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By Gary Baughan, Scoutmaster
Troop 1033

Boy Scouts Take a Hike

The Boy Scouts in Troop 1033 went camping at the Manidokan Methodist Retreat Center near Harpers Ferry the last weekend in March. The Troop hiked a total of 10 very cool misty miles from the campground along the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to historic Harpers Ferry. The Scouts were able to complete their hike, cook dinner over a campfire consisting of hamburgers in silver (aluminum foil) turtles and enjoy roasted marshmallows before it started to rain really hard. This was a special trip for 3 young Webelos Scouts; Konar Davis, Tyis Robinson, and NuJuan Pinnock and their parents who came along on their first camp-out with the Boy Scouts. The highest award a Cub Scout can earn

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Beltsville Briefs

Basket Bingo

St. Joseph's Parish will conduct a Basket Bingo on Friday evening, May 15, in the Parish Hall at 11011 Montgomery Road from 7:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. (non-smoking). Come join us for this fun-filled event. Bingo winners will receive speciality baskets, pottery and home accessories. There will be door prizes and raffles too! Tickets are available for \$10.00 (in advance) daily at the school and parish offices, or for \$12.00 at the door. Refreshments are available.

Emmanuel Offers Memory Program During Mental Health Awareness Month

Emmanuel United Methodist Church, located at 11416 Cedar Lane in Beltsville is offering a program on Memory on Friday, May 15th, 2009 at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall. Please join us for an evening of information regarding Memory and the Brain. You'll gain a brief overview of the brain's memory sites, test your own memory, learn tips to increase your brain's health, and how to recall information more

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Calverton Elementary Sends a Message of Peace and Friendship to Afghani Children

By: Katie Swanson

Jenny McCarthy, a U.S. soldier in Afghanistan, spends her Sundays going to hospitals to visit the children of Afghanistan with other soldiers. She gives the children hope and gifts from Americans, but she let me know that one thing the Afghani children would love is handmade artwork from American children. The students and staff at Calverton Elementary took up the challenge to draw 1,000 pictures in two weeks for Afghani children.

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Calverton Elementary School students display some of their art sent to children in Afghanistan.



Save the World! Hard at Work (From left) Debo-sola Otukoya, Ife Otukoya, Shagun Sharma, Katie Swanson, George Martin, Jasmine Maddy (In back) Andrea Martinez. (Front) Mohamed Barry (Not pictured: chaperone Nathan Howard)

Save the World! Club Cleans Up the National Zoo for Earth Day

By Katie Swanson, Club Sponsor

On the Saturday before Earth Day, seven members of Calverton Elementary School's Save the World! Environmental Club volunteered at the National Zoo's big Pre-Earth Day Clean-Up. With a very early start, we spent the whole morning cleaning a "medium difficulty" wooded hillside at the zoo's border and the area around the veterinary buildings. The zoo was very impressed that our kids were so eager to jump right into the work and help out!

The team worked very hard, picking up more

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On the Agenda



BY PRESIDENT KAREN M. COAKLEY

The Governor's Office of Community Initiatives (GOCI) held a foreclosure prevention seminar April 25th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Hope Christian Church World Headquarters located at 6251 Ammendale Road in Beltsville, Maryland (zip code 20705). The Governor's Office of Community Initiatives had organized this event in partnership with the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and members of the Prince George's County faith-based community. This seminar highlighted some of the current foreclosure prevention initiatives that are underway in Prince George's County. Foreclosure prevention counselors and pro-bono lawyers were present to offer advice and services to struggling homeowners. DHCD Secretary Skinner attended the event. Please share this with your con-

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25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

Extracted from the May
1984 Issue

Beltsville Day 1984

Featured at Beltsville Day on May 20, 1984 was the Johnny Seaton Band, just back from an international tour.

Weddings

Mr. & Mrs. William Hense, Jr. were pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Cheryl Ann, to Mr. Kevin Hassett.

On Saturday, April 7, 1984, Randall A. Leupen, son of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Leupen of Beltsville, wed Paula M. Johnson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Johnson, also of Beltsville.

Engagement

Mrs. Shou-Ting Chao announced the engagement of her daughter, Anna, to Barry Bayus, son of Mr. & Mrs. Louis Bayus of Beltsville.

McCagh Honored

Brian E. McCagh, chief executive officer of Greater Laurel-Beltsville Hospital, was installed as president of the District of Columbia-Maryland-Virginia Hospital Association.

High Point Art Student Recognized

Neal M. Ashby, a senior at High Point High School, placed 3rd in the Patriotic Art Contest in Baltimore.

Plata Grande Reviewed

The first ever national guide to Mexican dining selected Plata Grande to represent our area as one of 300 restaurants selected in 47 states.

Oscar Winner

Jeff Scarcia of Beltsville was awarded the coveted Oscar at the RE/MAX International Convention held in Atlanta, GA.

Service News

Timothy E. Gant, Pfc, U.S. Marine Corps completed the cannon fire direction course at Fort Sill, OK.

Wayne M. James, Pvt, U.S. Army graduated from a combat course at Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

Steven K. Mamakos was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force at Lackland AFB, TX.

Dave A. Crago was promot-

ed to Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army.

Marine Lance Corporal Bruce E. Morgan reported for duty with the Second Force Service Support Group, Camp Pendleton, SC.

Airman David W. Creech completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, TX.

Obituaries

Elsie Virginia Skorka, 70, died at Prince George's General Hospital.

Wesley M. Roby, 59, formerly of Beltsville, died in Hagerstown on April 10, 1984.

Austin T. Brown, formerly of Beltsville, died on April 14, 1984

Dr. Frank Carlyle Kirchner, 64, died on April 20, 1984. He had been medical director at the National Security Agency for 15 years.

Celestia Alice Sines, 87, died on April 28, 1984

Pernie L. Woodend died on May 1, 1984

Lewis Edward Twery died on May 2, 1984

Letter to the Editor

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To the Editor:

With the worldwide economic crisis, every family, business, non-profit, and government is faced with difficult financial choices. We need to balance our budgets while meeting critical needs.

That's why the leadership of President Obama and Governor O'Malley has been so important in protecting important priorities for working families in Maryland. In the legislative session that ended on Monday, we worked with the governor to cut more than \$1 billion from the state budget. But, because of President Obama's economic stimulus package and Governor O'Malley's commitment to using it, we were able to minimize layoffs of teachers and police officers, expand aid for the unemployed, invest in energy conservation, preserve medical insurance for those in need, and block tuition hikes at the University of Maryland.

All of this is good news for working families who are struggling to survive the economic downturn.

Senator Jim Rosapepe
21st District
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Neighbors in the News

Beltsville Boys Win 13 & Under Prince George's County Basketball Title

The Beltsville-Adelphi Boys & Girls Club had only one playoff team this year in the Prince George's County AA Basketball League, but that team went all the way to the championship. The 13 and under (12 year-old boys) team, coached by Rufus Thompson, beat Cheverly Boys and Girls Club in an exciting finish of the season. The final score was Beltsville 36, Cheverly 29. The teams were tied at 24 after three quarters, then Beltsville boys turned it on and outscored Cheverly 12-3 down the stretch. Beltsville ended the season with 11 wins and 2 losses.



(Seated from left) Coach Rufus Thompson, Maurice Curry, Nenge Nusta, Tariq Harris and Delano Thompson (Standing from left) Devonte Cook, Mylic Curry and Michael Curry. Not pictured, Makon Oma, Michael Obassi, and Joshua Ajayi.

Beltsville Girl Scouts and Student Volunteers Help at Japan Night

By Teresa Johnson

On Tuesday, March 31, Ms. Shannon Stewart, ESOL teacher from Beltsville Elementary School (BES), facilitated Japan Night, an all around community activity for kids at the Beltsville Public Library. When entering the building you checked in at the registration desk and were greeted by Ms. Geddings, ESOL teacher at BES and Maria Smith, ESOL Liaison, along with student volunteers Donald Smith, Irene Gomez and Josue Melgar, who attend Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School. After registering you were given a passport and directed to the first station shown on your passport. You were able to visit five different "workshop" stations. The first station was pottery. Sara Mast and Layo Olojo of Cadette Troop 6064 helped out at that booth along with Betty Harris, ESOL teacher from BES. At the pottery table the kids learned how to make pottery such as bowls and vases out of modeling clay and also color them with designs afterwards. The second station was origami. Treva Rowley and Alex Butcher, both Senior Girl Scouts of Troop 3988, along with Ms. Jenni Winters, ESOL teacher at BES, helped people make paper houses and used a diagram to help guide them through the paper folding process. Station three was Puzzles and Games. At this sta-



A scene from Japan Night at the Beltsville Library

tion volunteers Teresa Johnson, Tiffani Kidd, both Cadettes from Troop 2751, and Ms. Jennifer Kevorkian, ESOL teacher at Buck Lodge Middle School, helped others play a game using chopsticks. The object of the game was to pick up various shapes of objects using chopsticks and move them from one plate to another without dropping them. The fourth station was Calligraphy. At this station Ms. Pam Aguiniga, ESOL teacher at BES, with the assistance of Kaycie Willard, a Cadette from Troop 2751, and Therese Todd, a Cadette from Troop 6064 helped the children write the words "per-

son" and "child" in Japanese. Lastly, in booth five, was Storytelling. Kids were able to listen to Japanese stories told by Ms. Barbara Spears, Branch Manager of the Beltsville Public Library, with support from Libby Giorgis, a Cadette from Troop 2751. During the workshops people got to see a wonderful slide show of Ms. Stewart's trip to Japan and have refreshments served by student volunteers Josue Melgar and Eric Gonzalez. Japan Night was very well attended by kids from different age groups. Overall the kids had a blast, and got to experience a little taste of Japan!

