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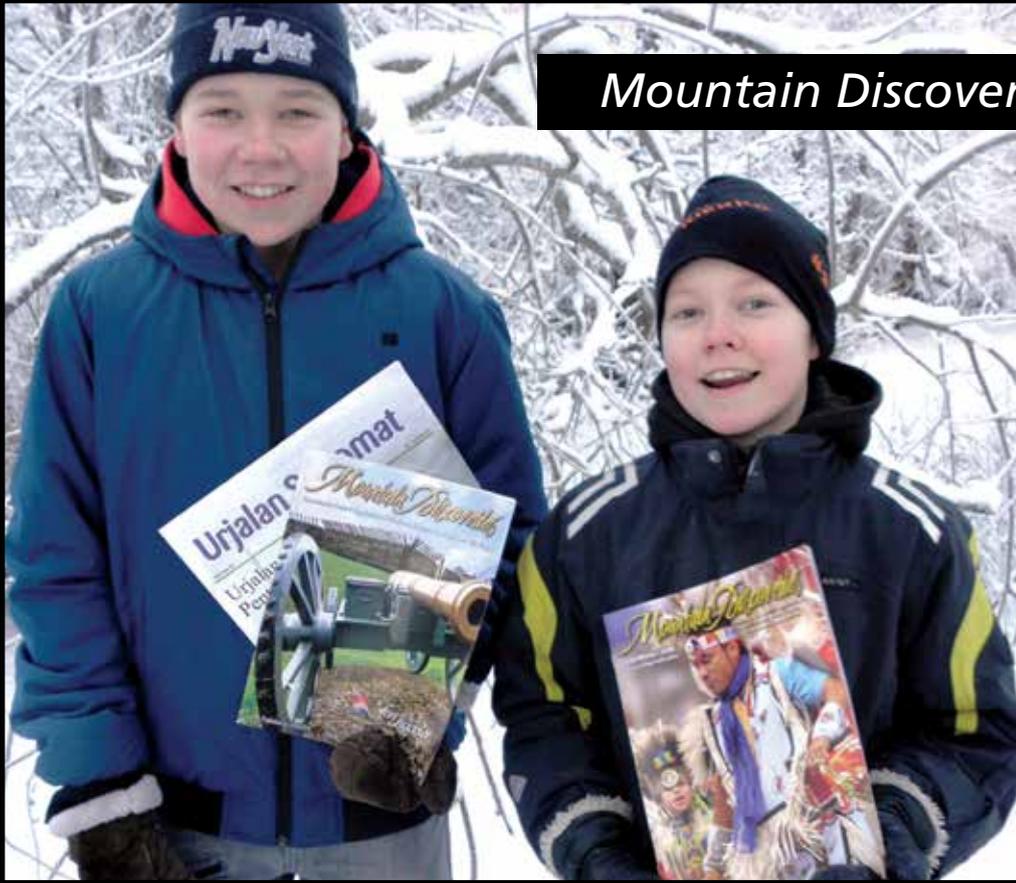
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Mountain Discoveries in Finland



Topi (left) and Veikka Järvinen of Finland enjoy reading *Mountain Discoveries* magazine. This photo was sent by their mother, Paula Numminen, who was an exchange student at Allegany High School during the 1981-82 school year.

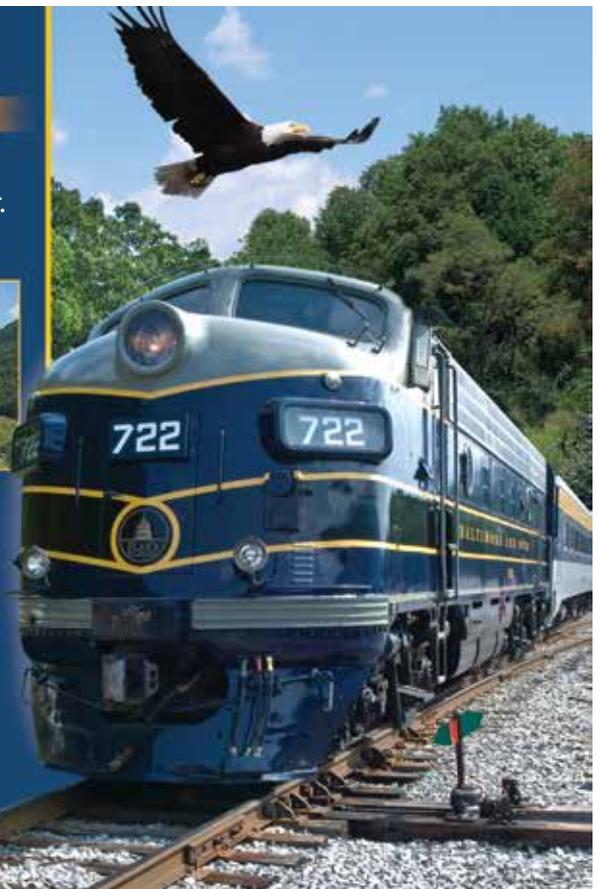
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The HART Animal Center



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The HART Animal Center — A Different Approach to Saving the Lives of Adoptable Animals

In the spring of 2014, the realization of a dream that began eleven years ago came to fruition when the HART Animal Center, located at 1265 Bumble Bee Road, in Accident, Maryland opened its doors. Through a \$1.62M loan from the USDA - Rural Development's Community Facility Program, and over \$750,000 in donations and grants, the Bredel Veterinary Clinic opened on February 25, 2014. The Bed 'n Bark Inn pet hotel and MUTTWorks Grooming Salon opened in March of the same year. These services, as well as the future HART Shoppe retail store, will enable HART for Animals to support its mission of improving the lives of homeless animals by building an animal adoption center where adoptable animals will never have to be euthanized. The revenues generated by these services, along with grants and fundraising efforts, will support and sustain the operations of the final phase: the HART Adoption Shelter Wing, to be completed this year.



Director of the Bredel Veterinary Clinic, Dr. Jennifer Barnard, with her Boston Terrier, Judge. The Bredel Clinic is a full service veterinary center for dogs, cats and pocket pets.



“The HART Animal Center represents a new reality for nonprofit organizations,” says HART President, Michael Pellet. “In order to succeed, you need to realize that a nonprofit organization is a business and must have a workable business plan that addresses the reality of income vs. expense or it will fail. The Center will be an important resource for Garrett County for years to come because the profit from the Center’s businesses will sustain all its charitable programs. These businesses will also add 50 permanent jobs for county residents and attract more visitors to the county,” he adds.

Under the direction of Dr. Jennifer Barnard, the Bredel Veterinary Clinic is a full-service veterinary center, providing preventive and healing services for cats, dogs, and pocket pets, including consultations, examinations, surgeries, vaccinations, spay/neuter surgeries, dentals, digital radiographs, and laboratory tests. The services of the Bredel

Above and inset: Kiley Davis greets client Michelle Umlauf and Bed ‘n Bark Inn guest, MagiKat; Rachel Dudok escorts Michelle and MagiKat to the pet hotel; MagiKat took no time to start playing in the Cat Condo activity area.

Clinic are designed to improve the lives of companion animals, always reinforcing the human-animal connection. Offering evening and Saturday hours, the Bredel Clinic also provides 24-hour veterinary assistant care for in-patient hospitalization. In keeping with their mission of reducing pet overpopulation, the Bredel Clinic continues its highly successful low-cost spay/neuter program for pet owners with demonstrated financial need.

A native of Garrett County and graduate of Southern High School, Dr. Barnard holds a B.S. in Animal Science from the University of Maryland, and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech. She has practiced veterinary medicine and surgery for the past nine years in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania.



Michael Pellet, President of the Board of HART for Animals, Inc.



Development Director, Mercedes Pellet, with service dog, Josie.

Healthy pets make happy pets. Puppies and kittens should begin their vaccinations at 8 weeks of age.
Right: Maddi O'Brien and Ben.



Guests at the Bed 'n Bark Inn are afforded the same amenities as any person would expect when taking a vacation. The Inn features twenty-five luxury dog dens and suites with Kuranda beds (some with doggie-cams), heated floors, doggie-doors leading to private patios, outdoor runs, long walks, and exercise and play periods. The cat condos feature two levels for sleep and play with individual exhaust systems, and a large play area with interactive toys and climbing trees to help keep cats alert and exercised. Pet owners are welcome to bring their pets' home comforts such as beds, toys, and food and treats. The Bed 'n Bark Inn provides 24-hour supervision for the safety and security of the pet hotel guests.

"It is so important to us to provide a stress-free environment for our pet guests," says Debbie Snyder, Manager of the Bed 'n Bark Inn and animal behaviorist. "Our guests are treated the same way we treat our own pets, with love and respect. We even have soothing background music to calm the canines and felines!"



Above: It's rare to see pet hotel guest, 9 month-old Shadow, inside her deluxe den since learning how to use her doggie-door leading to her private patio.

Top right: Service dog, Josie, shows clinic Manager, Caroline Robison and Michael Pellet her doggie skills.

Right: "Peace spent her Easter 'barkation' at the Bed 'n Bark Inn," says mom Heather Killeen. "She loved it and they (HART kennel assistants) were wonderful!"

A groomer for over 18 years, Lindy Moebs moved MUTT-Works Grooming Salon to the HART Animal Center in March, bringing her reputation as one of the area's most respected groomers. The salon offers complete dog grooming services for all sizes and shapes. Appointments are available Tuesday through Saturday. Pet owners of dogs staying at the Bed 'n Bark Inn may also reserve a grooming time during their pets' overnight stay.





Carrie Whetzel, left, was pleased with the care her cat, Cat-a-pillar, received by Dr. Barnard at the Bredel Veterinary Clinic.

Kennel Assistant, Jennifer Schmidt, entertains Shadow in the indoor play area.



With the matching funds from the Appalachian Rural Community grant, state and county funding, and individual donations, the HART Animal Center will be complete. The HART Animal Adoption Shelter Wing, opening in the fall/winter of 2014, will house 60 dogs, 30 puppies, 40 cats and multiple litters of kittens. The dog kennels and cat condos will provide a safe, comfortable home for adoptable homeless animals and the adoption area will have space for potential adopters to get to know their new family member. A team of volunteers and staff members will care for the adoptable animals, creating a warm environment while the animals await their forever home.

HART for Animals continues its mission of saving the lives of adoptable animals through their rescue and transport program. In 2013 alone, 524 dogs and cats were saved from euthanasia through their rescue and transport program and 1,388 animals were spayed or neutered through their low cost "HARThelp" spay/neuter program.

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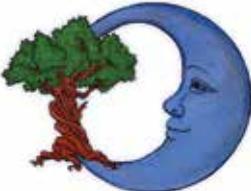


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Turtleman Visits *Mountain Discoveries'* Office

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Ernie Brown, Jr., a.k.a. Turtleman,
left, and Robert Pyle discuss and
examine artifact collections.



The familiar greetings that Turtleman fans have enjoyed for two television seasons now have a regional connection. Ernie Lee Brown, Jr., better known as “Turtleman” and television star of Animal Planet’s *Call of the Wildman*, has plans to enhance an exhibit at his hometown museum with the assistance of Bob Pyle, Archaeological advisor to *Mountain Discoveries*. The two friends share similar back-

grounds, interests, and visions regarding the Appalachian culture they are collaborating to preserve.

Ernie and Bob have deep Appalachian roots, Ernie being from central Kentucky and Bob from western Maryland. Observing animals, discovering arrowheads, digging fossils, tending gardens, hunting, and fishing were all part of growing up in a rural area. According to Turtleman, “We

always had chores around the house, including cutting wood and keeping the fire burning. Our family also learned to hunt animals according to the seasons. Hunting for food was important but I also liked hanging out in the woods to watch animals, trying to think like them, and figuring out how to catch them with my bare hands. My parents didn't always agree with my idea of fun and warned me, 'You're going to get killed.'" While Ernie obviously didn't get killed encountering wildlife, his snapping turtle exploits have brought him fame and a nickname.

Bob's western Maryland home in Kitzmiller, Maryland, placed him in the heart of coal country in the upper Potomac River Basin, a rugged but enjoyable landscape for a novice geologist and archaeologist. "Ernie and I quickly became friends because of our common heritage. Our interests in the outdoors began at an early age; so did our collections of artifacts and fossil specimens."

Turtleman's passion for enjoying the outdoors has made him an internationally recognized personality with TV ratings exceeding those of many cable news programs. Approximately one million viewers typically tune in to *Call of the Wildman* to watch Turtleman use bare hand techniques to safely remove animals from unlikely and sometimes dangerous situations. Focusing on a "no kill" method of nuisance animal removal along with entertaining commentary has created a winning combination for the television program and popular acclaim for Ernie. According to Turtleman, "Visitors have come to my hometown from every state in the nation and many foreign countries." One morning he was surprised to find there were 200 people camped on the front yard of his home. Not one to disappoint fans, Turtleman patiently greeted each visitor even though he had

not rested from more than 24 hours of work. Numerous television appearances, including *The Today Show*, *Anderson Cooper's 360*, *Jimmy Kimmel Live*, *Fox and Friends*, and four times on Jay Leno's *The Tonight Show* have allowed a wider audience to enjoy Ernie's exploits and friendly demeanor.

Bob's early inquiries into the natural world led him to a fulfilling career as an archaeologist and geologist. His studies of pre-Columbian petroglyph sites in southern West Virginia and Manchester, Kentucky and their accompanying Ogham script has drawn international attention.

Numerous published articles, including authorship of **All That Remains**, highlight his vast collections and wide ranging interests.

The two men's fates recently intertwined through the intercession of a mutual friend who knew that Ernie was traveling through Bob's hometown area of Morgantown, West Virginia. It was suggested that Ernie and Bob meet. Upon arrival in Morgantown, Ernie was energized by Bob's world class collections and knowledge. The initial meeting was followed by conversations and plans focusing on

the expansion of Turtleman's Exhibit at the Marion County Heritage Center located in Lebanon, Kentucky.

Ernie's philosophy of life is reflected in the Turtleman Exhibit that is already established through the efforts of Ernie and friends in Marion County. While additions are forthcoming, all work will be



Lolly, Ernie's dog, watches everything he does as she is always with the Turtleman. Lolly Dog, as Ernie calls her, is a rescue dog who is now very happy, well mannered, content, and constantly at Ernie's side. Although far apart geographically, when it comes to rescuing animals, Ernie and HART For Animals have a lot in common—their welfare.



Turtleman and Lolly Dog, visit with author, Dan Whetzel and wife, Annie, at *Mountain Discoveries'* office in Cumberland, MD.



Ernie believes in making people happy and his own joyful character is a testament to that fact. He's a very animated and fun person to be around.

guided by the basic principle of bringing joy to fans. "I believe in making people happy and proud of who they are. When folks visit the museum, I want them to leave happier than when they arrived."

Ernie's ability to create happiness in others is the result of his own joyful character. Being comfortable in his backwoods home has allowed him to celebrate life and pass along a contagious joy to everyone, particularly children. Fans will patiently wait hours for greetings and photographs at rare public appearances.





The Turtleman Exhibit at the Marion County Heritage Museum features a variety of items, including Appalachian artifacts and more recent memorabilia. Arrowheads, personal items, a replica of Turtleman's mobile shelter that he carried to festivals, props from his TV shows, and gifts from fans are part of the collection. Additional items will be forthcoming from Bob's collection of artifacts.

Left: Ernie and Kathie Smith, co-owner of *Mountain Discoveries*, with a really large axe head from Ernie's collection.

Below: Ernie at AAD-INC.'s office in Cumberland, relating some of his experiences as Turtleman and also discussing his collection to be exhibited at the Marion County Heritage Center in Lebanon, Kentucky.

Ernie credits his grandparents with the advice that grounded his life. "My outlook on life came from my childhood. My Grandmother and Grandfather Brown always said, 'Find a talent,' and I did. I found my talent by being in the woods and figuring out animals; that is what made me happy when I was growing up. Today, when I meet people I can tell they are relieved to see me in a good mood. It makes me feel like a superhero when children and parents become happy after they talk with Turtleman."



One important plan under review features a formal educational component where local educators will collaborate to involve students from the Marion County School system with the museum exhibits. Student access to the museum is important to Turtleman who is planning to coordinate student field trips and provide opportunities for educators. Bob's experience with teacher workshops will be a valuable asset in developing the new programming.

As Turtleman fans enjoy the third season of his show, they can expect to see more exploits of an Appalachian woodsman who remains genuinely committed to carrying out his mission of making people happy. Unlike celebrities that sometimes find themselves fundamentally altered by circumstances, fame has only served to increase Ernie's ability to reach out to others in a positive way; he remains unaffected by media acclaim. The Marion County Heritage Center's Turtleman Exhibit provides a permanent reminder of Ernie Brown's ability to preserve and promote the Appalachian backwoods life that he loves.

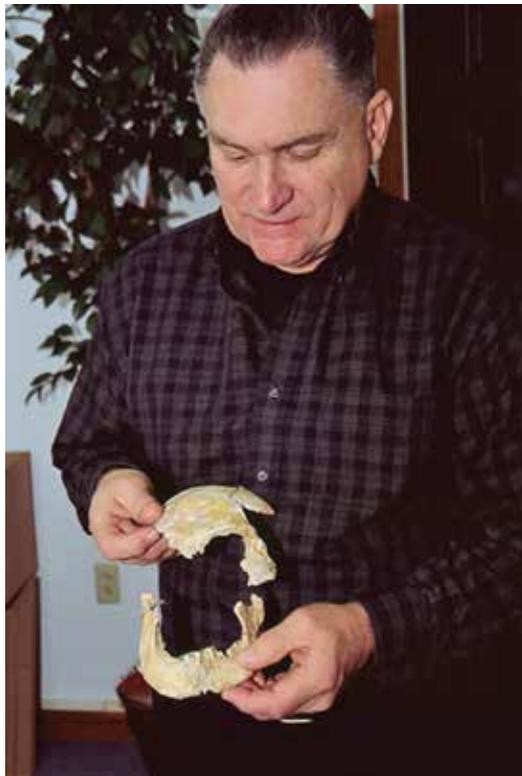
For additional information on the Turtleman Exhibit see:

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Those interested in viewing some of Bob's artifacts and other cultural aspects of the region may visit the West Virginia Geological Survey Museum, located just east of Morgantown, West Virginia. For additional information see: U.S. Geological Survey Museum: **<http://www.wvgs.wvnet.edu/www/museum/museum.htm>**.

