was established on the grounds adjacent to the Clubhouse. Three courts were available for play, including playing rules and fees. In 1911 it was decided that players would have to sign up in advance, wear tennis shoes, and were not allowed to play on Sundays. One set of tennis cost 10 cents, three sets for 25 cents, 15 sets for \$1.00, and \$2.50 for a season pass.

Today, the historic Mountain Lake Park Tennis Club is located at 1007 Allegheny Drive. This facility features four outdoor red clay courts that are open to the public and offer instruction and play opportunities for all skill levels. The club is known for having the oldest red clay

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courts in the state. The facility hosts an annual USTA-sanctioned tournament.

Mountain Lake Park was a thriving summer resort town, with private homes, boarding houses, cottages, many large hotels, the round open-air Bashford Amphitheater, which held up to 5,000 people, Mountain Lake with its ice house, boat house and livery.



"The Auditorium" - Mountain Lake, Park, Md. - 1907 - Published by C.E. Gerkins, Cumberland, Md.

The most noted speakers of America addressed capacity audiences from its spacious platform. It was also the setting for the Mountain Choir Festival from 1934 to 1941. A few of those notable guest lecturers in the Bashford Amphitheater were- Mark Twain, William Jennings Bryan and President Taft.

The Mountain Lake Park Historic District primarily featured a unique blend of rural Victorian, Queen Anne, Gothic and Colonial Revival homes. There are still 61 original structures remaining.

Today Mountain Lake Park is a thriving residential area with tennis courts, Bradford Lake Park, playgrounds, MLP Museum, historic Bethel Church and the Mountain Lake Park Splash Pad. There are also businesses, churches and schools.

The original resort association dissolved in 1921, Mountain Lake Park was added in 1983 as a Historic District on the National Registry.

To celebrate Mountain Lake Park's founding, the town hosts their Victorian Chautauqua event every year on the weekend following the 4th of July. The free event includes performances, lectures, live music, and activities that bring to life a bygone era that began as a planned community along the B&O Railroad. This year the event dates are July 11th-12th.

This event has grown over the years and is so much fun to attend. I grew up in Mountain Lake Park and this event brings back so many memories. It's not hard to picture the women in their long dresses and men in suits arriving by train to enjoy the fresh mountain air, and enjoy dining and social engagements in the big hotels. The lake and the boardwalks, the large wrap around porches to sit and enjoy a leisurely summer. The summer houses built to "escape" the busy cities and study religion, what a wealth of history here!

I was fortunate enough to remember when there was water in the old lake. My parents, siblings and I would go for walks to Crystal Springs, that cold clear water always tasted extra special. We would fish in the lake, and seine for minnows over the spillway.

