



DEEP CREEK DISPATCH

Summer 2015

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



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When I wrote to you in the Spring *Dispatch*, we were having pretty warm weather for May and lots of sunshine. That changed rather abruptly when June arrived and I think it rained every day in the month of June except for four days. In fact, I believe it was the wettest June in recorded weather history! Tourists and second homeowners alike found it challenging to locate sunshine in which

to enjoy themselves but braved the elements and did so nonetheless. The good news is that we seem to be having plenty of sunshine in July as I write this so we are hoping for more balance in our weather as we enjoy the rest of July and August.

The Hydrilla Control Project is progressing well as the contractor for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) treats the invasive species in the lake. We have also been informed that DNR is in the process of purchasing some land on the lake in the Turkey Neck area which is to be used for additional year round public access to Deep Creek Lake. At this point, we understand there is no building planned on the property and boats carried in on cars will be the type that can be launched from this site during boating season. We will provide more information on this subject as it becomes available.

Our June General Membership Meeting was pretty well attended considering the weather was less than pleasant that day. Both of our elected state representatives, Senator George Edwards and Delegate Wendell Beitzel, attended and spoke of develop-

ments at the state level that impact Garrett County. All three of our Commissioners also were in attendance as well as Garrett County's new Director of Economic Development. Chairman Paul Edwards made comments and answered questions for the Commissioners and Alex McCoy spoke of some of his plans and thoughts regarding economic development for the county.

We have confirmed that Debbie Carpenter, Director of Planning and Land Management for Garrett County, will be in attendance at the August General Membership Meeting. The meeting will be held at the Garrett 8 Cinema on August 15th with refreshments at 8:00 AM and the meeting scheduled to begin at 8:30. She will provide a presentation that shows how much land would be available for Marcellus Shale Vertical Drilling for Natural Gas if the proposed regulations from the O'Malley administration were finalized. Some of those regulations are likely to be changed before they are due to be completed on October 1, 2016, but the presentation is very enlightening nonetheless.

Debbie will also comment on the status of the North Glade Run Sub-Watershed Study as well as the Garrett County Comprehensive Development Plan update process that is scheduled to commence in 2016. This should be interesting so please try to attend.

I sincerely hope you are all able to enjoy the rest of our Garrett County Summer and also hope we have rain only in moderation during the remainder of our boating and tourism season. Best wishes for a safe and fun filled remainder of the summer!

Cheers, Bob

DID YOU KNOW?

Deep Creek Lake (and its dam) is celebrating its 90th birthday this year and has been and is the center of attention from the media, lake property owners and the general public. But did you know that there are other dams of significance in Garrett County?

There is the dam on the Savage River that creates the Savage River Reservoir. There is the dam on the North Branch of the Potomac that forms Jennings Randolph Lake. In the north east corner of the county Piney Creek is dammed to create a reservoir for Frostburg's water supply. As you travel on Chestnut Ridge Road you will notice the impoundment created by the dam on Meadow Run. Did you know that there are six dams in the Little Youghiogheny River watershed? Downtown Oakland was flooded in July of 1896 and in July of 1936 when 45 of the town's 75 businesses suffered financial loss. After the back to back floods of 1954 and 1955 folks had enough. Over eleven years six dams were constructed, the final dam creating Broadford Lake was completed in 1970. Since the completion of these impoundments neither Oakland nor the Little Youghiogheny watershed has suffered any major flooding.

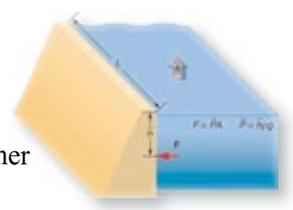
One dam that you will not see today, unless you have a depth finder on your boat, is the State Dam on Deep Creek that is just south of the Glendale Bridge. This dam is found on my 1923 USGS map.

Another dam of yesteryear is the dam constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps near Lost Land Run that created an impoundment for a fish rearing.

To find out more information on these and other Garrett County dams visit the Garrett County Historical Society in Oakland.

Now you know.

