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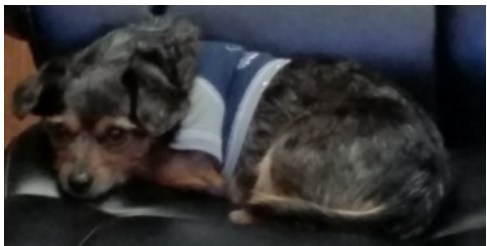
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I am author/publisher/screenwriter, Marci Lynn McGuinness. At 2 weeks old I was laying on a river rock in front of the Ohio Pyle Hotel, the sun curing my chicken pox. Today I am writing a screenplay based on the hotels demise by arson...a mystery never solved.

Ohio Pyle Magazine welcomes travelers and locals to a glimpse into our people and places in a mag that fits in pocket and purse.

McGuinness is Ohio Pyle Life Magazine Publisher, the author of 37 books, recently wrote and directed her play, Just One More Time, ghostwrites memoirs, is pitching her screenplay, Speed King,

@uniontownspeedway, is writing a comedy and a psychological thriller, and dives into the Youghiogheny River in Ohio Pyle as often as possible...never in high water!

More on the author at: www.ohiopyle.info and www.amazon.com/author/marcimcguinness



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Where can we eat? Where can we stay? Where can we buy wine and beer?

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Ohiopyle means "White frothy water and beautiful falls". It was named by Shawnee Indians who hunted and fished here.

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Enjoy the magic of Ohiopyle and the Youghiogheny River,
Marci Lynn McGuinness, Publisher

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“All 35 houses are used as venues. We cater to anyone from families to major corporations and provide rentals from cabins to Fernstone Retreat that sleeps up to 50. Reunions, weddings, meetings, and celebrations of all sorts are held, large and small. They set up tents, bring in the caterer of their choice. People come from Dayton, OH, Pittsburgh, Washington D. C., Cleveland, Cincinnati, North Carolina, and Michigan.

“Eisenhower and Nixon stayed at Fernstone years ago.” she said. “It was a hidden exclusive retreat. We have kept it authentic, 1940 built. We have had celebrities. Denzel Washing had RSVP'd to a wedding held here while working on the movie *Fences*, but had a family emergency in LA.,” Jordan said excitedly. “Dad originally bought the property for the family but today it is booked for 2017 weddings unless they want it on Tuesday and Wednesday.”

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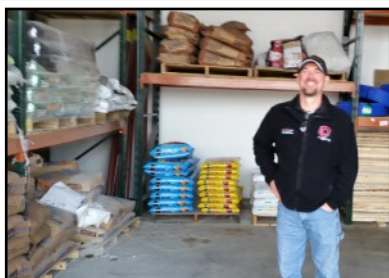
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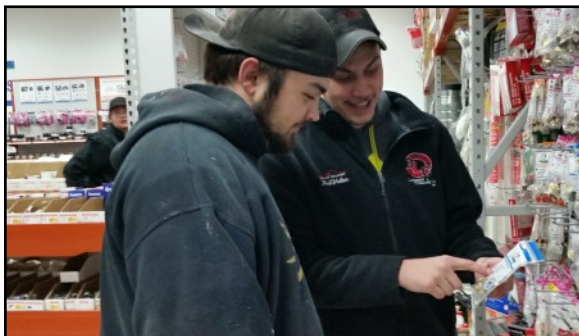
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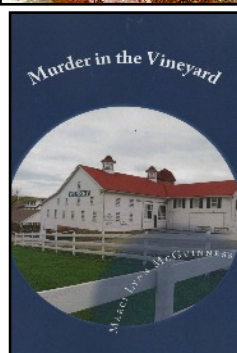
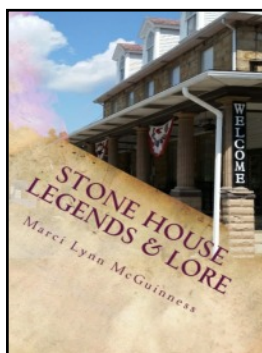
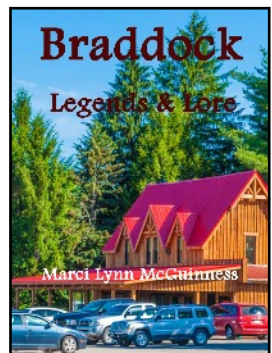
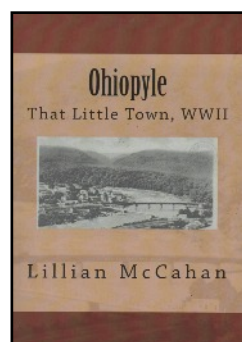
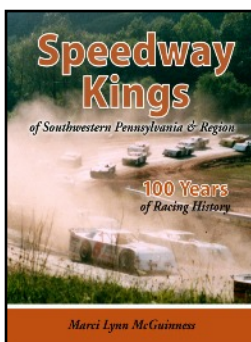
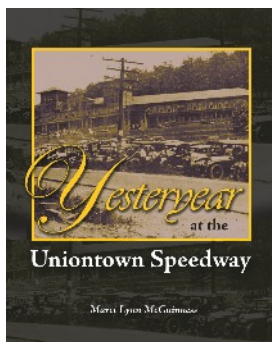


