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Cub Pack 1031: Racing into 90 Years of Cub Scouting

Cub Pack 1031 is getting ready to celebrate the 90th anniversary of cub scouting. The pack will be celebrating Blue and Gold Night on February 24 where we have a family potluck supper and review all the great things we have done this year. This year, we made rockets to launch at Goddard SFC. Some scouts went to EarthTrek with Troop 1033. We had our Pinewood Derby in January. We have lots more fun happening this spring with a hike planned and a beginner orien-

teering event for older cubs, and we are leading the Anacostia Watershed Society Spring Cleanup in April.

The Pinewood Derby pack trophy winners were Webelos Hugo T, 1st place; Tiger Kyle T, 2nd place; and Wolf Ian K, 3rd place. Den winners were Tigers 1st Kyle T, 2nd Elizabeth B, 3rd David H. Wolf winners were 1st Ian K, 2nd Lois S, 3rd Isaiah W; Webelos 1st Hugo T, 2nd Eddy S; and Arrows 1st Jason K, 2nd Christian N. Congrats to all the racers!

This month, scouts worked on



Cubmaster Spence Spencer with the 2020 Pinewood Derby winners Ian K 3rd Place; Hugo T. 1st Pl.; and Kyle T. 2nd Place (Ashley H., Tiger Den helper, holding)



On February 2, 2020 Scouts celebrated Scout Sunday at St. Josephs.

their advancements with the Tigers completing Tiger Bites, Wolves completing Air of the Wolf, Webelos working on Stronger Higher Faster, Webelos completing Walk-about; and Arrows completing Duty to God.

A reminder: if you have cub

scout uniforms that you can part with, please contact Regina Halper at the email below so we can pass on "experienced uniforms" to our scouts. The cost of cub scouting has been going up, and sharing your

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NEXT ISSUE:

Submissions Due

No Later

Than:

March 18

Paper Out:

March 28

On the Agenda

By President Karen M. Coakley



Karen Coakley

The Beltsville Citizens Association's next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 18, at 7 pm. We meet at Beltsville Academy, 4300 Wicom-

ico Avenue. The guest speaker is TBA.

Check *The Beltsville News* Facebook page or watch for details on nextdoor.com. Due to a last-minute cancellation, I am making arrangements for a guest speaker as *The Beltsville News* is being printed. I will send out an email blast reminder once I have confirmation on a speaker.

COFFEE with COPS will take place on Wednesday, March 25, at 11 am at the McDonald's in Calverton Shopping Center.

A few safety reminders: remember "If you See Something...Report Something." Call 911 for suspicious criminal activity. Call 311 for additions, driveways, fences, or construction in general because permits are required and should be posted on the home. If you think a home is a rental property, also call 311. Landlords are required to have a rental license and have the home inspected before they can rent. If you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached at 301.937.3490 or karenmcoakley@msn.com.

Beltsville Briefs

St. Joseph's Community Art Show 2020

St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Beltsville, MD, will host its seventh-annual community art show on Saturday, May 2, from 6 pm-9:30 pm and Sunday, May 3, from 8:30 am-2 pm in the parish hall at 11007 Montgomery Road. This free event is open to everyone in the community. Refreshments will be available. Come and enjoy the art of local residents and the company of your neighbors.

If you are interested in displaying your art, we are accepting entries for this non-juried show from those 16 years of age and older. Entry deadline is April 17. All those interested in providing artwork for the show should contact the church office at stjosartshow@gmail.com or go to www.stjos.org/Community_Art_Show to download an entry form. This show is for artists of all skill levels, and we invite all members of the community to show their work.

UpStage Artists Announces Auditions for Its Next Production

By Rick Bergmann

After a very successful production of *Thanks for the Laughter: A Tribute to the Carol Burnett Show*, UpStage Artists, a local community theater company working out of Emmanuel United Methodist Church, is excited to announce auditions for its next show *One and Dunne: An Evening of One-Act Comedies by Jeff Dunne*.

One of the goals of UpStage Artists is to produce innovative and approachable theatre, classics, as well as new works. Jeff Dunne is a local playwright from the Baltimore area whose work has been performed all over the country. He is a contributor to the local arts scene in MD and is working with UpStage Artists to bring some of his one-act plays to life. If you are a playwright and would be interested in UpStage Artists possibly producing your work you can contact them at info@upstageartists.com.

Auditions for *One and Dunne* will take place on Sunday, April



Actors Lenny Dinerman and Ann Henry in a scene from UpStage Artists' *Thanks for the Laughter: A Tribute to the Carol Burnett Show*

5, and Monday, April 6, at 7 pm. They will be held at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane Beltsville, MD 20705. If you have a resume and headshot, please bring it with you. If you don't, that is ok too. UpStage Artists is always looking for new performers. They work with people with little to no experience as well as those who have had a lot of experience. Don't let lack of experience hold you back. You just have to be willing to give it a try.

If you would like more information about the particular plays being presented or to download an audition form, go to www.upstageartists.com/auditions. Show dates for *One and Dunne* will be May 15-16 at 7 pm and May 17 at 3 pm. If you have any questions about auditions you can email them at auditions@upstageartists.com. There are plenty of roles available, so come on out and give them a try. You won't regret it!

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Neighbors in the News

Former Customers and Employees React to the First Spring Without Behnke's

By Jordan Swarm, Journalism Major
at the University of Maryland

Vincent McDonald had been visiting Behnke Nurseries since he was a child in search of the perfect tomato plant. But for the first time in 60 years, the nursery won't be open to welcome him in the spring.

Behnke Nurseries permanently closed in June of 2019 after 89 years at its original location in Beltsville, MD. The nursery served as a center of community for both employees of the store and customers who visited year after year.

"I don't think it's really sunk in for a lot of people. They'll pick up their shovel in the spring and they're not going to have a place to go to," said McDonald.

Albert Behnke immigrated to

the United States from Germany and opened Behnke Nurseries in 1931. He ran the nursery with the help of his wife Rose, whom he met a year after opening, and they passed it down through their children, according to their granddaughter Stephanie Fleming. Fleming served as vice president of the company before it closed and was the one who ultimately had to make the decision.

