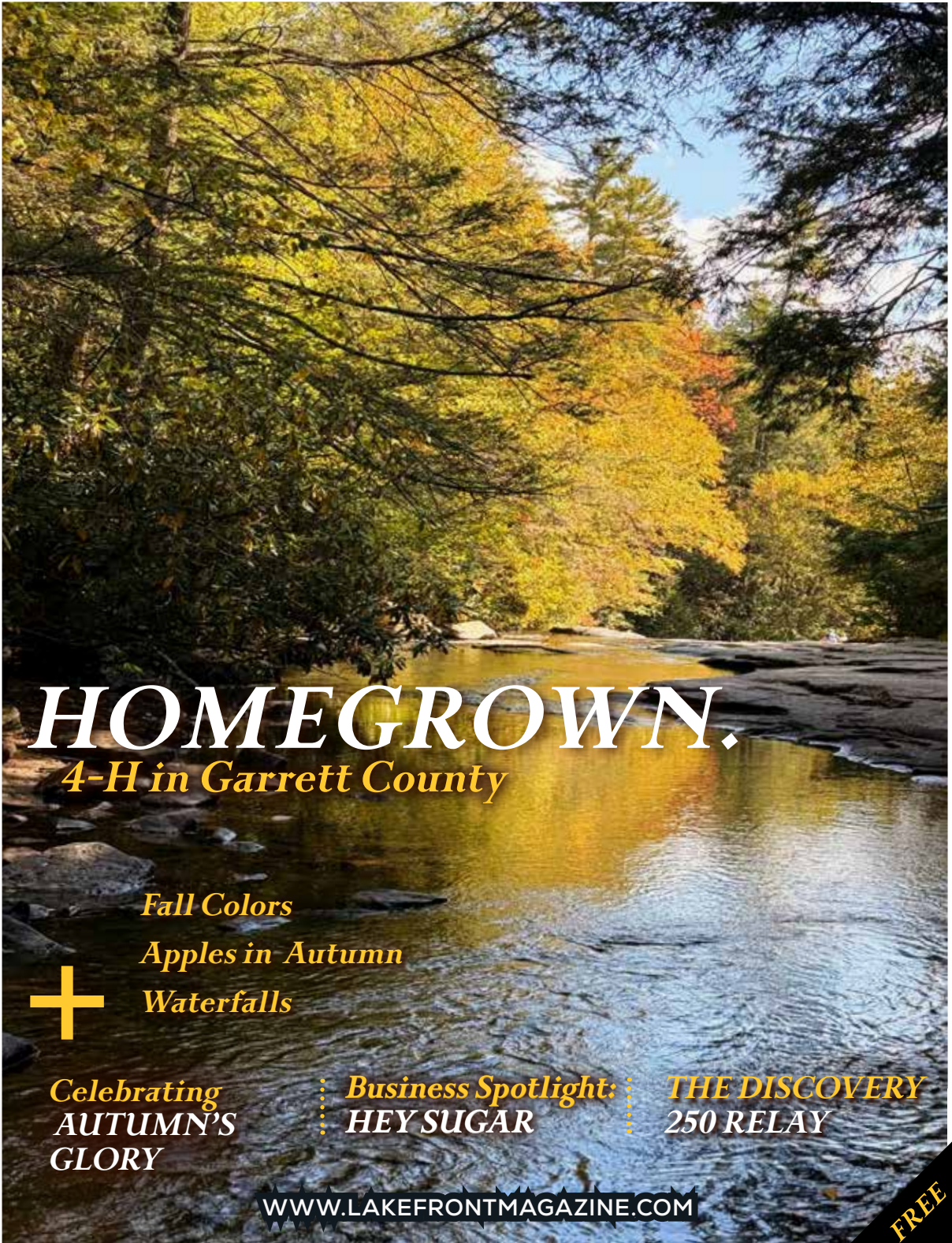




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Editor's Note

COVER:
Swallow Falls by
Robin Clutter

Dear Friends,

There are a lot of things I love about October in Garrett County. The mountains showing off. The cooler mornings. The sudden realization that just about every road is worthy of pulling over for a picture. (Speaking of driving tours, see page 50.)

But every year, there is one Autumn Glory tradition I look forward to more than just about anything: the Fireman's Parade.

In a world where we're constantly looking for the next new thing, there's something pretty great about a tradition that doesn't need reinvented. Everyone shows up. The trucks are polished. The lights are flashing. And downtown Oakland is packed with friends and family greeting each other with hugs and smiles, even if it's only been a few weeks since they last saw each other.

That might be my favorite part. The parade is great, but it's also one of those nights when Garrett County just feels like Garrett County.

Of course, October around here is much bigger than one parade. Autumn Glory gives us a reason to get out and experience Garrett County at its absolute best. There are festivals, music, food, hikes, fall drives, small-town events and plenty of opportunities to run into someone you know.

You'll see some of those adventures in these pages and hear more of them on The Backbone Podcast.

But first, I'll see you at the Fireman's Parade.

I'll be the one who still gets excited when I see the lights coming!

-Sarah Myers
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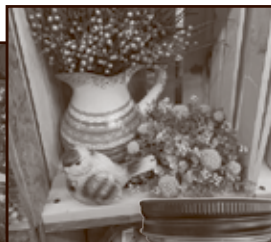
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Homegrown.

The barns at the Garrett County Fairgrounds are empty, but for our local 4-H clubs, the real work is just getting started.

By Sarah Myers

At the 69th Garrett County Fair, local 4-H members showed off a year of their hard work. Now they're already starting the work for their projects for next summer's event.

I spent a good part of fair week walking the barns and the 4-H building with a microphone, asking questions I probably should have known the answers to. I've been to this fair more times than I can count, and I left understanding, for the first time, how much of this happens when nobody's watching.

The kids I talked to had been feeding their animals twice a day, walking them, bathing them and teaching them to turn with a light tap on the shoulder. As the public, we admire the ribbons, try to pet the cows, grab a Farm Bureau milkshake and head home.

But as one of the 4-H leaders, Lacie, told me, "The Garrett County Fair is like our Super Bowl of the year. Our 4-H kids work on projects all year long."

For the livestock kids, next year has already started. Pigs arrive around January or February, and lambs come in the spring. But steers are the biggest commitment of all. "Steers, you have to get all the way back in October," an exhibitor explained. "You have to train year round." Many of the kids who seemingly just walked out of the sale ring are already thinking about and planning for next year's animals.

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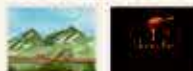
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The daily work isn't glamorous. Over in the sheep and goat barn, I met Carmen Knotts and Chase Preston, who walked me through the project of a market lamb and a Boer goat. One's headed to market, the other is a breeding doe who'll stay home and have babies. They explained that show lambs get sheared before every show, or about once a month otherwise, partly because a heavy coat hides the muscle a judge needs to feel. They leave the wool on the legs and ears on purpose: it makes the animal look bigger boned. Goats get supplements to fill out different parts of their bodies, and no, they don't eat everything. That's a myth, they told me, with the patience of people who've explained it before.

I also learned that sheep and goats don't usually live together, because goats need copper in their minerals while copper can kill a lamb. And that sheep produce a natural oil called lanolin that sheds rain right off their backs, which is why you only shear a mama sheep twice a year. I asked if they were feeding their goats pennies. They were kind about it.

Pigs, meanwhile, need to be walked every day, or they won't know what to do when they get in the ring. "You just have to be dedicated," one pig exhibitor told me. "You have to go walk your pig, you have to practice. You can't just feed it every night and not touch it ever. Once you show it, it's not gonna know what to do."

The judges can tell. In market classes, they're looking at the animal: the muscle, the build, how well it gained. In showmanship, they're judging the kid. A pig that walks calmly and turns on cue tells the judge somebody put in the hours.

What surprised me the most was how much these kids know about entrepreneurship and money. One pig exhibitor bought his hog with a loan from his mom. After sale day, he pays back the cost of the pig and his expenses, and whatever's left is his. "We still have fun money afterwards," he said. And he's got plans for it. "I'm saving up for college and a car." At 14.

His friend switched from lambs to pigs, and she'll tell you it came down to dollars and



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cents. Lambs were often sold by the head, which didn't always cover the cost of feed and the cost of paying someone to shear them. Pigs sell by the pound, so if you raise a good one, it shows up in the check. On sale day, the kids get all dressed up again and walk into the ring alone while local businesses and neighbors bid. Sometimes a buyer even donates the animal right back to the kid who raised it.

Of course, raising a market animal has an emotional side. The pig or lamb or cow you've named and fed and walked all year will be sold, and most go to market. I asked about it, and I'm sure my face showed what I was thinking.

"It's very sad," one young exhibitor said. "You just have to prepare yourself. That's why I don't get attached to my market animals as much as the breeding ones."



Pig at the Fair

"They serve their purpose as a good show animal," the exhibitor said, "and then for other people to eat."

And if you think 4-H is all animals, Luke would like a word. "Everyone usually thinks 4-H is only about showing the animals," said the 14-year-old from the North Glade 4-H Club, who's been a member for six years. "But there's a lot of other things that come into it."

This year Luke soldered a working flashlight out of an Altoids tin at an engineering workshop. He also competed in tractor driving, which means weaving a lawn tractor through cones and backing a manure spreader in and out of a mock garage. "I usually hit a couple cones," he admitted. He's thinking about a career in engineering. And, his favorite part of fair

week? Showing his pig and the peach milkshakes.

He wasn't the only one who came out of that soldering class fired up. Cassidy told me she'd never held a soldering iron before and loved it, mostly because it's not something most families have lying around the house. She showed me her flashlight, peeling the tape off one side, and pointed out the LED, the battery and the switch like she'd built it yesterday. Then she told me about the crafting corner she's set up in her sunroom.

Walking through the 4-H building, I couldn't believe the range of projects. Photography, baked goods, metalwork, Legos, duct-tape crafts, tie-dye, diamond art, 3D printing. There were even chestnuts, which I, embarrassingly, did not recognize. The formal table settings



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category is one of the oldest classes still going strong: kids pick a theme, write a menu, and put every piece in its proper place.

“If a kid has a hobby, there’s a class for about everything under the sun,” one of the leaders told me. When the kids’ interests change, the classes change with them. 3D printing was added a few years ago, and then 3D pens got a class of their own.

Fairy gardens showed up about three years back, right after one of the county’s 4-H educators taught fairy garden classes in the schools. I pitched a drone photography category. They haven’t been asked that yet, but they said they probably will be adding it in the near future.



Luke Ashby tells us more about participating in 4-H

Ashley Bodkins, who runs the county’s Master Gardener and home horticulture programs, walked me through how the exhibits actually get judged, fair book in hand. It’s a thick book, over 100 pages, and it spells out everything: five stems for flowers, ten tomatoes on a plate. Beyond the rules, judges look for uniformity. “It’s really a lot harder for somebody to get ten tomatoes that are all uniform versus something that calls for like one single entry,” she said. Bigger isn’t always better, either.

She tells kids to think about it this way: what would you want to pick out of your own garden to eat, or grab off the shelf at the grocery store? That’s your entry. And every item is judged blind. Exhibitors get a number at the fair office, and that’s all the judge sees.