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Obituaries

Jones, Richard

Richard Jones, 78, of Beltsville, died on Friday, April 3, 2009. He was the beloved husband of the late Gertrude-Mary Jones, father of Michael R. (Beth), Patric C. (Robin) Jones, and the late Beth Dailey. He was the grandfather of Holly, Suzanne, Mikey, Katherine, Peyton, Spencer, Rich and Jordan. He was the great-grandfather of Riley and Ella. Funeral service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville on Wednesday, April 8 at 11:00 a.m. with the Reverend Jack Fitzgerald officiating. Interment Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 1211 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

Kerns, Margaret Mary

Margaret Mary Kerns, 93, died on Saturday, April 11, 2009. She was the beloved wife of Clarence W. Kerns, and the mother

of Margaret "Peggy" Wilkinson, Elwood Kerns, Betty Jackson, the late Constance Wooster and Walter Kerns. She was the mother-in-law of Richard Wilkinson, Sandra Kerns, Paul Jackson, Paul Wooster and Linda Kerns. She was the sister of Louise Kerns, Doris Schneider, Myrtle Vargo, Martin Boswell, Bernice Mast, Rita Kelly and the late Anthony Boswell. She was the grandmother of Richard, William Kenneth Wooster, Patricia Stanley, Dawn Wilkinson, Christopher Kerns, John Jackson, and the late Charlene and Robert Kerns. Nine great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren also survive her. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Holy Redeemer Church, 4902 Berwyn Road, College Park, MD on Wednesday, April 15 at 10:00 a.m. with Monsignor Mike Wilson officiating. Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements by Borgwardt Funeral Home.

Schoonover, Howard, Jr.

Howard Schoonover, Jr. was born January 27, 1939 in Beltsville to Dorothy and Howard Schoonover, Sr. On March 25, 2009 Howard passed away. He was the beloved husband of Janice for 47 years, loving father of Steven (Rhonda) and Carey (Theresa), grandfather of Jessica and Jenna & was preceded in death by infant grandchildren, Danielle and Adam. He also leaves two sisters, Barbara Nieman (Roger) and Linda Grisso (Jim) and a brother, Donald Schoonover (Pat). All who knew him loved him. He loved the Lord and loved his family. He always had his camera with him no matter which gathering he attended. He enjoyed working in the yard and garden, growing his blackberries as well as chopping wood for the fireplace! He retired from Department of Defense after 31 years then worked part time at Travel On. The last five years he volunteered for two research trials for pancreatic cancer at Johns Hopkins, where they called him "their star." Howard braved through many appointments enduring pain throughout. He always said "it may not help me, but maybe it will help someone in the future." He will be missed greatly by all his family and friends

Borgwardt Funeral Home made the arrangements and funeral was held at First Baptist Church of Laurel. Memorial contributions may be made to Howard Schoonover's Memory, Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center, c/o Dr. Daniel Laheru's Research, 1650 Orleans St., Room G89, Baltimore, MD 21231.

Steukler, Francis Lawrence

Francis Lawrence Steukler of Beltsville died on Saturday, April 11, 2009. He was the beloved husband of Norma Steukler, father of Jim (Jackie) Steukler, Bill (Sandy) Steukler, Michelle (Pete) Babendreier and Cheryl (Gene) Carr. He was the brother of Catherine Bartlett, grandfather of Jesse, Carly, Marcy, J.J., Daniel, Aubrey and Annie, and the great grandfather of Shelby, Jamie, and Kimberly. He was the brother-in-law of Dot Steukler. Many nieces and nephews also survive him. Funeral service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD on Saturday, April 18 at 10:00 a.m. with the Reverend Jack Fitzgerald officiating. Interment was private. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the Chesapeake, 8724 Jericho City Drive, Landover, MD 20785 or to St. Joseph Catholic Church, 11007 Montgomery Road, Beltsville, MD 20705.

Terawaki, Troy K.

Troy K. Terawaki, 19, of Beltsville died on April 3, 2009. He was the beloved son of Marvin S. & Cynthia Terawaki. He was the loving grandson of Kunio & Harue Terawaki and Abigail Kauhahao & Manuel Delo Santos. Many loving family members and friends also survive him. Memorial service was held at First Baptist Church of Beltsville, 4700 Odell Road, Beltsville, MD on Saturday, April 18 at 11:00 a.m. with the Reverend Keith Holland officiating. To honor Troy's wish, the family respectfully requested that those who attended the memorial service wear "Aloha attire." Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church of Beltsville Youth Ministry or American Cancer Society, 11331 Amherst Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20902. Borgwardt Funeral Home made arrangements.



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stituents. If you are interested in attending or have additional questions, please contact GOCI Faith-Based Initiatives Coordinator Cheryl Hill. She can be reached at 410.767.1177 or by e-mail at chill@goci.state.md.us.

Our guest at the May meeting will give us a briefing on the proposed housing development that

will surround Gunpowder Golf Course. District 21 Senator Rosa-pepe and Delegates Frush, Barnes and Pena-Melnyk will give us an update from Annapolis in June. If you have a specific concern that you would like to discuss please let me know in advance.

I can be reached at 301.937.0157 or karenmcoakley@verizon.net.

Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

By Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-21)

On April 13, we concluded this year's session of the legislature. With Marylanders facing difficult economic problems, we continued our fight to put state government back on the side of working families.

Most importantly, we worked with Governor O'Malley to make sure that **President Obama's economic stimulus funds** are put to work in Maryland promptly to:

- **keep teachers in our schools** and police in our neighborhoods
- **expand and increase unemployment insurance** to those in need
- **freeze college tuition rates** once again for local students at the University of Maryland
- **expand medical insurance** to those without it
- **invest in energy conservation** and renewable fuels
- **reduce pollution of the Chesapeake Bay** by repairing sewer pipes
- **help protect our neighborhoods** by financing purchase of foreclosed homes

With so many families struggling to pay their bills, **we worked to re-regulate electric rates.** Drafted by Senator Rosapepe, the bill passed the Senate but not the House, despite all of our support as well as Governor O'Malley's.



Senator Jim Rosapepe

We'll continue the fight next year.

Continuing last year's effort, led by Delegate Frush, we **kept Laurel Hospital on the road to recovery.** The state budget will help keep it open, while the state/county authority we created last year reviews the bids from major hospital systems to take over Laurel and our other Prince George's hospitals. The goal is a world-class hospital system providing health care in our area.

In our continuing efforts to **help small businesses in the 21st District**, we passed Delegate Peña-Melnik's bill to allow women-owned minority businesses to win state contracts in the Minority Business Enterprise Program in either category.

To **protect victims of domestic**

violence, we passed legislation, drafted by Delegate Barnes and supported by Governor O'Malley, to **keep guns out of the hands of abusers.**

Of particular concern to many residents of Western Anne Arundel, Laurel, Beltsville, Adelphi, and College Park, we were finally able to pass **a law allowing speed cameras on streets and highways near schools.** Until now, this practical tool to protect all of us from speeders was permitted only in Montgomery County. In the future, we hope to expand speed cameras to other areas where residents want them, but this year's law is a big step in the right direction.

Given the economic downturn and the need to maintain basic services like schools, police protection, and aid for the unemployed, we **successfully opposed state funds to build a soccer stadium** in Prince George's. Our efforts to **keep the TRIM cap on property taxes** were also successful.

Finally, after several years of effort, we were able to pass **one of the strongest laws in the US to fight global warming**, setting caps on carbon emissions.

Please let us know if there are other issues you have questions or thoughts about. And, of course, **feel free to be in touch** if we can be of help to you. Just email 21stDistrictDelegation@gmail.com or call 301.858.3141.

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College Park Boy Scouts Participate in Camporee



From left, Ivan Cruz, Adam Poole, Manuel Martinez, and Karthik Sundar.

By Mary Pat Donals

During March 27-29, members of College Park Boy Scout Troop 298 participated in a Prince George's District Spring Camporee at the Patuxent River Park in Croom, MD. The four boys and two adults in attendance live in the Beltsville and College Park area. The weekend was cool and rainy but the boys had a great time. They participated in several team

building activity stations during the day. At these stations the boys were scored on how well they achieved each activity. The two stations they did in the afternoon were the First Aid and Fire Building relays. The boys were graded on these two activities against other troops. Since this was a council-wide event the boys' campsites were also inspected and graded. Both scores were added to identify the recipients of the overall camp

awards of 1st and 2nd place. Troop 298 won first place.

Another Troop assembled two picnic tables as a community service project. The table would be placed in the courtyard area of a church so everyone would be able to enjoy it at any time. In attendance for the weekend were: Adam Poole, Ivan Cruz, Manuel Martinez, Karthik Sundar, Mindy Breen and Mary Pat Donals.

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readily when you need it! Included in this informative presentation will be a fun and entertaining memory exercise. The program is **free** and light refreshments will be served. This fast paced presentation will be given by Carol Clatterbuck, BS, MA, who worked in the vocational rehabilitation field for over 20 years and is currently an instructor for Holy Cross Senior Source's Memory Academy where she teaches a course for enhancing memory ability. We are offering the \$25.00, five-week, ten-hour course at Emmanuel on Fridays from May 29th through June 26th mornings at 10:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon and evenings at 7:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. To register for the course call Mary Bulla, Holy Cross Senior Source, at 301.754.8800. For directions contact the church at 301.937.7114 or the church website at www.emmanuelumbeltsville.net.

St. Joseph's Flea Market

St. Joseph's School in Beltsville will hold a flea market on May 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tables with a space are available for \$20 and a space is only \$15. We are also accepting donations for the St. Joseph's table. Please call Susan Agar at 301.210.5001 for more information. The flea market will happen rain or shine. Please come and join us for food and fun.

Beltsville Day Celebration

Friends and neighbors!! Come and join the Beltsville Recreation Council for Beltsville Day 2009 on Sunday, May 17 from **Noon to 5:00 p.m.** Games, live music, food and entertainment will be held at the **Beltsville Community Center** (3900 Sellman Rd).

Many thanks to the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission via the Beltsville Community Center for their support of this annual event. Help make Beltsville Day 2009 the best ever!!! For more information, please call 301.937.6613. To reduce parking problems, free

shuttle buses will operate from the Francis Fuchs Center, Beltsville Elementary School and the Beltsville Library. Don't miss this great event!!!

Medical Health Fair in Beltsville

BAPS Charities warmly invites everyone in the community to a health fair on Sunday, May 17 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The health fair will be held at the BAPS Shree Swaminarayan Mandir located at 4320 Ammendale Road in Beltsville. BAPS Medical Services, LLC will operate the health fair. Supporters include Shah Associates, Indian Capital Area Pharmacists Association, and a group of doctors and paramedics. All services are free to senior citizens over 60. A nominal fee of \$10 will be charged to others for the screening services.

The services offered will include general screening, blood pressure checks, drug counseling, asthma evaluation, vision tests, dental examination, breast examination, bone density, hearing tests, and EKG. Seminar topics will include depression, skin conditions, diet and exercise.

Pre-registration is strongly recommended. To pre-register, call any of the following: Tushar Desai (301.943.8210), Nitin Modha (301.367.9635), Bharat Pancholi (301.549.1127), Hansa Senjalia (301.317.0783), or Vanlila Patel (410.750.2505). E-mail: dchealthservices@gmail.com.

