



DEEP CREEK DISPATCH

Spring 2013

Newsletter of the
Property Owner's Association
of Deep Creek Lake, Inc.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring has arrived; docks are going in, grass already needs mowing, and the publication of this spring issue of The POA Dispatch has been completed. Efforts continue on correcting, updating and improving the communications capability of the POA of DCL, Inc. An important component of this process includes a redesign of our website, deepcreeklakepoa.com. To make this process more coherent, I have appointed Ed Neff to the position of Chairman, Communications Committee to oversee this redesign and other related matters. Other members of the Committee are Bob Hoffmann, Chris Nichols, Scott Johnson, Tom Myers, and myself. The focus of this effort continues to be the provision of timely information of interest and value to members of the POA.

A hot topic of discussion continues to be "What to do about Submerged Aquatic Vegetation" (SAV) in the lake and, in particular, Eurasian Water Milfoil. Rest assured that your Board members are in regular contact with the MD Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) on the progress and plans on this topic. The DNR does not plan any use of "weed control chemicals" in DCL during 2013, however, they are contemplating one or more trials in another lake, and remain opposed to introducing milfoil weevils into DCL. Your board remains comfortable with the DNR approach and strives to keep the DNR aware of the concerns of many in regard to increases in SAV. Bruce Michaels, of the DNR, will be at our June 22nd General Meeting of the DCL POA at 8:30 AM (refreshments at 8:00 AM), which will be held at the Garrett 8 Cinemas across from UNO's. We look forward to seeing you there.

Troy Ellington, President

DEEP CREEK LAKE LIONS CLUB TO HOLD FUNDRAISERS FOR BLIND SKIER AND BLIND CAMPER PROGRAMS



The Deep Creek Lake Lions Club is pleased to announce that it will be holding two great fundraising events on the water this year—a Boat Parade on Deep Creek Lake and a build-your-own-boat race at Redneck Dayz at Broadford Park.

The Evening Lighted Boat Parade will be held on Saturday, July 6th, starting from the Boardwalk and ending at Dutch's at Silver Tree. The flotilla of boats will get underway shortly after dusk and proceed in single file past a number of judging stations along the route. As the Parade is taking place at

night, entrants are encouraged to illuminate their boats with the best lighting show they can produce.

Spectators at the judging stations will vote for their favorite boats, and prizes will be awarded in a number of categories, with a Grand Prize consisting of a custom-designed Winner's Pennant and trophy. Entrants in the parade will need to pay a \$50 registration fee at the Grand Marshal's boat anchored off the Boardwalk, and the number of entries are limited, so be sure to pre-register to ensure your spot. To pre-register, go to

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the DCL Lions Club Web Site or find us on Facebook to fill out the registration form.

The Redneck Regatta will be a competition where participants build their own boats and anything that floats can enter! Prizes will be awarded in a number of fun categories such as Most Likely to Sink and Best Use of Duct Tape. This event will be part of the Oakland Lions Club's Redneck Dayz being held at Broadford Park on June 15th (www.redneckdayz.com), a day-long family-friendly event with live music, a mud pit and everything else Redneck.

The Deep Creek Lake Lions Club will use funds raised from these events to support our Blind Skier and Blind Camper Programs. At the 1925 International Convention of Lions, Helen Keller challenged the collected delegates to become "Knights of the Blind" and "... to make the lives of the blind more worthwhile everywhere by giving them the joy of normal activity." For a few weeks each year for over three decades, the Deep Creek Lake Lions have done just that by bringing students from the Maryland School for the Blind to the Deep Creek Lake area to enjoy activities that most fully-sighted property owners take for granted. During the winter, the students ski at the Wisp with the assistance of special

equipment and local high school and adult volunteers. They also enjoy hearty breakfasts prepared by the Lions Club and pizza dinners where they trade stories from the slopes with the club members and each other.