Cassidy Ashby shares all the things she loves about 4-H. And, poses here with her Best of Show award-winning dress.

Here’s the part I didn’t expect. There’s no rule that a kid has to grow a flower from seed. They can walk out the morning of the fair, look around the yard, and cut something. They’re encouraged to know what it is and which class it belongs in, but the point isn’t to keep people out. “We want to encourage people to participate and we do want it to be a learning experience,” Ashley said. Which is a good reminder for anybody who’s ever

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assumed the fair wasn't for them.

Sewing is having a moment too. One girl turned a thrifted jumpsuit into a shirt and pants. Another stitched a skirt out of her family's old jeans, so now she wears it to church, "wearing the memories of all her family members at the same time." At the fashion re-view, the kids model what they made and then sit for an interview about how they made it, what it cost, and how many times they'll realistically wear it.

Cassidy took home a Best of Show ribbon for her blue floral dress, and she learned to sew at home. "I wish we had home ec, but we don't anymore," she said. "So this is kind of the only way I can learn." Most of her fabric is repurposed. Her purse is old jeans and bed sheets. Last year's outfit came from curtains. What she loved most, she said, was walking to the show and having people she'd never spoken to stop her to ask if she'd really made her dress.

For the adults behind the program, the ribbons are almost beside the point. Lacie Ashby is the 4-H educator with University of Maryland Extension here in Garrett County, and she grew up in the program herself. "It's not about learning a fact," she said. "It's about the life skills that come along with it." She means public speaking, teamwork, working with people of every age, and having trusted adults in your corner besides your parents.



The categories of fair entries are being updated every year.

Garrett County's program runs on more than 100 volunteers across about 15 clubs, which meet monthly in pockets all over the county. Membership is open to ages 8 to 18, with Clovers as young as 5, and it costs \$10 a year. At 4-H camp, a five-day overnight leadership camp, the older kids become group leaders for the younger ones. Four nights in a cabin with no air conditioning, I'm told, will bond a group of strangers fast.

"For you to have a teenager that leaves sports to take a little kid to the nurse and waits with them while they get the Band-Aid on, forfeiting their own fun to take care of someone else," Lacie said, "it's really heartwarming to see how well they grow."

Ashley, who was a 4-H member her whole childhood before joining Extension in West Virginia, summed it up with the motto she grew up on: To make the best better. "You're learning something, you're helping someone else," she said.

I've lived here my whole life and never really understood everything 4-H does. Now I do. The fair barns are empty, but somewhere in Garrett County, a steer is about to meet its

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A conversation with Wendy Powers, Dean of the University of Maryland College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

What is your background? How did you end up leading a college of agriculture?

I grew up in the city in New York State and I learned about [Extension] when I went to college and met some people who were in Extension, and I immediately thought, I want to be part of that. I ended up becoming a faculty member with an Extension appointment in animal science and ag engineering, and eventually went into administration so I could better promote Extension and all the work going on.



What did you think of your first Garrett County Fair?

I think it’s wonderful. It’s a large fair, it’s really well attended, beautiful facilities. I’m impressed, and I’m sure I’ll be back.

What is Extension?

I like to think of Extension as the local front door to the University of Maryland. The people living and working in your community are your first introduction to the university, but everyone has access to the school’s full resources.

What programs go on at the Extension office?

Agriculture and natural resources is a big one, but it’s also water quality, nutrition and well-being, home finance, climate impacts, crop losses. It’s a whole host of things. It’s a huge organization.

What’s the best-kept secret?

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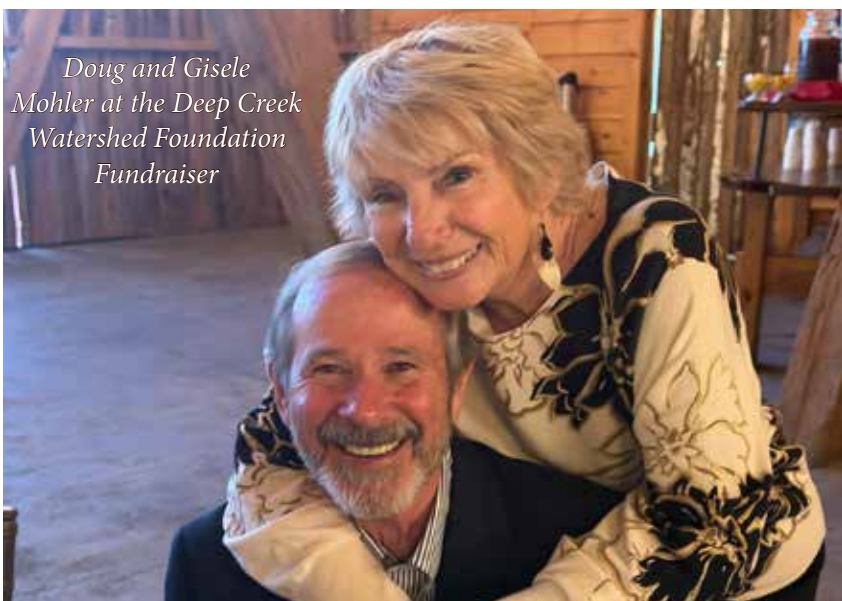
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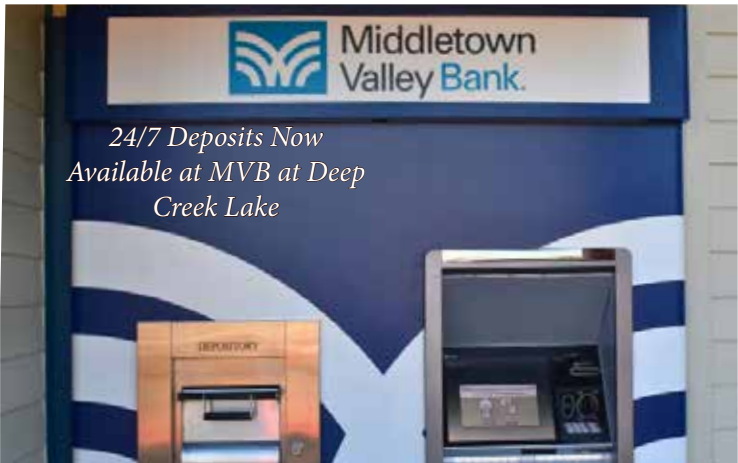
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*For more information about GHPD and its history, visit Garrettpipes.com
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Community Spotlight



Run. Walk. Help Someone See.

by Sarah Myers

The Oakland-Mt. Lake Park Lions Club 5K Run & 2-Mile Walk combines a scenic Broadford Lake course with a cause that has long been at the heart of Lions Clubs everywhere: protecting sight.

There's more behind the starting line than a morning run.

The Lions Club's annual 5K Run and 2-Mile Walk raises funds for sight programs that help provide vision screenings, eyeglasses and other vision-related assistance to people in need.

And it happens on a course that is uniquely Garrett County.

Participants start amid the scenery of Broadford Lake, cross the dam toward Simon Pearce and then make their way back. Along the way, the course changes underfoot, with a combination of pavement, mowed grass trails and gravel road adding a little variety to the miles.

You don't have to be a serious runner to take part, either. The 2-mile walk offers another way to enjoy the course and support the Lions' work.

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Community Spotlight *Continued*

There are some pretty good reasons to stick around at the finish line, too.

Trophies are awarded to the top five men and women, while a variety of prizes are given away randomly after the race, including unique Simon Pearce glassware. And then there are the long-sleeve race shirts, which have developed a following of their own. Some regular participants purchase a shirt even in years when they can't make it to the race.

But behind the shirts, trophies and finish-line prizes is the reason the Oakland-Mt. Lake Park Lions continue to hold the event: helping people see.

Every registration helps support sight programs and gives the Lions another opportunity to meet a very real need in our community.

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CHECK PAGE 108 FOR
THE LIVE MUSIC
SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 3

Oktoberfest - Celebrate autumn at Wisp Resort with an authentic Bavarian experience for the entire family, featuring an Oompah band, kids’ activities, local artisans, and delicious food at the Lawn and McHenry Lodge! Tasting tickets (\$24.99 in advance) include a wristband, a souvenir 12oz beer stein, and tokens for 3 full pours from over 24 seasonal beer options.

Wednesday, October 7

A Thirst for Art at Black Bear Wine Cellar {Fall-O-Ween or Floral Pumpkin} - A relaxed, social art experience for all skill levels. Come alone, bring a friend or ‘make it a date’ for a fun evening of painting! This class includes three hours of guidance, your pre-sketched canvas, use of paint, brushes and all other supplies. Feel free to come early for dinner or dine while you paint! It’s

your night, so ENJOY! Get your tickets here: <https://events.ticketleap.com/tickets/a-thirst-for-art/a-thirst-for-art-at-black-bear-wine-words-fall-0-ween-or-floral-pumpkin>

Autumn Glory Festival (through Oct 11) - Celebrate the beauty of fall at the 59th Annual Autumn Glory Festival, taking place October 7–11, 2026, across Oakland and Garrett County! From the Glorious Harvest Farmers Market and handmade craft shows to local vendor showcases, community gatherings, and seasonal fall favorites, there is something happening every day of the celebration.

Line Dancing at Black Bear Tavern - Kick up your heels at Black Bear Tavern in McHenry from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. (Also on October 21)

Thursday, October 8

Bear Creek Traders’ Autumn Glory Sale (through Oct. 12) - Up to 50% off and even greater savings throughout the store. Stop by Market Square Shopping Center

to stock up on Deep Creek Lake wear, souvenirs and fall décor, and grab a DCL crewneck sweatshirt for just \$19.99 while supplies last.

Blair’s By The Lake Autumn Glory Tent Sale - (thru Mon Oct 12) - Shop fall fashions and accessories for men and women from brands like Charlie B, Tribal, Lovestitch and Local Boy Outfitters; open daily.

Fireman’s Parade - The annual Fireman’s Parade in Oakland takes place on Thursday evening, October 8, 2026, at 7:00 PM as part of the 59th Annual Autumn Glory Festival. The procession features local fire, EMS, and law enforcement vehicles, bands, and community groups through downtown Oakland.

Friday, October 9

6th Annual Autumn Glory Craft Show (thru Saturday, October 10) - Mark your calendars! Head to Wisp Ski Resort, McHenry, MD! 10–6 both days! NO entry fee. *All handcrafted vendors

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and artisans. Hearth & Hops will be open. The must have Turkey dinners with all the trimmings once again will be available for purchase. Kids games outside and 2 for 1 tickets for the Scenic Chair-lift ride.

Turkey Trail Turkey Dinner - Enjoy a hearty taste of fall during the Autumn Glory Craft Show at McHenry Lodge on Friday, October 9 and Saturday, October 10 from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM! For just \$16.99 + tax per person, dig into a classic turkey dinner complete with stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls, and pumpkin pie while you browse the show.

52nd Annual Antiques & Artisans Market (through Oct. 10) - Browse antiques and artisan wares and have your treasures appraised at the Oakland Community Center, opening Thursday at 5:00 PM. Admission is free, and proceeds from the Civic Club of Oakland's largest fundraiser of the year benefit Garrett County nonprofits.

