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Editor's Note

COVER:
**September Weather at
Deep Creek Lake**

Dear Friends,

I spend a lot of time telling people there is always something to do in Garrett County. And, apparently, in August I decided to go full send and prove it.

Looking back through my camera roll, August included everything from sailing Deep Creek Lake, to touring the factory where Flying Scots are still built by hand, to watching the demolition derby at the Garrett County Agriculture Fair.

I listened to a variety of music at the Little Yough Music Festival. I had my first authentic snowball. I rode my bike. I volunteered at the 240 Minutes of Margraff event. I joined my friends for the drag-on boat fundraiser at Broadford Lake Park. I celebrated the opening of Hey Sugar and Sprinkles & Sourdough! I painted two ceramic bowls for the upcoming Empty Bowls fundraiser. I interviewed several people behind the scenes of the Fair and 4-H. And, Podcast Director Tracy and I took a road trip around Garrett County to see all of the state historical markers.

There was also one particularly meaningful moment: I received a commendation from the Garrett County Commissioners for my work as chair of the Garrett 250 committee.

Some of it was work. Some of it was volunteering. Some of it was for the fun of it. But, more than a few of those experiences will be turned into stories you'll read about in the *Lakefront* and podcasts you will hear on The Backbone Podcast (available on Apple, Spotify, and YouTube).

Lakefront Magazine has been Helping Visitors Feel Like Locals Since 1991 and I can't think of a better way to continue this legacy than getting out from behind my desk and documenting the adventures of "Skip Around with Sarah". See page 18 for more.

-Sarah Myers
Editor-in-Chief



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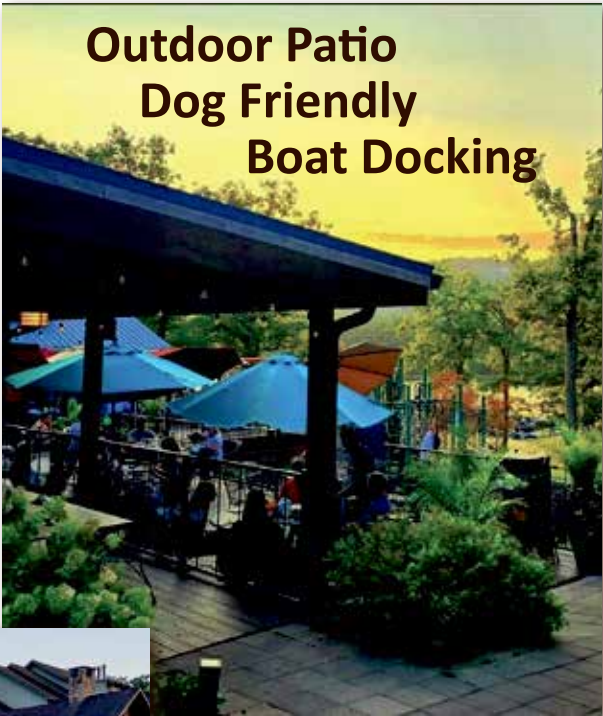
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*Sarah Myers (L) and
Carrie Andrews (R) at the
Flying Scot
Manufacturing Facility*

The Flying Scot: Where Sailing Runs Deep

By Sarah Myers

For nearly 70 years, Flying Scots have been built by hand in Garrett County. Along the way, the boat has become part of the fabric of summer at Deep Creek Lake. Earlier this summer, I went sailing for the first time.

I had seen sailboats on Deep Creek Lake plenty of times, but I had never really given much thought to what was happening out there. I didn't know there were races nearly every week-end throughout the summer, or that people traveled from other states to compete here. I definitely didn't know that there could be a couple hundred Flying Scots scattered around the lake.

I just knew I had never been sailing and wanted to try it.

So when I had the opportunity to go out with Greg and Cheryl in their Flying Scot, I did. And as a first-timer, I got to experience exactly what the boat was designed to do: we could simply go out for a sail in it, while the same boat could be out racing on Saturday without changing anything.

A short time later, I found myself standing inside the Flying Scot factory right here in Deer Park, Maryland, looking at the other end of that story.

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Little did I know, my maiden sailing voyage was in a unique sailboat design that is made right here and revered across the globe.

Flying Scot President Carrie Andrews showed me around the factory just as production was beginning on the 2027 model year, which will mark 70 years since the Flying Scot was introduced in 1957. In the layup room, the first 70th anniversary boat was already taking shape. The process is surprisingly hands-on. The color is sprayed into the mold first, followed by a contrasting backing color that helps the crew see air bubbles as they work. Different types of fiberglass are then laid into the hull and wet-out by hand. The centerboard trunk and structural materials are added, the deck is built separately, and eventually the two pieces are brought together for assembly. At their normal production pace, it takes about two weeks from the time a boat is started until it is ready to leave the factory.

Even after seven decades, the boats are still hand-built and, more importantly, still built from essentially the same design. Flying Scot is a one-design boat, which means the goal is to keep every boat as identical as possible. The molds used today have been replaced over the years as they wear out, but each comes from the original master mold. Structurally, a new Flying Scot is still the same boat that your grandparents may have sailed.



Flying Scots on the Water at a DCL Regatta

That matters when you’re racing, of course, but it has also helped create a legacy around the Flying Scot. An older boat can still be re-rigged and get back out on the water. Carrie estimates there could still be around 4,000 Flying Scots actively sailing, and the company is now into production numbering sails in the 6,300s. They regularly hear from someone who has found an old Scot in a field or in a family shed and brought it back to life. That longevity goes back to what Flying Scot designer Gordon K. “Sandy” Douglass was trying to accomplish in the first place since he wanted people to spend their time sailing, not rigging.

The Flying Scot was designed to be relatively simple and stable, with a flatter bottom that doesn’t feel as “tippy” as some small sailboats. But it is also responsive and performs well

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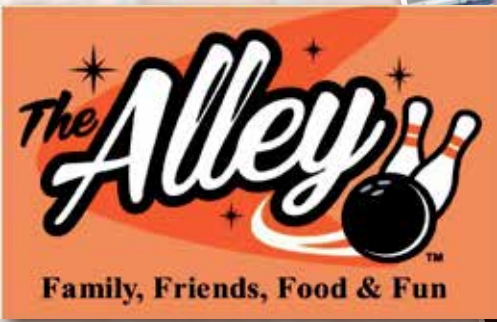


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enough to race. Carrie describes it as walking the line between a comfortable cruising boat and a racing boat, something she believes Douglass simply got right.

The Flying Scot was actually designed in Mentor, Ohio, but Douglass eventually decided to move his manufacturing operation. A friend suggested Western Maryland, pointing out the skilled craftsmen in the area, the beauty of the region and, of course, the lake. The company first operated in Oakland in the building that is now Fox’s Pizza Den. The location had one rather obvious drawback for a fiberglass boat manufacturer: it shared a wall with a beauty salon, and the salon’s customers weren’t exactly fans of the resin smell coming from next door.



Andrews Shares the Process of Building Flying Scots at their Facility in Deer Park

Flying Scot eventually moved to Deer Park, where a building was constructed specifically for the manufacturing process and that factory remains there today.

Flying Scot builds only about 20 to 30 new boats in an average year, but the Deer Park operation does much more than new construction. The company has a repair shop, sells replacement parts and ships roughly 100 packages a week during the busy season. A lot of time is spent helping people keep older boats sailing.

Rigging systems are available as kits with the hardware, measurements, photos and instructions owners need to update their boats themselves. The staff also spends time on the phone helping someone who has just purchased an older Flying Scot figure out what something is or how it works.

“We’re very passionate about people using their boats and getting them on the water,” Carrie said.

And while boats began leaving Garrett County for sailors across the country, plenty of them didn’t go very far.

Deep Creek Lake became home to Flying Scot Fleet 6, one of the earliest numbered fleets in the class. Today, the boats are scattered around the lake, some owned by racers and others by people who simply enjoy taking them out for a sail. Carrie recalled that at one point her father went around the lake counting them and came up with more than 200.

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From Memorial Day through Labor Day, Carrie said there are usually around 20 boats racing on any given weekend. A regular weekend includes a race on Saturday and another on Sunday, with larger invitational regattas bringing sailors and boats from outside the area. This year, visiting competitors came from North Carolina, Ohio and Wisconsin for one of those events.

At the end of the season comes another Deep Creek tradition, the Magellan race. It brings back an older style of racing around the lake, sending sailors out with a map to find different zones rather than simply racing a typical course. “The sailing, of course, is awesome, but usually socializing at the regattas is just as much” a part of it, she said.



*Fiberglass Layers Visible on the first
2027 Flying Scot in Production*

For Carrie, sailing has shaped most of her life.

Her father’s family came here from the Pittsburgh area and bought a lot at Thousand Acres. During one of their early summers, a neighbor invited her father to go sailing. He absolutely loved it.

Carrie said he spent the following day sitting at the end of the dock hoping the neighbor would come back and take him out again. Eventually, her dad and his brother convinced their father to buy them a sailboat. They started with a Sunfish before moving to their first Flying Scot, No. 2787, which the brothers raced actively during their summers at the lake.



A Flying Scot in Production

Her dad’s interest eventually led to a summer job with Flying Scot while he attended college. After graduation, he moved to Garrett County, started full-time in the factory and worked his way into the office. In 1991, he and Carrie’s mother purchased the company from Eric and Mary Ammann, who had previously purchased it from Douglass. Carrie and her husband became the fourth owners when they took over the Flying Scot operation in 2019.



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Through years, surprisingly little about the boat itself changed and Carrie believes that’s part of what makes the company unusual. Each new owner had worked with and learned from the one before, so even though it wasn’t technically being passed from one generation of a family to another, it evolved almost as if it were.