By Scott Johnson



MAKING MEMORIES FOR 90 YEARS

The weekend of June 11th-14th was filled with opportunities to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of our treasured Deep Creek Lake. It was on May 25, 1925 that the lake was officially filled and the Youghiogheny Hydro-Electric Corporation kicked into service. Celebrations throughout the weekend included specials on shopping, food, amusements, lodging, wave-runner rentals as well as open houses, presentations on the history of the lake, wine tastings and, of course, a fabulous “cake of the lake” baked by Christine Lewis of Mountain Flower Bakery/Shop ‘n Save Fresh. The entire weekend was organized by the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce where Nicole Christian, President and CEO of the Chamber, and her team worked with sponsors, including your POA, to put together a menu of events which would be attractive to residents and visitors alike. Numerous elected officials were on hand for many of the events to celebrate with us. Just wait to see what gets planned for the 100th Anniversary!

By Lulu Gonella



HISTORY OF DEEP CREEK LAKE

DCL is fortunate to have an Historian among us. His name is Ed King and he is one of your POA Board members. Ed conducted two very well received sessions of his presentation on the history of Deep Creek Lake during the 90th Anniversary celebration weekend in June. The next four issues of the Dispatch will include excerpts from his presentation so that even those who missed it can learn about our Deep Creek Lake history.

Planning began in the early 1900's by the Pennsylvania Electric Company for the Youghiogheny Basin project. The purpose was to attempt to capture the 900 ft. drop in elevation between Crellin and Friendsville and develop a hydroelectric network. Three dams were to be built in the Yough River and one in Deep Creek. The water would be routed to two power plants, one at the intersection of Hoyes Run and the Yough and one in Friendsville. Because of the success of power generated by the coal-fired plants, only the Deep Creek project was completed.

Work began in December 1923 to purchase the land to construct the dam, remove trees, and build the power plant and connecting tunnel. The 7,150 ft. tunnel goes from the dam through the mountain to the power plant along the Yough. The elevation difference (head) would then be 440 ft. The project would require approximately 4,500 acres; however, by purchasing total tracts nearly eight thousand acres were purchased through the Eastern Land Corp. The non-project lands were sold in the 1940's to Fulcher P. and Perry Smith, Jr. of the Cumberland Box Company.

The dam is earthen with a concrete core and contains approximately 750,000 cubic yards of earth. The base is 450 ft. wide tapering to 24 ft. at the top and 1,340 ft. long. It is 86 ft. tall and the top of the concrete spillway is at elevation 2,462 ft. When full the lake floods approximately 4,500 acres, is 11.6 miles long and has a shoreline of 65 miles.

The power plant has two 12,000HP Allis-Chalmers generators, develops 20 megawatts at full load, and transmits the output at 115,000 volts. The Deep Creek Hydro is a peaking station only producing power at peak loads when the value of a kilowatt of electricity is the highest. The tunnel was closed in March 1925 and the expectation was that it would take up to eight months to fill. However, the lake was full on May 26, 1925, and the hydro plant went on-line.

Some miscellaneous facts: thousands of trees were cut, logs were taken to sawmills, many logs and stumps were left behind and are still coming up to float. One thousand men worked on the project. Twelve miles of railroad were built, fifteen miles of roads were relocated, and the total cost of the project was \$9 million.

By Ed King

LAKE APPRECIATION MONTH DECLARED

Maryland's Governor Hogan has declared July Lake Appreciation Month and has issued the proclamation pictured right. The proclamation was delivered to the Chamber so it could be part of the Chamber's initiative celebrating the 90th birthday of Deep Creek Lake. Visitors to Deep Creek Lake can now see the proclamation which is currently on display at the Garret County Convention and Visitors Center and Chamber Offices. In 2013 the North American Lake Management Society [NALMS] established Lake Appreciation Month as a new national initiative and encouraged members to have their state and local governments declare and support lake appreciation month. As a NALMS member, the POA asked its members to email or write the governor this year to encourage him to issue the proclamation. The POA, its members and others in the community who contacted the Governor were successful in obtaining the 2015 Lake Appreciation Proclamation.

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 mission of the Property Owners' Association of Deep Creek Lake, Inc. is to advocate on behalf of the property owners of the Deep Creek Lake area. To accomplish this we strive to promote, preserve and protect the quality of life, environment, recreational opportunities, historic sites and historic areas on Deep Creek Lake and in its watershed, Garrett County, Maryland.

