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## Beltsville Briefs

### Beltsville-Adelphi Boys & Girls Club Registration

This is a reminder that basketball registration is held every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club located behind the 7-11 on Roby Avenue. You may also register on-line at [www.beltsvilleadelphi.com](http://www.beltsvilleadelphi.com). The season starts at the end of November, so don't delay, register now.

### Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church to Display Paintings

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church is pleased to announce that paintings by Nicaraguan artists will be on display in the Meeting House by Sunday, October 25th. These native artists sell their work through the Nicaraguan Cultural Alliance. The NCA is a small, fair-trade, non-profit charitable organization which exists to celebrate the art and beauty of Nicaragua. By selling this artwork the NCA hopes to sustain artists' communities and provide talented artisans with a living wage. This exhibit will be on display through November 29th.

Other Nicaraguan arts and crafts will be available for sale at a reception beginning about 11:30 a.m. sponsored by the Social Action Committee on Sunday, November 1, after church, in the Kelley Room. Central American snacks will be served and the NCA will offer beautiful ceramics, baskets, note cards and fair trade coffee. Twenty percent of any purchase

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## Dr. Jane Goodall Invites Calverton Students to Fly Peace Dove at Her Speech



Dove carriers included, on the right wing, Jasmine Maddy, 4th grade and Beatriz Marantal, 6th grade. On the left wing were Onyinye Obiefuna, 5th grade and Victor Okonmah, 6th grade. At the head of the dove were Crystal Boateng, 4th grade, Shagun Sharma, 6th grade, and Katie Swanson (that head is too heavy for kids alone!) Supporting the tail were Andrea Martinez, 4th grade and Leah Moreno, 6th grade. Also pictured is Dr. Jane Goodall! Also attending from the Calverton family were Mary and Ted Tschudy (our principal and her husband) and Nathan Howard. Photo by Nathan Howard.

**By Katie Swanson,  
Save the World!  
Environmental Club Sponsor**

It's not every day that local students are chosen to meet one of their heroes and take part in

one of her speeches! On September 9, 2009, Jane Goodall came to speak at Georgetown University to a packed house. Part of her message concerned the power of youth to change the world, and she spoke about

her Roots & Shoots program as a worldwide initiative for youth and others dedicated to improving our world. Dr. Jane is one of only a few United Nations

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## Fiftieth Reunion of High Point Class of '59



Members of High Point High School's Class of 1959

On October 17<sup>th</sup> at Fort Meade a reunion was held. It was a significant gathering as it was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our High Point High School graduation class of 1959. Our class graduated 323 students. Thirty-nine of our numbers have passed on.

Planned well in advance, our reunion was attended by over a hundred and fifty classmates and spouses. Almost all classmates returned a picture and a form

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**NEXT ISSUE:**  
**Submissions Due**  
**No Later**  
**Than:**  
**November 18**  
**Paper Out:**  
**November 28**

### On the Agenda



Karen Coakley

**BY KAREN  
M. COAKLEY**

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 18th 7:00 p.m. We have a lot to discuss again this month. **Subud**

will give an updated presentation for their property. Subud's property is located on Howard Road across from Beltsville Academy School (formerly Beltsville Elementary). The current zoning for the property is Residential.

**Beltsville Commercial Center:** The owners of the center are requesting a change in zoning. Beltsville Commercial Center is located right next to MVA on the south side. They will give an overview of their plans along with a list of uses that they will not allow in the property.

**Private Reserve** will give a presentation for restaurant and liquor license application.

**LEAF PICKUP:** You must **bag your leaves** and place the bags at the curb. The county will no longer come by and vacuum the leaves.

**SAFE SHOPPER WORKSHOP:** sponsored by the officers from District 6 Police station Thursday, November 19th 7:00 p.m. Martin Luther King Middle School. Please attend and pick up a tip or two to protect yourself and your family!

If you have a community concern I can be reached at 301.937.0157 or [karenmcoakley@verizon.net](mailto:karenmcoakley@verizon.net). **HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL IN THE BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY!!!**

## Scouts Tour Gettysburg

**By Adrian Villareol, Troop Scribe**

The weekend of October 2-4 found the Boy Scouts of Troop 1033 camping and hiking at Gettysburg National Battle Ground. Scouts Adrian Villarroel, David Timus II, Patrick Deery, Evan Carr, Nujuan Pinnock, Nathaniel Pinnock, Danny Mareno, Ales Orellana, Chaim Johnson, Chris Walker, Grant Sowles and Eric Matthews and adult leaders: Assistant Scoutmaster, Rick Deery; Troop Committee Chair, David Timus; and scout dad, Bob

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## 25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

*Extracted from the  
November 1984 Issue*

### Art Exhibit

Natalie R. Fleming, Maryland artist, displayed her art at the Paint Branch Unitarian Church through November 25, 1984.

### Himalayan Trek

Dr. Marvin Eyler gave a talk and a slide show on his 1982 Himalayan trek at the Beltsville Library on November 28, 1984.

### Service News

Tim Johnson of Beltsville

graduated from Navy Recruit Training at Great Lakes, IL on October 5, 1984.

### New Pastor

Beltsville Baptist Church announced that Pastor Keith Corrick would begin his work at the church on December 2, 1984.

### New Arrival

On September 19, 1984 Sarah Elizabeth Allen was born to Lori Schroeder Allen and Benjamin L. Allen.

### Distinguished Teacher

Ronal Anderson was awarded

a Distinguished Teaching Achievement Award at a conference in Toronto, Canada on October 19, 1984.

### Students Honored

Theresa Sweet and Sharon Boetler, students at High Point High School, were awarded membership in the Society of Distinguished American High School Students.

### Obituary

Walter G. Neiman, formerly of Beltsville, passed away on October 13, 1984.

### PEACE DOVE

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World Ambassadors for Peace; so she also spoke about her vision of peace and the symbolism of peace doves. She wanted a Roots & Shoots group to fly a peace dove they had made as kind of a culmination of her speech, as a symbol of hope and peace through young people, and Calverton Elementary School's Save the World! was the group chosen! It was a phenomenally uplifting evening! You can see Dr. Goodall's amazing speech and our role in it at the following link: <http://www.visualwebcaster.com/event.asp?id=61947>

Save the World! is a registered Jane Goodall Roots & Shoots group

(this is our third year with that status). We built our peace dove for the 2008 United Nations International Day of Peace using directions on the Roots & Shoots website. It has a wingspan of ten feet and is made largely from recycled materials.

Also, on September 22, 2009, Calverton joined children across the world to celebrate the United Nations International Day of Peace. Save the World "flew" our giant peace dove at the head of a parade of about 400 Calverton students and staff. All of the students and adults participating created their own peace doves and carried them in the parade. Our doves are symbolic of the children's commitment to peace and hope for our world.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I enjoyed reading about interest in teaching Russian and Spanish in our Beltsville schools. It is a very good idea to expose the children to foreign languages, and give them tools for their future professional lives. It is also very valuable to let them be aware of their heritage, language and culture. I write poetry in English and German, and I taught my children next to the English language their mother's language (that) helped them in school and college and in their jobs. The German language gave the English language among other words: Kindergarten and Oktoberfest, and what about "the Christmas Tree?"

—Ingeborg Carsten-Miller  
- since March 1967  
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## Neighbors in the News

### Alex Diasgranados Sets Football Punting Marks

Alex Diasgranados, High Point High School Class of 2010, was named one of the top 100 in football punter rankings for the High School class of 2010 on [www.prokicker.com](http://www.prokicker.com). He was ranked 76th in 2007. ProKicker.com reports that Alex punted an average of 24 yards. Alex is back after a knee injury last season

and his average punt has been between 37 and 40 yards, and his longest punt since the beginning of the season was 45 yards. Alex is currently considering colleges where he may play football, and he wants to study pre-med.

### Congratulations Juan Diasgranados

Juan Diasgranados is a 2008 graduate of High Point in Beltsville where he was class president for four years, PGRAS Vice President and SGA. Juan worked this past summer on Councilman Tom Dernoga's staff. He was previously a high school intern for

four years at NPR Radio in Washington, DC. Juan is currently a sophomore at Hampton University where he was on the Dean's List his freshman year and is now in the Honors College at the University. Juan is currently majoring in Broadcast Journalism and is on air on the radio station at Hampton University that broadcasts throughout the Hampton Roads area. Juan will be returning during school breaks to work for Mr. Dernoga.

### Cropp Metcalfe Softball Team Finishes 2009 Season

The Beltsville based Cropp Metcalfe softball team recently completed their 2009 season. The squad won the summer league at Fairland Regional Park, competed in 17 tournaments, winning two of them, and played in 2 nationals. The most recent national was played at the Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, FL. Cropp Metcalfe Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc. in Beltsville has sponsored the team for the past 17 years. Congratulations team!