Carrie’s own connection goes even deeper since her mother sailed while pregnant with her and she began sailing (out of the womb) with her dad when she was about four. And, it remained something they did together even after she left Garrett County for college. Carrie’s parents met at a regatta. Carrie met her husband at a regatta. “It’s just been a thread that’s been woven through my entire life,” she said.

Now their children are beginning to become part of it, too.

One of the things I wondered after my first sailing experience was how someone who doesn’t already know a sailor gets into this world. Apparently, you can just ask.

The local Deep Creek Sailing School offers adult programs and individual lessons, with boats available for people who simply want to see what sailing is all about. There are also two active yacht clubs on the lake, and Carrie said both have communities of sailors who are generally happy to share what they know.



Boats in Storage Show the Wide, Flat Hull of a Flying Scot

Very often, she said, if someone expresses an interest in trying it, there’s someone willing to take them out. My first sail was exactly the kind of experience Carrie says the Flying Scot was made for. Greg and Cheryl could take me out for a casual sail and then take that same boat racing. In fact, when Carrie was explaining the versatility of the design to me at the factory, she used them as the example.

The more we talked, the more I realized that versatility isn’t just the reason the Flying Scot has survived. It has helped the sailing community around it thrive, too.

People can enter at different ages and different levels of experience. They can race seriously or never race at all. Families can sail together, and the same boat can stay with them for years.

The day before my factory visit, Flying Scot had delivered a new boat purchased for a man who is still racing at 92. Carrie said the Scot’s stability and the way sailors can sit comfortably in it allow people to keep sailing well into their 80s and 90s.



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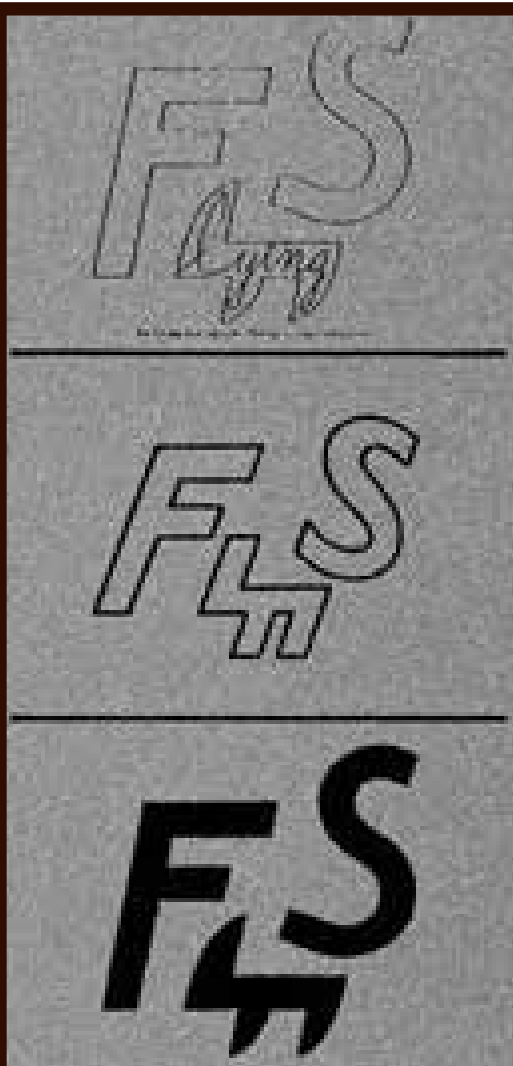
She said it’s always difficult when someone finally calls to say they can’t sail anymore. “With a Flying Scot you can push that off longer.”

Maybe that explains the Flying Scot’s place at Deep Creek better than anything else.

For nearly 70 years, Flying Scots have been built just a few miles from Deep Creek Lake, and over those years, they’ve become a pretty familiar part of summer here. They’re raced, repaired, passed down and, for a lot of families, simply part of life at the lake.

Before I went sailing this summer, I really didn’t know any of that. I had seen the sailboats on the lake plenty of times, but I didn’t know about the people behind them, the history here or just how connected the Flying Scot is to Deep Creek.

Now, when I see those sails out on the water, I know there’s a much bigger story behind them. And I think it’s pretty cool that a boat built right here in Garrett County has helped create a community around Deep Creek Lake with plenty of fair winds ahead.



The Flying Scot Squiggle:

Sandy Douglass’ original idea for the class logo involved the words “Flying S” with the S slightly above and to the right...

...but that would have made the emblem very difficult for a sailmaker to reliably reproduce, so the rest of the word “Flying” was filled in with a solid color, and became the familiar “squiggle”.

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I WENT SAILING.

After seeing Flying Scots on
Deep Creek Lake for years, I
actually got in one.



And then I went to see where
they're made. RIGHT HERE.

A tour of the Flying
Scot factory made
me appreciate those fa-
miliar sails on the lake
a whole lot more.



Some summer nights
are better with LIVE
MUSIC.

I caught the Little
Yough Music Festival
in Oakland.

Outside
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ways to spend Garrett County
summer evenings.

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SNOWBALL.

We got in a
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HEY SUGAR!

A new bakery opened its doors, and Garrett County got a little sweeter. Also, SPRINKLES & SOURDOUGH is now open on Alder Street.

I had to investigate.
For journalistic purposes, obviously.



*Jen with
Sprinkles &
Sourdough*

Somewhere in the middle of all of this: I RODE MY BIKE.

I received a commendation for my work as chair of Garrett 250.

After all of the planning, meetings, emails, details and one very big birthday celebration...
THAT ONE FELT GOOD.



I also painted a bowl.
Actually... TWO BOWLS. They're for Garrett County's first Empty Bowls event.

And what's summer without the

DEMOLITION DERBY?

The Fair also meant spending time talking with the people behind 4-H. Be looking for that article in a future edition of The Lakefront.

So, yeah.
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Community Spotlight



The ladies from Crossroads Church donated some wonderful coil/slab bowls!

One Bowl at a Time

Garrett County's first Empty Bowls event is a reminder that some of our neighbors are struggling with food insecurity

by Sarah Myers

A few days ago, I stopped by Deep Creek Pottery with a very simple assignment: pick a bowl.

The bowl I chose was to be painted, then fired in the kiln to become one of hundreds of handmade and hand-painted bowls gathered for Garrett County's first Empty Bowls event, set for Sunday, September 20, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Wisp Resort.

The Empty Bowls began in the 1990s when a Michigan high school ceramics teacher and his students created bowls for a simple fundraising meal. Guests made a donation, ate soup and bread, and took their empty bowls home as a reminder that some community members were still hungry.

Here in Garrett County, it was Laurie Skidmore of Deep Creek Pottery who wanted to bring Empty Bowls to our community. She connected with Judy Carbone and Community Works Garrett, which in turn brought Garrett County Community Action Committee and its 360 Access Hub into the effort.

Deep Creek Pottery began inviting individuals and groups to their Deep Creek Pottery Studio to paint or make bowls. Laurie and Ron have been making bowls themselves and

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connecting with other local potters.

By the time we sat down to talk about the project, they had already collected more than 300 bowls.

When guests arrive at the Empty Bowls event, they'll choose a bowl. They'll have it filled with soup, share a meal and then take that bowl home.

The idea is that keeping the bowl will be a reminder that every time you pull it from the cabinet, you'll remember why it exists in the first place: because circumstances can make it difficult for some of our neighbors to keep their own bowls filled.

That's an important reminder in Garrett County.

Since we live in a place that welcomes visitors to beautiful homes, busy restaurants, ski slopes, golf courses and a lake surrounded by recreation and vacation properties, it can be easy to look at that version of Garrett County and assume everyone here is doing OK.

They aren't.

During our conversation, Garrett County Community Action President Chris Mullett shared a number that stopped me: approximately 4,700 of Garrett County's roughly 28,000 residents experience some measure of food insecurity.

Food insecurity doesn't necessarily mean someone has no food at all. It can mean the household's resources don't stretch to the end of the month. It can mean someone regularly skips a meal because there isn't enough. And when food is uncertain, it is rarely the only challenge a household is facing.

Years ago, I participated in a poverty simulation. My "husband" in the exercise had a check I needed to cash. I got to the bank only to discover he hadn't signed it.

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But I had already used my bus ticket to get there.



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It was pretend. I knew the simulation would end. I knew I would go home afterward.

And yet, probably a decade later, I still remember that moment because of the chain reaction caused by one tiny thing going wrong. When there is no cushion of money, transportation, time or people to call for help, a small problem isn't always small.

That is part of what Garrett County Community Action is trying to address through the 360 Access Hub at 360 Liberty Street in Oakland.

The Hub was created through a partnership involving Community Action, the Garrett County Health Department and Maryland Physicians Care. Food assistance is part of its work, but the larger idea is to use that immediate need as a doorway to other resources.

Someone who needs food may also need help with housing. Transportation. Utilities. Financial counseling. Health services.



This bird bowl was painted by my friend Dave Beitzel

Instead of sending someone from agency to agency to retell their story and figure out the system on their own, the goal is to make connections while they're there.

As Mullett put it during our conversation, whatever door someone comes through should be the right door.

Money raised through this first Empty Bowls event will support Community Action's food programs, including the 360 Access Hub, congregate meals for seniors and Meals on Wheels.

The organizers have set a goal of raising \$10,000 this first year.

But listening to Laurie, Judy and Chris talk, it was clear that they are already imagining what this could become.

Mullett has seen it happen elsewhere. He recalled an Empty Bowls program in Monongalia County, West Virginia, that began by raising about \$4,700 and has since grown dramatically, eventually becoming a funding resource for food pantries throughout that county.

His hope is that Garrett County can build something lasting, too.

