**Cub Pack 1031 Arrow of Light Scout Campfire and Camping!!**

**By Regina Halper**

Cub Pack 1031 held its Arrow of Light Crossover campfire on April 24th. Scouts Regina D., bridged to Troop 214G, Wolfgang S. to Troop 214B and Deon L. and Ian K. bridged to Troop 1033. Congratulations scouts!

The pack camped for the first time in three years on the first weekend of May at Watkins Regional Park and it was great weather and a fun time. We hiked 5 miles! It was the first-time scout camping for most of the scouts.

We will now be moving into

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Ian K and Regina D receiving their Arrow of Light from the Cubmaster

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**UpStage Artists Announces Auditions for The 39 Steps**

UpStage Artists is excited to announce auditions for its next production, The 39 Steps. June 30 and July 1 at 7 pm. They are looking for 4 performers (1 man, 1 woman, 2 either) and 2 stagehands (either, will get full billing).

If you are interested in being a stagehand, email the director, Rick Bergmann at rick.bergmann@upstageartists.com. You don’t need to audition. Rehearsals begin on July 24 and are scheduled for Monday, Thursday, and Friday evenings at 7 pm. Performance dates are September 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 2023. All rehearsals and performances take place at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705.

If you are interested fill out the audition form at www.upstageartists.com/auditions.

The 39 Steps is adapted by Patrick Barlow based upon the novel by John Buchan and the film by Alfred Hitchcock. If you mix a Hitchcock masterpiece with a juicy spy novel, add a dash of Monty Python and you have The 39 Steps, a fast-paced whodunit for anyone who loves the magic of theatre! This two-time Tony and Drama Desk Award-winning treat is packed with nonstop laughs, over 150 zany characters (played by a ridiculously talented cast of four), an onstage plane crash, handcuffs, missing fingers, and some good old-fashioned romance! In The 39 Steps, a man with a boring life meets a woman with a thick accent who says she’s a spy. When he takes her home, she is murdered. Soon, a mysterious organization called “The 39 Steps” is hot on the man’s trail in a nationwide manhunt that climaxes in a death-defying finale! A riotous blend of virtuoso performances and wildly inventive stagecraft. The 39 Steps amounts to an unforgettable evening of pure pleasure!

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**Check out the Auditions for UpStage Artists The 39 Steps**

Auditions for UpStage Artists The 39 Steps are June 30 and July 1 at Emmanuel United Methodist Church.
St. Josephs Teacher Wins the Golden Apple

Congratulations goes to Mrs. Kathy Pappas who has been honored with the Archdiocese of Washington’s most prestigious award for teachers – the Golden Apple Award for teaching excellence. Mrs. Pappas is one of a few teachers who was honored by Archbishop Wuerl at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington DC on May 13, 2010. The School Advisory Board for St. Joseph’s Catholic School nominated Mrs. Pappas in recognition of her outstanding service, dedication to the school, her work towards professional development and attaining certification with the State of Maryland and catechetical certification with the Archdiocese of Washington.

Erin Mellott Receives Degree from Towson University

On Friday, May 21, 2010, Erin Kathleen Mellott of Beltsville graduated from Towson University with a major in Chemistry and minors in Molecular Biology, Biochemistry and Bioinformatics (MB3), and Music Performance. She was also a member of the Order of Omega Honor Society and The National Society of Collegiate Scholars. During her time at Towson, Erin became a legacy member of Alpha Gamma Delta Fraternity and served Zeta Delta Chapter as an officer. She also served as an officer of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, an evangelical campus mission serving students and faculty on college and university campuses nationwide. She plans to continue as a leader for Greek InterVarsity.

Governor Wes Moore Invites Chefs to Submit Recipes for ‘Buy Local’ Cookout

Finalists will Prepare Dishes to Celebrate Buy Local Challenge Week

ANNAPOLIS, MD (May 16, 2023) – Governor Wes Moore is inviting chefs to feature local Maryland ingredients in original recipe submissions for the annual Governor’s Buy Local Cookout, to be held at the Maryland Department of Agriculture’s headquarters in Annapolis on July 20. The cookout promotes the statewide Buy Local Challenge Week, during which all Marylanders are encouraged to eat at least one local product each day of the week.

“Maryland’s farmers, watermen, and chefs produce an incredible bounty that is second to none,” said Governor Moore. “I invite chefs from across the state to submit their most creative recipes using fresh, local ingredients as I invite all Marylanders to help strengthen the state’s economy and buy local.”

Recipes must be submitted by June 2 and must include 50% of Maryland-sourced products with a focus on partnering with at least one Maryland farmer, waterman, or other producer. Chefs are encouraged to submit recipes that showcase ways the average Maryland family can prepare delicious, nutritious meals with locally produced food at home.

“Buying local is just one way Marylanders can stay involved in agriculture and their community,” said Maryland Department of Agriculture Secretary Kevin Atticks. “Making Maryland farms profitable creates a stronger economy. This week recognizes and celebrates the hard work of our food producers!”

Recipes will be chosen in each of the following categories: appetizer, main dish, side dish or salad, dessert. Original recipes will be selected based on simplicity, creativity, availability of ingredients, geographic representation, and maximum use of local ingredients.

Culinary high school and college teams are encouraged to submit recipes. Student teams submitting poultry recipes may be eligible to receive a donation of poultry from a member of the Maryland Department of Agriculture’s Poultry Energy Program. Eligible to receive a donation of poultry are teams with at least one Maryland farmer, waterman, or other producer.

