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Cub Scout Pack 1031 Racing into 2017!



Cubs and their parents after our MLK Day cleanup

Cub Pack 1031 is working towards the annual pinewood derby at the end of January and doing friendly service along the way. On January 8, about half of the scouts met at the fire station garage to cut our pinewood derby cars with the help of Eric Saathoff, our assistant cubmaster, and John Foley, a Tiger parent. A Tiger is a boy who is 7 years old or in the first grade. Thanks to Al Schwartz for the use of the space! The boys had wonderful ideas, and their cars should look great at the derby at the Beltsville Community Center on January 28!

The pack met on Martin Luther King, Jr., Day to do a

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GBBA Announces Charity Golf Classic Recipients

HAPPY 2017! The Greater Beltsville Business Association (GBBA) is extremely proud to announce the recipients of GBBA's 5th Annual Charity Golf Classic held at the Cross Creek Golf Club in Beltsville, MD.

With the help of our many sponsors, golfers, and volunteers, GBBA was able to give over \$6,500.00 back to community organizations that need and deserve it! The following organizations benefited this year: the Women's Club of Beltsville, The Beltsville Adelphi Boys and Girls Club, and Nick's Place. Each received \$500, and the Troops First Foundation received \$5000.

If you would like to learn more about GBBA and these organizations, please visit

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Community organizations receive donations for GBBA.

Scouts Go Cabin Camping

By Gary Bauchan, Assistant Scoutmaster

Twelve scouts with three adult leaders had a good time cabin camping at Hard Bargain Farm in Accokeek, MD. Upon the scouts' arrival, they went on a hay wagon ride after checking into the Wareham Lodge. During the ride, they saw the Potomac River shore with views of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge and Mount Vernon. The driver pointed out the small, Native American burial mound in the field above the shoreline. He also gave us a tour of the farm where everyone had the opportunity to see cows, sheep, goats, pigs, and chickens. We then were

provided the chance to view the exterior of the manor house in which the Fergusons stayed and which served as an artist retreat. The Ferguson family owned and lived at the farm. After lunch, the troop hiked down to the shore area and investigated some of the nearby trails. Upon their return to the lodge, the scouts prepared a lasagna dinner complete with mashed potatoes and green beans. Following dinner, the scouts made s'mores around the outdoor campfire. The next morning, the scouts cooked a hardy pancake, egg, and bacon breakfast before

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Scouts make s'mores around a campfire.

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Beltsville Briefs

Emmanuel UMC Bible Study Is Going on the Road for Lent

In June of 2016, Emmanuel United Methodist Church (UMC) began a Thursday night bible study, and since it began, participants have studied the connection we all have as part of the universal church and the teachings of John Wesley and the Wesleyan way. Currently, they are studying the parables of Jesus. As members of the Bible study close out the

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The Beltsville News has reached Canada! This photo was sent to us from Robin, the fiancée of Joseph Martinez, one of our regular contributors. She lives in Canada and has been receiving The Beltsville News. Congratulations to Robin and Joseph on their engagement!

Interesting Lions Presentation Scheduled for February 1st

The Beltsville Lions will sponsor a program on 1 February that readers may be interested in attending. The subjects of the meeting are the Lions Leader Dog program, functions of the Lions Clubs International Foundation and the Lions Centennial 100 celebration. Presenters will be Past District Governor (PDG) Kelly Randolph, PDG Rich Barb, Lion Lois Barb (accompanied by her newest leader dog trainee), and Lions Clubs International Region 3 Chairman Charlie Spadone. Dinner will be available at a cost of \$20.

The meeting will begin at 7 pm at the Old Line Bistro, 11011 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville. For more information or to make a reservation, call PDG Ted Ladd at 301-937-6796 or 240-381-2847 (cell).



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Melwood Appoints Cynthia Davis as Vice President of External Affairs

Davis joins Melwood with nearly 20 years of experience developing nonprofit organizations

Cari DeSantis, president and CEO of Melwood, announced the appointment of Cynthia Davis as vice president of external affairs. Davis is a senior-level development executive with nearly 20 years of experience representing and managing leading humanitarian organizations and engaging multifaceted corporate partnerships.

Beginning her development career with the American Red Cross National Headquarters, Davis rose through the ranks from administration to management. She assisted with the development of the Annual Disaster Giving Program while providing critical fundraising resources to regional development managers and led financial development units located throughout the United States.

"We are elated to have Davis join our Melwood team," stated DeSantis. "Her leadership, skill set, and depth of her experience with growing nonprofit organizations will be an asset as Melwood continues to flourish in this community."

Davis has led in the areas of fundraising, prospective donor research, communications,

and marketing. She has been at the helm of proven innovative nonprofit management and has guided teams from strategy to execution. Davis has been integral in diversifying and generating funds exceeding \$10 million for disaster victims, pediatric cancer research, people with differing abilities, at-risk youth, and family issues involving senior services, youth development, and mental health. Her fundraising goals have consistently focused on ensuring large impact and fulfilling missions that address a community's most critical challenges and opportunities.

Davis earned her Master of Business Administration and Bachelor of Science degree in business management from University of Maryland University College. She is an active member of the Association for Fundraising Professionals.

Davis is a proud Prince George's County resident and honored to join the Melwood team. She is driven to make a difference that will level the workforce and playing fields for all people of differing abilities.

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parables, they also transition into the season of Lent and Easter. To celebrate this special time in the life of Christians, participants are breaking out of the church walls!

Beginning Thursday, March 2, at 7 pm, the Thursday night Bible study will meet at Panera Bread in Beltsville (10914 Baltimore Ave., Beltsville, MD 20705). You are invited to join to read, discuss, and study *Near the Cross: A Lenten Journey of Prayer* by Kenneth H. Carter, Jr. The group will meet weekly on Thursdays during the season of Lent.

During this study, participants will learn how prayer nurtures faith and encourages spiritual growth with practical, everyday applications. You do not need to be Methodist or Christian to participate. Even if you have never picked up a Bible in your life, you are invited to join. If you have any questions, you can contact the Bible study leader, Rick Bergmann, at rick.bergmann@eumcbeltsville.com. Emmanuel UMC is located at 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705. The church's webpage is www.eumcbeltsville.com.



