Emmanuel’s Movies Under The Stars

Emmanuel United Methodist Church will be hosting outdoor movies on Friday evenings beginning July 11 and ending August 15. The lawn will open at 7:00 p.m. and the movies will begin at dusk. Bring a picnic dinner (no alcoholic beverages or glass bottles allowed) and blankets and spend the evening with your family. The schedule of movies is July 11: E.T. the Extra Terrestrial, July 18: The Lion King, July 25: The Incredibles, August 1: Finding Nemo, August 8: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, and August 15: Star Wars.

If it is raining the movies will be shown in the sanctuary and dinner will happen in the church fellowship hall.

Jazz Under the Stars

PROJECT NATALE, featuring Lou and Joseph Natale of nearby Burtonsville, returns to perform at the Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Road, on July 12 at 7:00 p.m. PROJECT NATALE is noted for its unique style blending influences from the Caribbean, Cuba and Brazil into American Jazz. Local appearances include Blues Alley, Bohemian Caverns, IMAX Jazz Café, and Jordan’s Restaurant in Washington, D.C.

Americanism Shines in Beltsville Schools

By Ivy Christoffers

The American Legion Auxiliary Americanism Essay contest proved to be inspirational for our fifth through eighth grade students in Beltsville. So much so, in fact, the judges had a very difficult time in choosing three winners in each group. Of the two schools that participated, Beltsville Elementary School and Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School, the essays were well written. The topic was: AMERICA, HOME OF THE BRAVE, LAND THAT I LOVE.

Many of the essays spoke of the land of origin for some of the families in Beltsville. Some families are from Italy, Ecuador, Peru, Mexico, Colombia, Brazil, India, the Ukraine, Syria, and Russia. Several students are from mixed heritage families.

Edward Michael Jagen Receives 2008 National Jefferson Award

Local author, child protection advocate and retired Washington, D.C. Police Investigator, Edward Michael Jagen, received the national Jefferson Award’s S. Roger Horchow Award for Greatest Public Service by a Private Citizen on Tuesday, June 17 at 7:00 p.m. in East Hall, Union Station.

Selected by the Jefferson Awards’ prestigious board of selectors, Mr. Jagen was chosen for a 2008 Jefferson Award for his distinguished public service career marked by extraordinary leadership, vision and commitment to create the Good Knight Child Empowerment Network, Inc., www.GoodKnight.org which has served America’s families since 1985.

Most recently, Mr. Jagen has written and published the Super Book of Family Safety, a condensed encyclopedia of safety and home resource guide. Partnering with the University of Maryland, the U.S. Department of Education, the Transportation Safety Institute, and the American Legion Auxiliary, Good Knight Child Empowerment Network is the result.

Lions Club International Foundation’s Highest Recognition

Two Riderwood Residents Named Melvin Jones Fellows

On June 6, Riderwood Lions Club members Esko Halilla and Ann Casale were named Melvin Jones Fellows by Lions Clubs International (LCIF), in recognition of their commitment to community service. Theodore B. “Ted” Ladd, District Governor, Lions Club International (District 22-C), presented the awards, along with Bob Korschen, President, College Park Lions Club, and Louise Macauley, Riderwood Lions Club President.

(L-R) Louise Macauley, President of Riderwood Lions Club, Melvin Jones Fellows Ann Casale and Esko Halilla, District Governor of Lions District 22-C, Ted Ladd.
25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

Extracted from the July 1983 Issue

Beltsville School to be Recycled
Old Beltsville Elementary School on Powder Mill Road would become the new home of Computer Sciences Corporation and hire 500 employees.

Gravel Workman Saved
Artheista Stout, an employee of Somar Paving Company, was rescued after falling 10 feet into a large container holding blue chips.

Cottman-Collins Wedding
On May 7, 1983, Laurie F. Cottman, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Harry J. Cottman, and Kerry P. Collins, son of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas P. Collins, all from Beltsville, were married.

June Wedding
Lori Jean Schroeder, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Schroeder, of Beltsville, was married to Benjamin L. Allen, son of Mr. & Mrs. Louis S. Allen of Silver Spring on June 11, 1983.

Attends Reunion
Mrs. Walter H. Armiger of Beltsville and Thelma Marcus Prim, formerly of Beltsville attended the 50th class reunion of Hyattsville High School on June 1, 1983.

Klassen Honored
Michael Klassen, 18, of Beltsville received a Council proclama-
tion for being named “Outstanding History Student” for 1983 by the Capitol Historic Society.

New Arrivals
Phil & Mary Johnson became the proud parents of a son, Thomas Philip, born on June 4, 1983.

Lori Marie was born on June 3, 1983, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ronald & Pamela Midkiff of Beltsville.

Emily Katherine was born June 13, 1983, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Rose of Greenwood Road.

A daughter, Alisa Tiffany, was born May 11, 1983 to Raymond & Robin Miller.

Joshua Lee Ridgeway was born May 11, 1983 to Robert L. & F. Laurie Lansford-Ridgeway of Harford Avenue.

Carlene Dayelle, a daughter, was born to Don & Patty Peter-
son in early June.

Benjamin Paul, a son, was born June 3, 1983 to Paul & Diane Gallaway.

A daughter, Jamie Marie, was born on June 18, 1983 to Anna & Keith Eller.

University of Maryland Graduate
Leon P. Veillard of Montgomery Road received a degree in Business & Management.

Mount Vernon College Graduate
Beth Scaria was awarded her BA in arts & Humanities at the college campus in Washington, D.C.

Obituaries
George M. Darrow, 94, retired chief of small fruit at the Department of Agriculture died June 9, 1983 at his home in Glenn Dale, MD.


Lillian Brown passed away on July 1, 1983 at the Greater Laurel Beltsville Hospital after a long illness.

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Neighbors in the News

One Hundred Day Birthday Celebrated

John and Ming Yee Chen of Beltsville recently celebrated the One Hundred Day Birthday of their grandson, Leo Kai-Wei Chen McClintock, with good friends and relatives from near and far, including Leo’s four year and one-half year old cousin Kira. Everyone enjoyed the happy time and the delicious Chinese banquet at two different restaurants. Leo and the McClintock family and friends celebrated again at a Memorial Day barbecue in Fort Hill, PA. Leo Kai-Wei Chen

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students and compared their previous existence with the one they now enjoy. It was easy to see why they have come to love their life here in the “land of the free.”