Recipes should be submitted via mail to Governor’s Buy Local Challenge, 180 West St., Annapolis, MD 21401, or by email to buylocal@maryland.gov. Recipes must include a brief description of the dish, including the ingredients and a list of any Maryland-sourced products used. All recipients of recipes will be notified by June 7.
Detecting Cancer in Cats and Dogs

Cancer is the number one disease-related cause of death in cats and dogs, affecting one in five cats and one in four dogs in the US. Early detection significantly increases the effectiveness of treatment. Here are 10 things to look for in your pet that may be early signs of cancer:

- **Swollen lymph nodes:** Lymph nodes are located throughout the body. Swelling is most easily detected in the lymph nodes behind the jaw and the knee.
- **Enlarging or changing lumps:** A lump that is growing rapidly or changing in texture or shape, should be examined by a vet.
- **Swollen abdomen:** If your pet’s stomach or belly grows very quickly, it may be a sign of a tumor or of internal bleeding.
- **Weight loss:** If your pet is not on a diet but you observe that it is losing weight, you should have it checked out. While not necessarily a sign of cancer, it often indicates that something is wrong.
- **Vomiting or diarrhea:** If your pet is vomiting or having diarrhea for an extended period of time, it’s time to see the vet as this can be caused by tumors of the gastrointestinal track.
- **Bad Breath:** A animal that has an oral tumor often has horrible bad breath. It may also change the kind of food that it eats (wet food vs. dry) and/or change the way that it chews its food. Or, your pet may start chewing its food in a different manner. A foul odor often accompanies an oral tumor.
- **Unexplained bleeding:** Bleeding disorders do occur in some pets, but they are generally discovered when the animal is young. Unexplained bleeding in older pets may indicate a different problem.
- **Cough:** If an older pet develops a dry, non-productive cough, take it to the vet. This type of cough might indicate lung cancer or heart disease.
- **Lameness:** A common sign of bone cancer in large dogs is unexplained lameness. Bone cancer can be detected by doing x-rays.
- **Straining to urinate:** In most cases, dogs and cats that strain to urinate/have blood in their urine have a common urinary tract infection that can be treated with antibiotics. If the symptoms persist after the antibiotics, cancer of the bladder may be the underlying cause.

The Veterinary Cancer Society recommends that pet owners check their pets frequently for these 10 early signs of cancer. If you find any of these early warning signs, make an appointment with your veterinarian as soon as possible. Your prompt action may save your pet’s life.

This information is a summary of information provided by Petco Love and Blue Buffalo.
As part of their commitment to community outreach, they will be collecting monetary contributions for Hope Works of Howard County, whose mission is to support and advocate for people in Howard County affected by sexual and intimate partner violence and engage the community in creating the change required for violence prevention. Come out and see a wonderful production and contribute to a worthwhile cause.

Women’s Club of Beltsville

A few of our members spent Earth Day on our Adopt-A-Road project. We were picking up trash along Montgomery Road between Sellman and Route 1.

Join us for our Potluck meeting in June before we take a Summer Break. We meet at the Beltsville Boys and Girls Club 11705 Roby Avenue behind the 7-11 on Powder Mill Road. Thursday, June 8th at 8:00 p.m. if you would like more information, please send us an email: Women’sClubbeltsville@gmail.com.

VBS at First Baptist Church of Beltsville

Join our team as we discover God’s plans for us at Vacsion Bible School at First Baptist Church of Beltsville, June 26-30. VBS will take place Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. All VBS events are FREE. Children 4 years-6th grade are welcome. Pre-register online at http://www.fbcbeltsville.org/vbs.cfm or they can call the church office at 301-937-7771 if you need more information.

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THE BLUSHING PEARL

Like a blushing pearl God’s Son
Enlightens and delights,
Lifting up my gaze to Heav’n
To comprehend what’s wise.

Over the chaotic seas
His brilliance humbles sight,
’Ere majestic glory and
With mercy to guide life.

Love unmeasurable extends
New meaning to my soul,
Casting treasures t’ward my
shores
In waves of shining gold.

Ev’ry day His word in wonder
Washes me with grace,
Opening my heart to see
Again with eyes of faith.

Beauty moves me and His earth
Before Him to bow down,
Till His awesome splendor makes
All things true Holy Ground.

Beckie Hutchings
4/21/2023

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Statepoint Crossword: Outdoor Fun

ACROSS
1. Bryan of “Summer Of ’69” fame
6. Lake in Provence
9. ____ ____ good example
13. Hypotenuse/opposite side
14. Fuss, to Shakespeare
15. Pine
16. Filthy dough
17. Marxism or Taoism, e.g.
18. Skylit lobbies
19. *Outdoor repast
21. *Two-wheeling
23. Agreement word
24. *Climbing turf
25. “I wish I ____, I wish I might...”
28. Cracked by yegg
30. Cowardly color
35. Slightly (2 words)
37. Matterhorn location
39. Charles III’s ex
40. She played Carla on “Cheers”
41. Nev.’s neighbor
43. Rotisserie skewer
44. Indianapolis team
46. Underwater “nose”
47. Color of a bruise
48. Trying experience
50. “The Breakfast ____”
53. Ranee’s husband
55. ____ de plume
57. *Gather berries, e.g.
60. *Water slaloming
63. Soft single in baseball
64. *Sun “kiss”
66. Beau’s and Jeff’s acting dad
67. Morning condensation
69. How many “if by sea?”
70. Have effect
71. Gibbons, e.g.
72. Coniferous tree
73. Rejuvenate or renovate