"By 2012, the third generation of the Behnke family was at the helm but ready to retire. For the first time in 80 years, there was no family member to take over," said Bristow.

The decision wasn't easy. Fleming and other family members discussed it for years before deciding that it was finally time to let go of the nursery. The structures with-

in the property had amassed too much damage to be repaired, and replacing them would cost millions of dollars. The family made the decision and told all of their staff about two and a half years before actually closing, according to Fleming.

"We let them know what was going on every step of the way. Last January when we knew it was going to be our last spring they knew right then. They all stayed, nobody left; they stayed till the last minute," said Fleming.

Bristow was one of the people who stayed, but for him, Behnke Nurseries truly was home. Bristow began working at Behnke's in the summer of 1979 at the age of 17 as a way to save up for a motorcycle. What started as a summer job became a career. In 1996, he moved with his wife and children into a little brick house built by Albert Behnke on the property. He served as a 24-hour caretaker of the property and later ran Behnke's website when the company started to go digital, according to Bristow. For him, it was a family thing.

"Both of my children graduated from the same high school that both my wife, my father, and I attended. Both of my kids worked part-time at the nursery as well as my father who made deliveries for our florist shop," said Bristow.

Bristow and his wife stayed in the little brick house until almost a month after the last customer visited. He still works for Behnke Nurseries alongside Stephanie Fleming running the website, which they plan to keep going. Former customers can read blog posts about gardening and even order garden decor and gifts.

"I find it hard to go back to the property now and walk through the remains of what used to literally be my home. I remind myself of all the friends I have made over the years, the time I got to spend with my wife and children in the little brick house, all the memories that go along with 40 years of friendships," said Bristow.

The closing of Behnke Nurseries didn't mean a real goodbye between many staff and loyal customers. They're a family, related or not, and according to Fleming they've continued to keep each other close.

"Everybody says, 'Well reunions are once a year,' but we have them once a month," said Fleming.

Many former employees found jobs at other garden centers in the area, such as Meadows Farm Nurseries and Land-



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Michael James, Museum Specialist. Photo by Mike Collela

Enjoying the Art of Bonsai

Please join the Beltsville Garden Club for a monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2020, at 7:30 pm at the James Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville, MD. Michael James will speak about enjoying the art of bonsai, offering a look at the art form through the lens of the collection at the National Bonsai & Penjing Museum, including a PowerPoint presentation. He will talk about the horticulture that makes it possible to grow woody plants in shallow containers and will bring some living examples to show.

Many people think of bonsai as a marriage between science and art, but few people understand that partnership better than Michael James. The museum curator joined the National Bonsai & Penjing Museum at the National Arboretum in 2002, first as a volunteer, then as a staff member. He brought with him not just a

love of bonsai but a background in plant science, agriculture, and art, all of which have helped make him an effective curator of bonsai.

Originally from Clear Spring, MD, James grew up farming with his family. He saw his first bonsai, a forest planting of red maples native to the area, at the Clear Spring community show. He was a middle school student and was immediately intrigued by the art. James went on to attend the Maryland Institute College of Art, studying fine arts and design for two years. He then earned a degree in plant science from Cornell University in 2001.

The public is welcome, and admission is free. Contributions of a plant or plant-related item for the door prize table and a refreshment to share are appreciated. If Prince George's County Public Schools are closed on this date for weather-related conditions, the meeting will be canceled.



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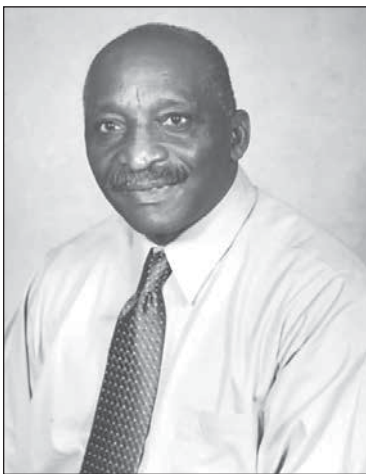


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Obituaries



Erith Adolphus Catlin

Catlin, Erith Adolphus

Born January 19, 1938, on the sunny island of Barbados in Holders Hill St James. He was the oldest and only son of three of Eileen Catlin, a single mom. At the age of 20, he responded to the voice of the Holy Spirit and repented for his inherent sins. He became an aspiring leader in the SDA church and committed his life to spreading the good news of the Gospel. In 1965, he married Elaine Reid and adopted her daughter Claudette. Together they had Catherine and Erwin.

Erith started his salesman career as a colporteur for the SDA church. When this ended in 1970, he acquired his first job as an insurance agent in Barbados with British-American Insurance Co. He was valued for his honesty and diligence in his work.

In 1972 he immigrated with his family to the USA. After one year in New York City, they moved up to New Hampshire, where Erith worked for the SDA church as a regional representative for the Christian Record Braille Foundation. Erith had a successful career, distinguishing himself by building strong relationships in the community and services for the blind.

In 1974, his second son Everett was born. In 1986, he earned a BA degree in human services from New Hampshire College and moved to Dover, DE, that year. He also started his 28-year career as an insurance agent with American General. In 1995, Erith was divorced, which ended one season and began a new one in which his love for Christ grew deeper. In 1997, his last daughter was born, Akira Wayman, his angel and the joy of his life.

In 2015, he retired after distinguishing himself as salesman of the year multiple times and winning multiple awards. However, being retired didn't stop him from caring for his clients. He continued to minister to their needs up until the day he died. In September 2019, his first book *The Voice Said Write* was published!

