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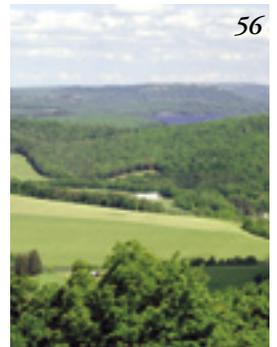
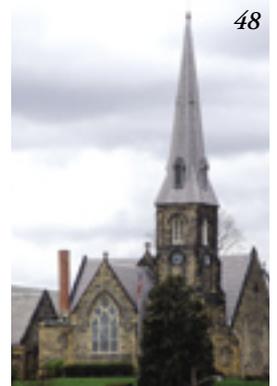
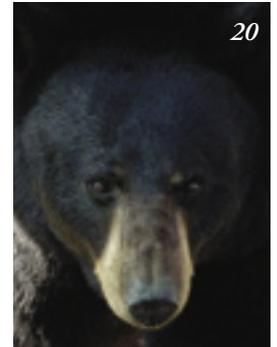
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The Mountain Coaster



As four season resorts everywhere try to lengthen the months of their peak seasons, new amusements are surfacing at these family vacation destinations. With many of the new adventurous offerings, the term 'off-season' is becoming somewhat obsolete since the weather isn't dictating when activities start and stop. Such is the case at Wisp Resort in Deep Creek Lake, Maryland as they introduce the Mountain Coaster—a 4-season amenity. A cross between an Alpine Slide and a Rollercoaster, this Mountain Coaster is only the fourth of its kind in the country and the second on the East Coast.

The familiar click, click, click of the track as you ascend a 1,300-foot long track is sure to stir the butterflies in your belly. Then as the cart crests the top of the track on the eastern side of Marsh Mountain, spectacular views of Deep Creek Lake appear as you begin the 350-foot vertical descent. The course is constructed of stainless steel tubular rails that turn, twist, corkscrew, dip and roll for 3,500-feet. With manual brake levers on both sides of the cart, riders can control their level of excitement while peaking at a speed of 25 mph. Coaster carts are designed with safety belts for 2 passengers, however guests can ride solo. There is also a centrifugal braking system, which can

er at Wisp Resort



Written by: **Lori Epp**, Wisp Resort

be set to certain speeds and does not allow carts to exceed that setting. Other safety features include energy absorbent front and rear buffers, track netting, walkways for attendants and video surveillance. For more thrills, the course is lit for nighttime operation.

Wisp Resort's investment in the Mountain Coaster covers the design, engineering and installation through Wiegand of Germany. Wiegand Company has been building toboggan runs for over 25 years. With over 80 Mountain Coasters in Europe, there are presently only 3 in the United States: Park City, Utah; Glenwood Springs, Colorado; and Jiminy Peak, Massachusetts. One of Wiegand's key

philosophies is their 'ecological integration of equipment.' The stainless steel used is free of corrosion, fully recyclable and has no damaging affect on the environment.

The Mountain Coaster is projected to make its first run in July 2007. So whether the family's looking for a gentle scenic cruise or the ride of their lives, Wisp Resort's Mountain Coaster has it all — all year long that is! To track construction progress of the Mountain Coaster and for more information, visit:

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The Frontier Culture Museum

The Frontier Culture Museum is an outdoor, living-history museum and educational institution of the Commonwealth of Virginia located in the Shenandoah Valley near Staunton. The Museum currently features six permanent, outdoor exhibits comprised of original farm buildings from England, Ireland, Germany, and Virginia. These buildings have been carefully documented, dismantled, transported to Virginia, and restored. One of the displays is the Bowman House and features how the early immigrants lived. When Georg Baumann began constructing his farm house in 1773, he could not imagine that it would become a living museum documenting 18th Century life in Virginia. The Baumann House, now known as the Bowman House, originally occupied land in Rockingham County, Virginia. The Bowmans like most early German immigrants constructed their dwelling as a single story hewn-log structure with a large cellar and centrally located chimney. Interior space was divided into three rooms with an entry way being accessed through the kitchen. That architectural style was formerly referred to as “Ernhaus” or “flurkuckenhaus,” a German term meaning “entry way kitchen house.” In America the architectural style later became known as “Pennsylvania German House.” Although renovations brought changes to the structure in the 1800’s, the original German features were not significantly altered. This was important because most other examples of Pennsylvania German houses were changed to such an extent that original features were virtually eliminated or destroyed. Seven generations of Bowmans lived on the farm property and utilized the house until the 1990’s when it was sold. The new owners recognized the value of the house and sought its long term preservation. A decision was made by the owners in 2001 to donate the structure to the Frontier Culture Museum. Since that time staff members have studied, documented, restored, and relocated the house to the Frontier Culture Museum, an educational agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Frontier Culture Museum is open daily from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and also features special activities for children, story telling, art projects, and other events throughout the year.



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The Frontier Culture Museum*



Top photo: Exterior of 1820's American Farm Exhibit.

Bottom photo: Dinner at the 1850's American Farm Exhibit.

For more information: www.frontier.virginia.gov



Written by: **Dan Whetzel**

Aqua Mountain

RESORT

INDOOR WATERPARK

New and exciting plans are underway for Aqua Mountain Resort, an indoor waterpark and hotel that will be located on a 14 acre parcel of land on the east side of Maryland Route 219 in McHenry, adjacent to the Garrett County Fairgrounds. The landscape provides a spectacular view of Deep Creek Lake and the mountains behind it. While initial work has already begun, additional development will include an indoor waterpark, a four story full service hotel, log cabin units, and a full complement of amenities, services, and activities, making the resort a destination point for visitors and residents. Aqua Mountain Resort will become Maryland's first indoor waterpark and hotel resort.

The developer of Aqua Mountain Resort, Jonathan "Smiley" Kessler, has been actively involved in the development and hospitality businesses in Garrett County for two decades as the owner of Smiley's Pizzeria, the Fun Zone and Pine Lodge Steakhouse. "We have a very innovative, well

KEY

- A** Activity Pool
- B** Activity structure with two direction dumping bucket (dumping on Mezzanine Level and also Lower Deck Area)
- C** Flow Rider
- D** River Channel
- E** 3-Lane Octopus Slide
- F** Speed Slide
- G** Children's Pool
- H** Kiddie Slide
- I** Body Slides
- J** Tube Slides
- K** Slide Tower
- L** Whirlpool
- M** Mechanical
- N** Wave Pool
- O** Lower Whirlpool



thought out design because we have been able to think outside the box. Our team combined ideas that will provide for great waterpark and vacation experiences.”

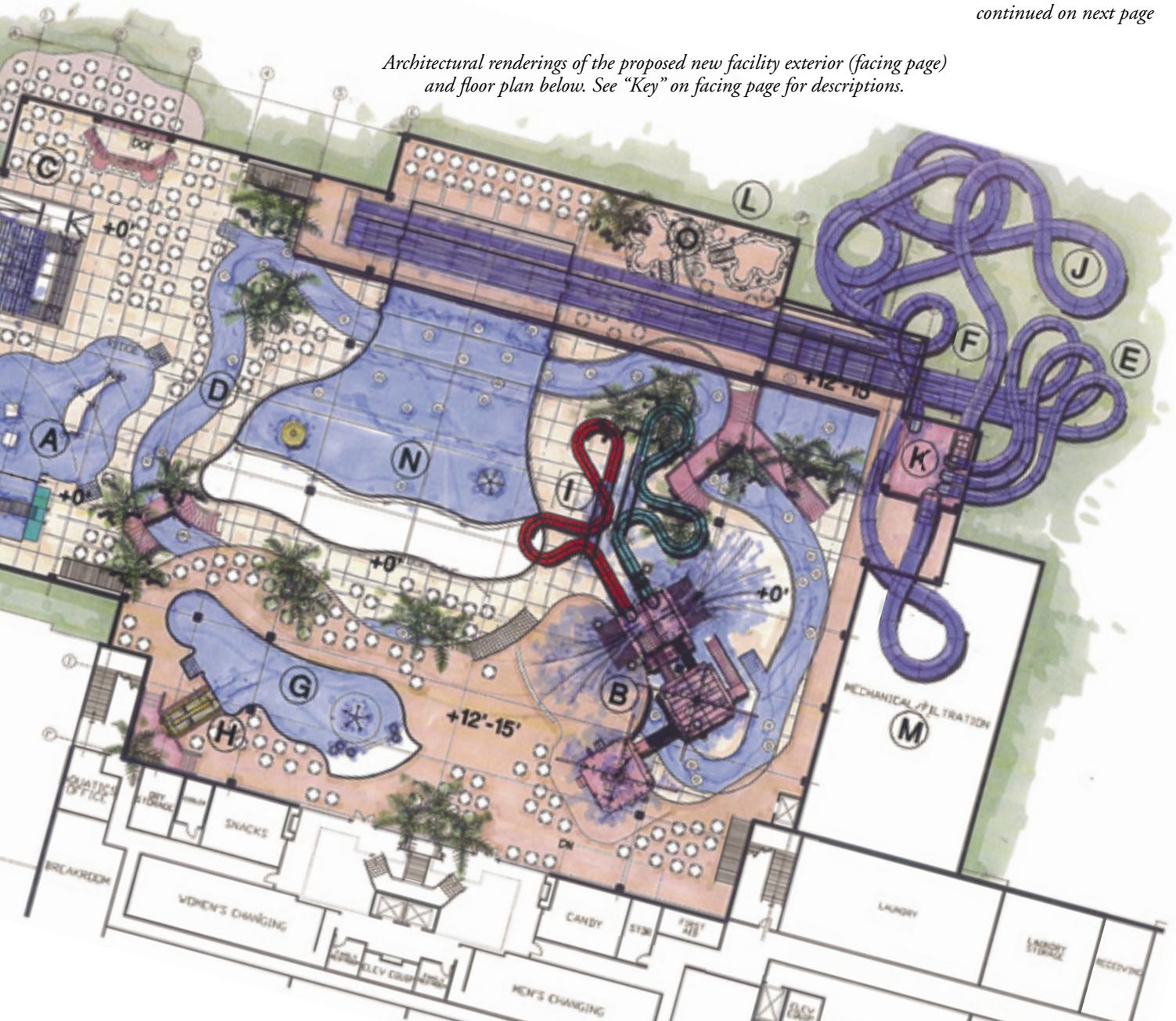
The creative design for Aqua Mountain Resort has been a team effort organized by Mr. Kessler and composed of Bruce D. Robinson, Architect; David Sangree, President of the Hotel and Leisure Advisors; Jeff Lococo Design Group; and Chuck Neuman Water Technologies, Inc. While the team effort was carefully based on marketing studies, research, and engineering skills, the ultimate goal for the Aqua Mountain Resort team can easily be defined: to provide guests with the opportunity to have “new wave” family fun at affordable prices.

Architectural plans encompass 70,000 square feet of waterpark facilities divided into two levels: 55,000 square feet on the first floor, and 15,000 square feet on the mezzanine level, an area the approximate size of one and a half football fields. Up to 1,800 guests will be able to enjoy the water attractions at one time.

Upon arriving, guests will appreciate Aqua Mountain’s natural exterior blending with Garrett County’s outdoor beauty. Stone is planned for the lowest level, followed by logs in the center levels and cedar shakes on the fourth level. Entrance to the lobby will be from the third floor to accommodate the natural slope of the land toward the lake. A rustic elegant atmosphere, complete with wooden accents and twin stone fireplaces, will welcome guests.

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Architectural renderings of the proposed new facility exterior (facing page) and floor plan below. See “Key” on facing page for descriptions.



After checking in, guests may walk westward through the expansive lobby toward Deep Creek Lake where dramatic views of the indoor park, lake, and Marsh Mountain will provide for a scenic vista. According to Mr. Kessler, “No other waterpark has that design feature.”

Guests will be able to observe many of the waterpark activities from the third floor including three tube slides, three matt racers, two body slides, tree house structures, hot tubs and water games, basketball and polo areas, a 520 foot lazy river that will encircle much of the park and pass through a wave pool, and a “Flow Rider” with hydrated waves for surfing and boogie boarding. For adventurous guests, several loops of tubes filled with rushing water will exit the building, dramatically twisting high above ground level before returning to an indoor pool.

An event sure to create special excitement will be a ringing bell, signaling the “dumping bucket” is ready for action. Mr. Kessler points out, “Our dumping bell is unique because there are two levels involved.” Kids will no doubt scramble to a different level to experience the deluge. Water temperature at all venues will remain at a constant 84 degrees.

Creating an environmentally friendly facility is also important. Mr. Kessler notes that “We are going to use the county water system as our primary water source, but we will also reclaim roof water. Actually, the park will not use much more water than a large swimming pool. A regenerative media filtration system will require only one tenth the amount of water (50,000 gallons per year) that would otherwise be used with a conventional sand filtration system. A retractable roof combined with solar heaters for the waterpark will also mean that we won’t have to expend energy to cool the park. It will be delightful to enjoy natural sunlight on a warm day.”

Aqua Mountain Resort plans include development of hotel rooms that will provide guests with a variety of options depending on ones tastes and budget. According to Mr. Kessler, “One of our goals in planning the park was to provide for a segment of guests who no longer come to Deep Creek Lake. Over the last fifteen years, we have out priced our core guests who are eager to visit the area

but believe they can’t afford it.” Completion of 165 hotel rooms and 60 log cabin units will accomplish that goal because accommodations will be offered at moderate rates and include waterpark admission.

Mr. Kessler notes that all rooms will be consistently themed and maintain a family friendly atmosphere. An Adirondack ambiance featuring extensive use of open spaces, logs, natural stones, and fireplaces is planned. Four different suite styles will be available in 15 x 30 foot rooms. One choice includes a “Kid’s Cove Suite,” providing youngsters with four bunk beds within their own enclosed section of the room and a king bed in the perimeter area. Additional suite options include king beds, double sleeper sofas, lofts with separate beds, and Jacuzzis. Two styles of larger 30 x 30 foot suites will offer dining rooms and loft amenities.