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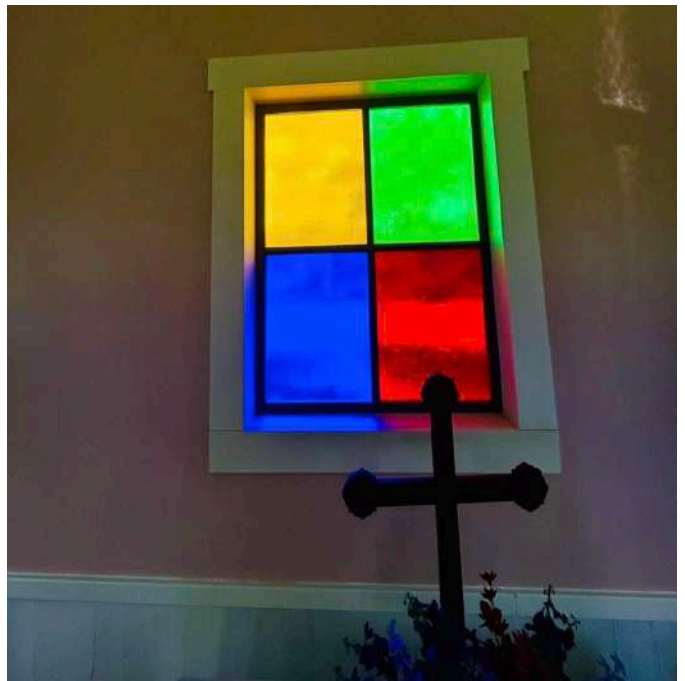
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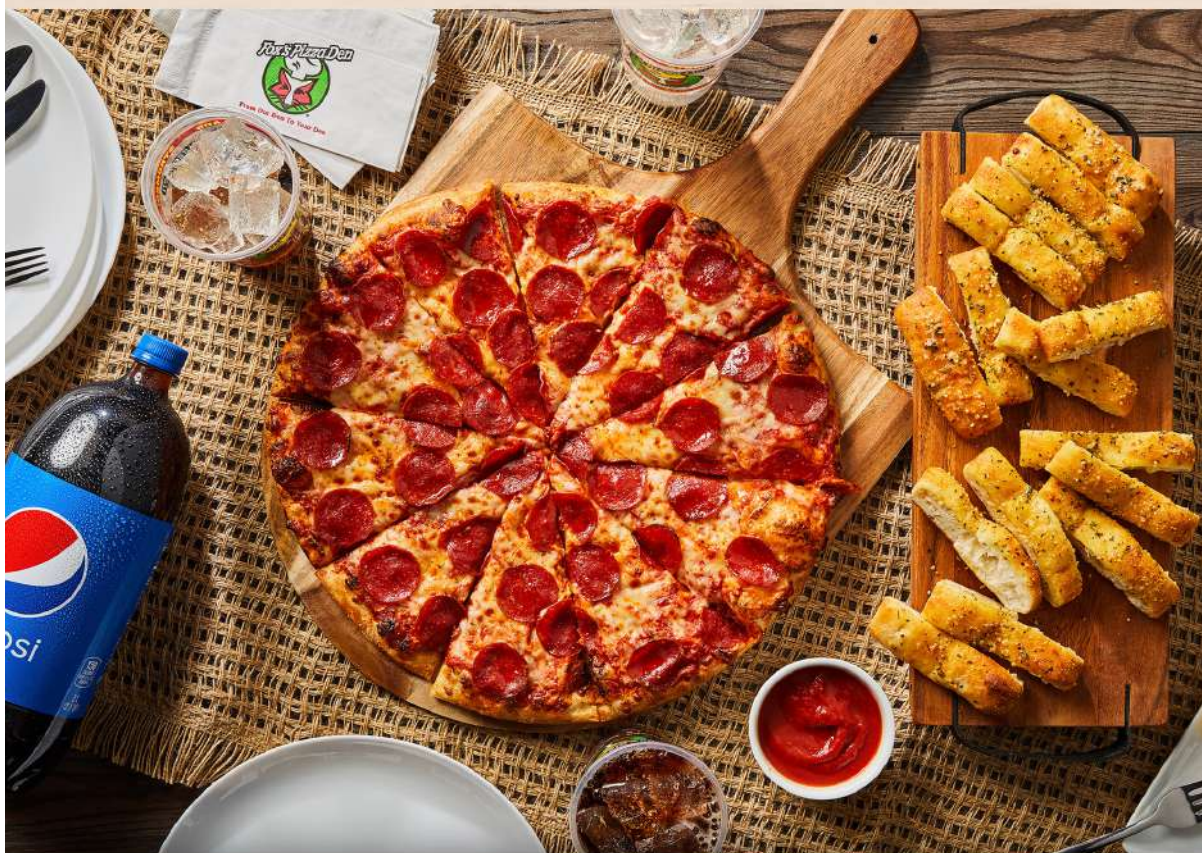