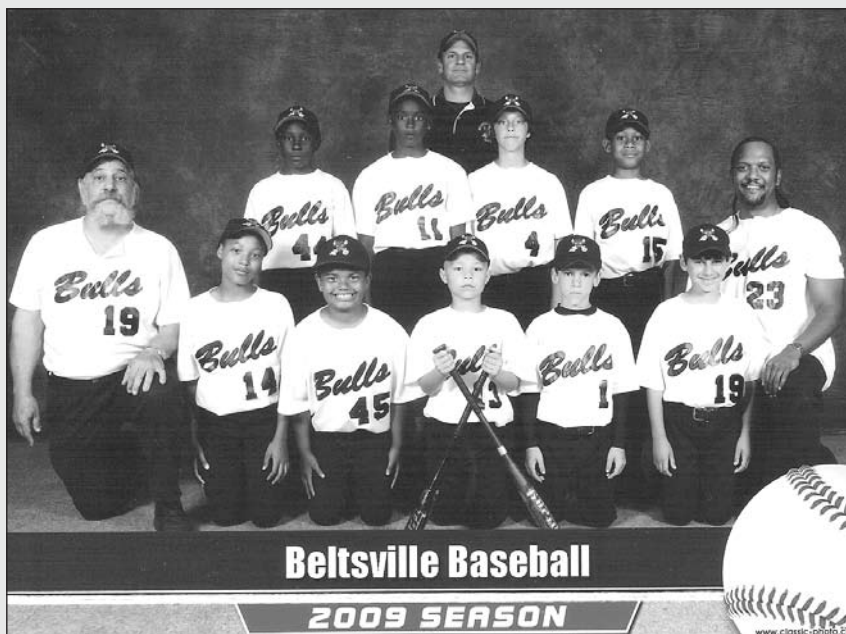
### Early Arriving Residents of Maryland Farms Beautification Walk



Mary Washington, at right, Chairperson of the Beautification Committee, leads walkers on the tour of Maryland Farms.

The Maryland Farms Beautification Committee sponsored a walk on the property to observe and admire all the plants and flowers that residents had planted and tended over the summer. The walk took place in the afternoon of Sunday, September 20, 2009. Walkers met at the community center and were provided with maps that highlighted the areas to look for plants and flowers. The walkers returned to the community center for refreshments and conversation. This is an annual enjoyable event.

The Beltsville Boys and Girls Club 10 and under team1 boys were undefeated this season and are the Prince George's County northern division baseball champions. At the top is Coach Jamie Eberhardt. Back row, from left, are Nujuan Pinnock-Harris, Radcliffe Manyan, Jacob Thomas, and Jaron Reis. Front row, from left, Asst. Coach Paul Mastradone, Paul Tyler, Cameron Reis, Josiah Lee, Jacob Eberhardt, Tony Mastradone, and Coach Chester Reis.



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## Neighbors in the News

### A Beltsville Humanitarian Reflects 10 Years On

By Jim Butcher

(Part II, continued  
from last month)

Still in the Congo, RHK in partnership with HELP International and with funds (\$85,000) donated by Dr. Mitchell Davis, a Washington, D.C. physician, recently brought on-line a new well to provide clean drinking water and better sanitation for the students of Othniel College, in Kinshasa. During her recent trip to Congo in July 2009, Norma, in partnership with ADRA/Goma, initiated a feeding program for 1,500 orphans in a refugee camp school in Goma, East Congo, where the fighting still continues after 15 years.

Besides its work in Southern African countries, RHK operates partnerships in Bolivia, India, Indonesia, and prominently in Nashed's native land of Jordan.

In Bolivia, RHK supports the work of Familia Feliz, a school and orphanage that provides primary education for children who have been orphaned, abandoned, or abused. In India, RHK lends support to a school in Hyderabad that provides school supplies and a daily hot meal for children who might otherwise be forced into child labor camps. In Indonesia, RHK sponsors and supports four orphanages that sustain 120 children. In Jordan, RHK supports 25 high school students, several of them refugees from Iraq and Sudan.

What lies in store to celebrate the beginning of RHK's second decade? Unsurprisingly, Nashed has the perfect answer in something impressively titled "The Southern Africa Community Empowerment Cook-stove Project." As is only to be expected, Nashed has partnered the project with an established organization, this time with ECHO Aid Australia in conjunction with Australia's World Relief Overseas Aid Fund. The project aims to replace traditional charcoal-burning cooking devices with modern, fuel-efficient, cook stoves made of stainless steel. The benefits of the new German-made cook stoves are many and far reaching, not the least of which is the elimination of the need for cash-strapped families to buy expensive charcoal cooking fuel. The new stoves require only small, relatively inexpensive sticks or small pieces of wood. More, the new cook stoves are far more efficient and environmentally friendly than charcoal burning devices.

Sponsors estimate that for every twelve stoves placed a new local job will be created. The ultimate beneficiaries, they believe, are the children who may benefit from educational opportunities because of greater family savings combined



Norma Nashed met with His Royal Highness Prince Zeid Ra'ad Al-Hussein of Jordan on November 21<sup>st</sup> in Washington. HRH Prince Zeid is very supportive of Reaching Hearts for Kids' work around the world.

with income from job opportunities. It should come as no surprise to learn that Norma Nashed is looking for donors willing to donate funds to purchase new stoves and place them with needy African families. At a cost of only \$340 per stove, Norma estimates that a single donated stove can generate sufficient funds for a Southern African family to send a child to school for 12 years. Here is where to learn more: [www.reachinghearts4kids.org](http://www.reachinghearts4kids.org), office 301.931.8433, cell 240.602.6138.

Readers who have bothered to read this far may have an interest in learning a little more about the remarkable, enterprising woman that is Norma Nashed; she who discourses as easily in three great Western European languages as she does in her native Arabic. A brief rundown follows.

Born to Christian parents in Palestine--in what now is named the West Bank--Norma's father moved the family to Amman, Jordan, while Norma was a small child. In Amman, Norma's religiously faithful family was desperately poor. Sometimes there was no or little food for Norma and her six siblings. For five years Norma cleaned her school in exchange for tuition. When her father passed away suddenly, her family's plight descended from merely poor to downright desperate.

Good fortune seems to intervene in mysterious ways at Norma's bleakest moments. After her father's passing, one of many life-transforming events presented itself in the persons of Seventh Day Adventist missionary Dr. Robert Darnell and his wife. The Darnells would informally adopt Norma and take her with them on re-assignment to Beirut, Lebanon. In Beirut, Norma completed high school and college before returning to Amman as a young adult. Living with the Darnells, she had perfected her English and learned French while growing up in the Lebanese capital.

Popular wisdom has it that young Christian women are not to thrive or succeed in predominantly Muslim societies such as Amman's. But Norma Nashed appears never

to have received the message. For instance, she parlayed her exceptional language and managerial skills into becoming personal secretary to Ali Ghandour, organizer and later Chief Executive Officer of Royal Jordanian Airlines. (Incidentally, Ali Ghandour now sits on the RHK board of directors.) Eventually, Norma would become the airline's Sales Promotion Manager in Cairo--the only woman to hold a similar position in Egypt. Astonishingly, Norma was selected to attend the

first private pilot training course offered in Jordan. Unfortunately, just as she was making rapid progress learning to fly a twin-engine Cessna aircraft, war broke out in the Middle East. Norma was forced to abandon a budding flying career.

By 1985, Norma had decided to immigrate to the United States. Her basic motivation was to secure a better life and educational opportunities for her young son. The son, now grown and the father of two young children, lives in nearby Burtonsville.

Norma landed in Takoma Park, where close relatives lived. She would work for an organization called Home Study International, now Griggs University. There she would put a natural gift for languages to good use co-authoring an English-As-a-Second-Language (ESL) program for Arabic speakers. Working with ESL, Norma decided to learn Spanish, too. Thus, she came to add Spanish to a portfolio of languages that previously contained English, French, and her native Arabic.

Near disaster struck in 1989 when Norma was diagnosed with a rare skin cancer. The disease would transform her life forever. She would try every recommended treatment and prescription, but to little effect. In time, the disease would disappear of some unknown volition, perhaps owing to Norma's characteristic luck and good fortune, perhaps to an unseen power. She also would incur a painful arthritis in her hands and fingers.

She would interpret her health problems as a signal to dedicate herself to a new direction, a new purpose. And she would find both in the organization she would call Reaching Hearts for Kids.

As a reporter's interview drew to a close, Norma speculated aloud if she might offer a favorite passage for this article. Encouraged to do that, she later would dispatch an e-mail. It would define her mission and purpose in these eloquent words from James 1:27: *...to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.*

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# Scouting For Food

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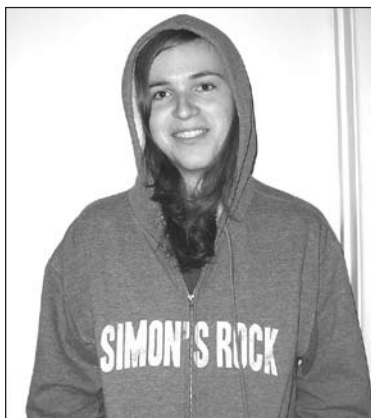
Scouts are collecting food for the needy on Saturday, November 14.

food collected will be given to St. Joseph's Catholic Church, which has a food pantry for distribution to the needy in the Beltsville area. Please be as generous as you can. If you are

in need of food or know of someone who is, please contact St. Joseph Catholic Church rectory at 301.937.7183 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## Wesley Rian Named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist

Wesley Rian of Beltsville, MD has been named a National Merit Semifinalist (NMSF) in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program. He is one of 12 NMSFs from Prince George's County in this year's competition. More than 1.5 million juniors in about 22,000 high schools entered the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2008 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of Semifinal-



National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist Wesley Rian

ists, which represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest scoring entrants in each state.