Guests who desire free standing accommodations at Aqua Mountain Resort may consider lodging in log cabin units adjacent to the hotel. These units will come in a variety of shapes and colors including eastern, frontier square-style logs with chinking, and western style round ones. According to Mr. Kessler, “Each cabin will have its own character, making our village unique.” Both single and duplex cabins are planned.

Supplementing the waterpark and hotel will be a spa and fitness center, massage and facial services, a pizzeria, arcade, snack bar, family restaurant, and a lounge. To serve large gatherings,



a 10,000 square foot meeting space, including a divisible ballroom and breakout rooms is included in the plans. For smaller gatherings, such as birthday parties, accommodations and services will also be provided upon request.

The economic benefits derived from the waterpark's construction and operation will be considerable. A consultant's report concluded that 657 direct and indirect jobs would be created during the two-year construction period. Two hundred seventy-five, full-time equivalent jobs will be created at the indoor park resort during the first year.

Following the initial year, staff projections are in the 225-250 range. It is also projected the park will draw an additional 250,000 visitors to Deep Creek Lake, thereby increasing the area's total visitation numbers by approximately twenty-five percent.

The Aqua Mountain Resort team plans a 2009 Grand Opening. For more information regarding Aqua Mountain Resort, visit:

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Architectural rendering of the proposed new facility interior.



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Lodestone will be the first Hale Irwin Signature Golf Course in Maryland and boasts to be the highest elevation course in the state. In a combined effort, course architect, Todd Schoeder of Design Workshop and course designer, Hale Irwin, will transform 400+ acres of land atop Marsh Mountain into a neo-classic style golf course. The neo-classic age of golf existed in the early 20th Century when earth-moving equipment didn't exist and the course features were conceived by the natural elements and lay of the land. "Course features at Lodestone are not forced. Rather, the land dictates the strategy and character of the design and,



Hale Irwin, left, surveys plans for the new golf course and beautiful rustic clubhouse, shown below.

as such, lend a gentle touch and respect to the land making it seem as if the course has existed for generations while respecting the history and traditions of the game," says Schoeder. Many of the natural elements incorporated into the course design include large moss-covered rock outcroppings, natural water features and breathtaking views of Deep Creek Lake.

The anchor of this private course will be The Lodestone Clubhouse. Artfully and stunningly designed by CCY Architects of Basalt, Colorado, this multi-level clubhouse will feature all the modern conveniences of golf operation including spacious locker rooms, full dining and beverage services, gathering places accented with fireplaces, views and natural landscape features.

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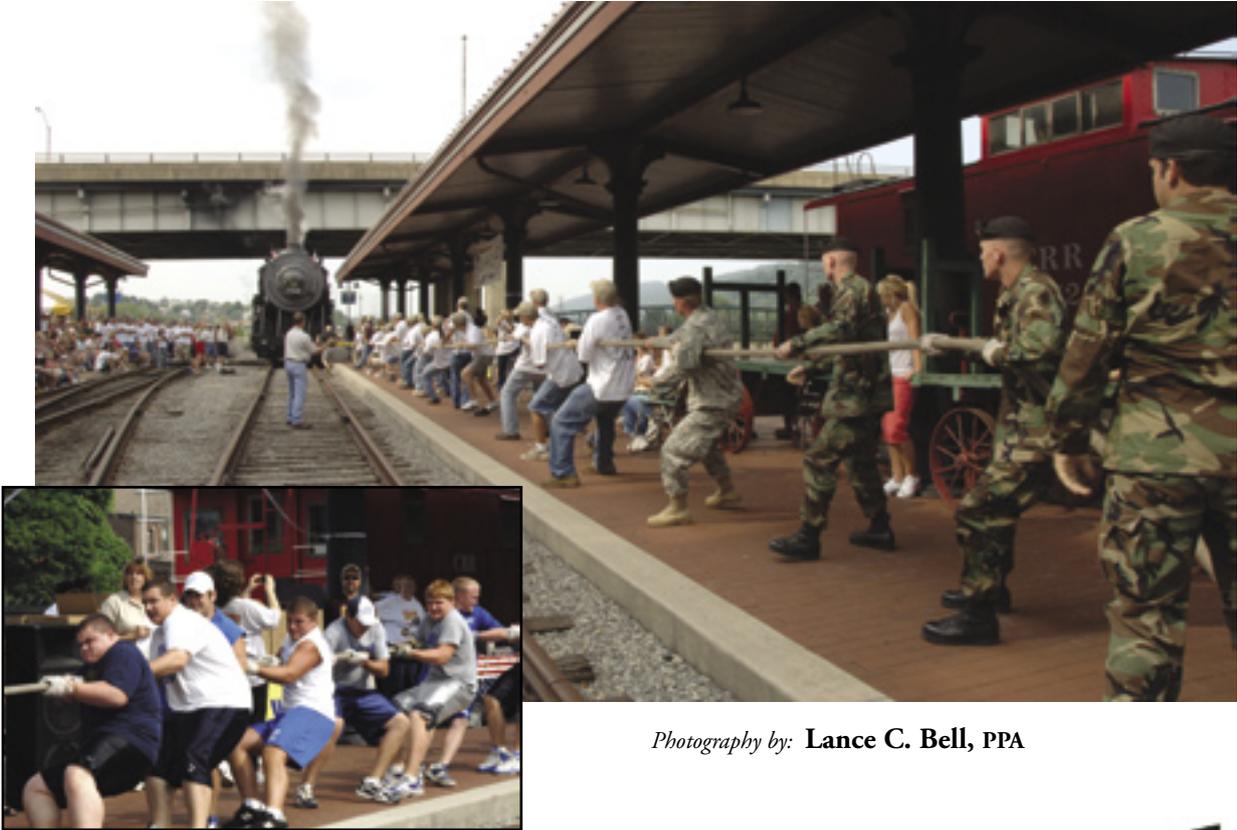
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Top photo: One of the 2006 teams gets ready for the signal to start pulling. Inset: Allegany High School's football team won first place in 2006 (this photo shows part of the 20 member team). The distance pulled is a short twelve feet, but for an engine that weighs 250 tons, that's a long distance to pull.

The annual Western Maryland Train Pull benefits the athletes of Allegany County Special Olympics by providing help with expenses for travel and equipment, to allow them to participate in Special Olympic events in other areas. The pull is held during Allegany County's CanalFest/RailFest weekend and features the steam engine "Mountain Thunder." The contest involves a twenty-member team pulling the steam engine a distance of twelve feet in the fastest time. It's fun for all and admission is free, so join in and enter a team or pick your favorite team to cheer on.

The Train Pull is sponsored by the Allegany County Sheriff's Office and was the brain child of Sheriff David Goad. David Goad and the Sheriff's Office, along with the Allegany County Special Olympics Committee, have been the driving force behind this fun, fund raising activity since its beginning in 2001. Organizations and individuals interested in participating, entering a team, or sponsoring



opportunities should contact Jim Bone of the Allegany County Sheriff Office at 301-268-2319. The Train Pull this year is scheduled for **July 7, 2007**, at the Western Maryland Railway Station, located at Canal Place in Cumberland, Maryland. While you enjoy the Train Pull event, you may also want to visit a variety of activities and events held in conjunction with CanalFest/RailFest that will also be held that weekend in July.





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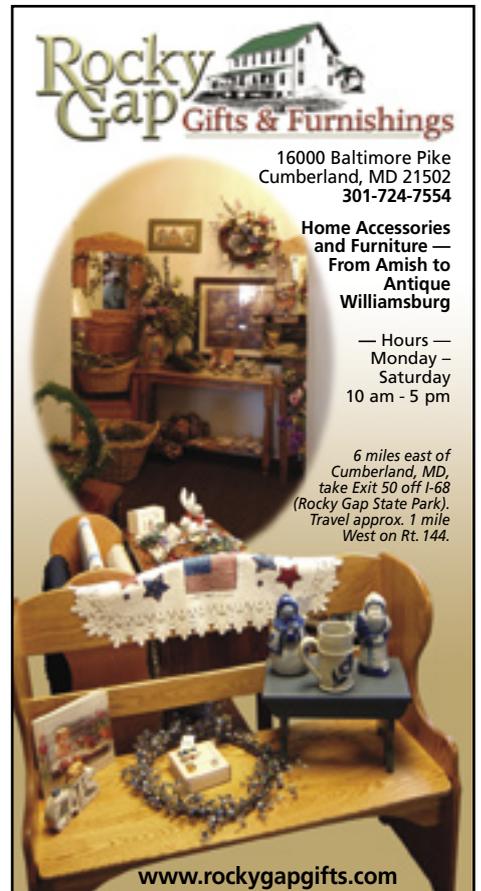
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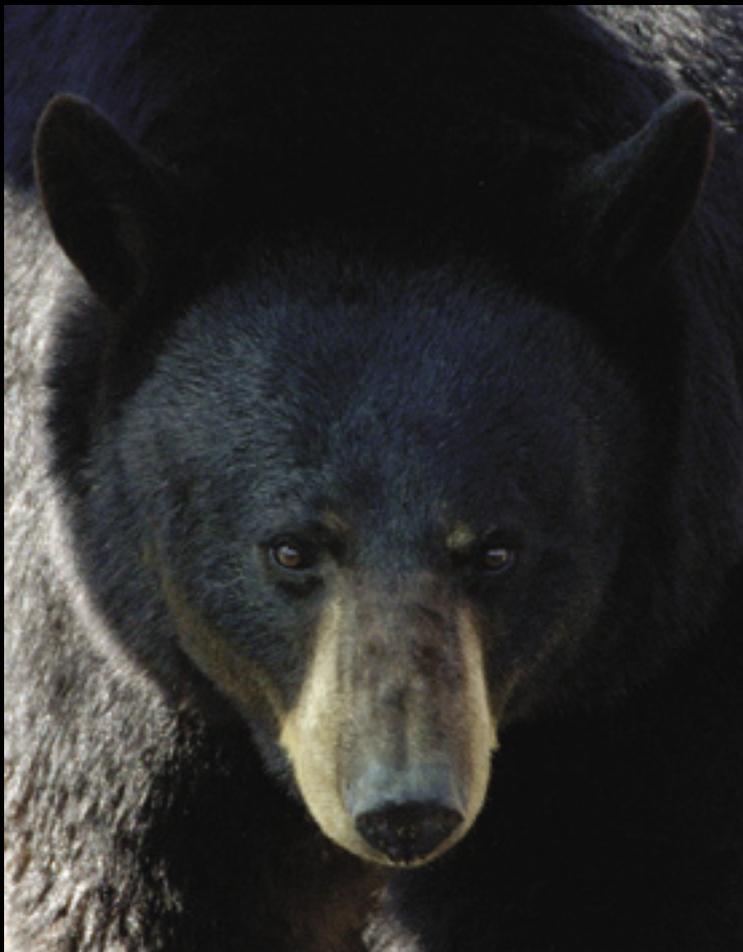
MARYLAND'S BLACK BEARS

Written by: Dan Whetzel



Photography by: Lance C. Bell, PPA

Maryland's black bear population is on the move. Rebounding from an "endangered species" status just three decades ago, its numbers have increased dramatically in western Maryland and surrounding states. Today's improved habitat conditions and regional conservation initiatives in recent years have contributed to the rising population making black bear sightings a common occurrence in Allegany and Garrett counties. Precautions must be taken to minimize conflicts between people and bears as they increasingly co-exist in western Maryland.



by 1980 the black bear's population had rebounded significantly, and concerns for its survival in the region were alleviated. In recent years the black bear has once again been making news but for different reasons. A thriving Maryland black bear population, estimated to be nearly 400 adult and subadult animals west of Cumberland, has brought the species into close encounters with people on numerous occasions. While these unplanned events are generally peaceful, residents and visitors must remain aware of the potential danger posed by such meetings.

Black bears were an integral part of Maryland's wildlife population before settlers began to clear the forest for agricultural, industrial, and timbering purposes in the 18th and 19th Centuries. Destruction of habitat caused the bears to depart from most Maryland counties, concentrating them in the less developed and sparsely populated rugged mountains of western Allegany and Garrett Counties. Even the surviving species in those areas dwindled to just a few by the mid 1950's. Concerns for the black bear's survival were translated into action as public awareness of the animal's plight led to programs and laws dedicated to its survival. More fundamental reasons, like the return of secondary growth forests, provided favorable habitat that nurtured increasing numbers of bears. Consequently,

Harry Spiker, Maryland Department of Natural Resources and Wildlife Heritage Service biologist, describes black bears as energy efficient animals, meaning they expend the least amount of energy possible. "If bears can get food that is deliberately provided by people or from dumpsters and birdfeeders, they will quickly take those foods over the wild foods. Right now, trash is our biggest issue. We try to educate residents and visitors about the dangers of providing food for bears, but unfortunately, not everyone listens or knows. The worst case I encountered was when a visitor smeared cake icing on trash can lids to entice bears. These situations can cause problems because seven days later the next guests may have young children and be afraid of an encounter with a bear, yet

the previously fed bear will return looking for another handout.” The best way to avoid bear problems is to not attract them in the first place. This would include unintentional attractions such as storing food in tents. It is also important to note that deliberately placing food or bait in order to attract bears is a dangerous act that will cause individuals to be fined; feeding bears is illegal in the state of Maryland.