Mountain Discoveries magazine is proud to be part of Ernie's and Bob's Appalachian experiences.

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Archaeologist Robert L. Pyle holding the remains of an ancient human skull found in a rock shelter in West Virginia, which is now at the Smithsonian Institution along with documentation of DNA testing.

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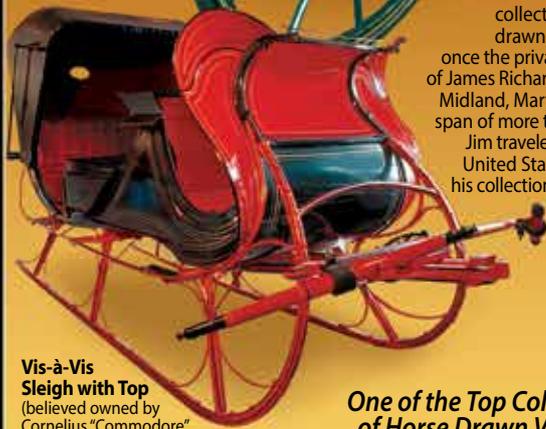
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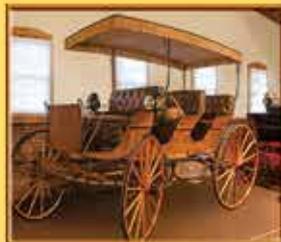
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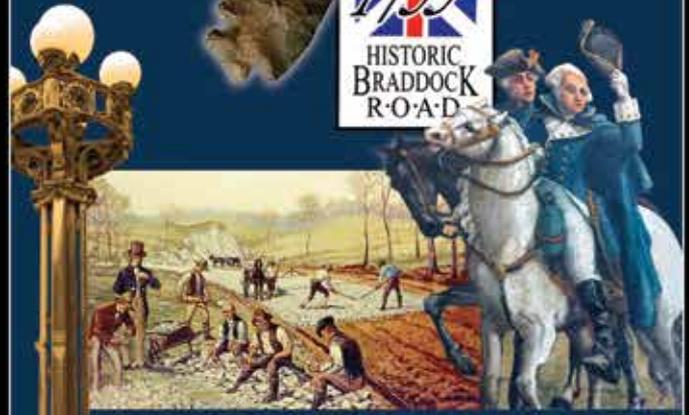


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One of the most bitter political battles in Cumberland's history happened more than 100 years ago when residents took opposing sides in an issue that prompted public demonstrations, the formation of a newspaper, and accusations against city officials. Reading about the hotly debated topic today would cause most residents to wonder what all the commotion was about since it involved a public health problem that everyone agreed needed to be addressed. Although there was a consensus about the problem, proposals to solve it became what one former councilman called "the biggest fight that Cumberland ever had." Few would suspect that the present day municipal water system that has faithfully served residents for a century experienced such a tumultuous beginning.

There was no doubt that Cumberland required an upgraded water and filtration system, as the nineteenth century drew to a close. The original municipal pumping station was constructed in 1871 along Greene Street, a location adjacent to the Potomac River. Pumps drew water from the river into a rudimentary system of pipes that supplied downtown Cumberland with basic water service but was incapable of servicing areas where the elevation exceeded 850 feet above sea level, neighborhoods that included parts of

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Washington Street, McNamee's Hill, and McKaig's Hill. The health of the Potomac River had also deteriorated over the first four decades of the waterworks' operation and became a growing concern.

Cumberland's water supply problems were addressed by the Board of Water Commissioners as far back as 1895 when Charles Latrobe of Baltimore, Maryland, prepared a report and analysis of possible sources of clean water. Latrobe's report, although apparently not acted upon by city officials, proved to be a major source of contention because one of his recommendations conflicted with later proposals and reports.

In 1908, a report and confidential letter prepared by J.G. Shriver, Cumberland's civil engineer, analyzed the municipal water supply problems and recommended solutions. One significant infrastructure weakness he identified involved the amount of water consumption per capita in the city. A survey of major water systems throughout the country revealed "that 50 gallons per capita per day is a liberal

estimate for all the needs and luxuries of well-to-do families in American cities.” Cumberland’s water supply was calculated to be more than 200 gallons per capita per day, an amount Mr. Shriver termed “simply outrageous,” thereby compounding the problems faced by the city officials who had to deal with leaky pipes. In addressing the primary problem of supplying clean water to residents, Mr. Shriver’s report succinctly ended with one sentence that offered three options: “So far as I can see, there are only three plans, by filtering the Potomac River water, by the artesian well system, and by going to Evitt’s Creek.”

In 1910, municipal health officials sounded another alarm when they concluded, “Our water supply has been of the worst. The city services as well as the wells and springs are badly contaminated.” Cumberland’s health officials recorded 565 cases of Typhoid Fever in 1910, a figure that caused the city to have one of the worst rates of the disease in the country. The contaminated water had infiltrated water mains and pipes within dwellings, thereby making it a pervasive and persistent problem.

In 1911, James Fuertes, a renowned hydraulic engineer residing in New York City, prepared an extensive report that concluded the three best sources of municipal water to be the Potomac River, Evitt’s Creek, and Savage River. While Mr. Shriver and Mr. Fuertes’ recommendations for potable water differed slightly both included Evitt’s Creek, a conclusion that contradicted Mr. Latrobe’s 1895 analysis which stated the stream’s water flow was insufficient to supply the needs of Cumberland’s population.

In May 1911, city officials accepted Mr. Fuertes’ report, voted to move forward on the Evitt’s Creek plan, and subsequently hired Mr. Fuertes as consulting engineer to complete the “engineering work in connection with the installation of the Evitt’s Creek supply.” His responsibilities also included supervision of construction work at the Pennsylvania dam site and the accompanying conduit line to Cumberland.

Selection of the Evitt’s Creek dam proposal required legislative action for two reasons. First, an Act of the Maryland Legislature authorized the city to levy an amount not to exceed \$10,000 to partially offset the construction costs associated with the massive project. Secondly, the act also addressed a provision in the law caused by the proposed dam’s location within Pennsylvania’s borders. It was not legally possible for the City of Cumberland to own land in Pennsylvania or take stock in a Commonwealth corporation. To comply with Pennsylvania’s laws, Cumberland was authorized to create the Evitt’s Creek Water Company, a Pennsylvania corporation under control of the Mayor of Cumberland and his nominees. The City of Cumberland acquired all the stock of the company, thereby removing legal impediments to the plan.

Cumberland Mayor George Young secured the services of local businessmen to serve on an Advisory Board of the Evitt’s Creek Water Company. In addition to its primary role of offering guidance on financing the project, the Advisory Board proved to be a strong advocate for the Evitt’s Creek plan in the face of considerable controversy.

With major legal and engineering matters concluded by the spring of 1911, the only obstacle remaining was a referendum on the impending levy. The referendum, publication of Mr. Fuertes recommendations, and growing opposition to building a dam in Pennsylvania quickly created an environment for a spirited civic debate.

The proposed location of the dam and waterworks, approximately nine miles north of Cumberland, divided the city into opposing camps. And as the May 11, 1912, referendum drew near, opponents of the city’s plan grew more numerous and vocal; their complaints ranged from the rational to scurrilous.

One of the primary reasons against the city’s proposal was the belief that Evitt’s Creek could not supply sufficient water; Mr. Latrobe’s 1895 report was offered as supporting evidence. The Potomac River also experienced low water during droughts but was less likely to run dry than the smaller stream, they argued. Furthermore, a modern filtration plant could be built for far less money than a dam located out-of-state. Supporters of the Potomac River plan included well known public figures: former Senator, George Wellington; former Congressman, Colonel George Pearre; architect, Wright Butler; and Justice Marcellus Martin.

The Pennsylvania option was particularly disagreeable to George Wellington who stated: “We won’t go to other states (for water).” Colonel Pearre concurred, “We all want pure water, but we want it from nature’s stream, the one in Maryland—the Potomac River.”

Another economic argument offered by opponents involved property taxes. It was charged that city tax rates would have to be increased because of the newly incurred debt, so landlords would likely raise their rents and hurt the “common people,” who according to Colonel Pearre’s estimate made up 95% of the city’s population.

Other critics argued that water pressure would be insufficient to service Cumberland if it originated in Pennsylvania because the gravity feed system would not provide for a sufficient drop in elevation.

Additional complaints included: the dangers of a failed dam, the health dangers of drinking stagnant water, the buildup of “scale” in steam boilers supplied by Evitt’s Creek water, and the use of Savage River as a preferred water source.

Numerous unfounded complaints were leveled by critics. One local attorney was rumored to have lined his pockets

by purchasing inexpensive property options from Pennsylvania and Maryland landowners that would later be transferred to the City of Cumberland for a handsome profit. It was also speculated that a local paper industry bribed influential individuals to promote the city's plan, so its waste products could continue to be dumped into the Potomac River.

Faced with growing opposition, proponents of the Evitt's Creek plan organized a campaign to present their case. The Advisory Board borrowed \$7,500 for the purpose of printing *The Independent*, a newspaper devoted exclusively to the water supply issue. According to Isaac Hirsch, board member, additional money had to be pledged by members who found that "running a newspaper was not an easy task."

An ally in the printed media was *The Evening Times* that devoted coverage and supporting editorials. In a methodical manner, John Avirett, the newspaper's editor, challenged the opposition.

Supporters also rented public venues, including the B&O YMCA Hall and the Maryland Theatre to rally their faithful. Mr. Fuertes, Thomas Footer, Albert Doub, and Tasker Lowndes were some of the city's prominent speakers. Open air meetings were held by both sides at multiple downtown locations. One public meeting, organized by the opposition, resulted in a situation where "pandemonium... ran riot—hands were pawing in the air," and John Avirett's presence was met with "language not fit to print."

The major organization supporting the city's plan was the Merchants and Manufacturer's Association which included most downtown businesses. Local ministers, the Women's Civic Club, lawyers, and doctors were also reported to be in favor.

Proponents of the Evitt's Creek plan noted that the economically disadvantaged citizens were hurt the most by polluted water since affluent citizens paid handsome sums of money to purchase bottled water. Medical treatment resulting from polluted water also placed a disproportionate burden on the poor who were most likely to be affected. Furthermore, economic advantages would be realized for everyone if the Evitt's Creek plan was approved because a new water system would cost less than alternative proposals and the benefits of pure water would likely attract new industries. Opponents, they argued, were misguided in their hopes the Potomac River would become clean in the near future. After all, the city had lost two court battles to stop upstream industrial pollution and was not likely to try litigation a third time.

According to *The Evening Times*, "there was not a dull moment" during the daylight hours of May 11th as both sides continued to publicly demonstrate. And as the 8:00 pm

hour arrived and votes were tabulated, the newspaper employees posted results in their office windows for the benefit of an excited crowd gathered on the sidewalk. After displaying a narrow 107 vote victory for the Evitt's Creek plan, "pandemonium broke loose. Someone built a large portable bulletin board bearing these words: 'We Won't Go to Hell by 107,'" an obvious reference to the margin of victory and an expression of a hyperbole.

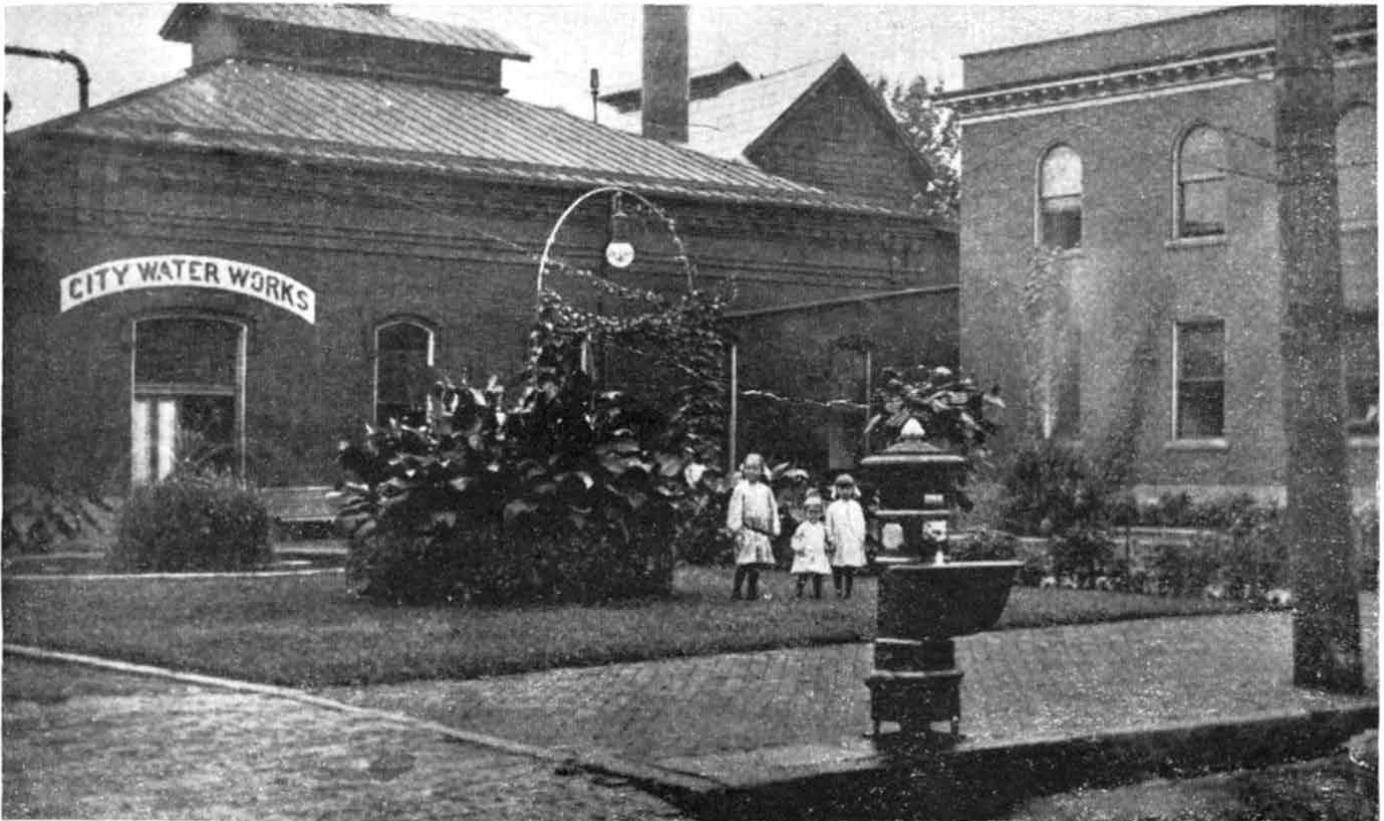
Some victors could hardly be called gracious, as they formed a group intent upon marching through the city in hopes of harassing opponents. *The Evening Times* account continued, "...the mob formed into some semblance of order, and ten abreast marched the streets of the city. The first house they visited was an opponent, Dr. J. Jones Wilson, who lived on Union Street. "They surrounded the house, threw up the windows and howled like a liberated pack of wild animals... Following the hundreds of people came several auto loads of men and ladies, each auto bore banners on which was printed an appropriate phrase." Patriot songs were played by bands and *John Brown's Body* was sung with substituted words. The celebrating continued long into the night.

Construction of Lake Gordon

Following passage of the referendum, city officials turned their attention to the construction phase of the project and over the next 16 months a concerted effort was made to build a state-of-the-art water system. Officials were assisted by civic minded citizens who were determined that Cumberland be served by clean water from Evitt's Creek.

One local attorney had long anticipated the need for Evitt's Creek water and took preliminary legal steps to facilitate access to it. The unsung hero was Finley Hendrickson who in the summer of 1908 began the process of securing land and water rights from property owners in Maryland and Pennsylvania. His reasoning was that discussions about Evitt's Creek water would "inflate prices and cause the rejection of the stream." To avoid unnecessarily inflating land values, he acquired most options in 1909-1910, thereby clearing monetary and legal hurdles to the dam site before it was formally discussed. A 23 page report dated May 1911 and directed to the Mayor and Council specifically outlined the steps taken at his own expense and time. Mr. Hendrickson stated that three years worth of field trips using horse and buggy were required to option "the mills and lands at the best figure obtainable" and that he did not receive "commissions on the side or any other remuneration for myself or anyone." His motivation was "to secure a better water supply for the City, entirely free from any ulterior suggestion or influence."

Also noteworthy was Mr. Hendrickson's admission to property owners that their lands could possibly come under



City Water Works, Cumberland, MD

In 1871, the original waterworks building was constructed in Cumberland between Greene Street and the Potomac River, near the bridge to Ridgeley. Power was supplied by a 70 horsepower water turbine that was used to turn an electrical generator, backwash pump, and compressor. In 1913, an addition was added to the building that allowed for the generation of electricity to city residents. On July 1, 1916, the city awarded a contract to Edison Electric Illuminating Company for electrical service, thereby removing the city from the business. Most of the original equipment remained in the building.

Most historical accounts of the original waterworks describe the system as lacking filtration capabilities. Mayor Shuck's 1887 "Report on the State of the City" calls that conclusion into question because it contained a reference that would suggest a system was in place: "There was built with said money a new conduit and filter at the waterworks, a work rendered necessary for the purification of our water supply." If a filtration system did exist, it was inadequate to meet the basic requirements of providing safe drinking water.