During the summer, the club sets up tents for the students at Deep Creek Lake State Park, where they spend the days tubing on the lake and the nights roasting marshmallows by the fire. Local attractions also donate their facilities to allow the students to experience the fun of the mountain coaster, bumper cars and go-carts.

In addition to these programs, the Deep Creek Lake Lions Club also assists local vision-impaired citizens by providing them eyeglasses, paying doctor bills, and managing the community park on Bumble Bee Road.

For more information about Lions Club activities, how you may join, or donate to Lions Club causes, please contact Chris Nichols at (301) 616-7881, or dimesy23@gmail.com. More information on the summer fundraisers can also be found at www.deepcreeklions.com or by searching for Deep Creek Lake Lions on Facebook.

Chris Nichols

NEW GARRETT COUNTY WEBSITE

Check It Out!

I sat down recently with Nathaniel Watkins, Chief Information Officer of the Department of Technology and Communications (DoTCom); a combined initiative between the Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Education (BOE) to discuss the results of a five month effort to redesign the county website. A key priority for the Board of Commissioners when they came into office was to upgrade the website as they realized how important it is for communicating vital information to visitors and citizens alike. The previous website was not one that had a friendly layout nor was one able to search on it very well. In addition, it was awkward to navigate and difficult to update and change.

A thorough process was begun to determine the cost to redesign the website by a firm so that content could be easily managed and email notifications to a variety of folks could be sent automatically with news about subjects they selected. Nathaniel and others quickly determined it would be more cost effective to find and hire a software developer to perform the redesign and more. Andrew Sauder was subsequently hired and did the redesign work under the supervision of Nathaniel.

Now, several county employees who are closest to what is happening in their departments have the required permissions to update information and can even do so remotely. No longer is DoTCom the only group responsible for updates. The philosophy has worked well for the most part although

there are some departments which are still in a learning mode. The actual number of employees who can approve the updates for posting news events/special alerts to the home page is limited to three thereby insuring the integrity of the process and the information posted. With the county in a position to write its own code, the DoTCom Team has been able to customize the website without having to rely on an outside company. After the county website was completed, the BOE website was redesigned as well. This site will go live in the near future and will leverage the foundation created for the county site. Nathaniel estimates this resulted in a savings of about \$100,000 in design costs and an additional \$15,000 per year in maintenance costs for the two websites. Additionally, other counties in Maryland have expressed an interest in Garrett County's website which is certainly a positive stroke for Nathaniel, Andrew, and the DoTCom team!

Subsequently, a work flow system called "Insight" has been created as well by Andrew that has improved efficiencies significantly for DoTCom, BOE, Public Utilities, and Facilities and Maintenance for both the county and BOE. The system can easily be customized to meet specific requirements and, of course, this is done "in house" as opposed to being outsourced. Nathaniel mentioned his department is also working with the Adventure Sports Center International or ASCI to improve the process by which patrons select photos of their

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rafting trips to improve customer service as well as to increase sales. Lastly, he mentioned a future effort that will be quite far reaching as it will automate the permitting process within Garrett County. Some of the departments that will be included are Planning & Zoning, Roads, Permits & Inspections, and Health.

Try it out

The aspect of this story that will make the most difference for you the reader is as follows. If you would like to keep up with key developments in the county whether you are residing here or not, go online to www.garrettcountry.org which is the county website address. In the top left of the screen under the heading "News & Interaction", click on "Sign In" to establish an account using your email address and a password

you select. Once signed in, you can choose from which departments you would like to receive news updates either on a real time basis or a weekly summary instead, essentially creating your own dashboard. I have been using this service for some time now and find it very convenient and timely. Another feature found on the homepage at the bottom left, in case you are unaware, are links which allow you to order landfill stickers or pay your water bill on line.

I think it is fair to say the Garrett County Website has become a convenient source of information that you can easily access then sit back and receive updates as they occur. It is convenient to use and easy to navigate. If you have not already, I urge you to give it a try!