2026 Maryland State Banjo, Fiddle, and Mandolin Championships - Joining as master of ceremonies again this year

is husband and wife team, Steve and Katie Smith, from the Steve Smith Band, at Southern High School. At the end of the contests, they welcome all contestants to return to the stage for a Jam Session with Steve! Tickets are \$20 and can be bought online at <https://www.oaklandmd.gov/store/event-tickets>

Saturday, October 10

Autumn Glory 5k Run/2 Mile Walk - Race day registration begins at 7am - \$40 Kick off your Autumn Glory weekend with a run through idyllic Broadford Park. The Oakland/Mountain Lake Park Lions Club hosts the event to benefit sight programs. 5K runners start at 8:30 a.m., with 2-mile walkers following at 8:40 a.m. Runners may walk, but walkers should refrain from running. Register at iPlayOutside.com

Cars & Coffee at The Shoppes at The Fort - Celebrate Autumn Glory Weekend with us from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM at The Shoppes at The Fort! Come for the coffee, the fall vibe, and the incredible rides before browsing the open shops for participant discounts. Complete event

details will be at <https://www.facebook.com/shopthefortdcl>!

Garrett Highlands Pipes & Drums Autumn Glory Concert - Bring your lawn chair to the Oakland Volunteer Fire Department at 31 S. 3rd Street, conveniently located along the 1:00 PM parade route. Performance begins at 10:30AM. Parking is available on side streets or at the American Legion for a small donation, with further band details online at Garrettpipes.com.

Autumn Glory Grand Feature Parade - The Town of Oakland and the Greater Oakland Business Association present the 59th Annual Grand Feature Parade at 1:00 p.m. in downtown Oakland. One of Garrett County's most beloved traditions, it showcases marching bands, creative floats, and community groups for an afternoon filled with music, color, and hometown pride.

Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival World Tour - Catch the world's best outdoor adventure films, including this year's featured film *Crevasse*, at 6:00 PM at the Performing Arts Center at



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Garrett College. Tickets: https://bit.ly/3UzoQMI	<u>Saturday, October 17</u>	ness under a new name and location: “Night Dreams” at Berkeley Plaza, 235 Monroe St., Martinsburg, WV.
<u>Sunday, October 11</u>	Duo Sorolla - Enjoy a compelling journey through sound as Duo Sorolla performs at the Performing Arts Center at 7:00 PM! Cellist Ismar Gomes and pianist Wan-Chi Su bring new life to classic chamber music, delivering a thrilling blend of masterworks and modern gems with intense passion and precision. Adult tickets are \$25, and students and kids get in free with a paying adult. Get your tickets at https://artsandentertainment.org/duo-sorolla/ to witness this dynamic and acclaimed duo live.	<u>Friday, October 23</u>
Lakeside Creamery No Hands Sundae Eating Contest - Registration begins at 12:30 pm; contest at 1:00 pm. Kids & kids at heart will bury their faces in 2 scoops of vanilla ice cream, gooey chocolate syrup, sprinkles & whipped cream. \$5 benefitting local charity, Garrett Mentors. 301.387.2580		Murder Mystery Dinner - Get thrown into an unforgettable night of mystery and murder at Wisp Resort for an interactive whodunnit thriller at the estate of Sir Warren Peace! Put on your best evening wear, bribe suspects for clues, and enjoy a four-course dinner on October 23rd or October 30th.
Sell-Out Sundae at Lakeside Creamery - 3 gallons of your favorite premium ice cream only \$55. Plus 25% off everything in stock from 11 am to 4 pm and 50% off remaining stock from 4 pm until closing!	GFBA Fall Driving Tour - Spend the day exploring Friendsville and the surrounding area on a scenic drive while discovering unique local shops, artisans, and food. Grab a Participant Passport to collect stamps as you visit participating businesses along the way, and submit your completed passport to be entered into a special raffle.	<u>Saturday, October 24</u>
<u>Thursday, October 15</u>		Radio King Orchestra - Timeless big band classics and the carefree spirit of the Rat Pack come alive at the Performing Arts Center at 7:00 PM with the Radio King Orchestra! This ensemble delivers a dynamic sound and elegant stage presence, breathing new life into the music of the supper club era to delight both dancers and listeners. Tickets are \$35, and students and kids get in free with a paying adult. Get your tickets at https://artsandentertainment.org/radio-king-orchestra/ for a spirited performance packed with contagious energy.
African American Legacy in Western Maryland (PE130) - This new three-week course at Garrett College traces the African American families of Allegany and Garrett counties from slavery through the Great Migration. Classes meet 5:30–6:30 PM on October 15, 22 and 29. Register: https://bit.ly/3Vd0Sqk	<u>Sunday, October 18</u>	
	The Locked Door’s Last Day in Martinsburg - A new owner will continue the busi-	

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Thursday, October 29

AJ's Adventures Halloween Ride - Gear up for AJ's Adventures Halloween Ride at Wolf Den Run State Park (Huckleberry Rocks Area, 890 North Hill Road, Kitzmiller, MD)! Ride the trails in the dark from Thursday, October 29th through Saturday, October 31st (Thursday and Saturday: 7:00 PM to 2:00 AM; Friday: 8:00 PM to 2:00 AM). Rent their machines or bring your own; no reservations are required to show up, though booking ahead secures a guaranteed time slot. Passengers of all ages are welcome, with operator requirements set at 16+ for ATVs and 18+ for side-by-sides. Book your ride or find details at ajsadventures.com!

Friday, October 30

Murder Mystery Dinner - Get thrown into an unforgettable night of mystery and murder at Wisp Resort for an interactive whodunnit thriller at the estate of Sir Warren Peace! Put on your best evening wear, bribe suspects for clues, and enjoy a four-course dinner on October 23rd or October 30th.

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\$10 T-Shirts - The Tourist Trap at Mountain Village Shops is offering youth Key-note Mountain design short-sleeve T-shirts for just \$10 while supplies last, along with puzzles and games for cool fall nights. Next door, Christmas Chalet has new Halloween décor, more than 60 themed trees and free ornament personalization, and both shops are open daily on Rt. 219 across from Uno's.

DQ Spooky Treats - Try the Enchanted Oreo Blizzard with sweet ube flavor, or the Bubble Brew DQ Sparkler, a blood orange lemonade with cold foam, this fall at DQ Grill & Chill in Oakland.

The drive-thru and dining room are open daily 10 AM–10 PM.

3G Tree Spooky Sale - Hanging limbs or leaning trees? 3G Tree Service is taking the scare out of spooky season: schedule any service by Dec. 31 with the code SPOOKY10 to save 10%, plus choose either a \$50 gift card or \$50 off your bill. Call or text (304) 642-5410 to book.

Happy Hour at Black Bear Tavern - Take 20% off all bar drinks and appetizers Monday through Thursday from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, with live music on the deck and tiki bar Friday, Saturday and Sunday, weather permitting.

Happy Hour at Pine Lodge Steakhouse Saloon – Enjoy our specialty priced food menu and discounts on cocktails, in the Saloon only, Monday through Thursday from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM and all day Sunday.

International Nature Photography Exhibition at The Arcadian (through Nov. 14) - See the entries in this international nature photography competition, juried by

Calendar *Continued*

National Geographic photographer Brian Skerry, at The Arcadian in downtown Cumberland. The gallery is open Thursday–Saturday, 2–8 PM, and 10% of gallery sales go to conservation. Details: arcadiangallery.com

Garrett Soil Conservation District Fruit Tree & Bush Sale - Orders are now open for the 2027 sale, featuring hard-to-find heirloom varieties chosen for Garrett County’s growing conditions, plus some newer varieties. You can order as often as you like through April 1, with pickup in mid-April 2027. Order at garrettsoilconservation.org, or email jeannie.frazee@maryland.gov with questions.

Monday - Friday

NY Minute Lunch Specials - Grab a quick, delicious bite with the NY Minute Lunch Specials at Brenda’s New York Style Pizzeria! Available Monday through Friday from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM,

Mondays:

Karaoke Night at VFW Post 10077 - Kick off your week with an evening of music, laughs, and good times with

Music Express at VFW Post 10077! Grab the mic to sing your favorite songs or just hang out with friends for a great night at your local VFW starting at 6:00 PM.

Pizza Monday - returns for the fall at Brenda’s Pizzeria.

Tuesdays:

Tuesdays Burger & Beer - Take 50% off any burger and enjoy 1.99 PBR beer at Last Chair Bar + Bistro.

Customer Loyalty Days at The Locked Door - Get 10% of your in-store purchase of \$25 or more applied to a Loyalty Card for use toward a future purchase. Call 1-800-561-SEXY (7399) for more information.

2 Dine for \$40 at Pine Lodge Steakhouse - It’s back after Labor Day! Choose from the 2 Dine for \$40 menu every Tuesday from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at 1520 Deep Creek Drive in McHenry. Call 301-387-6500 or visit www.PineLodgeSteakhouse.com.

Wednesdays:

Wedgie Wednesday - Take \$2 off any Large Wedgie

at Fox’s Pizza Den. Call 240-DCL-FOXs for details!

Want It Wednesday - Check out the latest styles from Cashmere Clothing Co. during their Facebook Live showcase at <https://www.facebook.com/CashmereClothingCo/>.

Pasta Night - A Deep Creek Lake staple since 1997 and an Ace’s Run Restaurant & Pub tradition since 2001, this beloved event returns and runs every Wednesday from 4:00 PM to 8:30 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.

Mountain Fresh Farmers 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, you can