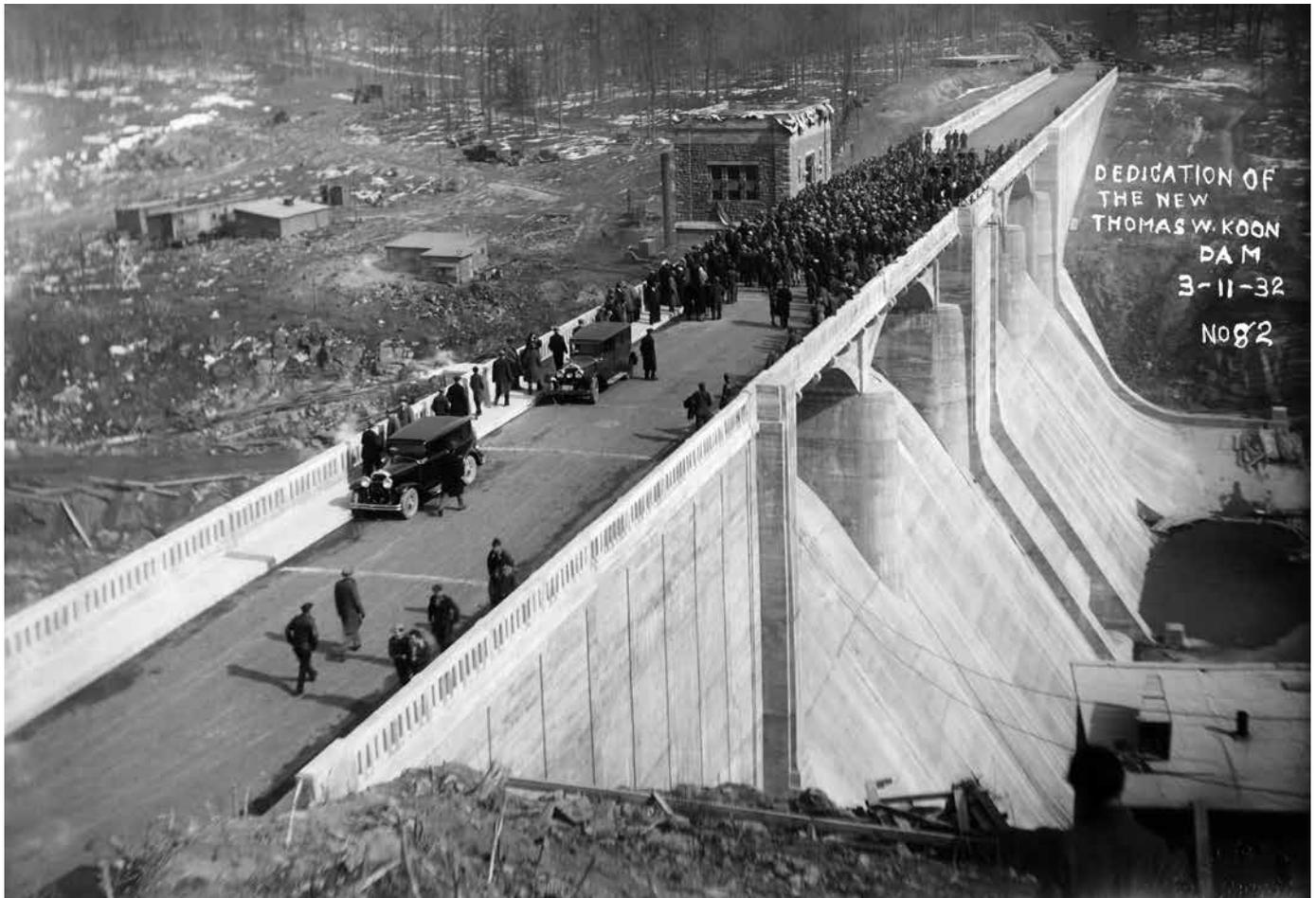
On December 19, 1916, city workers using open flame torches to carry out repairs in the basement accidentally set fire to the oil-soaked floor above them. The flames quickly spread and destroyed the building.

consideration for a municipal water project at a future date but that he was acting alone, assuming sole financial risks, refusing commissions, and trusting that city authorities would "give me reasonable compensation for my services." True to his word, Mr. Hendrickson later communicated to city authorities his intentions to "turn these options over to the City at the price he paid for (them)." Fortunately for Mr. Hendrickson, city officials did provide compensation for his civic services. His services were also appropriately remembered upon his death in 1940 when a Resolution of Respect was signed by members of the Evitt's Creek Water Company.

While Mr. Hendrickson worked quietly to acquire property and water rights, Robert H. Gordon, prominent Cumberland attorney and Evitt's Creek proponent, publicly campaigned for the Pennsylvania-Maryland stream. According to a contemporary report, Mr. Gordon had a "life ambition to see the city's use of the mountain water supply" years before the dam was built. City officials recognized Mr. Gordon's sustained efforts by naming the water impoundment in his honor.

Important to officials in 1912 was the engineering work associated with the dam, filtration, and transport systems. The gravity flow system required the selection of a site nearest to Cumberland where a large amount of water could be impounded that would provide sufficient pressure to supply Cumberland's residents. A reservoir site located between Evitt's and Will's Mountains was chosen for the lake.

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A second impounding reservoir, called Lake Koon, was subsequently completed in 1932 and consisted of a 67 foot high dam that was 725 feet long across the valley. This photo was taken on the dedication day, March 11, 1932.

Mr. Fuertes estimated costs for the dam and supporting infrastructure to be \$469,928; the bulk of funds were designated for construction work, supervision, and plan preparation. The low bid general contractor was Merrill-Ruckgarber Company from New York City.

Work on the dam proved to be seasonal and plagued by difficulties retaining laborers who objected to the tough conditions. Risks were highlighted in December 1912 when one worker was killed by a powder magazine explosion.

Over the next year and a half workers erected a dam wall that was 80 feet high in the middle and 450 feet long across the valley. The wall featured concrete construction faced with concrete blocks. The lake formed by the dam covered approximately 250 acres and held 1,500,000 gallons of fresh water that was collected from a 66 square mile drainage area.

The new system required that water be transferred from the lake into a filtration plant where it was treated by adding coagulation and bleaching solutions. After the impurities were allowed to settle, they passed through mechanical filters containing anthracite coal.

One step in the decision making process system proved to be a costly one. City officials decided (contrary to Mr. Fuertes recommendation) to purchase wooden pipes to carry water from the dam to Cumberland. According to Isaac Hirsh, Evitts Creek advisory board member and councilman, this decision was primarily an economic one because the wood-stave pipes were less expensive than cast iron models. A site visit to a town in Pennsylvania proved to be the final factor in their decision to move forward on the purchase. According to John DiFonzo, current city engineer, officials probably believed that because wooden pipes were used in other locations they would be successful in Allegany County. Unfortunately, the region's terrain, weather, and soil conditions proved to be unfavorable. "In particular, the wet and dry cycle caused the wood to dry out and quickly rot," noted Mr. DiFonzo who has observed many remnants of the old system over the years. "Today, we use 36 inch reinforced concrete pipe."

Progress on the dam was highly publicized in the local newspapers and created an aura of excitement. As the completion date drew closer, citizens began making journeys to the site to check on the progress for themselves. While



Rodney Marvin, Water Plant Superintendent.

inspecting the lake visitors often enjoyed a picnic lunch, thereby establishing a new picnic grounds that was utilized for decades.

After a series of brief delays during the summer, an announcement was made on September 15, 1913, that the plant was operational; that landmark date is recorded on the wall of today's filtration plant. Once fully functioning, the system delivered between eight and nine million gallons of water per day to the Fort Hill Reservoir. Clean water pouring into citizens' residences and businesses proved to be a blessing, as illnesses related to polluted water dropped sharply.

Albert Fowler, a chemist and bacteriologist from New York City, received appointment as the first superintendent of the new system. Mr. Fowler's credentials included an advanced degree from Brown University and work experience in the field of water purification.

Cumberland's water supply story did not end with the construction of Lake Gordon. Prosperity brought about in part because of clean water meant that Cumberland's population continued to grow. Census records supported the need for an enhanced water supply as the city grew from a population of 25,000 upon completion of Lake Gordon to nearly 38,000 in 1930 when officials once again looked to Evitt's Creek.

A second impounding reservoir, called Lake Koon (named in honor of Cumberland Mayor Thomas Koon), was subsequently completed in 1932 and consisted of a 67 foot high dam that was 725 feet long across the valley. The general contractor for the project was Vang Construction Company of Cumberland Maryland. Over time the City

of Cumberland assumed ownership of approximately 4,000 acres associated with the entire watershed.

According to Rodney Marvin, water plant superintendent, the municipal water supply system currently processes eight million gallons per day that is supplied through approximately 140 miles of water pipe. The filtration plant maintains its state-of-the-art status by utilizing a micro bubble clarification process that is highly effective in removing small particles from the water. While the dissolved air flotation system is new, the water also flows through coal and sand filters similar to the ones installed in 1913. Another constant at the plant is the 24/7 staffing by certified operators. Staff frequently hosts visitors from around the country and world who are interested in observing the treatment process at Lake Gordon.

John DiFonzo, city engineer, notes that today's municipal water system includes six water tanks that supplement the original Fort Hill Reservoir. According to Mr. DiFonzo, the city maintains 110 miles of water pipe within the city limits and nearly 30 miles outside the city. "Certain modifications were made over the years and today we have a good, strong system of water lines in Cumberland."



Inside a part of the Cumberland Filtration Plant — a sparkling clean facility.

Brian Grim, mayor of Cumberland, is appreciative of the water system and the benefits it continues to provide. "We are fortunate that 100 years ago officials and residents were forward looking in developing a better water system. Without access to clean water, the Queen City would not have prospered as it did. The water system and dams are the most important structures built by the city. As water

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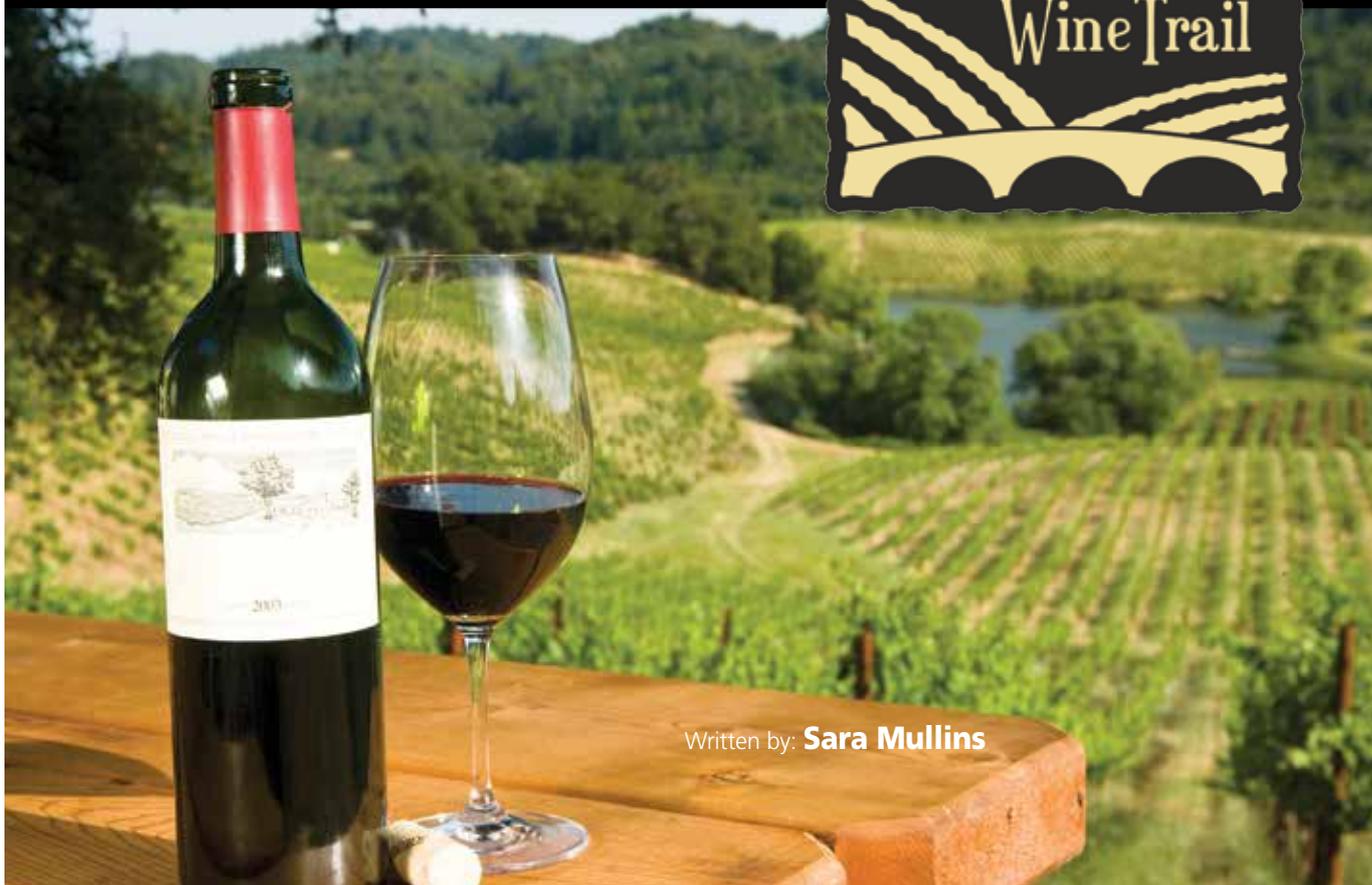
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Touring the

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Written by: **Sara Mullins**

In an area best known for Civil War history, vineyards laden with grapes are transforming the landscape of Maryland's Washington County and western Frederick County into a new "terroir." This French term refers to the soil and climate that give grapes used for wine-making their distinctive flavor and aroma. The Antietam Highlands' permeable, lime-rich soil and elevation climate with warm days and cool nights make it especially well suited for growing European wine grapes. By April 2013, four local wineries joined forces with the Washington County Board of Commissioners to officially launch the Antietam Highlands Wine Trail, the sixth of Maryland's wine trails. A fifth winery will soon join them, with more expected to follow.

The wine trails of Maryland were designed as self-guided tours. But Clear Springs residents Burma and Dale Miles of RoadRunner Services came up with another option after visiting the Antietam wineries: why not offer a guided winery tour? After Burma and Dale got a thumbs up from the wineries, they proposed the idea to the Hagerstown-Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

By September 2013, RoadRunner Services began offering Antietam Highland Winery Trail tours in 14-passenger touring buses with large windows for optimal viewing. Rear storage space with a cooler and bubble wrap allows passengers to transport their wine purchases. Pickup services are available in Hagerstown or Frederick. Reservations are required for the six-hour tour, available on designated Saturdays listed on the RoadRunner web site.

Currently, RoadRunner's Antietam Highlands Wine Trails tour includes four wineries: Knob Hall, Red Heifer, Orchid Cellar and Distillery Lane Ciderworks. Also included is a visit to Wilson's Store in Clear Spring and time for lunch and a bit of poking around in Boonsboro. This schedule is subject to change, depending on winery availability.

First up is Knob Hall Winery, nestled alongside St. Paul Road near Clear Spring. Richard "Dick" Seibert and his wife Mary Beth established the winery in 2007 after planting 30 acres of vines on the 175-acre farm that has been in Dick's family for about 200 years. After years of living and working in the Washington, D.C. area, the

couple was ready for a change. Dick currently serves as president of the Maryland Wineries Association. Mary Beth is Knob Hall's wine-maker.



Knob Hall's tasting room is located in the farm's impressive bank barn, constructed with exposed posts and beams around 1860 with wood and stone from the property. Visitors making their way to the tasting room will likely be greeted by chickens, dogs and perhaps a random peacock. The chickens and guineas help control insects that might otherwise damage the vines. Wine swans and bottle trees add a festive flair to an outside seating area by the barn's entrance. Inside the entryway is a table laden with an impressive array of wine bottles festooned with multiple awards. A blackboard to the left lists upcoming events: "Women Who Wine. Wine Down Fridays. Learn to Wine." Four stacked oak barrels form a wall to the right that separates the entry from a large dining area available for special events. To reach the wine tasting counter, visitors pass by a cozy lounge area furnished with comfy furniture and low tables.

As a designated estate winery, Knob Hall bottles and labels wines onsite, with 97 percent of its wines containing only grapes grown in its own vineyards. Their 43-acre vineyard now produces an impressive list of 18 varietals. Knob Hall offers a wide range of classic and "fun" wines differentiated accordingly by labels Dick has designed, with the classic vintages displaying Currier and Ives type images of the farm in muted hues, in contrast to bold, contemporary labels for the sweeter wines.

"Jealous Mistress put us on the map," says Lois Stahl, tasting room manager. The best-selling Gold Digger is a sweet white variety. Those who prefer dry wines can choose from wines featuring classic grapes like chardonnay or merlot. Prestige, their premium Bordeaux-style wine, won Best in Show in the 2012 Maryland Winemasters' Choice competition. Knob Hall's Rosé Reserve won the 2010 Maryland Governor's Cup Best in Class and Gold Medal. Knob Hall offers a Wine Club featuring discounts, regular wine shipments, admission to special events and other perks.

The next wine tour stop is not a winery. "It's the best kept secret in Washington County," says Burma. "Wilson's Country Store is the biggest treasure in the area, like going back in time." Located in Clear Spring on the National Pike, otherwise known as Route 40, the RJ Wilson & Son Old Country Store was established in 1847 as a general store, post office, and feed store. Rufus ran the store until he died of pneumonia in 1883, followed by his son John who continued the family business until 1919. The Martin family ran the store for the next 50 years. And then Wilson's Country Store closed in 1975. Lewis and Francis

Horst, owners of Hagerstown's Horst Milk Transfer Company, purchased the property in 1984 and painstakingly restored the store, complete with merchandise, with their own funds. It is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Stepping inside is like entering a time machine into the 19th century, with smells and sights evoking a nostalgia for a simpler time. A pot-belly stove sits near the front door, offering warmth and comfort to an area near the front window where old vets sit and swap war stories. Proprietors Patty Barnhart and Bonnie Mills greet visitors from the long counter to the store's right, where they point out a multitude of memorabilia in every direction and encourage visitors to explore and ask questions.

It could take several years to explore everything in the store. A sampling includes more than 100 jars of penny candy, display cases with retro toys, gloves, and handkerchiefs, tonics and old-time medicines, block cheeses and seasoned sausages and Frostburg Bologna expertly cut and wrapped by Patty and Bonnie, an impressive oak freezer case with intricately carved trim. If that's not enough, visitors can venture into the adjacent antique shop that was the feed store in a former life. And there's even more upstairs in Patty and Bonnie's BitterSweet Memories Home Décor, a shop offering "country, primitives, and colonial décor and finishing touches" according to the shop's Facebook page. Strains of old-time gospel music, sung in four-part harmony, accompany customers browsing through the shop's wares.

It's time to get back in Burma's bus to visit Red Heifer Winery near Smithsburg. Located in the foothills of



A cluster of grapes at Knob Hall Winery.
Photo by Lance C. Bell



the Catoctin Mountains, Red Heifer sits upon a sloping hillside at about 1500 feet. Its elevation, southeast orientation and climate during the growing season (warm summer days, cool summer nights and a constant breeze) create an ideal environment for viniculture.