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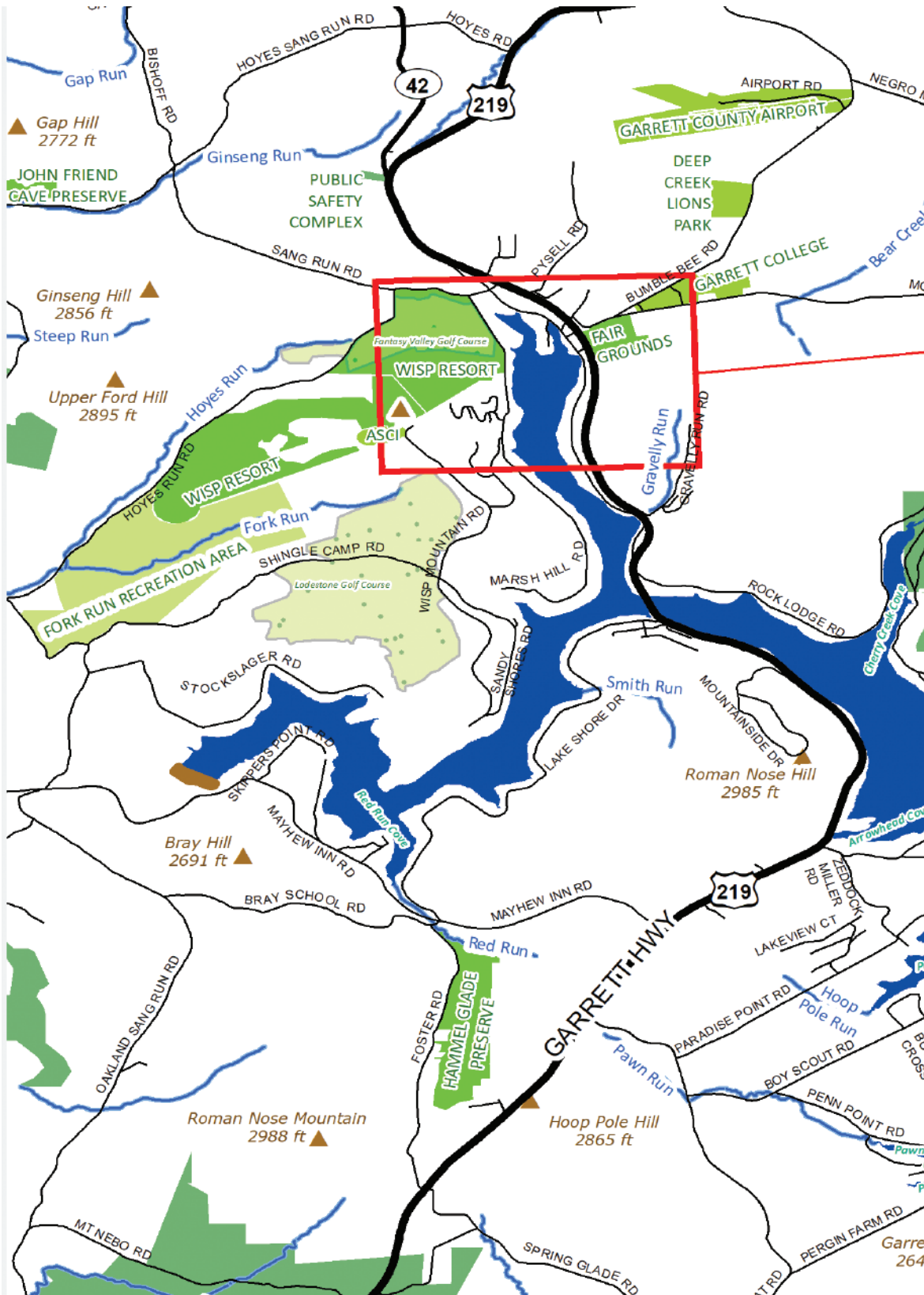
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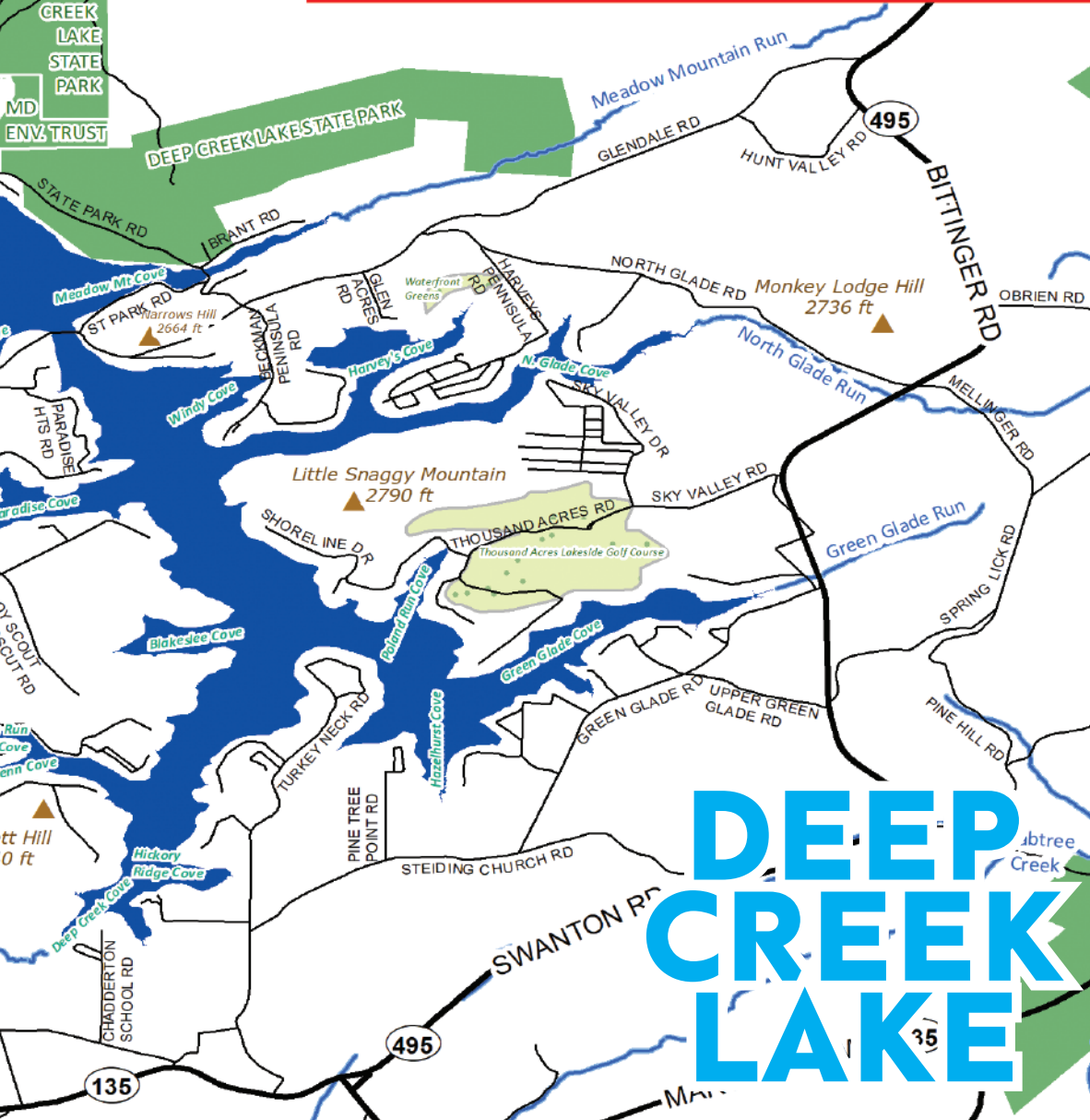
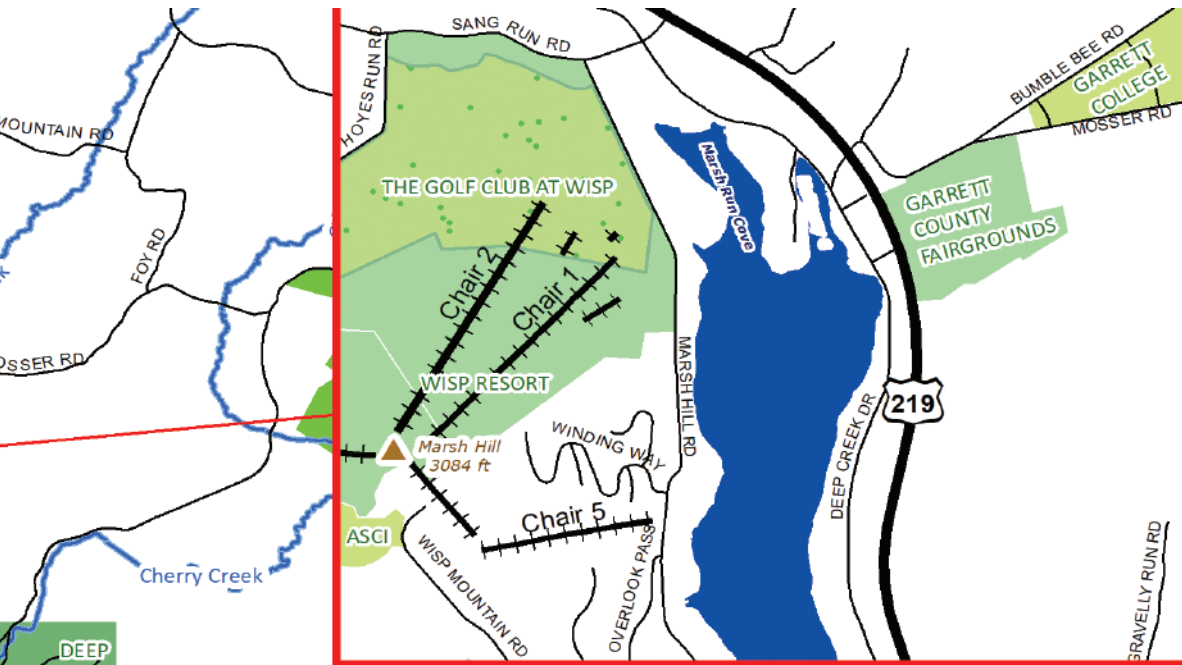