After many days of reading and rereading, the judges came up with the winning essays. Winning for Beltsville Elementary School, first through third place were Cristeen Ayanwu, Crystal Anokam and Mauro Ramirez. Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School had four winners as it was impossible to choose between the two chosen for third place, so two students shared third place, Jordan Slade and Terra Stephens, while Arron Jackson took second place and Hephzibah Varghese won first place and went on to win third place in the Southern Maryland District competition. Her accomplishments and her picture have been published on the school web site. In addition to his or her beautiful certificate, there was a cash award for each winner. Our congratulations to all of the students who participated. You can rest assured, if these students stay as focused as they are at this time, we are in good hands in years to come.

Other happenings this month included law enforcement’s “Torch Run” for The Special Olympics, which tied up traffic for a while on Rt. 1 as Hyattsville Police Chief, Doug Holland, led police officers and special athletes north to Laurel where the torch was handed off to the Laurel Police Dept. to be carried to Towson University where the Special Olympics Summer Games were held on the 6th, 7th and 8th of June. Members of Post and Unit 217 and the SAL were busy preparing hamburgers and hotdogs to feed this hungry crew as they stopped at the Post Home for lunch and some much needed water to rehydrate themselves for the rest of their journey north to Laurel.

On June 14th, Flag Day, there was a beautiful Flag Dedication ceremony held at Safford Lincoln Mercury where members of Post and Unit 217 played important roles along with many others in the community. Boy Scout Troop 1033 of Beltsville participated with the raising of the 30x60ft flag. Pat Cavanagh Sr. and Jr. played “America, The Beautiful” on their bugles while the flag was being raised. American Legion Post 86 Color Guard and Rifle Squad did a beautiful job assisted by the NJROTC from Northwestern High School. Our featured speaker was Past National Commander, Clarence Bacon, who spoke on the importance of protecting the flag. Another speaker was Marge Gallun, one of the first women marines who joined up in 1943. She spoke of the difference in the experiences of women then and now. Sharing her beautiful voice with us in singing the national anthem was Shannon Beam, who is a past Miss College Park and a member of Unit 217. Unit 217 Chaplain, Mary Kellner, offered prayers while photographer K.C. Christoffers captured everything on film for Safford Lincoln Mercury and our Unit history book.

Another important function held on June 14th was the celebration of the birthday of the Army. Post 217 remembers each one of the five branches of the armed forces on their birthdays with prayers, readings, and special foods and usually a birthday cake. This time it was the Post Sgt-at-Arms, Elando Lindsey who officiated, assisted by Commander Tom Davis and Chaplain, Ron Gray.

Another beautiful happening this month was the return home from Iraq of the 450th Civil Affairs Battalion Airborne out of Riverside Park. They have been deployed three times. Twice to Afghanistan and this last time to Iraq. We are blessed, as there were no casualties. One soldier was wounded, but is doing well. The soldiers arrived by bus from Ft Bragg, which was where they flew into from Iraq, on Tuesday evening the 3rd. There were many friends and family members anxiously awaiting the arrival of the buses. When they were spotted, everyone ran outside in the rain to wave their flags and shout “Welcome Home.” Commander Tom Davis, Bill Bladen and myself were among the crowd. A little later there was an assembly and Commander Tom and Bill presented the soldiers with special medals while I presented each one with a flag that flew on the mall during Veteran’s Day 2007 along with a picture of the “Healing Field” of 1,000 flags, and a letter of authenticity signed by the National President of the American Legion Auxiliary.

They were pleased to receive them.

There was a beautiful Memorial Day service held at the Veterans Monument at the corner of Greenbelt Rd. and Rt. 1 on May 26th with a luncheon that followed at Post Home. 

and on May 27th Judy Beard and I made our way to Washington VA Medical Center to entertain the residents of the Nursing Home. We played Bingo with them, gave out door prizes to the winners and served them some delicious refreshments. The veterans always are glad to see us and really enjoy these visits.

Congratulations to newly elected Post Commander, Glenn Butler and reelected Unit President, Angelie Rodriguez. May you enjoy your time in Ocean City at the state convention and return home to the beginning of another successful year for Post and Unit #217.

If you are wondering how you can get in on some of these activities I report on each month, just give us a call at 301.441.2783 and ask. We are always happy to welcome new qualified members. God Bless our Troops and God Bless the USA.

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THE PATUXENT RESEARCH REFUGE OFFERS "BIRTHING FOR THE BLIND" PROGRAM

The Patuxent Research Refuge will be offering a “Birthing for the Blind” program on Saturday, July 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Patuxent Research Refuge’s North Tract entrance. This program is designed specifically for visually impaired people (VIPs), their families and friends. The program is designed for ages 8 through adult; and will introduce VIPs to nature and birthing through hands-on activities and exploration of outdoor habitats. Participants will learn how to identify birds by sound, an activity that can be done in any outdoor setting – like a neighborhood park or individual backyard! The program is FREE, but registration is required. Call 301.497.5887 to register or for more information.

The North Tract of Patuxent Research Refuge is located off MD Route 198 between the Baltimore/Washington Parkway and Route 32, east of Laurel, MD. If you have any special needs please contact the Refuge at least two weeks prior to the event. Visit http://patuxent.fws.gov for refuge information or directions.

Basket Bingo
St. Joseph’s Parish will conduct a Basket Bingo on Friday evening, July 18 in the Parish Hall at 11011 Montgomery Road from 7:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. (non-smoking). Come join us for this fun-filled event. Bingo winners will receive specialty baskets, pottery and home accessories. There will be door prizes and raffle too! Tickets are available for $10.00 (in advance) daily at the school and parish offices, or for $12.00 at the door. Refreshments are available.