Bob Hoffmann

BRIEF MATTERS OF INTEREST

- ✓ The Garrett County Department of Economic Development has produced a report dated April 4, 2013, entitled, "The Economic Importance of Deep Creek Lake." This report can be found via a link at our website, www.deepcreeklakepoa.com on the FAQ page under the question, "What is the Economic Importance of Deep Creek Lake to Garrett County?" In the report, reference is made to District 18 which is that entity that represents the Deep Creek Lake Watershed and those who reside in it.
 - ✓ Deep Creek 2014 is seeking interested individuals that would like to become involved in the longer term planning and event preparation for the ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships occurring in September 2014. Many exciting opportunities and projects are available that can be developed over the next year between May 2013-March 2014. Interested individuals can email Melissa Anderson, Volunteer Coordinator at, manderson@deepcreek2014.com or call 301-387-3708.
 - ✓ It's Official!! Tractor Supply officially broke ground on Tuesday, April 23, 2013, in Oakland for a new store that is to be completed by mid-September. It is to be located on Route 219 just north of Wal-Mart.
 - ✓ The Second Annual Garrett College SING (Students In Need Group) Flea Market Fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, June 1, 2013, from 8:00 AM-2:00 PM at the Garrett College Special Events Center and is open to the public. SING is a volunteer group of GC faculty and staff dedicated to providing emergency assistance to students, on-campus and off, in times of extreme need or extenuating circumstances.
 - ✓ During this year's state legislative session, Delegate Wendell Beitzel was able to work with the Capital Budget sub-committee to include \$500,000 of funding in the Capital Budget on the House side for the Adventure Sports Center International Whitewater course here in Oakland. Senator George Edwards was able to include an additional \$500,000 on the Senate side. Course improvements will include upgrading telecommunications, building new facilities, and upgrading existing infrastructure to prepare for the 2014 Canoe Slalom World Championships at ASCI in Garrett County next year. These whitewater course improvements will benefit the facility for many years to attract new visitors to our region of the state. "News from Delegate Beitzel"
 - ✓ As we begin yet another boating season on our great lake, you or your family may wish to review current boating regulations that apply to DCL. We invite you to go to our website at www.deepcreeklakepoa.com/id58.html for various links and specifically **Maryland Boating Regulations** at the bottom of the page where you will find details about proper equipment required on your boat.
- On May 17, 2013, a new restaurant and pub, Aces Run, opened at Will O' the Wisp on DCL where the Four Seasons was previously located. More information and a menu can be found on their website at www.acesrun.com.

MARCELLUS SHALE UPDATE

Both a January E-Blast and the winter issue of the Deep Creek Dispatch emphasized legislative activities related to Marcellus Shale natural gas recovery. Given that the 2013 session of the Maryland General Assembly has now ended, this update reports on selected legislative outcomes. Further, the status of the Marcellus Shale Safe Drilling Initiative—established by a Governor’s Executive Order in June of 2011—is summarized below.

Selected Legislative Outcomes—As noted in the winter issue of The Dispatch, several bills were introduced calling either for hydraulic fracturing prohibitions or for a statutory moratorium (as opposed to the de facto moratorium) now in place.*

The former bills included both a selective prohibition on wastewater handling within the state (SB 513/HB 341) and a broad prohibition on “fracking” in the state for natural gas recovery (SB 514/HB 337). These bills received limited attention or support. Neither became law.

The cross-filed statutory moratorium bills (SB 601/HB 1274) called for completion of all studies outlined in the 2011 Executive Order and laid out some additional conditions for lifting of the moratorium on drilling (e.g., 18 month period after study completion to allow regulations to be put in place). These bills generated considerable activity on both sides of the issue. An MDE letter and Garrett County (GC) Commissioner testimony urged the cognizant Senate committee to vote “no.” The GC Chamber urged members to support a “no” vote while Citizen Shale and other interested groups supported “yes.” Basic arguments revolved around the question of whether—given the Governor’s ongoing safe drilling initiative and the in-place MDE/DNR processes/authorities—such new legislation was needed. Proponents argued, of course, that a statutory moratorium, with arguably “tighter” conditions, would provide more assured protection of the environment and public health. In the end, SB 601 was defeated in committee and HB 1274 was then withdrawn.