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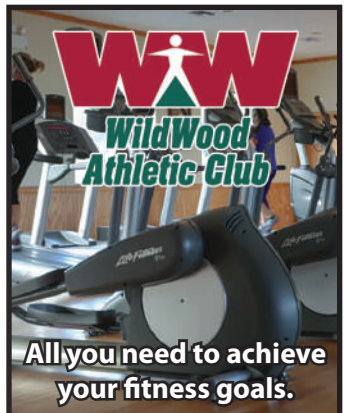
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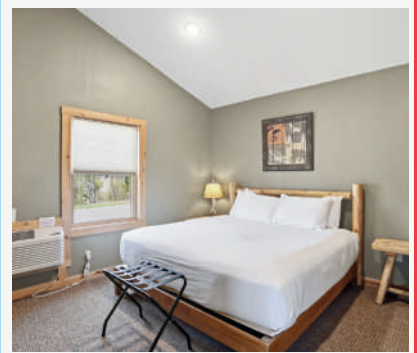
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Business Spotlight



Blair's By the Lake: Bringing Fresh Style to Deep Creek Lake

by Tamra Canfield

Deep Creek Lake is famous for its outdoor fun and small-town feel, and now there's a new shop that's quickly becoming a favorite for locals and visitors. Only two months after moving to its new location, Blair's By the Lake is showing that great fashion, friendly service, and strong community relationships are a recipe for success.

For owner Blair Glass, opening the store in its new location happened quickly and brought many new opportunities. The store first opened at The Fort in McHenry. Very soon after, a bigger and more visible spot became available. Instead of staying put, Glass saw a chance to grow and improve the business. "It happened pretty quickly," he explained. "The opportunity was there, and we knew we had to take it."

Moving the store was exciting but also challenging. Because it was late in the season, getting inventory was at the forefront of his mind. Many suppliers had already filled their orders, so getting seasonal merchandise due to deadlines was first priority. Luckily, Glass's experience and business connections made a big difference. "There was definitely pressure to get suppliers to meet our needs," he said. "But through some great connections and a lot of hard work, we were able to get great inventory in quickly."



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The idea started with wanting to bring back a well-known men's clothing store to Deep Creek Lake. Investors reached out to Glass because they saw a need for quality men's fashion in Garrett County. Instead of just repeating the past, he decided to make the store even more than before.



Today, Blair's By the Lake still focuses on men's fashion but also features a carefully chosen selection for women. A major strength of the store is its selection of clothing that fits the lives of people in Garrett County and visitors to Deep Creek Lake. Whether you're going golfing, spending time on the lake, going to a wedding, or just having a relaxed night out, you'll find clothes that are stylish, comfortable, and practical.

The men's section is still a key part of the store. Shoppers can find popular brands like Flag & Anthem, Fusion Golf, Born Primitive, plus lots of swimwear and sportswear for active people. The selection has something for everyone, from young adults and vacation homeowners to longtime locals who want quality clothes nearby. The store currently has a timely selection of apparel to help celebrate the nation's 250th birthday. You can grab an outfit that honors this moment in time.

Beyond casual apparel, Blair's By the Lake also offers services you won't find in many other local stores. They specialize in custom men's suits, so customers can get clothing that fits their style and measurements. Whether it's for a wedding, business event, or any special occasion, shoppers can work with the staff to create a look that's just right for them. From prom season and weddings to black-tie events and celebrations, customers can now secure formal attire locally without making lengthy trips outside the county.

While menswear continues at the heart of the business, adding women's fashion has made shopping at the store even more exciting. Blair intentionally brought in staff members who specialize in women's apparel. Their expertise has played a role in shaping a selectively curated collection that focuses on quality first and foremost. The women's section has clothes, shoes, handbags, and accessories picked to fit the lives of locals and visitors. Brands like Charlie B, Tribal, Apricot, and Amsterdam Heritage offer modern style, comfort, and flexibility.

The aim isn't to give customers too many choices, but to offer carefully chosen pieces that help women feel confident and stylish. Along with clothing, the store also offers jewelry and accessories. One featured brand is Atelier Jewelry, which is waterproof, durable, affordable, and comes with a lifetime guarantee. The jewelry adds to the shopping experience, letting customers finish an outfit or find a special gift.

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For Glass, building these relationships is one of the best parts of running the store. He believes retail is really about people. Online shopping might be easy, but it can't match the personal service, helpful advice, and chance to see and try on products in person. That personal approach is evident throughout the store. Customers are greeted by staff who understand the products and brands, and who take time to help shoppers find exactly what they need.

The store's location is becoming a destination in its own right. Right by Deep Creek Lake in the old Truist Bank location, Blair's By the Lake gives visitors another reason to check out the area besides the outdoor activities. After spending time on the lake, golfing, or eating out, the boutique offers a relaxed and fun place to shop. It's a great spot to find a new outfit, buy a gift, or simply discover something new.

As Glass puts it, Blair's By the Lake offers a "great selection of high quality men's and women's clothing." That uncomplicated approach seems to be working.

Only a few months after opening in its new spot, the store has already become a valued part of the Deep Creek Lake business community. With quality clothes, custom menswear, formal wear, curated women's fashion, and great service, Blair's By the Lake comes across as both new and welcoming.

Locals now have easy access to brands and services that were previously hard to find. Visitors get a unique shopping experience that adds to everything they already enjoy about Deep Creek Lake.