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The Hagans had the property on the market for three years. He felt he must do something about it.

"Fate was waiting in the wings,"
Lord Palumbo

When Lord Palumbo first arrived at Hagan's Kentuck Knob, the Frank Lloyd Wright house above Ohiopyle, there was no one there. "The house was waiting for me," he told McGuinness. "Fate was playing its hand. You should always go along with it in total agreement."

It was 1985. A long time art collector and owner of architecturally outstanding homes, he strongly felt, "The property should be loved, cherished and maintained as far into the future as anyone can see." Six weeks later, he purchased the home and lived there several months each year for a decade.

Wright never visited the site of Kentuck Knob before designing. The 86 year old had Bernadine and I. N Hagan visit him in 1954, interviewed them and said, "I'll shake a design out of my sleep." In 1956, they moved into the one story sandstone home with a breathtaking view.

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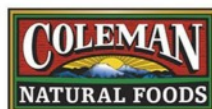
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“We bought a duplex. A family friend needed to get out from under her house. We did the repair work ourselves and rented it out. Another woman wanted to sell. We bought her house in as-is condition, moved her. We pay all closing costs so that all the profit goes to the seller. If someone needs to sell quickly, we have closed in three days before. It is just the two of us, but we are the largest team of private home buyers in Fayette County. It keeps people from losing their houses or losing profits to a real estate agent.

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“The government banks on the selling process being longer than they can hold out. “We have a full time person who also works for us working on the houses. We had a producer approach us about doing a television show about the process. We have not heard from them for a while, but signed a nine month agreement. It has been rewarding. People who can't sell because of the condition of their house, people who live elsewhere and inherit homes here, many just can't afford repair costs to get their homes up to standards for inspection.

“We have come up with systems that work for us. So far we have bought 10 homes in a year. We look at a lot more, but the house has to work for us. Some homes can not be fixed.

We are growing right now. We have a lawyer who handles the closing, but we do the rest of the work. We redo them and rent them out. Some of the situations we get in really are made for TV,” she laughed.

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Orchard Camp Studio...Making Music in Ohiopyle



You may know him as the keyboard player in the Abilene Band, but in the 1960's, at ten years old, Keith Taylor played drums in the group, Batmen. At 12 years old four Fairchance, Pennsylvania boys were playing four nights per week at the Owl's Club in Morgantown. They also played Rainbow Park. At 16, he taught himself piano.

"Mom made Batmen patches for our shirts and dad drove us around to gigs," Keith smiled. His parents were totally behind his musical endeavors with band members Ken Walls, Paul and Jim.

"We played Wipeout!, the Ventures and the Beatles. The neighbors complained but we practiced outside regularly," he laughed.

Abilene Band History

If you grew up in southwestern Pennsylvania in the 1980's, you are familiar with country rock band, Abilene. They made our region proud when they won "You Can Be a Star", and played at Jamboree in the Hills. Taylor later played for several groups, opening for bands like Alabama, Ronnie Milsap and Pure Prairie League. After pursuing careers, the Abilene Band has reconvened, playing a dozen or so events this year including the Palace Theater. "We are having a good time. We have a good exchange of energy."

New CD..."Back in the Day"

Keith Taylor has been making music for over half a century. I asked if the Abilene Band had produced an album back "in the day" and was surprised to hear that they had not...until recently. Keith handed me a CD called, "Back in the Day", which is the title song.

Five more songs, that I listen to almost daily now, include Fishin' Trip, Deep in the Night, Pennsylvania Coal, Patiently Waiting and Don't Tread on Me. Abilene Band members Herb Humphrey (from the original Abilene Band), Tim Burkhart, and Larry Miller join Taylor in a must have product produced by Orchard Camp Studio, Ohio Pyle, PA.