Directions: From I-95, take exit 29-A, Beltsville. Take route 212 east; go straight at the first light onto Ammendale Road. Mandir is on the left within 1500 feet.

High Point Class of 1960 50th Reunion

High Point High School's Class of 1960 will hold its 50th reunion on June 11-12, 2010 at the Sheraton Washington North Hotel on Powder Mill Road in Beltsville. If you are a member of this class or know other members, please contact Peggy Wood Hall at 302.684.3130 or e-mail delgal99@aol.com.

Summer Festival at Emmanuel Church

Come one, come all to Emmanuel United Methodist Church's 2nd annual Summer Festival! The festival will be held on the church grounds on Saturday, June 13, from noon until 5:00 p.m. Activities will include a moon bounce, dunk tank, fish pond and face painting. Refreshments will be available for a nominal cost. The Christian band **Ignite** will close out the day with a concert at 5:00 p.m.

There is no entry fee to attend the Summer Festival and many of the activities will be free. Instead of paying an admission fee, attendees are encouraged to bring canned goods to donate to the Beltsville Area Food Bank.

Are you ready to share a good time with your friends and neighbors? Then mark the Summer Festival on your calendar right now! Saturday, June 13, Noon - 5:00 p.m. followed by a band concert, at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane in Beltsville. For more information, please contact Rick Bergmann at 301.785.7516.

Boomerang Express Coming to First Baptist Church

The Boomerang Express is coming to First Baptist Church of Beltsville on June 22 through June 26, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. each day. The Boomerang Express will take off at 4700 Odell Road in Beltsville. Hop on board and join us for the fun at this year's Vacation Bible School! Children ages 4 years through 6th grade are welcome. VBS Kick-off Day will take place on Saturday, June 20, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. This will be a time of pre-registration, refreshments, and fun. Both events are free. To pre-register, call the church at 301.937.7771, register on our web site at www.fbcbeltsville.org, or come to Kick-off Day on June 20. We hope to see you there!



Kira Kai-Ling Chen Bertsch Wins Silver Medal

Kira (second from left), five-year old granddaughter of John and Ming Yee Chen of Beltsville, won the silver medal in her first ski race in Zermatt, Switzerland on Saturday, April 11. Kira and her parents, Teresa Chen and Andreas Bertsch, live in Zurich. They recently returned to Beltsville to visit John & Ming Yee.

District 1 Digest

By Councilman Tom Dernoga

Riderwood Scholarship Award Presentation - On March 30th, I had the privilege of attending the Scholarship Award Presentation at **Riderwood**. Scholarships of \$6,000 were awarded to 50 Prince George's and Montgomery County high school seniors. We were joined by **Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett** and **County Council President Phil Andrews**.

One of the most rewarding aspects of this event was that 22 of the students awarded scholarships were High Point High School students, including some Student Government leaders that I know: **Bana Amare** and **Imelda Maliza**. All of the students participated in a program that employed them in various capacities on the Riderwood campus. Since the inception of the program, over \$1,000,000 in scholarship funds have been donated by the residents to support this program. In order to qualify for the program, students must maintain an overall cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above and must have worked a minimum of 1000 hours at Riderwood between June 2007 and May 2009. This program embodies the Beltsville community's commitment to their mission of "sharing our gifts to create a community that celebrates life." I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate my High Point friends and say how very proud I am of you. And I want to congratulate the residents of Riderwood for their wonderful support for our youth.

Beltsville Laurel Senior Activity Center. On April 17th, the long awaited groundbreaking ceremony for the **Beltsville Laurel Senior Activity Center** took place on the Laurel Regional Hospital grounds. A large crowd of senior citizens attended to see this project finally break ground and move toward its expected opening next summer. Well-deserved praise was given to **Delegate**



Councilman Tom Dernoga

Barbara Frush for getting the final approvals from the Hospital Authority. In addition, recognition was given to the efforts of **Senator James Rosapepe**, and **Delegates Joseline Pena-Melnyk** and **Ben Barnes**, to our former representatives **Senators Art Dorman** and **John Giannetti** and **Delegates Brian Moe** and **Pauline Menes**, and to the City of Laurel and to MNCPPC Chairman Sam Parker.

This project has been talked about for at least 20 years and was supported by the umbrella senior group "ATLAS" that is comprised of **Beltsville Young at Heart**, **NARFE**, **AARP** and the **Laurel Senior Friendship Club**. **Curt Curtis**, President of ATLAS, gave poignant remarks about the long path that the local senior groups have taken to make this project a reality. I was sure to give thanks to my long-time aides, **Andy Eppelmann** (who also served as aide to **Councilman Walter Maloney**) and **Faith Calhoun** (former Laurel City Councilwoman and leader of local senior groups). I could not have done my part without their assistance. Later, everyone enjoyed light refreshments prepared by ATLAS members. I would like to say to the ATLAS members, thank you for your patience; now we can all look forward to watching our "house" be built.

Indian Creek Earth Day Celebration - Indian Creek in Belts-

ville got a nice makeover on April 18th as part of the greater **Anacostia Watershed** cleanup. The site on Powder Mill Road down from the railroad bridge was the site of the clean up sponsored by **Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek** (and their partners, **Konterra**). My staff (**Laura Moore**, **Judy Thacher** and **Alex Hirtle**) and I and my daughter Danielle pitched in and helped with the clean up. We were also joined by **Mary Lehman** (aide to Delegate Joseline Pena-Melnyk) and by **Karen Coakley** (President of the Beltsville Citizens Association).

In all, about 80 people volunteered, and we picked up 97 full bags of trash, 84 tires and over 40 large items such as a bicycle, a TV, a computer monitor, a sink, a huge corrugated pipe, 2 car bumpers, 2 gas tanks and a part of a garage door. A large dumpster provided by **Sun Services**, (a local materials recycling company) was filled to the brim and a Prince George's County trash truck showed up and picked up additional items. Approximately 500 yards of stream and floodplain were cleaned.

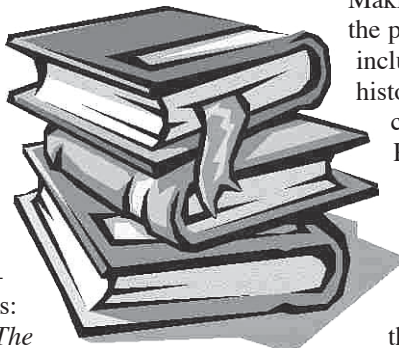
Many thanks to everybody who pitched in to dig out trash. Special thanks go to **Konterra** for organizing the tent setup and the food, to the **Anacostia Watershed Society** for providing bags and gloves and for organizing the trash pickup, to **ATK Space Systems** for allowing use of their parking lot, and to **Sun Services**.

A Prince George's County budget public hearing will be held on May 7 at 7:00 p.m. on the County Budget, CIP, and Board of Education. Another hearing will be held on May 12 at 7:00 p.m. on these same subjects, plus the Constant Yield Tax Rate. Please join us and express your position on County Budget Priorities. All hearings will be held in the 1st Floor Council Hearing Room, County Administration Building, 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

AgNIC Librarians Meet In Beltsville

Fifty-five librarians from as far away as Hawaii and Costa Rica came to Beltsville for the annual AgNIC conference held April 21-23, 2009. The conference theme was *Reaping Benefits in the Digital Landscape*.

David Shumaker, Clinical Associate Professor at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, gave the keynote address: *Who Let the Librarians Out? - The Promise of Embedded Librarianship*. He described his research on embedding librarians and library services in the classroom and research laboratory. Among other topics covered, Allison Level of Colorado State University (CSU) previewed the new Agriculture and Water Conservation website developed by CSU.



Making important literature available to the public is a key goal for AgNIC. This includes the scanning and posting of historically significant works. A pre-conference workshop conducted by Robert McGeachin of Texas A & M University offered training in digitization.

AgNIC is a voluntary alliance and partnership of more than 60 member institutions with the mission to provide quick and reliable access to quality information and services for agriculture. Partners contribute to the AgNIC website (www.agnic.org) and AgNIC librarians and information professionals answer agriculturally related questions from the public. Beltsville's National Agricultural Library provides the central secretariat services for AgNIC partners.

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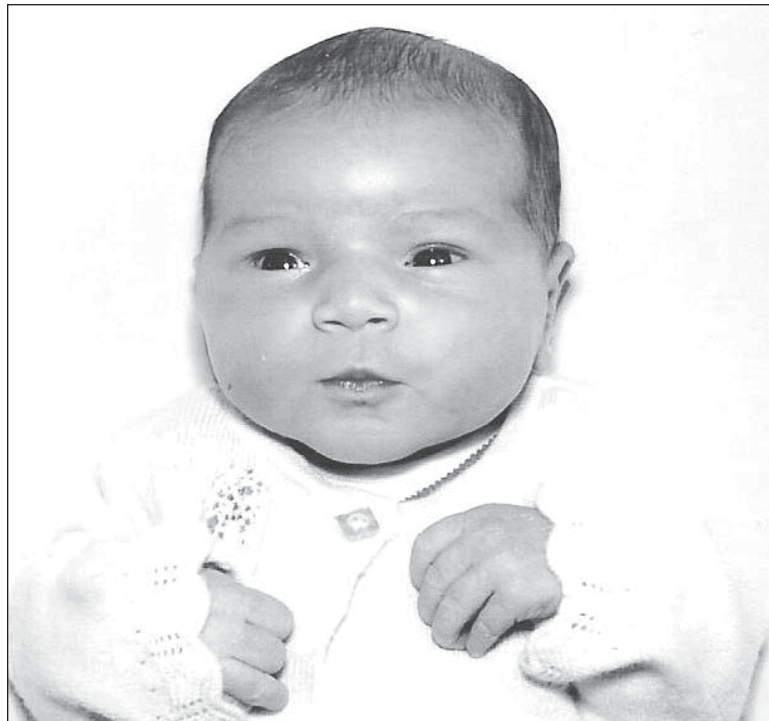
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Welcome to the World

Birth of Ella Patricia Kozar

Alexander & Dina Kozar of Beltsville are very proud to announce the blessed event of the birth of their first grandchild. Granddaughter Ella Patricia Kozar was born on March 25, 2009 at 1:13 p.m. at Holy Cross Hospital weighing 8 pounds 9 ounces, and 20 inches long. They send congratulations and love to their son, Alexander "Matthew" Kozar, Jr., formerly of Beltsville, and daughter-in-law, Pamela Linton-Kozar on their precious, adorable baby girl, who now happily resides in Elkridge, MD. Also of Beltsville, for the first time, Joseph Kozar is the proud and excited uncle of his niece, Ella "Blueberry."



