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Beltsville Briefs

In Search of Tutors & Mentors

STARS – “Speakers, Tutors, Achievement, Retention, Success” an organized mentoring and tutoring program located on Rt. 198 in Laurel, Maryland is in need of Volunteer Adult mentors and/or tutors. STARS serves “at promise” youth between the ages of 16 and 24 that are motivated and desire to have a successful life. Tutors are needed to help students in basic math and literacy skills to prepare them for taking the GED or their on-line high school diploma. Tutoring is one-on-one on Monday and Thursday afternoons from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. Tutors are needed for one or both days. Mentors are needed to be friends to youth who are looking to change their life for the better. Mentors are positive role models and friends that could help with vocational development and/or life skills development. Mentors are matched with one student and meet once a week with their mentee. *We currently have students on a waiting list for both tutors and mentors.* These are motivated young people working on changing their life and need someone that cares. Help make a difference in a young persons' life. Training and support is provided. To find out more about this exciting program and to help make a positive difference in the leaders of tomorrow, please contact Gloria Coliton, STARS Coordinator at 301.362.6045 or e-mail coliton.gloria@jobcorps.org

Two-Day Boating Safety Course Offered

On Saturday and Sunday, April 12th & 13th, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 72 will teach the two day Maryland Boating Safety course for future boaters, new boaters and experienced boaters interested in refreshing their skills. Class will meet both days from 9:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. This class meets Maryland State requirements for anyone born after July 1, 1972 who wants to operate a powered vessel, including Personal Water Craft on Maryland waters. It will be taught at the

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Mr. Shawn Talley, surrounded by Baxter Corporation employees presents a grant of \$89,261 to representatives from House of Ruth Maryland.

Baxter Corporation Presents Grant to House of Ruth

By Ted Ladd

Baxter International Incorporated convened a meeting in their Beltsville facility on Monday, March 17 for the purpose of presenting a grant to The House of Ruth Maryland (HRM) from The Baxter International Foundation. The grant amount was \$89,261.

Five representatives from HRM attended: Elissa Levine, Program

Manager at the Beltsville office; Ellyn Loy, Director of Counseling, Outreach, and Training at the Baltimore office; Asjoure Brown, Teen Counseling & Outreach at the Beltsville Office; Kerri Wojcicchowski, Associate Director of Community Relations at the Baltimore office; and, Elizabeth “Liz” Gordon, Child Therapist at the Beltsville Office.

Mr. Shawn Talley of Baxter

Corporation opened the program by welcoming everyone. He provided a brief review of the Baxter International Foundation, and then introduced Baxter employee Becky Hoerst who reviewed a compelling list of community service projects completed and projected for this year by the Beltsville office of

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City of College Park Proposes Annexation of BARC South Farm

The Beltsville News has learned from Prince George's County sources that the City of College Park is considering actions to annex the tract of Beltsville Agricultural Research Center property that lies just inside the Capital Beltway and to the west of the Seven Springs Apartments complex near Cherry Hill Road. The approximate 350-acre tract is generally known as BARC's South Farm. Historically, operationally, and still a main part of the overall BARC property, the South Farm is bisected on the north by the Capital Beltway. The City of College Park adjoins parts of the South Farm on its south and east. Notably, this property is said to be the largest tract of agricultural land remaining inside the circumference of the Capital Beltway.

The City has stated the purpose in this proposed

annexation is “to provide the community with another tool to help protect BARC and its greenspace”. Yet the entire BARC property is now protected by provisions of federal law requiring that no significant changes in use, control, or ownership of any part of BARC land may be made without the express action of Congress, according to information obtained by the Beltsville News.

A spokesman for the National Research Agricultural Alliance – Beltsville said that the Alliance is opposed to the proposed annexation. Annexation is unnecessary to protect BARC because legislated protections are already in place, according to the Alliance spokesman. He went on to say, that the Alli-

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Prince George's County Boys & Girls Club Awards

The Prince George's County Boys & Girls Club annual banquet was held on March 3, 2008 at the Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus hall in Bowie. The following honorees from the Beltsville-Adelphi Boys & Girls Club were cited for their outstanding performance.

Boy of the Year - Robert Stewart

Robert has been a member of the Beltsville Boys and Girls Club for 11 years. He has played Clinic Soccer and



Beltsville-Adelphi Boys & Girls Club award winners (L-r) Mona Sisco, Robert Stewart, Hillary Denham, and Turner Mebane.

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On the Agenda



By Karen Coakley, President, Beltsville Citizens' Association

Crime Prevention...The District 6 Police Station has set up Tip Lines 301.931.3575 or email police_district6@co.pg.md.us. If you notice strange coming and goings in your neighborhood try to give the Tip Line a detailed description of the activity. The time of day, days of week, description; height, weight, hair color, skin color. The make, model and color of the car. The Non-Emergency phone number is 301.333.4000. Emergencies and Crime in Progress call 911.

Parking Enforcement. FYI . Your car is supposed to be parked on the right side of the street going in the same direction that you drive. The county is now enforcing parking as several members from the community have recently received parking tickets.

Speed Awareness on Sellman Road is a growing problem that will be discussed at the April Meeting. If you have a community concern I can be reached at 301.937.0157 or karenmcoakley@msn.com

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 16th at 7:00 p.m. We meet at Beltsville Elementary School.



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25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

Extracted from the April 1983 Issue

Beltsville Day 1983

The **John Seaton Band** was featured on Beltsville Day, Sunday, May 15, 1983 along with free hot air balloon rides.

Ladd-Blamer Wed

Mr. & Mrs. **Theodore B. Ladd, Jr.** of Beltsville announced the marriage of their daughter, **Cynthia Ann**, to **Larry E. Blamer**, son of Mr. & Mrs. **Loren J. Blamer** of Fairfax, VA.

Accident Took Life

William Albert Sides, 24, of Landover was pronounced dead in a one-car accident at the corner of Powder Mill Road and Rhode Island Avenue.

Dorman Received Service Award

State Senator **Arthur Dorman** of Beltsville received an outstanding service award from the Maryland Psychological Association.

Engagement Announced

Mr. & Mrs. **Morris E. Sampson** of Calverton announced the engagement of their daughter, **T. Olinda**, to **Robert William Tate** of Silver Spring.

Rev. Gross Reassigned

Rev. Wendell Gross, pastor of Beltsville Baptist Church for 14 years, left for a new assignment in Hagerstown, MD.

High Point Honors

Michael Klassen was selected as the outstanding history student in Prince George's County while **Patti Dorsey**, a senior, was named a National Achievement Finalist for Outstanding Black Students.

Prince Georgians of the Year

Ida Raitaro of Beltsville and **Todd Goldberg** of Laurel were named Prince Georgians of the Year.

Service News

Marine Lance Corporal **Kelly S. Finn** of Beltsville was deployed to the Western Pacific for six months.

New Arrivals

Paul Daniel Dove was born on April 3, 1983 to **Elaine & Pete Dove**.

Shannon Renee Johnson was born on March 21, 1983 to **Carla & Robert Johnson**.

Justin William Moore was born on March 22, 1983 to **Stan & Sharon Moore**.

Prize Winners

Amy Maryott from Silver Spring and **Mike Davenport** from Beltsville won the poster contest sponsored by dentist **David R. Hunsaker**.

Award Winning Council

The Beltsville Recreation Council was selected as Recreation Council of the Year for 1982 at the annual Prince George's County Park & Recreation spring conference.

Obituary

Frances R. Schaffer, age 90, passed away on March 12, 1983. She was the widow of the late **Dr. Jacob Schaffer**. Both were long-time residents of Beltsville.

Letter to the Editor

BELTSVILLE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTER LAND GRAB!!!!

College Park's claim of concern and protecting BARC is nothing more than a Trojan Horse, a Wolf in Sheep's Clothing, the Fox watching the Chicken Coop.

College Park is fully aware of the coordinated efforts within the State, County, Business Community, Friends of BARC and the BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY to preserve and protect BARC. College Park is also fully aware of the PRIDE AND THE SENSI-

TIVITY OF THE BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY when it comes to BARC. College Park is fully aware of the fact that Beltsville residents have no desire to become part of College Park or any other city. College Park is fully aware of the fact that Beltsville residents considered incorporating several years ago but decided against it. College Park has been pushing for Zoning Authority for several years.

College Park has ignored the concerns of Beltsville in recent years as they have supported increasing the density along the Route 1 corridor. Take a look at the proposals for the west side of Route 1 inside the Beltway. Plus the daily backup created at the intersection of Route 1 and Edgewood Road southbound. College Park has not provided additional transportation solutions for their density increases. Instead they have recently decided to oppose Route 201 (Kenilworth Avenue extended.). In the past College Park supported Route 201.

They have already annexed several parcels of land that used to be on the outskirts of College Park including the Market Place Shopping Center on Cherryhill Road and the Ikea Complex on Route 1. College Park wants the South Farm within the city limits in order to have the sole voice in the South Farm's future development, if the Department of Agriculture ever declares the South Farm surplus property.

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Neighbors in the News

By Gary Bauchan,
Scoutmaster Troop 1033

Boy Scouts Deliver

Boy Scout Troop 1033 had another successful Spring Garden and Lawn Fund Raiser. The Scouts delivered over 2000 bags of mulch, fertilizer, manure, and topsoil products all over the Beltsville area all within 7 hours. The door-to-door transport was made possible not only by 30 scouts but also by the parents and friends of scouts who volunteered their trucks, trailers, and cars for the deliveries. A special treat for the scouts this year was the return of 5 Eagle Scouts (Steve and Michael Stewart, Daniel Pavelka, and Billy and Patrick Wauschek) who were home from college on spring break and came out to help with our deliveries. Thanks to the support of the community, each scout earned "Scout bucks" which allows them to pay for such activities as summer camp, tubing on the Potomac River,



Scouts deliver a mountain of mulch.

swimming at Assateague Island, and biking and hiking along the C&O Canal near Harpers Ferry. Troop 1033 would like to thank Behnke's Nursery, Inc. for their continued support of our fund raiser and special thanks to Kalkreuth Roofing and Sheet Metal, Inc. in Frederick, MD for supplying a large truck and

driver for delivery of our large orders. We especially want to thank the Beltsville Community for all their support.