Marcellus Shale Safe Drilling Initiative—As many of you know, the Governor’s Executive Order called for 3 reports to be completed by August 2014, each to be developed jointly by MDE and DNR in consultation with a Governor-appointed independent Advisory Commission.

Current activity is focused on the development of the so-called “best management practices report.” This is currently planned to be released “this spring” (no specific date yet identified) as a draft, allocating 30 days for public comment and targeting a final report for August 2013. As a critical input to this MDE/DNR effort, an independent “best management practices” report has been issued by the Appalachian Laboratory in Frostburg, an element of the University of Maryland’s Center for Environmental Science. This report appears to be comprehensive and scientifically-based, and includes some 121 recommended “best practices.” It is available on the Marcellus Shale Safe Drilling Initiative site.

In this context, it is worth noting that MDE Secretary Summers recently posted a letter on the safe drilling initiative website which he describes as a response to “many e-mails” expressing concern about whether a decision on “fracking” has, in effect, already been made and about assuring the careful consideration of regulations. His letter states, “... no decision has yet been made about whether hydraulic fracturing should be allowed in Maryland, and MDE is proceeding methodically and cautiously to develop stringent regulations that will protect Marylanders in the event that hydraulic fracturing is allowed”.

Near-In Committee Focus—The safe drilling initiative in general and the “best management practices” report in particular—and the resulting regulatory provisions—are clearly central to the interests of POA members and other Deep Creek Lake stakeholders. Your POA Marcellus Shale Committee has been reviewing the Appalachian Laboratory report and will carefully review the apparently imminent MDE/DNR product. We intend to take advantage of the public comment period to submit any questions or comments we view as a constructive input to the process. We welcome any and all input to our deliberations.

Please contact John Quilty, chairman of the Committee, about any of the above or related matters (jqilty@mitre.org).

*Other legislation: requirement for registration of “landmen” (supported by Senator Edwards and Delegate Beitzel)—passed; several bills related to gas pipeline safety—not supported by committee.

John Quilty

POA JOINS NALMS

Earlier this year, your POA joined the North American Lake Management Society (NALMS). NALMS was founded in 1980. The NALMS mission statement is simple and clear: The purpose of the Society is to forge partnerships among citizens, scientists, and professionals to foster the management and protection of lakes and reservoirs for today and tomorrow.

The focus of NALMS is on lake management for a wide variety of uses, but to do this it is necessary to address land use and other issues on a watershed level. NALMS members get involved in land, streams, wetland and even estuaries in the course of their activities, as lakes are a logical endpoint in systems that incorporate all of these resource types. The focus is lakes, but the medium is water, and it defies governmental boundaries, human ownership, and even physical form. The management target of NALMS is lakes, but this involves activities in all landscape forms. The primary function of NALMS is educational, but extends from scientists and professional lake managers to virtually anyone interested in lakes.

The specific goals of NALMS, as spelled out in the Constitution and Bylaws, are to:

- Facilitate the exchange of information on the technical and administrative aspects of managing lakes and their watersheds.
- Promote public awareness of lake ecosystems.
- Encourage public support for national, state or provin-

cial, and local programs promoting management of lakes and their watersheds.

- Provide guidance to public and private agencies involved in or planning management activities for lakes and their watersheds.
- Improve the professional status of all persons engaged in any aspect of managing lakes and their watersheds.
- Identify needs and encourage research on lake ecology and watershed management.

As your POA works with other stakeholders to develop a Deep Creek Lake Watershed Management Plan, the NALMS resources will provide significant assistance to the POA leadership. Membership in NALMS provides several additional benefits which include:

- Four mailed issues of LakeLine Magazine.
- Four mailed issues of the Lake & Reservoir Management journal.
- Lifetime subscription to the monthly e-newsletter NALMS Notes.
- Member-only website access which provides additional resources.