Emmanuel United Methodist Church to Hold Annual Pre-Shrove Pancake Supper

Emmanuel United Methodist Church (11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705) is holding a pre-Shrove pancake supper. Many Christians eat pancakes on the Tuesday (known as Fat Tuesday) before Ash Wednesday (the beginning of the Lenten season) because they are made from sugar, fat, flour, and eggs. Consumption of those items was traditionally restricted during the liturgical fasting of Lent, which emphasized plainer food that gave no pleasure.

This year's pancake supper will take place on March 4. The supper, consisting of all-you-can-eat pancakes and sausage, will be served buffet style starting at 6 pm. There will be fun and games and a Mardi Gras theme. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 3 years to 10 years old, and free for children 2 and under. This will be a great family event. If you have any questions, contact the church office at 301.937.7114 or register on the church website at www.eumcbeltsville.com.

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Neighbors in the News

Important Tax Return Information

Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot began processing personal income tax returns for tax year 2016 on January 23, but he wants Beltsville residents to know that, as part of the state's efforts to combat tax fraud, the comptroller's office will not immediately process a state tax return if W-2 information is not on file. Employers are required to report wage information to the comptroller on or before Jan. 31.

"When Americans have been directly affected by fraud, identity theft, data breaches, and other financial crimes, the security of the Maryland taxpayer remains my top priority this tax season," Franchot said. "Making sure W-2 information is on file at the time a return is received is in keeping with that effort. Last year, my agency stopped processing state tax returns from more than 60 companies whose purpose was to prey on the vulnerable, the homeless, and those with limited financial means. I will continue to lead the charge against these unscrupulous practices this tax season."

The 2016 tax return filing deadline this year, which coincides with the IRS deadline, is Tuesday, April 18, rather than the traditional April 15 deadline, which falls on a Saturday this year. Because Emancipation Day is observed on April 17 in the District of Columbia, the IRS pushed the filing deadline to Tuesday, April 18. Taxpayers are encouraged to file their returns electronically to have their claims processed as fast as possible and to ensure they receive all potential refunds. A list of approved vendors for use in filing electronic returns can be found at www.marylandtaxes.com.

The Maryland Comptroller's Office and the federal Internal Revenue Service are doing everything they can to protect Marylanders from identity theft. But officials at both agencies urge Marylanders to take steps necessary to protect their personal and financial data.

Cybercriminals continue to steal enormous amounts of personal data from outside the tax system and to use that data to file fraudulent tax returns or commit other crimes while impersonating the victims.

Comptroller Peter Franchot urges Marylanders to take these actions to protect themselves and their data:

- Use security software and make sure it updates automatically; essential tools include using a firewall, virus/malware protection, and file encryption for sensitive data.
- Treat personal information like cash: don't leave it lying around.
- Give personal information only over encrypted websites—look for https addresses.



- Use strong passwords and protect them.
- Avoid phishing emails, texts, or calls that appear to be from the IRS, tax companies, and other well-known business; instead, go directly to their websites.
- Do not open attachments in emails unless it is known who sent them and what they are.
- Download and install software only from known, trusted websites.
- Use a pop-up blocker.
- Discuss safe computing practices within families.

Additional measures are also helpful. For instance, citizens should not routinely carry their social security card or any documents with their social security number. Further, they should not overshare personal information on social media. Information about past addresses, a new car, a new home, and one's children help identity thieves pose as someone they're not. In addition, Marylanders should keep old tax returns and tax records under lock and key or encrypted if electronic. Also, citizens should shred tax documents before trashing.

The IRS urges citizens to watch out for IRS impersonators. Officials say "the IRS will not call you with threats of jail or lawsuits. The IRS will not send you an unsolicited email suggesting you have a refund or that you need to update your account. The IRS will not request any sensitive information online. These are all scams, and they persist and change frequently. Don't fall for them. Forward IRS-related scam emails to phishing@irs.gov. Report IRS-impersonation telephone calls at www.tigta.gov."

Last year, the Maryland Comptroller's Office stopped accepting income tax returns from 61 companies doing business in 68 locations, including 23 different Liberty Tax Service franchises, for submitting numerous, highly suspicious returns. Collectively, they filed thousands of state returns that the agency believed to be fraudulent.

For more information on any tax-related matter, please visit the comptroller's website at www.marylandtaxes.com or call 1-800-MD-TAXES (1-800-638-2937) or 410-260-7980 in Central Maryland.



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 - Other DSS Emergency Assistance

Can you help me with some food?

- Food bank assistance, for those who qualify.

I'm a little short this month—can you help me with rent and/or utilities?

- Emergency rent and utility assistance available, for those who qualify.

I'm trying to get a job.

- Help preparing a resume, and tips for job interviews.

I just need to talk to someone.

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Shifting Into Neutral

Bringing modern to a traditionally styled home saturated with fabrics in deep reds, navies or browns and paint colors dark enough to hide finger smudges does not have to be challenging. Lighten up with neutrals. Muslin, Simply White and Steam are three of Benjamin Moore's most versatile off-whites that work well off of neutral sofas as well as bolder throw pillows. Create a natural feel with textured Candice Olson wallpaper in the dining room or grasscloth in the family room in creams, camels and grays. Michael Richards and Valerie Kabelac, the brother-sister design duo at Beltsville's own Will's Home Decorating (www.decoratmaryland.com) have years of experience updating homes in a way that reflects the homeowner's lifestyle and personality.



Michael Richards and Valerie Kabelac

Having natural light is key to creating a modern yet natural ambiance. Replace heavy draperies with cordless Hunter Douglas Duette shades that lower from the top or silhouettes that softly filter light. Your privacy will not be compromised with either shade option. According to Valerie, "a cornice or roman valance over the shades or even stationary side panels on a shiny metal pole will soften the shades without blocking the light." Try placing white or metallic bowls or vases on a table or dresser to bring a jewel touch to the room. In addition, Michael says that "a tone-on-tone sandy colored area rug will guarantee sophistication and if placed in a family room by a fireplace it will be so inviting and cozy that you will not want to leave the room." For more decorating advice on shifting into neutral stop by Will's Home Decorating for your FREE personalized consultation with Michael or Valerie.