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Birth of James William Summers

Bill and Scarlet Robertson are proud to announce the arrival of their first grandchild, James William Summers, born at 2:21 a.m. on April 13, 2009 at Waynesboro Hospital in Waynesboro, PA. James William, who weighed in at 7 lbs. 1 oz., is the son of Larry and Aimee Summers.

Neighbors in the News

Prince George's Summer Teen Theatre Announces Auditions

By Rick Bergmann

The Prince George's Summer Teen Theatre, the longest running teen theatre group in the country, begins production of its 42nd musical, Thoroughly Modern Millie. Millie is a high-spirited musical romp that has all of New York dancing the Charleston. It's the zany new 1920's musical that has taken Broadway by storm! Taking place in New York City in 1922, Thoroughly Modern Millie tells the story of young Millie Dillmount, who has just moved to the city in search of a new life for herself. It's a New York full of intrigue and jazz - a time when women were entering the workforce and the rules of love and social behavior were changing forever. It is based on the Oscar winning 1967 movie of the same name. The movie starred Julie Andrews, Mary Tyler Moore, and Carol Channing.



Thoroughly Modern Millie will be directed by Heather Scheeler, a local community theatre director. Auditions will be held on May 18 and 19 at 7:00 p.m. Callbacks will be on May 20. We are looking for actors between the ages of 13 and 19. Please prepare 32 bars of music and come dressed to dance.

If you have questions go to www.pgstt.org or e-mail us at pgstt@hotmail.com.

The Prince George's Summer Teen Theatre has been performing for 42 years. It 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.

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Beltsville Resident Designs Sculpture for President Obama

Jay Williams of Beltsville was commissioned by *The Tampa Bay Academy of Hope, Inc.* to create a special memorial sculpture as their gift to President Barack Obama.

Forty students and 11 mentors of this youth academy boarded a bus in Tampa, Florida in April for a trip to Washington DC to tour the White House and to present their gift to the president on their once in a lifetime Annual Legislative Tour. Over the past four months, the TBAH Youth have stepped up to match a challenge grant of \$7,450 from the *Community Foundation of Tampa Bay*, which played a significant role to kick off this effort, using collection buckets on street corners, "Shop for a Cause" at Macy's Stores and signs posted in their yards.

These youth suggested the creation of this special gift and voted to raise the necessary funds to present it to the President. They requested a unique concept for a customized bronzed sculpture of his grandmother, the late Madelyn Lee Payne Dunham. The concept, developed by Jay Williams, for this hand crafted memorial piece adds even more significance to the meaning that stands behind it. The students created the wording on the dedication plaque to read, "A Tribute to 'Toot' - a grandmother who will always be remembered for her gift of President Barack Obama to the world." The bronzed



Jay Williams of Beltsville holding the bronzed sculpture he created (also shown at inset) of President Obama and his grandmother, Madelyn Lee Payne Dunham.

sculpture was embedded in a customized Black Walnut case, also designed by Jay Williams, and extremely crafted in Baltimore by the fine wood craftsman, Rick Parr.

The Academy youth and parents, led by former professional football player and TBAH Founder, James M. Evans along with his staff, have inspired these youth to

say "Yes, They Can."

Jay Williams, a Beltsville resident since 1975, is the owner of *Jay Williams Design Company* in Beltsville, providing visual communications since 1979 now celebrating a 30th anniversary this year. To see more information and images of the development of this historic sculpture go to www.jwdc.com/jwdc/BRONZE.html

Central Maryland Chorale presents Brahms *Requiem* for 40th Anniversary

In celebration of our 40th anniversary, the members of the Central Maryland Chorale, directed by Monica Otal, proudly present the *Requiem* of Johannes Brahms.

Singing this Requiem has become a tradition for our important anniversaries.

Our soprano soloist is Debra Lawrence, a frequent and favorite guest of the chorus.



Soprano soloist
Debra Lawrence

Join us on Saturday, May 16, at 8:00 p.m. at The Lutheran Church of Saint Andrew, 15300 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD.

Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 for students/seniors. For tickets and information, call 301.317.9646 or see www.central-marylandchorale.com.

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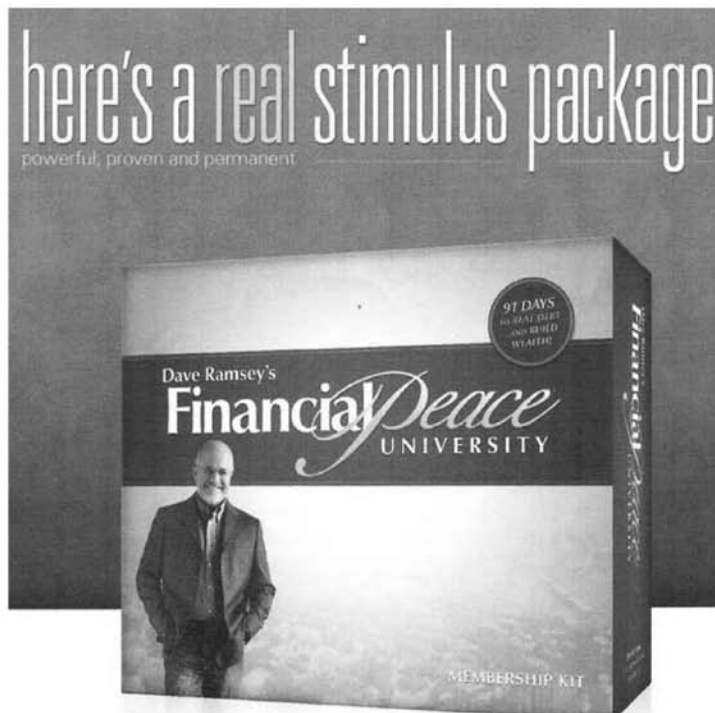
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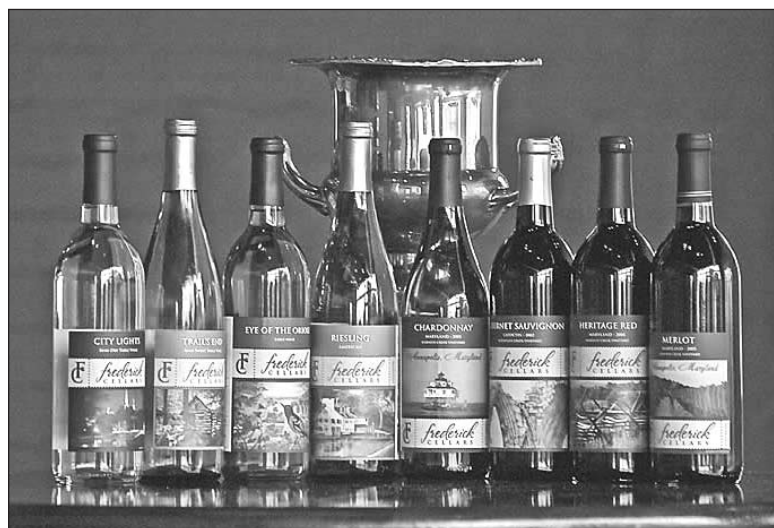
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Maryland Wineries Invite Tours

Spring is here, and Maryland's 28 wineries invite visitors to venture outside and enjoy the warm weather, beautiful scenery and superior vintages they have to offer. May is the perfect time to begin exploring the state's five wine regions with their distinctive products and properties.

"Grape growing and wine making are expanding at an exciting rate across Maryland and these operations lend themselves readily to visitors," said Agriculture Secretary Roger Richardson. "Touring a winery or a vineyard in the countryside, tasting some of Maryland's fine wines, and enjoying the company of friends are wonderful ways to spend a spring-time day. We encourage people to learn how wine is made and enjoy the fruits of our vineyards."

Maryland currently has 35 licensed wineries, seven of which will be opening later this year. Maryland's wineries produce over 350 different wines, which are sold

at the wineries, special events and at more than 600 retailers and 100 restaurants throughout the state. Last year, Maryland wineries sold 270,280 gallons (approximately 1,364,133 bottles) of wine – an 18.2 percent increase over 2007.

"We are in the midst of one of the fastest-growing wine countries in the nation," said Kevin Atticks, director of the Maryland Wineries Association. "Come taste our award-winning vintages."

Maryland's two established wine trails, the Frederick and Mason-Dixon trails make it easy to visit a number of vineyards and wineries in a day or to spend an extra day taking in the history, culture, restaurants and scenic byways.

This year, the Patuxent and Chesapeake wine trails will be coming on line in May for visitors to explore more of the sights, sounds and tastes of Maryland. To find a listing of Maryland wineries, visit www.marylandsbest.net.

Riderwood's 2009 Scholars' Ceremony

This year's Scholars' Ceremony was truly a special night! On March 30, with pride and honor in their eyes, 50 area high school seniors were presented with scholarships to support their pursuit of a college education. This annual event took place in Montgomery Station Clubhouse, Performance Hall at 7:30 p.m. The theme of "Give from the Heart," was exemplified, with over 300 staff, residents, and special guests in attendance to celebrate the post-secondary education pursuits of student workers.

Beltsville resident and scholarship recipient Bana Amare provided the Student "Thank You" at the ceremony. She has worked three years at Riderwood and currently is a hostess at Overlook Restaurant. Her plans involve possibly attending Towson College and majoring in actuary science.

The Riderwood Scholars' Fund was created to support student staff members as they con-



Beltsville resident and scholarship recipient Bana Amare provided the student "Thank You" at Riderwood's Scholars' ceremony on March 30.

tinue their formal post-secondary education through the provision of up to \$6,000 for college, trade, or vocational certificate programs. Eligible scholarship candidates are student employees who are graduating in 2009, performed their jobs in an exemplary manner and plan to attend school in the fall of 2009.

With today's college-bound students facing economic challenges unlike those of past generations, Riderwood's scholarship program serves as a perfect "gift of opportunity," for an important part of its workforce. In

addition to enhancing its skilled workforce and services, the Scholars' Fund reflects a campus-wide commitment to **helping** students reach their highest potential. Instead of losing their post-secondary dreams, Riderwood student-workers have a hope for the future that is rooted in the generous contributions of its residents, their families and staff.