Erith was loved much by his creator and savior. His relationship with his God was deep and real and was reflected in everything he did. He was often heard singing a hymn or some familiar song of worship. He was never in lack. Erith loved

much! He was a people person. All he met were readily charmed by his easy smile and warm personality. Caring for others was something that he took seriously. He didn't have much, but what he had he shared liberally. Many in the community of Dover, DE, benefited from his generosity. Erith Catlin loved to garden—he had a natural green thumb! Plants flourished under his care. Erith loved his family! He took praying for them seriously and daily interceded for his family members. In 2018, after a stroke, Erith spent the last 18 months of his life in Maryland with his daughter and her family. On February 10, 2020, Erith transitioned to his heavenly home! Erith leaves behind 5 children, 9 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild.

He was working on his second book when the Lord chose to take him home where he is dwelling in the presence of his Lord and enjoying the company of his son Erwin, who preceded him to heaven. "Six decades have gone by since that day in 1958 (when he accepted Christ), and there has been no regret for that decision. There have been obstacles and stumbling blocks along the way, but the assurance of Ephesians 3:20: 'Unto him that is able to do exceeding, abundantly above all we ask or think according to the power....' If we have little power, we ask little. If we have big power, we ask and think big."

You are welcomed to commemorate Erith's life by visiting his website and donating to charity: <https://everloved.com/life-of/erith-catlin/>.

Cooksey, Thomas A.

Peacefully entered into eternal rest on Thursday, January 30. Beloved husband of Marsha; loving father of David (Jessica) and Dustin (Melinda); blessed grandfather of four; also survived by one brother and four sisters; son of the late Robert and Thelma Cooksey. Viewing was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home on Thursday, February 6 and at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Friday, February 7. It was followed by a funeral mass at St. Joseph's. Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery. Memorials may be made to National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, P.O. Drawer 498, Emmitsburg, MD 21727. www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com

Johnson, Mildred

On Saturday, February 8, 2020, wife of the late Joseph J; mother of Paul J. (Marilyn) of Laurel, MD, Mark P. (Paula) of Burlington, VT, Matthew O. (Julie) of Poolesville, MD, Helen B. (Roy) Thompson of Blacksburg, VA, and Tracy A. Johnson of Blacksburg, VA; grandmother of 11; great-grandmother of 6; daughter of the John A. and Johannah Shorman Berry. Relatives and friends may call at the Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD, on Friday, April 17, from 7 to 9 pm. Interment Gate of Heaven Cemetery on Satur-



Mildred Johnson

day, April 18, 2020, at 10:30 am. Memorial contributions may be made to Meals on Wheels, 9601 Rhode Island Avenue, College Park, Maryland 20740.

Riggleman, Mildred "Maxine"

Mildred "Maxine" Riggleman (Newcomb) was 98 years old when she went home to be with the Lord on February 3, 2020. Maxine was born in Cumberland, MD, on December 30, 1921. In 1943 she married Paul Kenneth Riggleman, and they remained man and wife for 64 years. Maxine lived in Maryland most of her life other than living for short periods in New Jersey, Virginia, and Hawaii while Paul was in the United States Navy.

Maxine and Paul and their daughters moved to Beltsville, MD, in 1952. The couple remained in Beltsville until they moved to the Riderwood Village retirement community in Silver Spring, MD, in December 2003. When they moved to Beltsville, Maxine was a wife, mother, and homemaker and then began working part-time and, eventually, full-time at ARB (American Research Bureau), which eventually became a part of Control Data. Maxine retired from Control Data in 1986 after 28 years of employment.

Maxine's husband, Paul, predeceased her in 2007. She is survived by her daughters Linda Roberson (Jay) of Maricopa, AZ, and Karen Bissett of Mineral, VA; her grandchildren Jeffrey Roberson, Tammy Woof (Kevin), Gary Fox, and Tom Fox (Gloria); and her great-grandchildren Ana, Ashley, and Isabella. Maxine is also survived by her sister, Ruth Smith of Silver Spring, MD, and her brother, James Newcomb (Harrlett) of Sarasota, FL.

Maxine and Paul enjoyed entertaining, spending time with family and friends, and traveling. Maxine and Paul were active members of Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Beltsville, MD. In 2017 Maxine was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and moved to a facility in Arizona. The effects of this disease eventually took her life. A memorial service is being planned at Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Beltsville, MD, sometime in the spring of 2020.

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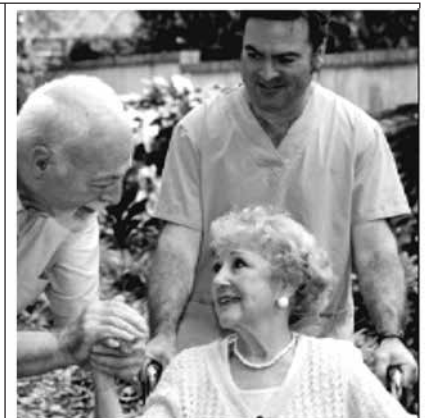
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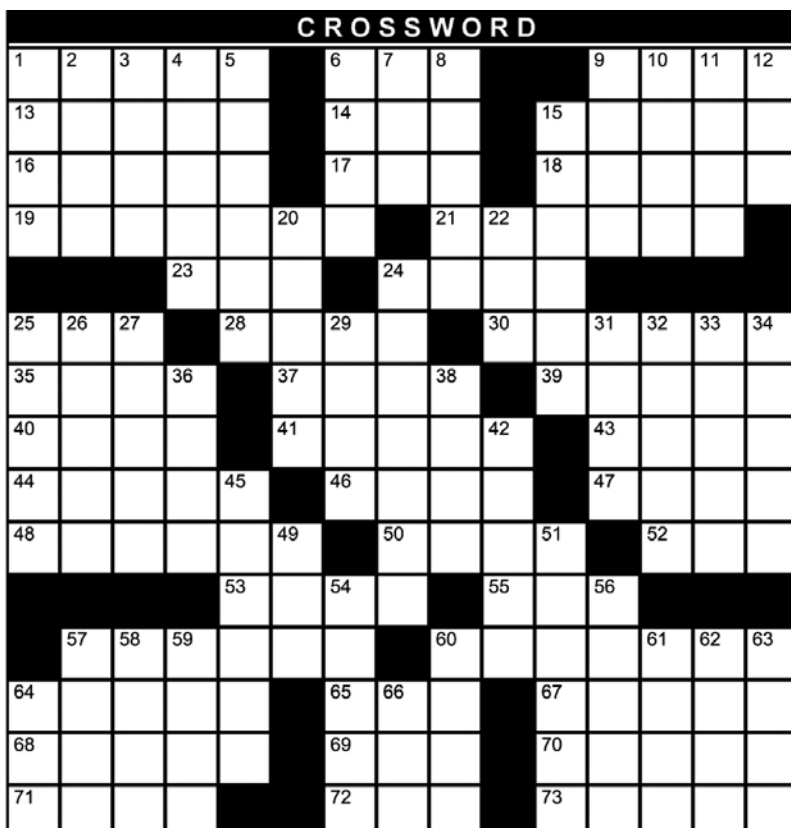
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6. Net holder
9. Island near Java
13. "Pokémon," e.g.
14. *Alice Paul and Crystal Eastman wrote its first version in 1923, acr.
15. Archeologist's find
16. Synagogue scroll
17. Bag in Paris
18. "Behind ____ Lines"
19. *Aviation pioneer
21. *She rebelled against sentimental novel
23. Nurses' org.
24. Deceptive maneuver
25. Director's cry
28. Snow and cycling helmet manufacturer
30. Low hemoglobin
35. Bryce Canyon state
37. Something to do
39. Lady's Bella Notte date
40. Puerto ____
41. Bone hollow
43. Slang for heroin
44. Cake cover
46. ____ and drab
47. Roman robe
48. "Purple People ____," pl.
50. Defender of skies, acr.
52. Easter lead-in
53. Attention-getting interjection

