Letter to the Editor,

Ms Beelar, in a recent letter to the editor, is pleading for a "save the lake" campaign. She has been misinformed.

Garrett County definitely lacks attention from State Government. There are pros and cons to that. There is no question that more state funds should come back to Deep Creek Lake. Our County Government should know how much, since they keep the books on various tax revenues. But, to say that we need a "save the lake" initiative similar to "save the bay" is a little farfetched.

Do we have issues at the lake? Yes, plenty.

However, our lake is very healthy compared to the Chesapeake Bay. In the shallow coves, which, by the way, were there since Deep Creek Lake was formed as a result of the existing natural contour of the land, there was probably an excess growth of sub aquatic vegetation (SAV) this past summer. That happened because of a lot of sun shine, clean water and the right balance (probably not excessive) of nutrients. The fish, I'm sure, love it, some people don't. Not to say that we need to find ways to have less of the SAV so that people with boats can access the main parts of the lake.

There is nothing to "restore" at the lake!

Ms Beelar compares us with Somers Cove Marina and Rocky Gap Hotel. They are business enterprises that deal with profit and loss issues. Deep Creek Lake is not a business. There are no profit and loss concerns. Should there be? One could make an argument for that. But then you have to ask the question who would be paying for what? For Somers Cove and Rocky Gap people that use the facilities pay for its operation. Deep Creek Lake is a water reservoir for power generation that happens to have become, as a side effect, a place that people can recreate on. Turning it into business venture would most likely turn the lake into an expensive proposition for local property owners and County Government.

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