Riderwood residents Henry and Louise Fankhauser with residents Janet and John Lastova volunteered to raise money in support of Meals on Wheels of Takoma Park.

Riderwood's Fishing Tournament Raised Funds for Local Charities

On April 4, despite the high winds and cool temperatures, staff, residents, and guests were able to enjoy food, fellowship and fun at Riderwood's 9th Annual Fishing Tournament. The 50-50 raffle and donations enabled volunteers to raise \$650 in support of Meals on Wheels of Takoma Park and \$738 in support of Meals on Wheels of College Park.

According to Meals on Wheels volunteers at the tournament, this year's donations are needed more than ever in light of the economic downturn. "Riderwood residents and staff have demonstrated once again their commitment to supporting local charities with a tremendous need," said Claudia Farr, Senior Community Services Manager.

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Scouts Deliver a Mountain of Mulch



By Gary Bauchan, Scoutmaster Troop 1033

Boy Scout Troop 1033 delivered over 20 tons of hardwood mulch in completing another successful Spring Garden and Lawn Fund Raiser. In total the Scouts delivered over 2500 bags of mulch, fertilizer, manure, and topsoil products all over the Beltsville area, all within 10 hours. The door-to-door transport was made possible not

only by 22 scouts but also by the parents and friends of scouts who volunteered their trucks, trailers, and cars for the deliveries. Thanks to the support of the community each scout earned "Scout bucks" which allows them to pay for such activities as summer camp, biking at Blackwater Wildlife Refuge, swimming at Assateague Island, Wilderness Survival Training at Camp Snyder, Virginia and hiking along the C & O Canal near

Harpers Ferry. Troop 1033 would like to thank Behnke's Nursery, Inc. for their continued support of our fund raiser and a special thanks to TurboHaul of Beltsville and Kalkreuth Roofing and Sheet Metal, Inc. in Frederick, MD for supplying a large truck and trailer respectively and drivers for delivery of our large orders. We especially want to thank the Beltsville Community for all their support.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department has elected and installed new officers for 2009. The newly installed officers are: President Peggy Zembower, Vice President Pam Casagrande, Recording Secretary Diana Conley, Corresponding Secretary Cathy Alexander, Treasurer Roz Kilroy, Chaplain Lois Hetz, and Historian Nancy Moore.



TESST College of Technology Launches Medical Billing and Coding Specialist Program

TESST College of Technology campuses in Baltimore and Beltsville have opened enrollment for the new medical billing and coding specialist program. The campus will begin classes April 16.

The 36-week program gives students the opportunity to gain the knowledge, technical skills and work habits to pursue an entry-level position in the medical billing and coding field or related area.

"This program is an important addition to the campus and Prince George's community as it supports two key initiatives—accessibility for students and economic growth for employers," said Sandra Ugol, president of TESST College of Technology Beltsville campus. "A survey of employers in the area indicates demand for this occupation. It is a win, for students and employers."

Field-related duties may include a variety of functions such as accounting, preparing and filing insurance claim forms, Medicare and Medicaid billing, reimbursements, collections, coding procedures, benefits, coverage and limitations. Students have the opportunity to develop the understanding of insurance co-pays, deductibles and out-of-pocket expenses, along with collection procedures.

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Scouts gather around the trash they cleaned up.

Scouts Help Clean Up WSSC Reservoir

By Gary Bauchan,
Scoutmaster Troop 1033

On Saturday, April 4, Boy Scouts gathered to help clean up the WSSC Reservoir at Suplee Lane in Laurel, MD. Scouts from Cub Scout Packs 1031 and 1250 and Boy Scout Troops 1010, 1033, and 1673 were represented. Boy Scouts from Troop 1033 who spent 3 hours picking up trash were Sean Halper, Mick Cotter, Eric

Matthews, Chaim Johnson, Patrick Deery, Jaden Freeze, C.J. Williams, Curtis Gill as well as Jessie Freeze for Pack 1031. The Scouts picked up 25 bags of trash, 27 bags of recyclables, 10 tires and a car battery. Cleaning up this reservoir is important, as this is one of the locations for the water that we drink in our homes. Do your part to recycle, reduce and reuse. The Boy Scouts do.

Navigating the New Green Culture

By Lisa Middleton

What does it mean to “go green?” You’ve heard it before but maybe you’re not sure exactly what it entails. Or perhaps you have a full recycling program in your home and even switched to compact fluorescent light bulbs and would like to take it to the next level. Here are a few definitions that will help you navigate the new “green” culture.

Carbon Foot Print – simply put, this is the measurement of the impact of our activities on the earth. Think about your daily activities: driving your car, heating your home, or eating a meal. You can minimize your carbon footprint by carpooling, using a programmable thermostat, and eating locally grown produce. You can make a difference simply by asking, “how can I do this activity with less negative impact on the environment?”

Anti-consumerism – this term may conjure up visions of sit-ins and boycotts but it’s actually quite simple. It is *not* choosing to live without or live in a state of poverty. It is the choice to be more thoughtful in your purchasing. Gone are the days of “bigger is better” and “more is best.” In the current economy, people already may be living the lifestyle without realizing it. People are spending less, saving money and making do with what they have. How does this play out?

Less packaging being sent off to the landfill (trash is down 20% in one local landfill) and more money in your bank account. Perhaps both of these outcomes could lead to a more peaceful state of mind. When the economy recovers, we have an opportunity to make an impact by continuing more thoughtful purchasing.

Vegetarianism – wait a minute, what does being a vegetarian have to do with being green beyond what’s on your plate? According to www.newdream.org, it takes 2400 gallons of water and 5 pounds of grain to make 1 pound of feedlot beef in California. It also causes 5 pounds of soil erosion. Don’t forget the agricultural run-off that’s a major source of pollution. Maybe you don’t want to go vegetarian but consider eliminating one serving of meat from your menu each week. If every household in America did this.... the effect would be substantial!

Greenwashing – This new term is fashioned after “whitewashing” – glossing over the truth through a biased presentation of data. Companies are greenwashing when they put an environment-friendly spin on their products. For example, a company claims their product is earth-friendly or eco-friendly and glosses over the fact that they use petroleum-based ingredients. For example, many detergent companies now offer concentrated laun-

dry detergent packaged in smaller containers. This sounds good on the surface but the bottom line is that they haven’t changed their formulation, which includes petroleum-based cleansers. Look for cleaning products that are non-toxic and biodegradable, list ingredients on the packaging and, better yet, share an overall philosophy of sustainability.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle – opt out of junk mail to reduce the paper flowing through your house, purchase a reusable water bottle and commit to no longer using bottled water. Recycle your cans, glass, plastic, paper, plastic bags, cereal boxes, phone books, newspapers, cardboard, batteries, cell phones, cd’s, computers, small electronics, kitchen scraps in a compost pile.... get it? The list goes on....

These are just a few terms that are floating around and include maybe a couple you haven’t seen yet. When evaluating “going green,” do your research and evaluate your sources of information. There are many things that you can do and all of it makes a difference. Every bit does count – each plastic bag you don’t use, each purchase you choose wisely, each local produce you eat makes a difference.

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Club News

By Ivy Christoffers

Rotary Club of Beltsville

Our recent activities have been many and varied. We have welcomed many visitors such as a past club member who has relocated to Las Cruces, New Mexico, Tom Maddix. The club members enjoyed catching up on old times with Maddix who was presented with a club banner. We received his club banner by return mail that will be added to our large collection of banners. Long time club member, Sonja Festerling, gave a reclassification speech that I unfortunately missed. I am told it was very entertaining and informative. Sonja is busy enjoying her golden years. Dr. Spence, the Director of The Beltsville Agricultural Research Center was introduced to the club by Rotarian, Karl Norris. Dr. Spence spoke of the ongoing development at the Research Center with emphasis on plant development. One of my personal favorites, strawberries, was discussed at length. Another topic expounded on by Dr. Spence was in the area of human nutrition. Much information was shared and appreciated by his audience. We really enjoy our guest speakers who keep us informed on many topics that affect our everyday lives. We thank them for taking the time to come and share with us.

Another successful event was the membership mixer planned and executed by Rotarians, George Krzywicki and Eleanor Frierson that resulted in five guests in atten-



Past Rotary President, Nancy Randall, High Point High School R.Y.L.A. Students, Charlene Osei and Demisse T. Habteselasie and Beltsville Rotary Club President, John Moynihan.

dance on April 14th. They were Capt. Bob Gibson of the Beltsville Police Barracks, Rev. Mejia of Emanuel Methodist Church, Carin Lucas of the Agricultural Research Library, Jan Parson, a business equipment salesperson and Mehdy Rad, an orthodontist. We thank our members Harry Rinker, Eleanor Frierson, Joyce Malin, John Moynihan and Karl Norris for introducing us to these fine people who, we hope, will be joining our club in the near future.

Our latest guests were our

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Paint Branch Montessori School Talent Show



Students of Paint Branch Montessori School demonstrated their many talents for family and peers in their annual Talent Show on April 9, 2009. The entertaining performances included choreographed dances, singing, musical instruments, and original poetry. Several of the Students confidently displayed their musical abilities on the piano and violin, as well as the recorder, which the Elementary students practice weekly in music class. The crowd of family, friends, and students were very supportive and excited to see the diversity of talents.

Annual Rites of Spring Celebrated by College Park Unit #21

By Ivy Christoffers

April was a busy month for members of College Park Unit #217 as our members planned and executed a successful Easter Egg Hunt and Party for the children of our community. There were 45 children under the age of 11 running around, playing games, making Easter crafts, guessing candy jars, hunting for eggs previously hidden in our back yard by the Easter Bunny's helpers, shaking their little booties in the dance contest and eating pizza and just having a great time in general. We were so grateful that Mother Nature smiled upon us on April 5th and sent us a warm sunny day in which to revel. There were as many parents and grandparents in attendance as

there were children. We owe a great deal of thanks to the reigning Miss College Park, Heather Molnar, and all of her assistants along with our Children & Youth Chairman, Shannon Beam, who, along with her mother, Joan, conducted a great party. The refreshment crew, headed by Commander Glenn Butler, who baked the pizzas, and Charlie Allen, the MC and all the rest who pitched in to help, made this a time to remember. As the children filed out, they asked about our next party that they knew would be at Halloween. It seems they look forward to having a good time at College Park Post # 217.