DOWN
1. Knee-related acronym
2. Make pretty (2 words)
3. Mushroom spore sacs
4. Shawn Mendes’ 2016 hit
5. Parts of a play
6. Secular
7. Commercial break clips
8. Fast food option
10. Get bacon?
11. H.S. math class
12. All Nippon Airways, acr.
15. Rattled on
16. Filthy dough
17. Marxism or Taoism, e.g.
22. Like icee
24. Not an original
25. *Call to Polo
26. Opposite of adore
27. Triangular road sign
29. *Capture it!
31. Speech defect
32. Drink like a cat (2 words)
33. Chilled (2 words)
34. *Balloon filler
35. Parts of a play
36. U.K. art gallery
38. Place for a house plant
42. Get an F
44. Indianapolis team
45. Jet follower
46. Underwater “nose”
47. Color of a bruise
48. Trying experience
49. Jet follower
50. “The Breakfast ____”
51. Water-heating apparatus
52. *Water slaloming
53. Ranee’s husband
55. ____ de plume
57. *Gather berries, e.g.
60. *Water slaloming
63. Soft single in baseball
64. *Sun “kiss”
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Car Safety Tip
Car thieves are watching. Car theft, and air bags theft continue to be a problem in the surrounding area. Lock your car and remove valuable items when you get out of your car. When you are at a gas station, pay attention to your surroundings and lock your car. Think about buying a club and putting it on your steering wheel when you are not in the car. At night, park in a lighted area at home and in parking lots. When you’re driving leave space between you and the car in front of you, give yourself room to get away if you need to.

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From the Office of Council Member Tom Dernoga

UM Laurel Medical Center Opening in June
Located at the intersection of Van Dusen and Comtee Roads in Laurel (7150 Comtee Road), the new state-of-the-art medical facility will open on June 4, 2023. It is the first part of a full-service medical community providing outpatient surgery and primary, specialty, and emergency care in one convenient location. For more information, visit umms.org/laurel

District 1 Community Conversation: Representative Glenn Ivey
Beltsville residents are invited to join the District 1 Virtual Community Conversation on Thursday, June 29, at 7 PM. Our guest will be Representative Glenn Ivey from Congressional District 4; he will provide an update from his office and Capitol Hill. RSVP online at bit.ly/dlcc629

Beltsville Residents: Community Stakeholder Workshop
On Saturday, June 3, 2023, join the Prince George’s County Planning Department for an Open House and Community Workshop on the US Route 1 Land Redevelopment Study to explore possible strategies for a more walkable, connected, and thriving corridor in Beltsville. The Open House will be from 9:00 AM to 9:45 AM, with the project team available for conversation and questions. From 9:45 AM to 1:00 PM, participate in the interactive workshop to learn about findings from previous community engagement sessions, hear examples of successful case studies from across the country, and provide feedback to guide recommendations for future development along the Route 1 Corridor study area. The event will be held at the Beltsville Community Center at 9800 Selmans Road in Beltsville. To register, visit: bit.ly/R1LandStudyyJune3 For details on the Route 1 Land Redevelopment Study, visit: bit.ly/3UthKmK

Join us June 22nd for community meeting on the 2023 legislative session and your concerns
Join us June 22nd at the Beltsville Community Center to learn what the recent legislative session means for Beltsville — and to tell us your concerns. The 21st District Delegation, in partnership with the Beltsville Civic Association, VanSyl Civic Association, Franklin Farms HO and the North Creek Homeowners Association, will be hosting a post-session meeting to discuss what was accomplished in this year’s legislative session. This meeting will be taking place on June 22nd at 7 PM and taking place at the Beltsville Community Center at 3900 Selmans Rd, Beltsville, MD 20705. This will be a wonderful opportunity to speak to and engage with your legislators in Annapolis on issues important to the Beltsville community.

COVID Call Center Services
As of April 24, 2023, MDGO-VAX Call Center Services are transitioning to 2-1-1 Maryland.

WSSC Approves Bill Amnesty Program
Starting June 1st, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) will launch a month-long program for those who have delinquent balances as of May 1, 2023. The program will provide bill credits, waive late payment charges, and turn-on fees for eligible customers. Residential water service turn-offs will also be temporarily suspended. As of late March, almost $77,000 accounts are past due, totaling almost $37 million, most of which are residential customers. For more information about WSSC Water’s “Get Current” program, go to www.wsscwater.com/getcurrent.

Where’s My Straw?
Like many of us, you probably have a drawer full of straws, plastic ware, and napkins. Starting June 1, check your takeout bags for straws, utensils, stirrers, cup sleeves, and condiments. This new legislation applies to full-service restaurants, coffee shops, supermarkets, vending trucks, food trucks, and cafeterias. Single-use food ware accessories and condiments will only be provided upon request.

Rosapepe’s Report to Beltsville

Senator Jim Rosapepe
Marylanders can still receive information and referrals regarding COVID-19 resources by calling 2-1-1 or texting your zip code to 898 211.

Legal Assistance Available for Veterans
The Homeless Persons Representation Project (HPRP) offers legal assistance for homeless or low-income veterans with service-connected ability benefits, non-service-connected pensions, and discharge upgrades. Learn more about HPRP’s programs and services by calling 410-685-6589.

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James Owsley Butcher (1932-2023)

When Jim Butcher passed away in the early hours of May 5, he left a gaping hole in the lives of his wife, Barbara; his two sons, Matthew and Christopher; and his two granddaughters, Alex Mlynarski and Hannah Berk. Gapping because above all else, he was all in for his family and for the last six decades of his 90-year existence had devoted most of his time and energy toward helping them have a full, happy life. But he also was a boon for the Beltsville community. This, after more than 30 years of working for the US Department of Agriculture and then as a Consultant-International for the University of Maryland.

“I remember sitting on Pa's lap playing Minesweeper,” says Hannah about her first memory of her Grandpa. She was his “Hannah-bo” or just “Boo;” he often sang “Ain’t nothin but a hound dog,” and “When the moon hits your eye” to—even though he was not at all musical. To Alex, Pa was just a truck driver, and when Pa played her day and her dreams, “bright and optimistic but in a practical way,” she recalls. She credits him with helping her approach life logically, particularly when it comes to financial decisions. What she will miss most is how he would often reach out, grab her hand, give it a squeeze, and say, “Good girl, good girl.”