On March 9, the Scouts performed their monthly service project of cleaning up the playground and church gardens around Emmanuel United Methodist Church, which is the Troop's sponsoring organization. The cleanup lasted from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. and was carried out by Scouts Eric Matthews, David Timus, Charleston Laymon, Mick Cotter, Sean Halper, Gregory Bauchan, Michael Clifford, Patrick Deery, and Kris Smith with scout parents Vanessa Smith, Regina Halper, Paula Crowley, Assistant Scoutmaster Rick Deery, and Scoutmaster Gary Bauchan supervising the work efforts. If the Boy Scouts have completed their spring cleaning at the Methodist Church and their Spring Fund Raiser, warm spring-like weather should be right around the corner. The scouts can't wait to get outdoors and enjoy spring!



Scouts help with spring cleaning at Methodist Church.

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Bladensburg Waterfront Park, 4601 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg, MD 20710, phone 301.779.0371

Among the many subjects covered are: boat construction and terminology, boating laws, safety equipment, boat handling, basic knot skills, navigation, and trailering. The instructors are all qualified and well-trained volunteer members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, who are devoted to promoting recreational boating safety. Pre-registration is required. The only cost is \$25. Please call Steve at 410.531.3313 or Jean at 301.261.7735.

Attention High Point Graduates of 1982 & 83

The High Point Classes of 1982 & 1983 will be having a combined 25+-year reunion on Saturday, October 11, 2008 at the Greenbelt Marriott. The Reunion Committee is trying to locate classmates. Please visit www.HighPoint8283.com for complete reunion news and to submit your updated contact information. Thank you.

Friends of Little Paint Branch

Please join us in our scheduled spring events that are described below.

April 12th - Tree planting along the Little Paint Branch co-sponsored by the MWCOG, BARC and FOLPB. Join us at 9:00 a.m. on the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center grounds to help plant trees and shrubs to create a riparian habitat. Trees along the river not only help prevent erosion, but also provide habitat for creatures that live in and above the water. BARC staff will be digging

the holes. All trees, equipment and gloves will be provided. For more detailed information please contact Phong Trieu at 202.962.3291 of MWCOG (Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments).

April 26th- Pick up Mother Earth! Be a part of a much larger event; the Anacostia Watershed Society is hosting its 14th Annual Anacostia Watershed Earth Day Cleanup and Rally Celebration along various sites of the Anacostia Watershed. Friends of Little Paint Branch will be hosting one of these sites at Little Paint Branch Park also known as the Beltsville Community Center. We will be picking up trash in and near the river. Trash in the river is one of the major problems of pollution in our waterways. You'd be surprised how much ends up in our Beltsville section of Little Paint Branch after a rainstorm. LPB flows into Paint Branch, which then flows into the Anacostia. What we do here has an impact on the health of the rivers elsewhere. The trash pickup starts around 9:00 a.m. and runs to noon. The rally will be held in D.C. More detailed information can be found by following links at our website. A limited number of free event t-shirts will be handed out.

May 17th- Native and non-native plant identification Nature Walk and Invasive Pull. Photographers and gardeners don't miss out on this event! Dr. Marc Imlay of the Anacostia Watershed Society will lead us on a walk and point out the various native wild flowers and plants found in our local park. He will also introduce us to invasives, what they look like and why it is important to remove them from our local habitat. An invasive pull will be held after the walk. Beltsville has been

extremely fortunate that the AWS has chosen our local park as one of their major invasive pull projects. In its 4th year, please come out and support all the hard work they have done! Held at the Little Paint Branch Park (Beltsville Community Center) starting at 10:00 a.m.

Note: Please wear closed shoes and long sleeves to all events. Dress to get dirty. All three events can count towards student volunteer hours that are required for graduation. See our website for more details: www.FriendsofLPB.org or call FOLPB at 240.281.6578.

Passport Fair at the Post Office

Representatives from the United States Postal Service will be having a Passport Fair at the Beltsville Post Office on Saturday, April 26 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. and on Sunday April 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The passport fair is open to the public. All are invited. Passport photos will be available. To apply for a passport, be sure to bring the following items:

A passport application (available at the event), proof of U.S. citizenship, proof of identity, two identical color passport photos (we will provide the photo services), and passport fees (check or money order).

For specific details on the list of items, visit www.usps.com/passport. You will receive your passport within 10 weeks from the time the passport agencies receive your completed application. If you need your passport sooner, you may request expedited processing with Express Mail service for an additional fee.

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Garden Speaker Series at Behnke Nursery

All seminars take place at Behnke's Garden Center in Beltsville.

They are free and start at 1:00 p.m., unless noted otherwise. Call 301.937.1100 for details and to pre-register.

April 05

Book Signing and Seminar on Conifers for the Home Landscape

Dr. Richard Bitner, Author of *Conifers for Gardens: An Illustrated Encyclopedia*. Learn the historical use of conifers, their use and misuse today, and the best of the commercially available conifers for our area. The seminar is free. The books will be available for purchase on site.

April 12

Herbs to Delight the Taste

Buds

Cindy Brown, Assistant Director at Green Spring Gardens, Alexandria, VA. Ms. Brown will demonstrate how varying herb combinations evoke different regional flavors when used to season a simple hummus dip. Learn to grow and use herbs in this popular demonstration and lecture.

April 19

Book/DVD Signing and Seminar

Fran West, Author of *Pruning Matters: The Formula for Pruning Mastery*. Ms. West will show her favorite pruning tools, and teach a few easy-to-apply rules for pruning decisions. The seminar is free. The books and DVDs will be available for purchase on site.

chase on site. *Part of the seminar will take place outdoors, rain or shine. Dress for the weather!* Pre-registration is essential; the class is limited to 45.

April 26

Designing with Native Plants

David Culp, Sunny Border Nurseries. World-class gardener David Culp will feature his favorite native plants (primarily perennials), and show how to combine them with exotic plants and other native plants for stunning combinations.

May 03

Easy Care Roses

Speaker TBA. Roses are one of the most popular plants. Find out the best varieties for your landscape.

High Point High School Concert Choir

By Gwen Thomas, President
High Point Concert Choir
Parent Committee

In January 2008, the High Point High School Concert Choir was awarded a scholarship from the Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts. The scholarship allowed the choir to receive Master Classes in vocal music technique from two renowned vocal music clinicians; Ms. Carmen Balthrop, Professor, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, and Ms. Angela Powell, Vocal Music Instructor, Duke Ellington School of the Arts in Washington, D.C.

As a result of the vocal coaching and to fulfill the requirements of the scholarship, the choir, under the direction of Mr. Ned Lewis, will perform a concert of choral music showcasing the composition selections that the students worked on during the Master Classes. The concert will be held on the evening of Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at High Point High School's Chotiner Auditorium. The public is invited and admission is free.

High Point High School is located at 3601 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville. Mr. Scott Smith is the Principal.

Good Things are Happening at Frances Fuchs Early Childhood Center

First, our school is going green. We have started a recycling program. We are using this for a fundraiser for our school. We will be using the money to fund in-house assemblies and performers to come and entertain our children. We are asking the community to help us fill our recycling bin. We are recycling paper, phonebooks, magazines, newspapers, office and school papers and old mail. We also accept shredded documents. If you bring in shredded paper, please just dump it into the recycling bin. The first Saturday of the month we will have helpers at the school to help the community put papers in the bin. The time will

be from 11:00 a.m. until 1 p.m. We will start this in April, but encourage the community to come anytime and put recycling in the bin. The bin is located in back of the school and there will be signs directing you to our bin.

Here are some fun facts about recycling. One ton of recycled paper saves 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space, 4100 kW hours of electricity (enough to heat a home for 6 months or run a television for 41 hours). Everyday, Americans buy 62 million newspapers and throw out 44 million. Enough paper is collected for recycling each year to make a boxcar train 7,600 miles long.

Second, our own "Motor Ken" (Ken Kitchelt) has been nominated for the Bob Janus award. This award is given to the most outstanding Adaptive Physical Education Teacher throughout Prince George's County Public Schools. It is a yearly award given to best Adaptive Physical Education Teacher in the county. We, as a school, are both happy and excited to have "Motor Ken" nominated for this award! "Motor Ken" is a big part of Frances Fuchs, both in school and after school. His spirit and leadership is well known in our school. Our Annual Halloween party and International Night are legendary and are both planned by Motor Ken. He always wants to see children smile and loves for the community to be involved. We wish "Motor Ken" all the best for his nomination. As we said, "Good things are always happening at Frances Fuchs!"

VBS at First Baptist Church

Your friends at FBC-Beltsville, 4700 Odell Road, would like to invite you to set sail with us for Outrigger Island. This is a FREE Vacation Bible School adventure where we will learn about God's unshakable truth. Children ages 3 years old through 6th grade can join us on June 23-27, 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. for Bible stories, cool crafts, motivating music, and a light lunch. Help us welcome our VBS with a big ALOHA on Saturday, June 21, 1:00-5:00 p.m. Come enjoy island hopping with

land, he said.

After listening to the view of College Park Mayor Stephen Brayman on the subject, a Beltsville resident suggested that though annexation would add little protection for the greenspace at BARC, the action could raise annexation concerns among other nearby municipalities, and do little to promote the long-standing good will and common purpose that has traditionally existed among BARC and its neighbors.

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ance shares the City of College Park's concern for the preservation of BARC, but disagrees with their expressed specific concept. The Alliance is wary of long-term political changes of attitude and concerned about establishing precedence, which could be reinterpreted by College Park or other nearby municipalities as de facto reasons for future, and more extensive annexation of BARC

games, refreshments, and time for pre-registration. For any questions, please contact us at 301.927.7771 or www.fbcbeltsville.org.