55. Pres. Truman's 1947 creation, acr.
57. *She originated the little black dress
60. *"Hidden ____"
64. Knights' feat of strength
65. *Mary Phelps Jacob patented the 1st modern one
67. Dickens' Heep
68. Ladies' fingers
69. Three strikes
70. Actress Rene
71. Crowd-sourced review platform
72. Lilliputian
73. Master of ceremonies

DOWN

1. Better than never?
2. a.k.a. midget buffalo
3. 100 cents in Ethiopia
4. D-Day beach
5. Move a picture
6. Breather
7. Investment option, acr.
8. Last European colony in China
9. Crooked
10. Sheltered, nautically
11. Trace or outline
12. Slippery surface
15. Feel indignant about something
20. Indian cuisine dip
22. *Sally Ride was 1st woman in space for this country
24. Speaker's platform

25. *1st person to win two Nobel Prizes
26. Carthage's ancient rival
27. Implied
29. *She developed philosophy of Objectivism
31. Formerly, formerly
32. *Home of Wesleyan College, first college chartered to grant degrees for women
33. Insect, post-metamorphosis
34. *Inventor of a newborn screening test
36. Use a whetstone
38. Caitlyn Jenner's ex
42. Primitive calculators
45. Ulysses and Cary
49. Female
51. *Singular of #60 Across
54. Tennis-affected joint
56. Gold, to a chemist
57. Pepsi rival
58. Fling
59. Rush job notation
60. Inevitable occurrence
61. Reduced instruction set computer
62. Alleviate
63. Old Woman's home
64. *Jennifer Lawrence played her in eponymous 2015 movie
66. Rivoli in Paris, e.g.

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Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

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Reminder: Scholarships to College

Each Senator and Delegate is allocated funds for scholarships to students in our district who attend Maryland colleges. There are so many deserving students in Beltsville. With college tuition a struggle for many families, we need to do everything we can to help hardworking students get a good education. We can't help everyone with Senatorial Scholarships, but we can certainly help some.

To apply online for a 2020-2021 Senate scholarship, students should visit www.21stDistrictDelegation.com/college-scholarships, and the



Senator Jim Rosapepe

deadline to apply is Friday, July 10. A separate Delegate scholarship application from Delegates Ben Barnes, Joseline Peña-Melnyk, and Mary Lehman is on that page as well with a Thursday, April 2 deadline. Information on other financial aid for Maryland college students can be found at www.mhec.state.md.us.

More help paying for college

Saving for college is a challenge for many families. That's

why the State of Maryland and Maryland 529 want to help Maryland families through the Save-4College State Contribution Program. The program is designed to help lower to middle-income families in Maryland save money for higher education. Individuals may receive a \$250 or \$500 contribution by the State who do the following: 1) open or have opened a new Maryland College Investment Plan (MCIP) after December 31, 2016, 2) file an application by 11:59pm on May 31, 2019, and 3) make at least the minimum contribution (\$25-\$250 based on taxable income) to the account. Applications must be submitted by 11:59pm on May 31, 2019. Learn more at maryland529.com/MDMatch250, or call 888.4MD.GRAD (888.463.4723) and select option 1, or email info@marylandcollegeinvestmentplan.org.

Contact us

Please let us know if there are other issues you have questions or thoughts about. And, of course, feel free to be in touch if we can be of help to you. Just email 21stDistrictDelegation@gmail.com or call 301.858.3141.

BEHNKE

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scape in Burtonsville, MD. When the announcement that Behnke's would be closing dropped, they received an outpouring of support from other nurseries, many offering up jobs to former employees. A lot were hired but allowed to stay until Behnke Nurseries shut its doors, something that is extremely rare because spring is the biggest season for gardening, according to Fleming.

"Our industry is one of the

most wonderful industries in the world. Independent garden centers stick together," said Fleming.

While the nursery is gone and the land will soon be unrecognizable, memories of Behnke's still remain strong in many people's minds, including longtime customer McDonald. He still remembers the swans that chased him and other customers as a kid, and the nightmares they brought on. He remembers the first time he went to Behnke Nurseries not as a child looking for a tomato plant but as an adult with a home look-

ing for plants for his garden. He also recalls the three performances he had on the grounds with his band during their chili cookoff. The loss of Behnke's is nothing short of devastating, according to McDonald.

The property will soon undergo demolition to begin breaking ground for the new development the family will be putting on the land according to Bristow.