How much did he love them? Jim still has a stuffed one-eye cow that Hanna made when she was learning to sew with Grandma, as well as a rock painted green with “Pa” in a little kid’s scrawl. Alex loved that Pa got her a piano and taught her, and she and Hannah both hated their piano lessons, persecured because Pa would take them to the lessons and on the way home stop at Costco for soft-serve ice cream and break in the car playing bluegrass on the radio then, Hannah says she developed a lifelong love of old country music. “He was definitely family first,” says Chris’s wife, Ginger. While working in Rome in 1974 he telegraphed (and kept) a “happy birthday” message to his young son Chris.

Jim considered himself an introvert, but he loved one-on-one conversations and finding out about the origins and stories of everyone he encountered from the busboys at his favorite Mexican restaurant to the Georgetown University hospital surgeons. And he loved to tell stories. “His stories and slow-paced energy played a large role in why I ended up in a small town,” says Hannah, who now lives in Starkville, Mississippi with her husband Mathew. “It was hard moving, but it makes me feel closer to him when I’m there.”

He also described himself as “a stoic, gadfly, and curmudgeon” as he liked to take a firm, if not contrary, view. He liked to joke that he was a charter member of the Yellow Dandelion Party. That could be tough on his family. Matt had to ponder Jim’s favorite query, “Is this a good engineering decision?” all the way to Florida on a last-minute college spring break trip. Even to go down the block to see friends for a few minutes, Chris would be first grilled extensively about the state of his homework—he was not a very motivated student. And during frequent sessions with dad and his flash cards, “I felt like my fingernails were being pulled out,” Chris recalls. Years later, granddaughter Alex felt the same way when Jim was helping her with math. But whenever she was preparing for a science fair, she’d do a trial run of her presentation for Jim “half dreading and half looking forward to it,” as she knew he would quiz her until she had it down. “If you could survive the questioning with Pa, you could probably survive any judge.”

Having grown up poor in the aftermath of the Great Depression, Jim was frugal to a fault, hating to spend money so much that he had to have Barbara write out the checks needed to pay bills. When the family took a three-week cross-country RV trip, he refused to set up a budget, fearing that his family “would just spend it all.” So, Barb assigned him the task of keeping a daily journal and that kept him occupied. And now we all appreciate having those written memories.

On her refrigerator door, Barb had a cartoon that said, “I married you for life but not for lunch.” And when Jim retired, she threatened to make him take guitar lessons. Jim took that cartoon to heart. But in 1984, his techy son had gotten Jim interested in computers, and he began to write. He penned his memoir and became a business reporter and occasional restaurant critic for the Beltsville News. He covered all sorts of enterprises, from the local radiator repair shop to the now absorbed Digex, one of the world’s first Internet providers. He extolled the delights of his favorite Mexican restaurant, the Sierra Grill, welcomed Aldi’s as the new, CHEAP, restaurant, the Sierra Grill; interviewed the town’s biggest家企业, the Beltsville News. He covered all sorts of enterprises, from the local radiator repair shop to the now absorbed Digex, one of the world’s first Internet providers. He extolled the delights of his favorite Mexican restaurant, the Sierra Grill, welcomed Aldi’s as the new, CHEAP, restaurant, the Sierra Grill; interviewed the town’s biggest家企业, the Beltsville News.

Born August 13, 1932, in Springfield, Missouri, Jim never felt far from his roots in rural Hickory County. His career at the USDA, abruptly ended after he graduated from the University of Missouri, having attended thanks to the GI Bill after an Army stint in Korea as a chief preventive medicine technician. Whether helping to breed dairy cattle in the Virgin Islands or awarding agriculture research grants around the world, he strongly believed, as did Norman Borlaug, the father of the Green Revolution, that improving agriculture in agriculture would truly help people. The job brought him to Beltsville in the early 1960s and after square dancing one afternoon, he noticed horses going up off Yucca Street and bought one for $27,500. Soon he was transferred from the Beltsville campus to the USDA’s downtown headquarters but rather than moving to Beltsville, he commuted by bus, carpool and even on the new Red Line when not overseas. His stint at another USDA building led to calling himself the “K Street Cowboy.”

After leaving the USDA, he kept up USDA ties as director of the Friends of Agricultural Research-Beltsville, volunteering at the group’s science trailer when it visited the elementary school in his backyard and drafting congressional testimony. He was constantly honing his writing skills. His bookshelves were full of dictionaries, style guides and grammar books, and Ginger, when she started writing for the Beltsville News and later for her job at NASA, sought out his editing advice. “He would often say, ‘I don’t want to have cow blood all over the paper,’” and Ginger would reply “Bleed on it,” as each red mark helped her improve, she says.

Already an avid gardener and active in the Beltsville Garden club, he cultivated his passion for roses by establishing and maintaining a thriving rose garden at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church and tending finicky tea roses with granddaughter Alex. Together they also grew green beans and tomatoes, each summer waging war against ground hogs and squirls. “He was a big part of the start of my knowledge about garden- ing,” Alex recalls, and years later, even as she became an expert herself, she relied on him as a sounding board. He even kept a larger garden on the Kilbourne’s acreage.

He loved baseball and went to the last Senator’s game and 34 years later, the first Nationals home game. He also loved bread—which needed to be served at every meal—potatoes, ham and beef, fried chicken and steak, a cut he regarded his dinner companions with the story of how a king liked the loin so much he knighted it. He was in perfect health until 1985 and prided himself on daily exercise, often on the trail by the Beltsville Community Center. He even wore out an exercise bike that he used in the winter. Then what he thought was just prostate changes brought on by old age proved to be bladder cancer. An operation, radiation and chemotherapy took care of the tumor but not the kidney failure brought on by backed up urine from a blocked bladder. Still he preserved for another five years, most of them with two nephrostomy tubes in his back to drain his kidneys and a hole in his gut for nightly peritoneal dialysis. Yet even when his health was failing, he still wanted breakfast and dinner each day.