Basket Bingo

St. Joseph's Parish will conduct a Basket Bingo on Friday evening, May 2nd in the Parish Hall at 11011 Montgomery Road from 7:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. (non-smoking). Come join us for this fun-filled event. Bingo winners will receive speciality baskets, pottery and home accessories. There will be door prizes and raffles too! Tickets are available for \$10.00 (in advance) daily at the school and parish offices, or for \$12.00 at the door. Refreshments are available.



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On February 16th at North-western High School our 17th Annual Miss College Park Scholarship Pageant was held. What a great evening this was! Sixteen of our most beautiful, talented and poised young ladies competed for the title "Miss College Park" and the opportunity to serve this area as our ambassador for the next twelve months.

Along with the title of Miss College Park come scholarship funds to assist her in her educational pursuits. The young ladies competed in the fitness round, talent, (and there was such a diversity of talents displayed) evening gown and interview segments. Although all were winners, there had to be an overall winner and the young lady who captured our hearts was Heather Molnar, a student at University of Maryland



(L-r) Taryn Williams, Miss Capital Region, Joanna Guy, Miss College Park's Outstanding Teen, Heather Molnar, Miss College Park, Ryann Richardson, Miss Prince George's County and Amanda Beatty, Miss Prince George's Outstanding Teen.

Eastern Shore. Heather is serving an internship at the State House in Annapolis. Heather sang "Cry" by Patsy Cline and she also won the interview portion of the contest as well as the community service portion. She walked away with \$2,300 in scholarships. She will be serving our community and Post 217 and Unit 217 by making numerous appearances. Her first obligation was the Post & Unit annual Easter Egg Hunt. The pageant awarded three titles and over \$6,500 in scholarships to the participants. In addition to Miss College Park, we also awarded the title of Miss Prince George's County and Miss Capital Region. There were many guest appearances and much talent displayed. All in all, this was a spectacular evening. The new Miss College Park was crowned by last year's winner, Shannon Beam, who made a beautiful and gracious farewell speech that moved the audience to a standing ovation. Miss Prince George's County of 2007, Vicki Kalasinski, was also present and gave a moving speech as well. Our winner, Heather, will now compete in the Miss Maryland competition held in Hagerstown in June. We wish for her the best of luck.

Now on to a different subject, the annual Easter egg hunt held at Post 217 and hosted by the Children & Youth Chairman of Unit 217, Miss Shannon Beam. Yes, that is correct. Shannon is a member of Unit 217. Of all the young ladies we have crowned over the past seventeen years, she is the only one to join the Unit. Shannon let it be known that she would love to work with the children, so, what better job for her than to be the Children & Youth Chairman. This is her second children's party of the year, her first being the Christmas Party for the community children. Shannon and her committee of helpers, (her mom, and many young friends along with several Miss Princesses

and Miss Greenbelts) along with Charlie Allen and his committee, planned and executed a lovely event. There were 44 children and 32 adults guests who had a great time playing games, searching out the hidden, filled Easter Eggs, making crafts, and eating pizza. Many prizes were awarded and the children all had filled baskets as they trooped out amid squeals of delight spurred homeward by Miss Capital Region, Taryn Williams, Miss Prince George's County, Ryann Richardson and Miss College Park, Heather Molnar. Another successful event for the community.

Another thing I would like to mention is the Sunday brunches held at Post 217. Each week we have a different gourmet chef who plans and cooks the food. The cost of the meals varies between \$5.00 and \$8.00 depending on the extent of the menu. There have been NO bad meals. It is surprising how many very good cooks we have here at Post 217. Not to mention the desserts. YUM! The meals are served between 2:30 and 5:30 p.m. and coincide with whatever sporting event is being televised that day. These have proved to be very good fundraisers for our programs. There is a SHRIMP FEED scheduled for April 12th, however, you must buy your tickets in advance. There will be NO door sales. The cost is \$25.00 and you can purchase the tickets at the Post Home.

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Obituaries

Charlemagne, Myrlande

Myrlande Charlemagne passed away on Sunday, March 16, 2008. She was the beloved wife of Pierre Charlemagne, loving daughter of Yvana Jean-Baptiste and the mother of Farah F., Fritz-Gerard (Laure), Stephanie, and Taradia Moise. She was the stepmother of Katia (Gerald), Yves (Marco), Joseph, and Ruben Charlemagne, sister of Evelyne Jean-Baptiste, Josette Altine, Ronald Jean-Baptiste, and Francois Jean-Baptiste. She was the grandmother of Mario, Jr., Tatyana, Mathias, Noah, and Maelle. She was formerly married to Gerard Moise.

Interment private.

Hurley, James Joseph

James "Jim" Joseph Hurley, D.V.M., 65, of Terra Alta, WV, formerly of Beltsville, MD, died at his home on Friday, February 8, 2008 after a long illness of heart trouble and lung cancer.

Jim was born on August 14, 1942 in Washington, D.C., the oldest son of the late John "Jack" Joseph Hurley and Mary Cleopatra (Loy) Hurley. When his dad returned from WWII, the family bought a little farm and moved to Beltsville. The family raised horses/ponies, operated pony rings in various communities, provided pony rides for children's birthday parties and eventually owned and operated Edgewater Riding Stables in Rock Creek Park. It was during that time that Jim developed a love

for horses and their care.

Jim attended Beltsville Elementary, Buck Lodge Junior High and graduated from High Point High in 1960. A typical teenager, Jim excelled as a high school athlete, had many friends and was a "regular Beltsville boy."

Drafted into the army during the Vietnam War, Jim joined the Veterinary Corps and distempered sentry dogs used to guard the bases in Vietnam and Korea. Upon his honorable discharge he went back to the University of Maryland, finished his degree in Animal Science and later graduated from a Veterinary College in the Philippines concentrating in Equine Medicine.

Jim spent the happiest years of his medical career operating his own equine practice in Montgomery and Frederick Counties and working for the Maryland Racing Commission as an attending veterinarian at Maryland's six race-tracks.

Jim's number one priority and the love of his life was his family and their devotion and relationship to their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The entire family, church pastor and many friends and neighbors surrounded him during his illness and at the time of his death.

Jim is survived by his wife of 40 years, Colleen Hurley, three daughters and spouses, Darby & Thom McHugh of Westminster, MD, Kimberly Hurley of Oakland, MD, Kelly & Matthew Mahoney of Southern Pines, NC; one son and spouse, John & Beth Hur-

ley of Southern Pines, NC; five grandchildren, Ainsley, Ailis, Molly, Meghan and Tadpole; and one brother, William F. Hurley of Beltsville, MD. In addition to his parents, another brother, John J. Hurley, Jr, preceded Jim in death.

Rotruck-Lobb Funeral Home in Kingwood, WV handled arrangements and the interment ceremony (with full military honors) was held at the West Virginia National Cemetery, Grafton, WV. Please visit www.rottruck-lobb.com, click on Obituaries and click Jim's name. You can view recent pictures in Memories Gallery, add your own condolences and view those of others.

Swafford, Luther, Jr.

Luther "Lou" Swafford Jr. died on Tuesday, March 18, 2008. He was the beloved husband of the late Vetrey S. Swafford, loving father of Sarah I. (James) Higgs and William F. Suddith brother of John Swafford and the uncle of Gale Swafford. Also survived by seven grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and eight great-great grandchildren. Relatives and friends called at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville on Tuesday, March 25. Interment Maryland Veteran's Cemetery, Cheltenham, MD on Wednesday, March 26. Memorial contributions may be made to Airedale Terrier Rescue and Adoption Service, 5056 Ten Mills Road, Columbia, MD 21044.

Local Student Named Maryland Geography Bee Semifinalist

John Butler, son of James & Sandra Butler of Beltsville, has been notified by the National Geographic Society that he is one of the semifinalists eligible to compete in the 2008 Maryland Geography Bee, sponsored by Plum Creek. He is a 7th grade student at St. Joseph's Catholic School in Beltsville.

Bees were held in schools with fourth through eighth grade students throughout the state to determine each school's Geographic Bee winner. School level winners then took a qualifying test, which they submitted to the National Geographic Society. In each of the

50 states, as well as the District of Columbia, the Department of Defense Dependents Schools, and the U.S. Territories, the National Geographic Society invited the students with the top 100 scores to compete at the state level.

The 2008 Maryland Geographic Bee will be held on the campus of the Community College of Baltimore County, Catonsville, located at 800 South Rolling Road, on Friday, April 4, 2008.

The state winner will receive \$100, a globe, and a trip to Washington, D.C. where he or she will represent Maryland in the national finals at the National Geographic

Society headquarters during May 20-21. The national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship.

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Wind Ensemble Receives Grant from County Councilwoman

The annual Band Festival Concert was held at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on Wednesday, February 27th. All four of the award-winning bands played in a dress rehearsal for the County Band Festival scheduled for March 7th and 8th and March 12th and 13th. One of the highlights of the evening was a presentation by Ms. Ingrid Harrison from Councilwoman Ingrid Turner's office. She presented Ms. Sally Wagner, band director and Dr. Kathy Mellott, President of the Band and Orchestra Parents Association, with a check for \$4000 toward the Wind Ensemble's trip to China in June 2008.

The Eleanor Roosevelt Wind Ensemble is one of only five bands from the Washington, DC area to be invited to participate in this once-in-a-lifetime event. The cost per person for the 12-day trip is expected to be approximately \$4000. A committee of band parents was formed in May 2007 to raise funds to help the 45 students and 15 chaperones to participate in the pre-Olympic musical salute. Donation letters were sent to alumni as well as local businesses and politicians. Applications for grants were submitted to a variety



Ms. Ingrid Harrison presents check from Councilwoman Ingrid Turner.

of organizations. Delegate Turner responded to the grant proposal with a check for \$4000, to be divided among all of the students going on the trip. The Greenbelt Community Foundation has also responded with a \$4000 donation. Some of the grant money will be used to transport the larger instruments, such as tubas, tympani, and other pieces of percussion.