Wesley, formerly a Science and Technology student at Eleanor Roosevelt High school in Greenbelt, MD, qualified for NMSF on the basis of his sophomore PSAT, which was activated for the competition because he was admitted to college after his sophomore year of high school. He is currently a freshman at Bard College at Simon's Rock in Great Barrington, MA.

## November Happenings at Emmanuel United Methodist Church

The season of Advent, a time of preparation, anticipation, and hope, begins November 29<sup>th</sup>, the fourth Sunday before Christmas. This is also known as the beginning of the church year. Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD, is finishing the church year with worship, fellowship and praise, and invites everyone to join in.

November 14<sup>th</sup> is the annual Apple Festival, sponsored by the United Methodist Women. Proceeds from the sale of apples, crafts, and lunch go to the many missions supported by the UMW, including covenant missionaries in other countries. The Festival is scheduled from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. There will be fresh apples and apple butter, fabulous apple pies, attic treasures, and bountiful baked goods and candy, including our famous chocolate-covered pecans.

November 1<sup>st</sup> is All Saints Day, which is the time to remember those who have gone before us. Candles are lit in their memory. In addition to the two worship services every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Pastor Daniel Mejia will also lead a special Thanksgiving Worship on Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us in worship, in these times of giving thanks to God for all that we have and all that we can share with others. The annual Sunday School canned food collection will be held on the Sunday before Thanksgiving to help the Washington area food bank and those who are hungry during the holidays.

During every week in November there are ESOL classes, for anyone wanting to learn English as a second language. There are choir rehearsals for adults and children, and Boy Scout and Girl

Scout meetings every week. The first Friday there is a Teen Club for middle-schoolers and high-schoolers, which is 2 ½ hours of fun, fellowship and food from 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. There are also opportunities to serve others at Community Place Café in Hyattsville, where food is served free of charge to anyone needing a hot lunch, and on the streets of Washington, D.C. with the Outreach Committee providing bagged lunches and clothing to the homeless.

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## Pathfinders to Collect Food for the Hungry

Youth and children from the Beltsville Seventh-day Adventist Church will give Beltsville residents a chance to help hungry families this holiday season. The Pathfinders, as the youth group is called, will distribute paper bags to Beltsville homes on Saturday afternoon, October 31. They'll return to pick up the bags on Sunday morning, November 1. The bags will include instructions for the type of food to donate, and where to leave the bags if residents will not be home on Sunday morning.

The Pathfinders can be recognized by their khaki and green uniforms. The group has more than 100 members who will fan out throughout Beltsville.

The church youth group has collected canned food for more than 10 years. Last year's drive netted more than 1000 cans and boxes of non-perishable food items. The food was shared with dozens of families, both through the church's distribution system and through local food banks.

The church plans a special Community Thanksgiving Day on Saturday, November 7, when members will bring additional food to church during the worship services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. All the food will be brought to the front of the church in a grand procession. The community is invited to visit Beltsville Church

that Saturday and participate in the special service.

## Bull and Oyster Roast By Eugene Glover

On Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup>, the College Park American Legion Post 217, in conjunction with the Prince George's Elks Lodge 1778, will be having a Bull and Oyster Roast from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. We will be having beef and oysters with potato salad, coleslaw, corn on the cob and desserts. There will be entertainment and you may watch your football teams play. This event will be benefiting the College Park American Legion Post 217, Prince George's Elks Lodge 1778 and their charities. Tickets are on sale at the American Legion Post 217, 9218 Baltimore Blvd., College Park, MD for \$30 for adults and \$15 for children. The event will take place at 6700 Kenilworth Ave., Riverdale, MD. For more information please call 301-441-2783 (American Legion). Come and join us in the fun and events. Don't forget to ask about how you are able to join our elite organization that helps support our local communities and State.

## Central Maryland Chorale Presents Mendelssohn's Elijah and Annual Messiah Singalong

In commemoration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Felix Mendelssohn's birth, the Central Maryland Chorale, under the baton of Artistic Director, Monica Otal, and accompanied by the Montgomery Philharmonic Orchestra, presents *Elijah* on Saturday, November 21, 2009, at 8:00 p.m. at The Lutheran Church of Saint Andrew, 15300 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20905.

The soloists are Robert Cantrell, bass-baritone, in the role of Elijah; Debra Lawrence, soprano; Amy Reiff, mezzo-soprano; and Issachah Savage, tenor.

*Elijah* tells the story of the prophet's battle to win the Israelites back from their worship of the idol, Baal, and his victorious ascent to heaven in a chariot of fire. Among the many familiar and beautiful arias and choruses are "If With All Your Hearts Ye Truly Seek Me," "O Rest in the Lord," "Lift Thine Eyes," and "He, Watching Over Israel."

Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 students and seniors.

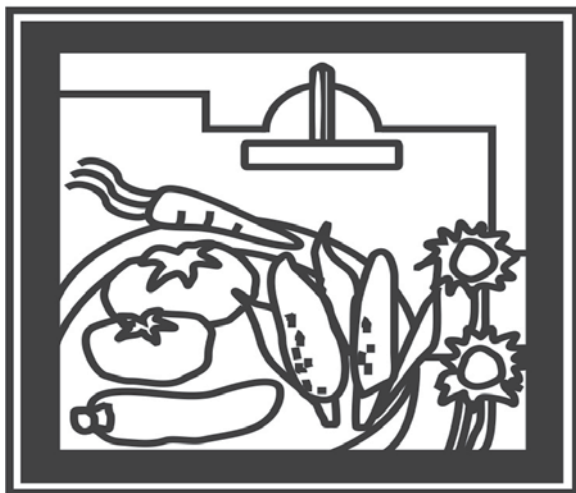
On December 6, the Chorale presents the annual *Messiah* singalong, also at The Lutheran Church of Saint Andrew, at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10; score rentals are \$1.

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## Laurel Senior Friendship Club Holiday Celebration By Bobbi Benfield

The Laurel Senior Friendship Club will be hosting its Annual Holiday Celebration and Craft Fair on Saturday, November 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Phelps Senior Center, 701 Montgomery Street in Laurel. Fun and activities for all ages. Locally made crafts, fall and Thanksgiving items, gift and basket raffles, silent auction, White Reindeer Sale, Santa's Secret Shop, gift-wrapping, kid's activity table, bake sale, light lunch, and more. Limited craft tables available at \$20.00 each. Call 301.442.9992 for information. Please come out and show support for our senior citizens; they have worked so hard!

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briefly describing their lives for the last fifty years, which was used to make a memory book.

Dr. Allen I. Chotiner, our principal for our junior high and high school years sent a letter of regret. He and his wife would be unable to attend this milestone in our lives. He was greatly missed. I remember Dr. Chotiner as a person of great influence in our lives. He set standards and we followed them. He attributed his success to an "excellent faculty and staff" and to our "parents who were always supportive."

We enjoyed fifties music and conversation prior to the excellent dinner. There was a short program with prizes for the person who had traveled the farthest [he came from Spain where he lives now] to get to our reunion, who had the most implants, and the shocker was the classmate who had fifty-

two grandchildren. Following the program there was more fifties music to accompany our conversation and activities for the rest of the evening.

It was surprising how little some of us had changed. Of course, the usual changes had occurred such as the gradual gaining of weight that seems to go with aging and more of us were wearing glasses. Thanks to technology, some of us now have replaceable body parts such as hips and knees making it easier to get around.

Our fiftieth reunion was a once in a lifetime event and I am glad I was able to participate. Thanks to all who were on the committee and planned the reunion so we could reconnect.

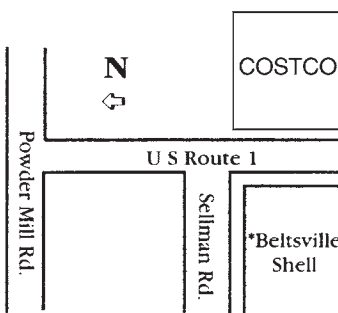


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## Neighbors in the News

### Secure Medical Care Participates in Beltsville Community Health Fair

For the third consecutive year, Secure Medical Care was a proud participant in the Beltsville Community Health Fair held on Thursday, October 15, 2009 at the Beltsville Community Center. Secure Medical Care staff members provided flu shots to health fair attendees, and also dispensed general medical advice for getting through the flu season. Secure Medical Care staff members on hand at the fair included Dr. Louise Moody, co-owner; Nichole Reilly, Beltsville Clinical Director; Mayra Robertson, Beltsville Front Desk Supervisor; and Joe Bartos, Gaithersburg Clinical Director. "We are always happy to be a part of this event. We take pride in our community involvement and in bringing quality health care to community members," Dr. Moody said.

The Health Fair is sponsored by the Beltsville Recreation Council



Joe Fuchs, Treasurer of the Beltsville Recreation Council, with Nichole Reilly, Clinical Director at Secure Medical Care.

and the University of Maryland's School of Public Health, Department of Public and Community Health. Exhibits on various health topics were prepared by members of the "Introduction to Com-

munity Health" class taught by UMD's Dr. Sharon M. Desmond. Dr. Desmond's students planned and implemented all aspects of the Health Fair including the health-oriented exhibits.