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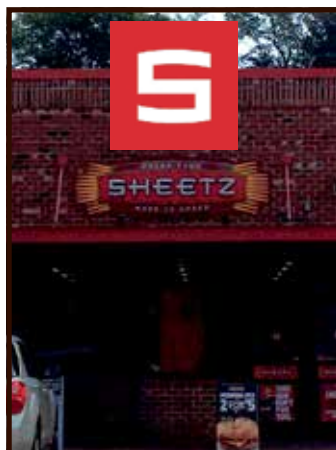
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There’s another part of Empty Bowls that I like just as much as the fundraiser itself is that it takes people to make it happen.

People making bowls. People painting them. Restaurants donating soup. Volunteers setting up, serving and cleaning. Businesses sponsoring the event. People sitting down together to eat.

Community Works Garrett is the organization that connects people with short-term service opportunities and will provide many of those volunteers.

There isn’t a requirement to volunteer every week or commit to a particular organization long-term. Community Works Volunteers receive information about upcoming projects and participate when they can.

A highlight for the Community Works Team is seeing who may never have met otherwise end up working beside one another.

By the time you’re reading this, my bowl should be finished and ready to become part of Empty Bowls and I’m asking each person to purchase a ticket. Even if you cannot attend, a ticket can be purchased and donated to someone in need of a ticket.

Adult tickets are \$35 and children’s tickets are \$25. Each guest gets to choose a bowl, enjoy the meal and take the bowl home.

Pick a bowl. Eat some soup. Meet somebody you don’t know. Take the bowl home and let it remind you that Garrett County is more than the part of it we each see every day.

And if you can’t go, buy the ticket anyway and give someone else a seat at the table.

Because 4,700 of our neighbors experiencing food insecurity is a big number. It can feel like the kind of problem that is too large for one person to do much about. But one ticket isn’t.

One meal isn’t. One bowl isn’t. And maybe that’s the point.

Tickets, donated tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available at emptybowlsgarrett.org.



A square soup bowl made by my friend Amy Shaffer.

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Saturday, September 5

Cars & Coffee at The Shoppes at The Fort - Enjoy a perfect morning at the lake from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM at The Shoppes at The Fort! Roll in early for breakfast from Black Hawk Coffee & Kitchen, browse the awesome vehicles, and take advantage of special shop discounts. Keep an eye on <https://www.facebook.com/shopthefortdcl> this week for all the details.

International Nature Photography Competition Exhibition - Award-winning National Geographic photographer, filmmaker, and ocean conservationist Brian Skerry will serve as the juror for the International Nature Photography Competition & Exhibition. Open to photographers worldwide, this prestigious contest offers \$5,000 in prizes and will donate 10% of gallery sales proceeds to conservation.

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Friday, September 11

Premium Wine & Spirits Tasting - Indulge in an exclusive evening featuring six premium spirit tables, where each ticket includes a \$25 coupon redeemable at the Wine & Spirits store! All proceeds from this upscale tasting benefit HART for Animals, so secure your advance tickets now at www.deepcreekwinefest.com.

Saturday, September 12

Art, Wine & Spirits Festival - Bring your friends to the Garrett County Fairgrounds to experience local artisans,

live entertainment, a football lounge, food, and over 200 wines and craft spirits to taste! Every ticket includes a \$15 retail store coupon, with all event proceeds directly supporting HART for Animals. Get your tickets today at www.deepcreekwinefest.com.

Viva La Musica - Enjoy an afternoon of Renaissance music by the Marsh Mountain Consort at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Oakland. The event has free admission, with goodwill donations appreciated to support the church. Call 301-501-0304 for more details.

Customer Appreciation Day - Mountain Fresh Farmers Market is showing gratitude to the community for supporting local farmers and vendors at the Mountain Fresh Pavilion in Downtown Oakland, MD. Stop by between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM to find fresh flavors, local goodness, and more information at mountainfresh.org.

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GC Chamber After Hours Business Event - The Shoppes at The Fort - Deep Creek Lake is thrilled to host the after-hours event from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM! It is a fantastic opportunity for local networking, and you can find more specific details posted on our Facebook page this week at https://www.facebook.com/shopthefortdcl. 250 Years of Cookery in the Tablelands - Take a light-hearted, photo-filled look at 250 years of agriculture, cooking and food in Garrett County and the surrounding region at Garrett College at 6:00 PM. Presented by George Cowgill and the Garrett County Historical Society in recognition of America’s 250th anniversary, the 1.5-hour program will highlight historical developments and stories both large and small. Bakers from Ace’s Run will prepare samples of local historical recipes to enjoy just before the presentation. The program is free, but seating is limited and registration is required through Garrett College Continuing Education and Workforce Development at cewd.garrettcollege.edu/modules/ using course code	PE-122-01, or by calling 301-387-3069. <u>Friday, September 18</u> Joshua Espinoza Trio - Enjoy an electrifying night of jazz with soul and story as the Joshua Espinoza Trio performs live at the Performing Arts Center at 7:30 PM! Named a “complete triumph” by All About Jazz, this stunning piano trio turns iconic pop and folk songs into dramatic jazz adventures, including their hit cover of Billy Joel’s “And So It Goes.” Adult tickets are \$25, and students and kids get in free with a paying adult. Get your tickets at https://artsandentertainment.org/joshua-espinoza-trio/ for an unforgettable musical journey filled with high-octane energy and heartfelt moments. <u>Saturday, September 19</u> Friendsville’s Makers Market - Celebrate the upcoming autumn season by supporting local creators, growers, and small businesses at our final market of the year! Stop by between 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM to discover unique goods and enjoy the strong community vibes. Reach out to GFBAinfo@gmail.com to	learn more or secure your vendor spot. Alpaca Acres’ Annual Fall Fest - Alpaca Acres Farm and Fun is open to visitors from through October 18 at 1557 Sanders Lane in Oakland, MD. Featured activities and attractions include a Dolly Parton-themed corn maze, a pumpkin patch, alpaca encounters, family-friendly games, and homemade apple cider donuts. Entry tickets must be purchased online prior to arrival at AlpacaAcresMd.com. NICA Adventure at Deep Creek -- from 9am-5pm watch this annual mountain biking event hosted by the Maryland Interscholastic Cycling League (MICL) comprised of middle school and high school mountain bike teams. Located at Deep Creek Lake State Park, it focuses on non-competitive adventure programming, featuring advanced trail rides, skills courses, and team-building activities rather than traditional racing. To volunteer for the event, see https://signup.com/go/pNkaTve Oktoberfest in Grantsville - Grab your stein and put on your best German-inspired
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Autumn Glory 5K registration deadline - Today is the last day to register at the \$25 rate for the Autumn Glory 5K Run and 2K Walk for Sight, which includes a long-sleeve T-shirt. Hosted by the Oakland – Mountain Lake Park Lions, the race starts at 8:30 AM at Broadford Park, with race-day registration opening at 7:00 AM for \$40. Sign up at iPlayOutside.com

Sunday, September 20

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Empty Bowls Garrett County at Wisp Resort - Fill a Bowl for those in need. Gather for a soup luncheon to benefit Garrett County nutrition programs and take home a unique, keepsake bowl made by the community.

Saturday, October 3

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Friday, October 9 +
Saturday, October 10

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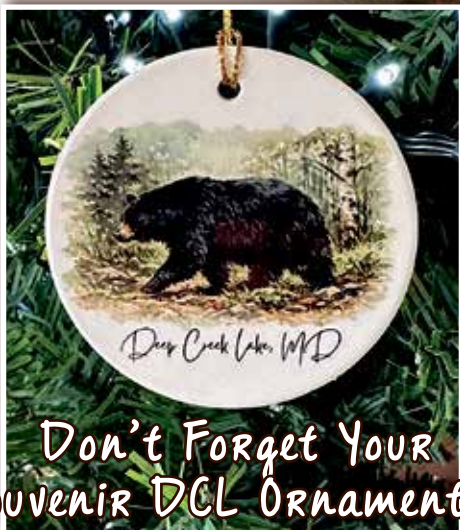
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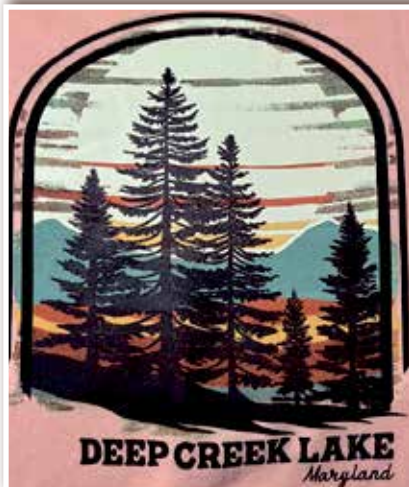
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Sunday, October 11

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Fans and farm lovers alike are invited to “Get Lost with Dolly” in a special Dolly-themed corn maze during the farm’s Annual Fall Fest, September 19 – October 18, 2026.

“We couldn’t be more excited to announce this collaboration” said the Hott family, owners of Alpaca Acres Farm and Fun. “Dolly is a true role model, entertainer, and philanthropist who shares our passion for farming and family and has devoted her life to helping others achieve their dreams.”

And while the maze may be the star of the season, Fall Fest at Alpaca Acres is packed with even more ways to make memories... Enjoy family-friendly attractions, visit the alpacas, snap some photos in the new pumpkin patch, and follow Spookley the Square Pumpkin’s Storybook Trail. Then, get lost in this year’s Dolly-themed Corn Maze – simply scan a QR code with your phone to choose the easy map or the challenging one! Be sure to stop by The Farm Store for a souvenir, then make it the perfect fall day with lunch or dinner from The Farmyard Food Truck. And of course, no visit is complete without one of our famous Apple Cider Slushies topped with our homemade



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"I think getting a little bit lost can be a whole lot of fun and I hope everyone has the best time wandering through the maze, making memories, and enjoying a little country magic," said Dolly. "I'm especially grateful for the support of my Imagination Library and am excited to invite people out to get lost in this year's country music corn maze for a little fun, laughter and a real good reason to get lost."