“He was big on having a big celebration” says Alex and would almost call a time-out during one to say how grateful he was to have all the family together, even when because of his hearing loss, it would be hard to follow conversations in a crowd. He relished Alex’s cooking and baking — she is accomplished in both, taking cues from her dad’s love of food—and while he particularly loved her coconut cake and biscuits and gravy, he preferred to love a meat dish‘ she made—until he found out it was lamb.

In the days following his passing, people kept saying how he was a good man, a kind man, a smart man. That was Ginger’s impression about the whole family. “It was like meeting the Cleaver family,” she recalls about her first encounter with the Butchers. “They were all so nice and welcoming.”

Jim Butcher is sorely missed.
IN SUPPORT OF THE ALZHEIMER’S ASSOCIATION

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

Activities include:
BLUEBERRY MUFFIN SALE AND PRESENTATION
FROM THE ALZHEIMER’S ASSOCIATION
2:30-3:30 PM
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June Potpourri

Last month I had the opportunity to do a presentation for the Laurel Senior Friendship Club. We designed this as a question-and-answer session where the audience asked questions about technology, and I did my best to answer them. The group asked many excellent questions, and I thought it would be nice to share some of the Q&A with my readers. To be fair, I asked the first question to kick the session off so I will start with that one.

Should I leave my computer on all of the time or should I turn it off when I am not using it?

I am surprised how often this is asked. Personally, I leave my computers on all of the time. Modern computers will reduce their power consumption automatically when not being used. But, when otherwise idle, the computers will take the opportunity to scan the computer for viruses, optimize the hard-drives, and install updates during this time. Some people still are not comfortable with leaving the computer on. If you must turn it off, make sure you leave it on Tuesday night through Wednesday. Microsoft installs important security updates on Tuesday nights, mostly the second Tuesday of each month.

I was using my computer on the internet and suddenly there was a pop-up that told me the full screen was flashing and telling me I had a virus and not to turn it off or shut it down. What should I have done?

I asked him if it instructed him to call a number to help fix it, and he said yes. My instructions were to hold one of the ALT keys down (they are to the left and right of the space bar) and hit the F4 key at the same time. That will close down the browser immediately. Assuming that works you should be able to start the browser again and continue browsing. If that doesn’t work turn the computer off and restart it again. These simple steps should work for the vast majority of the times this happens.

What you don’t ever do is call the number shown on the screen. There are people on the line that want to steal your money. They will also ask you to connect to your computer and while connected they will add malware and viruses to the computer. They will not actually help you. They want to cause harm.

Is now the time to consider buying a new 5G phone?

Yes, last year was the first time that I felt the benefits of 5G were worth it. Prices have dropped on 5G, and the carriers are finally providing the coverage and bandwidth 5G was supposed to deliver. I am getting 500 megabits per second on my Google Pixel 6a on T-Mobile. My wife gets the same speed on her Moto One 5G Ace phone. That is faster than the 250 megabits download speed I get on Comcast cable Internet and way better than Comcast’s terrible slow 12-megabit upload speed. Just for comparison, I am getting 800 megabits down and 900 megabits up from my Verizon Fios Internet.

Should I be using MFA?

Yes, this is one of the best ways to help protect your accounts. For those that don’t know MFA stands for Multi-factor Authentication. It requires additional proof that you are who you are. Along with the username and password, you also need to provide the additional factor. You may accomplish this by providing a fingerprint or an image of your face, or entering a code number provided by a message sent your phone, or email, or an app on your phone that generates the code. The messages, though commonly used by banks are not very secure. Even so, this is better than nothing.

Is it safe to do banking on the computer?

In general, yes, but I will go into some more detail. In my experience, it is safe to bank on your computer as long as you keep it malware free. I suggest that you reboot before connecting to a financial website and not run any other software except your browser. Go directly to the bank site and do not click any links to get there. I prefer Firefox for this because I feel it is more secure than Chrome and I don’t use Microsoft’s Edge at all.

I never bank on my phone, and I do not install or use banking applications on my phones. For years phones were not secure, and it was impossible to create a truly secure banking app on a phone. Today’s phones have special chips to enhance their security, but it seems that many banks are not very good at writing secure banking code.

You may think this is a silly question, but how long do you believe it will be until AI leads to computer overlords taking over our society?

Actually, this is not a silly question at all and is a common discussion among many very intelligent people that work in the field and are concerned. We have seen AI change rapidly in just the past two years. AI is being used to generate art that competes with human artists winning art contests. AI can now generate voices that sound like the original voice. It is said that Disney now uses AI to generate the voice of Darth Vader so they can use the same voice even when James Earl Jones is no longer to add his voice. It can automatically improve our photos. My phone can automatically remove distractions from photos letting the AI fill in the background. AI is also used to recognize faces, license plates, and places.

What is going on with the new generation of AI is amazing but can also have many good and terrible applications and consequences. We have tended to look at some distant future AI as seen by Science Fiction. We rarely consider the intermediate steps that we encounter along the way.

Currently AI tends to be a single task focused on addressing specific classes of problems. To me these systems are not integrated in a way that lends itself towards sentience. If I had to guess, I would say we are still likely to be fifty years or more until then.

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Reducing Trash and Litter from Single-Use Disposable Foodware

Beginning June 1, 2023, all Prince George’s County food establishments can only provide disposable foodware and accessories upon request or at self-serve stations for ready-to-eat foods. As a customer, be sure to ask for the items and condiments you need to enjoy your meal, for all takeout and delivery orders placed in-person, on the phone, or online. The new law applies to all food service businesses, including full-service, fast food, cafes, delis, coffee shops, supermarkets, grocery stores, vending trucks or carts, food trucks, and food trucks at events, fast food, cafes, delis, coffee shops, supermarkets, grocery stores, vending trucks or carts, food trucks, and food trucks at events. The new law applies to all food service businesses, including full-service, fast food, cafes, delis, coffee shops, supermarkets, grocery stores, vending trucks or carts, food trucks, and food trucks at events.