Biologist Spiker stresses that bears are agile, swift, strong, and large; an adult usually weighs between 125 and 400 pounds. Fortunately, black bears are not aggressive animals, “but due to their size, they don’t have to be aggressive to be dangerous.” A bear, believing it is caught in a defensive situation, may strike out. One example would be when an individual comes between a sow and her cubs. Many times people see the cubs and run toward them, not realizing that the mother will be nearby. The mother will strike out if she thinks her cubs are in danger. This also applies to situations where cubs are in a tree. By running toward the tree and circling its base, the mother may believe her cubs are in imminent danger with no escape pathways. It is always best to leave cubs alone. The sow will return to her cubs once people leave the area.

If one unexpectedly encounters a black bear at close range, it is advised to remain upright and slowly back away, increasing the animal’s possible number of escape routes. Never run away. If a bear approaches from a distance, loud noises will generally scare it away. Banging pans, yelling, and use of an air horn or whistle have proven to be effective deterrents. Most bears fear humans and willingly retreat without additional encouragement.

Maryland DNR officials have documented a spike in nuisance complaints that coincided with recent increases

in bear population density. Mortality surveys, conducted since 1981, provided another means to monitor population trends. With documented evidence that the bear population was rising, the state of Maryland initiated a ten year bear management plan in 1992. As that plan ended, the department organized a Black Bear Task Force to provide guidance in developing a new management plan. The BBTF was comprised of citizens with varied interests from across the state. All members agreed that black bears are a valued part of Maryland’s ecosystem. The task force specifically recommended that current strategies focus on bear population studies, problem management, a black bear nuisance response plan, and research efforts. Public opinion surveys will be an ongoing program intending to gather pertinent information for the management plan. Upon receiving recommendations from the BBTF, Maryland DNR has completed a new ten year bear management plan. Maryland DNR also has additional services including outreach and educational programs, a Black Bear Compensation Stamp fund, assistance to landowners who are experiencing bear problems, and an electric fencing and technical support system to beehive owners.

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the Wildlife and Heritage Service continue to investigate new human-bear conflict resolution tools and techniques. Some of those tools and related information may be found in an eight page booklet titled, “Maryland’s Bear Country, Learning To Live With Bears.” The booklet is available from Maryland Department of Natural Resources upon request. While new ideas are being considered, the old adage about using one’s common sense and good judgment may be the best advice to consider when living with Maryland’s black bears.



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Fort Frederick, Maryland, Circa 1756

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Also shown is a "possibles bag," patch knife, and powder horn of the same era.

Fort Frederick, built by the colony of Maryland in 1756, was named in honor of Maryland's Lord Proprietor, Frederick Calvert, Sixth Lord Baltimore, and erected by Governor Horatio Sharpe in 1756 to protect English settlers from the French and their Indian allies. Fort Frederick was unique because of its large size and strong stone wall. Most other forts of the period were built of wood and earth. The fort served as an important supply base for English campaigns. During 1763, an Ottawa Indian chief named Pontiac forged a massive Indian uprising and several hundred settlers and militia force sought protection within the fort during this brief time.

Fort Frederick saw service again during the American Revolution as a prison for Hessian (German) and British soldiers. In 1791, the State of Maryland sold the fort. For the next 131 years the fort and surrounding lands were farmed. During the Civil War, Union troops were often stationed around the fort to guard the C&O Canal.

In 1922, the State of Maryland re-purchased the fort. Throughout the 1920's, the State began development of Maryland's first state park. During the Great Depression of the 1930's, a company of the Civilian Conservation Corps was assigned to the park to reconstruct the dilapidated stone wall, perform archaeology, and

locate the foundations of the original interior buildings. Restoration continued in 1975. Today, the Fort's stone wall and two barracks have been restored to their

1758 appearance. Historic displays can be seen in the Fort, Barracks and Visitor Center. Fort Frederick State Park annually holds military reenactments and other special events. The Park's lands front the Potomac River and the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal passes through park acreage. Future plans include reconstruction of the Officer's Quarters and other defensive works.

Features of the park include: America's premier stone fortification from the French and Indian War period, boat launch, cross country skiing, camp sites, camp store, food and beverage, fishing, flat water canoeing, hiking trail, historic interest, picnic shelters (available for rent), playgrounds and a visitor's center. Fort Frederick State Park offers an easy trail for hikers. The Wetlands Trail, .3 miles in length, passes along a wetlands area behind the campground. Hikers can see several species of turtles, waterfowl, birds, as well as white-tailed deer and other wildlife.

Fort Frederick is located off Interstate 70, Exit 12 at State Route 56 near Big Pool, Maryland. For more information and a list of scheduled activities visit our web site at: www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/western/fortfrederick.html or call the park office at 301-842-2155.



Aerial view of Fort Frederick, courtesy Maryland DNR.



THE RETURN OF HENRY'S FORD

The 7th Annual Model A and Model T Car and Truck Show, celebrating the Fords that formed the basis of the American automobile industry, is scheduled for September 22, 2007 in Cumberland, MD.

Registration will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the show will continue until 4:00 p.m. Special guests this year will be the Greater Baltimore Model A Ford Club, the Washington D.C. Model A Club and the Model A Ford Club from Naperville, Illinois. Several local Model T and Model A owners will also exhibit their cars and trucks.

In 1899, Henry Ford began his automobile adventure with his Quadricycle, which was powered by a two cylinder, four cycle engine. In 1903, with \$28,000, the Ford Motor Co. was incorporated. Henry Ford had two principals in mind — he wanted to produce good cars in high volume and keep them at a reasonable price.



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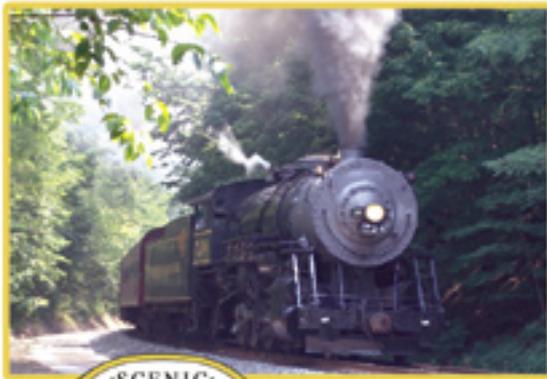
The last Model T was made in 1927. Then in 1928, the famous Model A was presented to the public and it was reported that 10,000,000 people saw it within six hours of its debut. The Model A, which featured 10 different models, was produced from 1928 to 1931 and ranged in price from \$480 to \$600.

The Ford Model T and Model A have become two of the favored collectibles in the world of antique cars and trucks. At the 2006 show, 54 vehicles were exhibited on the Cumberland Downtown Mall. Every year of Model A Ford was exhibited.

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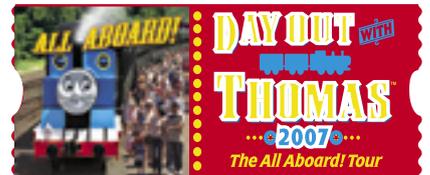
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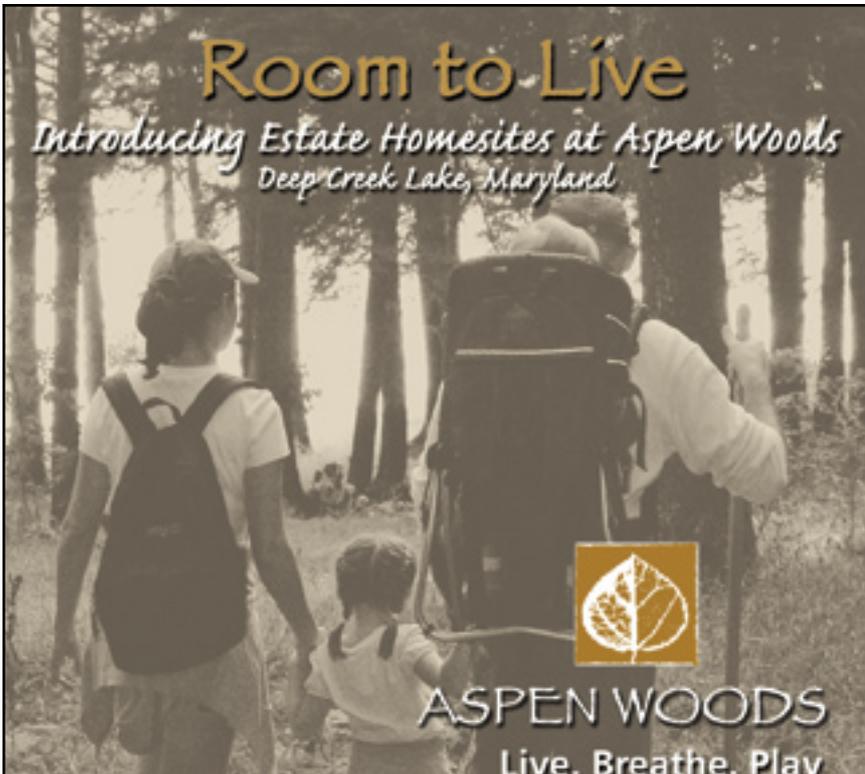
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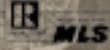
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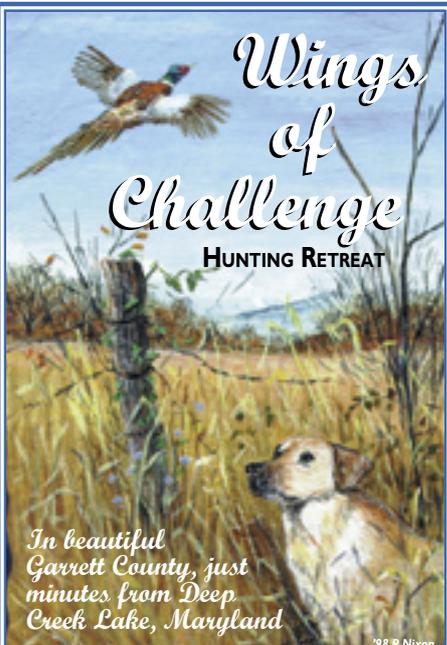
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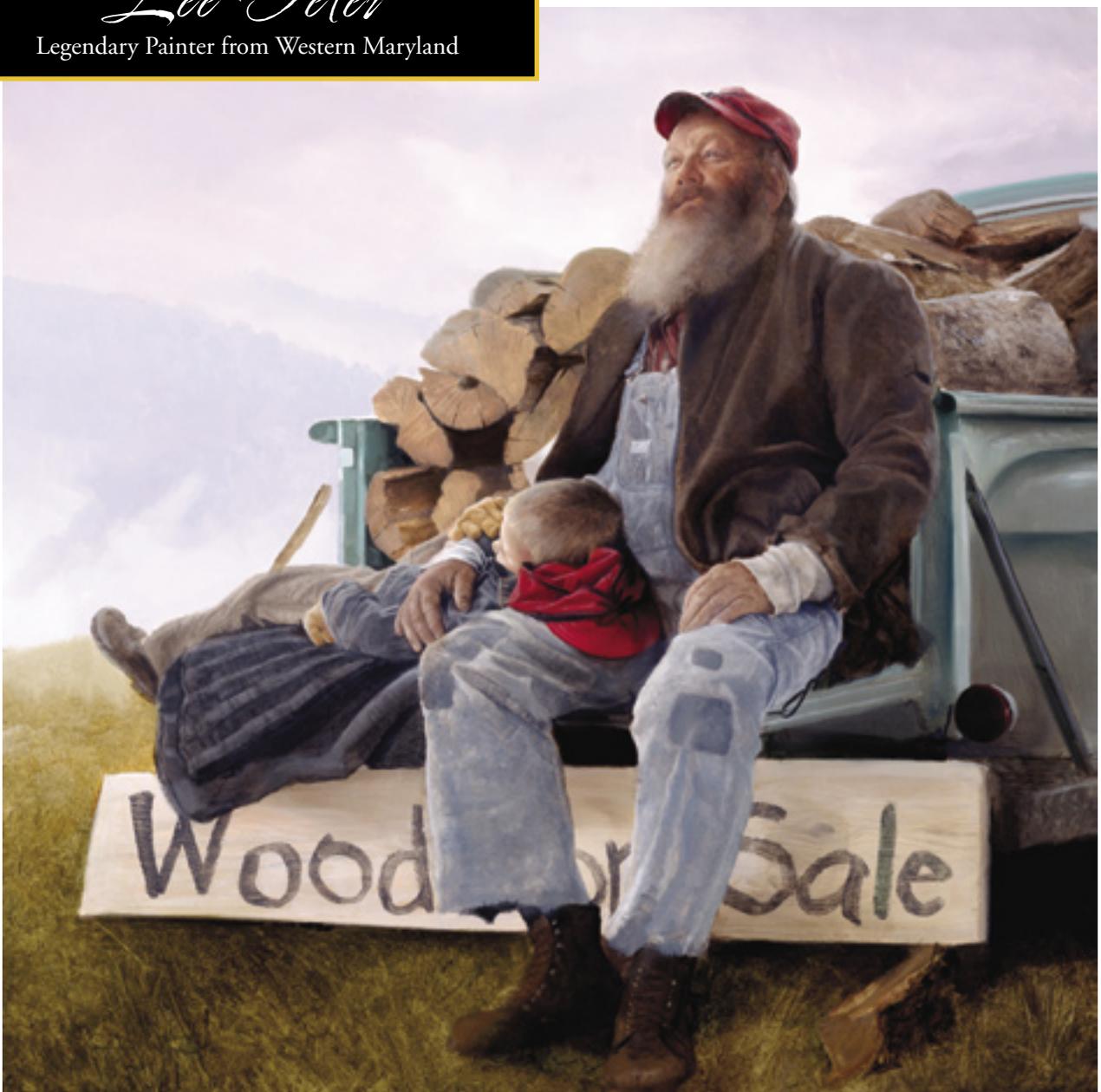


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This picture isn't for poor people. It is for rich people only. The kind of people who don't need a government income bracket to tell them if they're rich or not. The kind of people who know how it feels to be trusted and to trust. I wouldn't trade all the limo rides in the world for even one of those hugs my little girl gave me when her arms were barely long enough to reach around my neck. I know what wealth is. I'm a rich man. This picture is for other rich people just like me.

