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The Garrett County Judy Center recently hosted an appreciation dinner for child-care providers. In the front, from left, are Carrie Wampler (Judy Center), Steve Knepp (Judy Center), Rhonda Welsh, Mandy Savage, Debbie Shaluta, Shelly Matthews, Meggan Humberson, Misty Sharpless, Kayla Spurling, Alicia Harvey, Candy Ritchey, Erika Ritchey, Linda Bittinger, Darlene Schmidt (Maryland Excels) and Melanie Cooper (Judy Center). In the back are Megan Ganoë (the Alliance for Parent, Provider and Local Employer Solutions), Barbara Unger (Judy Center), Carol Humberson, Beth Scott, Jennifer Graham, Carolyne Stolsenfels, Kim Broadwater, Sondra Tasker, Heather Glass (APPLES), Michelle Prohonic, Ann Collins, Becky Ashby, Ann Beeman, Brenda Burns and Dawna Rodeheaver (Maryland State Department of Education Office of Child Care).

20 Garrett County child-care providers recognized

From Staff Reports

OAKLAND — Twenty local child care providers recently attended the Garrett County Childcare Provider Appreciation Dinner at Uno Pizzeria & Grill at Deep Creek Lake to be honored for their work and dedication.

At the event, providers received certificates and were recognized for the number of years they nurtured, taught

and cared for children in child-care centers and/or family childcare homes across Garrett County.

Dr. Patrick Damon, Garrett County Public Schools kindergarten teacher, was the guest speaker. He spoke about how providers are not only preparing the children in their care for kindergarten, but how they are also preparing them for a lifetime of success.

The event was hosted by the

Garrett County Judy Center, APPLES (Alliance for Parent, Provider and Local Employer Solutions) for Children Inc., Maryland Excels and the Maryland State Department of Education's Office of Child Care.

For more information regarding resources and support for child-care providers, call the Garrett County Judy Center at 301-334-4211.