### TESST College of Technology Campus Receives School of Excellence Award

The TESST College of Technology Beltsville campus was honored with the School of Excellence award by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC), the agency that accredits the campus.

The School of Excellence award recognizes a school that demonstrates a high-level of achievement among their students. In order to be eligible for the award, a majority of the school's graduation and employment rates for all programs offered must meet or exceed the average graduation and employment rates among all ACCSC-accredited institutions.

Additionally, the school must demonstrate a commitment to the expectations of an ACCSC accreditation; deliver quality educational programs to students, graduates and employers; complete the accreditation process without stipulations; and submit fees and reports required of an ACCSC accredited institution.

The TESST College of Technology Beltsville campus is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC). ACCSC is listed as

a nationally recognized accrediting agency by the United States Department of Education.

#### Amy E. Beauregard Appointed Executive Director

The TESST College of Technology Beltsville campus has announced the appointment of Amy E. Beauregard as the school's new executive director. Beauregard has nearly 10 years experience in higher education leadership, serving in positions including chief executive officer, director of education and executive director. Most recently, she was a proprietary school consultant. Prior to that, she served as corporate director of education, accreditation and compliance office for Northeast Technical Institute in Scarborough, Maine.

"We are excited to welcome Amy to our Beltsville campus," said Sandra Ugol, regional vice president for Kaplan Higher Education. "She brings years of education experience to the position and has a strong focus on fostering a student-centered environment."

Beauregard holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from Framingham

State College.

The TESST College of Technology Beltsville campus serves nearly 600 students and offers associate degree and certificate programs in the allied health, criminal justice, legal, information technology and trade fields.

#### About TESST College of Technology

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following day. Prior to their hike they toured the new visitor's center with large theater, Cyclorama and museum. While on the hike they saw plenty of historic military monuments and concluded their hike as the scouts re-enacted Pickett's charge, a famous charge known for its large number of

casualties. This trip was a very good trip since everyone got a workout and learned a bit of history of the well known battle of Gettysburg. After the hike, scouts kicked back and enjoyed a nice meal including cubed steak, corn and soup.

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Walker camped overnight at Camp Conewago Boy Scout Reservation near Gettysburg. The scouts hiked the long nine mile Billy Yank hike around Gettysburg then completed the three mile Johnny Reb hike the



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## Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

**By Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-21)**

### We need your ideas

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Delegates Barbara Frush, Josefine Peña-Melnik, Ben Barnes and I have fought hard to protect state support for schools and public safety — and against property tax increases — in Beltsville. We will continue to do so. But there needs to be more state budget cuts so Maryland can get through this recession without creating a deficit which will put a debt burden on working families and retired people.

Please give us your ideas for cutting the budget. Send them to 21stdistrictdelegation@gmail.com or 21st District Delegation, PO Box 700, College Park, MD 20740. We will share them with the governor's staff, which will be putting together the budget cuts. We appreciate your ideas and help.

### Help looking for a job

To help local citizens who are looking for a job, the state has an office in Laurel as well as information online. Even in this recession, there are employers hiring. To learn how the state employment office may be able to help you, go to [www.dlrr.state.md.us/county/pg/](http://www.dlrr.state.md.us/county/pg/) or call (301) 362-9708



**Senator Jim Rosapepe**

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### Delegates and I join other state workers in furloughs

Among the state budget cuts for last year and this year, Maryland has required state employees to take furlough days. The Delegates

and I are strong supporters of our state employees and have joined them in taking furlough days both last year and this year.

### Sound off on ICC tolls

All of us can see the Inter County Connector being built across I-95 and into Beltsville. The Maryland Transportation Authority has recently proposed the schedule of tolls it would like to charge when the first phase of the ICC (between I-370 and Georgia Ave) opens in the fall of 2010. Here is what they have proposed: (see chart below)

It's important for them to hear from ordinary citizens, particularly those of us who live near the road. There was a public hearing on the tolls on October 28 at High Point High School, but you can send your comments until 5:00 p.m., November 23, to [tolls@iccproject.com](mailto:tolls@iccproject.com) or ICC Project office, Attn: ICC Tolls, 11710 Beltsville Drive, Suite 200, Beltsville, MD 20705.

### 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](mailto:21stDistrictDelegation@gmail.com) or call 301 858 3141.

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## Virginia Mitchell Turns 100

Virginia A. Gardner Mitchell celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 24. She attended Parkview Elementary School and McFarland Junior High School. She worked for the C&P Telephone Co. from 1927 until her

retirement in 1958.

She married James H. Mitchell on May 10, 1937. They were married 38 years until his death in 1975. They lived in Washington, D.C. until moving to Silver Spring, where Virginia now lives in the same home she has occupied for 62 years.

Virginia, the second of eight children, is the daughter of the late Jenny Earl Waugh and Charles Jefferson Garner. Her brother Jack was killed in 1945 toward the end of World War II. Her remaining siblings are Anne Clark of Beltsville, MD and Bill Garner of Danville, VA. Virginia's other siblings were Jeanette, Charles, Donald and James, all of whom have passed away.



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## District 1 Digest

**By Councilman Tom Dernoga,  
Vice Chair, Prince George's  
County Council (District 1)**

### GreenFest

On Saturday, October 3rd, hundreds of residents in the county came out to enjoy the exhibits and festivities of the second annual Prince George's GreenFest, an event I initiated last year at Vansville Elementary, a LEED certified Green school. This year's GreenFest, held at the Prince George's Community College in Largo, had over forty vendors and exhibitors, including firms specializing in Green buildings and energy efficiency, a tea company that devotes part of its proceeds to environmental justice projects, a local soapmaker, the Maryland Master Gardeners, and Community Forklift (a local non-profit that is the recycler's answer to Home Depot shopping).

GreenFest had something for everyone: children were delighted to get free face paintings, and event-goers young and old were both wary and curious about the University of Maryland's Entomology display featuring interactive tarantula petting and roach handling. GreenFest also had a number of speakers who presented subjects like Green jobs, transit-oriented development, and creating Green infrastructure for municipalities. In addition, the event featured a Green poet, two local dance troops, and the local music group COLOURS which ended the day with song and dance on the main stage. Attendees came away with more knowledge of what is going on in the county as far as energy efficiency and environmental protection, and they got a good dose of local talent. Special thanks to all of our sponsors, Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission for audio and equipment assistance, and Prince George's Community College, which hosted the event. Extra thanks to Lisa Lincoln and the Green Power Coalition, and to Alex Hirtle (my Legislative Aide) who pulled the entire event together.

### Speed Cameras

While speed camera monitoring is not everyone's cup of tea, community leaders around Beltsville have been clamoring for it ever since Montgomery County got cameras a few years ago. It has taken since then to get the State to allow cameras in Prince George's County. While there are legitimate concerns around the growth of "Big Brother" and speed cameras being a new source of revenue, the irrefutable fact is that speeding on our local streets – especially near some of our schools – is out of control and very dangerous.

To implement the new State law, the County Council is con-



**Councilman Tom Dernoga**

sidering a speed monitoring systems bill (CB-37-2009) that will allow the County to set up speed monitor systems within a one-half mile distance of select schools. Speed monitors track the velocity of moving vehicles, and take a photo of the vehicle's license if it's going more than 12 mph over the posted speed limit. Violators are mailed a citation to pay, but do not receive any points on their driving record.

CB-37-2009 unanimously passed out of the Transportation, Housing & Environment Committee of which I am chairman. I was able to get two amendments to CB-37-2009: first, requiring public hearings about the potential locations; and second, establishing a citizen advisory committee to meet periodically to obtain additional comments from the public in the future.

Based on statistical data and public testimony, the Department of Public Works & Transportation will determine the locations (in consultation with the Police Department and the County Council). I will provide the date and location of the public hearings so that you will have the opportunity to comment on potential speed monitoring sites. I expect that one public hearing will be held in College Park or Beltsville area. Please come testify about those locations that you are most concerned about. I do expect that certain area schools are very likely choices: for example, Frances Fuchs Early Learning Center on Cherry Hill Road, Martin Luther King, Jr., Middle School on Ammendale Road, and High Point High School on Powder Mill Road. However, there are likely some less obvious locations and your input will be important. Speeding is endemic, and I recognize that speed cameras will not solve the problem entirely. However, around our schools, where safety is a major issue, the cameras will help create a zone of safety.

### Grants to Beltsville Community Groups

I am pleased to announce a number of community groups that are integral to Beltsville have been

awarded grants to assist them in accomplishing projects related to their charitable purpose and to further their activities in general. In particular, many of the local grants are geared to youth, especially our teens:

The **Beltsville-Adelphi Boys and Girls Club** has been awarded \$3,000 to assist with providing opportunities for our local youth. It is very expensive to run a good Club and the parents and volunteers at the Beltsville-Adelphi Boys and Girls Club work very hard to provide athletic choices for our youth to keep them healthy and away from trouble.

The **Friends of Beltsville Library** has been awarded \$1,100 to help the Friends purchase some "teen friendly" games and some furniture for the "teen zone" area in the Library.