On April 19th several things were taking place that meant a



Children attending the annual Easter egg hunt party at American Legion Post 217 on April 5th.
(Photo by Unit 217 President, Angie Rodriguez)

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great deal to a lot of people. There was the 23rd Annual "Massing of the Colors" at Ft. George G. Meade that was produced by the Gen. George G. Meade Chapter of the Military Order of The World Wars. Post and Unit # 217 Color Guard proudly advanced our colors along with several other Posts and organizations. This is always a very patriotic and beautiful ceremony. Our thanks to Elando, Mark and Judy Beard and Judy Slarb for representing our Post and Unit so well.

Another event that took place on the 19th was the Girl's State Orientation sessions in Southern Maryland. They began in Waldorf at 11:00 a.m. and finished at College Park Post #217 commencing at 3:00 p.m. This is a mandatory orientation course for all of our citizens who will be attending Girl's State in June. There were 28 young

ladies in attendance along with their parents in College Park and 24 attended in Waldorf. They were attentive and asked many pertinent questions. They were very interested and seemed anxious to enjoy this upcoming adventure. One of our own Junior members is attending this year, Kimberly B. Morales.

Another happening on the 19th was the Miss College Park Scholarship Pageant. I will report on this next month, as I do not have all the particulars at this time.

We continue to have great meals served at our Post Home every Sunday and on other days as well. We have a terrific crew who take great pride in their culinary expertise and share it willingly with all of us.

My granddaughter and I attended a deployment ceremony at Ft. Meade on Monday, April 13th, that was very moving. Several of our Junior members in the American Legion Auxiliary were invited to participate and I must say they did a great job, especially Kimberly. She was invited to become a part of the sponsoring group and join in several upcoming events speaking on behalf of The Military Child. This is a good thing.

The American Legion Department of Maryland has partnered with Behnke's Nursery in Beltsville in promoting NASCAR DAY, an event which will be held before you receive this paper. However, raffle tickets are being sold until May 31 on a chance to win a three day pass to NASCAR RACING at Daytona Beach July 2 thru 4, with second and third prizes of shopping sprees at Behnke's. The tickets are just \$5.00 each and they are for sale at several places, Behnke's, their website, the American Legion Post in College Park and by yours truly. ALL of the proceeds will go to the "Wounded Warrior's Fund/ Heroes to Home-town Program." This fund supports wounded military and their families. A most worthy charity.

Remember our men and women who are serving around the world and daily are in harms way. Let us pray for their safe return to their loved ones. Happy Mother's Day to all who qualify. May your loved ones be safe and sharing this special day with you. At the upcoming Memorial Day observances, pause to thank our heroes and remember those who gave so much for our freedoms. God Bless our Troops and may God continue to bless America.

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Women's Community Club of Beltsville

By Barbara McGown, Host
Membership Committee

Come share your history and experiences in Beltsville with some of the wisest women I know! We will meet at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville at 12:30 p.m. on May 11. I have been here since 1980, but my husband's family

came on 1948! Help plan to make our community a better place. Remember, women rock not only the cradle!

Our guest speaker will be Dr. John J. Moynihan, DDS, PA of Beltsville Dental Care. Dr. Moynihan will explain the relationship between oral hygiene and the general state of health. Refreshments will be available.

Beltsville Garden Club May Meeting

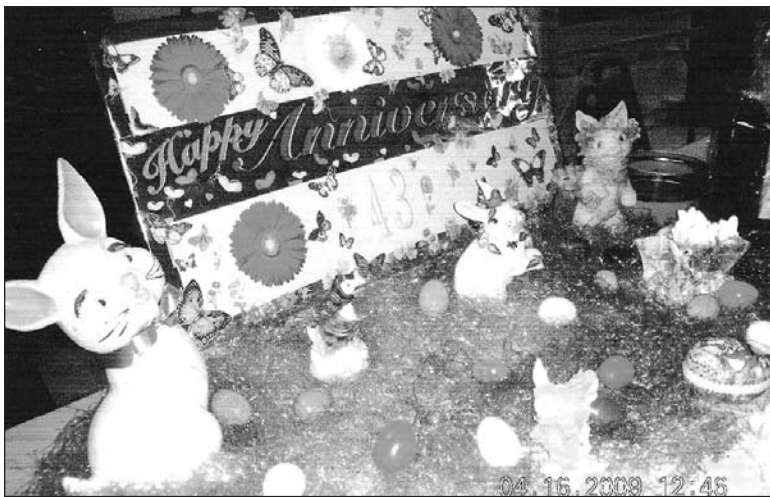
By Louise DeJames

The Beltsville Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville. The guest speaker for this month will be **Nick Weber** and his topic will be "**HERITAGE ROSES.**" Mr. Weber became infatuated with old garden roses and in 1985 purchased 5.5 acres of land devoted to displaying and caring for roses. Over the years he had developed rose gardens sur-

rounding his home in Brookeville, Maryland. There are two main display gardens, each with a lily pond, one of which has an elevated pavilion to view its half-acre of old and new roses. There are other smaller specialty gardens such as kitchen garden, children's garden, climber garden and the bride's garden, and they all have roses associated with the gardens. He currently has 600 to 700 varieties of roses. Mr. Weber has limited formal education in garden design and plant selection, but his driving force is the desire to add beauty to

his surroundings, and for anyone to enjoy who stops by to see and smell the roses. For more information about the **Garden Tours**, visit the website at www.home.comcast.net/~heritagerosarium.

Please join us for this informative speaker. We will have plants for the door prize table and refreshments after the meeting. The public is welcome and admission is free. For more information, contact Louise DeJames at 301.890.4733 or visit our website at, www.beltsvillegardenclub.org.



On April 2, the Beltsville Young at Heart Club held their 43rd anniversary luncheon. This is a view of decorations at the head table.

Beltsville Young at Heart

By Barbara Schofield

Hi everyone. The April 2 meeting was a business meeting. All old business was taken care of and we had some new things to go over. Jim Bell from the Community Center asked us to name five places to advertise Beltsville day. Marge explained that the hatbox was being used again this year for no bake sale donations, the money you would have spent to make something would be put in the box. Donations to the kitchen can also be made now. All the profits from Beltsville day go to our club so it's to your benefit to help out any way you can, and we can use all the

help we can get. Now the April 16 meeting was a beautifully decorated, catered anniversary luncheon. The committee did a wonderful job with raffle baskets, a mystery prize, name that song contest and door prizes. I think all had a very nice time. Bill Miles served excellent food from the Laurel Meat Market. There was tasty cordon bleu and a great variety of pies on the dessert table. You couldn't go home hungry, so on that note I will leave you 'til next time. Take care and enjoy the birds singing and flowers blooming. Spring is really very wonderful.

Beltsville VFW

By Ray Schar, Sr.

The Jacob A. Bladt Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10260 held its regular monthly meeting on April 21 at the Beltsville Boys & Girls Club. Post Commander George M. Barclay conducted the meeting.

Among the first business was the nomination of candidates to serve as officers for the next year. The following were nominated: Post Commander, Walter E. Snow; Sr. Vice Commander, Alvin L. Beecraft; Jr. Vice Commander, John T. Worthington, III;

Quartermaster, Walter S. Mietus; Chaplain, John Garofolo; Service Officer, Daniel Dove; Surgeon, Ray Shar; Trustees, George M. Barclay and Daniel Dove.

Voting for the Post Officers will be conducted at the May 19 meeting at the Boys & Girls Club. Additional nominees can be added before the election.

Memorial Day ceremonies will be held by the Post on Monday, May 25 at the Beltsville Post Office starting at 11:00 a.m. Mem-

VFW

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Beltsville Garden Club Plant Sale

By Louise DeJames

The Beltsville Garden Club May Plant Sale will be held Saturday, May 9th, 2009 at High Point High School, 3601 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, Maryland. This sale will feature at reasonable prices, annuals, perennials, vegetables, shrubs and many varieties of plants from the Beltsville Garden Club greenhouse.

The plant sale will be from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon and will be held rain or shine.

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School News

Augsburg Academy Adds To Summer Program

The Augsburg Academy, 13800 Old Gunpowder Road, Laurel, has recently made an exciting addition to its popular Augsburg Summer Program. This summer, in addition to offering students an opportunity to brush up on skills learned during the school year or get a head start on math and language arts for the coming year, students can also work on learning or improving their Spanish language skills.

The Augsburg Summer Program offers five one-week sessions beginning June 29. During the

first half of the day, participants have one or two academic enrichment sessions and participate in a mini-Vacation Bible School program. Following lunch, the Augsburg Summer Program joins with the Overtime Athletics camp for an afternoon of sports and fitness activities. Before- and after-program care is also available.

The Augsburg Summer Program accepts children from age 4 through 9th Grade. Participants must register for a minimum of two weeks, but these need not

be consecutive. The program fee is just \$195 per week. The Augsburg Summer Program is the summer activity and education program of Augsburg Academy, an independent Christian school founded in 2005. The academy offers a traditional academic program for students in kindergarten-4 through Grade 9. To find out more about Augsburg's exciting programs, visit their web site at www.AugsburgAcademy.net or call 240.786.0283.

Easter Celebrations at St. Joseph's Catholic School

The students prepared for Easter with a variety of events in the weeks leading up to Easter vacation. Mrs. Dyer, our art teacher, impressed students, teachers, and visitors to our school with an awesome display of creativity. Each student created a brilliantly stylized cross that was then displayed hanging from the ceiling in the school hallway. Each class used a variety of materials and represented different periods of art history in its work, including collage, paint, metal, wood, tissue paper and melted wax. This unified design made a powerful statement about our faith.