Are you behind on your WSSC water bill?

WSSC leadership has approved a temporary water bill amnesty program to help customers “Get Current” with delinquent water/sewer bills. The program, which will run from June 1-30, provides bill credits & waives late fees for qualified customers. Learn more at wsscwaters.com/getcurrent

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Tech Sense

By John Bell

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Scout night!

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Neighbors in the News

Crave Culture: The Average Marylander Can Only Go 16 Days Without Coffee or Alcohol, Finds Study

It’s no secret that Americans love their coffee and alcohol. From early morning pick-me-ups to after-work drinks, these beverages are staples in our daily routines. Whether you’re a coffee aficionado or a connoisseur of craft beer, there’s no denying that coffee and alcohol hold a special place in the hearts of many Americans. But just how much do we love these beverages? A lot it seems, according to a survey of 4,000 respondents by CraftCoffeeSpot.com with some interesting results...

The average Marylander admits they can go just 12 days without their beloved cup of joe. It’s safe to assume that after that point, our energy levels and productivity might take a major hit. It seems that without our caffeine fix, we may be more likely to call it a day. As the (not that) old saying goes, “no coffee, no workee…” When it comes to alcohol, our relationship is only a little less dependent. The average drinker in Maryland can only go 20 days before they need booze. Perhaps this isn’t surprising - alcohol has embedded itself in American culture since the beginning of the republic. The Badabing, Joe’s, The Speakeasy, there is never a shortage of places to grab a drink in America – there are approximately 70,000 bars in the country. This means that, combined, Marylanders can only go 16 days without caffeine or booze.

By state, the most dependent on coffee and alcohol are in New Hampshire and Virginia. Granite Staters can last just two days without coffee, while Virginians can make it 11 days before they need an alcoholic beverage. CraftCoffeeSpot.com also surveyed respondents to find out if there was a cap on our love of coffee - asking what is the maximum price they would be willing to pay for their favorite cup of ‘java’. Interestingly, the average coffee drinker is willing to pay up to $5.57 for just one cup!

Finally, respondents were quizzed on their favorite way of making coffee at home. The results were as follows:

1. 41% of respondents said they use a pod coffee machine.
2. 39% said a drip coffee maker.
3. 13% said an espresso machine.
4. 7% said pour over coffee.

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Elderly Property Tax Credit

What is this new credit?
• Beginning July 1, 2023, Prince George’s County will provide up to a 20% credit of the County portion of the property tax bill, inclusive of any Homeowners and Homestead Credit (total max of 20%), for up to 5 years. * A fiscal year is defined as July 1 through June 30 of the following year.

Who is eligible for this credit?
• To be eligible for this credit, you must meet all the following criteria:
  1. At least one homeowner is age 65 and over (by June 30 of the prior fiscal year) AND
  2. The eligible homeowner has resided at the property the credit is sought for at least the previous ten fiscal years AND
  3. The assessed value of your property does not exceed $500,000 as of July 1, 2023. AND adjusted annually for new applicants by the lesser of CPI or 3%.

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Delmarva Chicken Association if they are selected to participate in the Governor’s cookout (limited to one high school and one college team). Selected teams will be invited to provide, prepare, and share their dish at the Governor’s cookout. Complete rules of entry and additional information are available on the department’s website. Recipes must be submitted using this online form. Previously submitted recipes are not eligible. A $200 stipend will be provided by the department.

Contact Me

Let me know if there are other issues you have questions or thoughts about. And, of course, feel free to be in touch if I can be of help to you. Just email 21stDistrictDelegation@gmail.com or call 410-841-3141.

Celebrating 10 years of Dedication and Fitness at Wellness For Life!

Wellness for Life Fitness Center recently had the pleasure of hosting a social gathering to honor their amazing gym members who are 80 years or older with 10 years or more of continuous membership. To show their appreciation for dedication and loyalty, WFL gave them all a special gift - a free membership for life!

“We couldn’t be more grateful for these members who have made our gym what it is today. They’ve shown us that hard work, commitment, and a love for fitness can truly pay off in the long run.” said Trish, WFL Manager.

The seasoned members cut cake and reminisced as Clai, WFL owner expressed his sincere gratitude:

“Why we’re proud to be a partner in their health and fitness journeys and look forward to many more years of working out together!”

Wellness for Life just celebrated 25 years of business in Laurel. They are located above the Gardens Icehouse Center in the Fairland Regional Park.
Calendar of Events

JUNE 2023

COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM
Address: 1985 Corporal Frank Scott Dr., College Park, MD 20740. Phone: 301.864.6329. Fax: 301.927.6472. Regular hours of operation: Open Tuesday – Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Mondays and major holidays. Some events may have special hours of operation. Cost: Adults/$5; Seniors/$4; Children/$2 (1-year-old and under, free). The museum exhibit area highlights 10 unique aircraft and objects relating the history of early aviation at the College Park Airport. Please contact the museum regarding additional activities and updates to COVID-19 protocols.

SOAR INTO SUMMER WEEK-LONG EVENT?
Soar into Summer with College Park Aviation Museum! Each day, participants will explore a different aviation topic through a variety of STEAM hands-on experiences, outdoor activities, and experiments. Registration is for the entire week. Ages 8–12. Advance registration required. Fee: $85/Resident, $110/Non-Resident.

LAUREL–BELTSVILLE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER
Masks are optional. Contact the center for updates. Membership is free for Beltsville residents who are 60 years old or older. Closed on Sundays and most major holidays. Contact the center for updates to hours of operation and current COVID-19 protocols. Address: 7120 Centre Rd., Laurel, MD 20707, around the corner from the University of Maryland Medical Center. Phone: 301.206.3350. Fax: 301.206.3387. Maryland Relay 7–1–1 for customers who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability.