Other fundraising activities included the sale of cheesecakes and holiday wreaths, a jewelry sale sponsored by an ERHS band alumna who donated her profits to the trip, a carwash/bakesale at the NASA Federal Credit Union in Greenbelt, and a concession stand at the County Band Festival. Profits from the annual citrus fruit sale

went to the "China account" of each student selling the fruit. One of the most profitable fundraisers was a booth at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. The booth won 2nd prize for its decorations. It was decorated as the Great Wall of China. Band members dressed as Chinese warriors and Ms. Wagner told fortunes as "Madame Ming." The Dixieland Combo, comprised of members of the Wind Ensemble, has performed at a variety of venues for donations to the trip. Performances have included the Greenbelt Community Foundation Council, TJ Elliott's Restaurant in Bowie, and the Pancake Supper at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Beltsville.

Donations are still being accepted, payable to ERHS Bands c/o Eleanor Roosevelt High School, 7600 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, MD 20770, with a memo to the China Trip. Money not designated for a particular band member will be added to the general fund and divided among all the students going on the trip. Beltsville band members scheduled to go to China are: Natalie Herder, Markus Brown, Patrick McVeigh and Eddie Mellott.

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Baxter Corporation. These were under the rubric of, "Best Citizen Events." Ms. Hoerst's co-chair of the Best Citizen's Events projects is Ms. Sarah Blevens, who identified herself as, "just part of the team."

Ellyn Loy, previously mentioned as Director of Counseling, Outreach and Training at the Baltimore office, reviewed HRM's mission and functions. She expressed gratitude for the significant contribution from the Baxter International Foundation. She then raised the subject of a significant need at the Beltsville office for volunteers. If interested in volunteering, call 240.450.3270.

Because of the large growth in the Prince George's County Area, there is an increased need for ser-

vices targeting children and teenagers who are directly or indirectly affected by domestic violence in the home. This grant from the Baxter International Foundation will provide outreach services and help expand therapy for children experiencing domestic violence in Prince George's County, through additional therapists and community outreach counselors.

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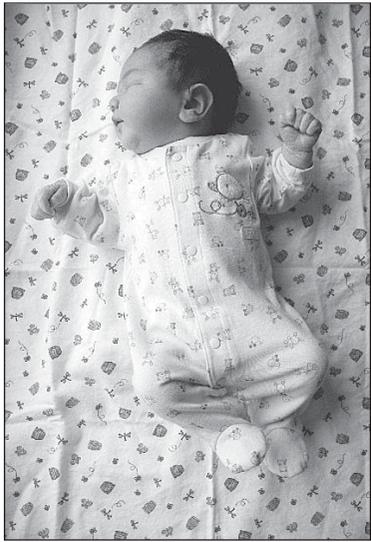
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Neighbors in the News



IT'S A BOY!

John and Ming Yee Chen are blessed with their second grandchild, their first grandson, Leo Kai Wei Chen McClintock, 10 lbs, 22 inches, born on March 12, 2008 in Seattle, Washington. Mother Terra Chen, father Marc McClintock, and the baby boy are all doing well!

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transport the items.

Since this event, Ginger has been contacted by a single mother of five who is in need of furnishings. Ginger is in the process of providing the woman with the necessary items through a co-worker, the Lions Club, and her church.

Ginger believes she is "very blessed to be the coordinator of this effort," and finds it, "very gratifying to be helping people, especially behind the scenes. I just want to help others in whatever little ways I can, doing what we're supposed to do in life. I've been very blessed, and feel the need to try to give back, especially to my community."

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So Many Vegetable Varieties, So Little Time Kitchen Garden Tips for April 2008

By Elizabeth Olson

INDOORS

The rush to determine what vegetable varieties to plant this spring and summer is in full swing. Catalogs from seed companies have been arriving for months. Garden centers are fully stocked with seeds and are starting to sell plants, tubers, crowns, and bulbs. There are so many varieties from which to choose. Some are new, some are heirlooms, and sometimes it is difficult to tell the difference between the various named varieties.

Gardeners who would like to try another approach to researching what vegetable varieties to consider for their gardens should look online to the website *Vegetable Varieties for Gardeners* at www.vegvariety.cce.cornell.edu.

[vegvariety.cce.cornell.edu](http://www.vegvariety.cce.cornell.edu).

The website is sponsored by the Citizen Science Program from the Department of Horticulture of Cornell University Cooperative Extension. It is free – no subscription is required. The program is constantly adding to its listings, and gardeners who would like to contribute their comments about particular varieties that they have grown in Beltsville can register to participate at no cost.

Vegetables are listed in alphabetical order. Varieties can be sorted by overall rating, taste, yield, ease of growing, days to maturity, and variety name. Registered Beltsville users can also narrow the choices to those varieties that have been grown in the same frost-free season. Many online sources for varieties are also listed and links

to their websites are included.

Gardeners who do not have home computers or Internet access can take advantage of the Beltsville Library's computers and Internet access at no cost. Ask the librarian at the information desk for assistance. Call 301.937.0294 for more information on the library's hours and policies.

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Plant onion bulbs, onion and leek starts, spring garlic and shallots, potatoes, asparagus and rhubarb crowns, and brassicas such as cabbage, cauliflower, and broccoli as soon as the soil can be worked. Make sure that the planting sites provide excellent drainage. Protect tender greens such as lettuce with row covers if nighttime temperatures fall below freezing.

Washington Gardener Magazine to Sponsor Environmental Fundraisers in Beltsville

Washington Gardener magazine will sponsor a series of three high profile horticulture shows in Beltsville to benefit the environmental organization Earth Share beginning this month and continuing in May and June. The series will be hosted by Behnke Nurseries at its Beltsville location. *Washington Gardener* and Behnke's have targeted to raise \$30,000 for their Earth Share (visit www.earthshare.org) project over the course of this series of events.

The **Capital Beltway Azalea Show**, the first in the series, will provide a unique opportunity to view a huge collection of azalea, rhododendron, and mountain laurel varieties unparalleled in the region. Attendees of the 4-day event will be treated to large, exquisitely landscaped show beds filled with all manner of spring blooming woody ornamentals. Special guest horticulturists, vendors, growers, and master composters and master gardeners will be on hand to

answer questions and dispense advice. The **Capital Beltway Azalea Show** will run from Friday, April 18 through Monday, April 21. An opening reception and Boordy Vineyards wine tasting are planned for the evening of Friday, April 18, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. No reservations are required.

There is no admission charge. Raffle drawings and native plant sales to benefit Earth Share, vendor giveaways, live music, and lots of county-fair-style food and drink will provide fun for the whole family.

The second show in the series is the **Capital Beltway Flower Show**. It will take place Mother's Day weekend in May. The last show in the series is the **Capital Beltway Perennial Show**. It will run for four days, from Friday, June 20 through Monday June 23.

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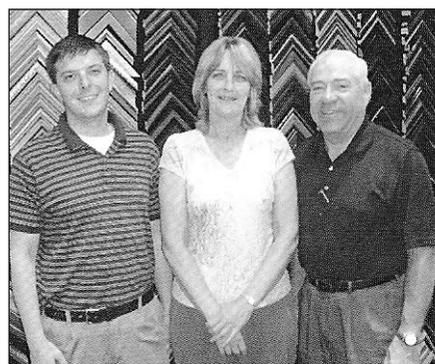
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The Art of Framing

By Phil Whitman

Doing business with the staff at the Art of Framing is framed in the concept the customer is a friend. If a customer has a unique idea they hope can become reality, the concept is explored exhaustively until it satisfies the customer. An art piece in the home or office should generate joy in the eyes of the beholder, and if done well will become more loved with each passing year.

Having journeyed through the professions of banking and insurance Garry Spears discovered his passion, which is the art of framing. Teamed with Sandra and Ken, this trio with 45 years of experience will continue to design a piece until the customer is absolutely ecstatic. In June 2006, after 17 years in the Marlo Shopping Center, the gallery moved just across the street to the new "Centre at Laurel" two doors



(L-r) Ken, Sandra, Garry

from Petsmart.

Framing business usually resides within a two-mile radius. However, they have extended their business virtually all over Maryland, from Waldorf to Annapolis and Bel Air. Many customers are from other states; they bring their art in when visiting relatives knowing we do same day service at no extra charge.

Garry stated that his business is a precursor of business recess-

sion. He noticed the decline since February 2007. On the other hand, it is a precursor of a recovery.

An extreme variety of art is for sale, from casual to high-end limited edition. They were selected to design and frame a large piece for Queen Elizabeth II when she visited NASA/Goddard in May 2007.

Their emphasis is to design through the eyes and emotion of the customer. Garry feels the technical coordination of mat and frame colors is only 25 per cent, while the feeling desired is 75 per cent. They have over 3200 frame samples and as many mat samples. They have been called the framer's frame shop. To experience good old-fashioned customer care and service in a friendly atmosphere while solving your art and framing needs, I heartily recommend you visit the Art of Framing. Open every day but Sunday.

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Clinic Basketball, youth soccer, basketball and baseball, won club MVP's in all sports and continues to play soccer with the Clubs U19 high school team. Robert has played travel soccer since age 10, currently with the Laurel Wildcats in the NCSL Division 2. He has played two years with The Eleanor Roosevelt High School JV Soccer Team, named Team Captain both years. He has also swum for the Eleanor Roosevelt Swim Team his freshman year, and switched the Roosevelt Rugby team his sophomore year. Currently a sophomore at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in their Science and Tech program carrying a 3.57 GPA, member of the Roosevelt French Honor Soci-

ety and received the International Foreign Language award in 2007. His Community Service Activities have included working for the Beltsville Harvest Classic laying out and lining fields, picking up trash for the last four years. Robert is a member of the Boy Scouts of America, current rank of Life, plans to earn the rank of Eagle. Worked countless eagle projects that served the local community in addition to other scout service projects. Robert plans on going to college and earning a degree in engineering.