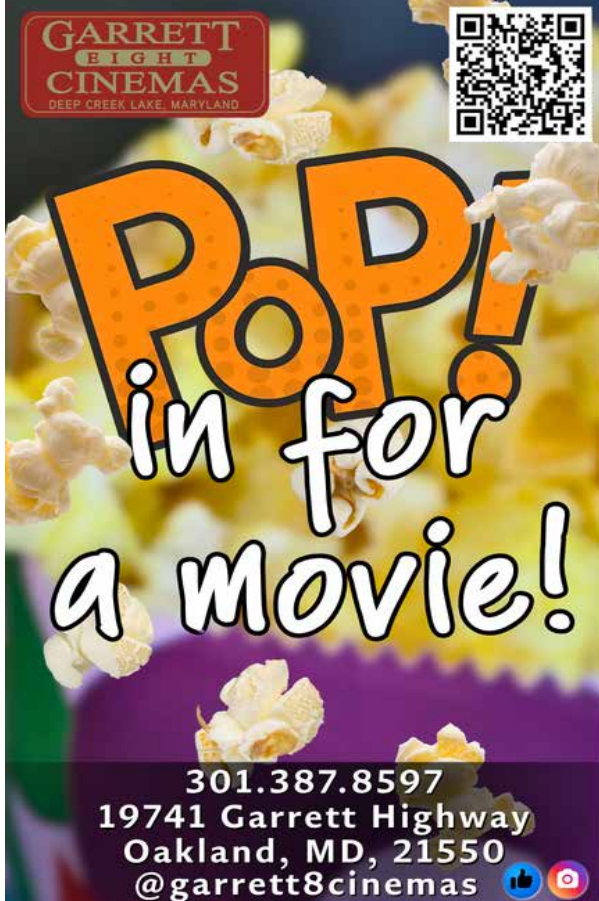
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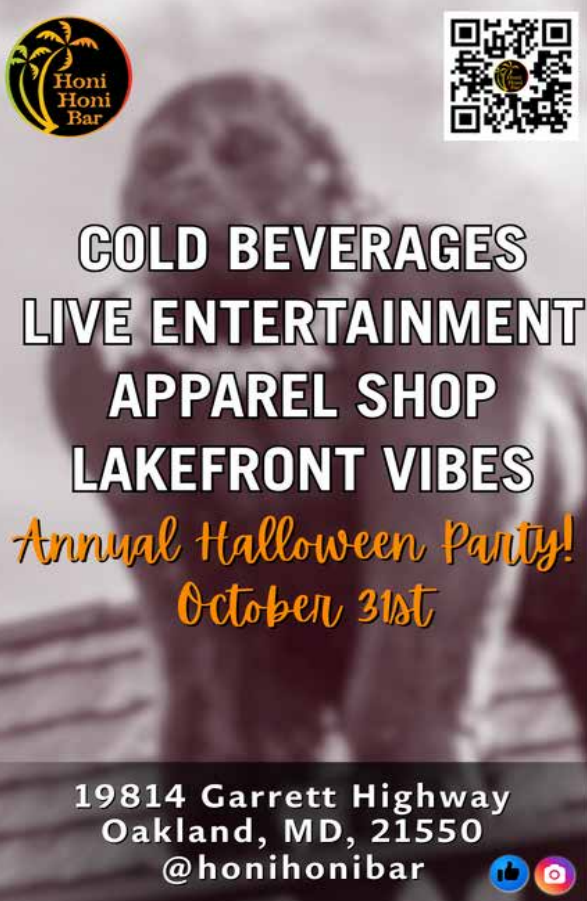
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\$25 Prime Rib at Pine Lodge Steakhouse - Enjoy a 10 oz prime rib served with a side for \$25 every Wednesday, until sold out, at Pine Lodge Steakhouse in McHenry. Call 301-387-6500 for details.

Thursdays:

\$6 BYO Burger Nite at Black Bear Tavern - Build your own burger for \$6 every Thursday at 102 Fort Drive in McHenry, then stay for Music Express Karaoke from 7:00 PM to 12:00 AM. Call 240-442-5070.

Thursday 50% Off Pizza - Take 50% off a whole pizza or slice at any eligible dining outlet at Wisp Resort. Check it out for more details at

<https://www.wispresort.com/Events/>.

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Music Express Karaoke at Black Bear Tavern - Come sing your heart out every Thursday at Black Bear Tavern, 102 Fort Drive in McHenry, from 7:00 PM to midnight!

Fridays:

Wing Night at VFW Post 10077 - Wings every Friday at the Deer Park VFW, 4107 Maryland Highway in Oakland. Open to the public, with affordable drinks and meals for the whole family and entertainment select weekends. Call 301-334-9109 for details.

Saturdays:

Mountain Fresh Farmers 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, you can visit www.MountainFresh.org for a full list of vendors and more information.

SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, November 1

Big Bucks at the Oakland Elks Lodge - Doors open at 11:00 AM, games begin at 1:00 PM, Advance tickets are \$30 by calling Glamour Ray Salon at 240-488-1165. Tickets at the door are \$35.

Saturday, November 7

Black Tie & Tails Gala - Dinner, dancing and auctions benefiting HART for Animals at Wisp, 6:30 PM. Tickets: \$150 at HARTforAnimals.org.

Saturday, Nov 14

Elks Cash Bash - Drawings from 1 PM, with a \$3,000 final drawing. 21+. Tickets: \$30 at the Elks Lodge.

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The American Discovery 250 Relay

A coast-to-coast relay celebrating America's 250th is heading east this fall, and anyone can join in.

In honor of America's 250th birthday, a copy of the Declaration of Independence is making its way across the country, one leg at a time.

The American Discovery 250 Relay covers 6,800 miles from California to Delaware along the American Discovery Trail. It began on the 4th of July with a crossing of the Golden Gate Bridge and will end on Thanksgiving Day with a plunge into the Atlantic Ocean. The whole journey takes about 145 days.



The relay follows the seasons. It crossed the western states in summer, after the snow melted in the Rockies, and moved through the middle of the country in late summer, often by bicycle. This fall it reaches the East, with a stop in the nation's capital in mid-November before the final stretch to the coast.

On any given day, anywhere from 5 to 50 people may be carrying the baton by walking, running, biking or riding. Participants come from all over the country and abroad. You can join for a single day or for longer, bring along friends and neighbors, attend a locally hosted event, or simply follow the relay's progress from home.

This isn't a race, a parade or a fundraiser. It's a celebration of American history, culture and nature, and of the trail that connects them. First laid out in the early 1990s, the American Discovery Trail passes numerous historic sites and dozens of ecosystems. It crosses lands managed by state and local agencies, the National Park Service, the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management in fifteen states, and it's hosted by hundreds of communities along the way. More than 40 million people live near the route.

The relay passes close to home. After crossing the mountains of West Virginia, the trail descends into Canaan Valley Resort State Park. There it joins the 311-mile Allegheny Trail and follows it to Blackwater Falls State Park, named for the five-story falls where the Blackwater River tumbles into Blackwater Canyon. Both parks are an easy drive from Deep Creek Lake. This section is planned for Wednesday, November 11, 2026, with participants biking, running or walking. Farther east, the route joins the C&O Canal in Oldtown, Maryland and goes through the Paw Paw Tunnel via bike on Saturday, November 14, 2026.

Relayers can sign up individually or as a team. Anyone who contributes \$30 or more becomes a member of the American Discovery Trail Society and can choose a souvenir or t-shirt. Sponsors and supporters are welcome too.

To sign up or see the full relay route, visit discoverytrail.org and select "The Route". For more information, email relay@discoverytrail.org.

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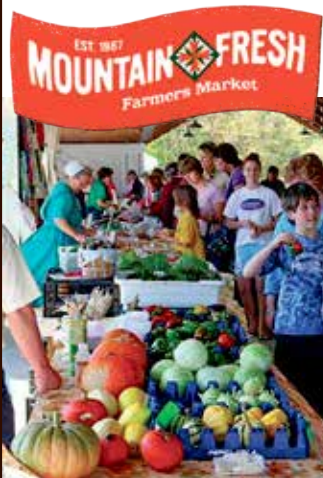
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Celebrate Autumn at Fallfest

by Garrett County Arts Council

Fall is a special time of year in Garrett County, bringing crisp air, colorful leaves, and plenty of opportunities to gather with family and friends. This season, Fallfest offers a full weekend of autumn fun, featuring local artists, creative activities for kids, delicious food, shopping, and the excitement of the Autumn Glory festivities.

There will be something for everyone to enjoy throughout Fallfest, making it a wonderful destination for families looking to spend a fall day together. Visitors can browse the work of artist vendors, discover unique handmade items, baked goods, and find special gifts and treasures to take home. From artwork and crafts to one-of-a-kind creations, the vendor area is a great place to support local and regional artists while enjoying a little fall shopping. Be sure to stop into The Gallery Shop and check out all the talent our local artists have on display!

Kids can join in the fun, too! A dedicated kids' area will offer art activities and creative things for children to do. It's a chance for young visitors to visit the art gallery, take photos with the themed backgrounds and cut-outs, and enjoy the festive atmosphere while parents explore the vendors and other activities.

Of course, no fall festival is complete without great food. Food trucks will be on site, offering a variety of options for hungry festival-goers. Whether you're grabbing lunch between activities or treating yourself to something delicious, there will be plenty to enjoy. Families can make a day of it by combining food, shopping, art, and outdoor fun all in one place.

Fallfest leads into the excitement of Autumn Glory Saturday. On Saturday, The Gallery Shop in Oakland will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., giving visitors another opportunity to shop for art and unique items while exploring downtown Oakland and enjoying the weekend's autumn festivities. It's a perfect time to stop in, browse the selection, and discover something special.

The food trucks will also be on Green Street on Sunday during the annual car show. Car enthusiasts can admire the vehicles on display while families enjoy food and the lively atmosphere. With something happening throughout the weekend, visitors can choose the activities that appeal to them—or make a whole weekend of it!

Whether you're an art lover, a dedicated shopper, a foodie, a car enthusiast, or simply looking for a fun outing with the family, Fallfest offers plenty of ways to enjoy the season. Come explore local art, let the kids get creative, grab a bite from a food truck, shop for something special, and soak up the beauty and excitement of autumn.



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Cinnamon stick ferns turn brilliant shades of gold, yellow and copper.

Fall In Full Color

by Robin Clutter

Editor's Note: Photos in this story, along with this month's cover, were taken by Robin Clutter. Great work, Robin!

While we live in a four-season area, each with its own beauty, my absolute favorite season is fall. The nights start to cool and the afternoon sun burns hot, with color all around the mountaintop. The trees, flowers, bushes and grasses are preparing for a brilliant show of color, and all you have to do to enjoy it is step outside. The sights, the smells and the sounds of fall are yours for the taking. A simple stroll in your backyard can be as colorful as a crayon box.

While walking in the fall, you can watch the twirling, dancing leaves as they fall to the ground. You might hear the chipmunks and squirrels as they are scurrying around to hide the newly fallen acorns or children playing in the raked up piles of leaves.

Garrett County and the surrounding counties in West Virginia are perfect places for viewing fall foliage at its best! Fall foliage in Garrett County typically begins changing in late September and reaches peak color around mid-October.

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If you like a car or motorcycle ride, instead of walking, grab an apple cider or spiced latte and follow the directions found on <https://www.garrettheritage.com/fall-foliage-driving-tours>

These self-guided driving tours will highlight the splendor of Garrett County's fall foliage in both the southern and northern ends of the county. While traveling along some of Maryland's Scenic Byways, you'll see the gorgeous colors of fall everywhere you look. Take your time, drive a little slower and take in the beauty of autumn!

Also, make a day of it on October 17 with the GFBA Fall Driving Tour. Take a scenic ride through Friendsville and Accident with stops at local shops, restaurants and businesses along the way. Grab a passport, collect stamps and enter the raffle drawing while enjoying the fall color. Learn more about participating businesses on page 76.

There is also the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad in Cumberland, MD (about an hour drive), which offers a top-rated fall foliage train ride through the Allegheny Mountains. Recently, this legendary railroad was voted No. 7 on USA TODAY's 2026 list of Best Scenic Train Rides. Learn more about tickets and the schedule at <https://wmsr.com/>

Walk or ride along the streams, rivers, ponds, forests, and trails to view the leaves of many colors. Without green chlorophyll, other pigments like carotenoids (yellow and orange) and anthocyanins (red and purple) show through. Each color means something different. The foliage transforms into a breathtaking array of colors - scarlet, orange, purple, and gold, blazing yellows, burnt oranges, and rich reds.

You can view the foliage map and see when the peak colors are estimated to be in different areas of Maryland on an interactive map at <https://www.explorefall.com/states/maryland.html>.

Across the landscape, maples blaze in bright reds, oaks and hickories add warm oranges and yellows, and sycamores glow golden across the rolling hills .