Record at Orchard Camp Studios!

I met with Keith in an impressive studio adjacent to his home.



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Roger Clatterbuck and Willie White star in McGuinness' "Just One More Time."

Uniontown Speedway Board Track, 1920



Marci McGuinness has written a Period Sports Drama screenplay. "Speed King" is inspired by her books, *Yesteryear at the Uniontown Speedway* and *Speedway Kings*. She owns the rights to this true story and several more. She is seeking a producer.

In *Speed King*, Jack runs America's fastest race track from 1916 - 1922, then takes off to Cuba with film, auto and coal baron's money.

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The Phoenix Arts Center in Uniontown held a Ten Minute Play Festival at the State Theater, August 5 and 6. There were 7 Ten Minute Plays in the lineup including Marci McGuinness' "Just One More Time."

"Not Always What it Seems" by Mark Mihalko won the Watson Award with actors Michael Rohlf, Dolores Love (Ohiopyle), Anna Loomis, Luke Riffle and Catherine Attaway.

"It was astounding watching the actors take the roles and make them their own. As an author and now screenwriter, the process was priceless." Marci McGuinness

Details soon on the 2018 contest Phoenixartscenter.org

New Yough Riverkeeper for Mountain Watershed Association



Eric Harder, the new Youghiogheny Riverkeeper, came to Ohio Pyle, Pennsylvania with his now wife, Brynn Cunningham. They met on the Chatoga River, both photo boaters back then. Eric is from Wisconsin, but has fallen for the Youghiogheny River, like millions of other lucky travelers.

He acquired an education about the gas & oil industries while employed with All Star Ecology in Fairmont, West Virginia the past five years, but always wanted to work for the health of our waterways.

Eric started his position with the Mountain Watershed Association in Melcroft, Pennsylvania this summer as the advocate of a clean Youghiogheny River basin. The Riverkeeper acts as a voice for the people of the watershed if they feel their water rights are being compromised. He also works to raise awareness of watershed health and the steps individuals and communities can take to get organized to tackle the problems.

The MWA is presently creating a comprehensive monitoring plan for the Youghiogheny River Basin from Oakland, MD to McKeesport, PA, and participates in the Swimmable Waters Program, collecting water at popular swimming areas to test for E. coli pollution. One of their most recent successes was halting all horizontal directional drilling for the Mariner East II pipeline. The method of drilling resulted in a lot of drilling fluid spills in our region which have contaminated our waterways and treasured recreational sites such as Loyalhanna Lake. Agencies are taking a closer look at the permits to be sure everything is in order. They are also keeping an eye on the Allegheny Energy Center proposed power plant in Elizabeth Township. This planned power plant on the Yough, will have a withdraw and outflow and will effect river temperature.

Working with the Fayette County Conservation District, the Riverkeeper will be holding meetings to increase awareness on septic systems and their maintenance as many townships create new policies. He will also be speaking on agriculture management like fencing streams to keep farm animals out and cleaning up feedlots.

We monitor any new mining, development, fracking, anything that comes up we want to make sure that the rules are followed for the water's protection. We put the word out. Any kind of watershed degradation will affect our recreational economy. There is so much recreational based economy up and down the bike trail, the Youghiogheny River watershed's health is vital."

Become a member, donate, or join us at our annual event: www.mtwatershed.com

Indian Creek Watershed Festival – September 23, 2017, 10am – 2pm. Children's Fishing Event and Duck Race. Free of charge, includes lunch. 300 trout stocked that morning. Resh Park, Indian Head, PA. Children 12 years and younger. Must have adult supervision and bring own fishing pole and gear. Get your duck race tickets and win cash prizes!

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New Owners at Dennis Lumber & Concrete Create Community Hardware Store

Jennifer and Jubal Margroff bought Dennis Lumber & Concrete, Inc. in November, 2015. Since then they have remodeled and made many improvements, including a 1200 square foot plumbing section. Their location at the corner of Route 40 and Flat Rock Road in Markleysburg gives the mountain community a convenient "Buy Local" opportunity.

When I spoke with Jennifer Margroff and assistant, Stephanie Plume, Jennifer said, "Jubal's crew has done a lot of the remodeling work here. He is a General Contractor-electrical based. When his brother, Tim, mentioned the business was for sale, we decided to revamp and grow it for the community. We are excited about the chance to bring more jobs to the area.