"I wonder if I had the chance to do it all over again, would I?" Bristow said. "Hell yes."

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Keep Up with the County Council

Are you interested in following what happens in Upper Marlboro? Use this link <https://tinyurl.com/r3mzozu> to view committee meetings, District Council, and County Council sessions live or recorded.

Volunteer Opportunities at Our Animal Services Facility

Are you looking for volunteer opportunities? Prince George's County Animal Services is looking for individuals who have a passion for animals. Volunteer opportunities include adults who want to get involved, students looking to fulfill their community services requirements, and court-ordered community service. Visit our Animal Services Facility at 3750 Brown Station Rd, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 or call at 301.780.7220. For more information visit: <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/2190/Volunteer>.

District One 2nd Annual Food Truck Night

Save the date for the District One 2nd Annual Food Truck Night on Friday, September 18, 2020. Last year we had over 500 resi-



Council Member Dernoga connecting with a community leader at the District 1 Community Leaders Breakfast

dents and 20+ county agencies. More information is coming soon.

Beltsville Development to Watch

As our community continues to grow, we will keep you updated on upcoming District 1 projects. Please note that once a zoning application has been filed, State Public Ethics law prohibits the council member from discussing the case. You can, however, contact Chief of Staff Michelle Gar-

cía at mjgarcia@co.pg.md.us with your questions or to request a list of current Beltsville development projects.

Konterra Associates, LLC, has applied to build both a Restaurant Depot and a warehouse on the south side of Muirkirk Road, approximately 680 feet west of Van Dusen Road.

If you wish to become a Person of Record, please submit your request online at <http://www.pgplanning.org/1589/Becoming-a-Person-of-Record> or by written request to the Development Review Division of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772. Please reference the pre-Application Number and the Name of Project in your request. After the application has been filed, you can contact the M-NCPPC at 301.952.2530.

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Neighbors in the News

Anacostia Watershed Society Earth Day Cleanup on April 25, 2020

The annual Earth Day cleanup organized by Anacostia Watershed Society will take place on April 25, 2020, from 9–12 noon. Sign-up will be on the Anacostia Watershed Earth Day site at www.anacostiaws.org/earthday2020 beginning on March 2, 2020. The cleanup will be overseen at the Little Paint Branch Trail by Cub Pack 1031 who sponsor the trail.

If you register online and complete the waiver, you will receive a nifty t-shirt at the registration table. If you have trouble with the link, go to Anacostia Watershed Society Earth Day and follow the instructions to sign up.

Anacostia Watershed will provide gloves, bags, and all the supplies needed for the cleanup. Sign in and registration will be at the head of the trail at the Beltsville Community Center. We will sign off for school service hours for



Some of the 2019 volunteers at the AWS Earth Day Cleanup at Little Paint Branch Park

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Kitty Post: It's Kitten Season—Consider Fostering

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over 110 cats and moved over 40 kittens into foster care, adoptive homes, and no-kill rescue programs.

With the arrival of kitten season in March, BCC expects to receive an increasing number of

calls about kittens in unsafe environments. It's hard to ignore calls about at-risk kittens, but BCC currently has only a few foster homes. BCC needs more people willing/able to foster kittens until they are old enough to be fixed and moved into adoptive homes or other suitable settings.

With love and patience, feral kittens younger than 10 weeks can be transformed into wonderful house cats. Foster homes are needed to introduce these free-roaming kitties to a home environment and socialize them to human contact, children, different types of people, and other pets.

If you like kittens but are not ready for the responsibility of providing a forever home, you might want to consider fostering! By fostering, you help a kitten/cat that was born outdoors transition into a loving forever home. You must be 18 years or older to foster. You must be willing to play with the kitty, cuddle and love it, provide a healthy diet, clean its litter box, and monitor its daily health.

Learn more about BCC, our foster program, and other volunteer opportunities by calling 240.444.8353 or emailing hello@beltsvillecats.net. Check us out on Instagram (@beltsville_cats). You can also support BCC by donating or attending one of our fundraisers. Tax-deductible donations can be sent to BCC, P.O. Box 942, Beltsville, MD 20704.

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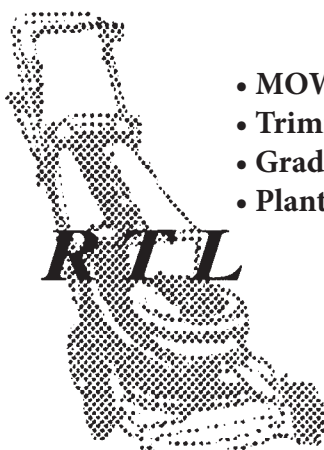
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Tech Sense By John Bell

Protecting Your Information

This is the third in my series on privacy and security. Last month, I reviewed one method of creating secure passwords, and I explained how passwords are typically exposed or cracked. This month I want to look at why it is important to protect our information.

Who Are We Protecting Our Data From?

First, let's look at who is using our data and why they are using it. Businesses like Google, Microsoft, Facebook, and Amazon; internet service providers like Comcast and Verizon FiOS; mobile phone service providers like Verizon, AT&T, T-Mobile, and Sprint are all collecting information about you through various

means. Most of these companies collect your information so they can turn around and resell it to others or use it to target advertisements to you. You have probably experienced this firsthand if after searching for a medical condition or a vacation site you suddenly notice all of the ads you see online are ads for related medications or hotels and attractions in the area you researched. Most of this seems benign, but do you really want Target to know your daughter is pregnant before the rest of the family knows? (This is an actual situation that occurred several years ago. Search online for the words "target" "teen" "girl" and "pregnant" for more information.)

In addition to normal businesses, you have criminals and criminal organizations, including some that are operated or supported by foreign governments. Criminal organizations typically steal information for profit. It is easy to see how to profit from stealing credit cards and bank account numbers, but other information can be used to make future attacks more effective.

Finally, you have the individual thief or attacker. They may have a number of motivations such as personal gain through theft, vandalism, or attacks on you or your family, sometimes to show they can pull it off. A couple of years ago a personal swatting attack where the attacker called

the police to report a violent crime in progress led to the death of an innocent person when the person initiating the attack used the incorrect address. The innocent victim was killed by the police believing the victim was engaged in violence against his family based on the swatting report.