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Obituaries

Leonheart, Pearl

On Sunday, December 25, longtime resident of Beltsville, MD. Wife of the late William E. Leonhart; mother of John (Debbie) Leonhart and Joan (Jeff) Cannon; grandmother of Melissa (Mark) Green, John Leonhart, Jr., and Jennifer Cannon; sister of Jerri Haines. Relatives and friends may call at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville, MD 20705, on Monday, January 2, from 10-12 and 2-4 pm. Funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday at 10 am. Interment Washington National Cemetery, Suitland, MD. Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church of Beltsville, 4700 Odell Rd., Beltsville, MD 20705.

Cunniffe, Joseph K.

On Monday, December 19, of Beltsville, Maryland; husband of the late M. Joan Cunniffe; father of Mary C. (Steve) Rosenfield, Julie (Richard) Painter, and Joseph K. (Amy) Cunniffe, Jr.; grandfather of Emily, Rachel, Richard, Jr., Jake, and Lucy Joan; Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Thursday, January 5, at 10 am; interment Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Crownsville, MD. Memorial gifts may be made to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in memory of Joseph K. Cunniffe to support Pediatric Cancer Genetic Risks Program at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 or via www.dana-farber.org/gift.

Dean, David H., Sr.

On Sunday, January 1. Beloved husband of Catherine Rodriguez Dean; loving father of Chris-

tine Dean, Lucian Dean, David H. Dean, Jr., and Gregory Dean; grandfather of 6, great-grandfather of 10, brother of Isabel DeGrouchy, and foster father of 17 babies. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Ascension Catholic Church, 12700 Lanham Severn Rd., Bowie, MD, on Friday, January 6, at 1:00 p.m. Interment will be held in Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

Alushin, Ann Marie

Ann Marie Alushin, age 93 of Rehoboth Beach, DE, passed away on Saturday, December 31, 2016, at Delaware Hospice Center, in Milford, DE. She was born Sunday, September 23, 1923, in Ambridge, PA, daughter of the late Nicholas and Mary Matich. She was loving, quick to smile, and always an organizer from the office of the Salary Stabilization Board in Cleveland where she worked during WWII to the board of education where she finished her career. She was generous in sharing her time and talents in churches, the PTA, Eastern Star, International Toastmasters, and professional organizations, often becoming a leader in groups she joined. In retirement, she wrote a local history column for *The Beltsville News* and was active in the Riderwood community as long as she was able. She is survived by her loving son Michael (Barbara) of Lewes, DE, and grandson Gregory of New York, NY. All services are private. Arrangements are being handled by Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, Lewes, DE. Please visit Mrs. Alushin's memorial webpage and sign her online guestbook at www.parsellfuneralhomes.com.

Rodriguez, Lois McBride

Rodriguez, Lois McBride (age 89) on Tuesday, January 17, at her residence in Beltsville, MD; beloved wife of the late Raymond Edward Rodriguez; loving mother of Janet (Jim) Adams and Gail (Tom) Wikoff; grandmother of Jason, Matthew, and Eric Adams and of Sarah and Robert Dredger; great grandmother of Jacob, Owen, and Wesley Adams and of Scarlett and Oliver Seaton; sister of Jack McBride, Gerald McBride, the late Donald McBride, and Jane Reggie. Funeral service was held at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD, on Saturday, January 21, at 10 am with The Reverend Daniel Mejia officiating. Interment will be held at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

King Poist, Vera L.

King Poist, Vera L. (age 103) on Monday, January 16, beloved wife of the late Hohman J. Poist and James R. King, Jr.; mother of J. Bruce (Caroline) King, formerly of Beltsville, MD; grandmother of Stephen D. and Jeffrey M. King (Jennifer Laveglia); great grandmother of Jodyn and Joseph King; sister of the late Lewis Sargent, Mildred Rabbitt, Anna Scaggs, and Gerald Sargent. Funeral service was held at the Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD, on Friday, January 20, at 11 am with the Reverend Jenni Ovenstone Smith officiating; Interment Meadowridge Memorial Park, Elkridge, MD. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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cleanup project at Beltsville Academy. Members picked up trash around the grounds. After finishing, everyone met at the committee chair's house for hot dogs and s'mores around a warm campfire.

Each year, the pack has activities such as camping, hiking, the annual pinewood derby, and campfires. Scout members also do participatory citizenship along Little Paint Branch Trail and hold a toy drive and Scouting for Food. Along the way, Scouts learn responsibility, play games, and have tons of fun. If you interested in discovering the fun of Cub Scouts with your son, please contact Regina Halper through www.BeAScout.org—just put in our zip code and look for Cub Pack 1031.

Our Home

By Joseph Brian Martinez

I seek for one home,
But the home that I live is not my home.
My home is with you.
My home is you.
I want to live with you.
I want to live for you.
Any place that I am without you is not my home.
Any place with you, is my real home.
I want to be your home too.
I want you with me forevermore.
We will live together always and all the time,
Because God make for us one home,
And this home is the Love in our hearts.
*This poem I made for my future wife,
Robin Elizabeth.
Thank you God for giving me Robin!*

Another Safe New Year

Another January, and it's time to change all of your passwords again. Remember to use a different password for each website and make sure your passwords are at least 12 characters long with a mix of numbers, upper- and lowercase letters, and symbols. The technique described in this column a couple of years ago is fine for generating secure passwords for most websites. This technique requires us to create rules for creating passwords. Your rules should be different than the ones I use, but I will show an example;

- Pick a phrase you will remember—I will use "It makes my peas taste funny" from an old nursery rhyme.
- Create a rule to pick letters from this phrase—Rule: Pick the last letter of each word—"tsysey"
- Create a rule to uppercase letters:—Rule: Uppercase every third letter—"tsYseY"
- Pick a number at least 2 digits long that changes each year—Rule: Years since the attack on Pearl Harbor: 2017-1941 = 76
- Rule: If special characters are allowed, then use the digits selected above or "7" and "6": &^
- Rule: Use the first 3 characters and the last character of the website name—yahoo.com then use "yaho"
- Combine these to make your new password: tsYseY76&^yaho

Of course, you can mix and match rules as you please to make sure your passwords are unique.