For more information about NALMS, click on their logo which you will find on the front page of the POA website <http://www.deepcreeklakepoa.com>. Note: Some of the information in this article came from the NALMS web site.

Ed Neff

COMMENTS FROM THE PRB MEETING— APRIL 29, 2013

Commissioner Bob Gatto mentioned that a meeting was held between several County Officials and senior officials in DNR on April 12 during which the development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the establishment of a Watershed Management Plan was discussed. He is hopeful a public announcement will be made by DNR Secretary Joe Gill during July in Oakland if the MOU and the legal review of it are complete. Commissioner Gatto envisions a group composed of DNR, County, and citizen representatives will work together to develop a Watershed Management Plan for DCL.

Commissioner Gatto also mentioned the County Property Tax Rate will remain constant at \$.99/\$100.

The Board received a presentation from Mr. Paul Peditto, Director of The Maryland Wildlife & Heritage Service concerning Canada Goose Management Options. The PRB intends to work with Mr. Peditto's staff as well as affected local individuals and entities to develop a plan to manage the growing problem of Resident Canada Geese. As more infor-

mation becomes available, it will be shared with the POA membership.

The organization Friends of Deep Creek Lake (FODCL) is planning to contract with a private organization to determine the feasibility of using the "milfoil weevil" to deal with Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) in DCL. FODCL representatives advised that currently it is not known if the milfoil weevil is currently present in the lake. DNR has previously advised the weevil is not native to Maryland and there are concerns about introducing it to DCL. Further, the weevils are an expensive EWM control option and would be needed in sizeable quantities to reach the needed density in the lake to be effective. Lastly, there is debate on the effectiveness of the weevil on controlling EWM in lakes similar to DCL, particularly those with large populations of sunfish which use weevils as a food source.

The next PRB Meeting has been scheduled for July 22, 2013, at 6:00 PM in the Discovery Center.

Bob Hoffmann



WISP RESORT ANNOUNCES NEW GENERAL MANAGER

*Thirty-seven years of
experience takes the
helm on Resort's fifty-
seventh birthday*

Deep Creek Lake, MD—Wisp Resort announced the promotion of ski industry veteran Jerry Geisler to the position of General Manager today. Geisler has worked at Wisp Resort for 37 years beginning as a ski instructor in 1975. The resort itself celebrates its 57th anniversary of operations this weekend with a beach themed party on the snow.

Wisp Resort emerged from bankruptcy in December of 2012 as a reorganized entity under new ownership.

The operations of Wisp Resort were assumed by Everbright Pacific, LLC, part of Salt Lake City based Pacific Group, a resort owner with extensive operations and development experience. Because of his broad background at Wisp and in the industry, Geisler has worked alongside Everbright Pacific to ensure a smooth and successful transition.

“The sale of the resort and the beginning of ski season happened within two days of each other this past December,” explained Geisler. “It was absolutely critical that our winter season not be delayed. We could not afford any distractions from our goal of creating the best experience for our guests. Wisp employees did an outstanding job of delivering a great product with almost no lead time at the beginning of the season. From that point on, we were fortunate to have a record number of visitors for both the Martin Luther King weekend and Presidents’ weekend. I commend all of our staff and thank each guest for a very successful season!”

Geisler is well-known and respected in the Deep Creek Lake region having worked on several State and community boards including the Maryland Tourism Board, Maryland State Chamber of Commerce, Garrett County Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Cumberland Committee, the 1989 World ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships held on the Savage River, and numerous others. Geisler’s previous position at Wisp Resort as Vice President of Facilities and Public Affairs afforded him the opportunity to work with political entities and business organizations across the region which is invaluable experience for leading a primary tourism destination and economic engine for Western Maryland.