Tickets must be purchased in advance for this special event. Don't miss your chance to experience the Dolly-themed maze and the magic of Alpaca Acres Farm and Fun's Annual Fall Fest.

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Artistically Speaking

Oktoberfest Returns to the Grantsville Town Park on September 19

by Garrett County Arts Council

Grab your stein, put on your best German-inspired outfit, and get ready for an afternoon of food, fun, music, art and friendly competition when Oktoberfest returns to the Grantsville Arts & Entertainment District on Saturday, September 19, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. The celebration will take place at the Grantsville Town Park and is hosted this year by the Grantsville Lions Club and the Grantsville Arts & Entertainment District.

Designed as a festive community gathering for all ages, Oktoberfest brings a taste of German tradition to the heart of Grantsville while highlighting local businesses, breweries, food vendors, artists and artisans, and community organizations.

At the center of the celebration will be the Oktoberfest Biergarten, where guests 21 and older can enjoy a selection of local and traditional German beers. Local breweries Whitehorse, Locust Post and Cushwa will be on hand, while the Grantsville Lions Club will also offer German beer selections. For those who prefer wine, German varieties including Riesling and Dornfelder will be available.

Of course, no Oktoberfest would be complete without plenty of delicious food. Deep Creek Pretzels will be serving up their popular soft pretzels, perfect for pairing with a cold beer, while Cafe Oasis will offer German-inspired food to round out the traditional Oktoberfest experience.

There will also be plenty happening for younger festival-goers. Children can try their hand at the event's famous scarecrow-making station, creating their own colorful fall character to take home. Apple bobbing will add another classic autumn activity to the day's festivities.

Adults can join in the fun with a lineup of traditional German games and competitions. Test your strength and technique with the keg toss, try your hand at the hammer game, or put your knowledge of all things German to the test during German trivia. The annual costume contest will give participants a chance to show off their most creative German or Oktoberfest-inspired attire.

For those looking for a true test of strength, the stein hoist will challenge participants to see who can hold a full beer stein at arm's length the longest. Whether competing for bragging rights or simply cheering on friends and neighbors, the games are sure to bring plenty of laughter and excitement to the afternoon.



Artistically Speaking *Continued*

“The event is an opportunity to bring residents and visitors together while celebrating the community spirit that makes Grantsville special,” says Grantsville A&E District Coordinator, Maureen Sheaffer. “The Grantsville Arts & Entertainment District continues to create events that encourage people to spend time downtown, support local businesses and experience the arts, culture and heritage of our community.”

The partnership between the Grantsville Lions Club and Grantsville A&E District also reflects the strong volunteer spirit that helps make community events throughout the area possible.

With activities for children, German food and beverages, local breweries, games and plenty of opportunities to gather with friends and neighbors, this year’s Oktoberfest promises something for everyone.

So mark your calendar for Saturday, September 19, and make plans to head to Grantsville Town Park from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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Local Life



Team Director Aaron Hordubay leading a group along the lakeshore trail during practice at Deep Creek State Park.

Coyotes Ride and Grow Together on Trails in Garrett County

by Evan Byrne

Three days a week from July through October, a white pickup truck arrives at a trailhead, and the driver unloads a mountain bike. In the truck's bed are two-way radios and two whiteboards (one has words like "passing", "pacing", and "climbing", scrawled on it; the other has about 50 first names magnetically stuck to it). Soon, additional vehicles arrive, and over the course of a half-hour, the once quiet trailhead buzzes with activity: young riders checking in with coaches and each other, preparing their bikes, and warming up their legs by riding in short bursts around the parking lot. Laughter predominates over the sounds of gravel crackling under tires and buzzing free hubs. Anyone stumbling upon this scene might overlook that something special is happening when the Garrett County Coyotes Mountain Bike Team meets for practice.

"We have a deep commitment to the kids as individuals and keep our focus beyond the sport," said the driver of the pickup truck, Aaron Hordubay, who is also the team's director. He added, "We want to help them to become the best version of themselves, not necessarily the best biker."

Now in their 9th season, the Coyotes are a composite mountain bike team comprised of student athletes in the 6th to 12th grades from Garrett County (and surrounding counties in WV/PA without a nearby team). The team has about 30 riders and 20 coaches. As a member of the National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA) and Maryland Inter

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scholastic Cycling League (MICL), the Coyotes participate in a fall race series sponsored by MICL for the 25 teams in Maryland.

This season they've already traveled to race weekends in Elkton and Germantown. This month two races are scheduled: September 19 the Coyotes host (along with teams from Linganore, Monocacy, Oakdale, and Brunswick) the Deep Creek Adventure race at Deep Creek State Park; and September 26 they travel to Upper Marlboro. The 5-race series concludes the weekend of October 17/18 at Patapsco State Park in Baltimore County. The next weekend, October 24/25, high school student athletes from 11 states will participate in the NICA Eastern Regionals in Charlottesville, VA.

Pat Hudnall, one of the team founders, said mountain biking shapes kids in a good way: "They're in these races with no parents or coaches on the sidelines watching everything they do. It's just them out there racing for 4 miles before they see anybody, and they have to gain that confidence and learn to do it on their own."

According to Hordubay, the team's supportive culture allows kids room to fail, which leads them to want to be there and try their best. He said, "They're gonna get to a challenge and fail, and we can help them figure out how they get around, over, or through it".

Student athletes on the team thrive learning to ride in that environment. For example, Lacie Krisher (age 12) in her first season with the Coyotes said, "Even if I fall, I get right back up and say to myself I'm gonna try that again, I'm going to make it through, and then I always do." Weston McConnell (age 11) also in his first season reflected on his experience, "When I started biking with the team for the first time, I thought I was just not gonna make it and got tired really quick. But it turns out, the more you're on a team, the stronger you get."

And it's not just new riders who are grateful for that supportive culture. Ava Anderson (age 16), now in her 6th season, started on the team with no experience and last year placed 3rd in her age group in the state. "I've improved tremendously over the years," said Anderson, who added, "Everybody's so kind to each other on this team. We're here for everyone, whether you've never mountain biked or you have been mountain biking



Coach Pat Hudnall making an adjustment on Lacie Krisher's bike before practice at Margraff Plantation.

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your whole life, there's a spot for you." In his 7th season, Cooper Haley (age 17) said, "It has definitely helped my riding skills. We can keep trying stuff at practice and get better and better throughout the years. It's also just nice to be around a bunch of friendly people all the time."

The team's season officially starts in July with practices at trail systems throughout the county, including Deep Creek State Park, Fork Run, Margraff Plantation, Herrington Manor, and Broadford Park. Practices take place in the evenings on Monday and Wednesday, and Saturday mornings when it's not a race weekend.

Coaches supporting the team have gone through basic NICA leadership and skills training, and some have earned more advanced certification levels. Mike McConnell is in his first year coaching. A graduate of the Garrett College Adventure Sports Program, McConnell said, "It's given me an opportunity to apply the skills I gained through that program as a coach supporting the Coyotes." He added that being able to share time with his son Weston on the trails is an added bonus.



Coach Sharon Seling, Ollie DeLauder, Lacie Krisher, and Coach Dave Collins on trail during practice at Margraff Plantation.

At practices, Hordubay organizes the first names on the whiteboard under ever-changing group names such as Rowdy-Root Riders, Mud Mashers, and Puddle Jumpers. The goal is to match riders by ability and the day's skill objectives with coaches. Coaches grab radios to communicate with each other. Riders check the condition of their bikes and verify having water and the basic tools to handle breakdowns on the trail. Everyone at practice takes a warm-up lap as a team followed by dynamic stretching before setting out on the trails in the smaller groups to focus on their objectives.

When the groups return to the trailhead at the end of practice, there is a team debrief. Coaches review what their group did that day and individually recognize a few riders in their group for overcoming a challenge or mastering a skill; and after each shout-out, a collective "Yip! Yip!" cheer rises from the team.

Leah DeLauder said her two sons are, "Just glowing every time they get done with practice regardless of whether they had an easy or challenging time, because the coaches really promote that having fun on the bike is

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first.” She added that the team, “makes it so much less intimidating to have fun on a bike, regardless of your skills coming in.” Jessica Mash, also a parent of two sons on the team, said “You hope that your children find a group like this where they are supported and talked to respectfully, and the children then show that exact same thing back.”

Coach McConnell said, “This team has helped kickstart an awareness in the county that continued development of trails for newer riders is not only good for the kids riding them but it leads to increased trail use and growth in the sport.” The Coyotes regularly participate in trail maintenance activities in the area. This season they have worked 250 volunteer hours as part of the NICA Teen Trail Corps program, encouraging student athletes to maintain and advocate for the trails they ride on. Throughout the year, the team also provides volunteer support to other nonprofits in the area, including the Dove Center, Deep Creek Lions Club, and Garrett Trails.



Jonah Collins and Coach Dave Collins on trail during practice at Deep Creek State Park.

Mash highlighted the importance of the Coyotes coaches’ efforts and team culture, saying, “They are growing great mountain bikers because their skills are crazy, but they’re also just growing great human beings.” DeLauder echoed the sentiment, adding, “You really dream about it as a parent, finding something like this.”

Anyone looking to get involved with the team as a rider, coach, or volunteer email garrettconica@gmail.com, visit their Facebook page, or see the website at <http://garrettcoyotes.com>.

More than 400 student athletes and 200 coaches are expected to ride in the September 19 event at the Deep Creek State Park, which takes place across the most challenging terrain and elevation changes MICL riders face in Maryland.

The first wave of riders hits the course loop at 9:00 a.m., followed by 13 more waves in 20-minute intervals until 2:00 p.m. Coyotes are scheduled to start in the 11:20 a.m. wave. All riders participating in the event should be off the course by 4:00 p.m.