Yahoo Breach

If you used Yahoo email any time in the past decade or so, you should change your passwords right away—and not just on *Yahoo* but on every site on which you may have used the same password as you did on *Yahoo*. To make matters worse, you should also change your password recovery answers on every site. The reason for this is that *Yahoo* allowed the password recovery answers to be stolen. Unfortunately, your banks and other websites probably use the same questions and answers like, "What road did you live on when you were growing up?" "What is your father's middle name?" and "Who was your best friend in high school?" Of course, the answer you give are probably the same for every site, so because *Yahoo* was compromised it is likely that any site you use that asks the same types of questions has been compromised as well including your bank.

Security Questions

As demonstrated above, the idea of using so called "security questions" for password security

is not a very good one, but many sites stupidly insist on using them. There are two parts to this problem. The first is that questions are often well-known answers to close family and friends, which means they might as well be public knowledge. This is how Sarah Palin's email was hacked when she was running for vice president, although she did publish all of the answers in an autobiographical book. The second issue is that the answers tend to be the same no matter who asks the question. The approach I have taken to dealing with this issue is I use fake answers. So for that banking site, my first pet's name may be "bank snoopy," or the street I grew up on may be "bank lane." It is not a perfect solution, but it is better than providing real information, and it changes with every site.

Two Factor Authentication (2FA)

So what do "smart" organizations do that want to protect their customers and make account access and password recovery easy and secure? They use two factor authentication. One form of two factor authentication uses your cell phone to send a text message. When the message arrives, you enter the 6-digit number into the web page confirming that the holder of the cell phone is the person attempting to login. Of course, this is more secure if your cell phone is locked and requires a pin or unlock-code to read the text message.

The Google Authenticator is an example of another type of two factor authentication. This is an application on your phone that generates a number that you must enter into the login screen as you login to a supported web application. The number is different each time you log in, and the number generator in the phone application is synchronized with the number generator on the web application. This is a good way to protect all of your Google applications.

U2F, the Open Two Factor Solution

U2F is another two factor solution that has started to gain good footing because it is open hardware and software. Originally developed by Yubico and Google, these devices plug into the USB port of your computer and work with the Chrome browser. To log in to a supported site, you enter your user name and password and then press the single button on the U2F USB key. This sends a one-use code to the web browser to verify that you are the user. These

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Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

Join Us in Annapolis on February 27

Delegates Barbara Frush, Josefine Peña-Melnyk, Ben Barnes, and I work hard to keep in touch with you, Beltsville residents, and help you understand what Maryland's state government is doing and how it can help you and your family. We attend the Beltsville Civic Association and other community meetings, visit local churches and schools, and host "mobile office hours" at local grocery stores. Now, we'd like you to visit us in Annapolis at our annual reception for 21st District residents.

It's Monday evening, February 27, from 6-8 pm in rooms 170 and 180 of the Lowe House Building near the State House. We'll have food, fellowship, and information on legislative issues of concern to our communities.

RSVP online at www.21stdistrictdelegation.com or call 301.858.3141 for details, questions, and information on parking. We'll also have buses going from College Park and Laurel. Contact our office—we'll give you the information on it—and ride, don't

drive! Share this invitation with friends and neighbors. We look forward to seeing you!



Senator Jim Rosapepe

Scholarships to College

Each senator and delegate is allocated funds for scholarships to students in our district who attend Maryland colleges. There are so many deserving students in Belts-

ville. With college tuition a struggle for many families, we need to do everything we can to help hard-working students get a good education. We can't help everyone with Senatorial Scholarships, but we can certainly help some.

To apply online for a 2017-2018 Senatorial Scholarship, students should visit www.21stdistrictdelegation.com/college-scholarships. The deadline to apply is Friday, July 14. A separate Delegate Scholarship application from Delegates Barbara Frush, Josefine Peña-Melnyk, and Ben Barnes is on that same website page starting February 1 with an April 1 due date.

Information on other financial aid for Maryland college students can be found at www.mhec.state.md.us.

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 help you. Just email 21stdistrictdelegation@gmail.com or call 301.858.3141.

GBBA

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our website at www.beltsvillebusiness.com and reach out to GBBA! We are always looking for members, guests, presenters, sponsors, and volunteers! Become a part of a great organization with great people. This is a fantastic way to get involved with local residents and the business community. Yearly membership is \$100 and pays for itself by offering many free events and breakfasts!!

GBBA strives to create a dynamic and thriving business environment that builds a pre-eminent community in Prince George's County where people work and live. GBBA works to advance the integrity of Beltsville as a historic Maryland community. Members of GBBA support business growth and development through advocacy, networking, visibility, education, and training. GBBA meets every third Wednesday from 7:30-9 am for breakfast.



Upcoming GBBA events:

- February 15th—GBBA Networking Breakfast—FREE Wellness Seminar
- March 15th—Free Breakfast Event and Speaker

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they returned home.

Reflecting back on the year 2016, Boy Scout Troop 1033 had a tremendous year of growth. The troop grew to 24 boys. Again this year, our troop earned the Boy Scouts of America Quality Unit Award. The troop has 12 active parents who serve and guide the troop beginning with the leadership of Troop Committee Chair Vicki Wauschek, Scoutmaster Rick Deery, 4 assistant scoutmasters (Gary Bauman, Eric Saathoff, Budhan Pukazhenth, and Kevin d'Eustachio), Charter Organization Representative Julie Pavelka, Activities Chair Paula Crowley, Advancements Chair Laurie Deery, Summer Camp Coordinator Bob Thomas, and the support of all the parents. The troop is sponsored by Emmanuel United Methodist Church on Cedar Lane, which graciously provides meeting space for our 7 pm Thursday weekly meetings and has done so for the past 56 years.

This past year, the troop went on 5 trips, which involved swimming, climbing, hiking, orienteering, and a weeklong summer camp. Fifteen Scouts attended summer camp and obtained 18 merit badges including ones for camping, engineering, environmental science, fishing, lifesaving, jet skiing, kayaking, lifesaving, motorboating, moviemaking, photography, rifle shooting, safety, shotgun shooting, small boat sailing, snorkeling, swimming, and water sports. The troop also contributed over 500 hours of service to the local community including Scouting for Food, which collected 1,500 pounds of food for the needy in the Beltsville area. Our spring and fall fundraising involving the sale of Behnke's mulch, topsoil, Leaf Grow, pansies, and mums continues to be a huge success due to the kind support of the Beltsville community.