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Local Life *Continued*

The Sugar Maple is Garrett County's official county tree and is kept in good company with mixed hardwoods that dominate the landscape. Red and sugar maples are known for vibrant fall colors.

If you think it's only the tree leaves that explode in color, you're wrong:

Cinnamon stick ferns turn into brilliant shades of gold, yellow and copper. This change certainly brightens the woodland forests where they may grow.

The berries from a Jack-in-the pulpit produce a dense cluster of bright, shiny red berries fruit in late summer and autumn. They are a welcome red spot amongst the green and brown ground of the forest floor.

As the chipmunks, squirrels, white-tailed deer, bear, mice and rabbits are busy preparing for the cold winter months ahead, the acorns from the mighty oak trees are plenti-



The burning bush which is a deciduous bush known for its brilliant fire engine red fall foliage is another seasonal favorite. It features dark green summer leaves that turn bright fire-engine red in the fall, plus unique corky “wings” along its branches and small berries.



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ful and also add color to the fall season.

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Broomsedge grass with slender, linear leaves starts bluish-green or medium green in spring and summer, turning a brilliant orange, yellow, copper and tan in the fall and persistent straw-brown through winter.

Little Bluestem is a native warm-season grass that turns a coppery-bronze to deep reddish-purple color by autumn.

Switchgrass provides upright form and airy seed panicles that turn golden-yellow or bright red in fall.

Indian Grass features distinct, feathery golden-bronze plumes that catch the autumn light.

The bright white hydrangea’s petals are sunkissed and turn soft shades of pink and burgundy keeping up with fall’s colorful decor.

These colorful leaves, flowers and grasses are just a few of many varieties of foliage that blend in making a trip to our area in the fall a true Autumn Glory.

Also, there are several festivals around our area that celebrate all things fall. Garrett County has the Autumn Glory Festival, Preston County, WV has the Buckwheat Festival, Leaf Peepers Festival in Davis, WV and Springs Festival in Springs, PA. These festivals celebrate the bounty that the fall harvest has to offer as well as many local traditions. The bountiful harvest of crops - apples, corn, pumpkins and buckwheat just to name a few are being taken from the fields and stored for future use.

One thing is for sure the view along the way is always a spectacular one!



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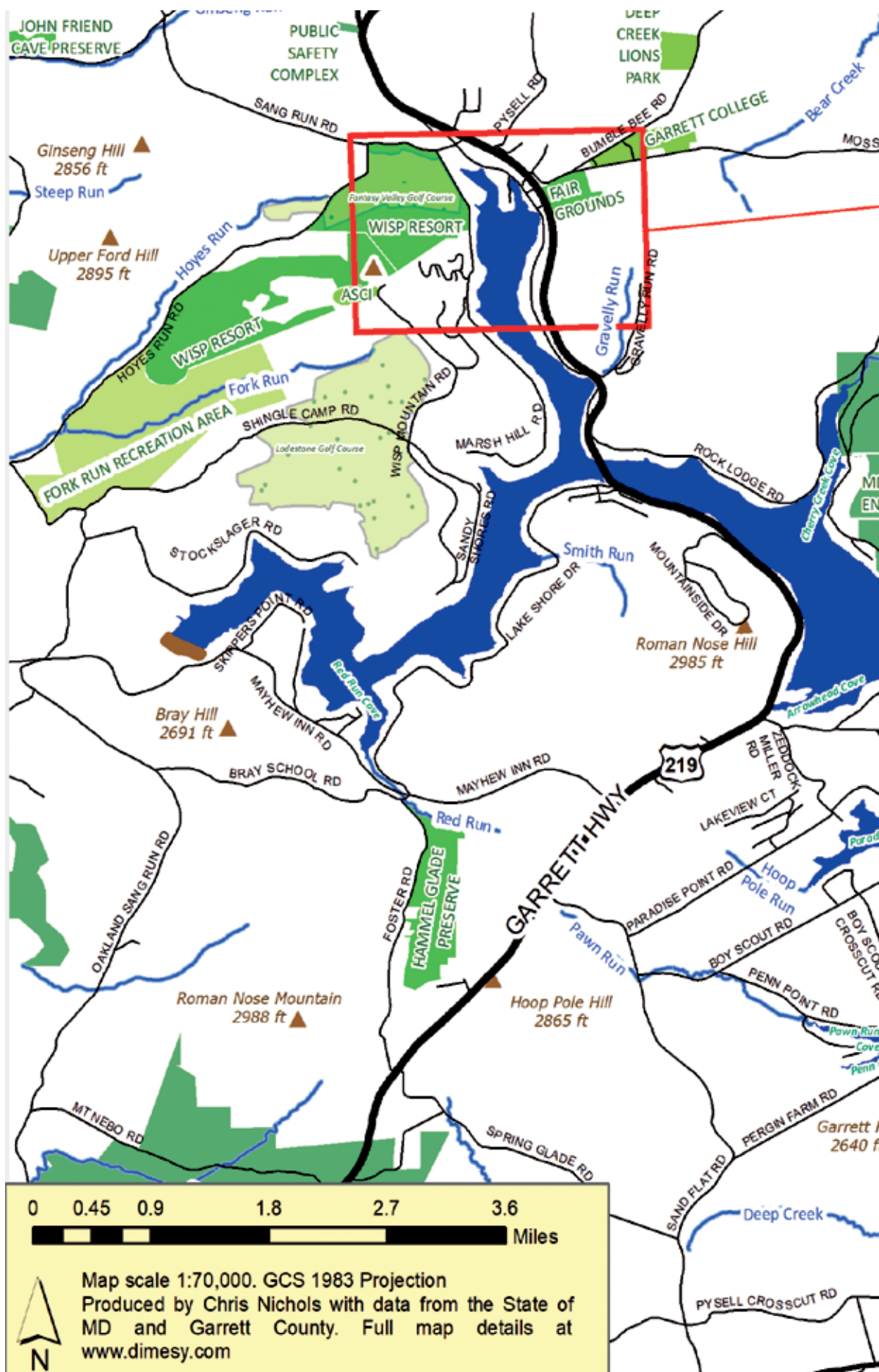
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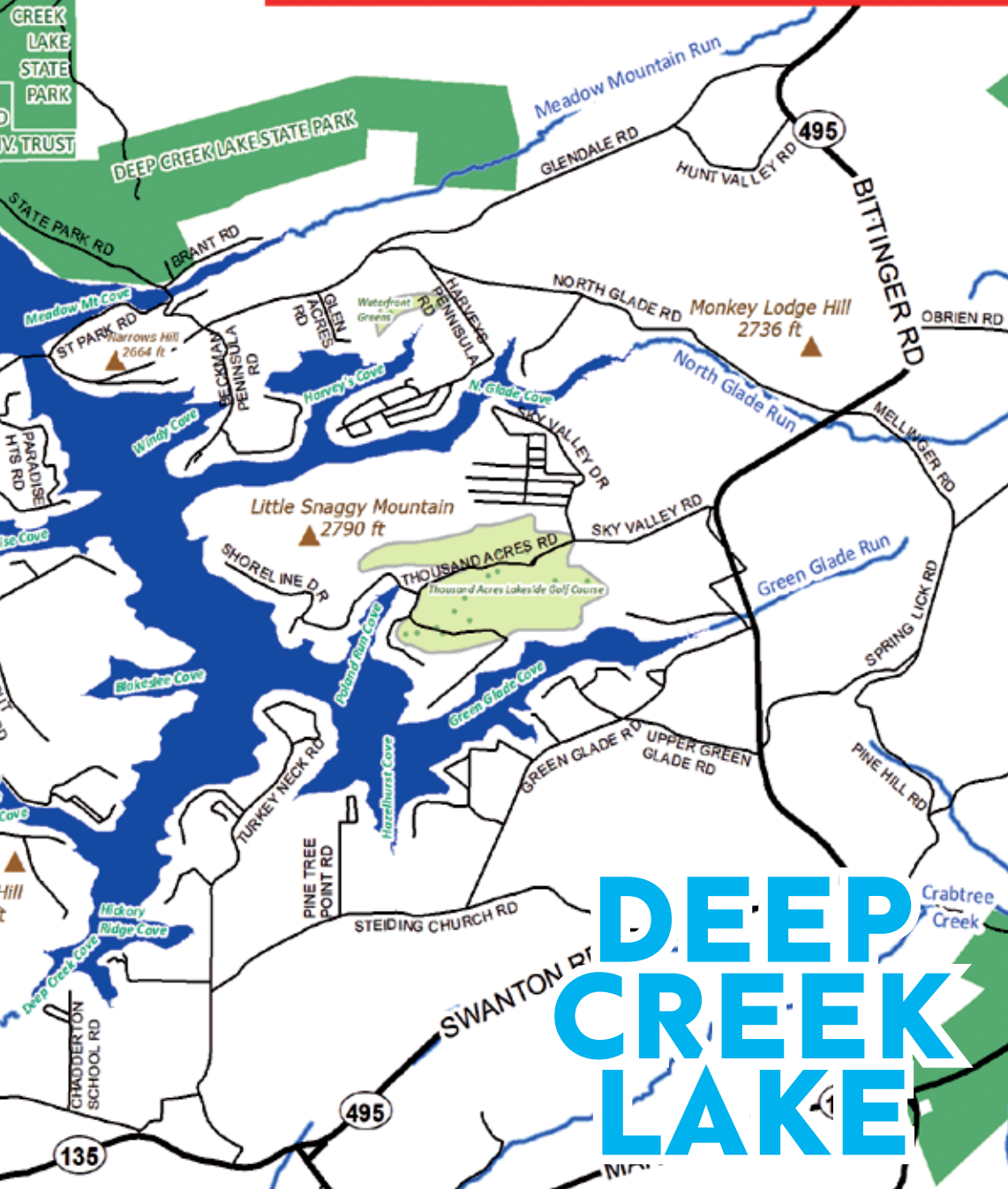
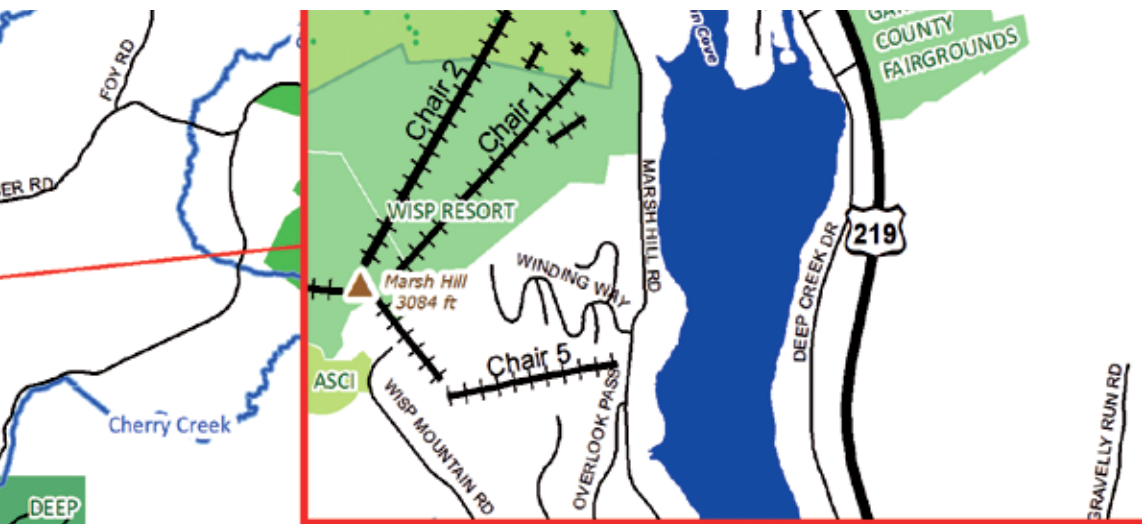
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Business Spotlight



**Marissa and Aaron Mullenax and kids
(L to R) Emma, Griffin and Owen**

A Little Sweeter: Discover “Hey Sugar” in Oakland

by Tamra Canfield

The Hey Sugar shop catches your eye with its bright orange color palette and contemporary look. Open the door, though, and it's the amazing sweet smell of fresh treats straight from the oven that really draws you in.