By Ed Neff



Governor Hogan and the State of Maryland have proclaimed July as Lake Appreciation Month. Pictured above Ed Neff, former VP Communication for the POA, congratulates Nicole Christian, the President and CEO of the Chamber, on receipt of the Governor's Proclamation of Lake Appreciation Month. The POA membership was encouraged to contact the Governor requesting that he issue this Proclamation, along with a second Governor's Proclamation, Celebrating the 90th Anniversary of Deep Creek Lake, a Chamber initiative. Both the 2014 and 2015 proclamations are on display at the Convention and Visitors Center.

WELCOME PARTY MONDAYS

Your POA is participating this year in Welcome Party Mondays. The event is free to the public, home owners and vacationers. Please come and join the party!

The party is held each Monday, June 15 thru August 10, rain or shine on the lawn at Uno's from 3 to 5 pm. Complimentary finger foods and beverages are provided. We are fortunate to have our display located directly in front of the refreshments assuring us good traffic.

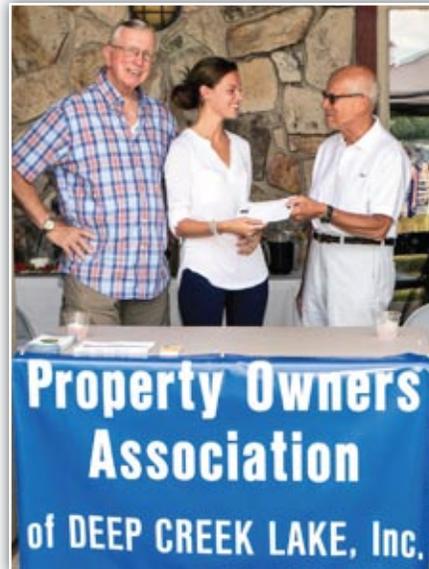
Participating vendors display items to attract attendees to their booth. The POA items include:

1. Our Trifold.
2. Our Business Cards.
3. Membership Applications.

Uno's and its sister corporations provide the publicity for the event giving the POA printed, radio, and website exposure.

At 5pm the party moves to the Honi Honi where door prizes are given away. The POA's weekly door prize is a \$10 gift certificate to the Garrett 8 Cinemas.

Numerous attendees visited our booth including vacationers and homeowners. Most of the homeowners who stopped by are POA members. Those who are not are given a sales pitch and a membership application. Most of our members who visited our booth had very favorable comments about the POA especially for the *Dispatch* and our position on Marcellus Shale. They also thanked us for our participation on the board.



Welcome Monday's Party host, Uno's takes the opportunity at the party to renew their membership. Pictured left to right are POA board member, John Quilty, Uno's Marketing and Promotions Coordinator, Janet Shillingburg, and POA board member, Tony Lombardi.

As one member commented, it's the best \$30 I spend on anything at Deep Creek Lake. One of our members also wishes that we would advocate for a more aggressive approach to the goose problem around the lake.

To summarize, we believe our participation in Welcome Party Mondays is a worthwhile project. It gives your POA good exposure and the opportunity to meet and speak with our members and visitors at minimal cost of dollars and board involvement. Again, please feel free to join the party.