— Lee Teter

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THE Allegany County FAIRGROUNDS YESTERDAY AND TODAY



Written by: **Dan Whetzel**

New Photography by: **Lance C. Bell, PPA**

There is nothing more American than the excitement of attending a fair. Happy children, 4-H exhibits, carnival rides, racing events, craft displays, entertainment, and special foods combine to make the annual fair an experience that never grows old. Hundreds of fairs are held throughout the country, drawing visitors to the traditional gatherings during the summer and autumn months. While fairs may vary in size and scope, and display a local flavor, having fun seems to be the one consistent rule that all such events uphold. Fortunately, Allegany County fairgoers have been an integral part of this All-American experience for generations.

The Allegany County Fairgrounds has hosted a variety of enjoyable events since 1924. The fairground's picturesque setting is framed above by sharply rising mountains and below by the Potomac River that quietly passes, almost unnoticed. One could not wish for a more beautiful venue. And yet, as the years have passed since the fairground was constructed, its own story has faded into the past even as the facility continues to serve the present day needs of residents.

Today's fairground was preceded in the 19th Century by many venues that served similar purposes. Carnivals, exhibitions, fairs, and sports programs would visit Cumberland and set up at the Stoney Battery grounds in North End, the N&G Tin Mill ball field in South

Cumberland, the present day Kensington-Algonquin site, the show grounds behind the Queen City Hotel, and at Johnson Heights. In the early 20th Century, Community Ballpark located along Wineow Street became a popular carnival grounds because of its proximity to major rail-road lines.

Horse racing tracks that are sometimes associated with county fairgrounds were also established in Cumberland. The first track opened in 1869 and was located between the north end of Virginia Avenue and Second Street in South Cumberland. Advertisements touted it as "the best half mile track in Maryland." An agricultural fair associated with the facility was organized in 1871 by the Agricultural and Mechanical Society of Allegany County, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. For reasons unknown today, that society disbanded but a least one noteworthy fair was later held at the race track under the auspices of the Agricultural and Mechanical Society of Western Maryland.

The most celebrated of the South Cumberland fairs was held in October, 1878. Unfortunately, rainy weather plagued the opening day. And if the weather wasn't enough of a problem, the celebrated author and lecturer, Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, guest of the fair, conducted himself in an "inexplicable" manner, and "was enough to try the patience of the average Fair Director." On a more positive note, President Rutherford B. Hayes attended the October event where he was supposed to "mix pumpkins and politics," according to a local newspaper report.

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Opposite page, left: Jockeys tested the limits of their horses in the dash to the finish line in front of the grandstand. Right: Today's jockeys ride stock cars to thrill audiences.

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The arrival of President Hayes in Cumberland was cause for a parade and celebration. In addition to the president, Mrs. Hayes, Secretary of the Treasury, John Sherman, the Postmaster of Baltimore, and Maryland Governor John Carroll, arrived in Cumberland by train. Hundreds of visitors joined residents who swelled the total parade attendance to an estimated fifteen thousand. Following the parade, the president was introduced by Governor Carroll. President Hayes stated that he was familiar with the city and region and that he knew the significance of agriculture to the area. Other more typical events at that fair included four heats of harness racing, a blindfolded wheelbarrow race, and a greased pig chase.

By May, 1879, it was reported that horses from Baltimore, Winchester, Bedford, and Bel Air were preparing for the upcoming racing season at the South End track. And “Mr. Louis Peacock, in charge of the Fairgrounds, has been engaged all spring...and has placed the grounds in perfect order.” The names Race Street and Grand Avenue are the only visible reminders of that particular fairground.

In 1894, horse racing and fair events moved to a new location in South Cumberland, bounded by the C&O



Canal and Robert's Street. The facility was managed by the Tri-State Driving Club. A new grandstand, built in 1908, was “strong and substantially built, greets the eye. The seating arrangements are most perfect and at least 2,000 people can be seated with comfort... Below the grandstands is found the restaurant and café, women's and men's retiring rooms, and lockers. Two other buildings, the agricultural exhibit and the chicken show, have been erected.” Photographs of the facility show a wooden grandstand, an oval track for horse races, and a parade/picnic ground. Some of the fairs at that location were hosted by the Cumberland Fair and Agricultural Association. After more than two decades of service, the property was sold to developers in 1917.

While those early venues hosted a number of public events including fairs, Allegany County did not provide a proper fairground facility that would support traditional agricultural expositions associated with a county fair. In 1920, Allegany County still maintained a distinctly agricultural identity as 999 farms, with an average of 153 acres, offered hundreds of potential exhibitors and visitors to a county fair. Civic leaders at the time noted that



surrounding communities were served by fairgrounds. According to United States Senator J. Glenn Beall Jr., “A group of citizens in Cumberland decided that the county would benefit from having a county fair. They had a county fair, but they needed a place for the fair to operate. They put together a community group and my grandfather, John Schwarzenbach, was treasurer.” The Cumberland Fair Association, Incorporated was subsequently organized in 1918. In addition to Mr. Schwarzenbach, Duncan Sloan served as President, Tasker Lowndes as Vice President, Virgil Powell as Secretary, while Henry Hodgson held the position of Chairman.

One of the association’s first decisions was consideration of a location that would offer an expanse of flat land, accessibility to major highways, and an affordable cost. All those conditions were met by a 97½ acre tract of farm land situated approximately two miles south of Cumberland along U.S. Route 220. Financing of the purchase was accomplished by the sale of bonds issued in denominations of \$100, \$200, and \$500, bearing a 6% annual interest rate for 25 years. Government entities were not involved in financing the project.

Another major consideration was the type of facility that would best meet the community’s needs. The



Nationally known jockey, Willie Shoemaker, received congratulations from Mr. Manley of the Cumberland Fair Association while United States Senator J. Glenn Beall looked on.



Horse racing enthusiasts carefully studied racing forms before placing their wagers.



Officials worked in the “crow’s nest” atop the grandstand to monitor races and record results.



association decided that a traditional style fairground, including a horse racing track, would be in order. Both one mile and half mile race tracks were included in the 1923 plans, as was a football field, a baseball diamond, exhibit halls, and stables. Possibly because of state regulations governing the horse racing circuit, the one mile track was eliminated in favor of a half mile one. For reasons unknown today, the general area became known as “Fairgo,” and the facility itself, “The Cumberland Fairgrounds.”

Implementation of the association’s plans was assisted by J. Glenn Beall Sr., Maryland State Senator from 1930-1934. While the elder Beall later left the State Senate to serve as a United States Senator, he continued to press for favorable racing dates at the local fairground by acting as an unofficial lobbyist. There were five county half mile tracks in Maryland at the time. And according to Senator J. Glenn Beall Jr., “They (county fairs) tried to get the half mile tracks ten days of racing, rather than five, because they weren’t making it on five days of racing. They couldn’t pay their expenses...Eventually the Cumberland Fair Association was having twelve days of racing a year and the County Fair for a week.” All racing dates were scheduled by The State Racing Commission.

Fairgo’s horse racing and community event schedules required the services of a General Manager. Harry Flook, Edgar “Buck” Reynolds, and Harry Barton, successively, held that title from the 1940’s until the 1960’s. According to J. Glenn Beall Jr., “In my time it was Harry Barton. Harry would start early in the spring with an advertising campaign. Then you had to make sure the grounds were in good shape. There was a lot of painting...upgrading of the parking lots, making contracts with the caterers. There was activity all year round...in order to get income. Activities included the annual fair, agricultural events, and entertainment. Isaac and Ethel Parker, who resided on the grounds from 1936 until 1976, directly assisted the General Managers by carrying out daily maintenance on the property.

Horse racing at Fairgo proved to be an economic stimulus to Allegany County. According to Senator J. Glenn Beall Jr., “Horse racing was a fun time. It was almost like a party season. People came from all over the state. They stayed here for the two weeks, so downtown was a hub of activity.”

Fairgo horse racing reached its peak of popularity in the immediate post World War II period and then declined. A proliferation of racetracks over the Tri-State area contributed to the demise by causing difficulties in filling a racing



card. Competing tracks offered up to sixty racing days, making it more profitable for horse owners to stay at a single venue. The Maryland Racing Commission's mandate that Fairgo facilities be updated proved to be economically impossible, so Allegany County's horse racing era ended following the 1961 Season.

Racing of a different kind began at Fairgo in 1966 when Harry Barton's son, John Barton, converted the track from a horse racing oval to one designed for automobile racing. This change required that special soil, called blue clay, be hauled to the dirt track. Blue clay provided maximum traction for the tires while also providing for banked curves to accommodate racing speeds of the vehicles.

Mr. Barton's ambitious plans were projected to cost \$60,000. Affiliation with three national automobile racing organizations, NASCAR, USAC, and ARCA, was also necessary. To initiate the changes, the track was renamed the Greater Cumberland Raceway, and John Barton assumed the title, Director of Racing. A two season schedule was to begin in the Summer of 1966.

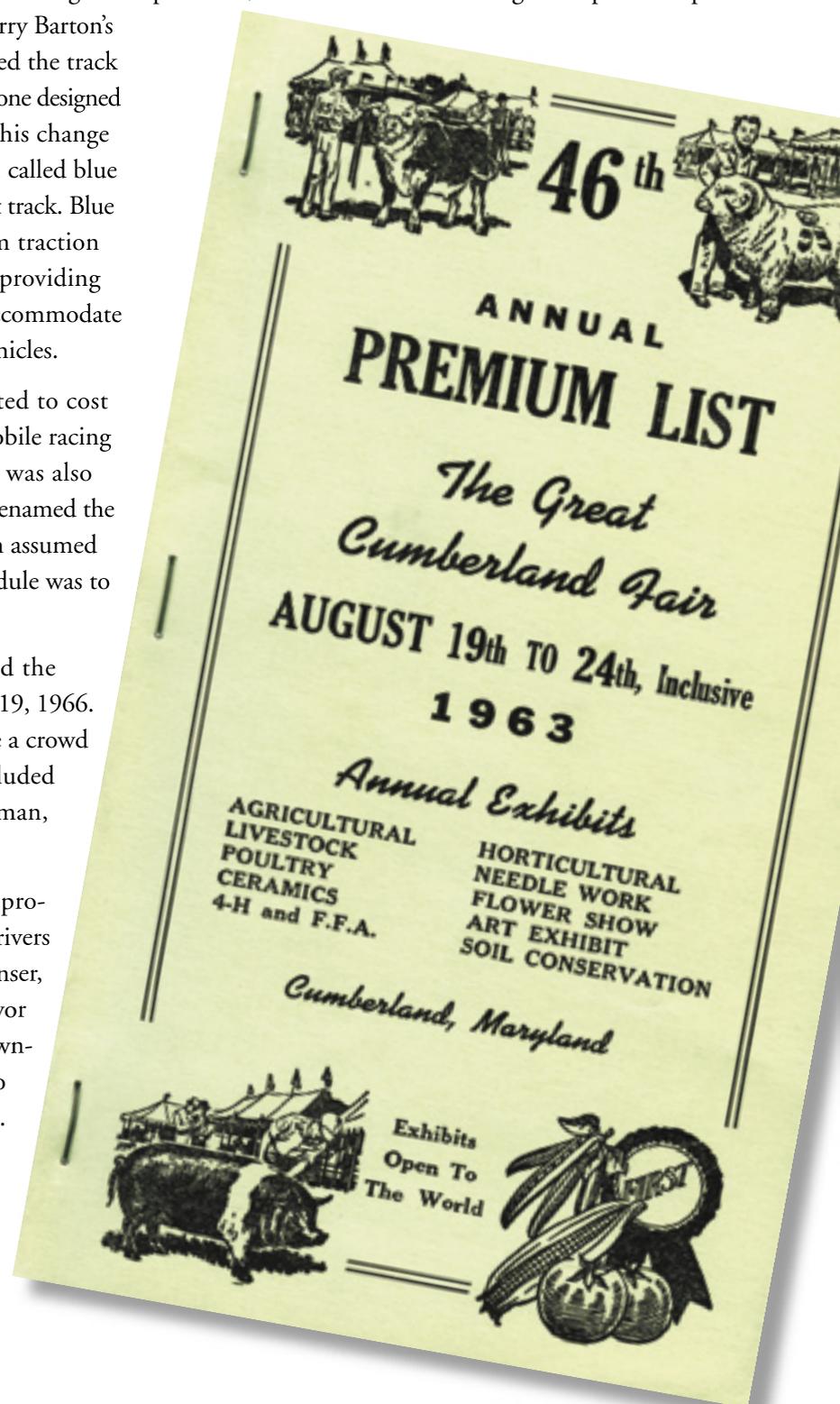
Highlights from that race car era included the "Cumberland 200," a featured race held on June 19, 1966. "Tiger" Pistone won the NASCAR event before a crowd of 5,000 fans. Other drivers in the top ten included Neil "Soaps" Castel, Wendell Scott, Dick Freeman, Buck Baker, and Tony Lund.

Later that summer, Indianapolis style cars provided sprint racing competition. Noteworthy drivers were Don Branson, Roger McClusky, Bobby Unser, Arnie Knepper, and Mario Andretti. A local flavor was added to the races when John Ankeney, downtown businessman, offered his Offenhauser to Dave Lundy of Pittsburgh for a sprint car event.

Fairgo's oval track once again assumed a new look in 1968 when motorcycles became the main attraction. The nation's top motorcyclists were slated for a "6 Star Event." Unfortunately, heavy rains caused the race to be cancelled and

unfavorable weather continued to plague other events, preventing them from being economically successful. Several of the motorcycle races that were not affected by rainy weather conditions attracted large crowds.