Owned and operated by Kevin and Yvonne Ford, Red Heifer Winery is a 20-acre section of the 100-acre Red Heifer farm that has been in Kevin's family since the early 1940s. The winery's name comes from a bit of family folklore regarding the farm's purchase. Kevin's great-grandfather set out to buy some farmland in the fruit-growing region near Smithsburg. An old farmer had some acreage that looked promising. Kevin's great-grandfather noticed a single red heifer grazing peacefully on the property. The haggling over price began. Finally it came down to "throw in the red heifer and I'll buy," says Kevin of his great-grandfather's purchase. Kevin's 88-year-old grandmother still lives on the farm and enjoys chatting with winery customers.

Red Heifer Winery has been open since November 2012. Its first vines were planted in 2010. "We sold out of wine in our first year," says Yvonne, from a harvest yielding four tons of grapes that produced 3,000 gallons of wine.

Opening a winery was a long-term goal. The couple had done research on the business of wineries while Kevin was employed as a draftsman and Yvonne worked as a special education teacher. "Kevin went off the deep end after losing his job," Yvonne says. "He immediately joined a wine growing association and started drafting plans for the winery." Working as the project's general contractor, Kevin designed and built the house, with the tasting room located below at ground level.

Visitors to Red Heifer can enjoy picnics with a mountain-side view on the patio outside the tasting room. They will likely be greeted by at least one of the Fords' three Treeing Walker Coonhounds that help keep deer and bear away from the vineyards. Inside, a selection of sweet and dry wines using mostly Chambourcin, Pinot Noir and Chardonnay grapes are available for tasting and purchase. Kevin and Yvonne use their own grapes for most of their wines. Best

sellars include Red Heifer Red, Sweet Heifer, and Catawba. The Edna Mae Chardonnay, named after Kevin's grandmother, sports a label with an elegant heifer wearing a necklace and sunhat.

It's time for an hour and a half lunch break in Boonsboro, a small town founded in 1792 by cousins of Daniel Boone. Burma usually stops at Dan's Restaurant & Tapouse, featuring 24 craft beers, wines, and local foods in season. The restaurant's owner is the son of Boonsboro's most famous resident, best-selling author Nora Roberts. After lunch, passengers can visit Turn the Page Bookstore, owned by Nora Roberts' husband Bruce Wilder, where

they'll find assorted gifts along with books featuring local history, and, of course, books by Nora Roberts, including those she's written under the name J.D. Robb.

Now it's on to a very different tasting experience as the RoadRunner bus heads to Middletown to visit Maryland's first premier meadery. Orchid Cellar Wineries is owned and operated by Marzanna and Andrzej Wilk, natives of Poland who combined their homeland's rich mead-making traditions, Andrzej's skills as a chemist, and ten years' experience in making their own mead before opening in 2006. Their son Andrzej Jr. is now the official Orchid Cellar mead maker. Marzanna's and Andrzej's love of orchids prompted the choice of name for the winery.

Mead is likely the world's oldest fermented beverage, made of honey and water with yeast. Because honey is antibacterial, no additives, sulfites or preservatives are needed. Conse-

quently, mead has a long shelf life.

Orchid Cellar blends honey with juices from grapes grown in vineyards adjacent to the owners' home

and tasting room. A patio near the entrance offers a scenic hilltop view and perfect location for a picnic.

"Mead is having its moment," says Dan Kennedy, Orchid Cellar's tasting room manager, noting the growing popularity of this ancient beverage once brewed by monks. In a nod to mead's popularity during the Middle Ages, all



Orchid Cellar's "Archer."

Photo by Paul Abruzzo



Orchid Cellar meads feature names of medieval professions. Each mead features a specific flavor: apple, grape, mixed berries, vanilla, herbs and spices, and chili peppers. Orchid Cellar offers a Wine Club for those interested in receiving regular shipments of discounted wine.

Three Orchid Cellar meads — Hunter, Castellan and Lumberjack — won awards in the prestigious 2014 Mazer Cup International mead competition held in Denver, Colorado.

Orchid Cellar also makes a Merlot and plans to offer additional wines. Future plans include the construction of a new log cabin tasting room above the winery cellar.

“Making mead supports bees and bee culture,” Dan says. In a time when bee colony collapse threatens not only the production of honey but also the pollinating of agricultural crops, this is welcome news.

Distillery Lane Ciderworks

Bees are especially partial to apple blossoms and play a critical role in cross-pollinating apple trees. This natural process is critical at Distillery Lane Ciderworks, the final destination of RoadRunner’s Antietam Highlands Wine Tour. Maryland’s first licensed cidery, the Ciderworks sits on 95 acres in Jefferson, just outside Burkittsville, where a nine-acre orchard with 3,000 apple trees provides the juice for their European-style hard ciders and fresh cider. Many are colonial and heritage varieties from Europe.

“The apple was a symbol of the successful American homestead,” says Jacqui Goetz, who is responsible for marketing and other cider-related duties. Although the Ciderworks property was never used as an orchard, it has turned out to be well suited to apple production. Once known as “The Encampment,” the farm was used during the Civil War as a camp for Union soldiers.

Motivated by their love of hard and fresh ciders, Rob Miller and his wife Patty Power, bought the farm at auction in 1998, began renovations and moved into the farmhouse in 2001. Their first batches of cider were produced in 2006, and by 2008, the cider house was ready. Home cider brewers began showing up with their own batches to share with Rob and Patty. One was Tim Rose, a geologist who works with the Smithsonian Institution. Tim started helping them make hard cider and ended up being hired as the cidemaker. The Distillery Lane name reflects the area’s history as a place where distilleries once flourished.

“Hard cider falls between wine and beer,” Jacqui says, explaining why the cidery has a winery license. Before
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Leave the Driving to RoadRunner Services



When most people retire, they settle back into a more relaxed lifestyle. Not Burma and Dale Miles of Clear Spring, Md. After realizing a transport service was needed in the Hagerstown – Frederick area, they established RoadRunner Services, LLC. Ted Atkinson, a Baltimore native who moved to Hagerstown in 1996 after retiring from the construction industry, helps Burma and Dale as needed for driving.

Burma especially enjoys driving senior citizens. “I love talking to them. They’re a wealth of information.”

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- Antietam Tours, including 3 to 6 hour battlefield tours with certified guides, and the Antietam Highlands Wine Trail 6-hour tour.

“People think my name comes from the Burma Shave road signs or after the country in Asia,” says Burma, a retired music teacher with a degree from the Shenandoah Conservatory of Music. “The name came from my mother’s side of the family.”

Dale was born and raised at the Clear Springs farm that has been in his family since 1911, and is the place he and Burma call home. A Vietnam veteran, he is a retired correctional officer after 20 years’ service with the Maryland Correctional Institute in Hagerstown.

When they’re not behind the wheel or spending time with their son Joshua and his wife Angela, Burma and Dale enjoy time down on the farm. “We’re still restoring it,” Burma says. “We’re *always* restoring it.”

For more information, visit RoadRunner’s web page at www.roadrunnerservices.com, visit their Facebook page, or give Burma a call at **301-573-1930**. She’ll be happy to talk with you.

Prohibition, the term “cider” referred to fermented apple juice containing alcohol that is now known as hard cider. The non-alcoholic cider is treated with UV light rather than pasteurization to ensure quality and longer shelf life. Distillery Lane’s hard cider is naturally fermented. All ciders are estate grown, produced and bottled. The operation began with two varieties and now offers between 10 and 12. The semi-sweet Celebration Cider is the top seller. Other notable ciders include Kingston Black, made from its rare namesake apple; Jefferson, an off-dry cider made from the noted statesman’s favorite Newtown Pippin apple; and Heritage Cider, specially blended for Mount Vernon and featuring George Washington’s favorite Roxbury Russet apple. This cider is available for purchase at Mount Vernon.

Distillery Lane welcomes the public for a variety of apple-related events and self-guided tours. Cider-making classes are offered according to a schedule posted on the Distillery Lane web site. Plans are in the works for an outdoor patio.

And now the Antietam Highlands Wine Tour has come to an end, and it’s time for the RoadRunner bus to return to the pickup areas. It’s been a full day of wine and scenery and history — and a lot of fun.

Note: Wineries on the Antietam Highlands Wine Tour are generally open Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m., with some wineries open at designated hours during the week. More information is available at www.marylandwine.com/wine-trails or at each winery’s web site.



Celebrating Wine and Art at Deep Creek Lake

This year’s Deep Creek Wine & Art Festival marks the 10th anniversary of one of the region’s most popular fundraising events. Set for September 5-7, the weekend following Labor Day, this year’s Festival at the Garrett County Fairgrounds will benefit the Garrett Lakes Arts Festival and HART for Animals, Inc.



“The Festival has grown, but maintains its grassroots character,” says Paula Yudelevit, Festival co-chair. “We hold the Festival at the Garrett County Fairgrounds to keep it folksy. The Fairgrounds represent Garrett County.”

Those interested in making the most of the weekend can wine and dine Friday evening at a Wine Pairing Dinner, enjoy the Saturday Festival and finish the festivities with a Sunday brunch at their choice of participating restaurants. Lodging specials will be offered as well.

Saturday’s Festival will run from noon to 6 p.m., with plenty of food, live entertainment, a silent auction and children’s activities. The works of more than 30 local and regional artists will be on display, with a wide range of selections including furniture, jewelry, sculpture, paintings, photography and more available for purchase. Food artisans including Firefly Farms, DeBerry Farms, Deep Creek Sweets and more will offer their tasty wares for sale.

And then there’s the wine, including a wide range of vintages from more than 200 wineries. To accommodate all that wine, the Exhibit Hall will be transformed into an enormous wine store. The 2014 wine list will be posted on the Festival’s web site a week before the Festival. Wines can be purchased on site or online.

“We’ll have scanners and lots more volunteers to help with wine purchases,” says Paula.

Wine Tasting Tickets cost \$25/person and include tastings, a wine glass, entertainment, and activities. Tickets to the Festival with no tastings cost \$10/person. Children are admitted free. Wine tastings and a Friday Wine Pairing dinner are available at additional cost.

New this year is the Premium Wine Tasting Room. This add-on fee allows wine lovers to taste premium wines selected by the wineries while enjoying live entertainment and light fare. Wines can be purchased in the tasting room for pickup at a designated area.

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The Western Maryland Scenic Railroad moved full steam ahead over the winter months and is well underway for the 2014 operating season.

Written by: **Dan Whetzel**
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Passenger car enhancements and additional events promise to make the current season the most exciting one for the historic railroad.

Railfans across the country took note when Mike Gresham, general manager and chief operating officer, announced in January 2014 the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad had acquired the former #204 Western Maryland Railway Business Car. The heavyweight observation car is associated with the area and its return trip generated excitement among residents who turned out to witness the event.

The office or business car was originally built as a private car by The Pullman Company in 1918 for use by Peter Rouss of Winchester, Virginia. Four bedrooms, an observation deck, dining room, kitchen, crew quarters, and pantry rounded out the amenities. The car's ownership later transferred to Harry Whitney, a wealthy businessman who married into the famous Vanderbilt family. Mr. Payne, a

thoroughbred horse owner and racing enthusiast, arrived at the Kentucky Derby in style aboard the private car he dubbed "Adios." The American Railways Equipment Company owned the car from 1942-1943 before it was purchased by the Western Maryland Railway and renamed the #204 Business Car. Railroad officials used the #204 as a mobile office along its hundreds of miles of track. After more than two decades of service, the Western Maryland no longer needed the #204 business car and a decision was made in 1964 to sell it to the R.R. Johnson family. The car was transported to property at Deep Creek Lake where it became the Johnson's summer home and a reminder of Western Maryland Railway history. In January 2014, the Johnson family with the assistance and generosity of Carl Belt and The Belt Group decided to transfer ownership of the #204 car to the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad for restoration and public operations. Currently, the business car is undergoing restoration and the Western Maryland



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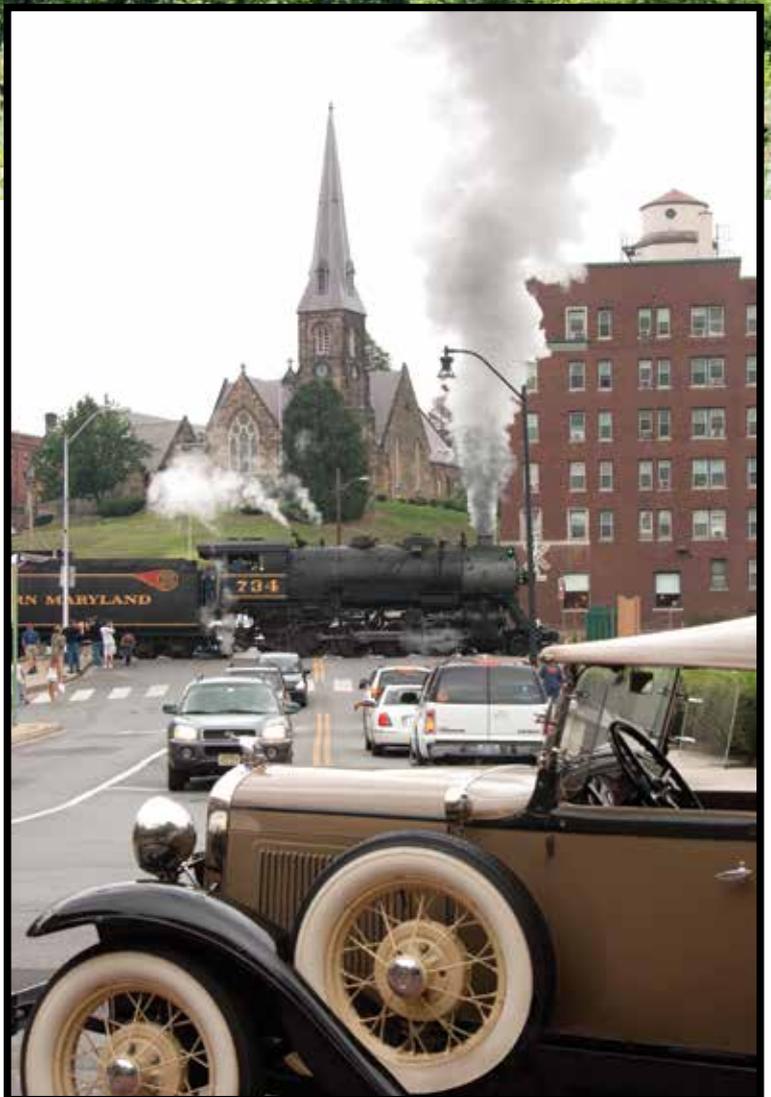
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Mountain Thunder winds its way through scenic mountains and countryside on its way to Frostburg, Maryland.

Scenic Railway Foundation is seeking support for the undertaking. The WMSR hopes to display the historic car during the September “Steel Wheels Festival” to be held in Cumberland.

Enhancements to the WMSR #200 car have been completed. Built in 1949 by the Budd Company for the Pennsylvania Railroad, the car recently served as a gift shop and diner. According to Mike Gresham, the #200 car has undergone a full rebuild including new electrical and mechanical work and extensive interior renovations. With the rebuild complete, the #200 offers a bar that serves custom labeled wine produced by Charis Winery of Canal Place in downtown Cumberland. “The 200 car is first class and was recently used by CSX officials and the Governor of Kentucky during the Kentucky Derby. The car will later go to Jacksonville to support various events. Western Maryland receives extensive publicity on each of these trips.”

The #107 car also experienced major work during the winter season. Originally used as a sleeper on



As in early times, the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad’s steam engine passes through scenic Cumberland, Maryland, in sight of Model A Fords during special events.

the Norfolk and Western Railway, it was later modified by the Penn Central Railroad and Maryland Area Regional Commuter (MARC) before being acquired by the scenic railroad in 2008. “We will use the #107 for Parlor Car service. New arm chairs have been installed that increases the comfort level for our guests. We now offer coach, premium coach, parlor car, and first class service on the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad.”



Above: The former #204 Western Maryland Railway Business Car has recently been acquired by the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad for restoration and public operations. The WMSR hopes to display this historic car during the September “Steel Wheels Festival” to be held in Cumberland.

The premier fall event on the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad will be “The Steel Wheels Festival” scheduled for September 26, 27, & 28, 2014. A highlight of the festival will be the arrival of Amtrak’s Exhibit Train. Through the display of artifacts, memorabilia, and interactive displays, visitors will be able to take a complimentary self-guided tour that tells the story of Amtrak’s passenger service and high speed rail initiatives. The car was created in 2011 to celebrate Amtrak’s 40th anniversary and will be open from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday of the event.

The “Steel Wheels Festival” will also feature vendors and exhibits on the 3rd floor of the Allegany Museum located across the street from the WMSR station. A wide variety of railroading memorabilia is expected to be available for viewing and purchase.

Below: Enhancements to the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad #200 car have been completed. The car has undergone a full rebuild including new electrical and mechanical work and extensive interior renovations. It was recently used by CSX officials and the Governor of Kentucky during the Kentucky Derby.