The Pre-K class performed the Passion for parents, family, and honored guests. They worked very hard and demonstrated a simple understanding of Christ's suffering. This play and later, their reenactment of the Last Supper with bread and juice helps strengthen the meaning of Easter for these young students. The Kindergarten class made rabbit ears and enjoyed being bunnies for a day. The Kindergarteners and 1st graders joined



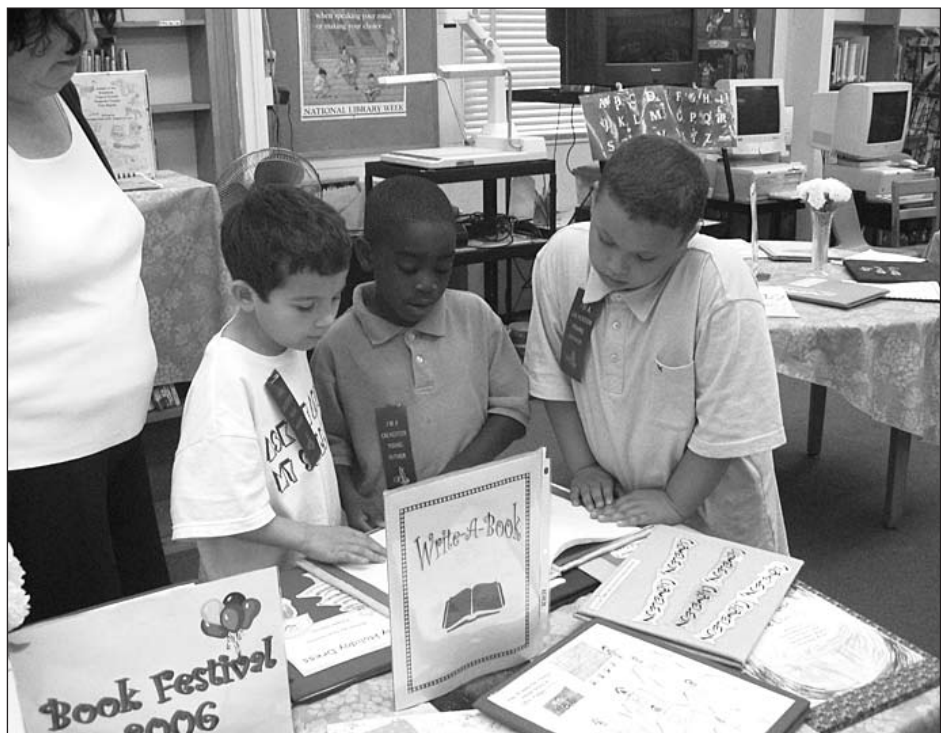
Will and friends

together to hold a Seder Meal in preparation for Easter. The 1st graders were treated to a science experiment that coincided nicely with their Easter preparation; they got to witness the butterfly life cycle. They watched caterpillars transitioned into chrysalis. They were truly blessed as the chrysalis emerged into butterflies on a school day! The 1st graders kindly shared the wonder of nature with other classes.

Lastly, the National Junior

Honor Society sponsored an Easter Egg Hunt for the elementary school students. Finding an array of colorful eggs was fun and the candy filling was sweet. The search for the golden egg was intense, with 3rd grader Will, the lucky winner. All of the students had a great time.

We enjoyed our preparations for Easter and hope everyone had a blessed and relaxing Easter vacation.



Book Festival

Students always enjoy reading the books written during the school year at the Calverton Book Festival every May.

School News

Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School News

By Michelle Mariani Williams

Congratulations to the following MLK students who have been recognized for their achievements and are great role models to their peers.

Vanessa Derby was selected as the 2009 Ben Carson Scholar. Her academic achievements and service to her community make her stand out as a future leader of tomorrow. Vanessa will receive at \$1,000 scholarship award that will be invested for a college education. She is among a group of over 3,900 students from across the country named as Carson Scholars.

Seventh grader Beatrice Elvira won 3rd place in the Gazette-Star Spelling Bee on March 20th. She competed against twenty other students and won the contest with the winning word "relevant." Beatrice received a trophy and gift certificate from the Gazette-Star

Spelling Bee.

Arianna Cooper and Alice Noll have been recognized by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) as two of this year's Service Star Award recipients. MSDE presents this award to two students from each school system to show their appreciation and respect for the outstanding contributions students make to the community.

The following AVID students won the Shoppers Food and Pharmacy Black History Month essay contest: Emanuel Wamboi, Tyler Marbury, Kallin Roussin-Lally, Amy Bangura, Kemi Ayodele, and Alexander Bailey. As a result of their achievements, these students were invited to a reception in their honor at Morgan State University on March 18th. They were awarded: Best Buy gift certificates, trinkets and a large bag of Shopper's goodies to take home.

International Night Celebrated at Frances Fuchs Early Childhood Center

By Melynda Klein

On Thursday, April 16, 2009, Frances Fuchs Early Childhood Center celebrated our 8th Annual International Night. On this night, families and staff come and celebrate the different cultures from around the world. We celebrated with fashion, displays, dance, music, and food from around the world. We had Kofi Dennis and Mr. Brad's band play for us that night. We also had a fashion show from around the world.

The children and their families were proud to display their fashions from their home countries. It gave the children, families and staff a sense of how many multicultural families we have at our school. All had fun and we look forward to another year of a fun filled night of multicultural activities. A special thank you to all the staff and families that helped make our International Night a special night for all. As always "Good things are happening at Frances Fuchs."

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Summer Camp at Magic Kingdom

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(Photo -courtesy of Good Knight Network)

shows, a fun house, arts and crafts, carnival games, scavenger hunts, a "Maryland's Got Talent Contest," and prizes. The Museum's newest attraction is the Aqua Fortress Waterslide Adventure. Camp weeks start June 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Early drop off and late pick up service is available.

During the summer, aside from the fun and adventure, lessons from the **SuperBook of Family Safety** will be incorporated into the week's activities in a continued partnership with **Prince George's County School's Safe and Drug Free Communities Program** and the **County Executive's Office**. To view a video of camp activities which was featured last year on **WUSA Channel 9 News** in Washington, D.C., please visit www.goodknight.org and to register your children call **301.595.8989**.

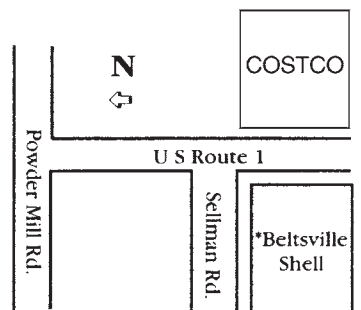


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Eleanor Roosevelt All Bands Concert

The ERHS Alumni Band will be featured at the All Bands Concert at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on Wednesday, May 13th at 7:30 p.m. Alumni of the bands are invited to rehearsals on May 11th and May 13th. The Concert is free and open to the public. Check the website for more information www.erhsbands.homestead.com.

Winter Semester of ESL Ends at Emmanuel

Emmanuel United Methodist Church's Fellowship Hall was filled with conversation, laughter and music on April 7 as the winter semester of ESL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) drew to a close. Teachers, students and their families shared favorite dishes at the now-traditional buffet supper. Highlighting the evening were two students who performed songs from their native land to thank the teachers for sharing their time and knowledge with their classes.

More than 50 adults attended classes this semester. Classes met every Tuesday evening from January 27 through March 31. Students with perfect attendance were recognized during the April 7 festivities and were rewarded for their dedication by having their \$20 registration fee returned to them. Those students who missed only one class received half their registration fee back.

This semester was marked by two special evenings. On Games Night, students and members of

Emmanuel played ping-pong, pool, card games, Scrabble, and a variety of other favorite games. On Library Night, each class visited the Beltsville Library and learned about the many resources they offer.

Registration for the fall semester will be September 8. Volunteers and observers are always welcome! For more information about Emmanuel's ESL program, please contact the church office at 301.937.7114.

EARTH DAY

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than 300 pounds of litter, which was later separated into trash and recyclables. We found all kinds of crazy things, including road signs, leaves painted blue, and even a litter pick-up stick that had become litter! We celebrated our hard work by spending the afternoon enjoying the zoo, which many of our group had never visited before. Members of the team said that they had a lot of fun cleaning up, but that they couldn't understand why anybody would ever litter in the first place.

The Earth Day Clean-Up is an annual event at the National Zoo. They welcome volunteers of all ages and have clean-up areas of varying levels of difficulty so that even the tiniest volunteers can help. Come join us next year - we'll be there!

State News

Increase In Bay Blue Crab Population

Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley and Virginia Governor Tim Kaine have announced the Chesapeake Bay's adult population of blue crabs has increased substantially over last year, indicating management measures put into place in 2008 to address population declines are working.

The results of the most recent bay-wide winter dredge survey, which is conducted annually by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS), estimate the total number of crabs overwintering in the Chesapeake Bay during 2008-2009 has increased from 280 million in 2007-2008 to just over 400 million.

The increase in abundance is

primarily due to a striking increase in the number of adult female crabs, nearly double last year's estimate. Coupled with a 50 percent increase in abundance of adult males, overall adult abundance in 2008-2009 is estimated to be approximately 240 million crabs — slightly over the interim target level of 200 million set by the Chesapeake Bay Stock Assessment Committee in early 2008.

Overall, the survey indicates that the 2008 coordinated management actions implemented by the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the Potomac River Fisheries Commission, were collectively effective at increasing the abundance of spawning-age females, a major goal of the 2008 conservation measures.



At Paint Branch Montessori School the students are welcomed at the door by a friendly face and a handshake. The old-fashioned greeting is a custom at the school, where the children learn to be courteous and polite to adults as well as their peers. Even in entering the school, each child is learning basic social skills that will be useful throughout their lives. The Elementary students are excited to share in the responsibility of greeting everyone at the door and assisting the younger Toddler and Primary students to their classrooms. As mentors and friends, the older students are proud to share their knowledge and experience with the younger ones.



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ROTARY CLUB

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RYLA students from High Point High School. Rotary Youth Leadership Awards is a leadership course conducted each year at Camp Letts and attended by approximately 200 high school students. Our representatives this year were Charlene Osei and Dernisse T. Habteselasie. Charlene is her class president and aspires to be a businesswoman like her mother; however, it appears her mother would like for her to become a doctor. She had very positive impressions to relay of her three days at RYLA. Her highlight of the event was the talent show, and she hopes to go again next year. Demisse enjoyed the competition between the 21 groups and he spoke of his concern for conditions around the world. He recently helped produce a fundraiser for the DRC (the Congo) that was very successful. Demisse is the president of the Young Political Leaders of Tomorrow at High Point and serves as

vice president of his class. There were 30 Rotract students who acted as counselors at Camp Letts, many from Maryland University. We thank Rotarian Nancy Randall who chairs this program for us and has done so for several years.

Plans are under way for our annual Yard Sale/Flea Market being held on May 16th at the corner of Pine and Powder Mill Roads in Beltsville from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., just across from the Beltsville Veterinary Clinic. There will be something for everyone, even a bodacious bake sale. Donations are always welcome. The proceeds from this event are used to grant scholarships to deserving students from High Point High School. Come check us out. Our Rotary club meets every Tuesday at noon at the Holiday Inn Hotel in College Park. More of the business community of Beltsville should be joining us, as the health of our community and the people who inhabit it is a main priority of our members.

VFW

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bers and guests are encouraged to attend.