For additional information, see <http://marylandmtb.org>, and to volunteer for the event, see <https://signup.com/go/pNkaTve>. The Coyotes anticipate holding a trail work day a week or two before the event to help prepare the course.



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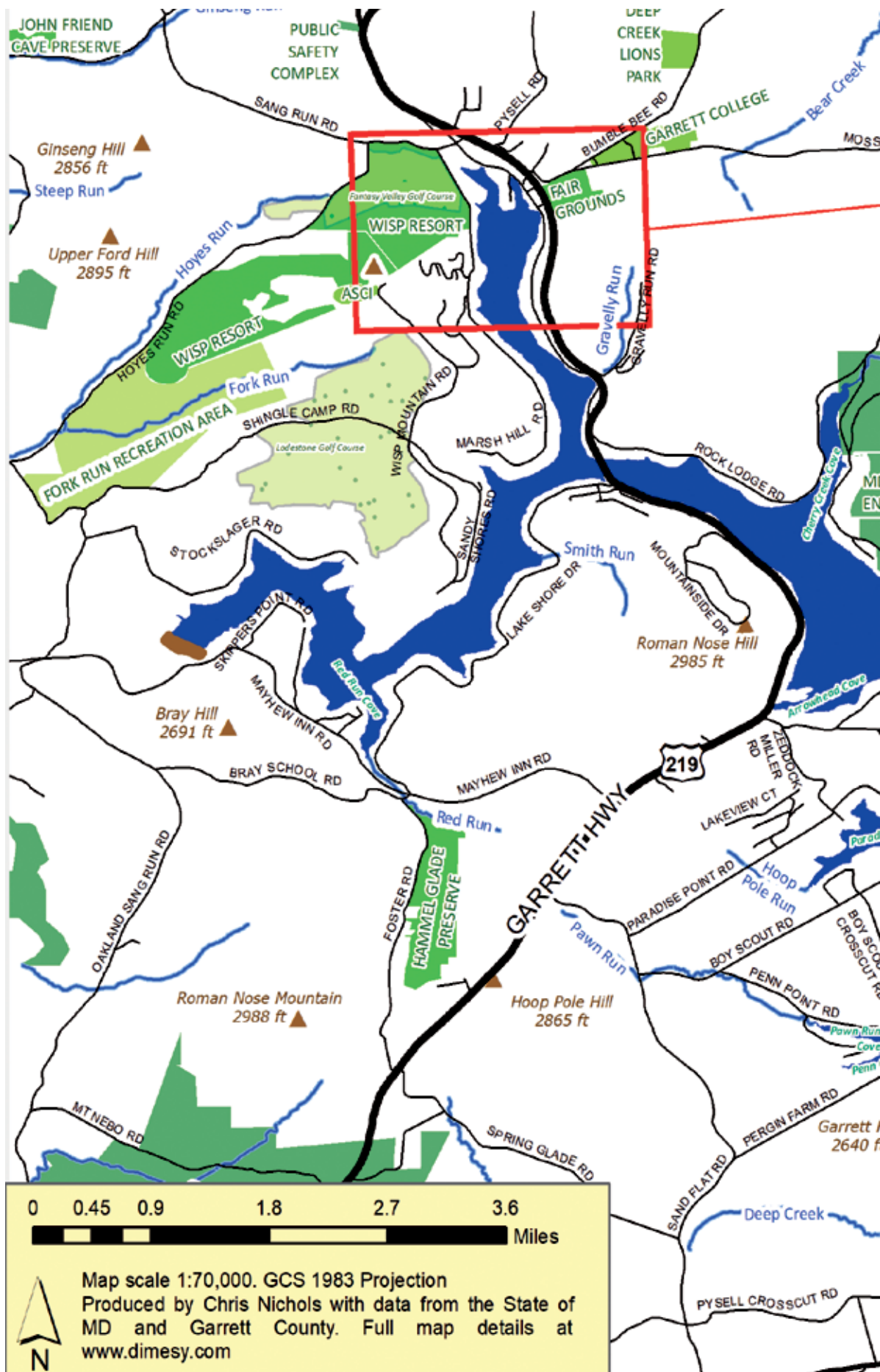
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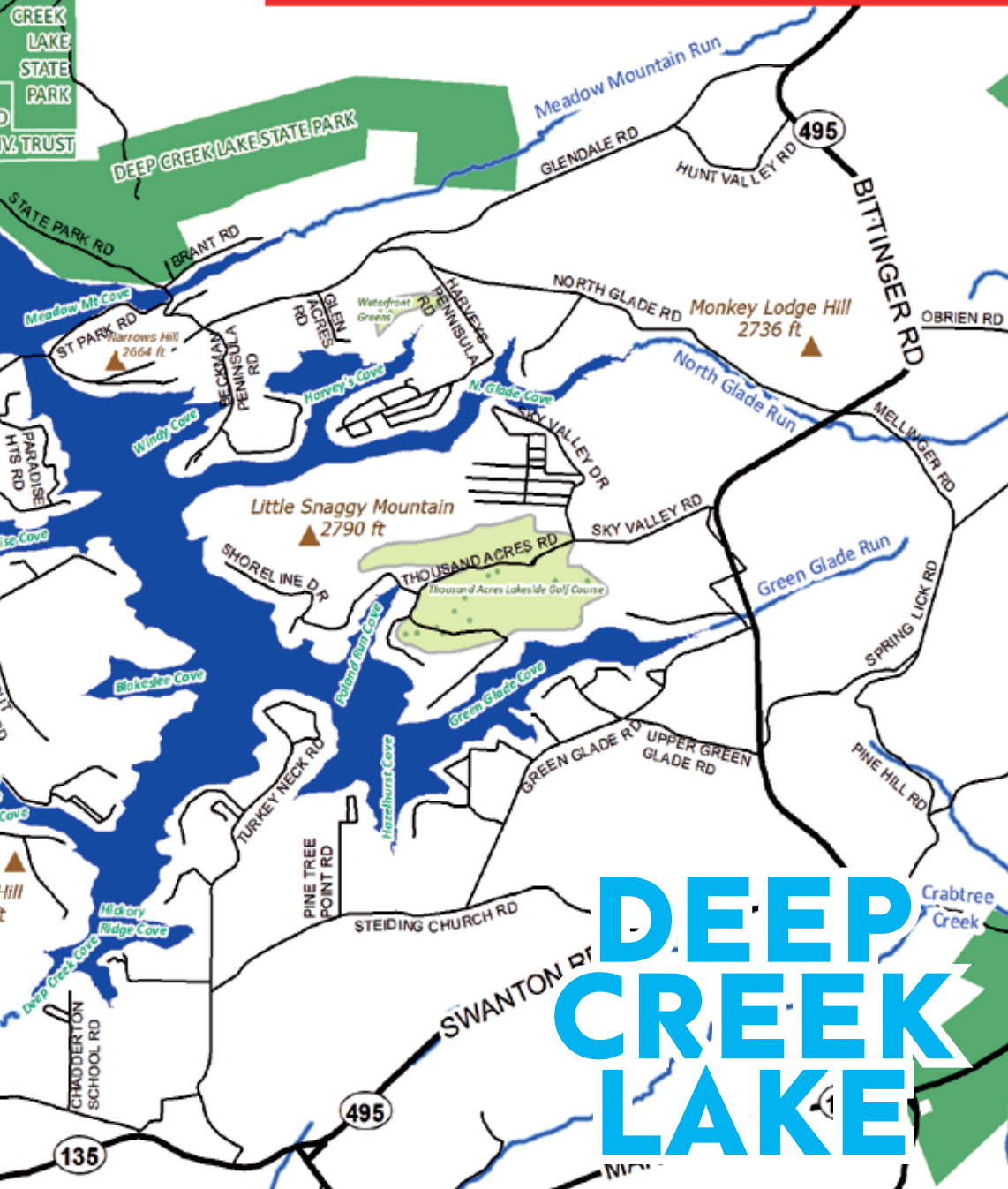
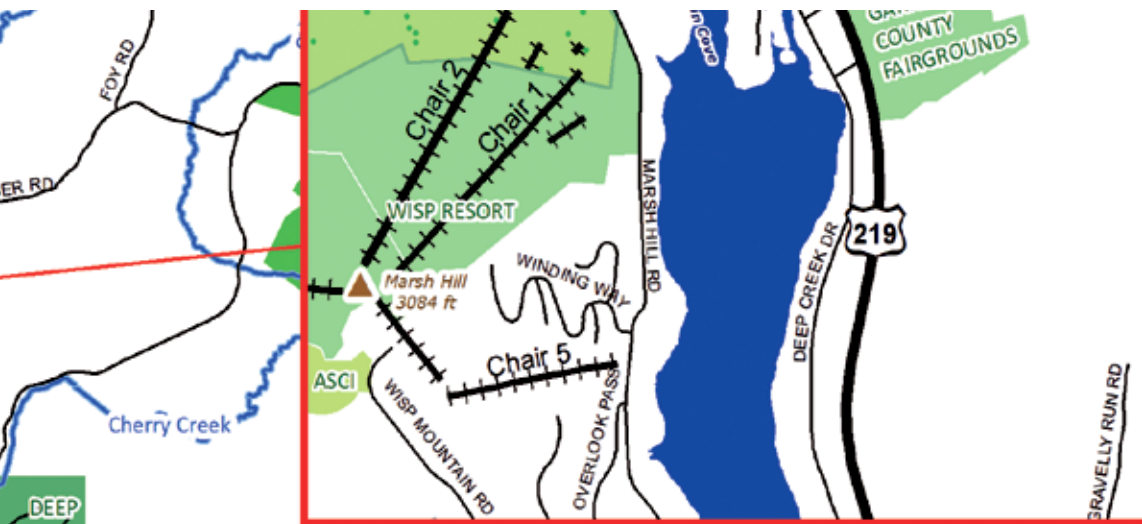
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Business Spotlight



Play Out Loud: Where Play, Learning and Community Come Together

by Tamra Canfield

When Kaylee Livengood and her husband traveled with their children in the past, they made a point of visiting children's museums and play centers along the way. Their kids loved being able to touch, explore, pretend and figure things out for themselves. It was more than simply having a place to burn off some energy. They were learning without necessarily realizing they were learning.