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The Beltsville Recreation Council

The Beltsville Recreation Council consists of active members of the Beltsville community, including Daniel Duncan, Peter Doan, Karen Coakley, Kathy Mellott, Frank Cockrell, Linda Diasgranados, Jim Pope, and Charlie Deegan. The Recreation Council plans and organizes several events in the Beltsville community, in conjunction with the Beltsville Community Center and Leigh Ann Eckenrode, facility director. The events include the annual Beltsville Day on the 3rd Sunday in May, summer Concerts under the Stars, and winter holiday events, including a holiday concert and the Holiday Home Decorating Contest.

Planning for Beltsville Day 2017 has already begun. Games and rides are being ordered, and applications for vendors are being distributed. Nonprofit organizations wanting to sell food at Beltsville Day 2017 are

asked to complete an application form and food permit application by March 15. Only food permits submitted through the Beltsville Recreation Council will be accepted for any non-profit organization. Commercial food vendors are not allowed at Beltsville Day.

The summer concerts are being scheduled. Watch for the dates and plan to bring lawn chairs and a picnic basket to enjoy music under the stars. (No alcohol is allowed on MNCPPC property.)

The Holiday Home Decorating Contest was a huge success with more contestants this year. Cash prizes were given to the 1st- and 2nd-place winners: Kim and Dean Thomas and Julia O'Brien, respectively. The prizes were generously donated by the Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union and were given out at the holiday contest

featuring the Greenbelt Concert Band.

The Beltsville Recreation Council also sells "Where the #&%*! Is Beltsville, MD?" t-shirts for only \$15. If you are interested in ordering a t-shirt, email beltsvillereccouncil@gmail.com. To join the council and help make a difference in the Beltsville community, come to a meeting on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7 pm at the Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Rd. (When a holiday falls on the 3rd Monday, the meeting will be on the 2nd Monday of the month.)

Contact the council through email at beltsvillereccouncil@gmail.com, on the Internet at www.beltsvillereccouncil.hometeam.com, or through Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Beltsville-Recreation-Council>.

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 pm on Wednesday, February 1, 2017, at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway, New Carrollton, MD 20784.

This month, our speaker will be Heather Olsen, who will present Oral History and Family Tradition: Sorting the Wheat from the Chaff. As always, there

will be time to network with others searching for their roots as well as learn new tips to assist your own research. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, visit us on the web at www.pgcs.org or call the library at 301.262.2063. You can also like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pgcsgenealogy>.

The Beltsville Young at Heart Club

By Barbara Schofield

Everyone at our December meeting enjoyed many delicious foods made by the members of The Beltsville Young at Heart Club for our Christmas party. A Christmas raffle basket was donated by Lois Hamilton, a bottle of wine was donated by Catch Giddings, and a Poinsettia plant was donated by Ellen Kidwell for door prizes. We also held a 50/50 raffle. Thank you to the ladies for your donations and participation. Things go better when we all chip in and work together. All the kitchen helpers did a wonderful job too.

We had a good turnout for our January meeting though the weather was a little iffy. Rosa Stiggers celebrated her 93rd birthday this month. We wish you many, many more, Rosa. Also thank you

to Barbara Victor, our treasurer, and Rita McLaughlin, our assistant treasurer, who had perfect audits. We had more discussions about Beltsville Day, and we need

more member participation.

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Nashville Comes to the Beltsville American Legion

By Ivy Christoffers

Tell me friends, is this really winter? I have never seen such weather. It is no wonder there is so much illness, especially pneumonia. Even though the weather is bizarre, we at post and unit #217 continue to carry on. Our last two months were extremely busy with programs supporting veteran's issues and our community. Our department president, Paulette Caron, has chosen for her personal project "Veteran Suicide Prevention," and we are happy to say it has struck a very strident chord. Caron's goal was to raise \$10,000, but we have already surpassed that amount, which makes for a very happy department president.

It is time to pick up the Americanism Essays from our school children who have participated in this project. Each year, these children continue to excel. It is a pleasure to read their submissions and realize the caliber of the education they receive, both at home and in school. Next, it will be time to choose our junior high school students to attend Girls State and Boys State in June. This is a lead-

ership forum that teaches government on city, county, and state levels and includes campaigns and elections for all elected offices. Girls State is held at Salisbury University.

Another upcoming event is the Maryland Veterans Creative Arts Festival, which will be held on April 1 at the Bowie Center for Performing Arts. This showcases the awesome talents, both in visual and performing arts, of our disabled veterans. The show begins at 1 pm and lasts until 4. A donation of \$10 will give you a terrific day and an opportunity to support these very special men and women who have given so much for our freedoms. Call 240.421.9580 for information and tickets. You can also buy tickets at the door.

On February 18, Stewart Chapman and his artist friends Ronnie Dove and Camron Robertson will be appearing at the College Park American Legion hall at 9218 Baltimore Blvd. For a mere \$25.00, you will enjoy a great dinner and a fantastic show. Doors open at 6 pm for dinner, and the show starts at 7:30. Stewart sings the songs of

Elvis along with other past favorites. Stewart was born and raised in Standardville, VA. He is 25 and has been impersonating Elvis for three years. He says, "I love putting a smile on all my fans' and friends' faces and keeping the legacy of Elvis Aaron Presley alive in our hearts."

Soon after Stewart's engagement, Nashville arrives. On March 4, Nashville recording artist Chad Reinert will be appearing in the lounge. He has visited us twice before to sell-out crowds. Again the cost, including dinner, is a mere \$25 for a great evenings' entertainment. Doors open at 6:30 pm, and the show starts at 8. Call Tina Zook at 301.935.5308 for tickets and information for both shows.

Our membership drive is in full swing. If you are qualified to belong to this great group of men and women, please don't hesitate to call us at 301.441.2783. It just might be the most important call you make this year. We ask that you keep our troops in your thoughts and prayers. God bless America.

The Beltsville Garden Club

The Beltsville Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, February 22, at 7:30 pm in the multipurpose room of the James E. Duckworth Regional School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville, MD.

Please join us for a program titled 5 Designer Secrets to Take Your Garden to the Next Level. In this talk, Carolyn Mullet will explore 5 key areas that will help you see your garden with fresh eyes, for sometimes we're just too close to spot our own mistakes and determine why something is not working. She will lead us through simple steps to make our gardens more beautiful, comfortable, and functional. The talk will be illustrated with slides from Carolyn's visits to English gardens.