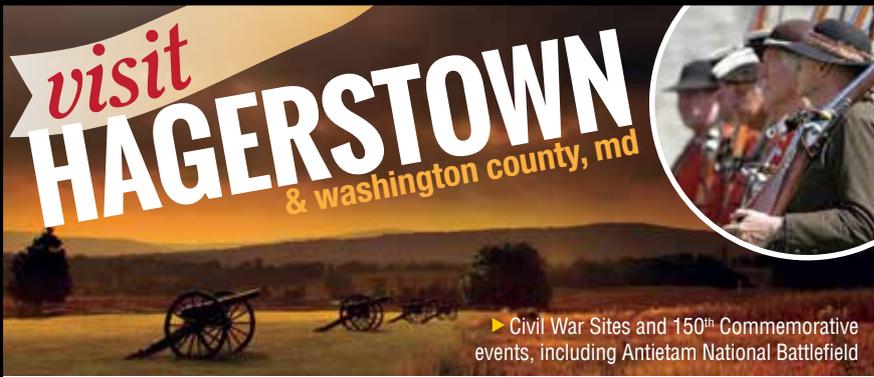
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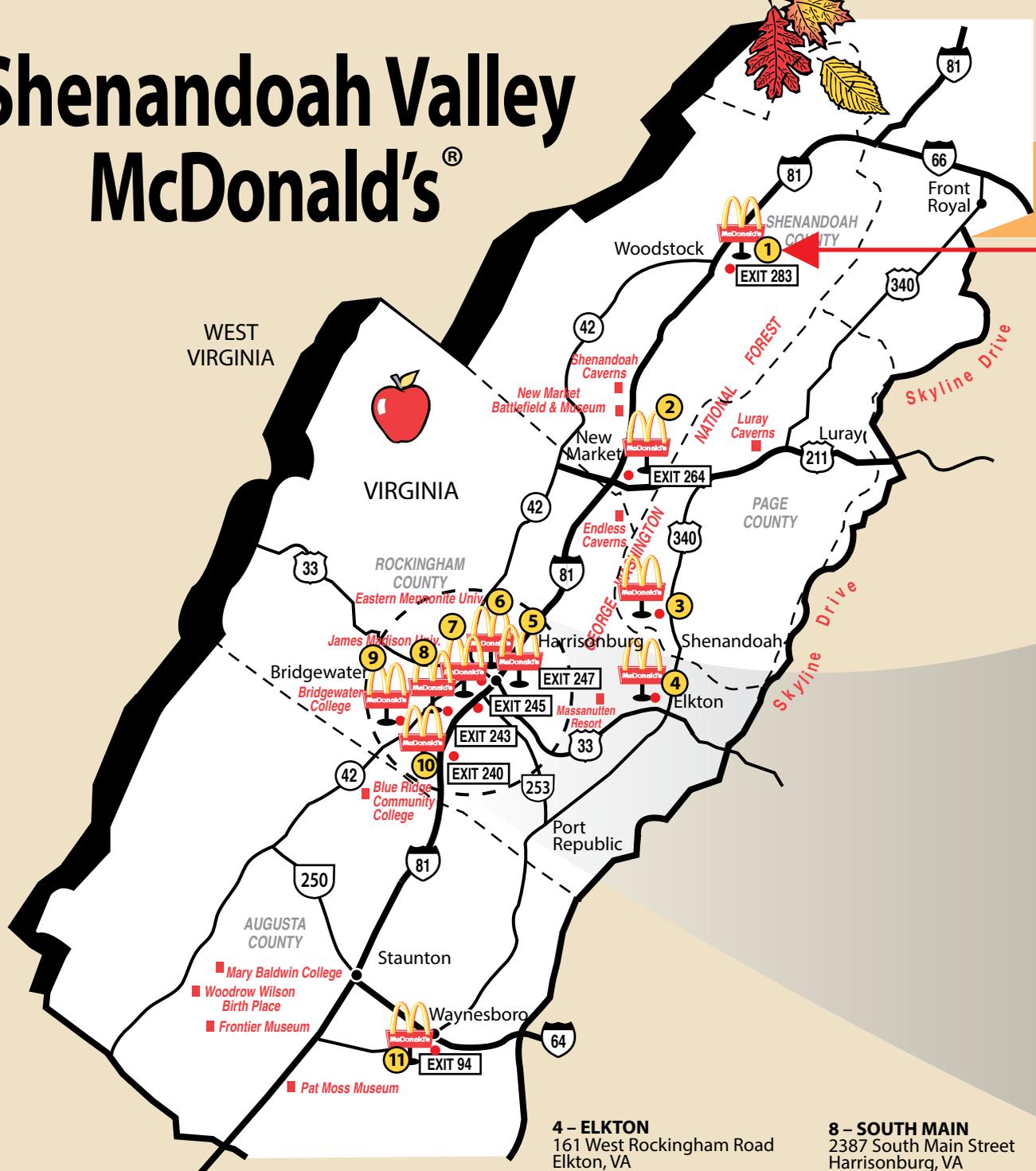
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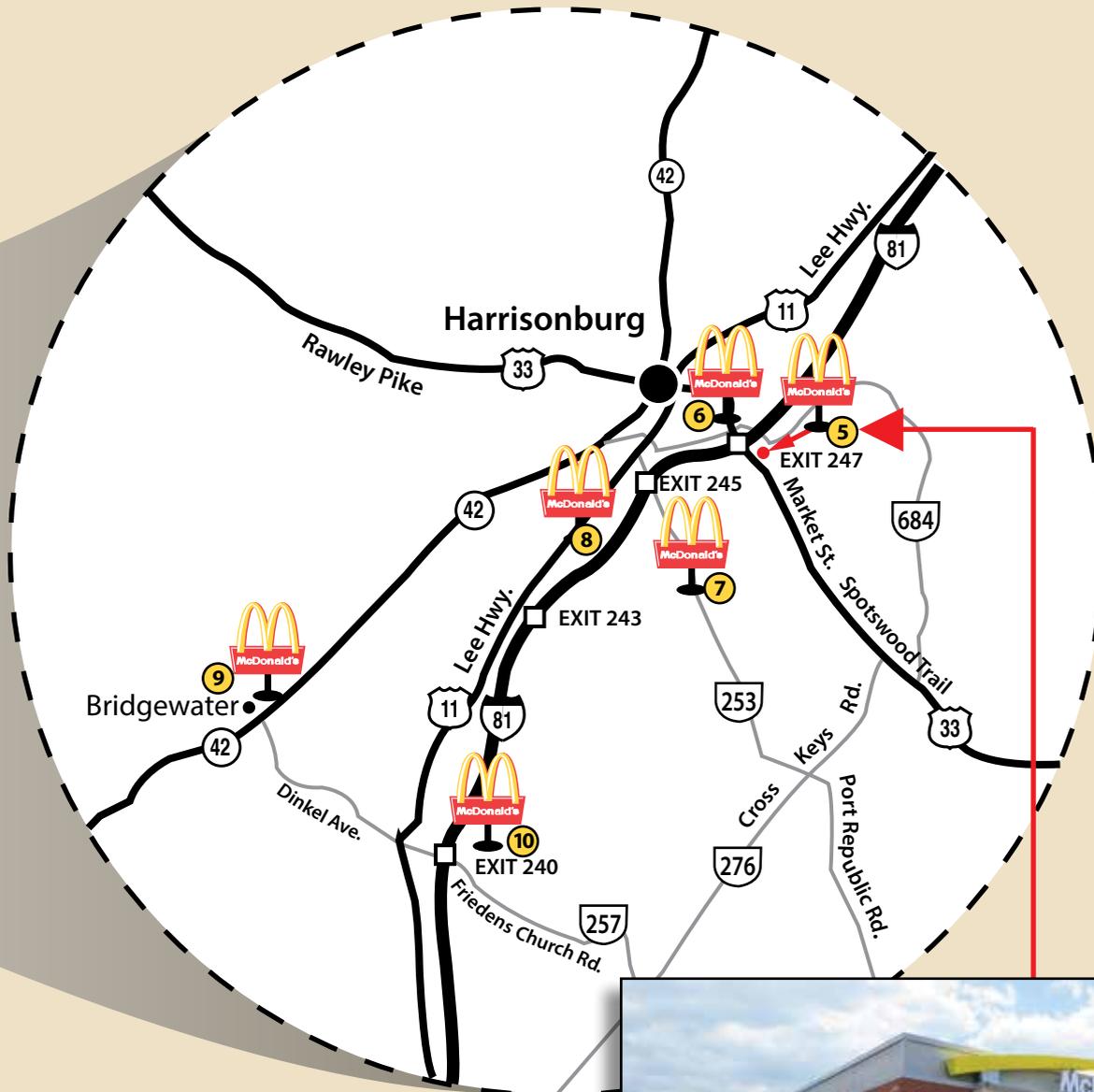


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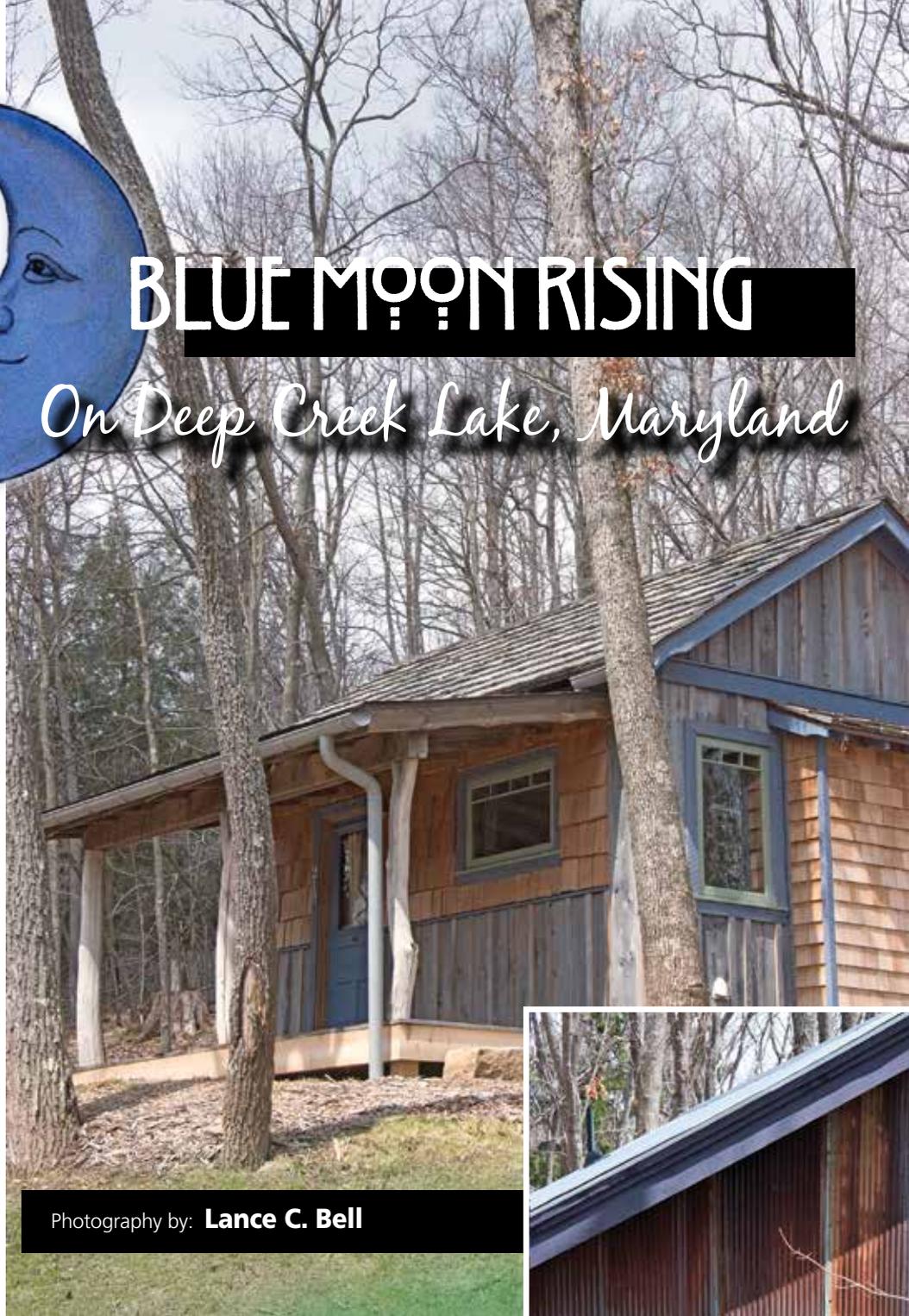
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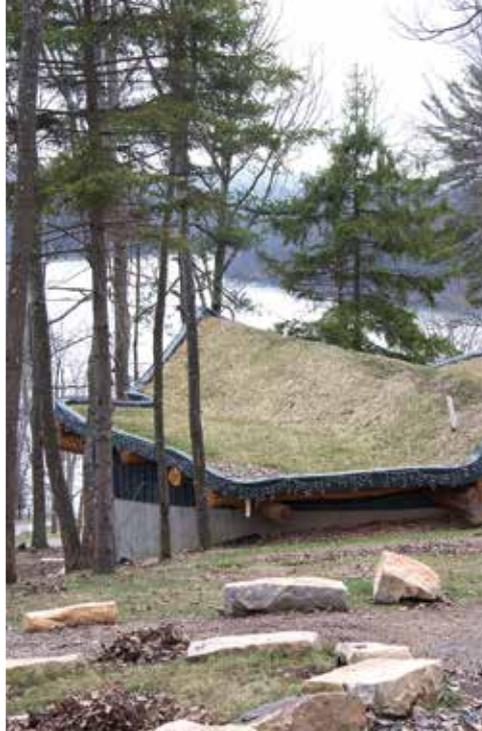
On Deep Creek Lake, Maryland

Blue Moon Rising on Deep Creek Lake arose from a vision to enhance the ecotourism and sustainability community in Garrett County, Maryland.

Nestled on fifteen acres of scenic property overlooking Deep Creek Lake, Blue Moon Rising is nearly as unique as the project itself. Rolling hillsides, ever-changing lake views, and a dense canopy of timber all combine to create a perfect setting. The site includes access to hiking trails, event space for family reunions or weddings, as well as seven dock slips available for guests use.

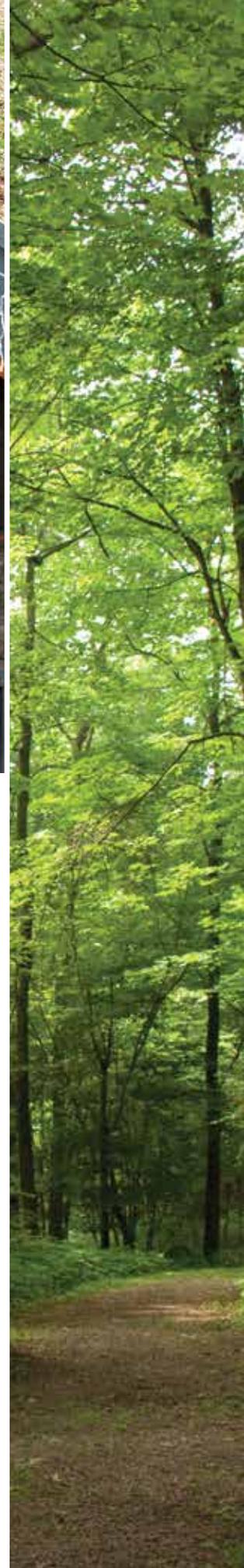
Blue Moon Rising on Deep Creek Lake will be what we believe to be the area's most innovative development to date. In partnership with Mother Nature, an ecotourism retreat like no other is being created in the heart of Garrett County in Western Maryland. Our Green Team is dedicated to cultivating economic, environmental, and social





Photos left, above, and right show the unique, innovative attention given to the reuse of building materials, while creating various textures and finishes and low maintenance. Blue Moon Rising's guiding principle is to demonstrate that comfort and beauty need not be sacrificed for humans to live lightly on our planet.





sustainability. Using the landscape as a guide, natural structures that boast an ecologically tiny impact will be blended harmoniously with the wooded mountainside overlooking Deep Creek Lake.

In 2008 founder Lisa M. Jan had the unique vision to integrate vacation rental properties with sustainable educational services. Lisa was interested in exploring a new way of thinking about development that fostered an understanding for the natural environment — a built environment that preserves the existing.

One cornerstone of Blue Moon Rising is that nothing goes to waste. Each and every tree that is taken down is carefully evaluated so that it can be reused elsewhere on the project. Whether as trim, a support post, or simply as wood to fuel the highly efficient masonry stove, these trees will be given a new life in the fabric of

Blue Moon Rising. Even some of the dirt removed during excavating foundations was carefully sifted and mixed with clay, water, and lime to become the natural plaster coatings on interior and exterior straw bale walls.

The hallmark of Blue Moon Rising, the guiding principle in its every aspect, is to demonstrate that comfort and beauty need not be (and will not be) sacrificed for humans to live lightly on this, our only planet.

This short synopsis of what we offer is only the beginning of what we'll expose you to while staying at Blue Moon Rising.

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SPECIAL EVENTS



Deep Creek, Maryland Welcomes the World: Summer 2014



International Canoe Federation (ICF) Canoe Slalom World Championships



Written by: **Sara Mullins**
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2013: Prague, Czech Republic. 2014: Deep Creek Lake Region, USA. 2015: London, England. Here are three seemingly unrelated places. Two are major cities in Europe while the other is a resort community in rural Western Maryland. What unites them is their status as sites selected for the prestigious International Canoe Federation (ICF) Canoe Slalom World Championships. According to the host organization, “The ICF World Championships represent much more than a simple competition. It is a gathering of nations from around the globe, joining together in sport and camaraderie while establishing the legacy of this Olympic-style event.”

This summer, “Maryland Welcomes the World” when 500 athletes and team support representing more than 35 countries are expected to arrive in Garrett County around Labor Day to train for the 2014 ICF Canoe Slalom competition, set for September 17-21. “It is the largest inbound sporting event in the United States in 2014,” says Todd Copley, executive director of Deep Creek 2014, the event’s host organization.

In a canoe slalom, athletes compete individually and in teams using decked canoes and kayaks. Individual competition includes single men’s and women’s Kayak (K1 & K1W)

and Canoe (C1 & C1W) as well as the two man canoe (C2). During a kayak race, the athlete sits inside the boat and uses a double-bladed paddle. In the canoe competition, the athletes kneel inside the boat and use a single-blade paddle. Team events consist of paddlers in three boats who work to maintain close proximity to each other as they weave in and out of the course.

During competition, paddlers race down a 300-meter rapid and through a series of up to 25 gates consisting of red and green poles. A gate’s color indicates direction: paddlers race downstream through the green gates and upstream through the red gates. Formidable whitewater rapids with waves, “holes” and eddies challenge the athletes as they work to maximize speed while avoiding the gates. Each time touching a gate results in a 2-second penalty and each gate missed results in a 50-second penalty. The paddlers’ running time plus penalties determines their finish order. It’s a heart-pumping ride for athlete and spectator.

This summer’s World Championships will showcase its unique venue, the world’s only mountaintop whitewater course at the Adventure Sports Center International, atop Marsh Mountain near the Wisp Resort. Essentially a man-made riverbed, the course features state-of-the-art

technology involving wave shapers and hydraulics to form rapids ranging from Class I through IV.

2014 is a big year for whitewater competition in Garrett County. It marks the 25th anniversary of the 1989 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships, held on the Savage River. It was the first time this competition was held in the United States, and this summer's Championships will be only the second.

Given the area's whitewater legacy, it should be no surprise that Garrett County has achieved international status in paddling sports. Bill Endicott, the most successful canoe coach in U.S. history and inductee in the International Whitewater Hall of Fame, lives in Maryland. In 1967, Richard Bangs, known as the "father of modern adventure travel," had his first whitewater experience on the Upper Youghiogheny River. Five years later, the Savage River was selected for the first U.S. Olympic Trials in whitewater slalom. In 1992, it was selected for the U.S. Olympic Team Trials.