"We are working on the store, have remodeled Wanda and Tim's offices, and a conference room. We will announce a new division soon. The store is getting a refresher and we are stocking more hardware, less convenience items.

"We are employing 30 families and want to create more jobs, give back to the community. Jubal was born and raised on Mae West Road. Our ten year old can't wait to run the registers and work. Our teenage daughter will be in the office.

"We appreciate the community's business and they are excited to serve them. We are passionate about employing locals so they do not need to leave the area for work."

Stephanie added, "Jenn decided to do an Angel Tree for Christmas last year. It was wonderful and the schools really appreciated it. It was done confidentially. Locals could come in and donate to their Angel. We were really excited to do something locally and hope to do it again this year." www.dennislumber.com.

Charlotte Pinardi-Molek has been in the insurance business for 22 years. Ten years ago she left an all male office in Uniontown and started Penn Summit Insurance Agency, an all female business.

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Sharon's son, Christian opened the Ridge Runner Distillery across the street from the winery and is holding a grand opening at his new Pot Still Pub in Hopwood on August 18 (ribbon cutting 2 pm). Enjoy PA beers, Ride Runner Distillery cocktails, CW Klay Wines. Bottle Shop, too!

Main Winery Tasting Room Hours: Sunday through Thurs. 12 – 6 pm; Friday and Sat. 11 am – 7 pm. 412 Fayette Springs Road, Chalk Hill, PA 15421.

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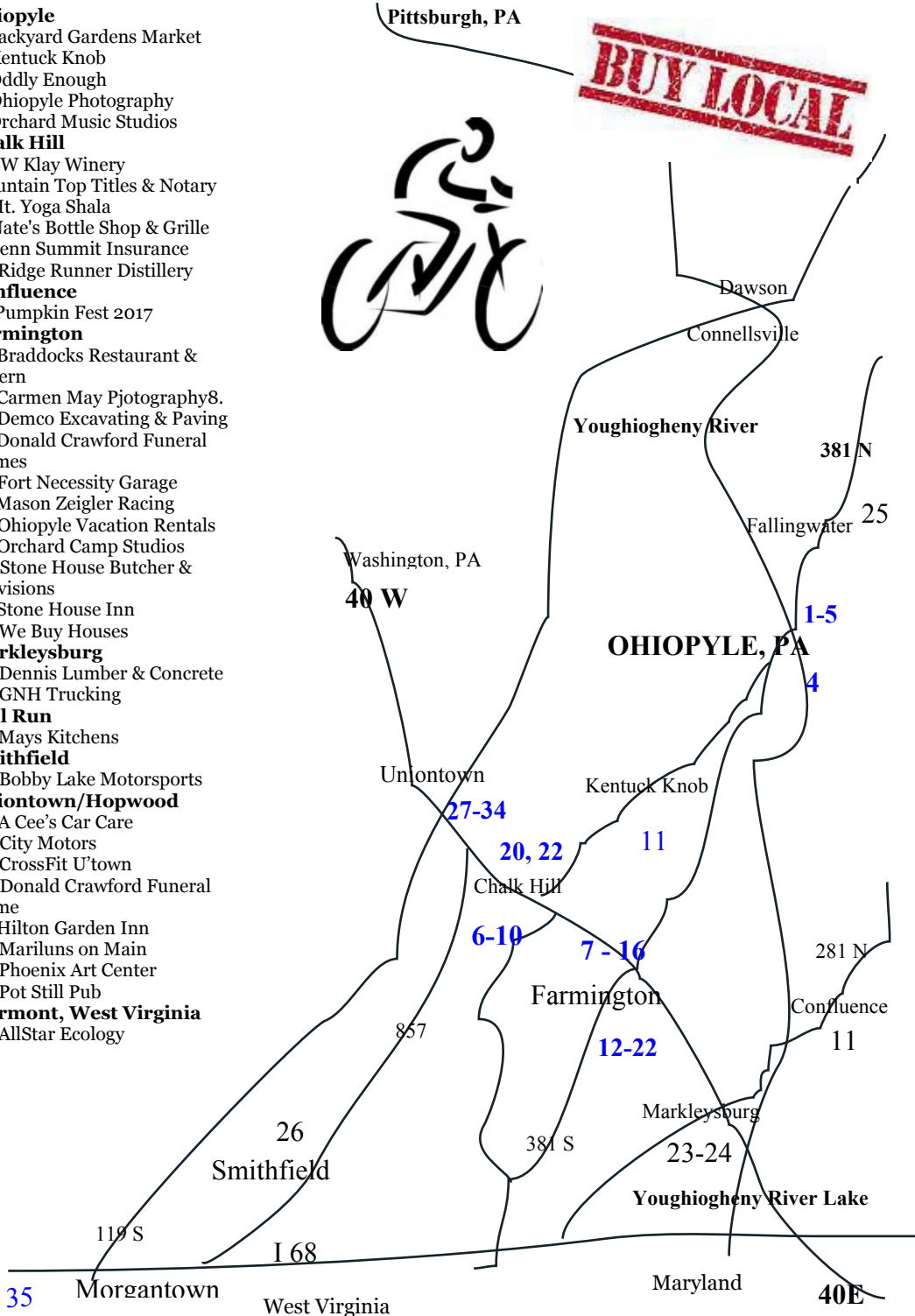
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My Identical Yogis