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The Town of Deer Park

A Literal Taste of the Past, Present and Future

By Francesca Branson

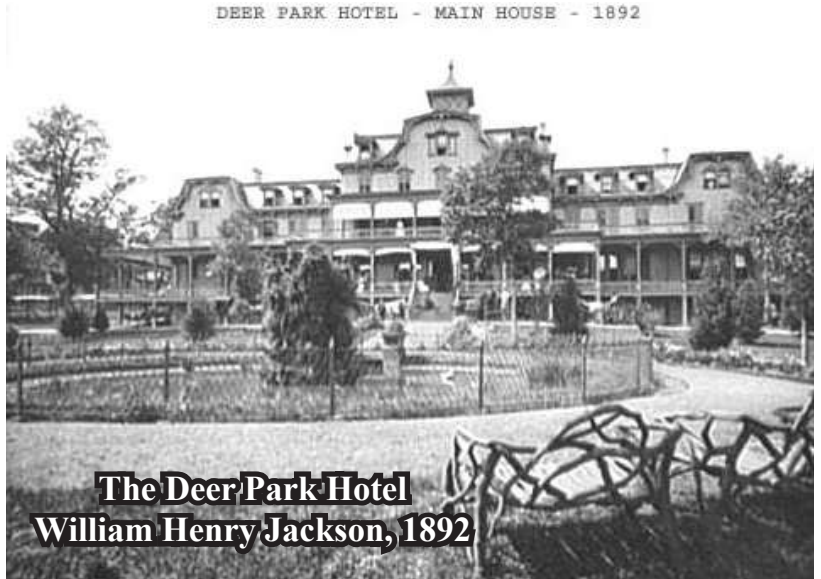
A first time guest to the Deep Creek Lake area may pass right by the small town of Deer Park, unaware of the critical role the town played in bringing tourism to the lake, and, bottled water to our fridge. Tucked beside Maryland Highway 135, with a current population of 300 residents, Deer Park will forever own its place in history as the original water source for Deer Park Natural Spring Water.

With the westward expansion of the railroad, one of the original

founders of the area, John Garrett, realized that the Deep Creek Lake area had the potential to draw large crowds from the surrounding cities, particularly in the summer with the draw of the cool mountain air. What was lacking, Garrett realized, was lodging to house guests to the area. In 1865, the B&O railroad approved its first train station in the town of Deer Park and three years later, the company purchased an additional 300 acres of land in the town and set out to build a summer resort that would attract the most elite of guests: The Deer Park Hotel.

The town of Deer Park then had the trifecta- a train station, a luxurious summer resort and pure spring water free of city toxins. Swiftly, Deer Park became a hub of activity for the area. Revered for its architecture with Swiss inspiration, the Deer Park Hotel became an exclusive resort known for the mountain views, fine dining, and maybe most notably, the water it served its guests. Sourced directly from Boiling Spring, which is still operational today, guests began to notice the distinct clarity of the water, free from the pollutants found in city water. The water from the spring was such a favorite for guests that they began to request that the spring water be served on the train. B&O did not have the original intention of offering the water on the train, however, the emphatic request of the customers did not go unnoticed, and the fact that the railroad could not have had easier access to the water, the natural spring water did indeed become part of the dining service for the B&O railroad.

With this increased demand for the water, a small bottling plant was founded in Deer Park. It was a small batch, two-man operation. Glass bottles, labeled “Deer Park Spring Water- Bottled and Sealed at the Boiling Spring, Deer Park, Maryland” were stocked on to the trains as they



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arrived, returned from the B&O dining service, sterilized and refilled. The original bottle label also featured the image of a buck, stream and mountains. As the label evolved over the years, the Deer Park name and the image of the buck have been steadfast features of the label. The mountains and stream images have come and gone from iterations of the label.

Over the course of forty years of serving Deer Park Water on the railroad, the bottling production increased and was eventually moved to a larger facility built closer to the residential part of the Deer Park town and directly beside the railroad. Not only was the facility the source of employment for many locals, it was also a source of pride for the town. While bottling operations at the local Deer Park facility ended in the 1960's, the plant still stands today. Visitors are not permitted at the plant, which is fenced in, but the blue gray building, with its original Deer Park Spring Water sign, is visible from the road.



After over 50 years of the water from Boiling Spring first being bottled, that same spring still flows strong and remains a source for the water. The original Deer Park Hotel is also long gone, however, The Deer Park Inn can give present day guests a feel for the past as they reside and dine in a restored Victorian Mansion known as Pennington Cottage. Only a few steps away from the Deer Park Inn is an important piece of presidential history- the cottage President Grover Cleveland honeymooned in. The cottage is on private property, but, through the trees onlookers can view the bright yellow cottage in which the president once vacationed.

If you are visiting the area, Deer Park awaits you. A stroll through the streets of the town would be of particular interest to history buffs, admirers of architecture and railroad enthusiasts. The town offers a quiet solitude, nestled in the mountains, with a history rich in the roots of Garrett County.



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What's Happening

Victorian Chautauqua

By Sarah Myers

Mountain Lake Park was founded in 1881 along the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad as one of the nation's early Chautauqua resorts, drawing thousands of Victorian-era visitors each summer for education, culture, and recreation. The Victorian Chautauqua was established in 2019 to revive that spirit, reviving the tradition of programming that once filled the original 5,000-seat Bashford Amphitheater.

Today, the festival is organized in partnership with the Mountain Lake Park Historical Association (MLPHA) and takes place on Saturday, July 11, and Sunday, July 12, 2026. Now in its seventh year, the free, two-day event brings together historical re-enactors, live music, lectures, children's programming, street performers, and heritage demonstrations — all inspired by the town's storied legacy as one of America's earliest Chautauqua resort communities. Headlining this year's festival is Lady Brion, Maryland's Poet Laureate and celebrated international spoken word artist, performing on Saturday, July 11 at 2:00 PM in the Martin Tent. As the eleventh Poet Laureate in Maryland's history and the only spoken word artist ever to hold the position, Lady Brion's appearance is generously sponsored by the Garrett County Arts Council and is not to be missed.



Across two stages and multiple venues throughout the Historic District, attendees will enjoy a full schedule of performances and presentations. Historical re-enactors will bring figures including President Franklin D. Roosevelt (portrayed by Bill Grant), Charles Lindbergh (portrayed by Bowie Grant), and General George Crook (portrayed by Tom Cummings) to life in first-person presentations. The Deaconess Tent will host educational programs ranging from the 1754 French and Indian War campaigns — presented by Brian Reedy with the National Park Service — to an exploration of Maryland's pivotal Constitutional Election of 1864, presented by Dr. Stephen Goldman.