Girl of the Year - Hillary Denham

Hillary Denham has been a member of the club for about 5 years. She plays softball and soccer and has won several individual and team awards. In addition to softball and soccer, Hillary was the team manager for the 14U cheerleading squad this year. She volunteered endless hours helping all the squads prepare for various competitions and events. No task was too small or too large for Hillary to handle and most of the time she completed tasks even before she was asked. If she saw something needed to be done, she did it. Two days before the Battle of the Recs competition, she was asked to fill in for someone on the 14U squad. She knew the routine only by watching and only had a day to get a uniform, accessories and perfect the timing for the routine. Her performance was flawless. Hillary is a very coachable player and is respected by coaches and her teammates. In addition to all of her volunteer hours for the cheerleading program, Hillary also volunteered her time at all of the major fundraising events for the Club setting up, cleaning up, and sell-

ing concessions. Many times she worked from open to close at an event without taking any breaks. Hillary is an 8th grader at MLK middle school. She maintains a 4.0 GPA. She is a member of the MLK soccer and softball team. She plays saxophone in the instrumental music program and is a member of the jazz band. Hillary is also a peer mediator for the school. Hillary is an outstanding member of the Beltsville community and a valuable asset to the Boys & Girls Club.

Woman of the Year - Mona Sisco

Mona has been a member of the Beltsville-Adelphi boys and girls club for several years. She is currently the club secretary and the team mom for baseball. Mona is always giving a helping hand when needed. She volunteers many hours to the club, helping with concessions, working at the awards banquets and running the clock for basketball. Mona is always helping whatever sport her 3 sons are involved in. Mona is an asset to the club and we are honored to name her Woman of the Year.

Man of the Year - Turner Mebane

Turner has been involved with Beltsville Boys and Girls Club for 5 years. Turner has been a team parent, coach and assistant coach for T-ball and softball and is now the softball commissioner.

Turner has helped with club fundraisers, helping with concessions and anything else needing done to help the club. Turner is a great asset to the Beltsville boys and girls club and we are honored to name him Man of the Year.

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Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

By Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-21)

Progress on Protecting Laurel Hospital

All of us in our community are concerned about the continuing uncertainty of funding for the Laurel Regional Hospital. For Beltsville residents, it is one of the most important medical facilities. Unlike most hospitals in the Washington, DC area, its facilities are owned by the Prince George's County government, rather than a major private hospital system. As a result, for the last several years, the state and county governments have had to provide the funds to keep Laurel and Prince George's Hospitals open to meet our needs and those of our neighbors.

Delegates Barbara Frush, Josefine Peña-Melnyk, Ben Barnes, and I have worked hard to convince Governor Martin O'Malley, County Executive Jack Johnson, and the County Council to come together behind a joint plan to save our hospital — and bring in a respected hospital system like Johns Hopkins, the University of Maryland, or Adventis to invest in bringing world class medical care to our community. Last year, we came close but agreement was not reached.

This year, the Governor, the County Executive, and the County Council have agreed to support the creation of an authority, jointly controlled by the state and the county, which will seek bids from major hospital systems and develop a permanent financing plan to save our hospital and improve medical care in our area. The Delegates and I support their effort and are pushing legislation to implement it. If the proposed schedule is met, the county and the state should have a specific proposal from a major hospital system by the end of this year. We'll keep you informed as these efforts proceed.



Senator Jim Rosapepe

State Senate Votes to Protect BARC

In late March, the Maryland State Senate voted unanimously to urge Congress to invest in the world-class research done at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) and the National Agricultural Library (NAL). This resolution, sponsored by the Delegates Barbara Frush, Josefine Peña-Melnyk, Ben Barnes, and me, adds allies to our fight to protect BARC, the largest piece of open space in northern Prince George's County. House action has not been taken by the deadline for this column, but we are working for its support as well.

Maryland Electric Rates are Too High

As every ratepayer knows, deregulation of electric rates, passed by the Maryland legislature in 1999, has been a disaster for consumers. In recent years, while PEPCO rates in DC, which still regulates them, have risen 14%, our PEPCO rates are up 78%. And of course, BG&E rates rose 72% just last year!

Both last year and this year, I've co-sponsored legislation to scrap the failed deregulation law and put the state back to work protecting consumers. Unfortunately, the legislature has not been willing to take such a common sense step.

On the other hand, Governor O'Malley has appointed more

consumer-oriented regulators to the state Public Service Commission who are challenging utility company overcharges and pushing for new, regulated electric plants. The Governor, with strong support from me and the Delegates, is promoting energy conservation and renewables that will reduce the market power of the big electric companies.

College Scholarships for Beltsville Students

This year, as last year and the year before, I successfully urged the governor to freeze college tuition rates for local students. If the legislature doesn't overturn his decision, undergraduate tuition at the University of Maryland and our other public colleges will be the same this fall as it was in fall 2005. That would be a significant break for working families who are paying higher electric rates and gas prices.

Another way we can help local students is the legislative scholarship program. Each Delegate and Senator is allocated funds for scholarships to students in our district who attend Maryland colleges. House scholarships range from \$200 to the tuition at UMCP per year; Senate scholarships range from \$400 to \$2,000 per year. Committees of local citizens review student applications and recommend scholarship awards.

To apply for a Senate scholarship, students should email 21stScholarship@gmail.com or call 301.858.3141 to request an application. And it's not too early to request a Delegate scholarship application for next year — just email 21stScholarship@gmail.com or call 301.858.3141. Information on other financial aid for Maryland college students can be found at www.mhec.state.md.us.

Contact Us

Please call or email us with any questions or concerns you have. Senator.Rosapepe@inbox.com or call 301.858.3141.

Pharmacy Corner By Tayo Oluwabusi

Seasonal Allergies

Spring is a time of flowers in bloom and backyard fun, but it is also the beginning of allergy season. That can mean a stuffy and runny nose, watery eyes and sneezing due to the pollen in the air.

Here are some tips to help manage your allergies this season:

- Keep windows closed and the air conditioner on to filter pollen from your home's air
- To control pollen, wash your bed sheets in hot water on a weekly basis

- Pollen count is highest between 5 a.m. – 10 a.m., so avoid going outdoors during these times
- Take a shower when coming in from outside to cleanse the pollen from your body
- Avoid drying clothes on an outdoor line, so as to not allow pollen to build up on them

There are a variety of over-the-counter medications that your pharmacist can recommend to help you manage your allergies this season.



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Although we hope you will not need our services, we stand ready to respond in case you do. Your donations are wisely used and help pay for tools and apparatus used to respond to emergency calls. Over the past year, the Beltsville VFD has purchased over 1 million dollars in new fire apparatus to protect the citizens of our primary response area. The Beltsville VFD currently has a loan payment of over \$80,000 a year for the next 10 years. As you can see, the cost of these two new units is very expensive, but we feel that the citizens in our area deserve this new state of the art technology in firefighting.

Please support the efforts of YOUR volunteers! Our needs are real! Our needs are constant! Our services are essential! In order to provide adequate fire and emergency services, we need your support. Your tax deductible donation is very important, we ask you to do your fair share and invest in your community with your generous donation to our fund drive.

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- 1) From September through November: Portrait Fund Drive. This is our annual door to door Fund Drive for the residents of the community. Every family that donates is given a coupon for a free professional portrait that is taken at the Beltsville Fire Station. Representatives from the Mutual Funding Corp. will have a 'Badge Type Picture ID' tag as well as a letter (on Official BVFD letterhead) explaining the purpose of the Portrait Fund Drive. This is a tax deductible donation that has been well received and supported in the community over the past 11 years. Donations are made directly to the BVFD.
- 2) November or December: A Business mailer is sent to the businesses of the community. Donations are made directly to the BVFD via a returned envelope.
- 3) March: A Resident mailer is sent to the residents of the community. A follow-up mailer is sent around July. Donations are made directly to the BVFD via a returned envelope.

Proceeds raised from our Fundraisers are used by the BVFD for training classes, to purchase new equipment and apparatus as well as the upkeep of the existing equipment.

At **NO** time do we solicit any donations by phone or ask you to leave a check in your mail box or on your door to be picked up later. Our Fundraisers are **NOT** affiliated with the Prince George's Career Fire Fighters Association. BVFD **DOESN'T** receive any proceeds from the **Prince George's Career Fire Fighters Association Fundraisers.**

Thank you for supporting your local Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department. Please feel free to contact us at 301-937-3160 (good time to call is Monday after 7:00pm) if you have any questions concerning our Fundraisers or any other Fundraisers related to the fire service. Please ask for the Fire Chief, President or the Chairperson of the Board of Directors.

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State News

Maryland Needs Driver's License Reform

Illegal Immigrants Should Not Be Granted Licenses

Annapolis—House Republicans today (March 19, 2008) called for passage of the bipartisan Proof of Legal Presence Act of 2008. The bill, HB 288 is being heard in the House Judiciary Committee this afternoon.

"Maryland is the only state in the union that has not moved forward to require proof of legal presence before it issues a driver's license," said Delegate Ron George, the lead sponsor on the bill. "Currently, the MVA processes 2,000 out-of-country applicants each week – that is an increase from 1,054 per month only a year ago," said Delegate George. "That is a

660% increase in only one year. At that rate of increase, next year that number will jump to 8,000 licenses per week or 32,000 per month."

As drafted, the HB 288 prohibits the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) from issuing an identification card, driver's license, etc. to an individual born on or after December 1, 1964 who cannot provide acceptable documentation certifying citizenship or lawful presence in the United States. Starting December 1, 2017, the prohibition applies to anyone, regardless of age. The bill also allows the MVA to issue

such a license or permit to an individual who is lawfully present but who is not a citizen provided that the license, identification card, or permit is effective only for as long as the individual is authorized to remain in the United States under federal law.