Oakland's newest bakery and sweet shop, located in the plaza next to Fox's Pizza, is easy to spot and even harder to leave.

The smell of freshly baked treats welcomes you at the door. Once inside, the vibrant sweets, special drinks, handmade products, and constantly changing range of baked goods mean that Hey Sugar is more than just a place for a quick dessert stop. It's an experience, and one that is quickly becoming a favorite with both locals and visitors.

Marissa Mullenax and her husband Aaron operate the business, but the story of Hey Sugar began long before the shop opened.

Marissa was a registered nurse for ten years and enjoyed baking as a hobby, focusing especially on cupcakes. She started to share her cakes with her colleagues and friends, and word of mouth spread. Marissa soon started to bake at home for customers while still working as a nurse. When demand increased in May, she obtained a commercial license and then began working with other local small businesses. What had originally been a creative outlet was gradually turning into a business of its own.

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Marissa had never stopped thinking about the difficulties of starting a new business. When cutbacks took place at the hospital where she was employed, the choice that had once seemed daunting became an opportunity. The time was right, and so Marissa made up her mind to go for her dream.



**Orange Creamcicle
Signature Cupcake**

Luckily, she and Aaron had already found the ideal spot.

The couple owns the building and, when a former tenant moved out in May, the space became available. Along with Aaron’s father, Larry, they carried out a large part of the renovation themselves. Marissa selected the color scheme and did the painting, turning the space into the bright and welcoming shop that customers see today.

The finished space is unmistakably Hey Sugar: cheerful, warm, and with a touch of whimsy.

Each day, Marissa begins work at 5 a.m. so that she can prepare the treats and place them in the cases before the shop opens at 10. This early start is one of the

reasons why a trip to Hey Sugar is so special. The baked goods are made fresh every single day, and the selection is always changing.

Although the story might have started over 10 years ago with cupcakes, Marissa has no plan to stick to just one type of dessert. Since she likes to challenge herself in the kitchen, her customers can look forward to a variety of baked goods along with new items as she continues experimenting. This week she had cupcakes, edible cookie dough, apple cheesecake, oatmeal cream pies, cinnamon rolls, cannolis, almond croissants, chocolate croissants, chocolate chip cookies and (fan favorite) peanut butter brownies.

People who would like to mark an occasion – or simply want to make it more special – can order custom birthday and wedding cakes from Hey Sugar. With advance notice, Marissa is able to turn a simple customer idea into a centerpiece that is just as tasty as it is memorable.

Her creativity goes beyond the standard menu. Last Christmas, Marissa arranged a cookie buffet and prepared around 4,000 cookies for the two-day event. She soon realized just how much people loved the idea. The cookies sold out in just two hours. It goes without saying, the Christmas cookie buffet event will be back again this year.



Blueberry Lemon Cupcake

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Hey Sugar also showcases the creativity of other local makers. Marissa works with local artisans to sell their handmade items in the shop, such as car freshies, locally made polymer clay jewelry, and custom t-shirts. This gives visitors another chance to take home something unique and locally inspired.

Then there is the dirty soda.

Hey Sugar offers a menu of specialty soda combinations. However, customers can also play creator themselves by mixing

and matching from an assortment of available fountain drinks, cream, popping bubbles, sweet garnishes, and flavor additions. It's another unexpected element that sets the shop apart and gives visitors a reason to linger.

Marissa refers to Hey Sugar as “the sweetest place in town.”

There has always been a certain charm in a small business that feels personal. Hey Sugar began with a local baker doing something she enjoyed, listening to the people who told her that she was good at what she did, and eventually gathering up the courage – and spotting the right moment – to turn her passion into something bigger.

Today, you can see that passion in the colorful cases, smell it in the sweet treats that came out of the oven this morning and, of course, taste it.

For those exploring Oakland and Garrett County, it is an easy stop to work into a day spent shopping, seeing the sights, and exploring the area. You might visit in the morning for a treat, pick up something sweet to take with you, look at the local crafts on offer, create your own candy mix, or have a go at a custom dirty soda.

And if you happen to leave with more than you intended, don't say you weren't warned. This writer certainly did.

I arrived at Hey Sugar and left with a large cinnamon roll and a dirty soda. After just one bite and one sip, it became obvious that self-control had never been part of the idea.

It was fabulous!

When you're in Oakland, look for the cheery shop along Third Street and stop on by. The smell of this active bakery will draw you in, but the hardest part will be deciding what to try first.

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Celebrating The Apples of Western Maryland

By MaryCarolyn Thies

“Plant yourself an orchard because there is no better apple than the one you grew yourself!”

-Jeannie Frazee, Garrett Soil Conservation District

This article is Part 1 of a two-part series about apples. Here in Garrett County, we’re surrounded by an abundant apple supply each fall. Part 1 looks at apple varieties in our area and how the cool nights and long, western Maryland winter shape the apple color, flavor and nutrition. Part 2 will talk more about nutrition, what those compounds actually do, and give suggestions for planting new, young apple trees around mid-April.

Apples (*Malus domestica*) are a big part of fall in Western Maryland, especially as we approach Autumn Glory. The cool weather in Garrett County keeps the apples crisp and somewhat easy to grow, provided you select cultivars that are disease resistant and thrive in cold weather. Apples, and their tempting derivatives (such as apple butter, apple cider, freshly pressed apple juice, dried apples, and of course apple pie) are widely available at local farmers’ markets throughout Garrett County.

Autumn Glory’s Cooler Colors!

Apples grown in cold weather are more colorful. According to the Farmers’ Almanac, “red apple skin gets much of its color from pigments called anthocyanins, and their development is strongly influenced by both sunlight and temperature.”

An ideal combination for color development is warm sunny days and cool nights. See Tim Konrad, “Cool September Nights Do Something Beautiful to Apples,” Farmers’ Almanac, Sept. 10, 2026.

Another recent article looked at the genetic factor utilized in pigment production, stating that a beautiful pair of genes in *Malus domestica* (MdGeBP3 and MdSPL6) “influences anthocyanin production under cold stress.” See Zhang et al., “MdSPL6 Regulates the Accumulation of Anthocyanins in Apple Leaves Induced by Low Temperature,” Horticultural Plant Journal, 2026. The Journal of Plant Physiology echoed the scientific discovery that “[cold exposure stimulates the genetic pathways that deepen red pigmentation].” See Wang et al., “The Role of Transcription Factor MdGeBP3 in Modulating Cold Stress Tolerance and Anthocyanin Biosynthesis in Apple,” Journal of Plant Physiology, Sept. 2026.

Apple Nutrition: Cold Weather Stresses Apples Out—In a Good Way!

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Garrett County sits in the western-most, coldest spot in Maryland, which falls into USDA Hardiness Zones 5b–6a. See U.S. Dep’t of Agric., Plant Hardiness Zone Map, <https://planthardiness.ars.usda.gov/> (2023). While the official zone range is 5–6, Garrett County’s plummeting winter temperatures can mimic zone 4.

Apples: Sweet-Tart and Sassy

Many studies have explained why cold weather apples taste better. Apples undergo cellular respiration (converting glucose into usable energy, carbon dioxide, and water). Colder temperatures make tastier apples because the process of cellular respiration slows way down, keeping the sugar in the apple longer. Cooler conditions increase acidity, color and flavor development, and preserve the firm texture, which influences how the taste buds react.

One controlled study showed a direct connection between cooler early season conditions and apple quality for improving taste, texture, and crispness of the apple. Delayed fruit maturity improved the final fruit quality (Warrington et al., Apple Fruit Growth and Maturity Are Affected by Early Season Temperatures, 124 J. Am. Soc’y Hort. Sci. 468 (1999)).

Another effect of slow cellular respiration in cold weather is the apple’s ability to conserve malic acid. Malic acid is the primary organic acid in apples. Malic acid helps stabilize cell walls, allowing them to retain water and maintain pulp firmness. It creates that classic tart quality in apples that most apple lovers love.

Therefore, Garrett County’s ‘autumn-glorious’ pattern of sunny days, crisp nights, and distinctly abrupt cold causes the visually striking color and intense flavor. It’s the perfect recipe for the perfect apple.

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and the responsible use of natural resources. And its annual tree and shrub sale is one way it puts that mission into practice, giving residents access to plants selected with our local growing conditions in mind.

I spoke with Jeannie Frazee, who leads the local fruit tree and shrub sale.

“Growing apples in Garrett County can be a challenge,” says Jeannie, so “choose varieties that can handle zone 4 conditions, because although Garrett County is listed as zone 5, our unique weather patterns can often push temperatures below zone 5 for periods in the winter.”

Jeannie also recommends the “old heirloom trees that have grown here for the better part of the 1900’s or longer [which] have some natural disease resistance for the area, so they are a good choice.” Yellow Transparent, favored for making great applesauce, is a good one, along with Smokehouse.

And if Garrett 250 has you feeling especially patriotic, there’s an apple for that, too. Try the patriotic “Liberty” apple variety with its “ULTIMATE DISEASE RESISTANCE,” but get them while they last at the sale going on now while supplies last.

See “Liberty” for sale at <https://garrettsoilconservation.org/product/freedom/>.

Happy Autumn Glory!

Also, look for Part 2 of this Apple series, and in the meantime, enjoy some farm-fresh local apples.





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Explore Waterfalls in Garrett County

By Francesca Branson

If you are a waterfall enthusiast, Swallow Falls State Park is for you. If you are mildly interested in waterfalls and don't want to exert much energy to get to one, Swallow Falls State Park is for you, too.

The 257-acre park is located along the wild Youghiogheny River and has an accessible trail loop that guides visitors along a network of mountain streams and steep rock ledges, showcasing four distinct waterfalls, each with its own character, geological history, and seasonal charm. Accessibility includes handicap parking, a wooden boardwalk to the waterfall and a wooden deck to view the falls.

The Canyon Trail is a hiking trail that greets visitors from the main parking lot. Heading south on the trail will take visitors on a walk through hemlock and pine trees and terrain that includes navigating tree roots, wooden steps and small rock scrambles. Parts of the trail that are closest to the river are wet and depending on the recent rainfall, the majority of the trail can be wet. The total Canyon Trail distance is a little over a mile and can take 45-60 minutes and sequentially passes by Tolliver Falls, Upper Swallow Falls, Lower Swallow Falls and culminates at Muddy Creek Falls.