Racing was absent from the fairgrounds until 1978-1979, when Ray Fullerton promoted stock car races. Racing continued in 1980 under the sponsorship of the Western Maryland Street Rod Association, Ray Welsh promoter, and in 1981-1982 through the sponsorship of

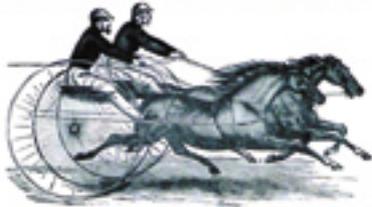


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the Cresaptown Volunteer Fire Department, Ray Welsh promoter. The Fairgo track was closed after the 1982 season and did not reopen until 1986. Following that season racing became dormant until 1991, when Ben Evans acted as promoter. Bob Salthe promoted from 2001-2002, and Rick Jones from 2005 to the present.

There have been a lot of changes for race car drivers since Mario Andretti raced here in 1963 in the sprint car races, and with more changes to come in the near future. Today's drivers zoom around the dirt track in excess of 135 mph (possibly 150 mph on a tacky night surface) in Super Dirt Late Model cars. Pictured on the facing page is Bob Gordon, a regular at the fairgrounds and many other dirt race tracks. With several track championships under his belt there's no slowing down. Gordon holds the record for the most feature wins in a season for Limited Lates at the fairgrounds track.

Plans for an expanded automobile racing facility at Fairgo are currently under consideration by the Maryland Stadium Authority. The proposal is to upgrade the half mile dirt track and to construct a new road racing course downstream from the fairgrounds to Bowling Green, a distance of about one and one-half miles.

While the fairground has hosted motor racing events for four decades, older residents will also recall high school track meets and the carnival operators who brought sideshows and featured attractions to the facility for decades: Prell Shows, Amusements of America, Dell and Travers, Olympic Exposition, Deggerller, and currently, Reithoffer Shows.

Significant changes have occurred at the fairgrounds in recent years. The Cumberland Fair Association, original owner of the facility, sold its interests to the state of Maryland on May 9, 1986. Project Open Space funding provided most of the financial support, while Allegany County provided a smaller percentage of money. Under the guidelines of POS, facilities must offer free admission and be for public educational use; the fairgrounds were a perfect match for the taxpayers' dollars. David Kirk, longtime General Manager of the fairgrounds, was instrumental in planning the transition from private to public ownership. The state of Maryland subsequently donated the fairgrounds to Allegany County, hence the name change to Allegany County Fairgrounds.

During the late 1990's the fairgrounds hosted approximately 40 events per year. Following construction of the Multiple Purpose Building in 2001, a 25,000 square foot facility, the number of events has increased to 300 per year. Many times multiple events will occur simultaneously. According to Glenn Stahlman and Kevin Kammauff, there is something going on almost every weekend. This trend will continue as Allegany County officials continue to



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Top and right photo: Bob Gordon, a popular racer at today's track.

Far right photo: Mario Andretti in the 1966 Sprint Car Races at the Fairgrounds.



prepare for the future. “We are not at the end of the old fairgrounds,” states Kevin Kammauff, “but at the beginning of a new one. And we are not going to run off our current renters. Instead, we will attract additional ones. Everything at the Allegany County Fairgrounds will be upgraded from the current facilities to a new motor sports complex.”

While plans move forward, mark your calendar for this year’s All-American summer experience; the Allegany County Fair will be held July 15-22. A partial list of fairground events is listed here, however a complete list is available from the Allegany County Fairgrounds Office, located in the Multiple Purpose Building at the fairgrounds, or by calling **301-729-1200**.

Mountain Discoveries would like to thank Glenn Stahlman and Kevin Kammauff of the Allegany County Fairgrounds for their generous assistance with this article. Also helpful was a 2003 interview with the late Senator J. Glenn Beall Jr.

Editor’s note: Look for the “Garrett County Fairgrounds” article in the Fall issue of *Mountain Discoveries*.



2007 Events at The Allegany County Fairgrounds

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May 5	Train Show
May 19 and September 22	Gun and Cash Bashes
June 22 - 24	Schoolhouse Quilt Show
June 30 - July 2	Tri-State Car Show
July 15 - 22	Allegany County Fair and Ag-Expo
August 10 - 11	Cumberland Fireman’s \$1,000,000 Bash
August 25 - 26	Western MD Truck Show
Aug. 31 - Sept. 2	Western MD Street Rod Show
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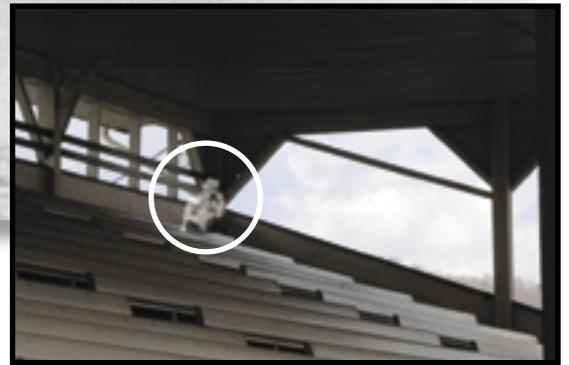
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Ghost Rider — A True Story

Written by: Dan Whetzel



Clifton White was photographed in the late 1940's enjoying a sulky ride. It is Mr. White's ghost that appears in the grandstand and other parts of the fairgrounds. Visitors who encounter Mr. White's ghost consistently report on his quaint style of dress that is evident in the black and white photograph.



If one visits the Allegany County Fairgrounds on a quiet evening, they may encounter a gentleman attired in a 1950's style white shirt and white hat. Typically, the gentleman will be sitting alone in the upper corner of the grandstand, yet he has been known to wander the fairgrounds at will. And while the visitor is often seen, he has never been known to speak. Kevin Kammauff, Manager/Events Coordinator of the Allegany County Fairgrounds, first saw the gentleman sitting in the upper corner of the grandstand on a summer evening. According to Mr. Kammauff, this person is not a typical fairgoer because one can see through his image; the quiet gentleman is a spirit.

Glenn Stahlman, Allegany Fairgrounds Sales Director, has also encountered the fairground's ghost. "We were here late at night, getting ready to go. When I went to close the door, it seemed to stick and I couldn't move it. The next thing I knew, the door shut, so I locked it. I then went outside and tried to open my truck door, but it wouldn't open either. Eventually the resistance stopped, and I was able to get into my truck. It was a strange feeling."

The mystery man in the white attire has never acted maliciously, yet his presence causes a chilling sensation to those who see him. And there have been many witnesses to his presence over the decades, including a Maryland State Trooper. While visitors have witnessed the gentleman's image, his identity remained unknown until September, 2006, when Mr. Kammauff was approached by a resident who desired to look at old photographs of the fairgrounds. The resident stated that she was the great granddaughter of a Cumberland Fair Association member, and she hoped to locate a photograph of him. After searching through stacks of photographs, the researcher excitedly exclaimed that she found one of her great grandfather. When Kevin Kammauff examined the photograph, he "got cold chills because that was the man I saw in the grandstand, the one with the white shirt and white hat. I told her, 'Your great grandfather is still here.'"

The photograph that Kevin Kammauff viewed was of Clifton W. White, a Director of the Cumberland Fair Association, who died in 1957, while seated at his desk in the Grandstand office.



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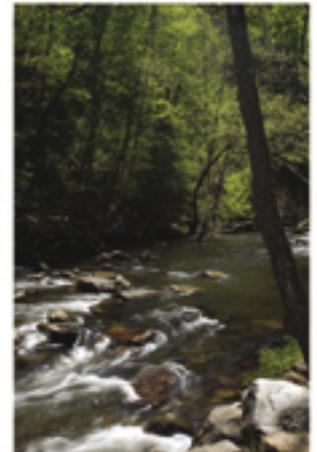


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Forest Canopy Walkway

Coming to Deep Creek Lake State Park

Written by: **Dan Whetzel**

Imagine seeing Deep Creek Lake and surrounding flora, fauna, and wildlife from an exciting location 85 feet above ground level. From that location, birds, butterflies, flowers, and various species of animals and insects that live in the roof of the local forest could be observed in their natural environments. The Forest Canopy Walkway will allow imaginations to come alive because the upper parts of the forest will be within reach of residents and visitors who may investigate Garrett County at their own pace and in a unique way.

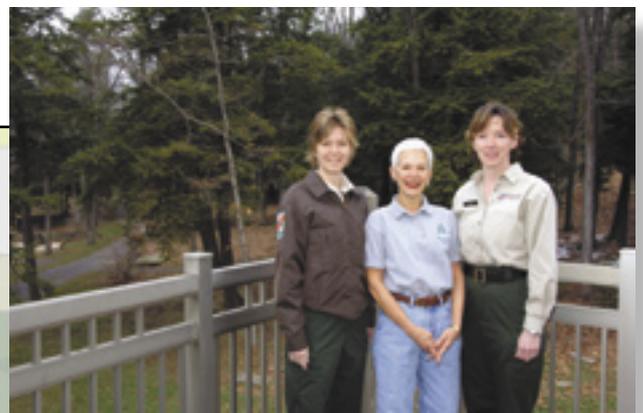
The proposed Forest Canopy Walkway is a project coordinated by the Western Garrett County State Park Volunteers in partnership with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Park Service and Forest Service. Plans call for the canopy walkway to be located at the Deep Creek Lake State Park Discovery Center on State Park Road. Three sections are planned for the facility: a canopy bridge, a catenary or swinging bridge, and a canopy tower.

The canopy bridge will attach to the rear deck of the Discovery Center and make a 200-foot loop to the public parking lot. The swinging bridge will attach to

that canopy bridge and run approximately 85 feet to the Forest Canopy Tower. In keeping with local surroundings, the tower will be a replica of fire towers the Forest Service historically used to locate fires. Visitors may ascend to the top of the tower or descend to the ground at this point. The Canopy Walk will offer proximity to the Discovery Center and access to trained staff, who will facilitate an understanding of the local forest canopy. Local school groups, researchers, and ecotourists are expected to regularly use the venue.

The costs associated with the proposal must be raised from private sources. A plaque donation campaign has been initiated and a donation box has been placed at the Discovery Center. It is hoped at least the first section of the canopy walkway will be constructed by the summer of 2008.

For more information, contact Caroline Blizzard, Director, The Discovery Center, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Deep Creek State Park, 898 State Park Road, Swanton, Maryland 21561; 301-387-7067 or e-mail, www.cblizzard@dnr.state.md.us



Left to right: Caroline Blizzard, Director, Discovery Center, DNR; Wendy Mopsik, President, State Parks Volunteers; and Becky Wilson, Urban and Community Forestry Program, MD DNR Forest Service, stand on back deck of the Discovery Center next to where the walkway is going to be.

Left: Plan view of walkway development—red dot is where the group in the above photo is standing.



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HIGSON'S FARM — A LIVING, LOVING AND LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Written by: **Dan Whetzel**

Photography by: **Lance C. Bell, PPA**

"Our life is a good one.

We enjoy what we are doing."

Those positive comments are from Ronnie and Tina Higson who live on a family farm located just across the Potomac River from Cumberland, Maryland near Wiley Ford, West Virginia. Higson's farm has become well known over the years to thousands of cub scouts, elementary school students, and others who enjoy the serene setting, festivities, and fresh produce the farm offers. And it is Ronnie and Tina who keep the farm an enjoyable place to visit for fun and fresh vegetables.

Tina's parents, H. Murell and Nora Kline, along with Kline brothers William, Murell Jr., and Perry, took a leap of faith during the depths of the Great Depression in 1935 when they purchased 192 acres of quiet bottom land along the Potomac River near Wiley Ford, West Virginia. The Kline's new dairy farm initiated much hard work to support twenty-six cattle that required hand milking. Unfortunately, the St. Patrick's Day flood of 1936 quickly created trying times for the family because much of the rich soil along the low lying areas washed away, and litter was strewn about the property. Through additional hard work, the Kline's were able to overcome the setback and continue their progress.



In the early days, two horses provided pulling power around the farm; it wasn't until later that a used tractor became available through a \$1.00 per month payment plan. Two barns were also built providing shelter for animals and a dry environment for animal feed. Expansion of the dairy occurred in 1960, when purchases brought the total amount of farm land to 534 acres.

H. Murell's passing in 1984 brought about a period of uncertainty concerning ownership of the property. Eventually the farm, including all equipment, was sold in 1986 to an individual not related to the family. But the new owner, "worked with us. He realized we were trying to keep the family farm," recalled Tina.

Ronnie and Tina initially purchased 168 acres of the original Kline tract from the new owner in 1986; since then, additional acreage has been added.

Ronnie and Tina started their farming enterprise by raising about thirty beef cattle, along with some vegetables that were planted each spring. "As the vegetable crops increased, we had less time to work with cattle, so we eventually got out of the cattle business," recalled Ronnie.



Higson's Farm the morning of the Fall Harvest Festival.



Real 'pumpkin patch' kids, Armana Grace & Braydon Smithberger.

Today, the Higsons harvest a variety of summer vegetables and fruits, starting with asparagus in April and continuing with strawberries, raspberries, and corn in consecutive weeks through May, June, and July to October. Other summer produce includes cucumbers, tomatoes, lima beans, zucchini, squash, and peppers. October offers the ever popular pumpkin crop. And it is the fall harvest that brings the most excitement to Higson's Farm.

Higson's Fall Harvest event has been held the first weekend in October for the past eleven years, and thousands of visitors have enjoyed the activities offered at the beautiful setting. Wagons and tractors provide for hayrides while the 4-H hosts ponies, horses, and a variety of small animals that bring joy to youngsters who can associate fun times with farm life. Refreshment vendors, craft exhibits, and vegetable sales increase the offerings to guests of all ages. The Fall Harvest grows annually as the Higsons continue to add activities.