The area's rivers, those who paddled them, and the aforementioned Olympic whitewater competitions influenced the development of two unique entities created to foster the growth of adventure sports in Garrett County and beyond. In 1992, the Adventure Sports Institute (ASI) was established at Garrett College, eight years after Mike Logsdon, a physics professor and paddling aficionado, conceived of the need for academic instruction in whitewater skills as he was shooting through rapids. The same year, at the Savage River Olympic Trials, the Adventure Sports Center International concept was "drawn on a napkin," according to Copley. An International Adventure Sports Symposium followed in 1995, and the Adventure Sports Center International was established in 1998. Later years saw the inception of the Race up the Face at the Wisp Resort, East Coast Adventure Racing Series, Gran Fondo cycling race, Savage Man Triathlon, and Garrett Trails with plans for an Eastern Continental Divide Trail.

To celebrate this quarter-century legacy of adventure sports in Garrett County, a "World Championship Summer" begins in late July with a non-stop schedule of events running a gamut of intensity, from the grueling Savage Man and Gran Fondo races to family fun at the Garrett County Agriculture Fair to the Deep Creek Lake Art & Wine Festival.

It's all about bringing the community and visitors together for a summer of outdoor fun to celebrate an area rich in adventure resources. A series of traveling AdventureFests will highlight a variety of outdoor adventure activities in five Garrett County communities. The last, held at the Savage River on September 7, will feature a Savage River Release and Inaugural Festival to honor the 1989 and 2014 World Championships. Eight athletes have signed eight different bandanas to raise funds for eight non-profit groups in the area. Volunteers who previously worked with the 1989 competition are eligible to join the

25 Year Club, entitling them to specially designated uniforms and responsibilities. The fun continues into the fall season, culminating in the Autumn Glory Festival.

On September 17, an Opening Ceremony and Olympic-style flag procession to the Wisp Resort will kick off the four-day Whitewater Fest on the Mountain. A flotilla of adventurers will leave Fort McHenry by boat and travel by bike and foot to bring the U.S. & International Canoe Federation flag to "Sport" McHenry in time for the ceremony. Activities begin the 18th and run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Besides the Championships, visitors can enjoy live music and other entertainment, food, concessions, and an Adventure Sports Exposition.



"We are taking advantage of the opportunity to promote all outdoor recreation in the area," Copley says. The competition will be broadcast on NBC Sports and a live feed will reach over 20 million viewers in international markets (mostly in Europe).

This landmark event has sparked a full-court press from Deep Creek 2014 in partnership with Garrett County government, the Chamber of Commerce, Garrett College, ASCI, the Wisp Resort and numerous area businesses. The economic impact of this one event on the local area is anticipated at around \$20 million.

Deep Creek 2014 and its partners envision a bright future for Garrett County and surrounding area as a hub of adventure sports and outdoor recreation.

"Garrett County is already the epicenter," Copley says. "It's happening now."

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Whiskey, Beer, and Moonshine

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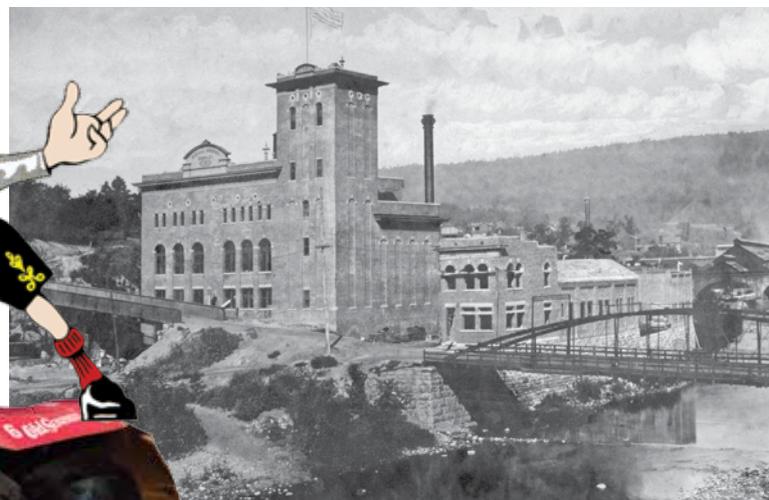
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Photography by: **Lance C. Bell**

One of the Allegany Museum's displays highlights over 200 years of whiskey, beer and moonshine. From the Whiskey Rebellion, through industrial growth, prohibition, the Great Depression, and post-war production, the focus on assorted libations has undergone many changes in Cumberland's history.



During the 1790s, in order to help fund the National Debt, Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton proposed placing an excise tax on domestically distilled spirits. The tax was unpopular with frontier farmers who often supplemented their income by operating small stills. In 1794, rioting was taking place in Pennsylvania, and farmers in Western Maryland attempted to force the tax collector to surrender his office. On July 16, 1794 George Washington came to Fort Cumberland calling up militia to suppress the rebellion. A force of 12,000 loyal troops gathered at Fort Cumberland and Fort Bedford. The rebellion collapsed as the army marched into Western Pennsylvania, and the Whiskey Rebels fled westward.

During the mid to late 1800s, industrial growth established several breweries that would become successful. The Cumberland Brewery and the German Brewing Company (later known as the Queen City Brewery) managed to survive Prohibition through innovation and adaptability by producing a "near-beer,"



Top: Cumberland Brewing Company (1890-1969), North Centre Street, Cumberland, MD.

Above: Queen City Brewing Company (1901-1974), located on Market Street, Cumberland, MD, was also known as The German Brewing Company.

Inset: Mascot "Herman" and Old German beer brewed at Queen City Brewing Co.



Above and left: Old Export memorabilia displayed at Allegany Museum. Old Export was one of the beers brewed at the Cumberland Brewing Company.

Below: Prohibition era original still found in the 1960s and on display at Allegany Museum.

along with soft drinks and utilizing their capabilities as ice houses. The Cumberland Brewery was founded in 1890 by James Clark, John Keating, Andrew Fesenmeier, Michael Fesenmeier, W.A. Bucholtz, and Isman L. Eisemen. Located on North Centre Street, the brewery was known for such brands as Old Export Beer, Gamecock Ale, and Carousel Soft Drinks. “Mountain Water Makes the Difference” was a popular slogan. The Queen City Brewing Company was founded in 1901 by Warren C. White as the German Brewing Company. Periodic name changes reflected the political mood of the era. Located on Market Street, the company was best known for its Old German Beer Premium Lager. Competition from national brands finally caused its demise in November 1974.



In 1920 the 18th amendment to the U.S. Constitution outlawed alcoholic beverages, forbidding their manufacture, distribution and sale. When the Depression hit in 1929, the number of stills increased dramatically. Many farmers turned to Moonshine as a way to put food on the table. Locally, the Green Ridge and George’s Creek areas were favorite still locations. Some of the mansions on Washington Street in Cumberland had their own private stills.

The still displayed at the Allegany Museum was donated by the late George W. Walker of Frostburg, MD. In the 1960s, Mr. Walker was rabbit hunting on property located along the “Long Stretch” section of old Route 40, west of Frostburg. The main tank section and the top hood section were found about one half mile from each other. No restoration was done to the still since it was found, which indicates by the earlier repairs that this was not the first time it was destroyed.

Cumberland’s history of whiskey and beer production is showcased at the Allegany Museum along with many varied displays highlighting the Crossroads of American History.



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Members of the Garrett Historical Society, **Bob and Betty Hoye**, contributed both the 1925 Ford Model T trucks (shown below) to the new Transportation Museum in memory of Bob's uncle, **Capt. Charles Hoye**; founder of the Garrett County Historical Society in 1941. Bob's father was **Robert Lincoln Hoye**, brother of Capt. Hoye. His mother was Bertha Loudermilk. The Hoye's were one of the first families that settled in Garrett County.

Hoye-Crest, the highest point in Maryland, at 3,360 feet above sea level, was named for Capt. Charles Hoye.

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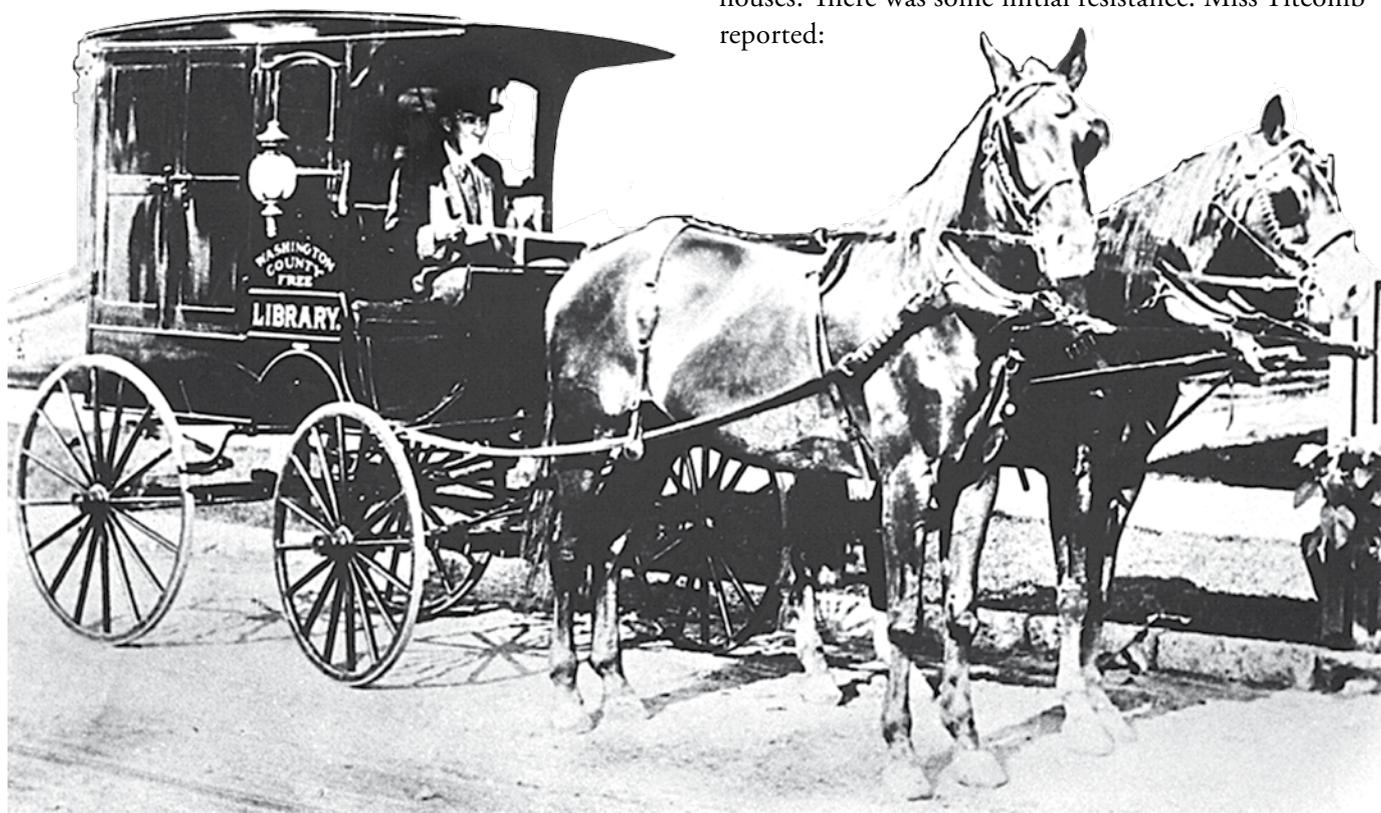
But Miss Titcomb was not satisfied. As she wrote in *The Story of the Washington County Free Library*:

Would not a Library Wagon, the outward and visible signs of the service for which the Library stood, do much more in cementing friendship? Would the upkeep of the wagon after the first cost be much more than the present method? Is not Washington County with its good roads especially well adapted for testing an experiment of this kind, for the geography of the

County is such that it could be comfortably covered by well planned routes? These and other aspects of the plan were laid before the Board of Trustees – who approved of the idea, and forthwith the librarian began interviewing wagon makers and trying to elucidate her ideas with pen and pencil. The first wagon, when finished with shelves on the outside and a place for storage of cases in the center resembled somewhat a cross between a grocer's delivery wagon and the tin peddler's cart of by gone New England days. Filled with an attractive collection of books and drawn by two horses, with Mr. Thomas the janitor both holding the reins and dispensing the books, it started on its travels in April 1905.

No better method has ever been devised for reaching the dweller in the country. The book goes to the man, not waiting for the man to come to the book. Psychologically too the wagon is the thing. As well try to resist the pack of a peddler from the Orient as the shelf full of books when the doors of the wagon are opened by Miss Chrissinger at one's gateway.

The wagon, driven by Joshua Thomas, covered many miles over the county roads delivering books to remote houses. There was some initial resistance. Miss Titcomb reported:



When directions were given as to painting, we had the fear of looking too much like the laundry wagon before our eyes, and the man was strictly enjoined, not to put any gilt or scroll work on it but to make even the lettering, "Washington County Free Library," plain and dignified, directions carried out only too well, for in the early days of our wagoning, as our man approached one farm house, he heard a voice charged with nervous trepidation, call out "Yer needn't stop here. We ain't got no use for the dead wagon here." Suffice it to say, that we promptly painted the wheels red, and picked off the panels of the doors with the same cheerful color.

In August 1910 the original book wagon was destroyed. While crossing the Norfolk and Western Railroad track at St. James a freight train ran into it leaving literally nothing but fragments. In 1912 a motorized book wagon was introduced, the first of a long fleet of vehicles, taking books to the men, women and children of Washington County, Maryland, not just those in the rural areas, but those in senior citizen homes, head start programs, schools and many other county residences.

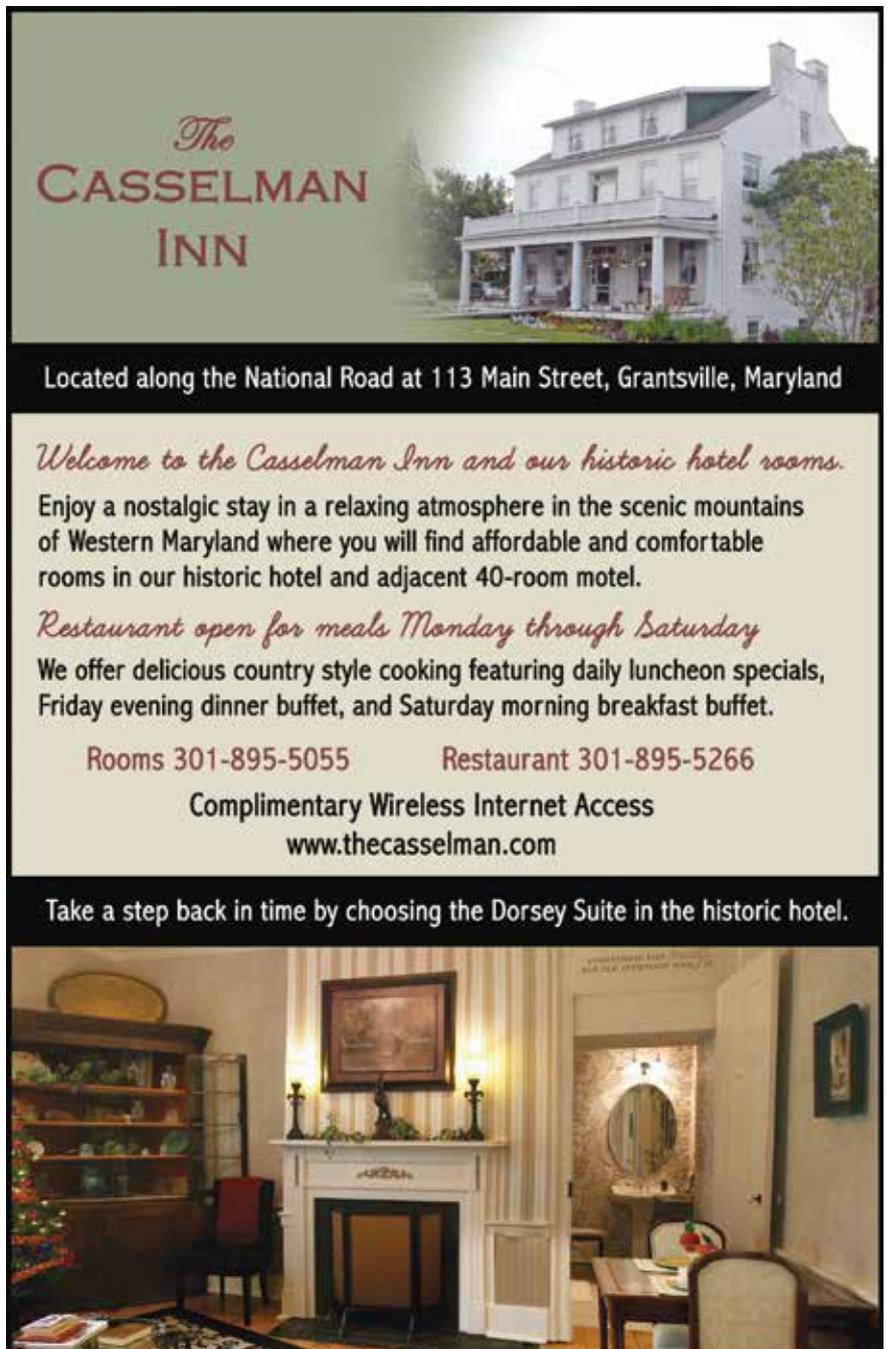
As Miss Titcomb noted: "Any account of this first Book Wagon work, the first in the United States would be incomplete without the statement that this method of rural library extension has been adopted in many states in the Union, and that new book wagons are being put in operation each year." Indeed bookmobiles are now found as part of many library systems around the world, utilizing vans and buses, but also boats, camels and even donkeys. From the first "perambulating library" in Warrington, England in 1858 to the first 20th century book wagon in the United States in 1905, to the more modern book and media delivery systems, libraries are still taking their wares to an appreciative public.



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Step Back in Time

The House of Yoder – Grantsville, Maryland

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Nestled in the Mountains of Western Maryland, just ½ mile east of Grantsville, MD, The House of Yoder, a living history museum, offers the opportunity to experience life in early America. Located at Spruce Forest Artisan Village and Penn Alps Restaurant, The House of Yoder was built in the late 1900s by Yoder descendants through donations and volunteer labor for the purpose of preserving Yoder family history, developing an archive, and providing a center for family functions and educational study.