By Tony Lombardi

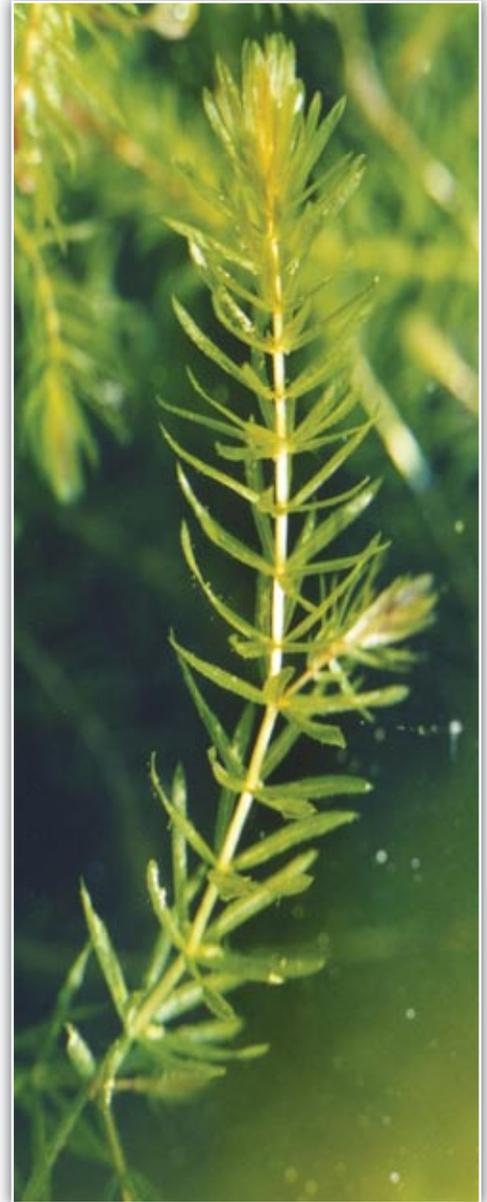
HYDRILLA UPDATE AND BOAT LAUNCH STEWARD PROGRAM

Since DNR's discovery of hydrilla in the Southern part of the lake in the fall of 2013, DNR has put in place a comprehensive Hydrilla Control Management Plan. Continuing efforts from 2014, on June 10th, July 1st and July 27th the impacted areas were treated and two additional treatment dates, August 26th and September 23rd, are planned. Boat traffic in the immediate treatment areas is limited during the treatment process. DNR has obtained permits to use contact herbicides, which may be needed for follow-up treatments. Between treatments, DNR biologists have been monitoring water quality, particularly dissolved oxygen, while also surveying the submerged plant communities in the treatment areas. The objectives of the program are to contain the current hydrilla infestation, prevent its further spread and to deplete any germinating tubers. More information on hydrilla including maps of the impacted areas of the lake can be found on DNR's website: <http://dnr2.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/western/deepcreeknrma.aspx>.

A coordinated effort was undertaken by DNR and the local marinas including the sailing clubs this spring to implement protocols to prevent, or at least minimize the likelihood, of the introduction of new Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). On May 19th, DNR conducted training on the identification of AIS, controlling AIS and learning how to avoid introduction of AIS. POA board member, Lauren O'Brien McCann, attended the training and is a member of the workgroup. DNR and Garrett College partnered to provide a Boat Launch Steward Program for the summer of 2015. Stewards are on duty at the State Park launch from 6am-8pm 7 days a week. These stewards have the authority to inspect all vehicles coming to the launch ramp. Persons driving vehicles with vegetation, zebra mussels or any type of AIS are asked to clean and disinfect their boat/trailer/PWC before launching in the lake. The marinas will continue to inspect boats that are launched at their ramps to ensure no AIS are introduced. Each launch ramp has a disposal station for any AIS found on boats or trailers coming in or out of the lake. Additionally, DNR provided all water withdraw permit holders, which includes all businesses with launch ramps, with a large metal sign with information about AIS, as well as a sign for disposal stations.

The Boat Launch Steward Program is a great step towards addressing the dangers of AIS, but it alone does not ensure AIS will not be introduced to the lake. Canoes, kayaks, PWCs and any watercraft that have been in another body of water can introduce AIS if not properly cleaned. It is each individual's responsibility to inspect and clean all vessels before launching them in the lake.

By Lulu Gonella



MARCELLUS SHALE UPDATE

There is not much new news to report on the Marcellus Shale drilling front. Your POA board member, and Chairman of the POA Shale Gas Committee, John Quilty, continues to monitor progress being made at the state and county levels and attends meetings on the topic. The Commissioners' Shale Gas Advisory Group (SGAG) is focused on different dimensions of the "industrialization" concerns, transportation impacts (e.g., road wear/damage, public safety) and potential impacts on the rural character, scenic beauty, and quality of life that we all value. We expect that the SGAG will make definitive recommendations to the Commissioners to mitigate these impacts. Should you have any questions or comments regarding gas recovery in Garrett County, feel free to contact John Quilty. jquilty@mitre.org

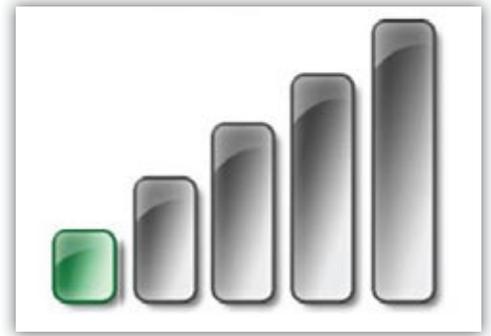
By Lulu Gonella



A LAND LINE ... WHO NEEDS IT?