While the Fall Harvest is a scheduled event (**October 7th in 2007**), the Higsons also host schools, church groups, and birthday parties at different times of the year upon request. Visits to the "punkin patch" are a favorite October activity because children get to pick their very own prize pumpkin. "Sometimes the children will come back with a trunk load of them. The kids really enjoy the 'punkin patch.'" Tina also provides lessons and demonstrations on the life cycles of the fruits and vegetables they pick.

One need not attend a special event to enjoy Higson's fresh vegetables and fruits. Ronnie and Tina will be pleased to meet with you, in season, at several locations, including the Country Club Mall on Tuesdays, the Downtown

Cumberland Mall on Thursdays, and Frostburg on Fridays. Higson's vegetables are also available at retail businesses in the area. Also at appropriate times, customers may pick their own selections at Higson's as the farm is open Sunday through Friday (closed Saturdays).

The favorite choice of customers at all outlets is summertime sweet corn. What makes Higson's corn so special? According to Ronnie, "Timing is the key to picking corn and we hand pick all of ours. Each ear is examined to see that the kernels are still small and have the right 'feel.' Any corn that is not ready, we don't pick." This is important because depending on weather

conditions, each stalk may vary in size; some stalks may be ready while others could require another couple of day's growth. Leaving the corn on the stalk too long also causes the sweet taste to diminish. Machine harvesting can't

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Background photo: Higson's farm lies in a majestic valley along the Potomac River.

Inset photo, left page: A scenic, old fashioned hayride returning to the festival area after a ride around the farm.

Inset photo, this page: The "perfect pumpkin" awaits visitors at the pumpkin patch, during festival time.



Ronnie Higson providing a hayride for visitors.



Visitors enjoying fresh air and scenery on a Fall Harvest hayride.

Higson family members can be seen around the farm and Fall Harvest Festival



Ronnie and Tina Higson.



Daughter Tracy, husband Brian, children Lacy and Brian Jr.



Granddaughter Christina and daughter Brenda.



Granddaughters Jennifer and Roseanna with great-granddaughter Xoe, daughter-in-law Karen & son Ronnie Jr.

discriminate among different stalks; a mechanized harvesting decision would be made based on whether the majority of stalks are ready for picking.

Satisfaction and success may be measured in different ways, and the Higsons are certainly not persuaded that accumulating money is the best measure of those terms. “To work the land, plant the seeds, watch them germinate, and bear fruit is amazing,” reflects Ronnie. Both Ronnie and Tina have experienced the satisfaction one feels by witnessing the annual agricultural rebirth cycle because they have been closely associated with farming all of their lives. Success can also be measured in the quiet pride the Higsons derive from watching their children, grandchildren, and employees help to pick sixty acres of sweet corn in the same fields where previous generations labored. In fact,

Tina and Ronnie believe that family experiences have contributed to their business success. “If it wasn’t for my father and brothers and the hard work that they did, our farm wouldn’t be what it is today.” The Higsons also credit their success “to the glory of God. It is God who makes our work possible. We have been blessed more and more as the years go by. And we have been able to help other people by what we do on the farm.”

Seventy-two years of dedication and hard work have brought forth bountiful harvests at Higson’s farm, the fruits of their labor. The Higsons are truly living the good life.

The Higson Farm sign is located along WV Route 28 near Wiley Ford in Mineral County, West Virginia. Their phone number is 304-738-8946.



Horse teams were an everyday sight during early farming days at the Higson farm. Charley Lechliter with horses Bill and Dick, haul a load of manure from the barn to spread on the fields for fertilizer.



H. Murell Kline (left) and son, William Kline (second from left), work with the owner of the ditch digging machine to lay drain tiles for field drainage in the early 1940s. At that time, their farm had the most fields in the area with a drainage system.

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Mushrooms – One of Spring’s Delicacies

Written by: **Dan Whetzel**

Mushroom hunting is fun because it combines the thrill of the hunt with the exercise of walking in the woods. The foraging also rewards hunters at the end of the day because mushrooms provide for a tasty and nutritious meal. No matter what variety of mushroom is preferred, hunters enjoy looking for that illusive patch just over the hill.



Morel mushrooms

Wild mushrooms are the fruit of a fungus whose primary biological purpose is to produce and disperse spores that will grow into a new fungus. They are separated into different classifications by mycologists (scientists who study fungus), but only two types are generally important to mushroom hunters and connoisseurs, those mushrooms that are edible and those that are not. And learning to identify mushrooms is the first important step to enjoying the fungus as a food and hobby.

Four species of mushrooms are relatively easy to identify: the chicken mushroom, the great puffball, morels, and the chanterelle. These edible ones are high in protein and fiber while also providing a variety of vitamins. However, other species that sometimes resemble the desirable ones are poisonous, and caution is necessary when gathering wild mushrooms. Consulting reliable resources before hunting wild mushrooms is recommended, and The Audubon Society and North American Mycological Association offer expert advice for both beginners and advanced “shroomers.” Local clubs also exist in many regions. While guide books and organizations assist novices and hunters, most Western Maryland hunters first learn about hunting wild mushrooms through family members, a tradition that shows no signs of abating.

Zane and Tim Mackie have hunted mushrooms in Western Maryland and Pennsylvania for more than 25 years, after being introduced to the hobby by Zane’s wife, Patti and her brothers and father. “We hunt them as a hobby and probably most people feel the same way, although others realize commercial value in them. As long as the weather cooperates

from April through spring, we hunt morels. The black ones appear first, later yellow and white ones.”

While not scarce or endangered, the wild mushroom can be illusive and mysterious because not every wooded area will have a patch waiting to be collected. Another factor is the time it takes for mushrooms to sprout from a seed, about five years. To complicate matters, hunters find that an area that has been fruitful in the past will, for unknown reasons, not yield mushrooms in succeeding years. “You have to know the right locations. I look around poplar trees and apple orchards. When you find a good spot, you remember it. And if I find one, I always look around because there are probably more nearby. According to Zane, such locations become a private matter that hunters only reveal to family members and close friends.

Zane’s most vivid hunting memories involve the locations that produced abundant numbers of mushrooms. “Three times I found places that looked like a fairyland. There were more than a hundred, and that is what keeps you coming back.”

The Mackie’s also learned a cautionary tale about what may happen if one eats the wrong species of mushroom. “One local hunter ate a ‘Jack O’ Lantern’ that grows on

stumps, and he ended up in the emergency room suffering from violent stomach regurgitation. People can definitely get into trouble by not knowing what they're picking and eating," stated Tim.

While morels are the Mackie's favorite, they also gather Sheep's Head, which grow to enormous sizes, and Meadow Mushrooms. "Turn the Meadow mushroom over; if it's white underneath, it's not to be collected. If it's brown or pink, we pick it," commented Zane.



Tim and Zane Mackie, veteran mushroom hunters.

Knowing when to pick a mushroom is also a consideration for hunters. Generally, if a mushroom is starting to discolor, it is on the "downside" and is saying "pick me." Slight discoloration does not make for a bad mushroom; just trim the undesirable spots when preparing it for eating. Some hunters use a 50% rule, meaning if half is good, then it is worth picking. Simply pinching and twisting the stem near the ground will do for the harvesting process. Placing the harvested crop in a cloth or paper bag is recommended because it allows for air circulation. The use of plastic is not recommended as it causes the mushroom to be soggy and warm.

Short Gap resident, Chris Zollner, also loves to look for mushrooms, a hobby he has enjoyed for the past 15 years. "I hunt on my own property and on Iron's Mountain." Chris's favorite mushroom is the morel, so he hunts in the springtime but with only limited success. "I'm not real good at finding them. You can learn to hunt mushrooms, but I believe you need to have the 'knack.' And you either have the knack or you don't. My cousin was real good at finding them. I went over a section of ground with him for an hour and didn't find anything. My cousin then walked through the same area that I had looked and found a third of a bag."

Although a knowledgeable forester for the state of Maryland, Dan Hedderick experienced hunting morels for the first time in the spring of 2006. Dan was accompanied by his wife, Angela, and children, Alex and Katy. "We thought that we would go out and try it. Alex found them the fastest. He is only four years old and closer to ground. We had three short visits and came up with about 75 mushrooms. But it was on the last day that Alex stopped and said 'mushrooms,' that we found the most. There were mushrooms in a field of full sunlight, next to a skid path, and the area had already been logged. Everyone said you won't find them where wood is being harvested, but we did. We left some of the mushrooms so they could release spores for reproduction."

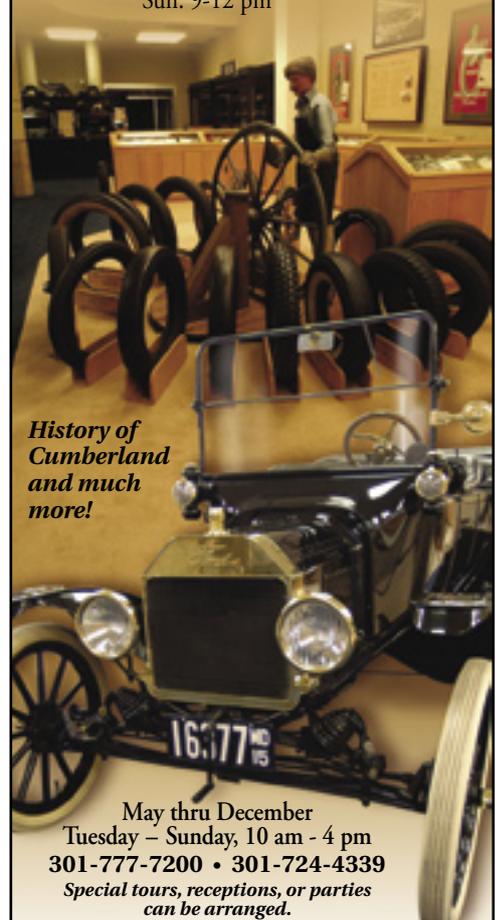
No matter how experienced, all "shroomers" have one common goal: to find that giant patch that always seems to be hiding over the next hill. 🍄

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A Little Mountain Humor

The Bear Hunt

Story and Photography by: **Lance C. Bell, PPA**

When I lived in the Shenandoah Valley, there was an old country store with a potbellied stove, checkerboard and a wheel of cheese on the counter where you could buy a slice, have some crackers, sit down and hear the mountain stories flying like caddis flies in April. There were some real characters that came in with the tallest tales and swearin' by almighty they were true.

One such character was a mountain man everybody called "Smokey" no one knew his real name or where he really lived. One look at Smokey and you were transformed back in time; his long white beard and hair, leathered wrinkly skin, a smokey aroma that surrounded him and always grin'n from ear to ear. He was the strong silent type but when he did speak he got everybody's attention. And everyone listened when he had a story to tell. One such time he sat down with his cheese and something to sip on and began his story. There were four or five local fellows along with the owner in the store—well they fell silent, all of 'em. Smokey knew he had them all in the palm of his hand and were hangin' on every word he said. In his long, slow, southern mountain twang he began his story, and as best I can remember it went like this...

In Smokey's words, "A long time ago my granddaddy was out hunting a big ol' bear, he was a boar (male). Big, at least 900 lbs., mean and ill-tempered as they come. When he stood up he reached up 10 feet to pluck the highest fruit from a tree, he ate berries by the gallons and when he held a fish in them big ol' paws they looked like them little bitty fish you get in them little tiny cans. No doubt about it he was the biggest, meanest bear in these here parts. Do you fellas know where Devil Mountain is? It's down the road here a little piece and one side of it is sheer rock going straight up about 200 feet without nothin' grow'n on it. Well it was told by other mountain men that that big ol' bear was hangin' around the base of Devil Mountain cause there was a lotta berries there and a stream full'a trout. My granddad figured sure 'nuff that'd be the place for him to bag that bear. He grabbed up his 50 caliber long rifle (42" barrel), it was a flint lock ya know, his powder horn and possibles bag (that's a rifle man's bag with all his paraphernalia in it—flint, balls, patch cloth, grease, and anything else pertinent).



He headed off to Devil Mountain and he weren't long on the trail before he was look'n up at that great rock wall. The Indians called it a place of death and were right suspicious of it, that's probably how it become to be called "Devil Mountain." Well, anyway, he looked down and saw the biggest bear tracks he'd ever seen in his life, they were so long he couldn't hardly spit from one end to the other of one (he chewed tobacco you know), well he could hear that bear down the trail just snortin', growlin', and

tearin' things up somethin awful. But he couldn't see him, then all'a sudden that bear stood up. Well granddad's hair stood straight up 'cause about 70 yards down the path there he was, the biggest meanest bear he'd ever seen. He knew he'd only have one chance at him so he concocted a plan and it went like this. That bear was right in front of the great 200' wall. Granddad picked the perfect spot beside the trail where there was a pretty good size boulder, but because of some low brush he couldn't see all that bear, so he lay down behind that boulder and waited. He knew that bear was going to come up that trail but he never did, he figured the bear musta got wind of him, he only bathed twice a year and that was once too many as far as he figured." Everyone listening was really into the story and were tell'n Smokey to come on, "What happened Smokey," they were all asking as they were glued to every word. "Well, that bear finally moved over a little and granddad got sight of part of him. Well you know that bear was in front of that rock wall so granddad figured if he took careful aim on just the right spot on that great wall he could ricochet a bullet off that wall and get that bear. Well after calculatin' the distance, figurin' elevation and testin' the wind, he picked a spot on the wall. He lay down with his rifle restin' on that boulder, then he cocked it, took real careful aim and took in a long slow deep breath an squeezed her off. There was a terrible cloud of gun powder smoke as that ol' long rifle roared to life." Everyone's urging Smokey, "What happened, what happened?" Smokey leaned back in his chair grin'n from ear to ear. "Well fellas, ya know he missed that dang wall completely."