Prince George’s Summer Teen Theatre Presents “Jesus Christ Superstar”

- The Prince George’s Summer Teen Theatre returns to High Point this summer with a brand new production of “Jesus Christ Superstar,” Andrew Lloyd Webber’s rock opera about the last days of Jesus. Jesus Christ Superstar (JCS) is in fact the first rock opera ever produced, paving way for shows like “RENT.”

According to the Rodger’s and Hammerstein organization JCS “seems especially fitting that the first rock opera, created as a concept album at the end of the turbulent ‘60s, should have at its center a social and political rebel. Jesus’ meteor-like rise in renown provides, as the title suggests, a parallel to contemporary celebrity worship. As his radical teachings are evermore embraced, Judas increasingly questions the enlightened motives of this new prophet, resulting in betrayal. Christ’s final days are dramatized with emotional intensity, thought-provoking edge and explosive theatricality. Propelled by a stirring score, by turns driving and majestic, satirical and tender, JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR illuminates the transcendent power of the human spirit – it has a passion that goes straight to the heart.”

Andrew Lloyd Webber has said the “Reason Superstar was recorded was because nobody would put it on stage. He wanted to ask why it was that Judas betrayed Jesus? The first song Judas sings, ‘Heaven on their Minds’ is a warning to Jesus about the dangers of the path they are on. The ultimate goal of the show is to show the humanity of Jesus and Judas. By humanizing them, the show examines how they reacted to a set of circumstances that got out of their control. The conflict of ideals between the 2 characters is the driving force of the story. It is a unique and satisfying experience every time.”

The Prince George’s Summer Teen Theatre has been performing for 41 years. They are the longest running teen musical theatre organization in the United States. PGSTT, founded in 1967, is a not-for-profit youth organization governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. Its mission is dedicated to providing Prince George’s County and its surrounding communities with the opportunity to encourage and promote interest in all facets of theater arts through a summer program designed for the teen student. This program provides instruction and knowledge in the various standards and skills of theatrical arts and productions, a vehicle for the teen student to foster an insight and appreciation of the theater and the theatrical arts, and above all, theater education for teens in a fun and supportive atmosphere.

This year there are several Beltsville residents in the cast and on crew. They include Zoe Kilbourne and Krista Ortiz in the choruses, and Jake Rayburn as Annas. Also, on our production team there is Marcus Brown as producer, and former Beltsville residents Rick Bergmann and Matt Mitchell as producer and tech director and stage manager. PGSTT is excited to be back in High Point and among the Beltsville Community again.

Show dates for “Jesus Christ Superstar” are July 25, 26, August 1 and 2 at 8:00 p.m., July 27 and August 3 at 2:00 p.m. They will be performed at High Point High School 3601 Powder Mill Road Beltsville, MD 20705. Ticket prices are adults $12.00 children under 12/Seniors 62 $10.00. For more info contact us at pgstt@hotmail.com or visit them on the web at www.pgstt.org.

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Birckbichler, Henry Francis, Jr.

Henry Francis Birckbichler of Taneytown and formerly of Beltsville, MD died on Tuesday, May 27, 2008. He was the beloved husband of Mary C. Birckbichler and loving father of Theresa M. Aldana, Francis Birckbichler, Coral E. Talbot, Rose A. Renda and Brian M. Birckbichler. He was the brother of James and Melvin Birckbichler, Rita Smith, Lucille Wilson, and Teresa Ritzter. Ten grandchildren and one great grandchild also survive him. Friends called at Devol Funeral Home, 10 East Deer Park Drive, Gaithersburg, MD on Thursday, May 29 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Mass of Christian burial was offered at St. Martins Catholic Church, 201 South Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD on Friday, May 30 at 11:30 a.m. Interment Fate of Heaven Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, Washington Office, 1025 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036. Please sign the family guest book at www.devolvernalhome.com.

Moran, Gerald Francis

Gerald Francis Moran of Beltsville died on May 26, 2008. He was the beloved husband of the late Margaret M. Moran, loving father of Gerald Moran, Jr. Timothy (Carla) Moran, Elizabeth (Robert) Pisa- no, and Sally Ann (Tim) Parker. He was the brother of Patricia Marsh, grandfather of Diana, Sean, Carol, Eddie, Veronica, Joe, Patrick, and Genna and great grandfather of Sebastian and Caitlyn. A grandson, Tyler Parker, predeceased him. Relatives and friends called at Borgwardt Funeral Home on Thursday May 29, and the Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Friday, May 30 at 10:00 a.m. Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery.

Winter, David Michael

David Michael Winter, of Mechanicville, MD, born June 12, 2008 and died June 12, 2008 at 12:10 a.m. in St. Mary’s Hospital, Leonardtown, MD. He was the infant son of Tracey Lynn Lewis of Mechanicsville, MD and Robert L. Winter of Beltsville, MD. He is also survived by his maternal grandparents, Tom and Denise Skotek of Mechanicville, MD and his paternal grandparents; George and Kathy Meyers of Laurel, MD and Don Winter and Ashley Duggan, both of Mechanicville, MD.

Obituaries

By Elizabeth Olson

Birds can be very helpful partners in the garden. They eat large quantities of insect pests. Provide perching spots from which birds can more easily detect and eat insects throughout the garden. Slender bamboo sticks of heights ranging from 3 to 4 feet tall work well, depending on how tall your vegetables are. Place the sticks in the ground 3 to 5 feet apart. Most birds do not need to have seeds provided by people at this time of year, but they do need water. If you have or get a birdbath, make sure that the water is fresh every day. This is healthier for the birds and prevents mosquitoes from breeding in the saucers. A simple 14-inch or larger diameter plastic or glazed ceramic saucer placed on the ground and in the shade will work well.

INDOORS

Order seeds for fall and winter crops. Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, etc., need to be started in late July or in early August. Use bottom heat and place the pots under grow lights or near a sunny window. To ensure a harvest of Brussels sprouts for Thanksgiving, transplant them to the garden by Labor Day. Good selections are available at www.growitalian.com and www.seedsavers.org.