With smart phones becoming most people's primary mode of communication, some are considering dropping their land line in their home which brings the benefit of dropping the associated monthly fee. For many of us, the only calls we get are telemarketers anyway. However, there are several reasons that keeping a land line, even with that monthly fee, makes sense. Particularly during the summer months when Garrett County hosts many vacationers, the cell service is patchy. Texts seem to get stuck in cyberspace arriving sometimes hours after being sent. Phone calls get dropped. Web browsing is painful. Cell tower overload is real. This is a topic that the Garrett County Emergency Service Board has discussed several times. Maintaining a land line in your home ensures that you can reliably communicate with the outside world and they can communicate with you particularly in the event of an emergency. Just food for thought ...

By Lou Battistella and Lulu Gonella



You never get just one bar on a land line

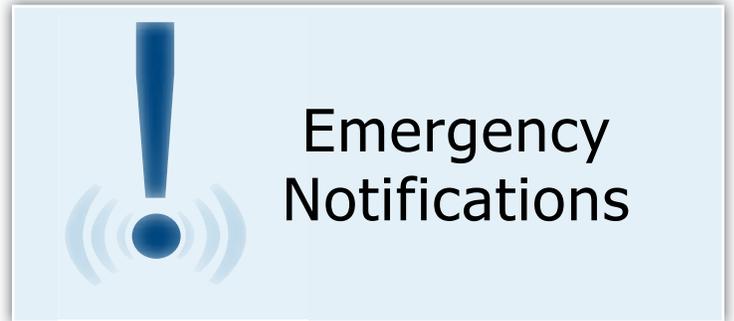
GARRETT COUNTY CITIZEN CONNECT!

Emergency Notification enables Garrett County Public Safety and 9-1-1 to send you information in cases of emergency, in areas that you care about. The information you provide on the Garrett County website is confidential and will never be shared with anyone outside of public safety.

This feature is very helpful for the residents of Garrett County and especially the part-time residents who are many of our Property Owners Association members. In the event of a severe weather event or other public safety event, 9-1-1 can contact you as long as you are registered on the Garrett County website by sending either a text message, email, or recorded phone message to your cell phone, and all of your residences of the pending status of the event.

You are able to input up to five (5) addresses that matter to you, for example: your home, your work, or a child's school in Garrett County. You can enter all the contact information for all the ways that you would like 9-1-1 to contact you on. For example, email, mobile, home phone, business phone, or TTY/TTD.

Additionally you can choose the alert types you want to be notified of: Weather (Thunderstorm warnings, Tornado Warnings, Flood Warning and reports, Winter Storm Warnings); Travel/Health Warnings such as Hazardous Material Incidents; and



Missing Persons alerts such as Garrett County Amber Alerts and Garrett County Silver Alerts.

The warnings can be area specific, such as for example, the McHenry Area or it can be County-Wide.

To sign up, simply go to the Garrett County Website www.garrettcountry.org, and click on the CITIZEN CONNECT tab at the top of the page. On the Citizen Connect Page, on the left hand side, click on the EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS TAB. It is easy and simple. Stay connected to your lake property even while you are away.

By Lou Battistella

BOARD MEMBER CHANGES

The POA board would like to extend our deepest appreciation to Ed Neff for his 5 years of service on the POA board. Ed has resigned his position on the board because he and his wife, Jeanne, are moving to Lancaster, PA in August. Ed has dedicated countless hours of service as a board member and for the past 2 years as the Vice President of Communications. His efforts have been instrumental in your POA successfully communicating issues of importance to our membership. His vast knowledge of lake issues along with his skills in using various forms of media to get the message out, enabled the POA to keep our membership informed. Thank you, Ed, for all you have done for us.

