

SEPTEMBER

French Film Series, McDaniel College (Sept. 4 to 26)

Part of the *FACE Tournées* French Film Festival, the films include: "Félicité" on Sept. 4; "L'Atelier" ("The Workshop") on Sept. 6; "Les Maîtres Fous" ("The Mad Masters") on Sept. 10; "Le Grand Méchant Renard et Autres Contes" ("The Big Bad Fox and Other Tales") on Sept. 19; "Une Vie Violente" ("A Violent Life") on Sept. 24; and "12 Jours" ("12 Days") on Sept. 26.

Maryland Wine Festival, Carroll County Farm Museum (Sept. 15 to 16)

The 35th edition of the festival features more than 150 Maryland wines from 25 local wineries. Enjoy wine sampling, live music, cheese, local cuisine and educational seminars about wine and wine making.

Maryland Microbrewery Festival, Union Mills Homestead (Sept. 29)

Located at the historic and scenic 16-acre Union Mills Homestead, the 13th annual microbrewery festival celebrates and promotes the best of Maryland's handcrafted and distinctive microbrews. Come join the fun of Maryland's "premier beer festival."

OCTOBER

Carroll County Farmers' Market Fall Celebration (Oct. 6)

Like to support local? Here's a great event for you. Celebrate the best of autumn with 65 local vendors selling handmade crafts, pumpkins, pumpkin butter, home-baked goods, fall produce, mums and more. Breakfast and lunch are also served.

Alina Fernández, McDaniel College (Oct. 11)

The daughter of former Cuban President Fidel Castro fled the island in 1993 and eventually authored "Castro's Daughter: An Exile's Memoir of Cuba." Hear her first-person account and her reflections on how today's political climate has changed the nation.

NOVEMBER

"The Scopes Trial in History and Legend," McDaniel College (Nov. 1)

Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Edward Larson speaks on one of the most famous trials in American history, the courtroom battle over teaching of evolution in public schools.

Holly Mart, Westminster (Nov. 9)

Held annually for more than two decades, the local holiday bazaar returns to the Ebenezer United Methodist Church where it began. The bazaar features holiday crafts, gifts, decorations, chocolates and other treats, local businesses, vendors, a silent auction and a homemade lunch.

"Spring Awakening," McDaniel College (Nov. 14 to 17)

McDaniel theater students perform the Tony Award-winning and strangely relevant rock musical that explores the lives of teenagers in 19th Century Germany.

Westminster Train Show, Carroll County Agriculture Center (Nov. 18)

Everyone from kids to adults love toy trains, and the holiday tradition returns to the Ag Center with 200 tables of toy trains and related items for sale. Children under 12 enter free.

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