The construction of the house incorporates European design (the Yoder's immigrated to America from Switzerland), and Eastern Pennsylvanian design from the pre-1750s using materials and techniques of that era.

The house has two front doors, as was the custom. The kitchen door was used for everyday family activity while the door to the living room was for company and religious activities. The layout of the first floor is a typical three-room style, with the kitchen at one end separated from the living room and bedroom by a massive fireplace. The sandstone fireplace and chimney is the dominant feature of the house. The 4' x 12' walk-in fireplace was the center of family life. This style fireplace was typical until about 1750; however, they were inefficient and took up too much room. Later examples were built smaller and were moved to the ends of the house.



Mayla Yoder and grandsons, Robert E. Dickey, IV (left) and Carter A. Dickey, in period costumes, enjoy a warm spring day reading a story outside The Yoder House.



The Yoder House, as was the custom, has two front doors — the kitchen door for everyday family activity and the living room door for company and religious activities.

Below: The first floor is a typical three-room style separated by a massive fireplace.

Constructing The House of Yoder in the late-1900s was labor intensive due to using old material, instead of new, and because of using techniques of the 1700s and early 1800s. Logs, beams, girders, joists, pole rafters, and floor boards came from a number of old barns, an old church building, and early houses in the area. An immense beam, approximately 40 feet long, runs the length of the house — one can only imagine how large the tree had to have been in order to yield a beam this large. It is estimated that an excess of 100 tons of stone were taken from local woods and country-side (many from the Philip Bender farm) and hauled in to build the massive fireplace and chimney, root cellar, stairways, entrance and exterior walls. The windows were built by L. Merrill Yoder and his son Brian, of Tilford, PA. Utilizing lumber from the Grantsville, MD area, the windows were mortised and tenoned, using wooden pegs for the joints. They used 280 pieces of antique glass for the window panes.

In 1776, Christian Yoder came from Berks County, PA and settled near Brotherton in the “Glades” north of





Above: The 4' x 12' walk-in, sandstone fireplace is in the center of the first floor and the dominant feature of the house — Mayla Yoder and grandsons Robert and Carter, enjoy its warmth.

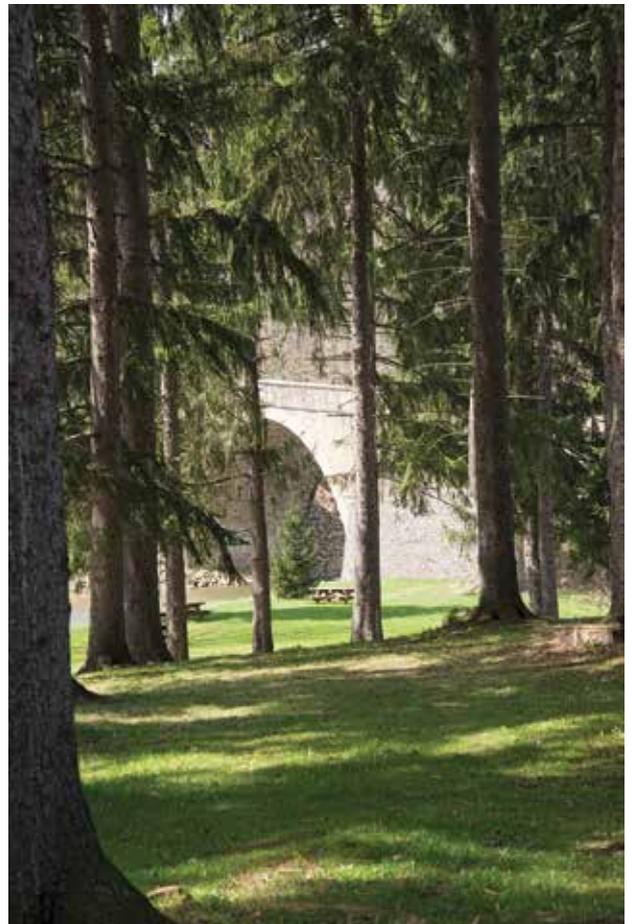
Right: The Casselman Bridge can be seen through the trees on the grounds of The Yoder House. When completed in 1813, the bridge was the largest single span stone arch bridge in the U.S. It served travelers on the National Road from 1813 to 1933.

Berlin, PA. His wife had died, leaving him with four children. With his second wife, Barbara Hooley, he had eleven more children. His nearest neighbor lived five miles away and there was no road to his property. He acquired more land, and by 1794 was able to transfer 400 acres to each of his three sons.

He was a leader in establishing the Amish brotherhood in the Glades, and his son, Christian, Sr. was the first Amish bishop ordained in America, serving from 1785 to 1838.

Whether your curiosity is in antiques, genealogy, construction or period history, a visit to The House of Yoder presents a wide range of interests for all ages. During your visit be sure to inquire about the Yoder Family Crest, the root cellar, the soul window, and the pouring stone.

The House of Yoder is open to visitors from the last week in May until the last week in October. Please see our website at: houseofyoder.org.



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becomes a more critical resource, the system will become more important to the region, so we want to plan and develop around it. In particular, residential development can be expanded because of our water resources. Clean water will make Cumberland and Western Maryland extremely important in the future.”

Important to the watershed’s future is the Evitt’s Creek Steering Committee, a volunteer group composed of individuals from Cumberland and Bedford County that focuses on reducing pollution and improving water quality at the lakes. According to Mr. DiFonzo, the group has been successful because they work together for common interests including maintaining water quality, fishing, boating, kayaking, and other recreation opportunities. The Pennsylvania Boat and Fish Commission, Cumberland officials, and anglers work closely to maintain the pristine waters of the two lakes. Mayor Grim is also working to ensure that both lakes are protected for a second century, as easements are being sought that will further protect the watershed from development.

A quality municipal water supply is often taken for granted. It seems the only time water draws attention is when problems arise or service fees are increased. The current year is an appropriate time to reflect on decisions that were made a century ago that greatly improved the quality of life and economic growth of county residents. Forward thinking residents undertook personal, political, and economic risks to bring the water system to fruition. The fact that clean water is taken for granted is a testament to the courage and success of those individuals who deserve a moment of respect and admiration.

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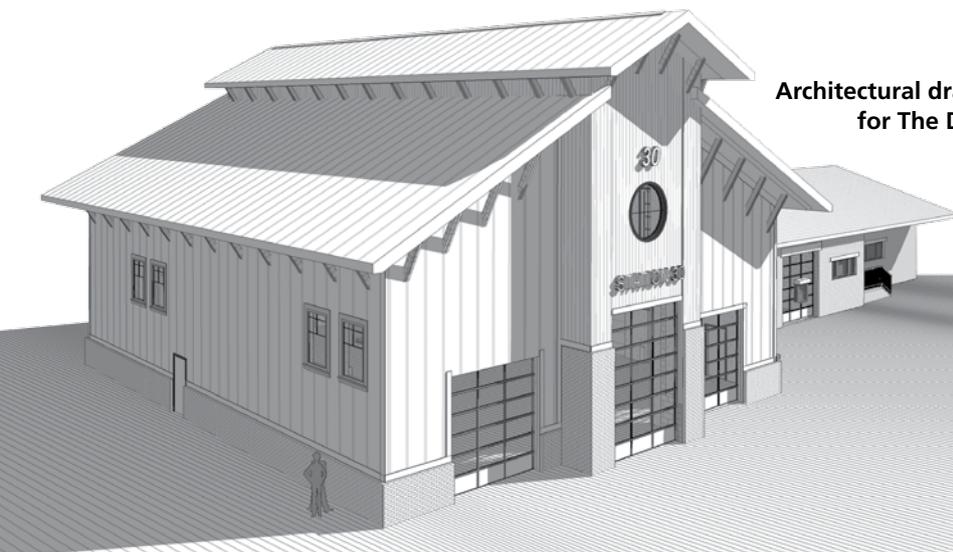
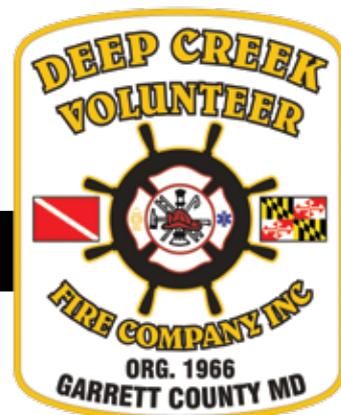
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The Deep Creek Volunteer Fire Company

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Written by: **Josh Hook**



Architectural drawing of the new, upgraded facility for The Deep Creek Volunteer Fire Company.

The Deep Creek Volunteer Fire Company has been servicing the Deep Creek Lake area for 48 years. In 1966, the company purchased the current property and built the existing facility to begin the organization's existence. Jim Thomas, current project manager for the new upgrades, joined the fire company as a junior member during the charter process. He recalled that "A sign-up sheet was placed in Walt's General Store, (the store no longer exists but was located across from the McHenry Post Office) for anyone that would be interested in starting a fire company." Jim said that once that interest was gathered, the group began meeting. "Before the fire hall was built, meetings were held on the second floor of the Wisp Ski Resort. The original building was funded by Garrett County Community Action." As the meetings continued and the building erected, the newly formed organization began to purchase equipment for the men. "The first turn-out gear for the company was received from the Maryland State Surplus store in Jessup, Maryland. It was really no more than rain gear. Later, Deer Park Volunteer Fire Company gave Deep Creek their used turn-out gear when they purchased new. The first fire truck was a 1956 Ford, 500 gallon pumper and was purchased from a fire company in West Virginia." In regards to activating the fire company, Jim stated "The method used to report emergencies was to call a dedicated telephone line located at Point View Motel (the motel has since been torn down but was located beside what is now the Board Walk, just south of McHenry). The operator

at the motel would call four firemen and each of those firemen would call four other members (phone calls were most often made by the women as the firemen were responding to the emergency)."

Today, the fire company continues to meet the demands of the local and tourist communities. Whether this service is on land or water, the fire company is prepared to address any emergency. On April 7, 2014, the company stepped up its medical capabilities. On this date,

we were able to get our utility vehicle upgraded to ALS capability. There are four members within the company that are Nationally Registered Paramedics. Because the lake is a great attraction, the company staffs 15 open water divers. These divers are trained to respond to water emergencies and recovery operations. During the year, the company actively participates in firefighting training. It is important that the volunteers remain current to provide the best service when called upon. Josh Hook, acting president for the Deep Creek Fire Company reports that "It is important for the community to realize that the Deep Creek Fire Company is an all-volunteer company. In 2013, the members dedicated over 4,000 volunteer hours to the community of Deep Creek Lake." In addition to the training responsibilities, the fire company is also required to meet National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards on firefighting equipment. In reference to these standards, Jason King, acting chief reports "there are certain costs involved with safety and the fire service. NFPA requires certain aspects of the fire service to be tested and certified annually. Each year we spend roughly \$40,000.00 in testing and maintenance of our apparatus and personal protective equipment. This includes our pumps, hose, breathing apparatus, ladders, Department of Transportation (D.O.T) Inspections and repairs. Although this is expensive, it is a necessary step we must take to provide a professional service to our community and to ensure the safety of our responders."



The 2014 volunteers of The Deep Creek Volunteer Fire Company. Photo by Lance C. Bell

The company has just embarked on a \$900,000 project to upgrade our 48 year old facility. During this project, the company is preparing to launch a fund drive with a goal of raising \$1.5 million. This goal was determined in an effort to cover the expense of the facility project and to upgrade our 20 year old first-line engine. The new facility will also accommodate a ladder truck. As structures are being erected in the lake area, it is noted that these facilities and residences are growing in height, indicating the immediate need for a ladder truck. This expense would cost the fire company approximately \$750,000.

We need your help! As you live, love and play in the Deep Creek Lake area, we ask that you remember the volunteers that keep us all safe. Life can change in the blink of an eye and to have highly skilled volunteers to respond is a great asset to the community. If you would like to support the fire company's efforts, the following tax-deductible gift avenues can be used:

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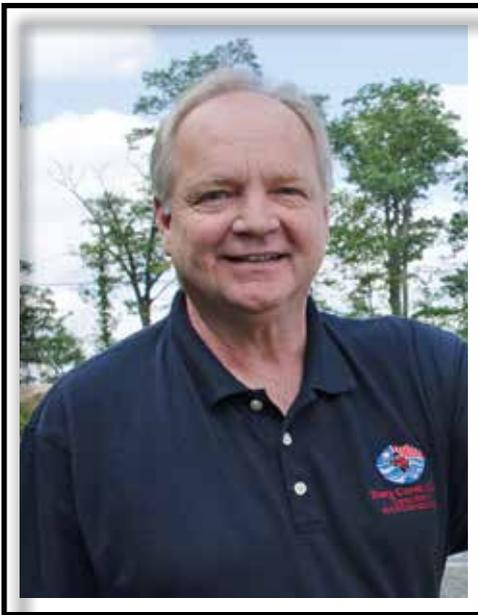
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Profiles in Adventure

“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember.
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As passionate practitioners of the skills they teach, the instructors at Garrett College's Adventuresports Institute (ASI) serve as guides and mentors, engaging and challenging students to become leaders and professionals in the growing field of outdoor recreation. Within this realm, students can choose to become instructors, competitive athletes, coaches, educators, naturalists, therapists, business owners or even artists. Students learn theory and business principles along with fieldwork to hone their skills in their chosen adventure sport(s). Regardless of their chosen focus, students can expect a hands-on education from every one of their ASI instructors.

Written by: **Sara Mullins**
Photography by: **Lance C. Bell**



Mike Logsdon

The Adventuresports Institute owes its existence in large part to an idea conceived by its executive director, Mike Logsdon. A native of Philippi, West Virginia, Mike developed a long-term love of the outdoors and was active in Boy Scouts. For 20 years, he was a camp counselor, responsible for waterfront duties. Along the way he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in Electrical Engineering from West Virginia University.

“The camp's owner taught at Garrett College, which got me thinking that I liked teaching,” Mike says. So he applied to the University of Maryland's doctoral program in physics and was accepted. A job opening to teach physics that next year at Garrett College enticed him to leave the program.

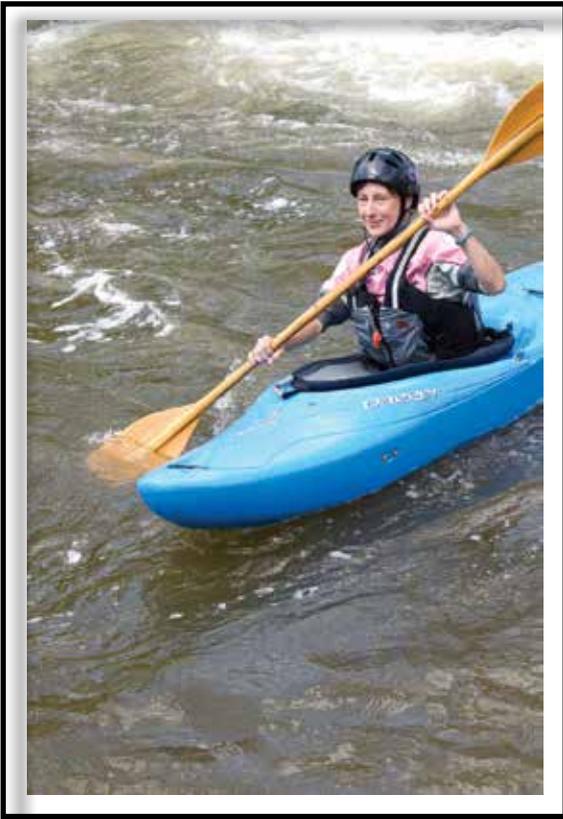
In 1984, Mike was teaching physics and serving as director of Arts and Sciences at Garrett College. In his spare time, he became interested in paddle sports and paddling boats of all kinds: kayaks, open canoes, rafts, duckies and whitewater. Eventually he began working as a weekend guide on the Cheat River.

“Being in the river was like standing in a physics experiment,” he says, commenting on what he came to see as a connection between whitewater and physics. He was leading a group of guests through Coliseum Rapids on the Cheat when it occurred to him that a college degree would be useful to teach whitewater and other adventure sports skills, as well as the ability to manage a company's operations and design programming. And what better place than Garrett College, fortuitously near an abundance of locations for a variety of outdoor adventure activities?

“It wasn't a slam dunk in the beginning,” he says, referring to his Adventure Sports Management proposal and the challenge presented by a general statewide moratorium on new college programs. But it was the only new program approved in 1992, likely given a boost by the success of the 1989 Whitewater Championships, 1992 Olympic Trials, both held on the nearby Savage River, and the support of then governor William Donald Schaefer, who understood the importance of the development of a recreation industry in western Maryland.

“I like the role of administrator,” he says. Since 2012, Mike has also served as acting executive director at the Adventure Sports Center International (ASCI). He serves on the boards of Garrett Trails, 4-H Educational Center and Hickory Environmental Education Center. He also teaches a series of courses in whitewater rafting.

In his spare time, he keeps busy with outdoor activities. As a member of the WISP Ski Patrol, he works with mountain travel and rescue training. During soccer season, he serves as a referee at high school and college games. At home, he enjoys organic gardening on his 17-acre property. The grass doesn't grow under Mike's busy feet.



Therese (Terry) Peterson

“I always wanted to teach at the college level,” says Terry Peterson, a full-time professor who also serves as Coordinator of Paddle Sports and Snow Sports. Besides instructing students in whitewater and sea kayaking, plus cross-country and telemark skiing, she teaches courses in adventure sports theory with a focus on leadership and group dynamics.

In her free time, she enjoys rock climbing, kayaking, rafting, and skiing downhill, cross-country and telemark. “These are my passions,” she says.

As one of six athletic children with a dad in the Air Force, Terry moved frequently with her family. In high school she was active in field hockey and track. While attending James Madison University to pursue a degree in sports management, she discovered the joys of cycling and some new friends from West Virginia. From them, she learned about the Whitegrass Ski Touring Center in the Canaan Valley area. She came to visit and stayed on as a cook. “Their chili recipe is mine,” she says. She started doing adventure sports and learning how to cross-country and telemark ski.