What Do You Need to Protect?

It seems obvious we need to protect Social Security numbers, driver's license information, passport information, phone numbers, credit cards, residential address, email addresses, and of course passwords. Facts like pet names, high schools, previous addresses, parent names, web sites we visit, and our current location should also be protected.

Why Do We Need to Protect Our Information?

It isn't always clear why we need to protect all of this information, but let me provide some examples of things that have actually happened to people.

For one example, a criminal monitors a Facebook account and determines from posts that a family member (child, grandchild, or sibling for example) will be away during a certain period of time and will be difficult to contact. By monitoring Facebook, they have learned a lot about the family and

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It's a Man's World

By Reverend Dr. Jalene Chase

No, I haven't lost my mind. I realize March is recognized as Women's Month. I was tickled to hear James Brown's 1964 song "It's A Man's World" used as the music for the trailer advertising a new show on CBS about a female police chief. The real message of the song is "But it wouldn't be nothing, without a Woman or a Girl." Yup, because the fact is we are here because we were birthed by a woman—but I digress.

The song lists inventions by men. Of course, I started thinking of things women invented. Interesting things like Jeanne Villepreux-Power's aquarium to study marine life; Margaret Mattie Knight's machine that made paper bags; Josephine Cochrane's mechanical dishwasher; Marie Beasley's folding life raft; Mary Anderson's windshield wipers that were rejected until her patent expired when then they were required on cars; Grace Hooper's code for computers; Actress Hedy

Lamarr's co-founding of frequency hopping that encrypted torpedo control signals; Gladys West's program that led to the GPS system; Dr. Patricia Era Bath's laser that removes cataracts; Sarah E. Goode's folding cabinet beds, also known as Murphy beds; Marie Van Brittan Brown's pioneering of the closed-circuit TV system; and Valerie Thomas' image processing system that sent the first satellite image to space. I would list more inventions by women, but I don't want to deprive you of the research.

My point is we all add to society. My concern is we aren't being treated equally for our contributions. Some early inventions by women were not recognized until years later or after being "improved" by a man. We are subject to pay differences, less airtime and rotations for our music, and limited opportunities. My response is a four-letter word—vote.

My faith tradition says that there isn't male or female: we

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The Beltsville Young at Heart

By Barbara Schofield

The Beltsville Young at Heart would like to welcome new members Pat and Bruce Burnette, Delores Wallace, and Pamela Hindley to the club. March 5 will be the first meeting and March 19

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NUTRITION LUNCH PROGRAM

Lunch is offered Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Seniors who are at least 60 years old can reserve a meal by contacting the Nutrition Manager, Rene Marshall at 301.206.3368, or by stopping by the kitchen. The suggested donation is \$3.

SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Friendship Club regular office hours are Mon. – Fri. from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Phone: 301.206.3380. The monthly meetings and luncheons take place on the second Wednesday of each month. The meeting for March is scheduled for Wed., Mar. 11 at 10:30 a.m. We will be having musical entertainment. Sign-up and pay for our catered luncheon by Wed., Mar. 4. Our 2020 travel schedule is now available, including trips to Harrington, DE casino trips in April and July. Interested people can contact our office for more details.

MOVIE MATINEES

The featured movie for Thur., Mar. 12 is *Poms*. The featured movie for Thur., Mar. 26 is *Captain Marvel*. Start time is 9:30 a.m. and the end time is about 11:30 a.m. Cost: free.

WINTER BOOK CLUB

Fri., Mar. 13 and Fri., Mar. 21 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day. The club meets the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. The book selection for March is *The House at Sugar Beach* by Helene Cooper.

SENIOR CENSUS DAY

Fri., Mar. 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The 2020 Census is here! Make sure that you are counted. Join us for bingo, learn the importance of being counted, and fill out your census form. Prizes and a healthy snack will be provided by the Dept. of Family Services.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER

Address: 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. The entrance is accessed from Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore–Washington Pkwy. and Rt. 197. Main phone: 301.497.5772. Contact the Visitor Center for information about programs and other events for March. **Join our e-mail list by contacting timothy_parker@fws.gov.**

Regular hours of operation for the Visitor Center are: Fri. – Wed. from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closed Thursdays and federal holidays. Regular hours of operation for the trails and grounds are: Open daily from sunrise to sunset, except for federal holidays. Cost: Free admission to the Visitor Center and its exhibits, grounds, and trails; other activities and events are free of charge if not noted. Space in public programs is limited. *Registration is by phone only and is required unless otherwise specified; call 301.497.5887.* Note: These public programs are designed for individuals/families. **Programs are subject to changes or cancellation due to weather or low participation.** Please advise us of any special needs so that we may accommodate you.

SPRING INTO THE VISITOR CENTER

Get free volunteer training for many fun and educational activities. Ages 18 and up. Contact Diana Ogilvie at 301.497.5565 or Diana_Ogilvie@fws.gov for more information. Opportunities include:

- Greeting visitors at the front desk,
- Operating the bookstore, and
- Participating in wildlife surveys.

HOLLINGSWORTH ART GALLERY

The featured artist for March is Jennifer Becker. Her original botanical watercolors and prints are intended as educational tools that help people understand the reliance and inter-relationships of organisms in healthy, mature ecosystems. The gallery is open when the Visitor Center is open. All ages are invited; no registration is required.

OWL & KESTREL

Saturdays, Mar 7, 14, and 21 from 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. each day. All ages. No registration required. Meet two of North America's smallest birds of prey: the American kestrel and eastern screech owl. Both are expert hunters. The American kestrel uses its acrobatic prowess, while the eastern screech owl is a stealthy silent hunter.

NIGHT HIKE

Fri., Mar. 13 and Sat., Mar. 14 from 8

p.m. to 9 p.m. each day. Ages 5+. How do animals get around when the sun is not up? How are their senses adapted for the dark of night? Join us for an evening exploration of the forest and discover how we can help our nocturnal animals.