Carolyn Mullet is the owner of Carex: Garden Design by Carolyn Mullet, a design studio based in Takoma Park, MD, specializing in residential garden design. She received her formal training in landscape design from George Washington University and has practiced in the Washington, DC, metro area for the last 30 years. She also produces the popular Facebook page *Garden Design by Carolyn Mullet* for an international community of over 1.4 million followers where she daily showcases gardens from around the world. In addition, Carolyn leads

garden tours to Europe each spring and summer through her company, CarexTours.

The public is welcome and admission is free. You are encouraged to bring something to exchange—a plant, cutting, or garden tool or magazine—bring something, take something!

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

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Ruddy Hernandez plays the drum with his daughter Josselin Hernandez for students at Calverton Elementary.



Student Dayron Shamam makes his presentation to Nancy Meyers class while his mom, Grace Koroma, snaps a picture on her phone.

Calverton Elementary School Kindergarteners Celebrate Different Cultures and Family Traditions

By Judith Pollock, Professional School Counselor

On January 8, Calverton Elementary School kindergarten students completed a social studies unit on cultural celebrations and

traditions. One objective was for students to learn about the rich customs and celebrations that take place in their family and in different cultures around the world. Much of the students' learning

came through stories. For three weeks, they studied cultures and how they are shared. As part of the unit, students compared cultures to identify ways they are alike and different. Students also heard stories about national holidays and read about some American folk heroes. To conclude the unit on culture and traditions, teachers assigned students a project that was to be completed during the winter break.

Students completed a holiday traditions poster project to depict details of their family traditions through pictures and artifacts that included the name of the holiday and originating country, favorite holiday song, treats or food, and a favorite activity the family enjoys during the holiday season. In order to receive an outstanding grade for

the project, students included at least six facts about their family's holiday traditions in the poster. This provided students the opportunity to learn about their own family history.

Many of the parents came to support their children on the day they presented their work. Parents watched with pride as the children stood before their classmates to share their posters and talk about their family traditions. Parents were also asked to bring artifacts to share and to prepare a favorite traditional food. One of the parents in Ms. Meyers' classroom brought a drum from Brazil, and he entertained the class through traditional music and song. After all the presentations were completed, everyone partook of the food. Parents and children

were invited to taste some traditional holiday food from different nations. Sample items such as rice and beans and homemade desserts were part of the spread for those in attendance.

Calverton Elementary School's mission is to prepare the students to be college ready with the ability to meet the demands of the 21st-century global society. When children learn about traditions other than the ones they celebrate in their own family, they learn to embrace diversity and better understand the increasingly diverse world in which they live. January 8 was a special day for the kindergarten students at Calverton Elementary School, and by the looks on their faces, it is a day I am sure they will not easily forget.



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School News



High Road Students (from left rear): Ja'Quante McDuffie, Amar Harris and Carlos Trail, front left J'Quan Jackson and Ms. Larue, Customer Service Instructor.

High Road Upper School Completes Workforce Development Course with Prince George's Community College

Students at Beltsville's High Road Upper School of Prince George's County have completed their initial course at the Workforce Development Institutes (WDI) at Prince George's Community College. High Road and the institute have teamed up to present industry-certified training opportunities to students of the regional school.

Remarks were given by Keith White, regional vice president, and were followed by Denise Ware, program director, Hospitality and Tourism Institute at Prince George's Community College. Howard Axelrod, director of community outreach, served as the host and MC.

The initial training undertaken by the Workforce Development (WFD) class of 2016 students was the 44-hour Customer Service and Microsoft Office training, sponsored by the Institute's hospitality and tourism division.

The Hospitality and Tourism Institute (HTI) meets the ever-increasing, worldwide demand for well-trained hospitality and tourism professionals and offers customized, specially developed, comprehensive training programs that benefit businesses by lowering in-house recruitment and training costs, reducing workforce turnover, and increasing employee productivity.

Students participating in the program increase their employability by developing skills in a shared-learning model. HTI staff have industry experience and provide employability training as well as technical training specific to the occupational track selected by each participant. This unique program training model was designed to be a national benchmark and

to support achievement of professional credentials and industry-specific certifications. Additionally, each occupational training track is directly aligned with local employment opportunities.

Students of the WFD Class of 2016 have demonstrated that they can overcome challenges by working in small groups or teams and brainstorming to develop solutions to real-world problems. J'Quan Jackson, one of four Beltsville graduates, discovered that his input was very important in the decision-making process while in the program: "I know I can make an impact if I think things through, listen to all the key parts, and be sure of myself," he says.

The three other graduates also had constructive experiences with the program. Amar Harris showed positive leadership skills. He would establish an encouraging tone that made others feel comfortable in the class. "I wasn't trying to take over the class or anything; however, when we got stuck or needed to get something going, I took it as a sign to just lead," said Harris.

Ja'Quante McDuffie displayed a passion to excel; he often would ask for extra assignments so he could have a better understanding of the class. This was a journey that he worked extra hard to complete.

Carlos Trail was organized and prepared each week for class. He was focused and many times was a leader of different topics that was given to the group to solve.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the program, please call Howard Axelrod or Yvonne Ward-Manson at 301.429.6191.

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The exhibit continues through Fri., Mar. 10. It is composed of 50 photographs by Smithsonian photographer Carolyn Russo and explores the varied forms and functions of airport traffic control towers in the U.S. and around the world. Cost: free with museum admission. All ages.

THE WINDSOCK ARMS

Wed., Feb. 15 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Join us on the third Wednesday of each month and get after-hours access to the exhibits and socialize with friends. Each month will feature different libations and activities. Cost: \$10/person, includes food and drinks. Ages 21 and up only.

DISCOVERY CART DAY: MAPPING AROUND

Mon., Feb. 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Explore the various ways pilots navigate both on land and in the air. Learn how to use a map, compass, and even a sextant with the museum's Discovery Carts. All Ages. Cost: free with museum admission.

LAUREL-BELTSVILLE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

Closed Mon., Feb. 20 for Presidents Day. Regular hours of operation: Mon.