Musical entertainment spans a wide range of genres, from the harmonies of HALO, a women's barbershop quartet, to a classical guitar performance by Mark Edwards, an afternoon opera showcase with soprano Savanna Butcher, and the exuberant sounds of the Crellin Steel Drum Band, featuring students from Crellin Elementary School directed by Kevin Martin.

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sational Conjuror Kevin Reylek and the hypnotic contact juggling of Lars Matthew Rieck. Strolling performers throughout the weekend include a glamorous stilt walker, an Appalachian astrologer, and a tintype photographer offering Victorian-era portrait keepsakes. Bethel Center and Community Heritage

The historic Bethel Center — Garrett County's only African American church — will be open for tours both days, with docents providing historical context. Mountain Lake Park Mayor Don Sincell will present "The A.M.E. Church Story" on both Saturday and Sunday. Kid-Tauqua for Young Audi-

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A full children's programming track, Kid-Tauqua, runs both days and includes juggling lessons, storytelling and puppetry, musical instrument making, guitar workshops, and a robotics demonstration by GaCo Robotics on Sunday afternoon.

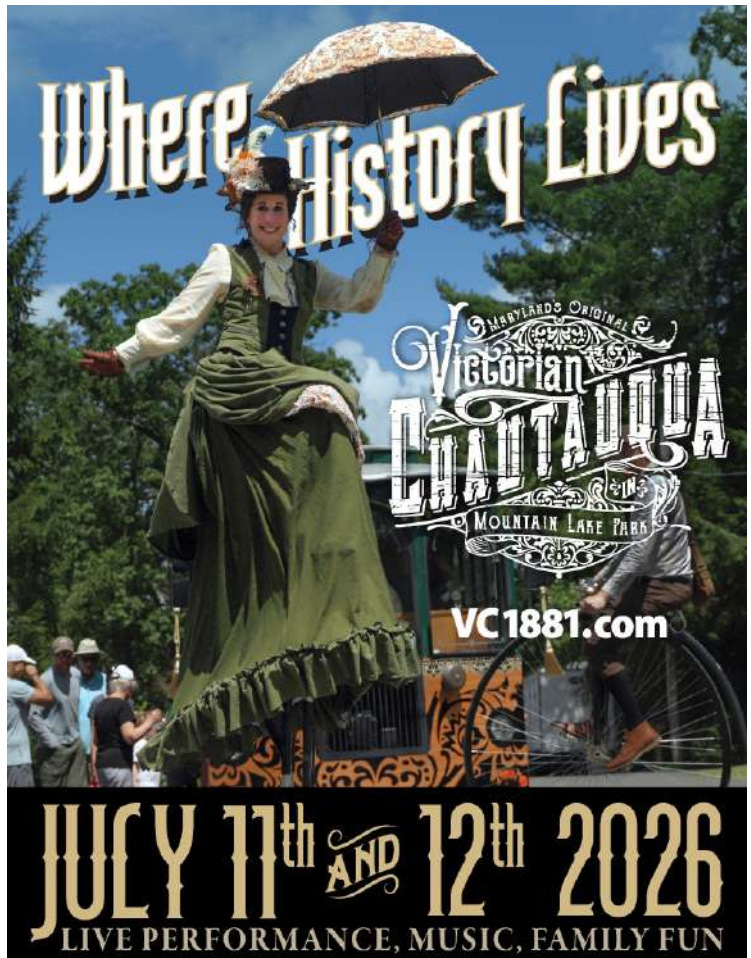
Horse-drawn carriage rides, an antique automobile showcase spanning the early twentieth century, Historic District trolley tours, and the Ticket Office Museum — featuring a Mountain Lake Park history exhibition — round out the weekend's offerings.

The festivities begin Friday, July 10, with a Tent Dinner gala from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM, held alongside the oldest standing cottage in Mountain Lake Park.

Tickets are \$100 per person (or \$800 for a reserved table of eight) and include a choice of rotisserie chicken or bourbon steak tips, sides, and a dessert bar. Seating is limited to 125 guests. Tickets are available for purchase online at www.victorianchautauqua.com or by personal check to MLPHA, 214 H Street, Mountain Lake Park, MD 21550.

The Victorian Chautauqua weekend festival is free and open to the public, made possible through grants — including support from the Community Trust Foundation — business sponsorships, and the generosity of individual donors.

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"We are excited to welcome our community back for another Summer Soiree, this year in support of radiation oncology" said Mark Boucot, Garrett Regional Medical Center president and CEO. "This project represents a significant investment in the health of our region, and community support is essential to making it a reality. Every ticket purchased, table reserved, sponsorship secured, and donation helps ensure our community will have access to life-saving treatment without the added burden of long-distance travel."

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What's Happening

59th Annual Autumn Glory Festival King & Queen Announced

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Jayden Weaver is grateful for the opportunity to serve as Autumn Glory Queen. Growing up on 2nd Street, she has lived at the heart of Garrett County's traditions, participating in every Autumn Glory parade since she was four years old. Throughout high school, Jayden has worked hard to be a leader both on

and off the court/field. She serves as a class representative and National Honors Society Leader, while captaining both her soccer and basketball teams. In soccer, she helped lead her team to the regional finals for the first time since 2018. In basketball, she is proud to be a three-time regional champion, three-time state participant, and a 2026 state champion.

She was honored as the most outstanding player in the state championship game, named 2025-2026 Area Player of the Year, and recently awarded the Rick Shaffer Female Athlete of the Year. Beyond athletics, she values giving back to her community. She has completed 80.5 service-learning hours, volunteered at the Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt, Night to Shine at Crossroads, assisted with a canned food drive at Oak Park Church of Brethren, and helped young children in Oakland Youth Basketball League.

Jayden wants to show the younger generation watching the parade that with hard work and a deep love for Garrett County, they too can lead our community into the future.

Jaxxton Miller is honored to represent Garrett County as the 2026 Autumn Glory King. Jaxxton is a senior at Southern Garrett High School, where he is a member of the varsity basketball team. Jaxxton is a senior class officer and a member of the National Honor Society. In his free time, he enjoys skiing, spending time with friends, and playing pickleball. For the past seven summers, he has been counselor at 4-H camp Algawa. Jaxxton is the ninth generation of his family to call Garrett County home.