At some point during one of those experiences, one of their children asked a simple question: "Why don't we have something like this in our town?"

That question eventually became the idea behind Play Out Loud, a new play center with the feel of a children's museum that officially opened in April 2026.

Located in the former Rudy's store on Main Street in Oakland, Play Out Loud is not your typical indoor playground. While there are certainly opportunities for kids to climb, explore and be active, the focus is much more on interactive play and imagination. The goal is to give children a place where they can play, pretend and learn at the same time. And there is plenty to discover.



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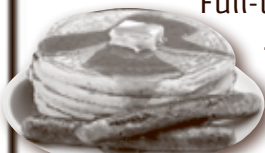
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Many of these features are hand-built, locally created and larger than life. They were designed to encourage children to interact with their surroundings rather than simply move from one piece of playground equipment to another. A child can pretend to run a store, make a pizza, put on a puppet show or imagine they are working at a train station. The possibilities change depending on the child doing the playing.

That emphasis on imagination is part of what makes the center feel more like a children's museum than a traditional play place.

What may be even more special, though, is how much of Play Out Loud has become a community effort. Kaylee and her family may have started with an idea, but local businesses and organizations have helped turn that idea into something much bigger.

Several local businesses have sponsored activity areas, helping make them recognizable and connected to the community. Partnerships include organizations and businesses such as the Farm Bureau, Mt. Fresh Pavilion, Mt. Postal and Foxes Pizza, along with many others that have contributed in different ways. Instead of generic play areas that could exist anywhere in the country, these partnerships help give Play Out Loud a sense of being truly local.

Kaylee said that once she and her husband began seriously considering the idea, it seemed as though doors kept opening and pieces began falling into place. What started with a child wondering why their hometown did not have a place like the children's museums they had visited eventually became a real destination for local families.

The vision does not stop with the current setup, either.

Play Out Loud is working toward pursuing nonprofit status, with a target of January 1, in hopes of opening additional opportunities for private and public funding. The long-term goal is to contin-

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ue developing the center into a genuine community playhouse for children, with rotating activities and exhibits that keep the experience fresh.

That could mean that a child who visits several times throughout the year will continue to find something new to explore.

Affordability is another important part of the mission. Regular admission prices are designed to be accessible for families, and Play Out Loud offers specials throughout the week. Two for Tuesdays and Sunday Family Days allow children to play for just \$5 each. Local businesses have also sponsored special days when families can enjoy reduced admission.

For families looking for a place to celebrate, comprehensive birthday party packages are available as well. Memberships are another option for families who want to make Play Out Loud a regular part of their routine and take advantage of multiple visits.

With the center open seven days a week, there are plenty of opportunities to stop in, whether it is for a planned family outing, a rainy-day activity or simply a chance for kids to do something different.

Perhaps the best way to describe Play Out Loud is that it gives children permission to be curious. They can build, pretend, experiment, ask questions, make up stories and create their own adventures. There is no single “right” way to play.

For Kaylee Livengood and her family, an idea that began with a child’s simple question has grown into a place where other local children can make their own discoveries. And because so much of the center has been shaped with help from local businesses and community partners, Play Out Loud feels less like something that was simply brought to town and more like something the town helped build.

For families looking for something beyond the usual slides and tunnels, Play Out Loud offers a different kind of experience—one where play is the starting point, but imagination, creativity and learning come along with it.



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By Robin Clutter

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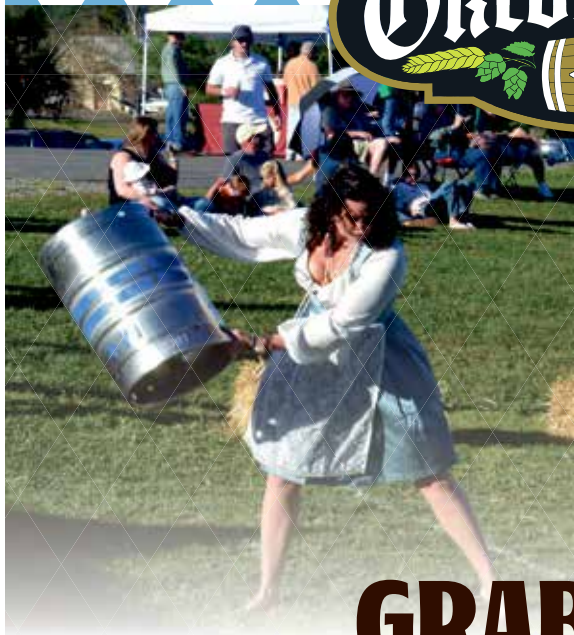
Crellin, Maryland, is a former double boom town located in western Garrett County, about 1 mile from the West Virginia border. Boomtowns by definition are communities that start from scratch and rapidly grow due to sudden influx of wealth or opportunity like the discovery of valuable resources, such as coal and timber.

While the town along Snowy Creek and the Youghiogheny River survives today, almost all physical traces of the area’s colossal logging, mining, and railroad empires have been lost to time. The town today has several churches, an elementary school, Henline Auction House , which was the old company store, and a community that is invested in this quaint small town.

The sunshine that is currently present in Crellin today is a 4-star elementary school. Crellin Elementary School is under the leadership of Dr. Dana McCauley. She functions as a teacher as well as the principal, spending part of every day teaching students and devoting the remainder to administrative tasks. The school grounds have their own environmental laboratory and



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Sunshine Farm, which got its name because Sunshine was the original name of the town of Crellin, began in 2011. The former county-owned grounds behind Crellin School contained a former coal mine, and the water in the creek was orange from the polluted run-off.

Dr. Dana McCauley encouraged parents in the community to petition for the property, which now belongs to the

school. An association of students, teachers, community members, nonprofits, and state and federal agencies worked on a restoration project to rid the creek from the acid run-off. Students also engage in learning opportunities in the Hemlock Forest, raise trout to repopulate the stream, and spend a great deal of time in the outdoor classrooms. There are goats, sheep and chickens to take care of as well. The students are responsible for cleaning barns, and feeding the animals. They also gather and sell the eggs, and clean and sell the sheared wool from the lambs. A hydroponics system has also been started in the greenhouse. The students, parents and community are invested in this little jewel of a school.

The Preston Lumber & Coal Company operated the Preston Railroad in Garrett County, which began operations in 1891 and served the company mill at Crellin, where an interchange was also located with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. The Preston Railroad was used heavily to haul timber and coal out of the local mines to regional markets.

In 1906 it became part of the Kendall Lumber Company, which continued to operate it as the Preston Railroad. At its peak the Preston operated into West Virginia.

The last slab at the lumber mill was turned down by the famous old-young man Jesse Loraw, who was the son of the original owner of a portable sawmill that stood in Crellin in 1890. He turned down the first and last slab on the old mill as well as the first and last slab on the last mill in 1925.



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The Preston Lumber and Coal company controlled 30,000 acres of timber land extending from the town of Crellin, south a distance of 20 miles and west three miles to the West Virginia line. This land consisted of virgin forests and was undermined with high grade coal. This timber

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consisted of white oak, chestnut, hemlock, red oak, white pine, spruce and sugar maple. To get an idea of the virgin forest take a trip to Swallow Falls in Maryland or Cathedral Park in nearby Aurora, West Virginia.

The mines near Crellin provided employment for the town’s residents for 40 years but they were worked out by 1956 when they were closed.

The Crellin Historic District is significant as a well-preserved example of a company town which served the lumber, railroad, and coal industries in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. These industries were vital to the development of Garrett County during this period.

I am a third generation coal miner’s daughter. My great, great grandfather was a logger. As a native of Garrett County I’m not sure if any of my ancestors worked the Crellin mines or walked the logs down to the Preston Lumber sawmill. It still makes me pause and think of the hard manual labor these men did to provide for their families. There are many old coal towns in Garrett County. Some of which are only old foundations and overgrown roads, but once were filled with the busy activity of working families, schools, company stores, post offices and folks making a living along the rivers, in forests, underground in coal mines and on the railroads.

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By Francesca Branson

The Deep Creek Lake area has no shortage of vehicles designed to enjoy the great outdoors: boats, jet skis, ATVs, snow mobiles. While some outdoor enthusiasts own their personal recreational vehicle, renting one of these is a popular activity for tourists visiting on vacation. Securing the reservation is the first step (rent early, slots fill up!) and next comes the question of where these recreational vehicles are permitted to be used. If your interest leans more towards taking your

personal Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) on a designated trail, there are multiple trails in the area that provide a wide-range of experience for both the novice and expert ORV driver.



Photo By Francesca Branson

I have a friend who once referred to her Jeep Wrangler as a pavement princess. Prior to arriving in DCL, the vehicle had only ever driven on paved roads and the driver knew that both she and her Jeep would need to start slow with the off-roading experience. There are several trails in Potomac-Garrett State Forest on which a first time off-roader can take an ORV that has had no body modifications. For more experienced off-roaders, Wolf Den Run State Park provides an ample playground for getting mud on the tires. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources website has a list of these trails as well as topographical maps.