FEBRUARY 2017

Calendar of Events

– Thur. from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fri. from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat. from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., closed Sunday. Address: 7120 Contee Rd., Laurel, MD 20707, around the corner from the Laurel Regional Hospital. Phone: 301.206.3350. Fax: 301.206.3387. TTY: 301.446.3402. Contact the center regarding classes and events for February. Membership is free for Beltsville residents who are age 60 or older.

SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Friendship Club regular office hours are Mon. – Fri. from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Phone: 301.206.3380. The monthly meeting will take place on Wed., Feb. 8 at 10:30 a.m. A special program for Black History Month will be presented. Sign-up and pay for the luncheon by Wed., Feb. 1.

THURSDAY MOVIE MATINEE

The featured movie for Thur., Feb. 9 is ***Race***. The featured movie for Thur., Feb. 23 is ***Concussion***. Start time is 10 a.m. and the end time is about 12 noon. Popcorn will be provided.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER

10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. *The entrance is accessed from Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore–Washington Pkwy. and Rt. 197.* Main phone: 301.497.5772. Regular hours of operation for the Visitor Center are: Fri. – Wed. from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., **closed Thursdays and federal holidays**. Regular hours of operation for the trails and grounds are: Open daily from sunrise to sunset, except for federal holidays. See fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent/visit/NWVC.html. Free admission to the Visitor Center and its exhibits, grounds, and trails. Space in public programs is limited. Registration is by phone only and is required unless otherwise specified — call 301.497.5887. Note: These public programs are designed for individuals/families. **Programs are subject to changes or cancellation due to weather or low participation.** Activities and events are free of charge if not noted, but donations to the Friends of Patuxent are always appreciated. Please advise us of any special needs so that we may accommodate you. Contact the Visitor Center regarding events for February.

HOLLINGSWORTH ART GALLERY

The featured artist for February is **Jim O'Leary**. The gallery is open when the Visitor Center is open. Registration is not required. All ages.

WILDLIFE IMAGES BOOKSTORE

The bookstore is operated by the Friends of Patuxent and is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the days that the Visitor Center is open. Applications to adopt a whooping crane (Adopt A Whooper program) may be left at the bookstore.

TINY TOTS: NATURE AND MUSIC

Sun., Feb. 5 and Mon., Feb. 6 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. each

day. Ages 16 – 42 mos. **Parental participation is required.** Learn about wildlife at the refuge through fun and interactive songs and rhyming.

PIGMENT OF PATUXENT

Mon., Feb. 13 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Ages 5 – 7. Explore the colors of the natural world and learn how different animals use colors to survive.

NATURE TOTS: WHO'S AFRAID OF THE DARK?

Tue., Feb. 14 and Wed., Feb. 15 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day. Ages 3 – 4. Ever wonder how some animals can see so well at night? Join us as we discover how nocturnal animals survive at night.

OTTERIFFIC

Sat., Feb. 18 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Ages 8 – 10. Do you know the difference between sea otters and river otters? What makes an otter so special? Find out in this otter-ly fun program!

THE THREE BEARS

Wed., Feb. 22 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Ages 5 – 7. Do you know what bears you can find in North America? What bear can be found right here in Maryland? Join us to find out.

FAMILY FUN: WATER AND THE WEATHER

Fri., Feb. 24 and Sat., Feb. 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. Ages 3 – adult. Drop-in program: *no registration required*. At this time of year weather can be very unpredictable. What determines whether we get rain or snow or sleet or freezing rain? How does all that water get in the clouds? Find out the answers to these questions and more through hands-on activities, games, and crafts.

RAPTORS REIGN

Sat., Feb. 25 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. All ages. Drop-in program: *no registration required*. Join special guest and licensed falconer Rodney Stotts as he shares the power of nature through discussions and up-close encounters with birds of prey.

WINTER BIRD WALK

Sun., Feb. 26 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Ages 8+. Search for birds in several refuge habitats on this guided hike. *Field guides and binoculars are recommended.*

WILD, WONDERFUL WOLVES

Mon., Feb. 27 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Ages 5 – 7. Discover how wolves survive in the wild and learn what makes them such wonderful wild creatures.

BELTSVILLE EVENTS

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

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)

Free and open to the public. Regular hours of operation are Mon. – Fri.

from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for federal holidays. The library is located at 10301 Baltimore Ave., near Sunnyside Ave. Parking is free. Main phone number: 301.504.5755. NAL is on Twitter at http://twitter.com/#!/National_Ag_Lib. See NAL.USDA.gov for more information.

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GARDEN DESIGN BASICS

Sat., Feb. 4 at 11 a.m. Landscape designers spend years in school studying their craft. We can't present you with that much know-how in one class, but Behnke Horticulturist Christopher Lewis, CPH can go over enough basics to help you make an educated decision when you want to make-over or add to your gardens. Cost: free.

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Sun., Feb. 12 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be more than 300 blooming or near-blooming-size orchids, including very rare and unusual specimens from growers coast to coast. This is one of the largest orchid auctions in the country. Free admission and open to the public. More information is available at www.ncos.us.

GARDEN HAND TOOL SHARPENING

Saturdays, Feb. 18 and 25 and Sundays, Feb. 19 and 26 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Bring in up to two (2) hand tools per person and have them sharpened. Cost: \$3 each or two (2) tools for \$5 — *cash only*. All proceeds will be donated to the Emmanuel United Methodist Church Foodbank. First come, first served. **Sorry, we can't sharpen mower blades or saws.** Please exercise patience if there is a line. Tool sharpening takes time.

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PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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Mondays in February from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Homework help and reading practice for students K through 6. Call the branch for more information.

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

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Wednesday mornings at 11:30 a.m. for ages 2 – 3 years old.

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Thursday mornings at 11:15 a.m. Ages birth – 2 years old.

STEM FOR FAMILIES

Wed., Feb. 1 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Learn how to make a marshmallow catapult and measure distance in this hands-on session. Ages 5 – 12 years old. Call 301-937-0294 to register.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH COLORING PARTY

Thur., Feb. 9 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Celebrate Black History Month by coloring pictures of famous African Americans and watching African folktales. Ages birth to 8 years with caregivers.

TAIL WAGGIN' TUTOR

Sat., Feb. 18 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Children read to a dog. Ages 5 – 12 years. For information, call or visit the branch.