TINY TOTS

Sun., Mar. 15 and Mon., Mar. 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. each day. Ages 16 mo. – 48 mo.; parent participation required. Learn about wildlife at the refuge through fun and interactive songs, stories, and activities.

NATURE TOTS: SPRING HAS SPRUNG

Tue., Mar. 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Ages 3 – 4. Come hike around to see what new life the spring season is bringing.

FAMILY FUN: HABITATS AND ADAPTATIONS

Fri., Mar. 27 and Sat., Mar. 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. All ages. No registration required. Learn about the different habitats at Patuxent and around the world, and how animals have adapted to survive in even the harshest environments. Enjoy self-paced interactive games and activities for all ages. This is a drop-in program: Come when you wish and leave when you're ready.

SPRING WILDLIFE FESTIVAL

Sat., Mar. 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All ages, no registration required. Join us as we celebrate the beginning of spring! There will be lots of fun activities for kids and adults, including beginner archery, crafts for kids, Nature Songs with Stina, tram tours, Rodney's Raptors, story time, and much, much more. Follow us on Facebook to find out more. <https://bit.ly/3bOYWFO>

BELTSVILLE EVENTS

Please contact the individual facilities regarding late changes or updates to hours of operations, especially during holidays and inclement weather.

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)

Free and open to the public. Regular hours of operation are Mon. – Fri. from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for federal holidays. The library is located at 10301 Baltimore Ave., near Sunnyside Ave. Parking is free. Main phone number: 301.504.5755. NAL is on Twitter at http://twitter.com/#!/National_Ag_Lib. See NAL.USDA.gov/visit-library for more information.

VANSVILLE HEIGHTS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Mon., Mar. 9 at 7 p.m. Meetings are held at the Franklin Brown Recreation Community Center, 1733 Old Baltimore Pike, Beltsville, MD 20705 (located in the Vansville Park). The association meets on the second Monday of each month.

BELTSVILLE LIBRARY

Address: 4319 Sellman Rd., Beltsville, next to the police station. Main phone number: 301.937.0294. Regular hours of operation are Mon. – Tue. from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., Wed. – Fri. from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sat. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sun. from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Visit our library system website at www.pgcmis.info to use our online library services. Contact the library about other activities in March. Notification of closing for inclement weather or emergencies is posted on our web site, www.pgcmis.info.

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

CHESS CLUB

Tuesdays from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Drop in to learn to play or improve your game. All ages welcome: children, teens, and adults.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

READY 2 READ STORYTIMES

PRESCHOOL: Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Ages 3 – 5.

TODDLER: Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. for ages 2 – 3 years old.

BABY: Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Ages birth – 2 years old.

SPANISH–ENGLISH: Thursdays at 11:15 a.m. Ages 3 – 5.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DR. SEUSS: Wed., Mar. 4 from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Come join *The Cat in the Hat* for some stories and songs as we celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday.

KIDS ACHIEVE CLUB

Mondays from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. each day. Reading practice for grades 1 to 6. Niños entre los grados de 1 al 6 practicarán leyendo con un mentor.

CRAFTERNOON

Wed., Mar. 4 at 4 p.m. Join us for an afternoon of crafting. Families welcome!

TAIL WAGGIN' TUTORS

Tue., Mar. 17 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Sat., Mar. 21 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Ages 5 – 12. Children read to a dog and gain confidence reading. For more information, call or visit the branch.

STEM FOR FAMILIES

Wed., Mar. 18 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Join us as we explore science, technology, engineering, and math. Drop in for hands-on experiments and activities. Ages 5 – 12.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

BOOK CLUB

Mon., Mar. 2 at 2 p.m. Join the discussion! This month we are reading *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah. Find a copy at your library branch today!

WOMEN EMPOWERED: SELF DEFENSE WORKSHOP

Mon., Mar. 9 and Mon., Mar. 23 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Join Berwyn Heights Brazilian Jiu Jitsu for an informational

session and learn some basic self-defense techniques that use leverage, technique, and timing, so anyone—regardless of size or athletic ability—can defend themselves. Come dressed to move comfortably. Teens 14 years or older are welcome to come but will need parents to sign a waiver.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLUB

Thursdays from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Are you learning to speak English? Join our club and practice speaking English in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds.

MY LIBRARIAN

This is a free 60-minute appointment with a librarian to learn about our library's online resources or to learn about computers. Requests for appointments can be made on our website at www.pgcmis.info, under *Services* and *Help One-on-One*. Bilingual staff are available.

BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Address: 3900 Sellman Rd., Beltsville. Phone: 301.937.6613. Spanish line: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512. Regular hours of operation are: Mon. – Thur. from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fri. from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sat. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed on Sunday and selected major holidays. Hours of operation for Xtreme Teens and Pre-teens: Fri. – Sat. from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Contact the center regarding events for March.

BELTSVILLE YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

Join us at the Beltsville Young at Heart Club on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 11:15 a.m. Members must be at least 55 years old. Visit us three times and become a member. We have speakers, entertainment, trips, 50/50, bingo, plus light refreshments. Questions: call Lois at 301.498.9736

WOMEN'S CLUB

Thur., Mar. 12 at 7 p.m. Club meetings will resume in March. The club meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month, except for July, August, and February.

STRATEGY GAME CLUB

Mondays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Enjoy board games, strategy games, and tons of fun. All skill levels welcome. Any game can be played as well as brought to the club to be played. Cost: free. All ages.

XTREME TEENS AND PRE-TEENS REGULAR EVENTS

Fridays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Free with valid Center ID card. Ages 10 – 17.

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XTREME TEENS AND PRE-TEENS REGULAR EVENTS

Fridays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Ages 10 – 17. Free with valid Center ID card.

Club News

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department Announces Its 2020 Officers

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department would like to announce the installation of its officers for the year 2020. Congratulations to President Pam Casagranda, Vice President Cathy Alexander, Recording Secretary Bibi Gurwah, Treasurer Angela Whitman, Corresponding Secretary Paula Stickles, Chaplain Lois Hetz, and Historian Jane Nealis.