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## Obituaries

### Allen, Jesse Sr.

Jesse E. Allen, Sr. died on October 14, 2009 at his residence. He was the beloved husband of Mary Ann Allen, father of Patricia A. Rowan, Jesse E., Jr. brother of Robert Allen, Sr., Walter Allen, Alice Howser and Dorothy Simms. He was the grandfather of Amy, Jeremy and Heather Allen, and great grandfather of Brianna Allen. Funeral service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville on Monday, October 19 at 10:00 a.m. with the Reverend Mose Karbo officiating. Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery.

### Aplin, Mary L.

Mary L. Aplin, 46, passed away at her residence in Beltsville on Saturday, October 3, 2009. She was the beloved wife of Jesse J. "Buck" Aplin III, loving mother of Jesse J. "Josh" Aplin IV, devoted daughter of Arthur "Sonny" Compton and the late Bea Anne Compton, sister of Billy (Kim) and Jimmy (Diane) Compton.

Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, and extended family. Funeral service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD, on Wednesday, October 7, at 11:00 a.m. with the Reverend Lisa Gimmell officiating. Interment private. Memorial contributions may be made to Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, P. O. Box 650309, Dallas, TX 75265-0309.

### Gardner, Rose Victoria

Rose Victoria Gardner of Beltsville, 97, passed away on Monday, October 5, 2009 at Laurel Regional Hospital. She was the beloved wife of the late Harry B. Gardner, loving mother of Harry B. (Micheline) Gardner and Maryann L. (Gordon) Berlinsky, grandmother of Ted (Paula) Gardner, Suzanne (Bryan) Frady, Darryl Gardner, Belinda Gardner, Robert (Lynne) Berlinsky, Teresa (Glenn) Moser, Lynn M. (John) Pettay, Sharon (David) Ruckdeschel and Thomas Berlinsky. Thirteen great grandchildren also survive her. Funeral

service and interment were private. Memorial contributions may be made in her name to the charity of your choice. Arrangements by Borgwardt Funeral Home.

### Hiner, Violet Naoma

Violet Naoma Hiner passed away on Tuesday October 6, 2009. She was the beloved wife of the late Edward C. Hiner, mother of Robert E. (Linda) Hiner, grandmother of Kimberly Hiner (Frank Gambino), Jaime Hiner and the late Edward A. Hiner. Mrs. Hiner was born in Johnstown, PA and was one of 10 children to the late Fredrick and Mary Jane Heidorn. Mrs. Hiner moved to Beltsville, MD in the 80's to live with her son. Graveside service was held on Friday, October 9 at 2:00 p.m. at Richland Cemetery, Johnstown, PA. Memorial contributions may be made to Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705 or to the Holy Cross Home Care and Hospice, 11800 Tech Road, Suite 240, Silver Spring, MD 20904.

## An Ode to Tabby the Cat

By Denny Carter

She wasn't always a mangy mess.

Tabby, my cat, was actually pretty — the kind of pretty that neighbors and friends pointed out. The vibrant green eyes, the brown and black fur tinged with orange, contrasted by her white underbelly — all of it made for a cat that my mom once said was a reincarnation of an Egyptian queen. That story was so convincing to my 9-year-old self that it became fact. Three thousand years before sleeping for six-hour stretches on our living room sofa, Tabby was royalty. Sounded reasonable.

In her latter years, Tabby's fur devolved into matted, greasy chunks. She stopped cleaning her hind legs, then her back and sides, then her front paws. In the end her arthritis kept her from cleaning even her chest area and head. She'd tear out chunks of fur every couple months, maybe when it was itching or irritated. We'd find these chunks everywhere — by the food bowl, on the couch, even under a coffee table in a little-used room. Her grooming had declined to sudden fits of fur ripping. The hair would sometimes hang out of her mouth, no matter how much she tried to shake it out.

But this isn't the cat I'll remember. I'll remember the Tabby who followed me and my brother, Corey, when we rode our bikes to the neighborhood pool. She trotted behind, sometimes out of our sight when birds and insects distracted her. But she'd always catch up

and lounge around the pool's gates while we swam. Swimming was always followed by wiffle ball in the nearby volleyball court. Tabby became our mascot, sitting just outside the right field line, letting curious kids pet her between innings and at-bats. She loved it. She always loved people. When the sunlight dimmed after nine hours of swimming and wiffle-balling, we'd hop on our bikes, call our cat and head home. Tabby would trot the quarter-mile to our house, scarf down a can of food and crash on one of our beds.

We always felt that Tabby watched out for us during those trips to the pool. It wasn't the only time she revealed her maternal instincts. One chilly autumn morning, while I waited for Corey to get ready for school, I called Tabby, wanting to play her favorite game: throwing black dress socks up the stairs so she could fetch and bring them back to my feet. Every time. Without fail. But Tabby was nowhere. I fretted for a minute until I heard a horrific high-pitch squeal from the front yard. I opened the door to find Tabby with a baby rabbit hanging out of her mouth. I was horrified. I couldn't believe my cat could commit such an atrocity against a furry innocent. On second glance, I didn't see any blood. I looked closer and saw Tabby was holding the bunny by the neck scruff, the way a mother cat holds her babies. The rabbit continued its terrified scream as Tabby walked over to a nearby bush. Inside the bush were other baby rabbits huddled

together. Tabby dropped the bunny next to the litter. She walked to the door, stopped, and looked at me with a look that said, "What'd you think I was doing?"

Tabby's 17 years ended this week. Her health had eroded — her concave hips had little strength left, much of her fur had become impossible to pet and her vomiting became frequent, almost routine. Yet Tabby always showed signs of life. She'd still sit on my lap and brush against my elbow and wrist while I wrote. She'd go outside every once in a while to chow on some grass. The night before we had her put down, Tabby came as close to frolicking in the backyard as an old cat could. She explored every corner, ignoring the damp grass. I asked her why she had to do this on her last night. Was she making her case for a governor's midnight reprieve? I thought about canceling the vet appointment until Tabby followed me into the basement. She stopped on the second to last step and convulsed like she had so many times before throwing up. I turned away — I could never look at her convulse, it looked agonizing — and turned toward her when she finished. The vomit was red. It dripped down the carpeted step as Tabby looked at me. I took it as an admission or a plea or a confession. Just minutes after imitating a much younger cat in the backyard, Tabby showed that she was in fact very old, and probably very sick. I pet her on the head and she gimped upstairs.

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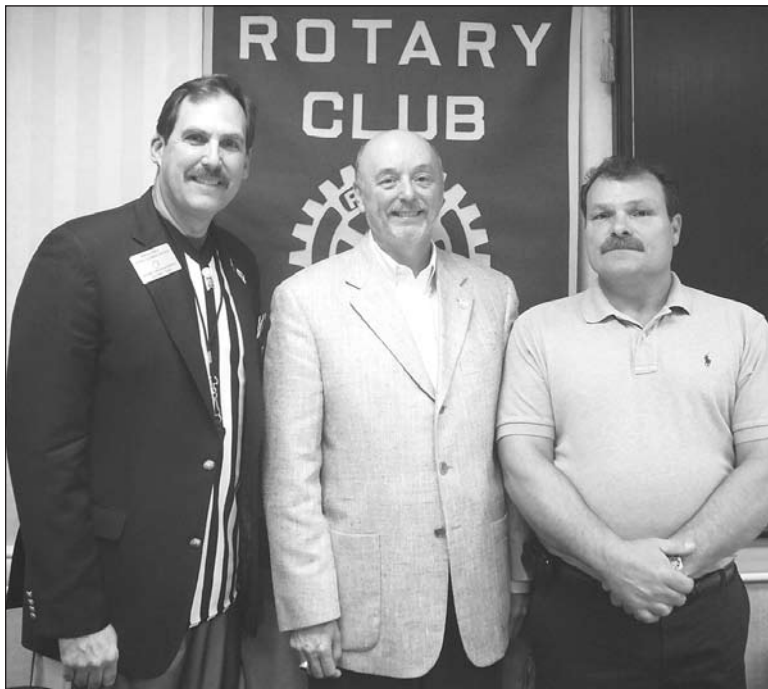
By Ivy Christoffers

The past two months have been very eventful and enjoyable. The first weekend in October the Beltsville Rotary was once again involved in a most delightful fund raiser held at Behnke's Nursery where the most qualified "chili" makers were competing amongst themselves for bragging rights while others were busy tasting, judging, and participating in the festivities including the Chinese auction/raffle. We owe a debt of gratitude to many of the businesses in the community and members of the Rotary family, as well as to Stephanie Fleming who staged this whole affair, "The Chili Cookoff." The donated prizes were many and varied. It would take up too much room to thank everyone who contributed to the event, which helped us raise monies for scholarships and to support other community activities. Just know we deeply appreciate all you have done to support the cause. We also thank those who attended the event. Without your support, nothing could have been achieved. The photos are available for viewing on Behnke's website. Check them out, you might find yourself there.

We want to welcome three new members who have joined us recently: Rajistree "Sammy" Ram-sammy, Desta Gezahay and Medhi Rad. They will soon be joining in the programs and making their personal marks in the field of Rotary service. "Sammy" gave her classification speech in September and it was a very interesting account of her journey from Trinidad to Laurel where she and her husband have their businesses and make their home. So far this year we have inducted three (3) new members with two more to be inducted very soon.