The garlic and shallot harvest for this year is winding down, but it is time to start selecting which varieties to plant for next year. Many companies sell out early each year so be sure to order soon for late summer or early autumn delivery. For sources, see www.fiorellofarm.com, www.kitchengardenseeds.com, and www.territorialseed.com.

OUTDOORS

Promptly remove any vegetables that are damaged or spoiled. This will help to reduce the number of pests in the garden. Watch for squash vine borers. They attack summer squash and many types of winter squash and pumpkins. The symptoms include wilting of the entire plant or an individual vine (even when it is well-watered) and the presence of frass (a yellowish substance) on the vine, usually near the base of the plant or where the leaf stems attach to the vine. Once a plant is infected, insectsicides are ineffective. More than one borer can be present, sometimes in different locations within the plant. The remedy is to remove each borer by very carefully slitting the vine near the opening in the stem where the frass is and then continuing along the stem lengthwise until the borer or borers can be seen. Remove each borer and destroy it, then cover that portion of the vine with some loose soil to help roots form along it. If the plant is beyond saving, place it in a closed bag for the garden refuse service that the county provides each week. Do not leave it in the garden or place it in your compost pile.

Partners in the Garden

Kitchen Garden Tips for July 2008

By Elizabeth Olson

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By Councilman Tom Dernoga

While this has been a tough budget year, I was able to advance some projects of great interest in Beltsville. I look forward to seeing some of these projects come to fruition over the next couple of years.

The most important aspect of the budget for the Beltsville area is the continuation of the funding for the Vanvsely Elementary School that is to be completed in time to open at the end of August ($11,614,000 for FY 2009). In addition, sufficient funding is continued for the Cherry Hill Road/Sellman Road project. Further, another $1,415,000 was added to the Beltsville-Laurel Senior Center to ensure full funding of the project.

A significant victory was moving forward the Montgomery Road improvement project. The County Executive had proposed delaying it to FY 2011, but I was able to work out a compromise that moves almost $3,000,000 to FY 2010. During this fiscal year, DPWT will commence preliminary aspects of the improvement project.

Unfortunately, there is little funding for road repaving. Fortunately, I was able to get Dunnington (Calverton) and 46th Avenue (Beltsville) moved up on the repaving list for this fiscal year.

I was also able to get a few recreational projects into the budget. $400,000 has been allocated for Fairland Athletic Complex improvements. Of great significance, we may finally see the fruition of the long languishing “Beltsville Area Sports Park”. For those that follow the MNCPPC budget, this project has been on the books for about 20 years but MNCPPC has never been able to acquire land. Now, with the Konterra project moving forward, it looks like one of the portions closest to Beltsville will be made an extension of Fairland Athletic Complex. In anticipation of the acquisition of land for this Sports Park, I was able to include $1,600,000 in the MNCPPC budget for a Fairland Athletic Complex Expansion. Such a Sports Park would include a number of playing fields of various types.

So, even if a difficult year, we were able to advance some significant projects that will enhance Beltsville.

Grants

Finally, I was pleased to award several grants to Beltsville non-profit organizations to assist them with their missions. High Point High School had a very successful Grad Night, which gives graduating seniors a drug and alcohol free alternative for celebrating the conclusion of their secondary education. I was pleased to support Grad Night with a $1,000.

Also, two weeks ago I attended the kick-off of the Friends of Beltsville Library’s “Catch the Reading Bug” program. The Friends really work hard to provide programs for all ages to engage them in literature. The June 3rd Ice Cream Social included an entomologist to make sure that everyone got the reading “Bug”. I was really pleased to present the Friends with a grant for $5,000 to support their literary programs.

Finally, I attended the Laurel-Beltsville Oasis annual dinner on June 11th to provide support for their critical programs working with at-risk children. Lorrie Woods and her staff have been working with at-risk youth for 30 incredible years. It was wonderful to support this organization with a grant for $2,000.

Stay safe!
Tom Dernoga
Is your property tax assessment to high?

In Maryland, home values are assessed every three years to set the base for the local property tax. And after these assessments, you can appeal the assessor's valuation on your home if you think it's too high. But some homeowners don’t know that you can appeal your assessment at any time, even if you have not been recently assessed.

Given the decline in some home values caused by the foreclosure crisis and the national recession, the assessment on your home, set several years ago, may be higher than real, current value. Since Maryland’s Home- stead Property Tax Credit allows Prince George’s to cap home owners’ assessment increases, which determine how much you actually pay, at 3% a year, recent big increases in home values have not led to similar increases in property taxes for Beltsville homeowners. This protection has been particularly important and effective for longtime homeowners. But, if you bought your home more recently and values in your neighborhood have dropped below what you paid, it may be worthwhile for you to appeal your assessment now.

To do so, contact the Prince George’s assessment office at: George’s assessment office at: 14735 Main Street, Suite 354B, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772 301.952.2500 fax: 301.952.2955 e-mail: princeg@dat.state.md.us. They can get you the form to appeal and explain the process to you. 

There's no guarantee you will go down, but it may be worth the modest effort to make sure the assessment is correct.

Expanding Health Insurance Coverage for Working Families

Last year and this year, Delegates Barbara Frush, Ben Barnes, Joselene Peña-Melnyk and I worked for a variety of expansions of access to health insurance. They include:

High school and college graduates may be able to remain insured on their family health coverage plans up to age 25.

- Allows dependents to stay on their family’s health insurance plans up to age 25 — regardless of whether or not they are full-time students. Young adults do not need to be claimed as dependents on a family’s income taxes in order for them to be eligible for coverage.

- Qualifying dependents can be up to age 25 and they must be unmarried, live at home with the plan holder for at least half of the year, and receive at least 50 percent of their support from the plan holder. The easiest way to determine whether or not dependents can remain on their family’s health insurance plan is to ask the employer’s human resources professional.

Senior Citizens – Prescription drug subsidy for 7,500 low- and moderate-income senior citizens.

- Closes a gap in Medicare drug coverage known as a doughnut hole. The Medicare benefit, passed by Congress in 2003, covers annual costs up to $2,510, but seniors then have to pay all of their drug costs until total spending out of pocket hits $4,000. Coverage kicks back in after that.