If you head north on the trail, you will swiftly encounter Muddy Creek Falls which is a focal point of Swallow Falls State Park. Plummeting 53 feet over a dramatic shelf of sandstone into a deep basin below, it holds the title of Maryland's highest free-falling waterfall. This is the waterfall that is easily accessible on foot and provides the handicap accessibility. At the top of these falls is Muddy Creek and if the water is low in the creek, you can walk out on the rock formation at the top of the falls (carefully, of course). Wooden stairs provide easy access to rock formations at the bottom of the falls. If you visit in the summer, you may see swimmers enjoying the pool of the falls. If you visit in winter, you may encounter a waterfall that is partially or fully frozen.



After the stairs at the bottom of Muddy Creek Falls, Canyon Trail continues and if you follow it the whole way, you will end up back at the main entrance, as it is a loop. If Muddy Creek Falls satisfied your waterfall interest, you should wait for the rest of your party to enjoy the loop. Once you commit to walking the Canyon Trail, there isn't a shortcut to exit the trail along the way.

After Muddy Creek Falls is Lower Swallow Falls which is part of the Youghiogheny River. These

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falls are a wider, cascading set of drops over smooth, layered rock formations. The river flattens into expansive pool areas below the falls, which serve as popular resting spots during warm summer months.

Upper Swallow Falls is situated along a constricted channel of the Youghiogheny River where massive volumes of water flow through a tight rock bottleneck. The river crashes violently over exposed stone ledges, creating churning white rapids. Rafting enthusiasts can be seen practicing skills in these rapids.

The last falls on Canyon Trail is Tolliver Falls along a quiet tributary slightly off the main river gorge. Smaller and lower in height than its neighbors, Tolliver Creek slides gently over a broad rock shelf into a tranquil, tree-shaded pool. Its serene atmosphere and accessible rock edges make it a favorite subject for landscape photographers. Note: Leashed dogs are allowed in the park after Labor Day.

As with much of Garrett County, there is also a historical significance to the area.

In the summer of 1921, American industrialists Henry Ford, Thomas Edison, and Harvey Firestone, calling themselves “The Vagabonds”, set up camp beside these falls. Seeking refuge from city life, the trio spent days relaxing beneath the ancient forest canopy, cementing the park’s status as a classic retreat. Over 100 years later, guests can now enjoy camping that potentially includes electric, water and sewer hook ups.

It is important to note a few key components to a visit to these waterfalls between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Dogs are not allowed on the trail during this time and if you are visiting on a weekend, day use reservations are required. Reservations do sell out, so if you are visiting on a popular holiday, you will want to secure a reservation in advance.

Potomac-Garrett State Forest is home to Cascade Falls, which is fed by the Lostland Run tributary. Accessible from the Lostland Run Trail, Cascade Falls is not as easily accessible as any of the waterfalls in Swallow Falls State Park. While maps of the Lostland complex indicate that there is a road that gets you close to the falls, it is worth a call to the ranger station to see if the vehicular bridge on that road has re-opened. It was closed for repairs and required hikers to take a different route to Cascade Falls. Using the North Prong Shelter as a starting point provides a shorter path to Cascade Falls and also provides the opportunity to cross the North Prong Suspension Bridge. When the trail ends at the falls, there is a moderate drop to get close to the falls.

There is also a water feature referred to as The Falls of Deep Creek that is near Oakland Sang Run Road. However, there is no trail to these falls and very little is known about the best way to access them.



Cascade Falls
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Emerger

By Tony Lolli

It's too early for the evening hatch, but we see the river's trout feeding on mayfly nymphs just below the surface. The season is slipping away, and its loss becomes an unwelcome reality. The end of this season is foretold by the close of the day as surely as the diminishing bird sounds acknowledge the arrival of dusk.

I want him to catch a fish, so I say, "Try a Sulfur Emerger and fish it straight downstream." My son, Matthew, reels in and changes flies without acknowledging I might be right. He also changes his casting style to better mimic the mayfly's helpless drift that comes just before it escapes as a flying adult.

There was a time I couldn't tell him anything. Maybe he was striving for adulthood in the face of my desire for his success. If truth be told, he probably had enough of being told how to do everything with insufficient praise for things done well.

Sometimes things get mixed up and seem to take on a life of their own, and like a tangled line, the more we pull, the tighter the mess.

It's only recently that there's been a little more match than clash between us. It seems to me he's matured, developed a good sense of humor, and evolved into his own person. I prefer to believe he thinks I've mellowed. Of course, we've never talked about it. It's just another one of those things that passes, unspoken, between fathers and sons.

The emerging mayfly's transformation is all too brief. Living out the year in the safety of the



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submerged rocks, it gives up security and risks passage to the surface. Without regard for the odds against it, the emerger gambles its life for winged adulthood and freedom.

Matt's drop-back cast ends with the nine-foot rod pointed straight up as if to emphasize his height. I'm struck by how tall he is. But at six foot six, he is tall. When did he get to be so big? Even with his long legs hidden by the river, he still looks tall.

It was easy to track him in the crowd at his high school graduation. In a few weeks he'll be off to college, and his height won't help keep us connected. I think I've convinced myself the connection can't be forced. It will evolve into its new form, shaped by time as surely as the fly's path is shaped by the river's current.

With Matt's next cast comes a new drift, more natural and less at odds with the conflicting currents, going with the flow. That's a good metaphor for our more recent relationship. Who's the fly and who's the current? It doesn't matter - probably a little of both in each of us. Things between us are better than when he was an adolescent. Not so long ago he would have chosen not to fish with me.

At least I had the good sense not to force him into fly fishing. Had I done so, even our few trips each year would have been unlikely. He learned to cast with little instruction, and that pleases him as much as it does me. His style is one of accuracy and presentation rather than power and distance. I like to think he learned from watching me. I really don't know if he's learned much else from me. He seems to share my preference for twenty-gauge shotguns, pheasants, and gangly six-week-old Labrador Retrievers that think they're King of the Hill. There are other shared preferences like Chicago blues, low-class humor, and talking back to the TV. But, on a night like this, as the river sounds quiet and anticipation increases, the fishing is enough.

He's not a great caster, and neither am I. In a way, it's surprising he's as good as he is, given the other things that filled his high school years - friends, activities, soccer, and his art studies. I think we share the feeling that catching fish on a fly is great fun, but we understand there are other more important things in life. We don't serve ourselves well when we let things get out of balance.

I've seen enough fishing fanatics to know it is addiction, not enjoyment, that drives them. Acknowledging the necessity of balance is as important as its achievement. It's just that attaining balance is often difficult. It seldom comes easily, and when it competes with the issues of adolescence, it often takes a back seat. Even during adulthood, balance is difficult to find. It seems we learn this only through experience, if we learn it at all.

We usually fish in silence, a small distance apart, each giving the other room to feel temporary stewardship of a small stretch of river. Tonight, in recognition of the season's end and other beginnings, we fish side by side comfortably. Instead of silence, there is the sometimes-awkward conversation about college, making good choices, and finding new friends - conversation about using good judgment and giving best efforts. So many things to say, but my need to speak is tempered by the knowledge that many of life's important lessons must be discovered on our own.

The evening light is leaving too quickly. The bittersweet twilight brings the best fishing but marks the end of it as well. It doesn't matter that I want more time. The night crowds in without regard for the needs of fathers and sons.

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Band members share many of the same interests and pastimes related to Scottish Highland traditions. GHPD is a teaching band, interested in new pipers, drummers, and auxiliary members (flags and banner in parades.) Practice meets March - December on Monday nights 7:00 (6:00 for students) at the Oakland Volunteer Fire Department, 31 S. 3rd St

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Held on the main campus from 5:30-6:30pm on October 15, 22, and 29.

Register online for PE130 here: <https://bit.ly/3Vd0Sqq>



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Middletown Valley Bank Opens New Full-Service Oakland Branch

Middletown Valley Bank has provided mortgage and commercial lending services in Garrett County since 2019. The opening of its new full-service branch marks an expansion of the bank's presence in the community and provides customers with greater access to banking and lending services locally.

“The grand opening of our Oakland Branch marks an exciting new chapter for Middletown Valley Bank, but the real story is the community that welcomed us so warmly. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who joined us for the ribbon cutting and to the many residents, businesses, and community leaders who have embraced our presence in Garrett County. We are excited to serve Oakland and the surrounding region for many years to come,” said Robert “BJ” Goetz, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer of Middletown Valley Bank.

Jerry Merrick, EVP – Mortgage Market Leader, added, “The support shown during our ribbon cutting celebration was truly humbling. Having raised my family in Garrett County, I’ve always appreciated the strong sense of community that makes this area special. I’m proud to be part of an organization that shares those values, and I look forward to helping more families navigate the homebuying journey and build their futures right here at home.”

Middletown Valley Bank’s new Oakland Branch is located at 19509 Garrett Highway, Suite 5, Oakland, MD 21550. The full-service branch offers teller services, an ATM and night drop, deposit account opening, consumer lending and cash management services, along with mortgage and commercial lending services. For more information about Middletown Valley Bank and its services, visit mvbbank.com.



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Dining Guide

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301-387-1007 • brendaspizzeria.com
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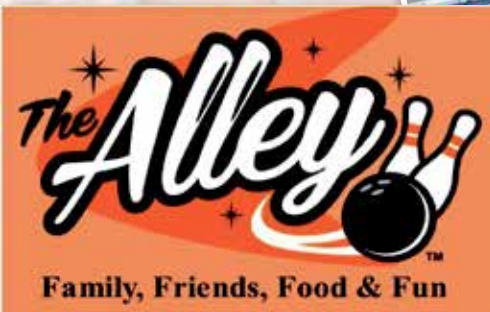
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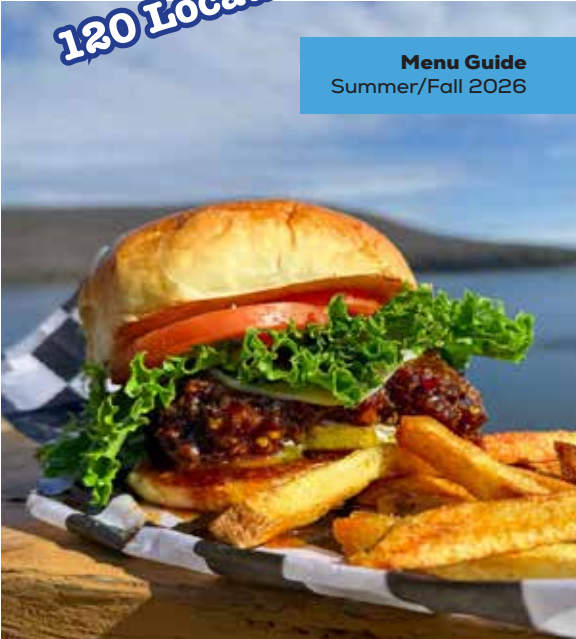
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CHRISTMAS CHALET

19895 Garrett Highway • 301-387-SHOP
www.christmaschalet.com
Open Daily
Located on Rt. 219, across from Uno's. Featuring a wide assortment of Christmas decorations and gifts with over 60 themed trees. Deep Creek Lake ornaments! Your Dept. 56, Jim Shore, and Old World Christmas headquarters. Also offering Black Bear ornaments and gifts, novelty lights, candles, and more.

