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Holiday Open House to be Held at Garrett County Courthouse
Public Invited to Enjoy Art, Live Entertainment, and Refreshments

December 10, 2018 – Oakland, MD - The Board of County Commissioners welcome the public to a Holiday Open House event on Tuesday, December 18 from 4:30PM-6:00PM. This free event will take place at the Garrett County Courthouse immediately following the Commissioner's public meeting. The celebration was arranged in conjunction with the Garrett County Arts Council.

There will be live performances of holiday sounds in the rotunda area. From 4:30PM-5:15PM, Donald Helbig and Phil Green will play guitar and sing. From 5:30PM-6:00PM, members of the Crossroads Church will provide carols. Light refreshments will also be provided.

The public areas of courthouse are festively decorated and individual offices have each selected different theme to brighten their space.

County administrator Kevin Null stated, "The Courthouse rotunda is a wonderful location to share the joy of the holiday season and we hope to make this an annual holiday event."

This open house will also mark the unveiling of a new gallery wall that showcases the work of many local artists. The Garrett County Arts Council coordinated the space that will be a regular feature near the courthouse lobby. The initial collection features scenes from around the county and includes paintings, photographs and drawings. The work will be for sale through the council's Gallery Shop on Second Street in downtown Oakland. A similar gallery space can be found at the Visitors Center in McHenry.

Those interested in stopping by the Holiday Open House should use the public courthouse entrance on Alder Street.

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About Garrett County Government: The County is governed by an elected Board of County Commissioners (the "Board"), whose three members serve four-year terms and must live in the District which they represent. The Board may exercise only such powers as are conferred by the General Assembly of Maryland. The County is administered under a line organizational method, with the County Administrator responsible for the general administration of County Government.

About the Garrett County Arts Council (GCAC): GCAC has works to spread the arts throughout Garrett County and fund arts-related organizations, events and affairs. GCAC executive director Karen Reckner can be reached at garrettarts@earthlink.net or by calling 301-334-6580.