"The flaws in our driver's licensing system make Maryland a magnet for anyone coming to this country illegally and present a huge risk to our citizens," said Delegate George. "First and foremost it is a security threat, particularly given Maryland's close proximity to Washington D.C."

Club News

Action at the Beltsville Rotary Club

By Yuksel Sagirlioglu, CTC,
President

Our continued efforts have started to produce successful results. We have added two new members to the Beltsville Rotary Club. They are local bank managers. One is Ms. Tracy Gross, Branch Manager for PNC Bank in Beltsville, and the other is Mr. James Aryee, Branch Manager for Chevy Chase Bank of Beltsville. These two remarkable business people are from our community and they would like to help our community. We are very happy to have them. As you all know we are still looking for more members. If

we have more members, we can accomplish more projects.

We always invite interested citizens to our club meetings to meet with our members and learn more about what Rotary is all about. Lunch is on us. We meet every Tuesday at 12:00 noon at the Holiday Inn on Rt.1 in Beltsville (address shown as College Park). One of our speakers was Howard Phoebus, past president of Beltsville Rotary Club. He is a weatherman as well as a Real Estate Broker. He gave us an update of the current Real Estate condition in the Region and the country. It was an interesting subject.

We had another interesting speaker, Ms. Jane Kinney Meyers, President of the Lubuto Library Project, Inc. This library for children is in Lusaka, Zambia. It is a very good project and we have been sponsoring it.

I recently attended the District Leadership Meeting. There were good speakers for the event. Our District Conference will be in May. Rotarians in our District

are excited to attend this annual meeting. We will have many important speakers, one of whom is Past Rotary International President Frank Devlin, a great speaker and dedicated Rotarian. In addition to Frank Devlin, speakers will include Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett and Peace Corps Director Ronald Tschetter. I met with Frank Devlin a couple of years ago.

As you all know, we sponsor scholarships for Gallaudet University students. This project has been ongoing for our Club. Once a year Gallaudet University organizes a luncheon meeting and invites sponsors and other interested parties to introduce scholars who will be awarded scholarships for the next year. The school is one of a kind. It is very unique. I recommend to everybody to visit and learn about their curriculum.

We have another item of good news for our District. Our District

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Club News

Beltsville Young at Heart

By Barbara Schofield

March 6th was our first meeting of the month. Business was taken care of by President Marge Koebke. Marge gave certificates of appreciation to past President Catch Giddings and Naoko Altfield for ways and means. We still need a ways and means committee chairperson. Marge is filling in for some of these vacancies, but can't be expected to do all this and be president too.

We needed three decorating committees for this year. All committees have been filled. Committee number two is Rosa Stiggers, Blanche Howell, and Thelma Forte. Good luck ladies. Thelma Forte has volunteered to be our P.G. council representative.

Livia Foley brought in some nice things for the ways and means table. We made a nice \$25 profit. We wish to thank Margaret Greenberg's granddaughter, Gayla, for helping with the ways and means table.

Pearl filled us in on some upcoming club trips. We have a trip to Sight and Sound on 5/13/08 to see "Daniel and the Lions Den." Dinner at Hershey Farm, price \$100. We have the Totem Pole Playhouse on 7/2/08 to see the show, "Underpants" with lunch at Hickory Bridge Farm, price \$74. These are always great day trips. Hope to see you there. For more information on any of our trips, call Pearl Stavely at 301.498.2666.

The 50/50 drawing was for \$16 and won by Marlene Adams, Ann Fischer, and Pat Midkiff. Marlene Adams and Thelma Forte were very nice in helping clean up the kitchen at this meeting.

The Community Center still needs help for "Beltsville Day." Call Joe at 301.937.6613 to rent a space. I hope everyone had a great Easter with chocolate bunnys and lots of peeps.

It may not be April 20th yet but the robins are back, a sure sign that spring is here! Everyone remember a friend is someone who knows all about you and loves you anyway. I hope everybody has lots of friends.

Women's Community Club of Beltsville

The Women's Community Club of Beltsville's meeting of April 14 will be hosted by the Press & Publicity committee. Refreshments will be served at 12:30 p.m.

Our speaker will be Dr. Ho Ann Van Kessel, Research Scientist at the Environmental Microbial Safety Laboratory of the Agricultural Research Center. Her topic will be Food Safety and related research and bacteria that can cause illness in humans.

Dr. Van Kessel received her B.Sc. in Agriculture from the Nova Scotia Agricultural College

and both her M.S. and Ph.D. in Animal Science from Cornell University.

The last meeting's speaker was Larry Hurley from Behnke Nurseries. His topic was Reducing Gardener's Workload. His talk covered all aspects of gardening including the various low care plant varieties as well as the healthful benefits of gardening.

The Women's Community Club meets at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane in Beltsville. It is a 501c3 charitable organization.

Beltsville Garden Club General Meeting

By Louise DeJames, Publicity Chair

The Beltsville Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, April 23, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School at 11204 Evan Trail in Beltsville, Maryland.

Our speaker for this month will be Phil Normandy. His topic will be "Viburnums and Their Use in the Landscape." A native of North Carolina, Mr. Normandy received his BS degree in Ornamental Horticulture in 1974 from North Carolina State University. After that, he was a horticulturist for the 100-acre arboretum of the Bartlett Tree Research Laboratories in Charlotte, NC.

From 1977-1979 he was a fellow in the Longwood Graduate

Program sponsored jointly by Longwood Garden and University of Delaware. Since then he has been on the staff of Brookside Gardens, where he has been developing plant collections. Since 1986 he has been the grounds supervisor for McCrillis Gardens. Mr. Normandy has been an instructor of wood plants in the Landscape Design Program of George Washington University. He is also a member of the Gold Medal Plant award committee of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. As always we have plants for our door prize table and refreshments after the meeting. The public is welcomed and admission is free.

For more information contact Louise DeJames at 301.890.4733 or visit our website, www.beltsvillegardenclub.org.

Beltsville Garden Club Plant Sales

By Louise DeJames, Publicity Chair

Mark your calendars now for the Beltsville Garden Club Spring Plant Sales. They will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2008 and Saturday, May 10, 2008. Both sales will be held in the parking lot of High Point High School on 3601 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, Maryland. The sales run from 8:00 a.m. until noon on each date.

The April sale will include perennials, shrubs, and trees. The May sale will include annuals, vegetables, and herbs in addition to perennials, shrubs and trees. Plants grown in the Beltsville Garden Club's Greenhouse will also be available on these dates.

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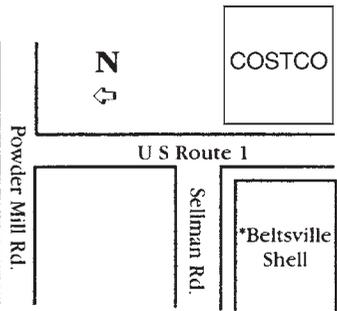


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ROTARY CLUB

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Governor, Rich Carson, has been appointed by Rotary International President-Elect Dong Kurn Lee to be the Rotary Representative to the Organization of American States (OAS) for 2008-2009. This one-year appointment has the major objective of enhancing the Rotary's visibility in the International community, particularly in the Americas. Rich Carson is a dedicated Rotarian, successful businessman and a great fundrais-

er. As you all know, OAS headquarters is in Washington, D.C. Congratulations Governor Rich.

I would like to remind you again of our Yard Sale/Flea Market that will be on Saturday, May 17, from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Don't miss it. You will be able to get a lot of items at low cost. We are focusing on our next fundraising Golf Tournament that will be in July. We need advertisers and sponsors. Even if you do not play Golf, send us your contribution. God Bless America!

School News

MLK News

By Michelle Mariani Williams

There are several opportunities available this summer for students to receive additional classroom instruction, and improve their skills, in subjects such as science, math, creative writing, and technology.

Maryland Summer Centers offer programs for gifted and talented students. Centers are located throughout the state and offer one to three week residential and non-residential programs with a focus on the arts, sciences, math, technology, creative writing, Chinese language and culture, engineering, law and government, physics and history. Tuition varies

and financial assistance is available. For more information, go to www.marylandpublicschools.org/summercenters or call Stephanie Zenker at 410.767.0821. Applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2008.

NASA Goddard Space Flight Center has 2 learning opportunities available for students. These programs are designed to increase science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) skills and familiarize students with STEM careers. Students with disabilities, and/or from underrepresented and underserved populations are encouraged to apply.

SISTER (Summer Institute of Science, Technology, Engineering and Research) is a five-day Summer Institute for the purpose

of increasing the awareness and providing opportunities for middle school girls to explore non-traditional career fields with research scientists, mathematicians, and engineers. This is open to girls who will be in 7th and 8th grade in the 2008-2009 academic year. Applications and information is available at <http://education.gsfc.nasa.gov/sister/>

SIR (Summer Institute of Robotics) holds two 2-week residential programs at Morgan State University in Baltimore, MD for students enrolled in 9th through 12th grades. SIR is designed to provide opportunities to learn and discover the science and technology of robot design and operation. Applications posted at <http://university.gsfc.nasa.gov/programs/sir.jsp>

Headmaster Seeks to "Lose his Marbles" While Growing School

"Help me lose my marbles," said Pastor Art Hebbeler to a group of parents and supporters of Augsburg Academy. Normally, that's not something that a person seeks help doing. But this spring, losing marbles is exactly what Hebbeler, the head of schools for Augsburg, wants to do. Not in the sense of losing his memory, but literally, losing 60 marbles on his desk.

The sixty marbles represent the sixty applications he and the Augsburg Academy family seek to receive for the 2008-2009 school year, when the Academy grows from being a kindergarten through fourth grade program to a kindergarten through seventh grade

program. "For each application we receive," said Hebbeler, "I throw away a marble. So, when I've lost my marbles, we've reached our goal." The third-year Academy leader began his quest to lose his marbles in February.