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Dragon Boats Return to Broadford Lake *Sponsorships Available*

Broadford Lake will come alive with the sounds of plunging paddles on Saturday, August 22, for the Fifth Annual Mountain Maryland Dragon Boat Festival. Dove Center will be partnering with Dynamic Dragon Boat Racing from Tennessee, to hold this exciting event. Proceeds will benefit the Dove Center in providing services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and related crimes.

Dragon boats of 46 feet long, holding teams of 20 paddlers, plus a drummer and a steerer, will race a course of approximately 200 meters, in heats of up to 3 boats. A new addition to this year's race is the option of 10 person boats. Times from the first two heats will be averaged to determine which teams move on to the championship race. Individuals of any skill and experience level are encouraged to participate, and community members, agencies and businesses are invited to put together their own teams.



Teams will have the opportunity to practice together with the guidance of professionals, the week before the event, at a designated time. Registration will be \$1,300 for 20 person boats and \$1,000 for 10 person boats. However, teams are challenged to raise \$2,000, either by dividing the registration among the team members, or securing sponsorships. Prizes will be awarded for the winning team and highest money raising team. The event creates an invigorating opportunity for friendly competition, community spirit and connection, while utilizing one of Garrett County's beautiful outdoor resources.

In addition to spectating, the community is invited to browse craft and food vendors and enjoy free games for children and families. Admission to the event will be \$5 per car. The Opening Ceremony starts at 9 am.

Sponsorship opportunities are available: Super Sponsors (\$5,000 for this event as well as the Festival of Trees) receive naming rights as event sponsor on all media, race day banner and promotional items, one dragon boat, recognized in local advertising and social media, 30-second



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Craft vendor spaces will be 10 x 10 and \$25 per space. They will be without electric, and vendor is asked to bring tent, tables and chairs. Food vendor spaces are also available for \$50 per space. Team registration deadline is August 8. Registration must be completed on-line (using credit card or commitment to mail in check) at <https://dovecenter.betterworld.org/events/5th-annual-mountain-maryland-dra>.

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Wisp Resort Plans for General Manager Transition

*Ron Hawkes to Retire Following the 2026-27 Winter Season;
Erik Barnes Named General Manager Designate*

Wisp Resort and Pacific Group Resorts announced a planned leadership transition that will see Erik Barnes join Wisp Resort as General Manager Designate and ultimately succeed General Manager Ron Hawkes following Hawkes' semi-retirement at the conclusion of the 2026-27 winter season. Together, Hawkes and Barnes represent nearly nine decades of ski industry experience and share a common passion for teaching, guest service, and growing participation in skiing and snowboarding. The transition is designed to ensure continuity for the staff, guests, community partners, and the resort's many stakeholders.



Barnes joins Wisp following nearly 40 years in the ski industry. Most recently, he served as General Manager of Ragged Mountain Resort in New Hampshire and previously held senior leadership positions at Mount Snow Resort in Vermont. A Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA) Examiner for the past 23 years, Barnes currently serves as Chairman of the organization's Board of Examiners, a position he has held for the last decade.

Hawkes, who is entering his 49th consecutive season in the ski industry and spent eight seasons working at Portillo in Chile, has also served as a PSIA Examiner. Following his retirement as General Manager, he will continue working with Pacific Group Resorts in a strategic advisory capacity focused on ski and snowboard school programming across the company's resort portfolio. During the transition period, Barnes will focus on risk management, safety initiatives, and snow surface quality.

"Erik's background makes him uniquely qualified to lead a resort as diverse as Wisp," said Mark Fischer, President and Chief Executive Officer of Pacific Group Resorts. "His experience spans mountain operations, golf, guest services, risk management, capital planning, and team development. Just as importantly, he is a people-first leader who understands that exceptional guest experiences begin with exceptional employees. This transition gives Erik the opportunity to learn from a respected leader with deep Mid-Atlantic roots while ensuring continuity for our guests, team members, and community partners."

"Wisp Resort has built a tremendous reputation throughout the Mid-Atlantic and beyond," said Barnes. "The opportunity to work alongside Ron for an entire season is invaluable. He has built a strong team and a loyal following of guests who care deeply about the resort. I look forward to becoming part of the Deep Creek community, learning from Ron, and helping position Wisp for continued success in the years ahead."

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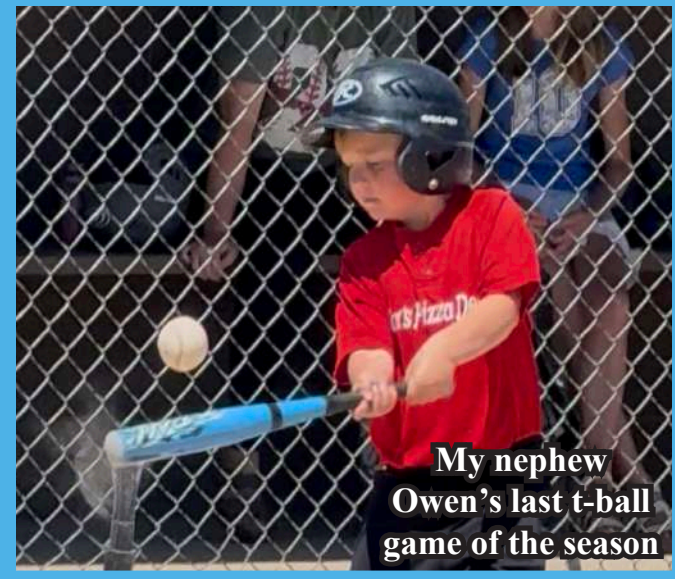
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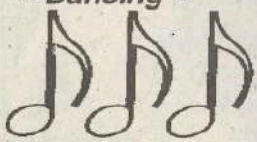

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

Wisp Resort..... Tom Batchelor Band, 6
Honi-Honi Kamp N Kompany, 6
Pawn Run Scott Alexander, 7