We had a visit from our District Governor, Paul Frey and his aide, Wally Olson on Oct. 20th. This proved to be a very fun filled afternoon. Gov. Frey is a dynamic speaker and showman. Frey began

## Beltsville Rotary News



From left, Wally Olson, The District Governor's Driver, Rotary District 7620 Governor, Paul Frey, and Beltsville Rotary President, Richard Salamy on the occasion of Frey's visit to the club.

his presentation with stories about his formative years and moved on to how he became interested in Rotary. When he began to undress in the midst of his presentation, more than one set of eyes popped. Gov. Frey was dressed in a basketball uniform under his suit and shirt, and he likened his goals to the game of basketball, which was unorthodox, but entertaining. Frey referred many times to the goals as set forth by our international president, and what Rotary life is for him and should be for others. We did play a form of basketball and this columnist did make a basket, so to speak. The upcoming District Conference was discussed and it sounds like a good time will be had in Gettysburg.

We continue to meet on Tuesday at noon at the Holiday Inn in College Park and enjoy lunch, fellowship and fun while attending to the business of Rotary. Why not join us and see what this oldest civic organization in the world is all about. Call 301.595.5225 for

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### Sisler and McFiren Wed

Erin Leigh Sisler and Marvin "Pete" Patrick McFiren, Jr. were married on May 30, 2009 in Shady Side, MD. Erin is the daughter of Ms. Maureen Gallagher of Silver Spring, MD and Mr. Roger D. Sisler of Burtonsville, MD. Marvin is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Posey of Atlanta, GA and Mr. Marvin McFiren, Sr. of Shady Side, MD. Grandparents are Hugh & Patricia Sisler of Beltsville.





A wonderful time was had by all at Paint Branch Montessori School's restaurant night at Chevy's in Greenbelt. While enjoying great food and each other's company, the PBMS community was able to support the school at the same time. It was exciting for the children to see all of their friends for dinner, and fun for the parents and families to spend time connecting and getting to know one another better. Everyone is looking forward to the next restaurant night!

## Club News

### A Month of Memorable Events for Unit #217

By Ivy Christoffers

Here we are heading into the holiday season and what a way to start. On the first weekend of October, we found our way to the BWI Marriott and a weekend of fellowship and fun sharing leadership sessions, program presentations, inspiring speakers, lively entertainment, fund raising raffles, a Chinese auction and some good food. There was a food drive to benefit a local food kitchen with all attending contributing either food or money and a school supplies collection, which resulted in several boxes of supplies, which were distributed between two schools in the area. Even the hotel beds were very comfortable. It was the first time I had slept on a featherbed in a hotel and was snuggled beneath a down filled comforter. Marriott has come a long way in insuring the comfort of their guests. Needless to say, it was a great weekend and for those who did not elect to accompany Angie, Diana and myself, you missed a really good time. This columnist was privileged to make presentations on the office of Department Historian and Departmental Chapeau of the Eight and Forty. I can safely say, a lot of information on the programs was shared and insights gained. Prior to making the trip to Baltimore to attend this function, President Diana Nix and I met and made presentations of school supplies to Hollywood Elementary School and to Calverton Elementary. The principals of both schools were very pleased and expressed their gratitude for our support. This largesse culminated from a two months campaign held at the Post Home with many donors supporting our efforts to assist these schools. There was a definite need for more backpacks at Calverton which was met readily by Diana who delivered several more the following Monday. This is a yearly need and continues throughout the school year. We plan to do this again in the spring.



Expressing her delight above is Mary Tschudy, Principal of Calverton Elementary School, upon receiving the much-needed school supplies delivered by Ivy Christoffers and President Diana Nix of College Park Unit # 217 American Legion Auxiliary. Previously, the same day, a delivery of school supplies was made to Hollywood Elementary School in College Park. Photo by Lucy Santico.

We received a request from Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School to hold a presentation on the American Flag. We are happy to respond to this request and on Oct. 21st and 28th will be holding two one hour classes each day to teach the history of this beautiful sacred symbol of our free nation. This is the inspiration of one of their teachers, Deborah Davis, who is a member of College Park Unit # 217. We are very excited to bring to the students the history of our flag as well as how to properly show respect to and care for the flag. In addition, we will have a veteran in the classroom to explain to the students how important the American Flag is to our fighting men and women who put their lives on the line every day for the freedoms we treasure. This can be a very good thing. I really think Patriotism and Americanism are not given the attention in schools that they deserve. Don't you agree?

Our annual Halloween party for the children of the Beltsville community will be held on Oct. 25th and it is always a great day. By the time you read this, it will have passed into our history for the year. You will hear all about it next month. We have our annual Youth Recogni-

tion Day fast approaching. It is scheduled for Nov. 14th and will once again be a high light of our year. Family Week, the week of Thanksgiving, is the most traveled time of the year, as folks want to share their blessings with their loved ones. Be careful on the highway.

We continue to serve Sunday dinners each week and the food is always delicious, even though the chefs continue to pass the hats and aprons around to anyone who volunteers to cook for the day. And what deserts!!! Everyone has a specialty, it seems, and we are thankful they do. Keep the goodies coming. We will again be serving Mary K's spaghetti dinner on the fifth Friday of the month, the 30th. Come out and have a treat. If you want to share in any of these events, just give us a call at the Post at 301.441.2783.

Another program we have gotten behind and are very excited about is "Holy Joe's Coffee Cafe" in Iraq. I will have more information on this Chaplain's support program for our fighting men and women in the next column. Don't miss it. You will really enjoy this one. God Bless our Troops and May God continue to bless America.

## Women's Community Club of Beltsville

By May Whitehead, President

The Women's Community Club of Beltsville (WCCB) will hold their next meeting on Monday, November 9, 12:30 p.m., at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville. Please join us. Our guest presenter, Chukwuemeka [Eme-

ka] Onyewu, M.D. will speak on H1N1, a subject very much on everyone's mind as the Flu season approaches. Refreshments will be served.

The WCCB is a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization. Our activities are open to all in the Community. Your participation is welcomed. Canned food donations are

accepted toward our food assistance projects.

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## Club News

### Young at Heart Club



By Barbara Schofield

Marge told us we have 11 new members so far this year. We welcome all of you and are always glad to see new faces, and hope you enjoy your new club. We have luncheon sign up sheets ready for the Thanksgiving Luncheon at Savage Mill. You don't want to miss it, so be sure to sign the sheet. Ellen Kidwell and Lois Hamilton have volunteered to collect/purchase and wrap door prizes for the Savage Mill Luncheon.

Becky Seamen from Academy Mortgage was here on September 17 to tell us about reverse mortgages and answer any questions

we had. She did a really nice job; thanks Becky. Our nomination committee did a spectacular job getting together a slate of candidates for 2010. On the committee were Roberta McConnell, Ella Lou Gribben and Jean Rodeffer. Our entertainer for October was Harmonica Jack, Jack Meiner. He played and sang songs for us. He said that he does this at a lot of senior groups so maybe you have heard him perform before.

I will leave you with this: Give us a sense of humor Lord, give us the grace to see a joke, to get some humor out of life, and pass it on to other folk.

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## School News

### St. Joseph's Catholic School Inspires Athleticism

Spirit Week 2009 was kicked off with an awe-inspiring pep rally for the St. Joseph's youth soccer teams. Each team charged through paper banners illustrated with our school mascot, the ferocious tiger, and ran into an arena slapping hands with cheering schoolmates. Our mostly undefeated soccer teams put on a fantastic skills exhibition and faced off in a penalty kick competition.

Other Spirit Week events included a celebration of the Feast of the Archangels – Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. Students learned about the role of the Archangels portrayed in the Bible and in sacred tradition. On Wednesday, students came to school in pajamas and ate breakfast for lunch.

Spirit Week concluded with

Presidential Fitness Day – an entire day devoted to achieving fitness goals and setting personal bests. Our students performed magnificently and truly pushed themselves to their limits. We are proud to announce that we have several winners of the prestigious and coveted Presidential Fitness Award. Events included the mile-run, sit ups, pull ups, v-sit reach, and the shuttle run. The day was capped off with an epic soccer match between the eighth grade students and the faculty. The game lasted forty minutes and the teachers won an extremely hard fought victory over the students. We look forward to future competitions between the teachers and the students!

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## School News

### Calverton Young Authors Grows to Two Nights a Week

This year the Calverton Young Authors are meeting two nights a week. Close to twenty students stay after school on Wednesdays and another twenty stay after school on Thursdays. Each time they meet, the students have a chance to write in their journals, have a poetry lesson to spark their imaginations, are introduced to published poets, and have a chance to put pen to paper and pour out their hearts and souls. Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Upchurch and Mrs. Cavallo sponsor the club.

This month we would like to recognize Calverton poet, Godsee

Joy, for a poem she wrote before Young Authors met for the first time this fall.

### Books

By the Author Godsee Joy

They capture you, and take you away to a magical world far, far away.

They seem to control all your feelings.

Books can make you sad on one page, happy on another, mad, glad, frustrated, and then sad again.

The words jump out of the pages, they dance all around you. Why, they want to play with you.

The words will find a way into your head and create a movie, except, nothing is acted out, it seems so real and so fun.