To help the good pastor lose his marbles, the Academy staff and parents invite the local community to refer families with school-aged children to Augsburg, and to forward those referrals to Pastor Hebbeler for follow-up. Of course, families with school-aged children can contact the pastor directly. He can be reached at 240.786.0283 or via email at pastor@augsburgacademy.net.

The Academy is located on the premises of The Gardens Ice House, 13800 Old Gunpowder Road, where they moved earlier this year in preparation for groundbreaking on their first academic building later this year. The Academy is a ministry of Augsburg Evangelical Church, a nondenominational church in the Lutheran tradition.

St. Joseph's Pre-Kindergarten Class Produces an Easter Play

The Pre-Kindergarten class at St. Joseph's School worked hard by practicing and gained more knowledge about Jesus' agony, crucifixion, and great love and suffering for us by performing their Easter Play. Mrs. Helen Russo, Pre-Kindergarten teacher, and her aide, Mrs. Alexander, were both proud of what their students accomplished. Parents, visitors, and St. Joseph's students attended the play, and they were impressed by Pre-Kindergarten's empathy in their portrayal of Jesus' sacrifice.



Pre-Kindergarten students at St. Joseph's School enacted an Easter Play.

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School News

High Point High School PTSA

By Vicki Murphy-Wauschek,
PTSA President

Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m. in room 108 for the next High Point PTSA meeting. Join the Executive Board for a PIZZA PARTY, and help organize the end of year activities. We will be planning Teacher Appreciation Week festivities, Award Night refreshments, and last but not least, nominations are underway for the next school year Executive Board. We hope to see many new faces to help fill out-

going Board Member slots. High Point's Executive Board consists of a President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. There are many important Committee positions, some of which include Membership Chair, Hospitality Chair, Legislative Representative, Publicity, and Scholarship Chair. It takes many people to run a successful PTSA. Please support our school, our teachers and of course, our children. May 6 will be a General Membership meeting, and elections will be held. As always, all are welcome to attend!!

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Science as an Experiment in Excellence

By Michael J.
O'Loughlin, Principal,
St. Joseph's School

The "smoke has cleared" from the all-purpose room and its array of eye-catching Science displays, and it's a great "post facto" exercise to mull over why this annual show is a prime example of education at its best. Is it because 40% (80/200) of our total student populace participate?

Is it because of the caliber of knowledge, scientific expertise, and experience possessed by our panel of 16 judges? Perhaps it's the DOZENS of exhibits that elicited this comment from those judges— "These projects are competitive with many of the high school science fair projects we've seen."



A future scientist explains her project.

For me, it's the realization that the completion of a project of this depth, requiring the research and establishment of a tentative proof for a hypothesis, also involves honing a number of thinking skills. Scientists (& Science students) need to be able to conjecture, observe and test. That means they must also mea-

sure, compare & contrast, project amplified patterns, collate, and synthesize. The successful combination of those skills is called "metacognition" by behavioral scientists, and its presence at an age close to, or before puberty is a strong indicator of the potential for advanced scholastic achievement. The best news of all is that completing complex projects like those in Mrs. Pappas' class seems to enhance the aptitude for doing more of the same, and more easily...i.e. "Success breeds success." Thanks to Kathy Pappas, our stellar Science students and all parents and judges whose efforts combined to promote this success!

The Spanish Language Classes at St. Joseph's School

Pictured are the students who participated in the Spanish Program taught by Mrs. Sonia Bowie. She taught Spanish to the students of St. Joseph's School as they broadened their education with a foreign language. Studies on learning foreign languages have shown definite benefits for those who seize the opportunity. Also, the earlier it is started, the more fluent and integrated the skill becomes. The Spanish Language Program was introduced last year and was very successful; now it is even more popular this year—as you can see. Learning new cultures and new ideas helps students to become skilled at stepping "outside the box" to innovative possibilities and more creative cognition.



LETTER

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If this were not a Trojan Horse or Wolf in Sheep's Clothing then why did College Park not reach out to any of us? Why did they not extend the courtesy of sharing their plan with the rest of us? Why did they not extend the courtesy to the rest of BARCs friends and ask for our support of their plan? Why did College Park imply in their letter to elected officials that BARC supported their plan? It is my understanding that no one at BARC has the authority to support or oppose such a proposal. College Park chose not to share because College Park knew there would be objections.

College Park chose not to share because they hope and think that no one is guarding the Chicken Coop. This proposal sets a precedent for other municipalities that are also neighbors to BARC to request annexing a portion of BARC into their city limits. Claiming they too are protecting BARC. When the truth is they are carving BARC up like the Beltville Turkey on Thanksgiving Day! The sole ben-

efit being that they would increase the size of the city.

The Fox (College Park) thinks that no one is watching the Chicken Coop (BARC). However, I want all of Beltville Elected officials to understand the Farmer is on guard duty! The Beltville Community is watching the Fox!

College Park representatives recently met with a representative of the BARC Alliance, and when they were asked if they had reached out to Beltville the answer was "NO." As the Beltville News goes to press I still have not heard from College Park.

The letter below was sent to our US Senators and Congressman Hoyer, Governor O'Malley, County Executive Jack Johnson, Senator Rosapepe, Delegates Frush, Pena-Melnyk, and Barnes, and the Prince George's County Council. Funny they could not find my address or phone number.

A DIVIDED BARC IS A WEAK BARC!

I am asking all of Beltville's elected officials from Washington D.C. to Annapolis, to Upper Marlboro not to be taken in by this Trojan Horse, Wolf in Sheep's Cloth-

ing, Fox watching the Chicken Coop. This is not about protecting BARC. I am asking all of Beltville's elected officials to stand up and protect BARC and Beltville by saying "NO" TO THE ANNEXATION OF THE BARC SOUTH FARM!!!! "No" to College Park!

I am asking the Beltville Community to share your comments and concerns about BARC. I can be reached at karenmcoakley@msn.com or 301.937.0157. College Park claims concern when in reality this is nothing more than a "Land Grab." College Park's claim of concern and protection **SMELLS OF MANURE ON A HOT HUMID AUGUST DAY!!!** BARC = BELTSVILLE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTER!!!!!!

April 1st may be known as the day to take advantage of "fools" or make others look like a fool. College Park needs to understand that Beltville Residents are not fools!!!

Karen Coakley President
Beltville Citizens Association.

Calverton Elementary News

Science Fair

Calverton held its annual Science Fair on Feb. 28. There were 263 projects done by the 4th, 5th and 6th graders and 13 judges. Sponsor Jhanna Levin said, "We are extremely proud of everyone's hard work and effort." We would like to congratulate all of the Science Fair Participants. The grand champion was Destiny Talley. The top four first place winners were Jaian Cuttari, Pedro Aguilar, Kamsi Okigbo, and Shania Hickman. These five students will be in the county Science Fair on May 9 and 10.

Calverton prizes went to the following students:

Fourth Grade 1st Place Winners: Pedro Aguilar, Kamsi Okigbo, Shania Hickman, Rachel Borczuch, Leah Moreno, Beatriz Maranthal, Daniella Danso, Mackenzie, Jackson, Ife Otukoya, Kevin Nguyen, Elijah Achu, Michael Soreng, and Matthew Johnson. 2nd Place Winners: Taea Hunte, Victor Okunmah, Arianna Brown, Nashae McQueen, Jenifer Martinez, and Christopher Ceballos. 3rd Place: Katherine Bolanos, Kevin Singh, Stephanie Kotei and Victor Contreras. 4th Place: Andrea Aguilar, Dayton Findlay and Youssouf Barry.

Fifth Grade 1st Place Winners: Jaian Cuttari. 2nd Place Winners: Jordan Williams, Alisha Karley, Bernard Smith, Willie Tucker, Nina Johnson, Khalil Winzor, Taylor Turner. 3rd Place: Matthew Burge, Mike Cruz, and Saribel Morales. 4th Place: Antonio Phillips and Leland Miller.

Sixth Grade 1st Place Winners: Destiny Talley, Yao Koudjodji and Delano Thompson. 2nd Place Winners: Zacharie Dragenice, Gallina Brindamour, Davoud Tomlinson, Oneyda Hernandez, Valeria Morales, Giovanni Sanchez, and Matthew Hudson. 3rd Place: Joy Olatunji, Benedicta Gomes, Osiri Joya, Jonas Bonilla, Elijah Stanley, Jessly Joy, Anthony Nguyen and Ebony Ferguson. 4th Place: Wesley Hunte, Andre Gomez and Christian Hernandez. Honorable Mention: Susan Koroma.

Parent Workshop

On February 28, there was a P-Team Workshop at night for

parents from Calverton. P-Teams means "Professional Team" and it consists of the school psychologist, Marsha Hayleck, School Counselor, Pamela Roberts, Pupil Personnel Worker, Glotietta Germany, Parent Liaison, Lucy Santizo, and School Nurse, Elizabeth Hairston. The P-Team presented a power point presentation to help give parents a better idea of the jobs each team member has and when parents should get in touch with them. A broker, Raul Quintanilla, was also at the meeting to talk to the parents about making wise financial decisions.

Math News

Calverton continues to have many students among the top 100 students in Maryland in "First in Math," an online website that helps students strengthen their computations skills. On March 13 the following students were among the top 100 in Maryland: Jowel Wreh (15th), Sunny Qin (32nd), Thomas Odunubi (35th), Gallina Brindamour (38th), Aicha Nzie (43rd), Faith Martin (45th), Natasha Wynter (47th), Victor Okonmah (49th), Bruno To (50th), Akhita-Maat Page (51st), Rachel Borczuch (65th), Justyn Stump (73rd), Yao Kouddji (74th), Jessly Joy (77th), Joel Annan (80th), Ezekial De la Cruz (89th), Mauricio Guerrero (93rd), Elijah Achu (94th), and Allan Naing (97th).