THURSDAY, JULY 2

Firewater Mike Whitehead, 6
Honi-Honi Terah Crawford Band, 6
Green Room Lounge Nick Savage, 7

FRIDAY, JULY 3

Honi-Honi..... 80s Enough, 1:30
Blackthorne Cellars Christian Teets, 2
Black Bear Tavern Ben Benson, 6
Honi-Honi..... 1985, 9

SATURDAY, JULY 4

Blackthorne Cellars..... Scott Alexander, 1
Honi-Honi Queen City, 1:30
Blackthorne Cellars.. Pickin' Empty Pockets, 4
Black Bear Tavern..... Heart 2 Heart, 6
Green Room Lounge..... Dave Bolton, 7
Honi-Honi Undercover, 9

SUNDAY, JULY 5

Firewater Scott Ross, 1
Honi-Honi The Remedy, 1
Blackthorne Cellars Gary Antol, 2
Green Room Lounge Andrew Tuck, 3
Honi-Honi Tom & Jerry, 7

MONDAY, JULY 6

Honi-Honi Mike Arnold Acoustic, 6

TUESDAY, JULY 7

Honi-Honi..... Gashouse Amie, 6

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

Honi-Honi..... Heart 2 Heart, 6
Wisp Resort Hillbilly Biscuits, 6

THURSDAY, JULY 9

Firewater Kelly Lynott, 6
Green Room Lounge Second Wind Duo, 7
Honi-Honi Honi House Band, 8

FRIDAY, JULY 10

Blackthorne Cellars..... Scott Ross, 2
Honi-Honi Campfire Gypsies, 4
Black Bear Tavern..... Matt Tichon, 6

Green Room Lounge..... Scott Alexander, 7
Honi-Honi Surrender Dorothy, 9

SATURDAY, JULY 11

Honi-Honi Rushmore, 1:30
Blackthorne Cellars..... Eric Lewis, 2
Black Bear Tavern..... Ronald Debski, 6
Green Room Lounge..... Briana Merkle, 7
Honi-Honi Warped, 9
Music at Penn Alps ... Lucrezia Slomp, Piano, 7
Pawn Run Lauren Starkey, 7
StageWEST @PAC..... Scotty Hasting, 7:30

SUNDAY, JULY 12

Firewater Heart 2 Heart, 1
Blackthorne Cellars..... Kenny Zara, 2
Green Room Lounge..... Dan Bourdeaux, 2
Honi-Honi Occasional Reign, 2

MONDAY, JULY 13

Honi-Honi Andy & Co., 6
Pawn Run Elijah Greeley, 7

TUESDAY, JULY 14

Honi-Honi Shelley McCombie Duo, 6

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

Wisp Resort..... Jason Shaw Band, 6
Honi-Honi Partners in Crime, 6

THURSDAY, JULY 16

Firewater Terah Crawford, 6
Green Room Beatles (Listening Party), 6
Honi-Honi Karaoke, 7

FRIDAY, JULY 17

Blackthorne Cellars..... Michelle Fincham, 1
Honi-Honi Freeloaders, 4
Black Bear Tavern..... Nick Savage, 6
Green Room Lounge..... Eli Helbig, 7
Honi-Honi Boathouse, 9

SATURDAY, JULY 18

Honi-Honi The Delaneys, 1:30
Blackthorne Cellars..... Kelsey Jeffries, 2
Black Bear Tavern..... Shelly & Dale, 6
Green Room Lounge..... Buck Walt Carey, 7
Music at Penn Alps

Jonathan Carney and Daughter, Strings, 7

Pawn Run Cole Davidson, 7
Honi-Honi Let's Go!, 9

SUNDAY, JULY 19

Firewater Ethan Gress, 1
Blackthorne Cellars..... Dylan Hinzman, 2
Honi-Honi Honi House Band, 2

MONDAY, JULY 20

Honi-Honi Matt Tichon & Co., 6
Pawn Run Scott Alexander, 7

TUESDAY, JULY 21

Honi-Honi Lauren & Zack, 6

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

Honi-Honi Reckhart Hollow, 6
Wisp Resort..... Silver Springs, 6

THURSDAY, JULY 23

Firewater Jonathan Zinn, 6
Green Room Lounge..... Love Letters, 7
Honi-Honi Karaoke, 7

FRIDAY, JULY 24

Blackthorne Cellars..... Greg Riordan, 2
Honi-Honi Rock Creek Revival, 4
Black Bear Tavern..... Josh Folmsbee, 6
Green Room Lounge.... Allan Dale Sizemore, 7
Honi-Honi Time Flies, 9

SATURDAY, JULY 25

Honi-Honi The Shades, 1:30
Blackthorne Cellars..... Heart 2 Heart, 2
Green Room Lounge..... Scott C Brooks, 7
Honi-Honi 80s Enough, 9
Music at Penn Alps Sylvan Waters Duo, 7

SUNDAY, JULY 26

Firewater Replay
Blackthorne Cellars..... Alexander Hamilton, 2
Honi-Honi The Muddle Band, 2
Black Bear Tavern..... Evie Shaffer, 4:30

MONDAY, JULY 27

Honi-Honi Eric Lewis & Co., 6
Pawn Run Dan Bourdeaux, 7

TUESDAY, JULY 28

Honi-Honi Good Guys Duo, 6

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

Honi-Honi Grasso Bros., 6
Wisp Resort..... Surrender Dorothy, 6

THURSDAY, JULY 30

Firewater Tiki Night with Pan Jammin', 6
Honi-Honi Karaoke, 7

FRIDAY, JULY 31

Blackthorne Cellars..... Jeff Grable, 2
Honi-Honi Side Gig, 4
Green Room Lounge..... Scott Ross, 7
Honi-Honi HY-5, 9

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

StageWEST @PAC... Thomas Pandolphi, 7:30,

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

Firewater Heart 2 Heart, 1

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

Wisp Resort..... 80s Enough, 6

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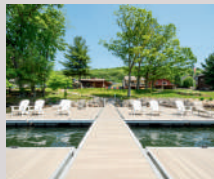


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