“We are honored that Jerry accepted the promotion to General Manager. Being a pillar of Wisp Resort as well as the ski industry, Jerry was a natural fit for the position. His experience, passion and knowledge of the resort, its employees and the industry are major contributors to the continued success and growth of Wisp,” stated Mark Fischer, a Director of Everbright Pacific, LLC.

ABOUT WISP RESORT

Wisp Resort is Maryland’s only all-season ski, golf and recreation resort. Wisp has 132 acres of skiable terrain and 32 trails for skiers and snowboarders spread across a 1,000 acre tract of Marsh Mountain in the heart of Garrett County. In addition, there are two 18-hole golf courses, a mountain coaster, zip lines, a tubing park, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, and lake related activities.

Wisp overlooks Deep Creek Lake in the state’s westernmost county. With more than 65 miles of shoreline, Deep Creek Lake is Maryland’s largest lake, and it is less than a three-hour drive from the metropolitan areas of Washington, DC, and Baltimore, two hours from Pittsburgh and a 45-minute drive from Morgantown, West Virginia and Cumberland, Maryland. By implementing state of the art snowmaking technology and a cutting edge resort management system, Wisp has become the leader in resort performance and efficiency in the Mid-Atlantic region.

ABOUT JERRY GEISLER

Jerry Geisler grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and moved to the Deep Creek Lake area in the early 1970s. Geisler got his start in the ski industry as a ski instructor at Wisp in 1975. When winter transitioned to summer, he became a bar tender for the warmer months, and that eventually led to a position in the food and beverage department of the resort for a number of years.

Geisler’s intellectual curiosity and wide ranging abilities resulted in an extraordinarily well rounded career where he has worked in virtually every part of the resort including stints running the ski rental shop, food and beverage operations, various aspects of the mountain operations department, and most recently the company’s risk management, transportation, security and government affairs departments. Prior to being named General Manager of Wisp Resort, he served as Vice-President of Facilities and Government Affairs.

Geisler is well-known and highly respected nationally in the ski industry for his expertise in resort risk management, a field that has grown dramatically in importance over the years. That expertise has led to several opportunities to work at resorts around the country, but Geisler and his wife chose to raise a family in Garrett County, and both of his daughters developed the same affinity for skiing as their father. They now live in Park City, Utah where one is with the ski patrol at Park City Mountain Resort and the other owns Park City Yoga Adventures.

For more information about Wisp Resort, call 301.387.4000 or visit the website at www.wispresort.com.

Editor’s note: Digital images available upon request.

NOTES FROM THE DEEP CREEK LAKE WATER QUALITY WORKING GROUP BIENNIAL MEETING

DISCOVERY CENTER, 10 APRIL 2013

1. DNR has named Eric Null interim lake manager. Eric is in the process of scanning all the dock permit information into a digital database, scanned to PDF format and saved in external storage.
2. Sherm Garrison (DNR) spoke about the 2012 lake SAV monitoring results and water quality issues. His group will continue monitoring, and assessing vegetation, as well as overall water quality in an ongoing fashion. USGS has removed the stream flow gage at Poland Run. There was discussion about relocating the gage to some other stream at the southerly end of the lake. Finances were the limiting factor in relocation. Mr. Garrison stated that the "overall water quality of Deep Creek Lake is clean and healthy."
3. Lee Karrh (DNR) discussed the past year's work on the SAV monitoring. He presented many slides graphing the results of his work. He concluded that milfoil is a small percentage of the cover in the lake. Native species are the most common. There are three varieties of milfoil, Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) being one of them. They are difficult to differentiate in the water, and a magnifying glass is needed to do it out of the water. Work will continue.
4. Rich Ortt (DNR) gave a report about the status of the Phase 2 Sediment Study. Sediment accretion is most pronounced south of Holy Cross. The average thicknesses are

0.5 feet to 2 feet. His office has been attempting since November to let a contract for the Analysis of Deposited Sediment Task in the study. The alternatives are: No action; Excavation during low water levels; Barge dredge; or Hydraulic dredging. The criteria for selection are: Environmental impacts to water quality, habitat, invasive species, benthic disturbances, and impacts to recreation as well as initial costs, recurring costs, infrastructure costs, and practical constraints.