The following classes had 100% participation in the Math Facts Calendars in February: Mrs. Freeman's kindergarten class, Mrs. McCollum's and Mrs. Foggie's first grade classes, Ms. Lentz's third grade class, Mrs. Upchurch's fourth grade class, and Mr. Reif's fifth grade class. Three classes were only one student away from having 100% participation: Ms. Bellows' second grade class, Mrs. Njoku's third grade class, and Mrs. Gibson's fourth grade class.

Young Authors

The Young Authors are in the process of preparing for their "Poetry Explosion" presentation in April, which is national poetry month. They will be doing their presentation on April 29 at 8:00 a.m. Family, friends and community are welcome to come!

Read Across America Day

On March 3, Calverton celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday by reading Dr. Seuss books and doing many activities based on his wonderful books. Older students read to younger students throughout the day, guest readers came in to read, and at the end of the day everyone sat in the hallway before dismissal and read together. Mrs. Freeman's kindergarten class had a special guest reader, Mrs. Mansfield, whose children had attended Calverton years ago. The kindergartners heard many of Dr. Seuss's books, including The Cat in the Hat, The Cat in the



The Cat in the Hat (Mr. John Scheibach) visits Mrs. Foggie's First Grade Class

Hat Comes Back, Green Eggs and Ham, Horton Hatches the Egg, Horton Hears a Who, Hop on Pop, One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish, Dr. Seuss's ABC, and I Can Read with My Eyes Shut!



Ms. Brickner's sixth graders prepare to spread a little Seuss spirit during Read Across America Day.



The Cat in the Hat (Mr. John Scheibach) is joined by little cats Daniel and Henry Saathoff.



The P-Team (Professional Team) meets with Parents in the Media Center.

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BELTSVILLE EVENTS

WOMENS COMMUNITY CLUB OF BELTSVILLE

Monday, April 14 at 12:30 p.m. at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane. Beltsville.

VANSVILLE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

Monday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m. at Franklin Brown Building, Vansville Recreation Park,

11733 Old Baltimore Pike, Vansville.

BELTSVILLE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m. at Beltsville Elementary School located at 4300 Wicomico Avenue.

BELTSVILLE RECREATION COUNCIL

Monday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Beltsville Community Center.

BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, April 29 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville. Sponsored by the Beltsville Lions. Conducted by gentle professionals from the Washington Hospital Center MedStar. No waiting. Can you help? Call Ted at 301.937.6796 to arrange a time convenient for you.

YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

1st and 3rd Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. at the Beltsville Community Center. For ages 55 and over. Activities include speakers, entertainment, trips, and socials. Info 301.937.6613.

BELTSVILLE LIBRARY

Call 301-937-0294 for more information regarding the following events.

FRIENDS OF THE BELTSVILLE LIBRARY MEETING

Tuesday, April 1 at 6:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, April 1 at 6:30 p.m., for all ages.

FRIENDS OF THE BELTSVILLE LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION

Wednesday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m. Ann B. Ross's *Miss Julie Speaks Her Mind*

BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesday, April 15 at 10:30 a.m. Audrey Niffenegger's *The Time Traveler's Wife*

POETRY READING

Tuesday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m. Winners of the poetry contest will read their poetry. Family and friends are invited!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS FAMILY BEDTIME STORYTIME

Tuesdays, April 1, 8, and 15 at 7:00 p.m. Wear your PJ's and bring your favorite bedtime buddy for an evening of stories and songs.

GOOSEY LOOSEY

Mondays, April 7, 14, 28 at 10:30 a.m. for ages newborns to 18 months. Songs, fingerplays, and Mother Goose rhymes.

STORYTIME

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. for ages 3-5 years.

READING THEATRE

"Mrs. Gorf" from Sideways Stories by Louis Sachar. Have fun reading aloud with a group. Ages 7-9. Thursday, April 10 at 10:30 a.m.

TEEN PROGRAMS

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Saturday, April 5 at 2:00 p.m. Ages 13-18. Join and make a difference at your library.

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Saturday, April 5. Play video games at your library. Ages 13-18. Teens play video games on a Nintendo Wii and Playstation 2. Sponsored by the Friends of the Beltsville Library.

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APRIL FOOL'S DAY CRAFT

Saturday, April 1 at 6:00 p.m. Enjoy this silly craft that will be sure to fool anybody! Make a mess that's really not a mess at all! Light refreshments. Pre-registration by March 28 is recommended. After March 28, please call to check on availability. Ages 6-12. Fee: Resident \$2, Non-resident \$3

APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

Thursday, April 10 at 6:00 p.m. Try out some fun spring crafts that we have and learn a fun song about April showers. Light refreshments. Please call to pre-register by April 8. Ages: 4-12. Fee: Resident \$2, Non-resident \$3.

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

Saturday, April 19 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Come out and help us pick up trash and recycling to keep Beltsville beautiful! Let's help to improve the environment! Light refreshments. Please call to pre-register by April 16. FREE.

HOT DOG HEAVEN

Saturday, April 26 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Enjoy a bonfire out at our fire pit by roasting hot dogs! Live up the night with the warm fire, other snacks, and refreshments. Please call to pre-register by April 24. Ages 6-12. Fee: Resident \$2, Non-resident \$3.

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH POETRY SHOWCASE

Tuesday, April 1 to Tuesday, April 15. Get your creative juices flowing! Write an original poem, any length or style, to be displayed at the Beltsville Community Center with spring in your mind. Include your name, age, and contact information on a separate page. All ages. FREE.

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Internet Skills, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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THURSDAY COURSES

All take place April 24, May 1, May 8, and May 15:

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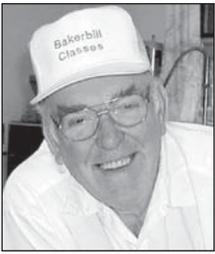


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STUFF 'N THINGS

know, my name is on a Bakery here in Beltsville, Raulin's Bakery for the people new to the area. I am very proud of the young man who owns it now. He and his wife work very hard to produce the quality product I liked to do. Here comes the pitch. As of November 15th my name on the window will be 70 years old. Yes Raulin's Bakery started in 1938. That's when my dad opened a small 7/11-type shop in his father-in-law's strip of stores in southeast Washington. I was born in 1932 and you can imagine just how glad they were about my arrival. The store was in one of two together and we lived in the other. My bedroom was a show window. Yeah, I know that all of this is in the "who cares" department.

I want to say just one thing about the road. The lights are great, BUT Caverly Avenue is badly in need of repaving. (This is the cut through to Montgomery road).

It came to me a week or so ago while standing in line at Mickey D's. Of the 10 or so persons, no one ordered off the dollar menu. Nor did I. All the fast food restaurants advertise a dollar menu, but I have never heard anyone use it. This got me to thinking why?

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it, all the ads show this new triple-decker burger with cheese and tomato 4 inches tall on the dollar menu. I would just once like to buy the sandwich they show on

TV. I have been doing research and I asked a few people, "Have you ordered off the dollar menu and how often?" All said they had, but only once or so.

I am going to do a bit of advertising. I hope you don't mind. As most of you



The recipe this month is corn pone (in the past I called it corn muffins).

Corn Pone

In a medium size bowl place ¾ cup sugar, 1 cup flour, 1 tsp. baking powder, pinch of salt.

Mix in ¼ cup milk, 2 eggs, mix in ½ cup bacon grease (if you don't have bacon grease use ½ cup oil (any)).

Mix well. Now add 3 table-
spoons cream corn,* 4 heaping
tbsp corn meal = ½ cup.

Mix well and pour into 8" pan,
round or square, greased.

Bake in hot oven 400-410
degrees about 15 minutes.

*You may only be able to find
a large can of cream corn, if you
can find any. And if you don't use
bacon grease you can't call it corn
pone. Use the rest of the cream
corn in pancakes. These are called
corn fritters. Regular corn will
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Words of wisdom for this
month: For success, attitude is
equally as important as ability.

—Bakerbill aka Bill Raulin



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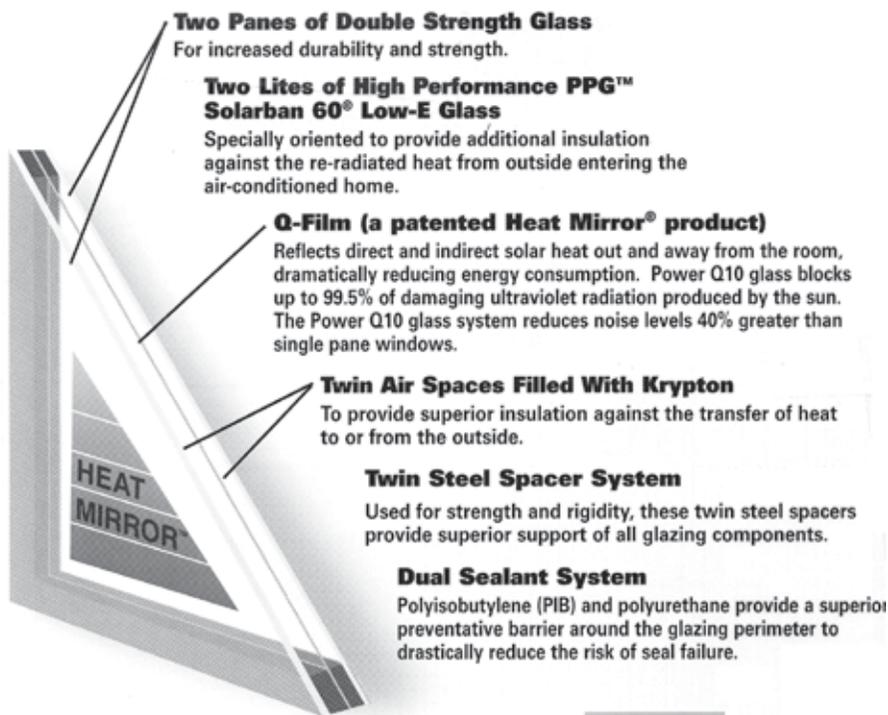
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