- New subsidy available to seniors with incomes from Social Security benefits or retirement plans up to 300% of the federal poverty level, about $12,000.

- CareFirst has agreed to pay the annual $7 million cost of the program. The benefit would average $1,000 per person, with the exact amount depending on a senior’s drug costs.

Small Businesses – Extends coverage to over 15,000 workers

- To be eligible for a subsidy to purchase insurance, the employer must be a small firm (2-9 full time employees), have average wages below about $50K, have not offered insurance to their employees in the previous 12 months, and willing to offer health insurance benefits that include the wellness benefit design and Section 125 premium-only plan so that the employee’s contribution to premium is excluded from income and not taxed.

- Benefits include maximum premium subsidy for each low wage employee will be the lower of $2000 or 50% of the premium and subsidy will be divided between the employer and the employee based on the contribution each makes toward the premium.

Low Income Workers – Expand Medicaid Coverage for 92,000 poor adults

- Medicaid coverage will expand over four years, first covering parents earning up to 116 percent of the federal poverty level, or an approximate income of less than $20,000, for a family of three.

In 2009, single, childless adults are next, as long as their income is 116 percent of the federal poverty level, about $12,000.

Beltsville Day

Despite the rain, it was good to see so many Beltsville families come out to the Recreation Council’s annual community celebration. As always, the performances, the rides, the food, and the information of community organizations are fun for young and old alike.

Vansville Day

I look forward to seeing you at Vansville Day -- Sunday, July 20th, from 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Vansville Park on Old Baltimore Pike, 1/2 mile south of Muirkirk Rd. The Delegates and I will be there with information on helping seniors with drug costs, fighting electric rate hikes, protecting our environment, as well as to listen to your concerns - and just enjoy the fellowship. Hope to see you there.

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**Butterflies: Nature’s Festival of Colors**
- **Saturday July 5th 8:30-11:00 a.m. Ages 10+**
- **Sunday July 20th 8:30-11:00 a.m. Ages 10+**
  - Discover the role that butterflies play in the ecosystem and learn to identify several common species to Maryland on this guided 2.5-mile hike. Field guide recommended. Bring water and dress for the outdoors.

**Wildflower Wander**
- **Sunday July 13th 8:30-10:30 a.m. All Ages**
  - Discover the role that wildflowers play in the ecosystem and learn to identify some common species on this guided walk. Remember to bring water! Long pants & hat recommended.

**Twilight Tram Tours**
- **Wednesday July 2nd 7:00-8:15 p.m. All Ages**
- **Monday July 28th 7:00-8:15 p.m. All Ages**
  - Enjoy a 45 minute guided tour through the habitats of Patuxent Research Refuge on an all-electric, open-air tram. View wildlife and their habitats while discovering the story of how the land has changed over time and how Patuxent is managing habitats for wildlife. Tickets are $4 for adults, $3 for seniors over 55, and $2 for children under 12. Please bring the Park’s K-8 day school located at 13800 Old Gunpowder Road, Laurel, is extending a special welcome to students from area private and parochial schools that have closed their doors.

According to David Murray, finance director of the academy and member of the board of directors, students from these recently-closed schools are invited to apply to Augsburg Academy for the 2008-2009 school year, and upon acceptance, will be granted a $500 tuition grant in addition to any other grants or financial aid.

“We are offering this special incentive to those students who have recently learned that their former schools will be closed or have closed with the completion of the 2008-09 school year,” said Murray. “One can never replace the love or loyalty to a former school, but we hope that this offer of assistance will encourage parents to take a look at Augsburg for their children.”

For the 2008-2009 school year, Augsburg is accepting students from kindergarten through eighth grade. The high school program will open with the Class of 2013, those students entering ninth grade in the 2008-09 school year.

The academy is co-located with The Gardens Ice House while plans are completed for construction of the first academic building and student union. For more information, please contact the Rev. Arthur Hebbeler, STS, head of schools, PO Box 140, Beltsville, Maryland, call 240.790.7101, or visit the academy website, www.AugsburgAcademy.net.
Matthew Hudson has attended Calvert Elementary since kindergarten and now is to move on to MLK Middle School. He has always worked hard to be the best. There is never a day that you don’t see Matthew smiling. He loves to play and have fun. Matthew had some wonderful teachers at Calvert that he will truly miss. On May 29, 2008, there was a 6th-grade promotion for children moving on to middle school. Matthew Hudson was recognized for his significant contributions to the Association for four consecutive years, and his tireless work with other PPVA activities throughout the year that aided the Division’s efforts.

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Yes, it’s true, veterinary school is harder to get into than medical school. Alexander Alfaro, son of Bill and Sandra Alfaro of Beltsville, MD made the cut and will enter the four-year professional Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine for the fall 2008 term.

The school is one of only 28 veterinary schools nationwide, and the only one in Wisconsin. Only 80 students are admitted each year, out of more than 887 applicants. This year, 165 applied from Wisconsin and 722 out of state. Applicants are chosen based on outstanding academic achievement and veterinary medicine experience. Of the 80 positions, 60 have been offered to Wisconsin residents and 20 to out-of-state applicants.

Alfaro, a 2003 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt, earned a B.S. degree in biological sciences from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County in 2007 and was working toward an M.S. degree in animal science from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County in 2007 and was working on a rain barrel that was made out of a used 55-gallon soft drink syrup container, a spigot, caulking, a downspout adapter, and a small piece of screen. Similar models available for sale can cost more than $150.00 for each barrel.

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Neighbors in the News

More than 200 Women Participate in Conference to Celebrate International Women’s Day

More than 200 South Asian women gathered for a conference that was applauded by many attendees as “phenomenal” and “inspiring.” Hosted by BAPS, Investing in Women and Girls recognized the theme of this year’s International Women’s Day.

Invigorating lectures by guest speakers and multimedia videos spanned the two hours and thirty minutes long conference held on Saturday, June 7, at the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Beltsville, MD.

Organized by BAPS Swaminarayan Sansatha and geared toward the South Asian women, the conference addressed the importance of social, educational, cultural and spiritual investment for the development of women and girls.