...and that's the truth, so help me.



LOUIS TIFFANY WINDOWS AT EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH — PART OF CUMBERLAND'S HISTORY FOR OVER 102 YEARS



Haystack Mountain

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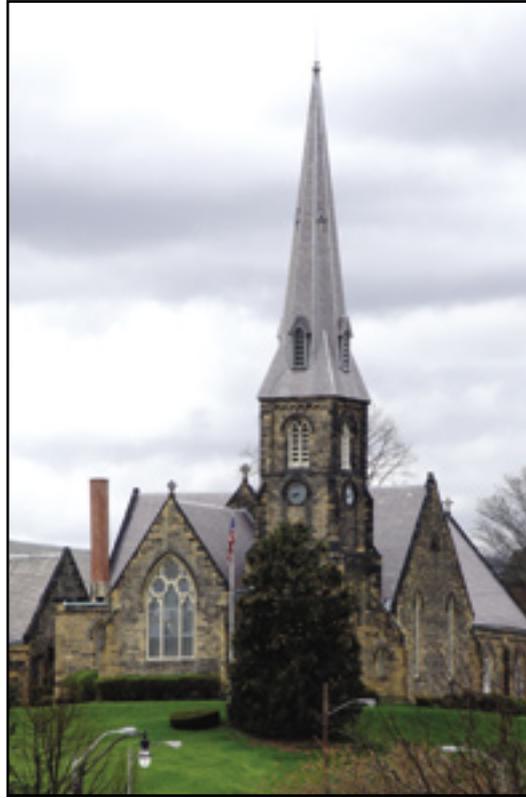


Emmanuel Episcopal Church has overlooked downtown Cumberland, Maryland since 1851 while becoming one of the city's most recognized and admired buildings. Its Gothic Revival style, based on the plans of noted architect John Notman, was unique to the time period, making Emmanuel one of the earliest examples of that style in the United States. Inspiration for the church was derived from St. Peter's Brighton, located in England. While Emmanuel's imposing structure dominates the western skyline of downtown, its interior evokes a spiritual, reflective attitude that features America's foremost glass artist and designer whose name is synonymous with the Art Nouveau era. Louis Comfort Tiffany redesigned Emmanuel's interior in the early 20th Century and provided the church with three stained glass windows and accompanying features.

Louis Tiffany arrived at Emmanuel in 1905 for the purpose of redesigning interior sections of the church, including its glass windows. Tiffany did not solely focus on windows but also thematically designed the nave and transept thereby coordinating all major components of the area. His Emmanuel composition included provisions for three large stained glass windows, each approximately 20 feet in height, a carved High Altar and Reredos screen, an alter cross, communion candles, a processional cross, and a pair of candelabra. The concept and design was funded

and acquired over the next two decades by parishioners who desired to memorialize family members.

Tiffany's Emmanuel creations are monuments to artistic talent and design because they reflect a detailed study of light, glass, interior aesthetics, and biblical themes.



Exterior view of Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

The most prominent window faces the rising sun and occupies the area above the High Altar. Inspiration for the work was derived from French artist Adolphe-William Bouguereau's painting, "The Adoration of the Shepherds," an interpretation of St. Luke's account of Jesus' birth and a celebration of Emmanuel's congregation that first met on Christmas Day, 1749. The rising sun first highlights Jesus' halo, followed by the Virgin Mary's halo, and then a brilliant illumination of Mary's body, and the entire scene follows that emphasizes shades of red and green. The passing sun soon causes subdued shades of blue to dominate the panels.

The sun's rays next catch the dramatic and tragic Old Testament figure of Rizpah, above the south door in the Baptistry. Her raised torch blazes to frighten away birds of the air by day and wild animals of the field by night from her sons' bodies. This depiction is not in Tiffany's signature Art Nouveau style but instead is rendered in Art Deco, making it one of the earliest such examples of stained glass windows in the world.

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Photography by: **Lance C. Bell, PPA**

Facing page: The beautiful 20 foot tall Tiffany window, "The Adoration of the Shepherds," inside Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

Photo below: A panoramic view of Cumberland (looking north) showing a few of its many steeples and historic sights including "The Narrows."

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The setting sun last illuminates the third Tiffany window, "The Second Coming of Christ," that is composed of three large opalescent glass panels. A glorious Christ dominates the center panel above, while St. Michael breaks a sword over his knee below symbolizing the end of time. As with other Tiffany works, one looks at the images not through them.

The three Tiffany windows were presented to the Emmanuel congregation by the Millholland, Lowndes, and Hamilton families from 1905 to 1923.

Tiffany also carved the High Altar and Reredos screen, from Carrara marble and Caen stone, and designed the crosses and candelabra for the High Altar. A fortunate discovery in 1987 brought additional information to Emmanuel's candle treasures. Five pencil sketches on rice paper, dated 1906 and 1907, show Tiffany's personal illustrations of the candelabra and processional cross. It is known that Louis Tiffany created the drawings because the initials "L.C.T" are signed at the lower right hand corners. Each drawing shows different options for the detailed decorative features that adorn the objects. It is assumed the concept drawings should have been returned to New York for confirmation of a final product; why some of them remained in Cumberland will probably never be known. While key elements of Tiffany's composition were acquired over two decades, not all plans were implemented. For a time, Tiffany's work went out of style and other artists' works were acquired for the church.

Emmanuel Episcopal Church welcomes visitors almost anytime to see the Tiffany treasures and other historical features beneath the floor including tunnels, magazines, and earthworks of Fort Cumberland, the British outpost constructed in 1755 that was to play a prominent role in the French and Indian War. A convenient time to tour downtown Cumberland and Emmanuel Episcopal Church would be during **Heritage Days, June 9 & 10, 2007.**

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Deer Park Spring Water – A Garrett Tradition

Written by: **Dan Whetzel**

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Deer Park Spring Water has been enjoyed by Western Maryland residents since the early 1800's when it bubbled freely through the sand at Deer Park, Maryland, providing crystal clear drinking water. While the spring water was always cool and refreshing, only residents knew of its "delightfully palatable taste." Decades would pass before Deer Park Spring Water would become widely available to East Coast residents.

Deer Park Spring Water's notoriety grew proportionately with the town's development when in 1872 the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad constructed a major resort facility known as Deer Park Hotel. Wealthy metropolitan residents who desired to escape the heat and humidity could travel comfortably aboard a B&O coach to the Deer Park destination where a first class facility welcomed them; few hotels of the day surpassed it. Numerous cottages augmented the hotel, and the variety of accommodations attracted noteworthy visitors like Presidents Grover Cleveland, William Henry Harrison, James Garfield, and William Howard Taft. The spring water became a feature of the hotel.

Deer Park's reputation as a premiere resort facility was well-known by the late 1800's. A large amphitheatre hosted Chautauqua events, and the establishment of a religious retreat added to the attractions.

As the hotel and town developed, so did Boiling Springs, the name given to the Deer Park water source. Hotel guests continued to be served the water from bottles appropriately labeled Deer Park Spring Water. Around 1905, the B&O decided to accommodate requests from hotel guests and offer the water in its dining cars. One-half gallon glass containers were packed eight to a wooden crate and then



Deer Park Spring Water label from the collection of Bill Howes.

loaded on a train for distribution to the railroad's commissaries around its system. The bottled water was prominently displayed and served on most dining cars, although "Not for Sale" was stamped on each label, making the water an exclusive treat for B&O passengers.

Major improvements to the bottling facility and spring house occurred in 1957. A small pagoda-style spring house replaced an older structure. Complete with a cement floor and 4 x 3-foot opening that enabled samples to be collected, the new structure protected the spring's source. Also completed was a new bottling plant located one mile from the spring house and beside the B&O tracks. The facility was approximately 15x12 feet and included a platform to accommodate loading. Bottling operations were under the direction of Earle Hienbaugh, who held the titles Water Supervisor and Dining Car Department Employee. Assisting Mr. Hienbaugh was Carl Weber, a bio-chemist employed by the B&O, who checked for water purity on a weekly basis.

The bottling process began with water flowing from the spring at the rate of 100 gallons per minute. Gravity provided the force to send it through pipes to the bottling plant one mile away. Due to federal and state public health regulations, water passed through a hypo-chlorinator.

Mr. Hienbaugh assumed all daily duties at the bottling plant. His first morning assignment was to wash empty bottles by using a motor driven brush. Secondly, sterilization occurred when water covering the bottles was heated to 180 degrees Fahrenheit for a specified period of time. Clean bottles were filled through a multipost system that routed the water flow into eight bottles simultaneously. Applications of jelly caps to seal the filled bottles completed the process.

For many years B&O train Number 30 stopped at Deer Park to pick up loaded cases, providing the shipping service to Washington and other points for further distribution to feature trains. Typically, 40 cases were loaded at the bottling plant, meaning that B&O passengers were served 160 gallons of Deer Park Spring Water daily.

The B&O sold its Deer Park Hotel in 1911, and operations ceased there almost immediately. Improved roads and the availability of automobiles affected rail passenger service even at that early date. Later development of air conditioning systems made the cool Deer Park evenings less attractive, causing the town to lose its tourist base. Deer Park Spring Water operations were also affected by the changing market conditions and that ultimately lead to their demise on B&O passenger trains. The exact date spring water ceased to be used is unknown. Bill Howes, the last Director of Passenger Service for the B&O Railroad, indicates there are no written documents recording when service ended, but an important clue would be the termination of the train that picked up the wooden crates at Deer Park. According to Mr. Howes, that train “was discontinued July 4, 1964. After that, my guess is the B&O was no longer shipping water crates from Deer Park.” Mr. Howes also recalled an interesting footnote to Deer Park Spring Water

occurring between April 29 and May 1, 1971, when the Capital Limited made its final run under B&O auspices. The famous water was placed back on the dining tables to reclaim its exclusive spot one last time.

The remaining vestiges of the Deer Park Hotel fell to the wrecking ball in 1944, and other nearby historic sites have disappeared as well. However in recent years, Garrett County has once again become a premier destination site as Deep Creek Lake provides a catalyst for year round activities that augment Deer Park’s attractions. Deer Park maintains its quaint atmosphere, and several cottages from the late 19th Century remain, including the one enjoyed by President Cleveland on his honeymoon. The President Cleveland honeymoon cottage is indicated with a historical marker.

The Deer Park Spring Water continues to be sold throughout the United States to the present day, although the Deer Park, Maryland, location is only one of several sources for the current product. While its source has changed, the bottled water’s storied past will remain a constant source of pride for Deer Park residents.

Mountain Discoveries *would like to express appreciation to Bill Howes, of Jacksonville, Florida, for his expertise and cooperation in preparing this article.*



The distinctive Deer Park Spring Water bottle being used with the new holder design. This photo was taken in a B&O dining car on the Columbian (Washington-Chicago) c.1949. Courtesy Bill Howes.

Left: Deer Park Spring Water bottle, holder, and original wooden crate used to bring the bottles to the dock and onto dining cars.

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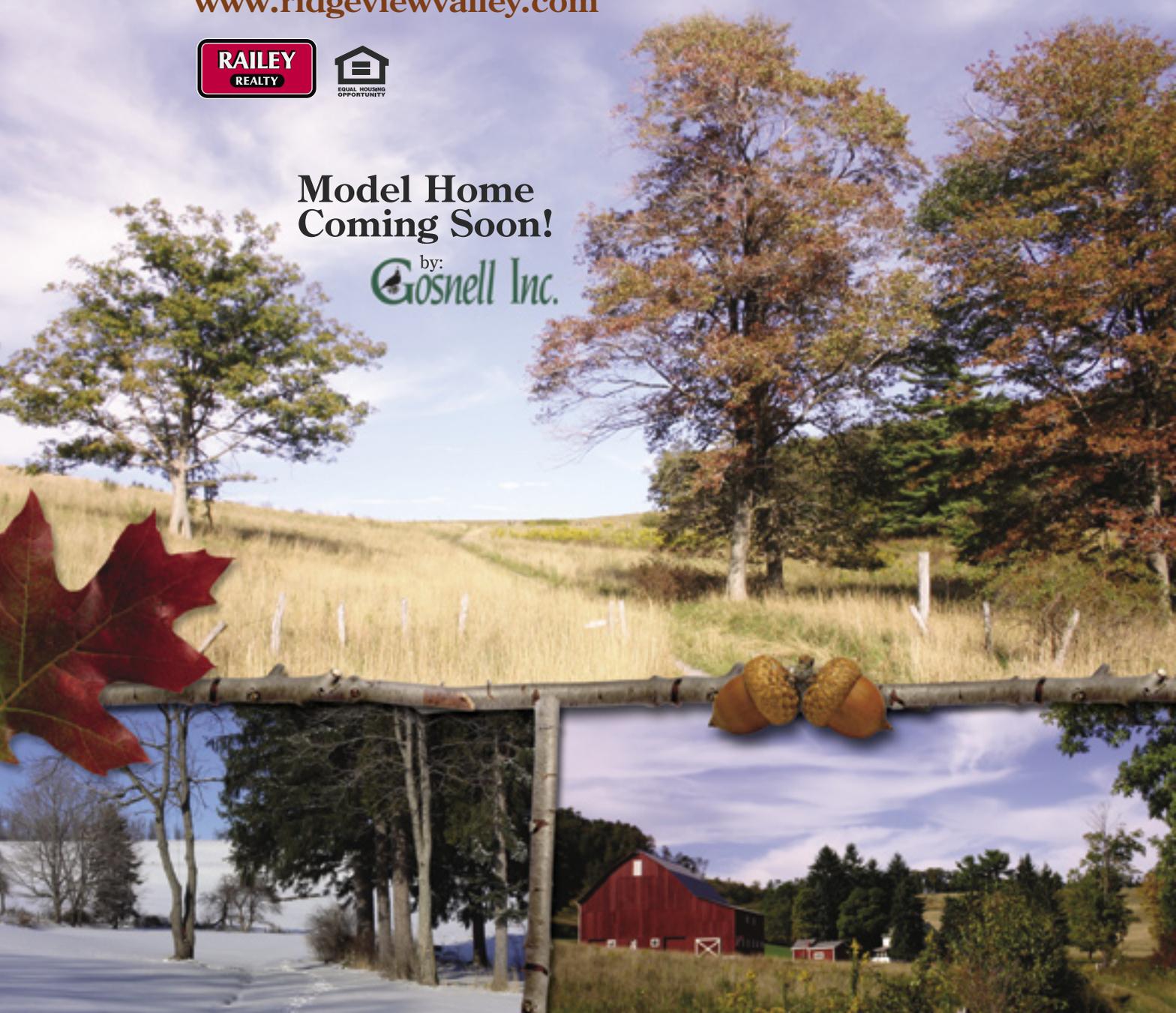
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HOW THEY NAMED THE WESTERN

If you stand high up on Wills Mountain in Cumberland, you can look down on “The Narrows” mountain gap and imagine pioneer families in their covered wagons, driving west through the gap in the early 1800s. You can picture runaway slaves as they may have traveled through the Narrows, hidden in wagons driven by black teamsters who were hauling cargo to Pennsylvania. You can imagine private coaches and stagecoaches rumbling through in the other direction, carrying presidents and other political leaders east to Washington.