LAUREL SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB (LSFC)
Our next meeting will be Wed., June 14 at 10:30 a.m. The meeting room doors open at 9:30 a.m. We will have a short business meeting and Steve Flynn will entertain us with various Frank Sinatra songs.

• Save the Date: July 12, Holly Burnham from the Montpelier House Museum will speak on Slavery Resistance in Maryland.

• Every Tuesday Bingo: 12 noon each Tuesday (doors open at 11 a.m.); fee for cards, NO admission fee. Interested people can contact the LSFC office for more details on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 301.206.3380.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER
Main phone: 301.497.5772. Address: 10901 Scarlet Tanagers Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. The entrance is accessed from Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore-Washington Pkwy. and Rt. 197. Free admission and free parking. Current social distancing and face covering requirements match those of Prince George’s County. All dogs must be kept on a leash (no longer than 6 feet) for their own safety as well as that of other visitors and wildlife. Regular hours of operation for the trails and grounds are: Open daily from sunrise to sunset, except for federal holidays. See the Friends of Patuxent website for more information at https://friendsofpatuxent.org/.

Maryland Housing Statistics April 2023

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The average sales price is the weighted average of sales prices in the county calculated by weighting the price of homes by the number of homes sold.

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The median price is the middle value of the prices of all homes sold in the period.

In 2023 the pending units were 6,857. In 2022 they were 8,643. In 2023 the active inventory was 7,482. In 2022 they were 9,345. In 2023 the months of inventory is 1.2. In 2022 they were 1.1.

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Units that remain on the market.

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Karen M. Coakley
You know me . . .
I know Real Estate!

CHECK OUT THE 3D VIRTUAL TOURS OF MY HOMES LISTED BELOW:

The Spring Market is Sizzling! Inventory is Low! Thinking of Selling? Give Me a Call!

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I just turned 53 years old, and I am thankful and grateful to be alive and in relatively good health. God has blessed me in many ways, even when I don’t deserve it. In 2014, I survived a stroke. I was driving on 495 to somewhere in Montgomery County, going rock climbing. I hit the Beltsville Pathfinders Club, when I got the attack while on the highway. Actually, I may have been on 270 at the time. I hate to imagine what could have happened if I was actually on 270 at the time. I hate to imagine what could have happened if we were actually in the process of climbing the rocks and then I had the medical situation. I got admitted Sunday evening at Laurel Regional Hospital and was released Tuesday, discharged Thursday.

Then in 2018, I was on I 66, taking my son back to his boarding school at the Shenandoah Valley Academy and we hydroplaned, and the vehicle spun out of control, just as we crossed a bridge. I passed out in the process. A tractor-trailer was the next vehicle coming around the corner, having just crossed the bridge. It hit us smack on my son’s side of the car. The vehicle was a write-off. Miracle again. God saved us. All my son had was a scratch and I had a scar on my head from the airbags deploying and whiplash, I cannot give you the details due to space. So please – I do not take life for granted and live our lives right, every day. I know it can be a bit of a challenge, but it is the least one can do. Be nice to others. Sometimes people are having a rough day and just need a smile or a kind word.

Here in Dallas, part of my job has me going to a medical laboratory at UT Southwestern on a daily basis. There is a lady who walks past me around 6:30 pm daily. I see her and I know whatever it is. We have gone from just a little head nod to actual greetings. The other day, she was walking with a limp, and I had to ask her what happened. She explained, and in conversation, I got to know she is of Colombian heritage. I would never have guessed. But now we look forward to walking past and smiling and exchanging kind words. I know it doesn’t work with everyone as some people just have that dominant mean spirit in them, but beneath all that, there is an element of niceness. Try smiling at someone you don’t know and exchange a pleasantness. For example, when I hold doors open for people at the gas station, as they say, “thank you,” I put out my hand and tell them, “The door man accepts tips,” and it gets them laughing or gets a brief conversation going. Even though I am bad at it, sometimes I will tell them to say something, so I can guess what state the accent is from. Oh, do they love that?

Talking about accents in the USA, how good are you at hearing an accent and being able to pinpoint the source? I think that is a gift for some people. I recognize the Baltimore-type accent, and a bit of the Texas drawl. Here, I have met people at work and in conversation, someone else will say, “Oh, you’re from Louisiana or Missouri.” How are you able to tell the difference? Is there an accent distinct to Maryland and North Virginia? I am going to try and guess with some folk today, just to see. Having lived in Nigeria and the Caribbean growing up, I am able to hear a Nigerian speak and to a large extent, I know what part of the country the person is from. Similarly, the Caribbean accent is easy. Trinidad, Barbados, Guyana, and Jamaica—those accents are super easy to guess. St. Lucia and Dominica have some similarities in accents and then the general joke in the Eastern Caribbean, we say people from St. Thomas (USVI) don’t speak well. There’s a distinct accent. Last month I had an interaction with five gentlemen from Ireland, and I kid you not, I could not understand a word of what they said. It sounded like a totally different language. Life is amazing! So, as I close, I started with my birthday and will end with the anniversary of my employment at FedEx Express. June 1, 2023 will mark the start of 23 years. That’s the Jive!

Maryland Summer-Fall Striped Bass Season Regulations Includes New Maximum Size to Conserve Spawning Stock

Regulations Take Effect May 16, Following Actions Approved by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources announced regulations for the summer recreational striped bass fishing season beginning May 16, 2023, including a new maximum size of 31 inches that is being enacted in states throughout the Atlantic Coast. The department will continue other conservation actions including a one-fish daily catch limit and a summer closure—both of which have been in place the past two seasons to protect the future of striped bass fishing.

The summer-fall season in most areas of the Chesapeake Bay, Patuxent River, and lower Susquehanna River and North East River until June 1.