A second task is to develop and produce sediment reduction strategies, and to analyze the sources of the sediment.

A third task is to develop Best Management Practices (BMP) for a target audience, i.e., homeowners and developers. Existing BMP's will cover 75% of the need. DNR is doing more work to establish the decade in which sediments were deposited from analysis of the core samples in hand. Crude stream sediment load documentation will be conducted for preliminary evaluation of the sediment rates from the streams entering the lake. Additional investigations will evaluate lake bed erosion and shoreline erosion.

In discussion after Mr. Ortt's talk, Bruce Michael reported that the final report would not be complete by the 30 June 2013 target date. There is no projected completion date at this time. A completion date will be determined as a part of the contract negotiations.

Morgan France

DID YOU KNOW?

This issue of *The Dispatch* will feature four "did you know" trivia and facts about Garrett County, its communities, and its history. We hope that you will find this article both interesting and educational, and gain a heightened appreciation of our special part of Maryland.

- When Prince George's County was formed in 1696, it included all of Western Maryland. Through the ensuing 200 years as the population moved west, the counties of Frederick, Washington, Allegany, and finally Garrett County in December 4, 1872, were carved out in succession from the original Prince George's County. The vote for the county seat was won by Oakland; beating out contenders Grantsville and McHenry by a mere 63 votes.
- The town of Oakland, originally called Slab Town, was founded by Colonel Isaac McCarty. In 1851, when the railroad arrived, he proceeded to layout 64 town lots. His daughter Ingaba gave Oakland its name, allegedly due to the large oak trees in the area.
- Dr. James McHenry, Secretary of War during the administrations of Presidents Washington and Adams, purchased almost 1,000 acres in the Buffalo Marsh area which is today known as Marsh Run Cove or McHenry Cove. After James and his son William died, a nephew,

John McHenry, moved to the Buffalo Marsh property. After the death of John and his wife, the land passed through many hands but today we know the area as McHenry.

- We all know that Garrett County is named after John Garrett, a President of the B&O Railroad. But, did you know that Swanton is named after Thomas Swan, President of the railroad from 1849 to 1853? Swanton is west of Frankville. Frankville? Frankville is where Garrett County's only claim to a Maryland governor originates. Francis Thomas began a law practice in 1820 in Frankville, served as governor from 1842-1844, then retired there after long private sector and governmental careers, which included President of the B&O Railroad and a stint serving as the United States Minister to Peru. Unfortunately, he was struck and killed by a locomotive in 1876 as he was walking along the railroad tracks inspecting his estate.

Information for this article was gathered from "Garrett County 125th Anniversary Photo Album" and a variety of internet sites. Let us know if you'd like to read more about Garrett County's communities and past in future issues of *The Dispatch*.

Scott Johnson

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POA BY-LAWS AMENDED

At the March 16, 2013 meeting of the POA Board of the Directors, the Board approved several amendments to the POA By-Laws which are posted on the POA website for all to view. One of the more significant amendments deals with eligibility for membership in the POA. Previously, persons owning property adjacent to the DNR buffer strip or within one mile of the buffer strip and their spouses were eligible for membership. The Board approved adding adult children of the property owner for eligibility for POA membership. This change is in recognition of the fact that many families of multiple generations share a common use of property adja-

cent to or within one mile of the lake and DNR buffer strip, and many adult children of the property owner share in the common interest of the POA to preserve and protect the quality of life on and around the lake. Interested parties may join the POA by clicking on "Become a Member" on the links at the top of the POA website or contacting any member of the POA Board of Directors.

The POA website is www.deepcreeklakepoa.com.

Susie Crawford

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