Books love anyone who opens them, but beware, for whoever enters another world might be stuck there until the adventure is over.

### Eleanor Roosevelt Fall Concert plus Fruit Sale Announcement

The Fall Concert at Eleanor Roosevelt High School is scheduled for Friday, November 13th at 7:30 p.m. The Concert will feature the Chamber Orchestra, directed by Dr. David Yarbrough, and the Wind Ensemble and Concert Band I directed by Mrs. Sally Wagner. Students in the band and orchestra program are from all over northern Prince George's County. Concerts at Eleanor Roosevelt High School are free and open to the public. The school is located at 7601 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

The annual Florida Citrus Fruit Sale is in full swing. The proceeds of the fruit sale are used to supplement the dwindling funds for music education from the Prince George's County school board. The money is used to purchase items for the band and orchestra program and to repair school instruments. To order fruit, contact a member of one of the Eleanor Roosevelt bands or orchestras, or call the fruit line at 301.345.5393.

### Men Make a Difference Day at Calverton Elementary School

Calverton held its Men Make a Difference Day on the morning of Oct. 12. Mrs. Tschudy welcomed the dads. Mr. Gomes (PTA Vice president) was a presenter and talked about how men can make a difference in a child's life. The event, known as Men Make a Difference Day, is part of an effort for fathers to become more engaged in schools and to provide more male role for students.

Two lower grade students and two upper grade students read

their essays entitled, "The Men Who Made a Difference in my Life." One student read about his neighbor who takes care of him when his mom is working. The writers chosen to read their papers gave great examples of how men can make a difference. Eighty-three guests attended the event, which was organized by Mrs. Santizo, our Parent Liaison. She sent information via e-mail and flyers, and motivated students to invite their dads, grandpas, uncles, etc.

to come to this special event created for them.

Parents had breakfast with their children and then they took their students to their classrooms. Some parents stayed to observe the classes and everyone gave to Mrs. Santizo good feedback.

In Mrs. Freeman's class, Edward, Justus, Angellina, Araba, Izaiyah, Kelvin, Sasha and Clyde were all excited to have their fathers visit school.

## MLK School News

By Michelle Mariani Williams

The MLK PTA is sponsoring a Joe Corbi Pizza Sale. These pizzas are easy to prepare and support a great cause. All orders were due on Thursday, October 29th and deliveries are scheduled for Wednesday, November 18th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Parents must pick up their orders on the date of delivery or the order will be donated to a food bank. Students will receive \$10 for every ten items sold.

MLK's Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program, and the Foreign Language Department, has been awarded a matching grant from the MD State Arts Council in Baltimore. MLK was able

to contribute, with help from the PTO. This grant allows the InterAct Story Theatre in Silver Spring to provide orientation, planning and evaluation guidelines for the teachers, a Multicultural Assembly for the entire student body, dance/drama workshops for five AVID Spanish classes, and dance/drama classes for selected ESOL classes.

Volunteers are needed for the annual Book Fair from November 13th -20th. Volunteers are needed to help sell and assist students each day of the Fair from 8:45a.m.-4:00 p.m. There will be a parent visitation day on Wednesday, November 18th in honor of American Education Week. On this day, the Book Fair

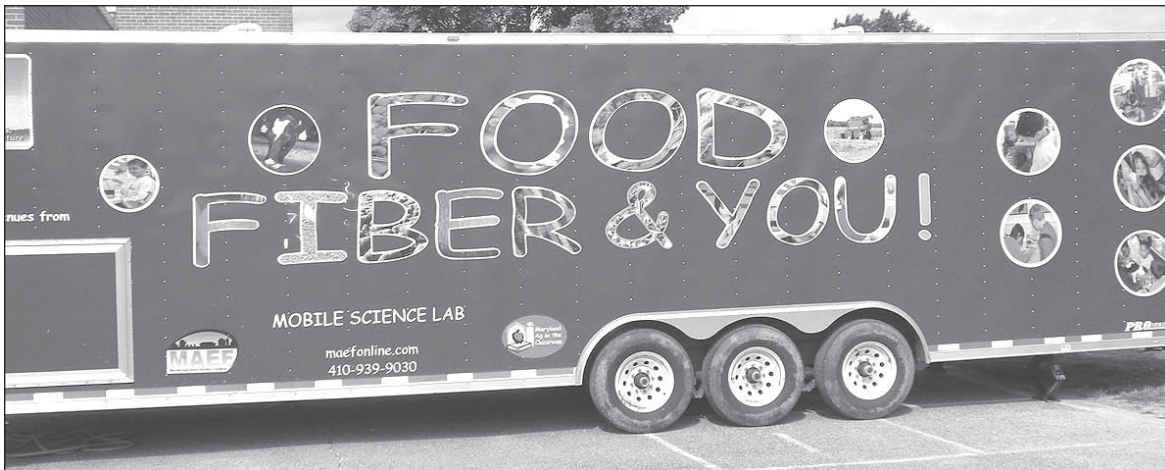
will be open until 8pm. Volunteers are encouraged to commit two hours at the Fair. Please call Mrs. Gadsden at 301.572-.0650, or email the PTO Book Fair Chairperson, Monique Roar with dates and times you can volunteer.

The following 8th grade students will be representing MLK Middle School in the PGCPHS Honors Chorus: Brian White, Teresa Johnson, Paulan Smith, Nadine Roberts, Joanna Dubon, Rachel Dwivedi and Anisha Sukumaran. These students will be performing at the Kennedy Center on the Sunday following Thanksgiving. Congratulations on this accomplishment!



## School News

# Food, Fiber & You at Beltsville Academy



By Jim Butcher

Beltsville Academy students arrived for school on September 29 to find a maroon-colored trailer on the tarmac, just beyond an entrance to the school gymnasium. The trailer's exterior features the words: "Food, Fiber, & You." Other images have students using test tubes, pouring solutions, receiving classroom science instruction and more.

One graphic identifies the trailer by its true name: "Mobile Science Lab" and its organizational parentage, the Maryland Agricultural Educational Foundation (MAEF). Another urges auto owners to purchase Maryland Ag Tags, those beautiful farm-evocative license tags that seem to appear everywhere. A portion of every tag purchase goes to support MAEF educational programs.

Students suspect that something special is up. And they are right. Over the coming nine school days, every class from kindergarten through fifth-grade, some more than once, will visit the Mobile Science Lab. MAEF uses mobile science labs (there are three) throughout the state to promote educational programs in math, language arts, and the sciences. Emphasis on agriculture (meaning: food, fiber and you) is a fortunate one, for modern agriculture demands skills in language arts, math, and the basic sciences, including rocket science. Rocket science? Indeed, the global positioning system (GPS) is as essential to modern precision agricul-

ture as it is to modern navigation.

Inside the Mobile Science Lab, students find a cleverly designed science classroom on wheels. Kid-sized workbenches line either side. Every nook, shelf, and wall teems with eye-catching teaching supplies, images, or materials. They meet MAEF teacher Wayne Buckingham—a master of classroom motivation polished over a 30-year teaching career in Frederick County public schools. Making learning sessions even better, adult assistants help; most of them retired scientists and managers from the nearby Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

Buckingham leads students through several science "activities" that Beltsville Academy has pre-selected from an impressive menu of choices. A "seeds" activity teaches students to identify corn, soybean, sunflower and other seeds that contribute to many foods. Corn products, he explains, appear in cornbread, cooking oil, margarine, taco shells, and as sweeteners in soft drinks.

Other students learn to spin, draft, ply, and then dye raw wool while creating a take-home bookmark. In another activity, Buckingham puts on a great show telling how cows' milk can yield the curds and whey of Little Miss Muffet nursery rhyme fame. Artfully building emotional tension, Buckingham entices students into a rousing recitation of the beloved children's nursery rhyme. Then, he leads them through a scientific procedure to produce actual curds and whey. Thus, he returns another

appreciative classroom teacher to the schoolroom in the company of a class full of smiling youngsters.

What are teachers and school administrators saying? Beltsville Academy Principal Ingrid Reynolds-Lawson offered this: "The Mobile Science Lab was a fascinating, hands-on opportunity for our children, and I am so pleased that FAR-B [Friends of Agricultural Research—Beltsville] continues to support Beltsville Academy." Third-grade teacher Jill Gravitz said, "This was one of the best in-school field trips we have ever had! My students learned so much about the science of germs and the scientific method."

The Mobile Science Labs have drawn attention from Pennsylvania and other states that are interested in creating similar programs. For more about MAEF and its educational programs, go to <http://www.maefonline.com/index.php>. This two-week program was organized and sponsored by the Friends of Agricultural Research—Beltsville, <http://www.far-b.org/index.html>. Funding came from generous gifts from the national headquarters of Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society, and from its local affiliate chapter; from Beltsville Academy; and from the Friends of Agricultural Research—Beltsville.

## National Day of Writing Celebrated at Calverton Elementary School

Calverton celebrated the first *National Day of Writing* on October 20, 2009. The *National Day of Writing* was supported by the National Council of Teachers of English and other organizations.

This day was set aside to celebrate the fundamental place of writing in American's personal, professional, and civic lives. The goal was to emphasize the importance of writing instruction and practice at every grade level, for every student

in every subject area from preschool through university. Students' writing is displayed on bulletin boards, classrooms and halls.