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The Commission has scheduled regulations to go into effect May 16. The Maryland Trophy Striped Bass season, ongoing through May 15, is not affected by these regulations.

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- A conservation measure was taken by the Striped Bass Board of Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission to better protect the striped bass within the Chesapeake Bay and Maryland waters.
- The regulations went into effect May 16, 2023.
- The regulations included:
  - A new maximum size limit of 31 inches. This regulation is also effective for the entire 2023 season.
  - A minimum size of 26 inches in place in the Susquehanna Flats, lower Susquehanna River, and North East River.
  - A summer closure – including a new maximum size to conserve spawning stock.
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Wednesdays:
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VBS Kick Off
Saturday, June 24 from 1-3 p.m.
FREE! FREE! FREE!
Fun, games and food to kick off the VBS week following! Join our team as we discover God’s plans for us.

Vacation Bible School
At First Baptist Church of Beltsville
Coming this summer in person
June 26-30 • Monday – Friday
9:00 a.m. – 12 p.m.
All VBS events are FREE
Children 4 years-6th grade are welcome
Pre-register online at http://www.fbcbeltsville.org/vbs.cfm or call the church office at 301-937-7771

MANAGING YOUR BUTTERFLY GARDEN
Sat., June 10 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
All ages, registration required. Tour the gardens and discover how to build a butterfly garden. Learn the best timing for planting a garden, how to manage invasive plants, and how to restore your garden without herbicides.

EASY BUTTERFLY-HABITAT GARDENS
Sat. June 17 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
All ages, registration required. Learn how to provide basic habitat to attract common native butterflies and birds to your yard. In this class we will look at on-line resources available to help you invite more wildlife to your yard. Some free native plants may be available.

FAMILY FUN: WELCOME WILDLIFE TO YOUR YARD
Fri., June 23 and Sat., June 24 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. All ages, no registration. As houses and shopping centers continue to replace wildlife habitat, the birds, bugs, and animals need to find new places to live. Why not welcome them to your back yard? You don’t need a big yard—even a small balcony can provide a mini habitat. Come learn various ways to attract and help wildlife, while you enjoy hands-on activities, games, and crafts. There will be something for everyone! This is a drop-in program: come when you wish and leave when you’re ready.

POLLINATORS IN A POT
Sat., June 24 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
All ages, registration required. How do you create a wildlife home in the limited space of a patio or deck? Join in on this informative session and adopt a native plant grown at the USGS Bee Lab.

KIDS DISCOVERY CENTER
Tue. – Sat. at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., and 12 noon. Duration: 35 minutes, each session. Registration is strongly recommended. Children receive a FREE take-home activity booklet and a surprise after completing a session at the Kid’s Discovery Center. Upcoming Themes:
June: Snakes! They don’t have arms or legs, or eyelids that cover their eyes, or external ears.
July: Nocturnal Animals. Find out whoo’s on the prowl when you’re asleep and learn about Maryland’s night creatures.
August: Timber! Who likes rotting trees? Whether birds, mammals, insects, or vegetation like rotting trees best, it is anybody’s guess.
Activities are designed for: 1) Children ages 3–9, with parent/guardian support; 2) Young Special Needs populations, with adult support; and 3) Young English-language-learners, with adult support. Older siblings are encouraged to join with parents and work with their younger siblings to help them understand and complete the activities.

JUNE MONARCH MAGIC!
The Monarch butterflies are back and the Monarch Magic Center is open Tue. – Sat. from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. See these amazing creatures and their various stages of development from eggs to caterpillars to butterflies.
Boordy Vineyards Dessert Wine Wins 2023 Maryland Winemasters Choice Competition

The winery’s 2015 Veritas dessert wine claims the annual Maryland Comptroller’s Cup award

The 2023 Maryland Winemasters Choice Competition featured a record 147 entries and included Maryland-made wines from 23 wineries. Judges determined that Boordy Vineyards’ 2015 Veritas performed best and earned the 2023 Comptroller’s Cup. The competition showcased a diverse range of entries, from exquisitely crafted sweet fruit wines to fine white and red wine varietals.

“Boordy Vineyards bridges the gap between Maryland’s wine-growing heritage and modern approaches to crafting fine local wines,” says Kelly Dadeck, executive director of the Maryland Wineries Association. “This award highlights the winery’s commitment to growing and producing award-winning wines in the state while showing that unique wine styles, like the 2015 Veritas dessert wine, can consistently earn the judges’ favor at competitions.”

Boordy Vineyards’ Veritas is a luscious and fully-bodied dessert wine crafted from locally grown grapes. The wine’s aromas of orange and caramel develop from gradual oxidation while aging in French oak. The 2015 Veritas unan imously earned double gold before claiming the best fortified/dessert wine award and the competition’s “Best in Show” title.

“We have produced Veritas for over two decades, having discovered almost by accident that Chambourcin makes an exceptional port-style wine when appropriately vinified and patiently aged, said Rob Deford, president of Boordy Vineyards. “Our 2015 Veritas spent 7 years in barrel, allowing it ample time to develop its nuanced aromas and depth of flavor. The credit for our Veritas goes to our vineyard crew, led by Ron Wates, and our winemakers Tom Burns and Jose Real.”

Located in Hydes, Boordy Vineyards became a bonded winery in 1945. The vineyard and winery have been owned by the Deford family since the 1980s. Today, Boordy operates vineyards in Baltimore and Frederick counties. The Hydes vineyard, winery and tasting room attract local residents and tourists to its beautiful property throughout the year.

Of the event’s 147 entries, 119 wines earned scores qualifying them for medals. Best-in-class acknowledgments were awarded to wines in 9 categories. The event awarded five double gold medals, 14 gold medals and an additional 96 silver and bronze medals. These results underscore the tremendous quality of the competition’s entries and the participating wineries.

To see the rest of the competition medalists and to learn more about the Maryland Wineries Association, please visit marylandwine.org.

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