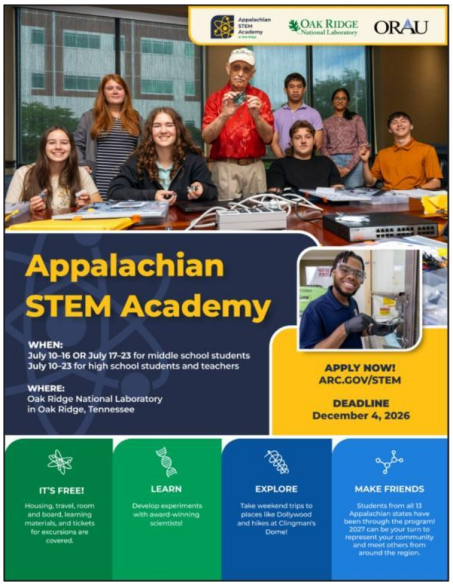
Council Connections

Bridging Garrett, Allegany, and Washington Counties
November 20, 2026





Appalachian STEM Academy and the
Appalachian Entrepreneurship Academy
application deadlines are approaching - Friday, December 4, 2026!

The **Appalachian STEM Academy** helps middle and high school students and teachers expand their applied science and STEM education with instruction from scientists at Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

The **Appalachian Entrepreneurship Academy**, hosted by Appalachian State University, cultivates business and economic development skills in high school students.

Each academy will take place in July 2027 and are offered at **no cost** to the participants.

For more information and registration view:
[Appalachian STEM Academy]
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#ShopSmall

Small Business Saturday is especially important during the holiday season, when many local shops rely on these weeks for a significant portion of their annual revenue.

Beyond sales, the day draws new customers to shops that might otherwise be overlooked, giving business owners the opportunity to showcase unique products, personalized service, and local creativity.

Shopping local also strengthens the community in ways that go beyond economics.
Local businesses sponsor school events, support charities, and provide spaces where neighbors can connect.

They give towns their personality and character, offering variety and experiences. Every time you choose a local shop, you're helping preserve the culture and vibrancy of your community.

Even small gestures matter. Buying a gift, picking up a coffee, or grabbing a gift card from a neighborhood store helps keep money circulating locally.

It keeps jobs in town, supports other local businesses, and helps fund programs that make your community better.

Small Business Saturday is a reminder that shopping small is not just about convenience—it's about making an investment in your own hometown.

This holiday season, consider exploring your local streets, discovering hidden gems, and supporting the businesses that make your town unique.

By choosing to shop local, you're not only getting something special for yourself or a loved one—you're helping ensure that our local downtowns remain vibrant, creative, and full of life for years to come.

January 21-22, 2027
Mountain Maryland PACE
The Westin Annapolis - Annapolis, MD

For ***FIVE*** decades, PACE has been the signature event showcasing the people, projects, and pride of **Allegany and Garrett Counties**. Each year, Mountain Marylanders gather with state and federal officials to discuss new initiatives, celebrate accomplishments, and advocate for the future of Western Maryland — all in a friendly, collaborative setting.

All event information, registration, schedules, and details are available at www.mtmarylandpace.com.

Content is Currency: How to Show Up Without Feeling Overwhelmed
November 30, 2026
10:30AM - 11:30AM
Cost: Free
For more details and to Register, follow this link.

Year-End Marketing Reflection & Positivity Audit
December 2, 2026
1:30PM - 2:30PM
Cost: Free
For more details and to Register, follow this link.

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