“I spent ten years pursuing my passions” Terry says, reminiscing about her time working as a river guide

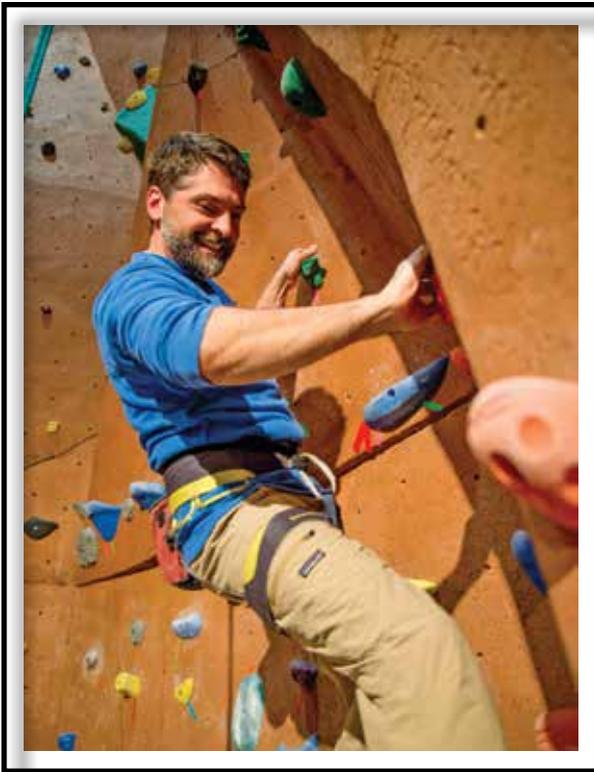
on the Upper Youghiogeny, New, and Gauley Rivers, her 5-years at the Montgomery County Department of Therapeutic Recreation, and a stint as Director of Summer Adventure Camp at the Norwood School in Potomac, MD. The lure of the Upper Yough compelled her to settle nearby in 1984. To supplement her income as a river guide, she began a photography and sewing business.

Along the way she met a fellow paddler and river guide – Mike Logsdon – and soon began working with the ASI as an adjunct professor. By 2002, she earned a master’s degree in Recreation Resource Management and Educational Psychology from West Virginia University, and began teaching fulltime at ASI in 2003. During her studies, she conducted some research concerning safety issues on the Lower Yough, where 17 people had died at Dimple Rock. Some of Terry’s research and input were incorporated into Ohiopyle Park’s safety and risk management plan.

In teaching theory classes, Terry’s goal is to provide students with an opportunity to teach, moving them from “consumers to leaders” by offering instructor-level courses that combine teaching methodology from adventure sports certification bodies with curriculum design. The result: lesson plans that students can use.

“Here’s what defines me,” Terry says. “I really like to help people overcome their fears. Students enjoy this, too. I like to focus on the risk management aspect. Everyone has some fears. We must understand them.”





Andrew (Andy) Hershey

The outdoors has been Andy Hershey's life-long passion. A native of Lancaster County, Pa., Andy is the ASI Coordinator of Climbing and Back Country Living. His teaching responsibilities range from field-based classes in rock and ice climbing, backpacking and outdoor survival, to classroom courses in theory, business and job search skills.

"I grew up in an outdoorsy family," Andy says. "We had a cabin, where I enjoyed hunting and fishing."

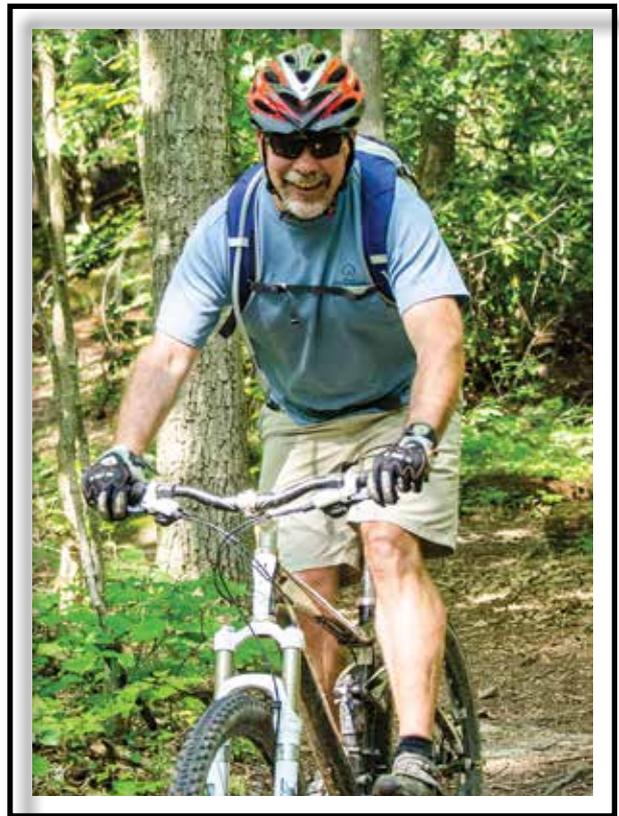
After beginning studies in environmental biology at Kutztown State University, he decided to pursue a bachelor's degree in Park and Resource Management at Slippery Rock University. While there, he became head of the Outdoor Club and worked summers as an intern Backcountry Ranger at Yosemite National Park, assisting with law enforcement, and search and rescue. He was awarded an assistantship at Slippery Rock to pursue a master's degree in Sports Management.

Andy then worked as Program Coordinator and Adventure Specialist with youth-at-risk at the Yellow Breeches Education Center. He spotted an ad from ASI seeking a full-time professor with expertise in climbing and risk management and applied for the position. He and his family moved to Garrett County, where he joined the ASI faculty in 2005.

Andy soon discovered a wealth of climbing opportunities in nearby West Virginia, and has found opportunities to

offer guidance and instruction on weekends and during the summer. He has been a guide and instructor with Seneca Rocks Mountain Guides since 2007. In 2010, he opened Coopers Rock Climbing Guides to provide rock climbing and other backcountry adventures near Morgantown, W.Va. The company holds an annual Rock Climb-A-Thon to benefit a different charity each year. This year's benefit will help Paradox Sports, which teaches adaptive climbing for the disabled, and the Coopers Rock Foundation.

Amidst all of his activities, Andy enjoys downtime with his family. Not surprisingly, he and his wife spend a lot of time outdoors with their two children. Andy says he has a passion for reading but admits he has little time to indulge. He's too busy outside.



Scott Richardson

After working for 18 years in a Gaithersburg retirement community, Scott Richardson decided it was time for a change. He moved to Garrett County, where he hoped to put his healthcare experience and master's degree in gerontology to different use by starting a small business with seniors and enrolled in the Adventure Sports program in Fall 2001 at Garrett College.

"I ended up working with the TAY (Transitional Age Youth) Program instead," he says, referring to ASI's youth

mentoring program for Garrett County 8th graders. Besides coordinating the TAY Program, Scott manages ASI's Adventuresports Equipment Center (AEC), teaches mountain biking and fills in with other courses as needed. He is a member of the Association of Experiential Education and Professional Ski Instructors Association.

"The equipment must be kept up to date," Scott says of AEC's inventory. To stay current with improvements in equipment technology and develop ongoing relationships with vendors, he attends selected retail shows. The AEC allows students, faculty and staff to rent equipment for classes, outings or personal use, and offers students an opportunity to learn the nuts and bolts of running a rental operation that supports field experiences.

Describing himself as an avid road and mountain biker, Scott also enjoys downhill and cross-country skiing when he's not busy at ASI. Other interests include travel and cutting wood on his 20-acre property a half mile from the Youghiogheny River. He shares his home with one dog and four cats that "tolerate each other."



Mike Malfaro (left) with student, Callan Hower.
Photo by Garrett Heydt



Mike Malfaro

"I found out about the Adventuresports Institute through Backpacker Magazine and came to Garrett County to check it out," says Mike Malfaro, now an adjunct instructor and field coordinator at ASI. "I fell in love with the area and the program."

While growing up in the Reading/Pottstown area of Pennsylvania, Mike attended outdoor-based summer camp with friends and developed a lifelong interest in outdoor activities. Before settling in Garrett County, he worked at the Adirondack Loj near Heart Lake, New York, where his duties ranged from staffing the High Peaks Information Center to driving horse-drawn carriages.

Mike now works in several capacities at ASI. His teaching duties include courses in back country living skills, white-water canoeing and rafting, and a foundation class in navigation, reading maps, and "leave no trace" procedures. His experience working with and mentoring young people prepared him for his current field coordinator position with the TAY program. "TAY builds confidence and character," he says. "We see the change." Recently he began working as a program specialist with Garrett College's new Center for Adventure and Experiential Learning (CAEL), a program offering adventure-based educational, team-building and personal enrichment programs to individuals and groups.

"I had the fever," Mike says, describing his early attraction to adventure sports. Apparently he still does. Depending on the season, he's a guide with Precision Rafting in Friendsville and a ski instructor at the Wisp Resort.

A Unique Collaboration Between Garrett College and Frostburg State University

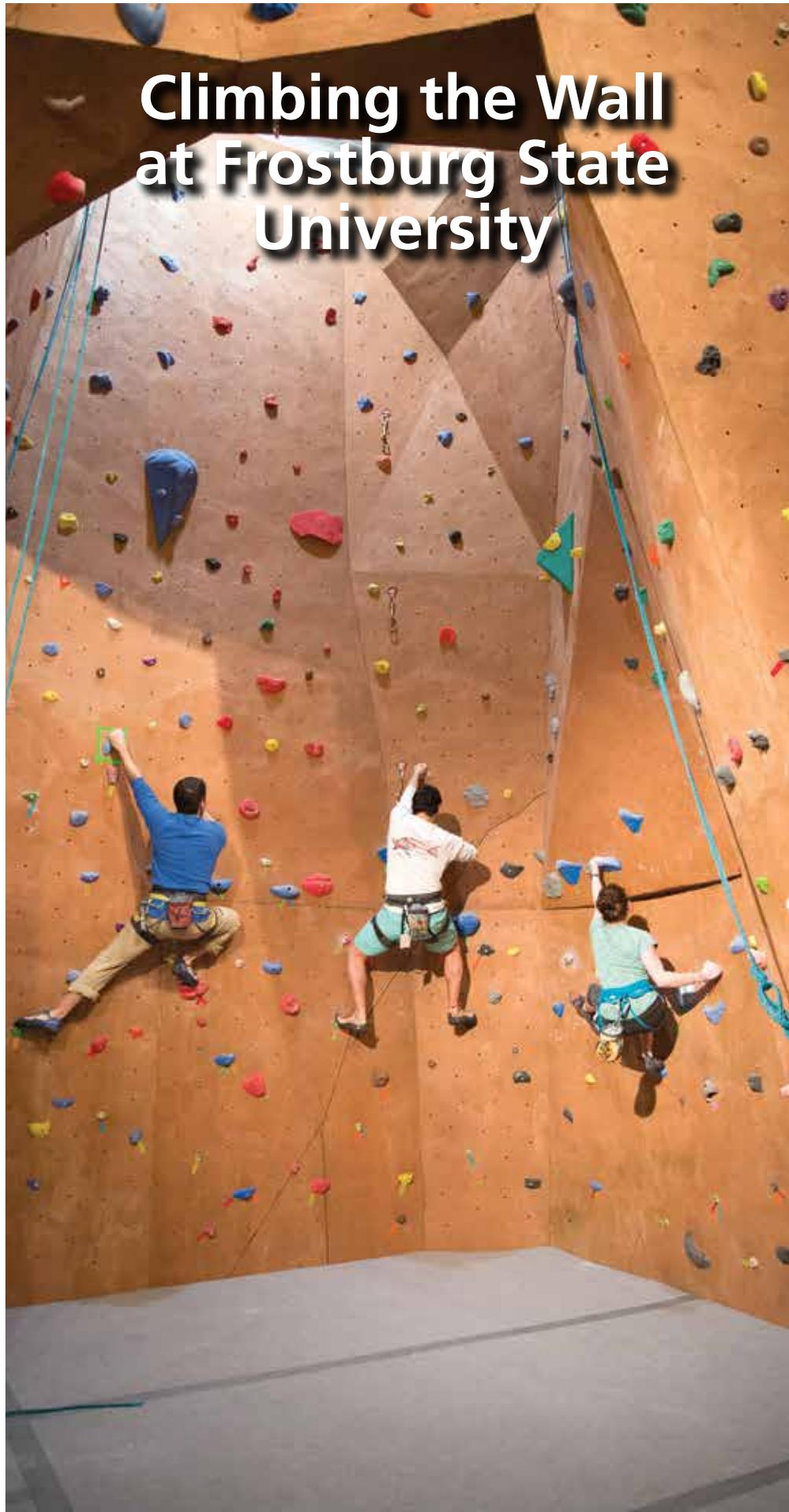
The climbing wall inside room 170 of Frostburg State University's Cordts Physical Education Center may be one of the largest pieces of instructional equipment on campus. The 35 ft. by 50 ft. wall offers rock climbing students the opportunity to learn basic and more advanced skills in a controlled environment.

"The climbing wall is Frostburg State University's contribution to Garrett College," says Dr. Robert Kauffman, professor in the University's Department of Recreation and Parks Management. A unique collaboration between the two institutions facilitates a smooth transition for Adventure Sports Institute (ASI) students to Frostburg State's bachelor's degree program in Recreation with a Concentration in Adventure Sports. Frostburg State students can transfer their general education classes to Garrett College, enabling them to earn an AAS degree in Adventure Sports Management.

Thanks to the agreement between the two institutions, ASI rock climbing instructor Andy Hershey can use Frostburg State's state-of-the-art rock climbing facility to teach a variety of climbing and rescue techniques.

"This model has not been adopted anywhere else," says Kauffman. "Collaboration conserves resources. The climbing wall is a metaphor for the program."

Climbing the Wall at Frostburg State University



What a Few Adventuresports Institute Graduates Have to Say

The Professor

After coaching basketball for 20 years, Lynne Fitzgerald was ready for a change. She came to ASI with a bachelor's degree in physical education and coaching from the University of Wisconsin – Madison, a master's degree in education from Northeastern State University, and her two decades of coaching experience. "I took every class I could and focused on rock climbing," she says. She graduated from ASI in 2010. Now an assistant professor at Montana State University in Billings, she also is the program coordinator for the University's Outdoor Adventure Leadership Program.

"I highly value the education I received at ASI," she says. "The instructors were great role models, very inspiring. Besides hard skills [in adventure sports], I developed leadership skills. I love what I'm doing."

The Recreation Director

Doug Carty attributes his successful 13-year tenure as director of Campus Recreation and Pre-Orientation Wilderness Camping at New Hampshire's Franklin-Pierce University to ASI. After stints as an outdoor retailer, Jeep tour guide, and restaurant manager, Doug enrolled in ASI and graduated at age 27. While working full-time in campus recreation at Franklin-Pierce, he managed to complete a B.S. in general studies in 2006. He developed a popular Adventure Recreation program, drawing from his expertise in rock climbing, whitewater kayaking, mountain biking, bicycle mechanics, backcountry living skills and wilderness first aid.

"I'm not sure I'd be here if I hadn't gone to ASI," he says. "ASI built my confidence and gave me the ability to jump into my current position.

I started this program based on what I learned at ASI. The reward is the students' reaction."

The Entrepreneur

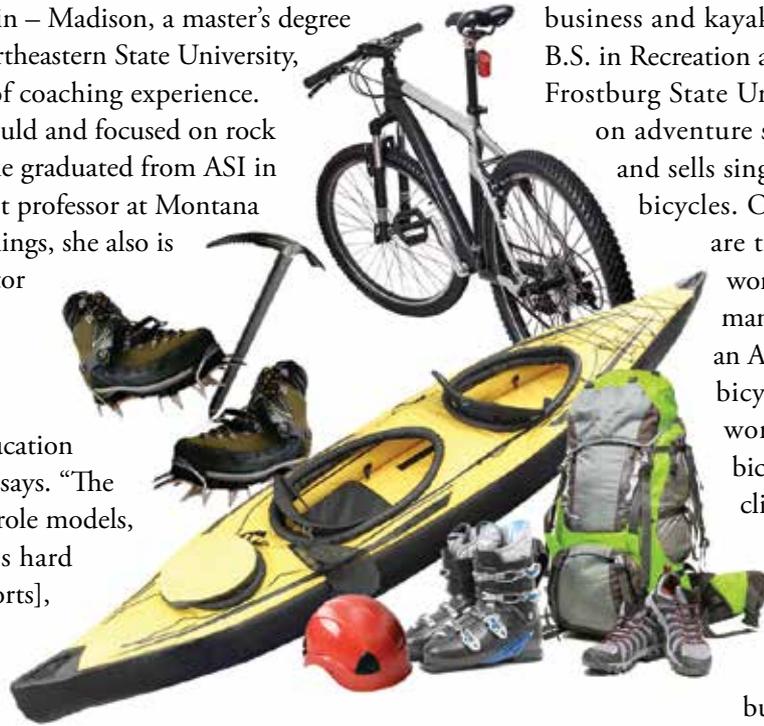
Shanna Powell has found a way to combine her interests in bikes and business as founder and owner of the Endless Bike Company in Asheville, NC. At ASI she focused on business and kayaking. She went on to earn a B.S. in Recreation and Parks Management from Frostburg State University with an emphasis on adventure sports. Endless Bikes makes and sells single speed drive-train parts for bicycles. One of its most popular items are the Kick-Ass Cogs. She also works as the accounts and finance manager at Industry Nine, LLC, an Asheville company that makes bicycle wheels. When she's not working with the business of bicycles, Shanna enjoys kayaking, climbing, cross-country skiing, snowboarding – and riding bicycles.

"ASI helped me with so many things, especially with building my confidence in the outdoors," she says. "It helped me with promoting cycling, and with my ability to communicate, and to be organized and prepared."

The Freelance Guide and Instructor

Most people dream of doing what they love for a living. Ben Morton lives that dream as a freelance paddling guide, kayaking instructor, and paddlesports athlete. A 2007 ASI graduate, he calls Jackson, Wyoming home when he's not traveling around the country or overseas to work with the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS), Esprit Whitewater in Costa Rica, and Canoe Kayak and Paddle Company (CKAPCO) in Washington, D.C.

Ben's commitment to his own professional development has resulted in his earning multiple professional certifications, including Leave No Trace, Wilderness First Responder and a variety of American Canoe Association (ACA) instructor/trainer skills ranging from Levels 3 through 5. His passion for sharing his expertise in paddlesports with others has not gone unnoticed. Ben was recently honored with the prestigious 2013 American Canoe Association Excellence in Instruction Award.



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