At Calverton a number of writing activities were planned. The students began the day by reciting the Writer's Oath, which begins, "I promise to write each day and each night," and ends, "So I take this oath to keep writing my way and feeding my brain with ideas each day."

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## AREA EVENTS

### MONTPELIER MANSION

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### COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM

1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Dr., College Park. Call 301.864.6029 for information on special events and the Hollywood Flyers film series. TTY: 301.864.4765. Museum admission is \$4.00 for adults, \$3.00 for seniors, and \$2.00 for children. Children under 2 admitted free. Tours for groups of 10 or more are available by appointment.

### HOLIDAY WEIGHT LOSS PROGRAM

BERWYN BAPTIST CHURCH hosting FIRST PLACE 4 HEALTH. Starting a 6 week program, "Light and Healthy Holidays," beginning Tuesday, November 3. Meetings on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Berwyn Baptist Church, 4720 Cherokee Street, College Park. Info: Sandy 240.601.1640.

### FITnFUN AEROBICS

M-W-F 9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Greenbelt Community Center Drop In \$4.00 Resident \$5.00 Non Resident For more information call City of Greenbelt 301.397.2208.

NOVEMBER 2009

# Calendar of Events

## BELTSVILLE EVENTS

### VANSVILLE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

Monday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m. at Franklin Brown Building, Vansville Recreation Park, 11733 Old Baltimore Pike, Vansville.

### BELTSVILLE RECREATION COUNCIL

Monday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Beltsville Community Center.

### BELTSVILLE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Beltsville Elementary School, 4300 Wicomico Ave.

### WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CLUB OF BELTSVILLE

Monday, November 9, 12:30 p.m. at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane.

### YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. at the Beltsville Community Center.

### NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)

NAL is open Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for federal holidays. 10301 Baltimore Ave. Parking is free in the visitor's lot accessed via the Rhode Island Ave. driveway entrance. See [www.nal.usda.gov](http://www.nal.usda.gov) or call 301.504.5876 for information on basic services and special events. The library is free and open to the public.

### BELTSVILLE LIBRARY

Contact the Beltsville Branch by phone at 301.937.0294. Visit us at 4319 Sellman Road, Beltsville, next door to the police station. Hours are Monday and Tuesday, 1:00-9:00 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Visit our library system web site at [www.pgcmis.info](http://www.pgcmis.info).

### PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

#### 3-5 Year Old Storytime

Wednesdays, November 4, 18 and 25 at 10:30 a.m. Songs, fingerplays and stories (closed November 11).

#### Goosey Loosey

Wednesday, November 4 and 18 at 11:30 a.m. Songs, fingerplays and Mother Goose Rhymes. For newborns to 18 months with caregiver.

#### Once Upon a Time

Fairy tales with a twist! Monday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m. Ages 5-9.

#### Thanksgiving Storytime

Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, November 19 at 10:30 a.m.

#### Winter Holiday Storytime

Monday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, December 3 at 10:30 a.m.

## Write Now!

If you love to write and want to have fun doing it, this is the program for you! Mondays, November 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. Ages 8 -12.

## PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

### Beltsville Teen Advisory Board

Saturday, November 14 at 2:00 p.m. Make a difference @ your library. Ages 13-18

## PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

### Daytime Book Discussion

Tuesday, November 17 at 2:00 p.m. The group will be discussing "Presidential Diversions" by Paul Boller. Come by the library to get a copy.

### Evening Book Discussion

Wednesday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m. The group will be discussing "The Uncommon Reader" by Alan Bennett. Come to the library to get a copy.

### Friends of the Beltsville Library

Meeting Tuesday, November 3 at 6:30 p.m.

## PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

### Chess Club

Tuesday, November 10 and 24 at 5:30 p.m. Chess for all ages and levels. Everyone welcome. Come to learn or just to play with other players. Fun!

### BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

3900 Sellman Rd., Beltsville. Call 301.937.6613 for information. TTY: 301.445.4512. Hours of operation are: Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Classes

Contact the Center for information regarding classes, times, and fees.

### VANSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

6813 Ammendale Rd., Vansville. The Vansville Community Center offers programs in Fitness & Health and for people with disabilities. Call 301.937.6621 for more information on these and other programs. FAX: 301.937.6623. TTY: 301.445.4512. Hours of operation are: Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:15 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. when the fitness area closes to make room for the Xtreme Teens events, and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

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# Baker Bill

## STUFF 'N THINGS

It's turkey time again. Where does the time go? Speaking about time or writing about it, hey young people slow down. The cell phone use and tailgating is getting epidemic out there. Remember, if you can read the license plate of the car ahead of you, you're too close. There should be 20 feet between you and the car in front for each 10 mph you are going. And just

because there is an open space in front is no reason to go 60 mph in a 40 mph zone. And don't get bent out of shape when I, and drivers like me, do not. The police have cut back so much it is unusual to see one on the road. That's why they are going to speed cameras; believe me they work.

My class is about half finished and so far the products have

turned out well. It's a lot of fun too. Because it is going so well I am thinking of doing another class in January of 2010. Let me know if you are interested by sending an e-mail to Bakerbill1@verizon.net, or just call me at 301.572.4180 any day after 2:00 p.m.

I attended my church council meeting at Emmanuel Methodist. This church is moving when oth-

ers are losing members. We are growing with a lot of programs. Great Sunday school, and the early music service at 9:00 a.m. is attracting more young people. Come and see.

I came across a nice consumer trick that may save you money. I was tossing CDs away one day and my daughter saw me and she said, "Stop! What in heavens name are you doing?" I told her they skip. With that she said, "Soak a tissue in Windex and clean the disk." Point is that it worked! Audio and video discs skip because of fingerprints on them, even if you can't see them.

I had a nice compliment a while back. A lady said she likes my recipes because none are high in salt. I smiled because my wife thinks I am saltaholic.

This month I am writing a recipe for Gingerbread. This recipe could well be over 200 years old from the old country. My family made it all my life. It sold for a nickel for a 5-inch square in the forties.



fill balance of cup with hot water and set aside.

In your bowl measure 2/3-cup sugar, 1 and 3/4 cup flour, 1 heaping Tbsp. shortening, pinch of salt, 2 heaping Tbsp. Fresh ginger. Stir all together and slowly add liquid a bit at a time mix until smooth. Pour into 8" baking dish and bake @ 375 degrees about 20 minutes or until firm; no wet spots. The secret to gingerbread is the ginger. With fingertip taste the batter, see if there's a good ginger taste; if not, add more. Another good tip, for crunchier add pecans or walnuts or 1/2 cup rice krispies.

Well that's all for now.

Happy Thanksgiving

—Bill Raulin AKA Bakerbill

### Gingerbread

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### BELTSVILLE "Calverton" \$325,000

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### BELTSVILLE

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### BELTSVILLE

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### BELTSVILLE

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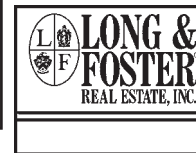
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| Kidz Choir & Mission Kidz  | 6:00pm  |
| Youth Fellowship           | 6:00pm  |
| Adult Choir Practice       | 7:00pm  |

### Wednesdays:

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| *Adult Bible Study & Prayer         | 7:00pm |
| Team Kids (4 yr. old - 6th grade)   | 7:00pm |
| Youth Fellowship (7th - 12th grade) | 7:00pm |

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- ♦ Choir & organist
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### COME AND STUDY!

- ♦ Sunday School for all ages, including adult Bible studies (10:10 AM)
- ♦ English classes during the week



### ODE

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A few weeks after my dad brought Tabby home for the first time – I was 9, Corey was 5 – I still wasn't sure what to do with a cat. I pet her once in a while, but I was terrified to hold her. Tabby was curled up on the living room floor one afternoon, so I joined her; I lay down next to her, my face next to hers. She perked up for a moment, saw me there, then lay back down and closed her eyes. I closed mine too, and we napped there on the carpet. Almost two decades later, as Tabby lay on the vet's shiny, steel table, relaxed after a shot of sedative, I crouched down and got face to face with her once more. I rubbed her ear and kept eye contact with her. I wanted to reassure her. I wanted to be the last thing she saw.

Tabby was an institution of my abnormally great childhood. She was a link from wiffle ball and Saturday morning cartoons to the angst of teenage-hood to the repetition of the working world. It stings to think about her in the ground, but there's some comfort in knowing the pain of her latter days are over.

Tabby was a perfect cat. She was my cat.

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Virginia's grandparents had a farm in Piney Point, MD and her parents had a summer home in Piney Point, where she spent most of her time. She believes that eating fresh vegetables, being active, walking several miles each day, shopping (for the perfect hand-bag and matching shoes), lunching with girlfriends, bowling and dancing every chance she could have contributed to a life well lived. So, here's to you Virginia. Let's see another 100!

"Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty well-preserved body, but rather sliding in broad-sided, thoroughly used up and totally worn out and proclaiming, "Wow, what a ride!"

This truly is a blessing for our Aunt Virginia to have reached this 100-year milestone. Now this is LIVING. Congratulations Aunt Virginia, with much love and gratitude from your loving family.

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night for this year's graduates. This activity is one of the special ones of the year that I love to support. Our graduating youth have tremendous futures ahead of them and we do not want it.

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