A 1755 map showed Wills Creek; and Charles Mason, of the Mason-Dixon surveying team, mentioned “Will’s Creek Mountain” in his 1760s journal. Early travellers used the Wills Creek name for what soon would be called Cumberland.

W. H. Lowdermilk, in his 1878 *History of Cumberland*, said the creek was named for an Indian named Will who lived nearby “with his family and a few followers.” Pioneer Thomas Cresap surveyed for Maryland colonial governor Thomas Bladen, a tract of land called Will’s Town at the place where Wills Creek meets Jennings Run (today’s Corriganville). A 1940s authority, William Marye, gave 1745 as the date of Cresap’s survey. While it’s not clear whether that survey and a later land patent covered the place where Will and his family actually lived, writers have used the Will’s Town name for their village.

“Will” certainly doesn’t sound like an Indian name. But English settlers sometimes used nicknames for Indians they knew, probably because they found Indian names hard to pronounce and spell. Lowdermilk didn’t mention Will’s tribe, nor call him a chief; but others later called him Chief Will. Lowdermilk presented Will as a benign fellow who gave “a kindly greeting” to English settlers and lived in “intimate friendship with them.” He said the settlers gave Will “some trifle as a pretended compensation” when they obtained grants to his land. He indicated that Will died in the early 1780s and was buried on top of Wills Knob, a hill near Wills Mountain.

Two other accounts, though, present a sharply different portrait of Will. Thomas Scharf’s 1882 *History of Western Maryland*, suggests that Will tolerated the years-long captivity of two pioneer boys at Will’s Town. According to Scharf, Delaware Indians attacked a group of settlers near today’s Williamsport, Md., in the 1740s. They killed five men, including a Mr. Clemmer, and captured Clemmer’s wife and two of their sons. When Mrs. Clemmer escaped, they recaptured and killed her. They brought the boys to Will’s Town, where they “were held prisoners for nine years.”

Gordon C. Baker of Rockville, Md., a Clemmer descendant who has done much research on the family,

The legendary “Lover’s Leap” area of Wills Mountain.

MARYLAND MOUNTAINS › PART III

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confirms that Indians killed Ludwig and Elizabeth Clemmer and captured their sons Valentine and Lawrence. But he says this took place in August, 1756 (during the French and Indian War) and that the boys apparently were released within four years of their capture. *The Pennsylvania Gazette* of September 2, 1756, reported several Indian attacks in the area where the Clemmers lived and said the Indians had killed at least 32 settlers. It didn’t name the settlers, nor the Indians’ tribe or chief.

In March, 1907, writing in the Bedford, Pa., *Gazette*, J.H.P. Adams said Will—whom he called “Chief Wills” and “the old chief”—was a Shawnee who led a raid in what is now Bedford County, Pa., near the Maryland border. (Adams gave no date for the raid, but French-allied Indians were targeting the entire border area for raids when the Clemmers and their neighbors were attacked.) The Indians captured five settlers’ wives, including a Mrs. Perrin. Carrying an infant, she couldn’t keep up with the fast pace the Indians set as they hurried the captives away. So they killed and scalped her and her baby on Tussey Mountain, near the Perrin’s Rocks of today. Adams said seven settlers pursued the Indians, following them westward to Wills Mountain (which runs into Pennsylvania). Many of the Indians traveled further west with the captives, while others headed north. Chief Will, traveling alone, went south to Wills Knob.

Following him there, settler George Powell shot and killed him. Powell apparently scalped the old man and buried him on Wills Knob.

Adams wrote his account possibly 130-150 years after the alleged event. But he was from the local area, was born in 1832, and was related to Perrins and Powells. Of the seven settlers he said pursued the Indians, Joseph Powell apparently was his grandfather and George Powell his great-uncle. Adams reported that the surviving women captives “were found at Montreal, Canada, and brought home some six years afterward”; perhaps they said Chief Will had led the raid. If the Adams account is true, then Chief Will was not the benign old patsy Lowdermilk suggested. Perhaps he was a fierce old warrior who was trying to protect Indian land by driving English settlers away from the mountains.

One caution, though: Thus far I’ve been unable to find any reference to Chief Will by pioneer leaders who should have been his contemporaries. If he was a chief, he probably was a minor one. It’s conceivable that he played the role of a friendly but not-very-bright fellow in order to avoid notice and to collect useful information about English troops in Fort Cumberland.

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This view is from Backbone Mountain in Garrett County, Maryland. In the far background you can see Deep Creek Lake.

Wills Mountain's high cliffs include a Lover's Leap. In their 1923 *History of Allegany County, Maryland*, James W. Thomas and T.J.C. Williams suggested—with vague citation—that it was named thus because a settler named Jack Chadwick fell in love with an Indian chief's daughter and the chief would not allow them to marry. When they tried to elope, he pursued them to a cliff on Wills Mountain and attacked Jack; and in defending himself, Jack killed the chief. Although still in love, the daughter felt she couldn't marry the man who had taken her father's life. "Then let us leap off the cliff yonder together," Jack proposed, "and end our trouble." She agreed, and they did.

An alternative version of the legend appears in a poem published years ago in an unnamed Cumberland newspaper and reprinted in the 1979 *Journal of the Alleghenies*. In this version, the young man was a chief's son and the young woman belonged to a hostile tribe. Pursued by warriors of her tribe to the cliff, the young man swept his beloved into his arms and leapt from "the cliff to the valley below."

Backbone Mountain, the highest in Maryland, runs through Garrett County from Big Savage Mountain down to the southwest corner of the state and into West Virginia. Its name appeared on a map as early as 1795, and pioneers often called it "the Great Backbone." Jack Caruthers of Grantsville, a veteran student of local history, suggests that if you drive south on Route 219, go up Hoop Pole Ridge, and look over to the southeast at Backbone Mountain, you will understand the name. The mountain is long and fairly smooth, but its little peaks and dips resemble the bumps of a spinal column.

Rev. John A. Grant of Oakland, who has hiked Backbone and other area mountains for many years, adds that early residents probably viewed it as "the backbone of the mountains."

Just before the West Virginia border, Backbone rises to 3,360 feet above sea level—the highest point in Maryland. The peak is named Hoye-Crest in honor of the late

Captain Charles E. Hoye, founder of the Garrett County Historical Society. Members of the national Highpointers Club, whose goal is to reach the highest point in every state, held their 2001 convention in Oakland, and attendees hiked up to Hoye-Crest together. If any were first-timers, this meant they had “bagged” one peak and had 49 to go.

To see “The Narrows” from Wills Mountain, take the Wills Mountain Road up to the Artmor plastics factory. Facing the factory, walk to the left and around behind it to the cliffs, where you can get glimpses and photos of The Narrows below. (But stay away from the edge, because there’s a long and lethal drop down to the railroad tracks.) The road up to the factory is open weekdays from 9-4:30, but gated at other times. The factory’s little museum includes a mural of pioneers headed west, a covered wagon, a display of old Cumberland glassware, and information on the factory itself. The museum is open 9-12 & 1-4 on weekdays; admission is free.

To reach Hoye-Crest on Backbone Mountain, take route 219 south from Oakland to Silver Lake, W. Va. (just over the state line) and the tiny church there; continue on 219 for one mile to the logging road on the left. On foot, follow the “HP” blazes that lead back into Maryland and up to Hoye-Crest.

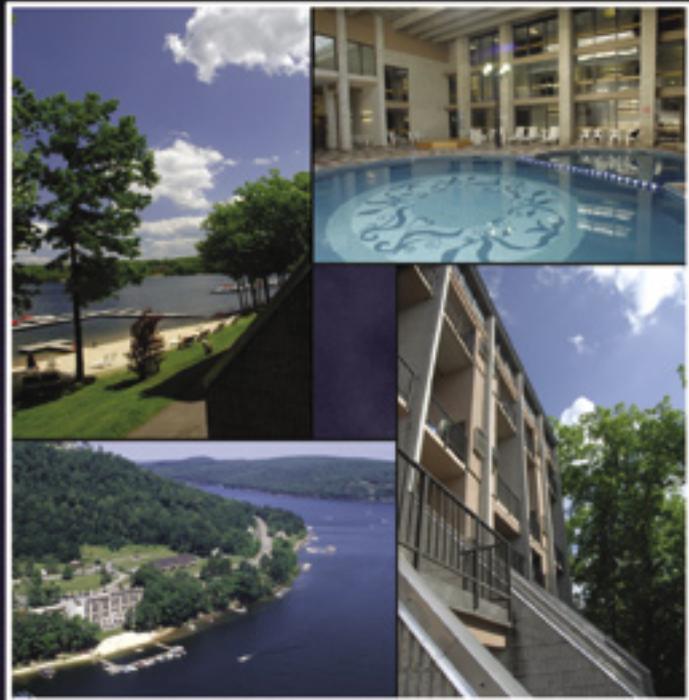
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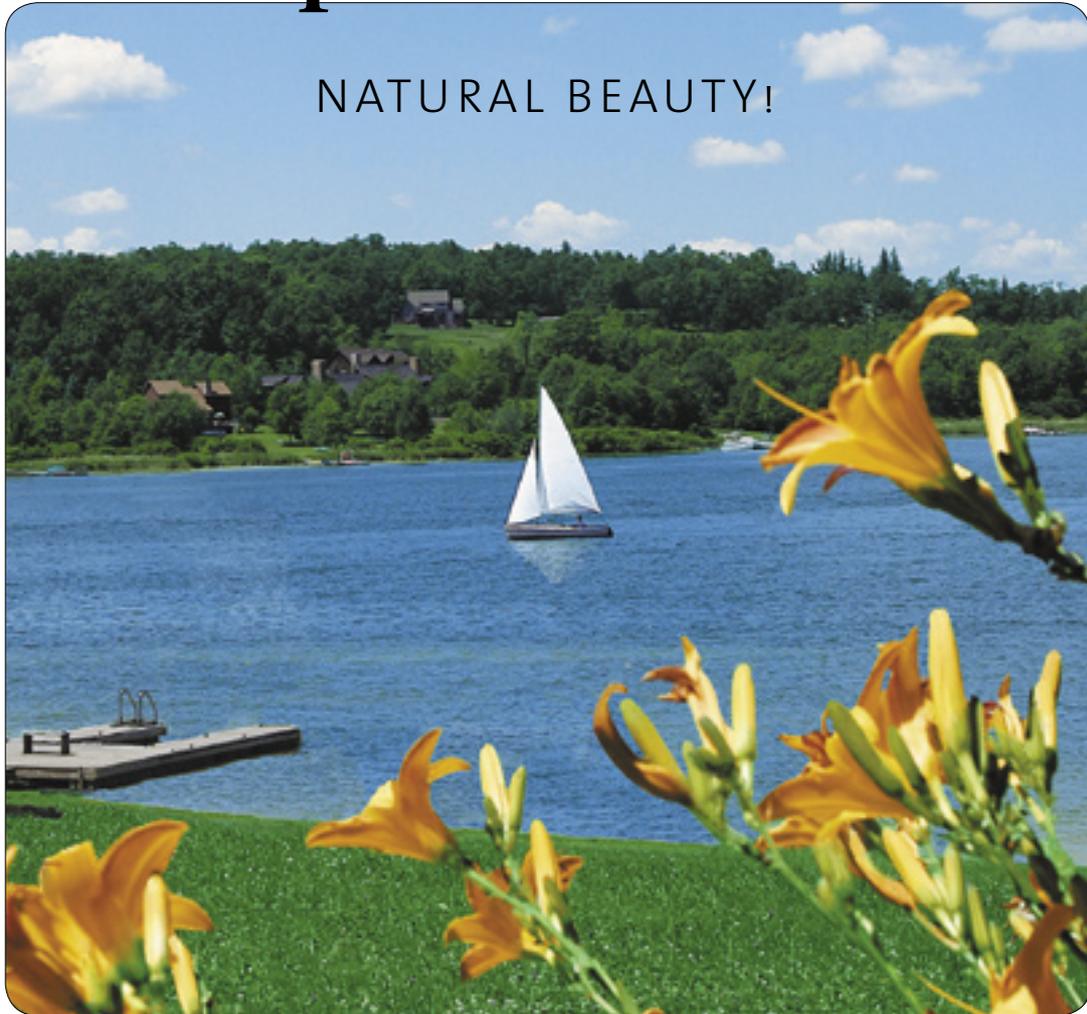
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