Dr. Anne Marie Spence, a mechanical engineer and an Assistant Professor at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County commenced the lecture series with an emphasis on exposing young girls to diverse educational fields. Dr. Pramila Poudel of the Chinmay Mission gave an enthusiastic speech on social investment in women and girls.

“Being a wife is not enough. A woman is also a mother, a teacher to our children, a friend to her husband, and a partner in economic dimension,” Dr. Poudel, a Nepali native, said. “A woman is a builder of society, the home and our future generation.”

Ms. Sadananda, a renowned Kuchipudi dancer, spoke on the importance and sustenance of culture in establishing a personal identity. Lack of understanding about one’s culture leads to confusion, which, in turn, leads to problems, Ms. Sadananda said.

“Go somewhere where you can learn to express your culture,” she urged.

A powerful speech on spiritualism by Ms. Ami Patel followed next. Ms. Patel distinguished between religion and spirituality. “Religion is an introduction to spirituality,” she said. “Spirituality is the connection to our inner conscience. It points out who we are, our strengths and weaknesses.”

A synopsis speech on BAPS and its myriad activities concluded the conference. Ms. Natalia Luis attended the event as the chief guest. “It is important to raise the awareness of women’s role in the society, to see what we are able to do. This conference did that. It gave a proper support system for the women,” Bina Patel, an invited guest said.

“I am delighted to see powerful Indian women within the Swaminarayan Community. I hope this conference continues for years to come,” said Krishna Jari, an invited guest at the conference.

BAPS is a worldwide socio-spiritual non-profit organization in Consultative Status with the Social and Economic Council of the United Nations. In commemoration of the International Women’s Day and in recognition of the need to invest in the women, BAPS is hosting a series of similar conferences across the U.S. and Canada. For further information on the organization and its activities please visit www.baps.org.

About BAPS

The BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha (BAPS), a worldwide socio-spiritual organization in Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, is dedicated to community service, peace and harmony. Motivated by Hindu principles, BAPS strives to care for the world by caring for societies, families and individuals. Through a number of social and spiritual activities, BAPS endeavors to produce better citizens of tomorrow who have a high esteem for their roots - their rich Hindu culture. Its 9,000 international centers, including more than 5,000 youth centers, support these activities of character-building. Under the guidance and leadership of His Divine Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj, BAPS aspires to build a community that is morally, ethically and spiritually pure, and free of addictions.

About Pramukh Swami Maharaj

His Divine Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj, the fifth spiritual successor of Bhagwan Swaminarayan, has inspired millions of people across the world to lead a God-centered, morally pure life. As the present leader of BAPS, Pramukh Swami Maharaj travels from village to village, continent to continent, emphasizing the importance of family harmony, community service and spiritual progress. He embodies the essence of Hindu life. His compassion for humanity, universal wisdom and striking simplicity have touched many world religious and national leaders. For more details visit www.baps.org.

John Kenneth Harrison graduated Cum Laude from Georgetown University Law School with a Juris Doctor degree in Law on Sunday, May 18, 2008. The commencement exercises were held on Georgetown’s main campus at 37th and O Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. At the Georgetown Law Center, he also served as President of the Sports & Entertainment Law Society during the 2005-06 academic year.

John grew up in Beltsville, MD and attended High Point High School (class of 1995). At High Point he was in the T&G Honors Program and also received four varsity letters in baseball. In 1995, John was the High Point High School batting c0-champion (.352) as the Eagles advanced into the 4A Regional Baseball playoffs. Further, he was named to the 1995 All-County baseball team (2nd Team). He also received the Dave Keller Memorial Award for Athletic Ability and Sportmanship.

In 2002, John graduated from Salisbury State University (SSU) with a B.S. degree in Business Administration. At SSU John also played varsity baseball (OF/P) and was on the University’s Conference Championship team (28-9-1) in 2000. Additionally, he received SSU Baseball’s “Iron Man Award” for Best Work Ethic in 1998 and again in 2000.

Recently, John joined WilmerHale LLP as an Associate in their Washington, D.C. office. John’s parents, Barbara and Jack, still reside in Beltsville, and his sister, Kristy, is currently in Asheville, NC, employed as a School Psychologist.
Kaylene Klingenstein Graduates from U.S. Naval Academy

Kaylene Le Klingenstein, 21, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis on May 23, 2008. At the Naval Academy she was captain of the women’s lacrosse team and earned a GPA of 3.5. Kaylene will be commissioned to the USS Hopper, DDG 70, in Pearl Harbor as the engineering training officer starting on June 23, 2008. She recently toured Europe, including Greece, and Italy. Kaylene graduated from Eleanor Roosevelt High School, class of 2004. She is the daughter of Kim and Keith Klingenstein of Beltsville.

Riderwood Lions Conduct Clothing Drive for Vietnam Veterans of America

On April 25, Riderwood’s Lions Club conducted its second clothing drive on campus to benefit the Vietnam Veterans of America. The drive, held in partnership with the College Park Lions Club, resulted in over 225 clothing bags (603 cubic feet) being collected, completely filling a 16 foot rental truck. According to Riderwood Lions Club member (and coordinator of the clothing drive), Ann Casale, “I was amazed at how many people came out and participated this year...the truck was full when it left.”

During the past two months, the clothing drive was well organized so that residents could take the clothing they planned to donate directly to the veteran’s truck in front of their respective clubhouses. “Because of the wonderful cooperation and assistance of residents, including Lions Club members and volunteers, this annual event to benefit Vietnam Veterans was a tremendous success,” said Casale.

Special thanks are extended to the following Lions Club members and volunteers: Lions Club members: Louise Macauley, Don McGinn, Esko Hallilo, Alva Rusanen, Emyr Hamman, Ken Kenedy, Ann Casale, and Ron Seibel. Volunteers: Chuck Friday, Stan Diamond, Chester Finagin, John Warner, Pete Traversa, Tom Paul, Dave Browne, Charles Francis and Earl Albers.