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Open Friday – Sunday: 10 AM – 5 PM
20294 Garrett Hwy • 301-387-5655
www.copperkettlepopcornfactory.com
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240-321-4800 • www.dclspasandhottubs.com/
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DEEP CREEK POTTERY

1550 Deep Creek Drive, Suite C&D
(Lower Level of The Fort in McHenry)
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301-501-1619 • deepcreekpottery.com
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Saturday: 10 AM - 2 PM
301-387-1519 • herbalearthapothecary.com
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Saturday 10 AM - 2 PM
240-321-3454 •
mountainpeaksoapcompany.square.site
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Shopping Guide *Continued*

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Open Daily at 11 AM

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301-895-5985 • www.pennalps.com

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(At The Fort in McHenry)

301-387-6500 • Open daily

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POLSKA POLISH POTTERY

Located in Dry Dock Plaza

(next to McDonalds) 19509 Garrett Hwy.

240-442-5086 • Open 7 Days a Week

www.polskapolishpottery.com

This unique shop features handcrafted Polish Stoneware, unique gifts and more. Stop by for some of your favorite Polish food as well (including Pierogies!). All our pottery is authentic, handcrafted and microwave/dishwasher/oven Safe. Lead and Cadmium free. Check out our Pierogi Cart this summer on weekends (weather permitting).

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Open Daily 10 AM - 6 PM

1224 Friendsville Road (Rt. 42)

301-746-8603 • schoolhouseearth.com

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rmet foods, gifts, garden accessories, home decor and jewelry awaits. Christmas room is open year round. There's also children's books and toys, framed art, candles and much, much more. Bring the family to visit all the animals in the free petting zoo!

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214 E. Alder Street, Oakland

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Call for Hours

108 S. Second Street, Oakland

301-334-8139 • www.garrettarts.com

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THE LAZY BEAR GIFT SHOP

1550 Deep Creek Drive - Suite F, McHenry

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443-858-2723 • lazybeargifts.com

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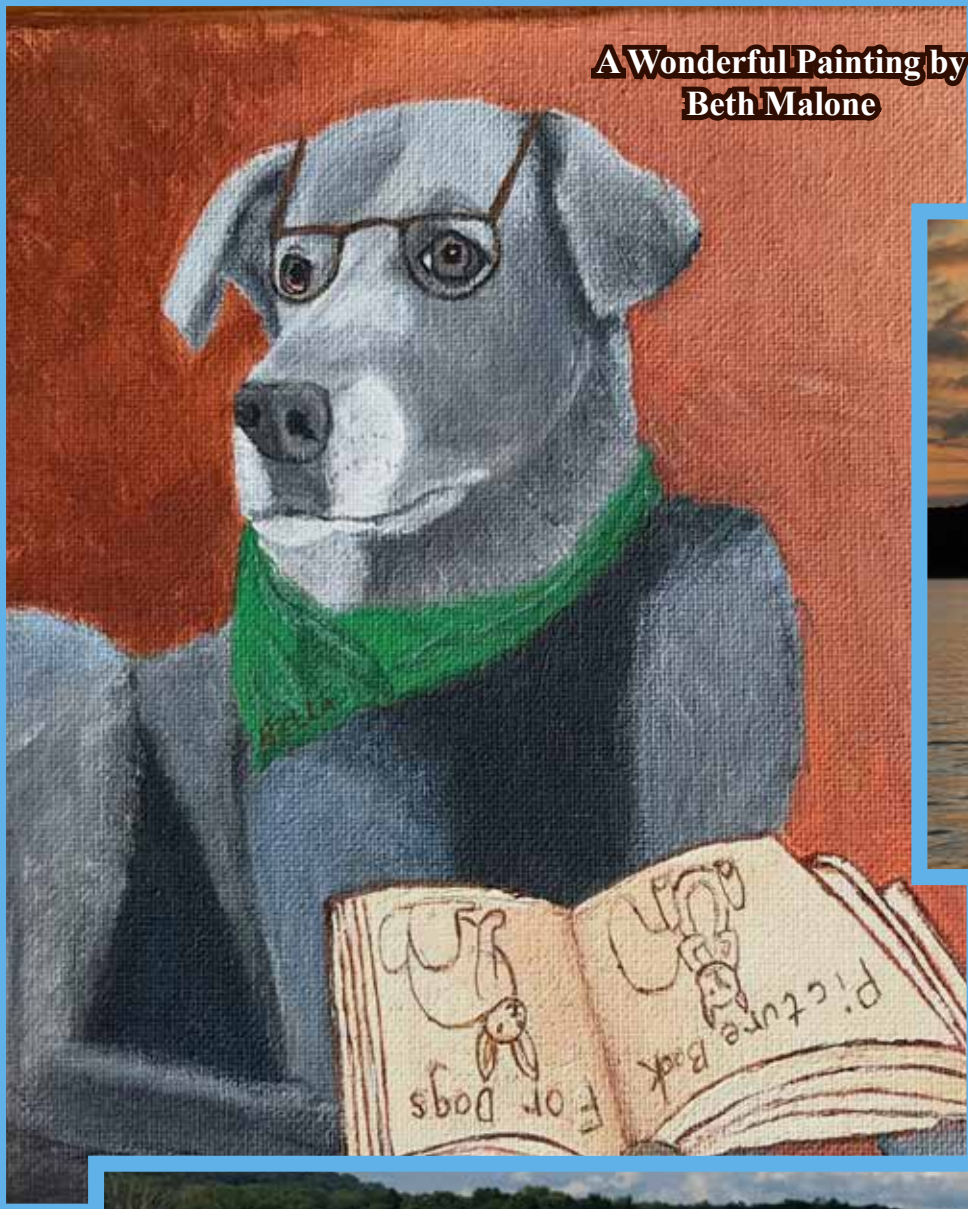


**Mornings at Deep Creek
By Mary Giordano**



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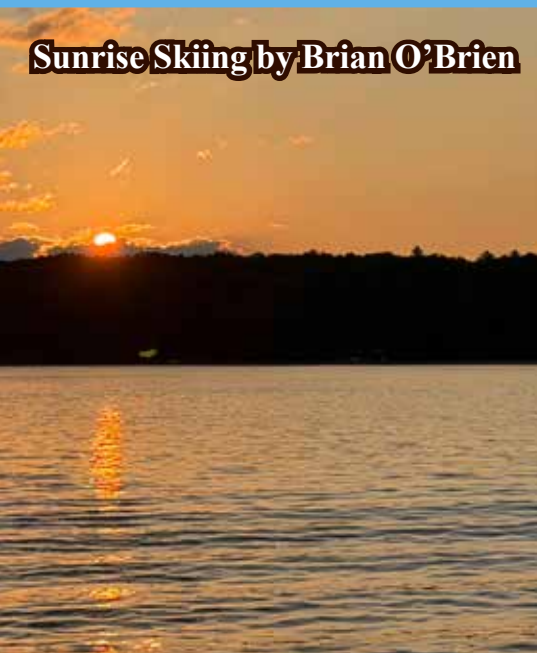


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Live Music Guide

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EVENT CALENDAR

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

Black Bear Tavern..... Ben Benson, 6
Honi Honi..... 80s Enough, 8
Black Bear Tavern (Night Club) DJ Thoro, 10

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

Honi Honi..... Crimson Reign, 1:30
Blackthorne Cellars Scott Ross, 2
Black Bear Tavern Kelly Lynott, 6
Honi Honi Chain Reaction, 8
Black Bear Tavern (Night Club). DJ Thoro, 10

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

Black Bear Tavern..... Paul Burger, 6
Honi Honi American Vanity, 8
Black Bear Tavern (Night Club). DJ Thoro, 10

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

Honi Honi..... Surrender Dorothy, 1:30
Blackthorne Cellars Schnell and Paris, 2
Black Bear Tavern Jon Fish, 6
Honi Honi Good Guys Band, 8
Black Bear Tavern (Night Club).. DJ Thoro, 10

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

Black Bear Tavern Jason McDonald, 6
Honi Honi Campfire Gypsies, 8
Black Bear Tavern (Night Club).. DJ Thoro, 10

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

Blackthorne Cellars..... Michelle Fincham, 1
Black Bear Tavern..... Boo Troxell, 6
StageWEST @PAC..... Duo Sorolla, 7
Honi Honi..... Rust Valley Revival, 8

Black Bear Tavern (Night Club).. DJ Thoro, 10

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

Black Bear Tavern..... Matt Tichon, 6
Honi Honi..... 3 Teez, 8
Black Bear Tavern (Night Club).. DJ Thoro, 10

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

StageWEST @PAC.... Radio King Orchestra, 7
Honi Honi..... Undercover, 8

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

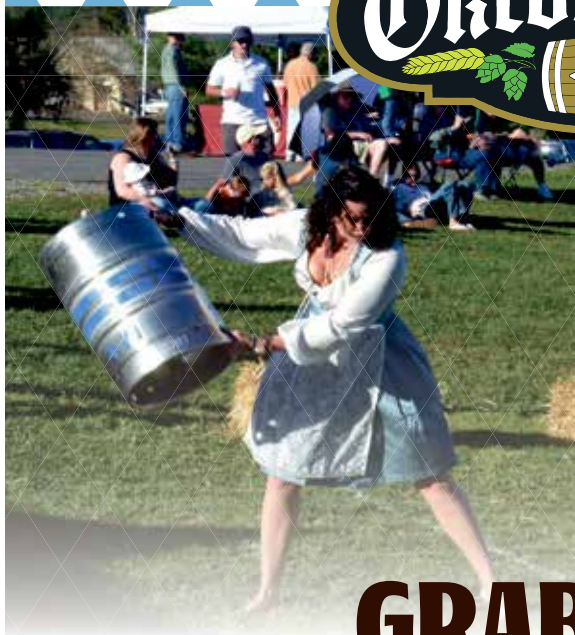
Black Bear Tavern..... Lane Rounds, 6
Honi Honi..... Shelly McCombie Duo, 8
Black Bear Tavern (Night Club).. DJ Thoro, 10

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

Blackthorne Cellars..... Andrew Tuck, 2
Black Bear Tavern..... Shelly & Dale Duo, 6
Honi Honi..... Rushmore, 8
Black Bear Tavern (Night Club)
.....
DJ & Mechanical Bull, 10

Call ahead to confirm - These establishments advertise in this publication and this is not intended to be a complete guide to the area.

Black Bear Tavern - 240-442-5070
Blackthorne Cellars - 240-391-7955
Deer Park VFW - 301-334-9109
Harbor Bar - 301-387-0525
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The Alley..... 334-3040

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Rush Services 387-6481

Antiques:

Englanders 533-0000

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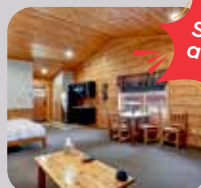
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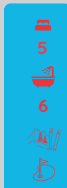
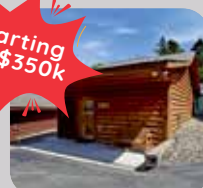
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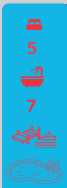
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