L - R: Identical Twins, Brynn Cunningham and Tara Morris.

Our daughters started as an egg, but it contained such a powerful force of energy, it split in two. We named our identical twins Brynn and Tara Cunningham. That was 1982. Today they teach yoga and share their healthy lifestyles with YOU!

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Brynn Cunningham...

"I guess when you're growing up as a kid you are always outside running. But I was 11 when I decided to set aside time to run as something I wanted to do. It was because of Mr. Everhart. He took us for a trail run behind Wharton School and I fell in love with it.

"In high school we had to lift weights to train for the team. There were different components to it. I got your (Mom, Marci McGuinness) Denise Austin book and started to work out. I loved it. I used little weights and joined the soccer team. I tried to get the Athletic Director to let me use the weight room during lunch at school, but I was told that it was for boys only.

"I started to get up before school and use our spin bike and weight bench. This is what I do now. I wake up and do something physical to set the tone for the day. It made me feel more centered and balanced. It still does. I discovered yoga at the YMCA when I was 18. I was told that it would be good for running.

"It was during the summer I was 21 when I started going to Yogi Wade's. My whole body felt better. Sitting was easier. I noticed when I didn't go little aches and pains would show up.

"In Pittsburgh during grad school I began a daily practice. I would seek out yoga no matter where I went. I learned so much, am still learning, always learning. In 2015, I went to Asheville (NC) Yoga Center for 3 weeks of immersion training.

"Go in with an open mind and no expectations as to what your body can do. It will surprise you. If you don't like what you did, try another style. It's limitless. Just five minutes of deep breathing daily will change your whole life."

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LPS Full Moon Flow & Yin, 6 - 7 pm

Fridays: October 6, November 3,

Saturday, Dec. 2 with the Twins (w Tara!!!) Bday class!

Tara Morris...

"I guess when I was a teenager I did the fun stuff, biking, hiking, swimming in the river. I wasn't into competitive sports. We were used to playing outside growing up.

"Brynn and I did workouts from *Seventeen Magazine* through high school. That is what you did (Mom) and our Dad, worked out at home. It was something we liked to do. It wasn't like a chore. We enjoyed it.

"I liked to feel strong. I continued to boat and became a raft guide after college. I was living in Asheville, NC the six months before raft guide training on the Chatooga River. That is when yoga really hooked me.

"The raft guiding had me so contorted and twisted and I started having neck pain. I got weak then I had a raft dropped on me from the top of a school bus. That tore my back out.

"I moved home and eventually started going to Yogi Wade's class in Ohio. This was 2009. I knew I had to make a big change for my health. I needed to get off the river. It took a lot to get away from it. I wanted to teach yoga because I wanted to help other people.

Wade hooked me up with Yoga Flow in Murfreesville. I enrolled in the teacher training. It was physically difficult, but I could feel my strength gaining. It really helped mentally. I got certified in 2010. For the past 8 years I have worked on keeping my back stable. I finally got the routine down that I need to keep functioning. All of those things have made me the teacher that I am.

"I love teaching yoga. It is almost like raft guiding. You have to train them how to paddle the river and stay safe. You have to lead. With yoga, you lead your students through a sequence and try to keep them from hurting themselves.

"I do a lot of Yin yoga, four times a week at home. I think it is important to figure out your basic anatomy. There is yoga for everybody. It is fun to go about finding the right one."

Today Tara teaches a Wednesday Power Yin class from 6 to 7:15 pm at LPS, 30 East Main, Uniontown, PA. She teaches event classes at LPS like the Dec. 2 Full Moon Flow 6-7pm class with twin Brynn. Their birthday! Tara subs at Nemacolin Woodlands Resort.

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