ANANSEGROMMA OF GHANA

Thur., Feb. 23 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. This is an exploration of traditional music, storytelling, and dance of a typical African village. Ages birth – 12 years.

PROGRAM FOR ADULTS

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Sat., Feb. 4 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. This is a live performance by actress Gwendolyn Briley-Strand dramatizing this significant period in civil rights history. Question and answer period follows.

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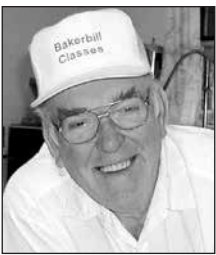
YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

The Beltsville Young at Heart Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 12 noon. Members must be at least 55 years old. If you visit us three times you can become a member. We have speakers, entertainment, trips, 50/50, bingo, plus light refreshments. Call Jean at 301.879.4304 with any questions.

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

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Baker Bill

My readers are growing each month; not a day does not go by without someone stopping me in a hallway telling me how they liked my recipes. Many have tried some. I got good reports on the fruitcake, cookies, and others as well. My Beltsville readers know what my background is, but maybe my readers here in Riderwood don't.

I'm a professional retail baker. I owned and ran Raulin's Bakery in Beltsville for 20 years, and my son had it for 20 years. I have a master's certificate in baking from the Retail Bakers of America. After operating the store, I went to work as a consultant to a European company and became an expert in croissants. Then I went to work for Safeway and retired from there in 1997. At the same time, I led a class called Basic Baking at Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Beltsville. All the recipes you read are class tested. You'll note they all are simple, no complicated wording. If you put all ingredients in a bowl and mix, they will turn out well. Just try one, and you'll see.

I'm working on getting more copies of *The Beltsville News* delivered to other hubs, but so far no action. Here at Montgomery Station, they go fast each month.



This is where my readers live for the most part.

For the next few months, my recipes will be for baking cookies. Cookies are a fun: kids just love to make them. On a snowy day when the kids can't go out, not only do cookies taste good, but they smell good in the house.

I will start the year off with a great (not just good) chocolate chip cookie recipe. In a medium-sized bowl, place

1/4 cup sugar
3/4 cup brown sugar
2 sticks of butter
and cream well!
To this add
2 1/2 cups flour

1 tsp. salt
1 1/2 tsp. soda
vanilla to taste
and mix in 2 eggs and add 1 12-ounce pack chocolate chips

This is a basic recipe: instead of chocolate chips, you can use M&M's and so on.

Mix all well, spoon out chunks about the size of a ping pong ball, place them on greased cookie pans, and then bake @ 400 degrees for about 10 minutes. They will spread to about 2 inches in size. The cost is about 5 cents a cookie.

That's it this month. Questions? Drop me a line at bill@bakerbill.net.

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devices work with the Google suite of applications and can be purchased from *Amazon* for prices ranging from \$9 to \$40 dollars.

Biometrics and Other forms of 2FA

There are, of course, other forms of two factor authentication including biometrics like face and fingerprint scanners. Fingerprint scanners have been available on laptops for a while and are now appearing on mobile phones. Laptops and phones now usually have cameras that can be used to identify a person using facial recognition. Voice recognition is also starting to be used as another authentication factor, again employing microphones built into phones and laptops. However, voice recognition is now also being used for non-display computing devices like the Amazon Dot and Echo.

There are also simpler but effective two factor authentication means such as “bingo cards.” An example of this (called “Perfect Paper Passwords”) can be found on Steve Gibson’s GRC site: <https://www.grc.com/ppp.htm>.

Bottom Line

The bottom line here is, if secure access to a site is important, then use two factor authentication. Most banking sites have some form of two factor support available (and shame on banks like SunTrust that do not). Google has it as a built-in option for most of its applications including Gmail and Google Drive. Find out if the applications that are important to you make it available and, if so, use it.

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HARLEM NIGHTS

Sat., Feb. 25 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. This is a youth talent showcase in celebration of Black History Month. Free admission. All ages.

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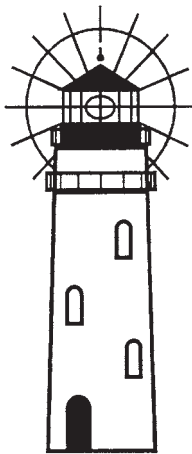
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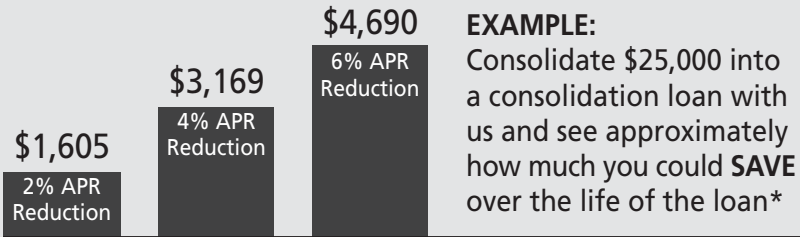
GET YOUR FINANCES READY IN 2017

GET A FINANCIAL CHECK-UP & EARN A \$50 GIFT CARD!* ASK HOW...

A new year is here and now is the perfect time to learn how much you could save when you refinance your high-interest debt. Auto loans, credit cards, mortgage? Speak to a Member Service Representative and receive strategies on how you could add some extra cash in your pocket each month!

Financial Checkup Solutions:

- ✓ **Consolidate** high-interest bills
- ✓ Lower or **eliminate fees**
- ✓ **Save \$\$\$** over each month or over the life of the loan
- ✓ Earn a **\$50 Gift Card** when you get a Financial Checkup, open a new account & apply for a loan!*



*The chart shown above gives examples of how much you can save over the life of a five year loan for \$25,000 with certain rate reductions. Imagine being able to reduce your monthly expenses and save over the life of the loan!

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*APR=Annual Percentage Rate. The above example is based on a \$25,000 loan with a term of 60 equal monthly installment payments, starting rate of 15.75% APR. To qualify for the \$50 gift card, the loan must have a minimum balance of \$10,000 at the time of disbursement. All applications and new accounts must be received by 2/28/17, and settled by 3/31/17. Loans exclude PayDay Express, Share Secured and current PGFCU confirmed loans. New account must remain open for 3 months. Gift cards will be disbursed to qualified members after promotion end. Your actual rate will be based on your loan amount, term and credit history. Contact us to apply and for details.