According to Volunteer Program Coordinator Nancy Piness, “The clothing drive is an example of what Riderwood volunteers routinely do in the spirit of kindness, generosity, and compassion to make life better for others. The volunteer spirit at Riderwood is absolutely amazing and the Lions Club is always looking to meet the needs of the community.”

Beltsville Strategy Games Club Acquires More Mind Game

By John Goon

Thanks to support from Prince Georges County Council Member Thomas Dernoga, the Beltsville Strategy Games Club was one of three county mind game clubs to share part of a $1500 grant. The other lucky clubs were the Laurel Community Center Games Club and the Greenbelt Games Club. The Beltsville applied its funds to acquire a spate of new board/card games. The new games include Carcassonne-The Discovery, Turn the Tide, Wise & Wagers, Hive, Seismic, Masons, Winner’s Circle, Pick Picnic, Family Fluxx, Can’t Stop, Rage, Slide 5, and Loot.

If these games don’t sound very familiar, it’s because they aren’t part of the mainstream, yet. Instead, they come from a genre known as designer games that are typically more innovative and challenging than mainstream games like Monopoly, Stratego, or Connect Four. A few Designer Games, like Fluxx and Wits & Wagers, have made some notable inroads into the big time, but most such games are hoping and waiting for their chance to shine.

Designer games comprise a fair portion of the Beltsville Club inventory, but there are also plenty of classic games to choose from. Games like Chess, RummiKub, Othello, Apples to Apples, Checkers, Chinese Checkers, and Backgammon offer good old fun. For the more adventurous, there are games like Go, Blokus, San Juan, Ticket to Ride, or Vegas Showdown to push the limit. When the board games have run their course, there are plenty of standard playing cards available for those who want to try their hand at Hearts, Spades, Oh Heck, Michigan Rummy, or whatever. At one time, the Club had a devout following of Collector Card Game players (Magic the Gathering, Lord of the Rings, Pokemon), but the devotees grew up and went to college. At Beltsville, anything goes.

The Beltsville Strategy Games Club has met every Monday evening at the Beltsville Community Center since July 2002. Throughout that time, the Club has grown and has been supported by the Beltsville Community Center, the Beltsville Rotary Club, the Beltsville Recreation Council, the Women’s Community Club of Beltsville, and, most recently, by the PG County Council. Their support enabled the Games Club to operate at no cost and to be entirely free of charge for all ages and backgrounds. Sharing the joys of discovery, learning, and friendly competition is what the Beltsville Games Club has been all about.

For more information about the Games Club, please call 301.613.8297 or write to spineyone@yahoo.com.
Beltsville Young at Heart
By Barbara Schofield

The June 5 meeting of the club was our business meeting. President Marge Koebele awarded certificates to the thirty member volunteers who worked very hard on Beltsville Day; it was a success despite the rain. Members voted on some changes to our constitution. The changes were read and accepted as proposed. Marge is still working hard to get our new 2008 directory updated and printed. The June 19 meeting will feature a speaker from W. S. C. who will tell us about emergency water safety. Here’s a little tip: fill a spray bottle with Listerine and spray the area you will be in outside and it will keep the mosquitoes away. My friend tried it and it worked, and my grandson also used it when cutting grass. It worked and smells good. Well now, if you don’t start out the day with a smile, it’s not to late to start practicing for tomorrow.

Beltsville VFW
By Ray Schar, Sr.

The Jacob A. Bladt Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 10260 held its Memorial Day ceremony at the Veteran’s Memorial located at the Beltsville Post Office on Rhode Island Avenue. This event, celebrated on May 26, 2008, represented the start of the third decade of Memorial Day ceremonies held by Post 10260.

Post Commander George Barclay reviewed some of the events and words spoken by President Abraham Lincoln at Gettysburg, PA on what was to become the first Memorial Day. These words were destined to be remembered as Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address. They have been studied and memorialized by U.S. school children since first spoken on November 19, 1863.

Following Barclay’s presentation, he called on Post Chaplain, John Garofolo, to offer an appropriate Memorial Day prayer. The laying of the wreath on the Memorial, followed by the playing of TAPS, brought the celebration to a close.

At the regular meeting of VFW Post 10260 on May 20, the members voted to cancel the June, July and August Post meetings because of low attendance during these summer months. The next Post meeting will be on Tuesday September 16.

The regular meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at the Beltsville Boys and Girls Club on Ruby Avenue starting at 7:00 p.m. Post members and potential members are encouraged to attend and take part in Post activities.

School News

(L-r) Councilman Tom Dernoga and High Point faculty members Babu George and Christine Macanathy at the Maryland Green School Awards Program.

High Point Recognized as a Maryland Green School
By Councilman Tom Dernoga

High Point High School earned great recognition this year as a “Maryland Green School.” The Maryland Green School Awards Program is a holistic, integrated approach to authentic learning that incorporates local environmental issue investigation and professional development with environmental best management practices and community stewardship. High Point was the only County school to be re-certified as a Green School. Re-certification occurs for a Green School that demonstrates three years of continuing environmental stewardship. Faculty member Babu George accepted the award on behalf of High Point High School and he invited me to participate in the award program due to my involvement with some of the student activities that resulted in re-certification. I was very gratified to join Mr. George at the program. Of course, the real award winners are the many students who worked on projects like global warming awareness, beautification and lobbying against the ICC. It was fortunate to have the opportunity to work with these future leaders.

Action at the Beltsville Rotary Club
By Yuksel Sagirlioglu, CTC, President

The whole year passed like, “Gone with the wind.” It is time now to change the guard. Our new Governor for Maryland Rotary District 7620 will be Ms. Bette Lewis. She is from the College Park Rotary Club and will be installed on June 27 at the University of Maryland.

Our new President, John Moynihan, will be installed on June 28 at the Inn at the Brookville Farms. Our new Board of Directors will consist of John Moynihan, President; Yuksel Sagirlioglu, Immediate Past President; Richard Salamy, President-Elect; Richard Salamy, Vice President; Joyce Malin, Secretary; and, Alvin Campbell, Treasurer. The Sergeant at Arms will be named later.