There are a few key look-fors when reading the trail descriptions. One key detail is the dates of the year that the trail is available to an ORV, as it changes per time of the year (mostly oriented around winter conditions). There are trails designated for just snowmobiles and two wheelers where an ORV is not permitted. Another thing to be aware of is that a trail may begin as an ORV trail, but then end as a snow-mobile only trail. The Wallman / Laurel Run ORV trail is a good example of this. It is divided into eastern and western portions and each part has a different designated use. The MD DNR website does provide this information in the trail description, however, when on the actual trail, signage to indicate this is sparse.

The type of terrain for each trail is also not explicitly outlined in any one particular resource. Some are gravel. Some used to have gravel but most of it has washed away and is now mostly dirt. Some have large divots that turn into puddles after a heavy rain. Some have significant rock scrambles. While the MD DNR website provides a thorough list of the trails, many drivers resort

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to other apps such as AllTrails to view pictures of the trail and get an understanding of the terrain. Be sure to note the date of the picture. With the significant weather in the area, trail terrain can change frequently and you will want to look for a recent picture of the trail.

While Wolf Den Run State Park has over 50 miles of trails, it also has the distinction of being the home to the singular Jeep Badge of Honor trail in the state of Maryland and being the first park in the state to be the home to ORV trails. Like most parts of the area, cell phone signal is scant to nonexistent on parts of the trail and it is strongly advised that you download the trail map. The trails in the park are rated for difficulty with the trails in the 100s being the beginner trails to the 300s trails being the most challenging trails. The trails in the park are well signed, however, some of them have been knocked down or are hidden behind tree overgrowth.

Tony Thomas traveled to the Deep Creek Area specifically to explore the park. He took all the precautions of downloading the maps and understanding the trail terrain but his first time on the trails was nothing like he expected. “I didn’t anticipate the puddles from the rain from the days before. I was on some of the 100 trails and there were massive puddles that I could not see to the bottom of. I got out and either walked the puddle or tested it with a stick to make sure there weren’t any large rocks I needed to avoid. I will also tell you that I wish I had brought a spotter with me. I went out by myself and things would have been much easier if I had a spotter.”

To use the trails at Wolf Den Run State Park, a permit and reservation is needed and there is a small fee, both of which can be accomplished online. While there is no required check-in location to show proof of permit and reservation, requiring a reservation helps control having too many vehicles on the trails on any given day.



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Black Bears

By Tony Lolli

You may not see them, but black bears are common in Garrett County. This neighbor is secretive and prefers to stay hidden. More often, we see evidence of their comings and goings rather than the bears themselves. There's so much evidence you'll be able to tell the grandkids about what it was like to live among the largest animal omnivores in Maryland. Be sure to explain omnivores eat ANYTHING, including misbehaving kids... maybe you'll want to skip this suggestion. Wait for the next campfire before trotting out any mention of *Ursus americanus*. This will be a big hit because the grandkids are probably tired of hearing about how you walked to school, uphill both ways, through the snow, year-round.

So, what's the big deal about MD bears and how do we know what we think we know? For answers, I contacted Jonathan Trudeau, Maryland's Department of Natural Resources' Game Mammal Section Leader of the Wildlife and Heritage Service. He works out of DNR's office on King's Run Road in Oakland. He knows bears!

He explained we have one of the longest-running and most comprehensive black bear research programs in the eastern United States. These studies have documented the remarkable recovery of black bears from near-zero in the 1960s to a current statewide population of roughly 2,000. That's quite change in just 66 years. How'd it happen?

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The bad old days. The quality of Maryland’s forests was degraded as early settlers cleared the forests during the 1600s and 1700s. As a result, bear habitat was greatly diminished. In addition, settlers considered bears to be a threat and treated them as vermin. Bears were extensively killed throughout the 1800s and into the early 1900s. This, combined with large-scale habitat loss, eliminated black bears from many parts of the state. By the mid-1960s, the black bear population was close to zero and they were found almost entirely in Allegany and Garrett counties. In 1972, the status of the black bear was changed from that of a “forest game” animal to “endangered species.” That was just 50 years ago. Bad times for bears.

Recovery. As Maryland’s second-growth forests matured, and provided growth-quality feed, black bears were able to return to their original range. In the 1970s and 1980s, increased bear sightings and bear damage complaints resulted in removal of black bears from the “endangered species” list. In 1985, the status of the black bear was changed again to a forest game species. The growth of Maryland’s black bear population took only 13 years to change from an endangered species to a forest game species. Let’s go bears!

Bear research. DNR research and population monitoring have shown an increasing trend in the black bear population since the 1980s in Garrett and Allegany Counties.

How does the DNR make estimates of black bear populations? I’m sure they don’t count the number of stolen and abandoned picnic baskets, or set fires and wait for Smokey the Bear’s trainees to arrive. Trudeau explained that DNR conducts “abundance studies” every 10-15 years. The next abundance study results are expected to be reported in 2028. These studies are conducted in cooperation with the University of Maryland and include four major techniques.

Year	Estimated bears	Study area
1991	79	Garrett County
2000	227	Garrett and Western Allegany Counties
2005	326	Garrett and Allegany Counties
2011	701	Garrett and Allegany Counties

1a) “Hair snare.” Barbed wire will collect hair from passing bears. DNA studies are conducted from hundreds of these hair samples. 1b) Collared female DNA samples, some are near the hair snares and some further away.

2) Samples from bears taken during the hunting season allow for trends to be monitored and compared to previous years.

3) Annual bait station survey; sardine cans suspended in bear territory. Eaten bait means bear visits. When compared to previous years, they are able to give population estimates.

4) Collecting bear reports made by people witnessing bear activity. This method suggests most population growth is now occurring in eastern MD.

Bear biology and behaviors. Females reproduce every other year. At birth, in January, cubs weigh less than a pound. When fully grown, females average 110 - 250 pounds and males, 150-450. For the record, the largest Maryland bear was 653 pounds and came from Frederick County. For Garrett County it’s 646 pounds, and was taken not far from the Walmart property. Even bears that large can be silent in the forest and prefer not to be discovered by humans.

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Hibernation. Bears do not actually hibernate. Instead, they enter a state of torpor, a condition of lethargy and are semi-awake. While coming in and out of torpor, females give birth, keep cubs warm, fed and clean. Cubs are born in January but not disturbed by researchers until March when they are about four pounds and are much hardier.

Denning. Maryland black bears den in late November through December, depending on the weather. They will den under large boulders, in simple depressions on a south facing slope, in tree cavities, or even under porches and other human dwellings. Trudeau said an unusual den was found this year, under an abandoned, dilapidated bulldozer. Another unusual den was found on top of a muskrat hut in the middle of a swamp. The female was covered with snow but was healthy and doing well.

Mothers and cubs usually leave their dens in April or May. Because cubs are so sensitive right after birth, they are not removed from their den, for research, until they are a couple of months old.

It's not unusual for the female to be sitting up and watching as the researchers enter her den. Darting with a sedative calms the female so the research can take place. On rare occasions, she'll run from the den and researchers must chase her down and return her to the den so the cubs' health is safeguarded. After denning, cubs stay with the female for 18 months so she can teach them all they need to know to survive.

Preferred feeding areas. Mature forests provide everything bears need to be healthy. Unfortunately, enticing scents from garbage cans and birdseed will draw bears for an easy meal. One of the strongest scents is black oil sunflower seed. It's bear candy. These temptations result in bears that will hang around human-populated areas in anticipation of an easy meal. Before long, they are not afraid of humans, and bear complaints increase until the DNR has to capture and release them to another, wilder area.

The next time you're out in the forest and feel like you're being watched, you could be correct. Just remember, bears want to remain undiscovered as much as you'd like not to discover them.

Details for this piece came from two sources: DNR Black Bear Management in Maryland, and interview with Jonathan Trudeau.



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"And Saturday includes 40 artists, 39 wine tasting tables, and 18 spirit tables, not to mention more food trucks and food booths! This is the largest festival we've ever had."

The popular Premium Wine and Spirits Tasting returns on Friday, September 11, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. On Saturday, September 12, the festival will feature wine and spirits tasting, artisans, a football lounge, entertainment, food, and fun. The festival runs from noon to 6:00. Wine may be purchased directly from the Premium Wine and Spirits Tasting on Friday, and all wine and spirits will be available in the wine store on Saturday. The wine and spirits store will remain open until 7 pm.

Friday's Premium Wine and Spirits Tasting is not to be missed. Our selection of wines is hand-selected by experts from wineries around the world. This year, local winery Blackthorne Cellars will feature their award-winning wines, along with other national and international wines with 90+ ratings. The festival has added more spirits on Friday, including a very special Comisario Gran Extra Añejo IX, a rare release that earned the prestigious Century Award and a remarkable 100-point rating. Friday night also includes live entertainment by Heart 2 Heart and light hors d'oeuvres provided by Firefly Farms. Tickets include a \$25 coupon towards in-store purchases and can be purchased separately online in advance or in combination with the Saturday festival.

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What's Happening *Continued*

from Springbrook Hollow, Sugarlands, Comisario, Russells, -196 Seltzers, plus Mark's Mocktails.

Guests will also enjoy works by forty local and regional artisans. Jewelry, pottery, oil paintings, handcrafted woodwork, and more will be featured, including glass-blowing demonstrations. Food artisans include handcrafted cheeses, local maple syrup, and other delectable food items. Live entertainment and food from local nonprofits and food trucks round out the afternoon.

New this year is a mobile app that lets guests easily find wines, spirits, and artists by table number, variety, or type; read notes; and add favorites. "You can check it out now, while we're building it at app.deepcreekwinefest.com," says Paula. It's so much easier than carrying around the paper!"

Advance tickets to the Friday and Saturday festival are available online at www.deepcreekwinefest.com. The Premium Wine and Spirits Tasting on Friday, September 11 is available online, advance only (limited tickets may be available at the gate). Combination Friday and Saturday tickets are also available at a discounted price. "The Premium Wine and Spirit tasting on Friday night sells out quickly!" says Paula. "It's such a fun event – I definitely would purchase tickets early."