A celebration dinner was held at The Greene Turtle in Burtonsville on December 12, 2019, with the members, their families, and their friends in attendance. Every-



(L-R) Lois Hetz, Angela Whitman, Paula Stickles, Bibi Gurwah, Cathy Alexander, Pam Casagranda, and Peggy Zembower

one had a wonderful evening. Many thanks to The Greene Turtle and its staff for having us. We look forward to another great year.

March—A Very Busy Month for Unit # 217

By Ivy Christoffers.

Yes, there is much to be done this month. We must finish preparations to hold our tenth annual Maryland Veterans Creative Arts Festival, which will be on Sunday, March 22, at The Bowie Center for Performing Arts in Bowie, MD. This is located next to Bowie High School. The doors open at 12 noon for a four-hour show beginning with an art exhibit followed by a two-hour live performance. All participants are disabled veterans who are awesomely talented. The cost to attend this super event is only \$10, and the public is urged and invited to attend to cheer on our veteran heroes for their amazing accomplishments. At the same time, our national president will be making her official visit to Maryland. It seems that, since we began holding these festivals, the sitting national

presidents have chosen that weekend so they can add our festival to their year's highlights. So, come out and add your encouragement to our veteran's efforts and meet Nicole Clapp, the national president of the American Legion Auxiliary. She is a warm, gracious lady.

Our Americanism essays have been judged, and the winners have been sent to District President Carmin Brittain for further judging. Let us keep our fingers crossed that we have a national contender again this year. The students at Holy Redeemer do fabulous work.

Plans are gearing up for a veterans' shotgun bingo fundraiser to be held at College Park Post #217 on Sunday, April 5, from 4 until 7 pm. This will be a fast and fun-filled event with 50/50 drawings, Nevada tickets (pull tabs), a cake walk, and fun, fun, fun. Come, have a ball while helping raise funds to benefit

veterans' programs.

There will be several of the American Legion family leaving from Baltimore Harbor on a Caribbean cruise from April 19–26. This is a special fundraiser cruise for Sons of the American Legion national contender J. R. Hall. These are great fun. I've gone once before and am looking forward to it. Also, on April 25 there will be a flea market/craft sale held at Post #217. Mark your calendars and plan to reserve your table. Call Dorothy Calloway at 301.794.6309 for details. We still have our weekly bingo on Tuesday and Wednesday at noon, our Friday night dinner dances, and Monday night shotgun bingo at 7 pm. Thank a veteran for your freedoms. We seek Gods' protection for our troops and His continued blessings on our great America.

The Women's Community Club of Beltsville (WCCB) Announces Its 2020 Scholarship Program

The Women's Community Club of Beltsville will be awarding a \$1,000 scholarship to a female resident of Beltsville this spring. Applicants must be residents of Beltsville and be a high school senior who has been accepted

into a college, technical school, or vocational school or a college freshman. Applications can be obtained by emailing womensclubbeltsville@gmail.com or going to the High Point guidance counselor office. To submit the

completed application, students can email it to the address above or mail it to WCCB 2020 Scholarship, PO Box 1607, Beltsville, MD 20704. Applications must be postmarked by April 25.

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have used other internet sources to locate addresses and phone numbers and additional information. They then call a vulnerable family member and report that are calling on the traveler's behalf and the traveler is in trouble (possibly arrested) and needs cash to bail them out. The victim is instructed to take the cash out of the bank, box it up, and overnight the money to an address in a distant city. This

address is likely to be an address of a house the perpetrator knows will be empty. The criminal waits for the package to arrive at the empty house and picks it up, keeping the cash for himself.

How do we protect ourselves from this type of crime? First, don't post where you are going or where you are currently on social networks. Post your photos and comments after you return. Second, if you are traveling to an area where you will be difficult to reach, set up a special code

word or phrase that you can share privately so a message can be verified as being from you, whether it comes from a third party or from an email or text message. Give as little information as needed on your social media sites and limit who can read your posts to only people you know directly and not friends of friends of friends.

Beware of phishing. Phishing is the practice of enticing people to

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uniforms will help cover the cost of participating for our families.

Pack 1031 has fun adventures we will complete over the next year including outdoor adventures, citizenship, and service projects. Pack 1031 is a family pack open to boys and girls K to 5th grade. The pack has activities including camping, hiking, our annual Pinewood Derby, and campfires. We also do participatory citizenship along Little Paint Branch Trail, our toy drive, and Scouting for Food. Along the way we learn responsibility, learn citizenship, play games, and have tons of fun. If you are interested in discovering the fun of cub scouts, please contact Regina Halper at Pack1031cubscouting@gmail.com for more information.

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give them information that should be protected. Last week I received a call claiming to be from Direct-TV. I used the information I had at hand (caller ID for example) and quickly determined the call was fake. I presented this to the caller, and he admitted it was a phishing scheme. They sell you a steeply discounted plan (that doesn't exist) just so you will give them your credit card information. Once given, your credit card has been effectively stolen. This is a similar scam as the zero percent interest rate calls from "Alice." Once you give the caller your credit card information, the card has been stolen. Many email scams work the same way. They offer you a deal and provide you a link to a web site that looks legitimate. When you make the purchase, the merchandise is never received, and your card has been stolen.

Protect yourself by never giving any personal information to a company that calls you. If it really sounds legit and you are interested, look up the company and call them. Don't trust a call-back number provided by an operator that called you. Never follow a link in an email unless you personally know the sender and recognize the link (I won't even follow links in emails sent by my mother). It is best if email links are disabled by default in your email client. These links cannot only send you to phishing sites but can also send you malicious files that infect your computer through the browser.

Remember people can use your information to file fraudulent medical claims, steal your identity, and apply for loans in your name, file fake tax returns in your name and collect a refund, get a job using your social security number, and otherwise harm you and your loved ones.

My final words this month: be careful what you share, use strong passwords, and if available use multifactor authentication.

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