We are going to have another new member this week. This brings the total new members to four altogether this year. We still need more members. We have a lot of qualified individuals in Beltsville. As you know, Beltsville has grown throughout the years, and as a result we have to grow accordingly to be able to help in our community members who are in need.

Our projects such as Scholarships for High Point High School graduates, and organizations like Oasis still need contributions. Our intention is to generate more funds to enable those organizations to achieve their goals. This will happen only with the help of Beltsville citizens. We also have to reach other nations and their citizens to be able to bring peace to the world. Rotary International’s new goal is to help others and bring peace to the world.

After my brief surgery in July, I will be traveling abroad again. I plan to teach a profession to some individuals abroad, and then they can get a job to help their families.

I invite Beltsville citizens to come one of our Tuesday noon lunch meetings and visit us, have lunch, and learn about Rotary. You may or may not become a member, and we always appreciate your tax-deductible contributions. Do not forget that it is now your turn to help your community.

It has been a great year. Accomplishing some of our goals made me happier. I wish we could do more. Under the circumstances we did what we could do. It is still considered a success.

I will continue as a Rotarian and will try to accomplish more. God Bless America.

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High Point High School PTSA Report

By Vicki Murphy-Wauschek

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BELTSVILLE EVENTS

VANSLVS DAY
Sunday, July 20, 1:00-7:00 p.m. at VanSylle on Old Baltimore Pike, 1/2 mile south of Maryland Rd.

BELTSVILLE CITIZENS’ ASSOCIATION
Wednesday, July 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Dept., 4911 Prince George’s Avenue, Beltsville.

BELTSVILLE RECREATION COUNCIL
No meeting in July

BLOODE DRIVE
Tuesday, July 22 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. the Beltsville Lions Club will conduct a blood drive at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, with the help of medical personnel from the Washington Hospital Center. Call Ted to make an appointment at 301.937.6796, or drop in without an appointment.

USA FARMER’S MARKET
Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the George Washington Carver Center, 5601 Sunnyside Ave., Parking Lot B. Contact Car-letha McGriff at 301.504.1776 for info. WIC and Senior RFP checks accepted.

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

ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Tuesday, June 3 at 7:00 p.m. Summer Reading Program kick-off, sponsored by the Friends of the Beltsville Library. Get Summer Reading Program facts, ice cream, sprinkles, and chocolate fudge. There will be an appearance by a special mystery guest. All ages welcome.

WOMEN’S COMMUNITY CLUB OF BELTSVILLE
No meeting in July

VANSLVS CITIZENS’ ASSOCIATION
No meeting in July

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY
NAL is currently hosting two special exhibits. The first special exhibit is Theme Gardening, a display of four prints illustrating three themes: Gardening for Native Wildlife, Growing Herbs, Fruit Trees, Vegetables, and Thomas Jefferson: the Gardener. The second special exhibit is Floral Expressions in Stone & Print, which features stone botanical sculptures paired with companion prints from NAL’s Rare Book Collection. The exhibits are free and open to the public, and run until August 29, 2008. NAL is open Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for federal holidays. It is located at 10301 Baltimore Ave. just south of Sunny Side Ave. Parking is free in the visitor’s lot accessed via the Rhode Island Ave. Driveway entrance. See www.nal.usda.gov or call 301.504.5076 for info.

BELTSVILLE DAY
Monday, July 7 at 7:00 p.m. Tanya Tim’s The Opposite of Fate.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR ADULTS
The program continues until August 15. Call the library for details.

ESCAPE TO READING
Drop by and pick up your reading log and earn prizes throughout the summer!

CHESS CLUB
Tuesdays, July 8 and 22 at 7:00 p.m. All ages and levels are welcome.

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS
STORYTIME
Tuesdays, July 8 at 2:00 p.m. A special Mystery Book Cart activity, sponsored by the Friends of the Beltsville Library. Get Summer Reading Program facts, ice cream, sprinkles, and chocolate fudge. There will be an appearance by a special mystery guest. All ages welcome.

SPOOKY SUMMER NIGHTS
Friday, July 17 at 7:00 p.m. Sit around the campfire and share your scariest stories. We’ll howl at the freaky full moon to decide who told the best story. Who ever scares us the best will get a prize. Ages: 10 – 17. Free. No pre-registration needed.

CAREFUL, DON’T LOSE YOUR MEMORY!
Wednesday, July 23 at 8:00 p.m. Bring your photo or your digital camera and we’ll teach you how to put those priceless memories on your computer. Ages: All Ages. Fee: $3.00. Pre-register by July 18.

Computer course
PowerPoint, starting Thursday, July 10 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Course consists of four one-hour sessions and costs $35.00 for residents or $42.00 for non-residents. Ages 15 and up. Check, cash, and MasterCard and Visa payments are accepted. Call 301.937.6613 for more information.

BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER
Call 301.937.6613 for information, to pre-register, for changes to programs and services, and to pre-register.

JAZZ UNDER THE STARS PART I
Saturday, July 12 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. PROJECT NAIAE, featuring Lou & Joseph Nubila.

JAZZ UNDER THE STARS, PART II
Saturday, July 26 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. ROZIERMANN AND FRIENDS. Please call the Community Center to confirm the date.

LET’S TAKE A NATURE WALK
Thursday, July 10 at 6:00 p.m. See what we can find on the trail. Let your creative juices flow to make music, art, or a story out of what you find.

SUNNY’S RINGTONES
June 29 and July 19 at 6:00 p.m. Campfire and share your scariest stories. Ages: 6-12. Fee: $3.00. Pre-register by July 18.

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Adult Choir Practice: 7:00pm

Wednesdays:

*Adult Bible Study & Prayer: 7:00pm
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Benito’s uses fresh ingredients and boasts the area’s finest fried calamari, hand-cut mozzarella sticks and homemade soups as appetizers; a menu of lasagna, linguini, penne, spaghetti and other pastas; and fine Italian dinners, such as Fettucine Mar e Monte, Tortellini alla Panna and Melazane Paragiana.

Benito’s serves a wonderful homemade custard crème Tiramisu, fresh fruit and crème, and the most traditional Cannoli and Gelati for desert.

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