Art, Wine & Spirits Festival lodging packages are available at participating hotels and resort rental agencies. Railey Vacations, The Inn at Silver Tree, Cove Creek, Will 'o the Wisp, Taylor-Made Vacations, and Wisp Resort are offering packages with other lodging partners to follow. Visit www.deepcreekwinefest.com/lodging for more information.

"A special thank you needs to go to our amazing sponsors," notes Spirits Chair, Alan Emery, owner of DMV Distributors. Sponsors include McHenry Beverage, Taylor Made Vacations & Real Estate, Railey Real Estate and Vacations, The Baltimore Sun, Sugarlands Collection, Tri-Vin, Campari, Jim Beam, Russell's Reserve, Edmond's Honor Springbrook Hollow Farms, Mark's Mocktails, Tequila Comisario, Arthur Wheeler Spirits Company, Tres Agaves, Dil-ish, Cream of Kentucky, Merlet, El Tesoro, Cayuga, Deep Eddy, Espolon Tequila, Roaming Man, Booker's, Pernod Ricard, Chocolat, Sunrise Sanitation, Firefly Farms, Jessica Fike Photography, Arrowhead Market, Shop 'n Save, Little Mountain Promotions, and Deepcreektimes.com.

"The festival committee contributes hundreds of hours of their time to the festival, and they are what makes it so successful," says Paula. "It's a lot of work!" The 2026 committee includes





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Garrett College Athletes, Maryland State Police, Northern High School JRTOC, and the Garrett County Sheriff's Office also contribute to the success of the festival.

HART for Animals, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to saving the lives of homeless pets in Western Maryland. Through a network of volunteers – individuals and rescue organizations – HART is able to rescue animals from local and regional shelters and give them a chance to find a permanent home. In addition to the Adoption Wing, the HART Animal Center on Bumble Bee Road in Accident, MD, offers full-service veterinary services at the Bredel Veterinary Clinic, and day and overnight accommodations at the Bed 'n Bark Inn pet hotel.



For more information on the Deep Creek Lake Art, Wine & Spirits Festival, please visit www.deepcreekwinefest.com.



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The players you will meet in the concert Viva la Musica: a Renaissance Musical Journey have devoted their lives to early music such as you will hear on Saturday, September 12 at 3:00 in the beautiful sanctuary of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Oakland. (Across from the library on 2nd Street)

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Director Larry Lipnik has performed with many acclaimed early music ensembles from Anonymous 4 to Piffaro and the Waverly Consort, and is a founding member of Parthenia and

vocal ensemble Lionheart. He has coached many of these players in the local Marsh Mountain Consort including Ruth Seib, Tom Johnson, Marci McClive who have been playing together since 1979 and Dan and Carol Muss who have retired this year after several decades with the consort. And we have gained a multi-instrumentalist and new viol player, Mike Broderick.



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Presented by George Cowgill and the Garrett County Historical Society in recognition of America's 250th anniversary, the 1.5-hour program will offer a light-hearted look at how agriculture, cooking and food have changed over the past 250 years.

The photo-oriented presentation will highlight historical developments and stories, both large and small, with a particular focus on Garrett County and neighboring counties.

Adding a taste of history to the evening, bakers from Ace's Run will prepare samples of local historical recipes for participants to enjoy just prior to the presentation.

The program is free, but registration is required and seating is limited.

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Guests will enjoy live music from the Wurst Band, Hillbilly Biscuits, and the Polka Meisters, along with roaming Alphorn performances and crowd-favorite contests including stein holding, keg throwing, pumpkin chucking, wife carrying, husband calling, and costume contests.

Oktoberfest is a celebration for all ages, with a full lineup of activities for kids, including face painting, pumpkin painting, carnival games, crafts, and more. With plenty to sip, savor, see, and do, Wisp's Oktoberfest is the perfect way to welcome the arrival of fall in the mountains.

Tasting tickets are available for those looking to taste the event's featured brews. Oktoberfest Tasting Ticket includes:

- Tasting wristband (for ages 21+, ID required)
- Souvenir Oktoberfest 12oz. Beer Stein
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Advance Tasting Tickets Just \$24.99 at [WispResort.com](https://www.wispresort.com). Tickets sold day of for \$39.99

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301-387-6688 • acesrun.com

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301-387-9246 • traderscoffeehouse.com

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240-321-3334 • cashmereclothingco.net
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www.christmaschalet.com
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www.copperkettlepopcornfactory.com
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www.polskapolishpottery.com

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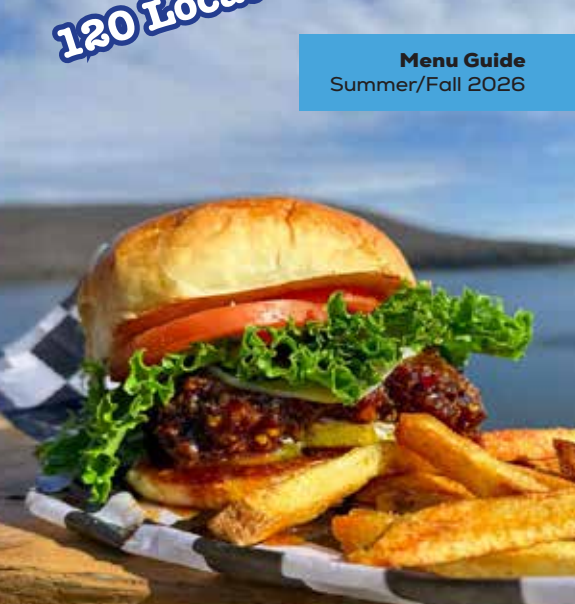


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Market Goats	48	\$776.52 Head	\$38,300.00
Market Lambs	61	\$859.84 Head	\$53,925.00
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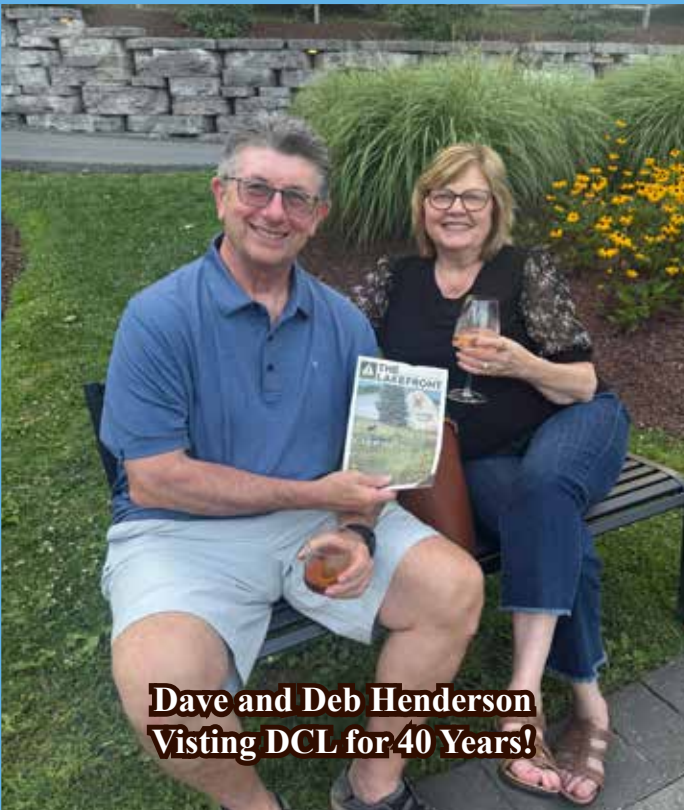
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Empty Bowls Fundraiser
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**Maybe You'll See Janet at this Year's
DCL Art, Wine and Spirits Festival
(here she was pouring for
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**Lemon Blueberry
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**Dave and Deb Henderson
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Blackthorne CellarsGreg Riordan, 2

Honi Honi 3 Teez, 4

Honi Honi The Delaneys, 9

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Honi HoniRidgemont High, 1:30

Blackthorne CellarsHeart 2 Heart, 2

Honi Honi Undercover, 9

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

FirewaterScott Ross, 1

Honi Honi..... Street Level, 1

Black Bear Tavern....Evie Shaffer, 4:30

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Honi Honi..Queen City Funk & Soul, 1

Blackthorne Cellars Nick Savage, 2

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Honi Honi..... Honi House Band, 8

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Honi Honi..... 23 Band, 9

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Blackthorne..... Michelle Fincham, 1

Honi HoniButterscotch Blonde, 1:30

St. Mark’s Lutheran Church

..... Viva La Musica, 3

Black Bear TavernShelly & Dale, 6

Honi Honi..... Rushmore, 9

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Firewater Nick Savage, 1

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

StageWEST.....

..... Joshua Espinoza Trio, 7:30

Honi Honi..... The Edge, 9

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Honi Honi..... Time Flies, 1:30

Blackthorne Cellars....Christian Teets, 2

Black Bear Tavern..... Ben Benson, 6

Honi Honi..... Let’s Go!, 9

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Black Bear Tavern..... Josh Folmsbee, 6

Honi Honi..... Family Joules, 9

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Honi Honi..... Occasional Reign, 1:30

Blackthorne Cellars.. Dylan Hinzman, 2

Black Bear Tavern..... Ronald Debski, 6

Honi Honi.....Shallow 9, 9

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Blackthorne Heart 2 Heart, 2

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

Black Bear..... Kelly Lynott, 6

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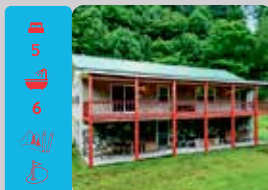
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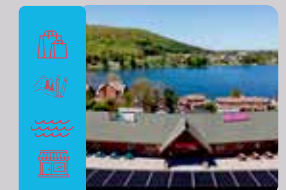
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