As the POA by-laws dictate, we have nominated George Evans to assume Ed's board seat. George is a native of Garrett County, and has resided full-time in Sky Valley, with his spouse, Judith, since 1994. George has worked for 33 years in the banking industry, most recently with First United Bank & Trust, in Oakland. His career also includes retail and government contracting experience. George is currently a member of the Garrett County Health Planning Council, past member of the GCMH Foundation Board and past member and president of the DCL/GC Promotion Council (subsequently incorporated into the GC Chamber of Commerce). George enjoys golfing, boating and travel. Welcome, George, to the POA board.

While filling Ed's shoes as Vice President of Communications will be difficult to fill, we are fortunate to have an extremely competent replacement in board member, Paul Weiler. Paul has been the editor of the *Dispatch* for several years and joined the board in 2014. Ed has been transitioning his responsibilities to Paul throughout the summer to ensure a smooth transition. Board member, Lulu Gonella, has become the new editor of the *Dispatch* to free up Paul for the larger role of Vice President of Communications.

By Lulu Gonella

MARYLAND TV COMING TO ORPHAN COUNTIES

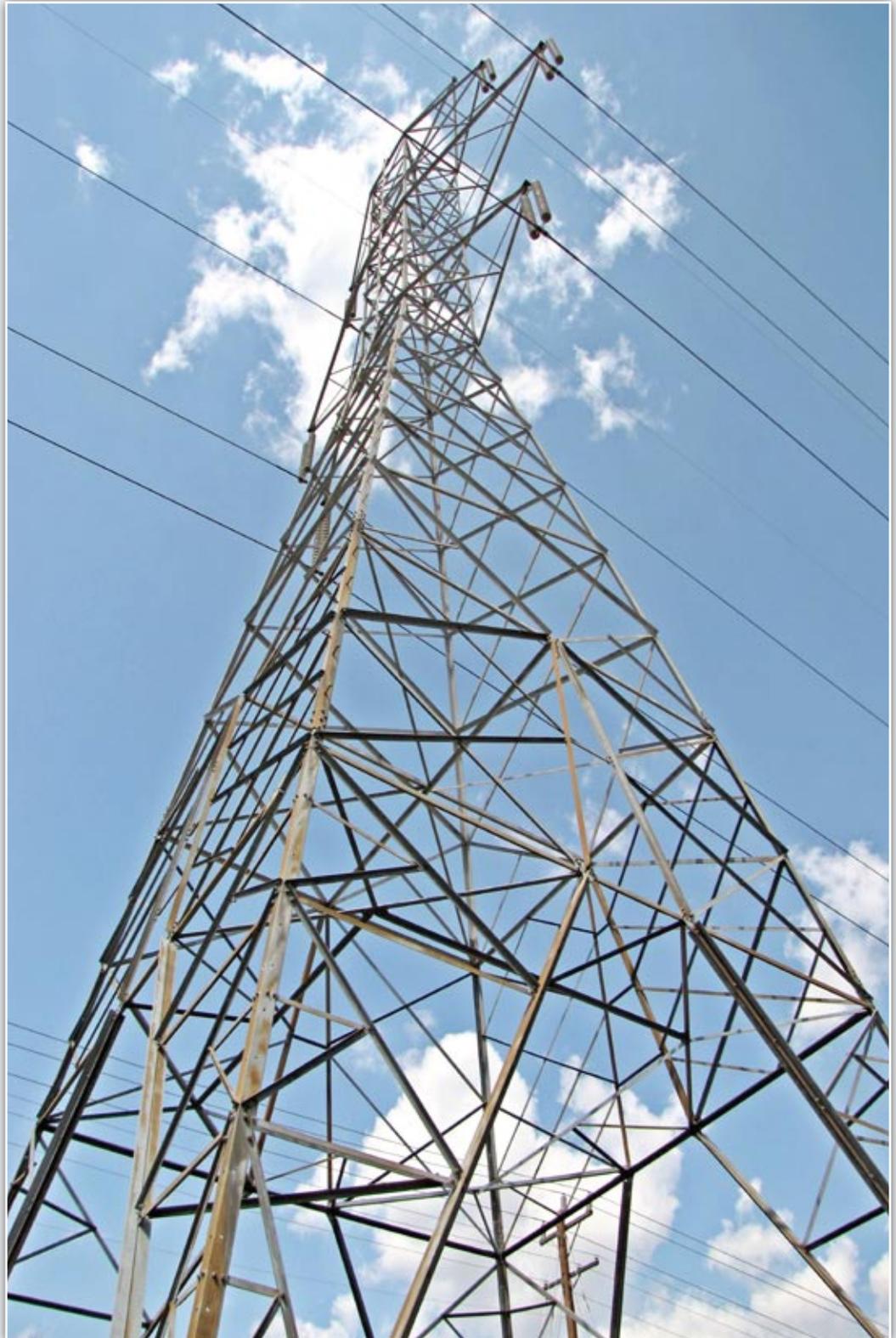
Would you like to see TV from Maryland TV Stations? Yes, it's just around the corner. Last year a bill (HR 5728) was passed by the US Congress and signed into law by the President on December 4, 2014. It was then handed off to the FCC to implement. This past March the FCC proposed a revised rule that will finally allow Orphan Counties, like Garrett County, to view news and sports from TV Stations in our own state. That new FCC rule is scheduled to be published in final form in early September of this year.

The goal is to get 11 new TV channels which include: the following four network stations from the Baltimore area 1) WBAL NBC 2) WBFF FOX 3) WJZ CBS 4) WMAR ABC, the following four network stations from the Washington, DC area 1) WJLA ABC7 2) WTTG FOX 3) WRC NBC 4) WUSA9 CBS, a 24 x 7 news station located in the Washington DC area plus Maryland Public Television, and WHAG-TV, from Hagerstown, MD. It should be mentioned that four of these stations WBAL, WBFF, ABC7, and WTTG, have previously consented to provide local news to Garrett County.

Since we already have the consent of those stations, and the draft of the new rule requires either the Television Stations or the cable or satellite providers to submit a request to the FCC, it has been agreed to pursue asking the TV Stations to make the request to the FCC. The request will be for what is called a Market Modification. Petitions are going to be sent by our elected officials to the TV Stations in support of the Market Modification. This way the TV Stations will hopefully understand our desire to be able to view news from their Station. Furthermore, we really need to convince all of those TV Stations to submit a request for market modification to the FCC. There is no guarantee we will get what we are asking for but upon the advice of several experts in this area that we have been working with, this

is our best approach and also the best chance we have. The final decision as to what we will get is up to the FCC and furthermore, once this is finalized, we do not know or have any control as to how the cable and/or satellite providers will implement it. Yes, it's kind of complicated but that's the way things like this go.

By Chuck Hoffeditz



GARRETT COUNTY ANNOUNCES NEW COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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Date: July 15, 2015



The Board of Garrett County Commissioners has announced the appointment of Kevin Null as County Administrator. Mr. Null was previously Town Manager/Chief Operating Officer for West Manheim (Pennsylvania) Township for 5 years and also served on the New Windsor (Maryland) Town Council as Vice President for 12 years. Prior to his position with West Manheim Township Mr. Null had 23 years of corporate security experience with Chevy Chase Bank and Provident Bank.

Kevin earned a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice from the University of Baltimore and a Masters of Business Administration from Frostburg State University.

Board of County Commissioners Chairman Paul Edwards stated that "I am very excited to add Kevin to our team in county government. He has years of experience working with municipal governments in Maryland and his skill set matches our needs extremely well. I think he has the perfect demeanor to be successful working in Garrett County and that the public will enjoy working with him. He truly is a great fit."

Mr. Null stated that I'm excited about this opportunity and look forward to joining Garrett county as County Administrator. I'm impressed with the County Commissioners' vision for the County and I'm anxious to meet with County employees, local government officials, and civic and community groups. My goal is to continue to provide exceptional citizen services to our residents, employers, and employees who call Garrett County home."

Mr. Null will succeed Monty Pagenhardt who served as County Administrator for Garrett County Government since 1995 and in 2014 announced his intent to retire and not seek reappointment. Mr. Null will begin his employment with the County on July 20 and he and his wife will be relocating to Garrett County.

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