The Post thanks and commends D. Kim, owner of Raulin's Bakery, for his tremendous generosity in supplying fresh donuts every month for delivery to the Armed Forces Retirement Home's King Health Center. Post member Bob Haas and John Worthington

take the donuts to the Center to serve with coffee and conversation, along with members of the Military Order of the Cooties, Pup Tent 17. The Cooties are an honorary adjunct of the VFW and sponsor the event.

The King Health Center is an infirmary for the AFRH. Most of the residents come for the coffee break in wheel chairs. Others have ailments such as Parkinson's disease.

HIKE

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is the Arrow of Light and one of the requirements for this award is to camp outside with the Boy Scouts. So these Cub Scouts fulfilled this requirement. The scouts enjoyed their visit to the historic sites at Harpers Ferry but especially enjoyed visiting the candy store and eating ice cream. The Boys Scouts on the trip included Nathaniel Pinnock, Eric Matthews, Jamie Garcia, Sean Halper, Mick Cotter, Jaden Freeze, Curtis Gill,

C.J. Williams, Danny Mareno, Limbert Reyes and Chris Walker. Even Bear Cub Scout Nicholas Walker and little 7-year-old Wolf Cub Scout Jessie Freeze hiked the entire 10-mile trip. The scouts and their adult leaders including Scoutmaster Gary Bauchan, parents Marji Freeze, and Bob Walker took pleasure in the very misty air and vigorous hike. In addition to the Cub Scouts earning their Arrow of Light, all of the scouts earned their C&O Canal Historic Trails patch. Spring has sprung, get outside and go hiking.

CALVERTON

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Students at all grade levels from pre-kindergarten through sixth grade; teachers; and our principal, Mrs. Tschudy, all drew pictures for the project. Many children chose to give up recess and evenings at home to spend their free time drawing for the needy children in Afghanistan.

In the end, we were proud to

send 1,217 pieces of original artwork to Jenny! She responded: "I know the kids will really enjoy receiving pictures from the kids in the states. I hope that the small amount of effort we put into the children here will make a difference for them later." We hope that our art brightens the lives of hospitalized children in Afghanistan and helps build a bridge of peace between our children and theirs!

Donations for Soldiers in Iraq



The Calverton Shopping Center recently collected donations and cards for our soldiers in Iraq. The Old Glory Chapter of Laurel, MD mailed the collections to a platoon of 70 men and women formerly based at Fort George G. Meade. Calverton staffers and customers were very generous, and Cindy Foley of Calverton Giant wishes to express her thanks.



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Calendar of Events

AREA EVENTS

LIONS CLUBS YARD SALE

Saturday, May 9, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The College Park and University Park Lions Clubs are holding a yard sale at the Hillandale Baptist Church, located at the corner of Riggs and Powder Mill Roads, Adelphi, MD. Proceeds go toward helping the needy in our communities.

ANIMAL WELFARE RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, May 30 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The College Park Animal Welfare Committee is hosting a rummage sale at Davis Hall, 9217 51st Ave., College Park. If you'd like to participate or have anything to donate, please contact Abbey at 240.375.3165. Proceeds will benefit the Welfare Committee's efforts to provide care to all homeless animals.

MONTPELIER MANSION

9650 Muirkirk Rd., Laurel, MD 20708. Call 301.377.7817 for information on events and classes, including those at the art center; TTY: 301.454.1472; Fax: 301.377.7818, e-mail: montpeliermansion@pgparks.com. Regular tours are on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. Fee: \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for seniors, \$1.00 for children 5 – 18. Children under 5 admitted free.

FESTIVAL OF HERBS, TEA, AND THE ARTS

Saturday, May 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., rain or shine. Montpelier Mansion and Montpelier Arts Center join forces to bring you a day that will delight your senses: live music, tea & scones in the elegant East Wing, and art in the galleries and studios. More than 30 vendors will be on site. Kids can play old-fashioned games, see a live animal exhibit, and more. FREE admission to the grounds.

COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM

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

FIRST EGG DROP CONTEST

Saturday, May 23 at 1:00 p.m. Free for participant and 1 guest. Design a device that will protect a large Grade-A egg from breaking when dropped. This contest is open to elementary, middle, and high school students. Prizes will be awarded! Entrants can be an individual or a team. Call 301.864.6029 for more information.

BELTSVILLE EVENTS

VANSVILLE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

Monday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m. at Franklin Brown Building, Vansville Recreation Park, 11733 Old Baltimore Pike, Vansville.

BELTSVILLE RECREATION COUNCIL

Monday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the Beltsville Community Center.

BELTSVILLE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m. at Beltsville Elementary School, 4300 Wicomico Ave.

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CLUB OF BELTSVILLE

Monday, May 11 at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane at 12:30 p.m.

YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

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

SWIM CLUB YARD SALE

Saturday, May 16 from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon. The Calverton Swim Club is sponsoring a Yard Sale at the pool at 12615 Galway Dr. Anyone in the community is welcome to bring a table and get rid of a few items. Set up will

be in the parking lot. Call 301.572.4203 if you have any questions.

BELTSVILLE DAY

Sunday, May 17, 2009 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Enjoy games, live entertainment, food, and more. FREE and open to the public. Located on the grounds of the Beltsville Community Center at 3900 Sellman Rd. Call 301.937.6613 for more information.

LECTURES AT BEHNKE'S

Two lectures will take place at Behnke's nursery in Beltsville, located at 11300 Baltimore Ave. They are free and open to the public. Registration is required; call 301.937.1100.

PERENNIALS

Saturday, May 9 at 1:00 p.m. *My Favorite Perennials for the Home Garden*, by David Culp of Sunny Border Nurseries. Few people know as much about perennials as David. His garden will be featured in the April edition of Martha Stewart's *Living* magazine. This is a talk for beginners and perennial collectors alike.

ROSES

Saturday, May 23 at 1:00 p.m. *The Truth about Roses: Exploring Their Culture, Myths, Legends, and Scandals*, by author Stephen Scanniello. Learn more about the history, lore, and culture of America's favorite flower.

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)

Thursday – Sunday, May 7 – 10, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. NAL will be participating in **PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK** on the National Mall in Washington, DC. This year's theme is *Government Goes Green*. NAL will feature a display on tomatoes and will distribute free tomato seeds. See www.nal.usda.gov or call 301.504.5876 for information on basic services and special events. The library is free and open to the public.

BELTSVILLE LIBRARY

Contact the Beltsville Library by phone at 301.937.0294. Visit us at 4319 Sellman Rd., Beltsville, next to the police station. Visit our website at www.pgmls.info. Hours are Monday – Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Thursday – Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., closed on Sunday.

FRIENDS OF THE BELTSVILLE LIBRARY MEETING

Tuesday, May 5 at 7:00 p.m. Get involved with your library and give your input.

PROGRAMS FOR EVERYONE

CHESS CLUB

Tuesdays, May 12 and 26 at 7:00 p.m. Come to learn or just to play with other players and have fun. For all ages and levels. Everyone welcome.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

TODDLER TIME

Mondays, May 4, 11, and 18 at 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs, and fingerplays especially for children ages 18 months – 3 years old.

STORYTIME

Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 20, and 27 at 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs, and fingerplays. Ages 3 – 5.

TEDDY BEARS ON PARADE

Thursday, May 28 at 10:30 a.m. Musical activities, stories, songs, and fingerplays. Bring along your favorite teddy bear and join us for our Teddy Bear Parade and picnic! Light refreshments available. Geared for ages 6 and under; families and daycare providers are welcome.

CREATE YOUR OWN BOOKMARK

Mondays, May 11 and 18 during regular library hours in the reading area. Celebrate

CALENDAR

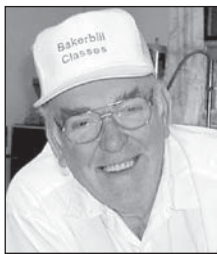
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Baker Bill

STUFF 'N THINGS

I love this time of year. Calverton has a lot of cherry and crab apple trees. All are in bloom now. I bought the model home back in the 60's. We had a crab apple tree. The blossoms were great but the tree got webworms in it. It was ok when the tree was 10 feet tall, but as the tree grew I could no longer reach the top and the worms were all at the top. Once you get the webworms, you're done. You will never get rid of them.

From time to time I have written controversial items and had no response. Now and then I write something off the top of my head and get letters and calls. Love it! This was over the question what is this unshaven look in TV and movies of late. Is this sexy? The letters agree with me that the idea is just stupid, including House on TV. However, I just had a call from Barbara who explained that antioxidants and free radicals are real. I guess I was wrong about their origins. But the ad men sure use them a lot. Here is another one that's overused by the ad men: Omega 3.

In the consumer corner I want to plug a company that has helped me a few times with good advice and great prices. If you need a battery for that second car or lawn mower or golf cart, check out Advanced Auto in Beltsville first.

Also in the consumer corner, this jumped to mind. I may delete it later. Beware of the word "lite." In beer it probably means less alcohol. In mayonnaise it means less oil. In soymilk it means more water. The word lite means less. It doesn't mean light as in bulb, again my opinion only.



The Maryland Legislature is passing a new driving law. You must make a signal when changing lanes. This is another unenforceable law. I believe we need to make a signal on every turn, even in parking lots, as a matter of safety. But I see many do not agree with me.

I was in Giant a day or so ago and a lovely lady said to me, "I love your biscuits," not hello as usual. She went on to tell me that she has tried to make biscuits all her life and they never turned out well. She said she tried my biscuit recipe and she didn't expect them to be any better, but they were great. She also told me that she

tried my coconut custard pie last year and it turned out so well that she tried the biscuit recipe.

If you want success, go to Bakerbill.net and click recipes. If you have any problems call 301.572.4180. Or just google Bakerbill.



Biscuits

In a medium sized bowl, place 1 stick oleomargarine softened, 1-1/4 cup all-purpose flour, 1 tbsp sugar, 1 tbsp baking powder, and a pinch of salt. Mash this altogether into a mass (not a mess) and slowly add in 1/2 cup cold milk. Make into a dough and mix well.

Dump onto the table and knead with the hand. You cannot over mix this; it will not make them tough. Trust me. The suggestion of that is a wives tale.

Pat out and cut with cutter or glass. They need to be 3/4 inches thick. Bake close together at 400 degrees for about 15 minutes. When they are brown on the bottom they're done.

For color wash top with egg mixture. I am done for May 2009.

—Bakerbill
AKA Bill Raulin

CALENDAR

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Children's Book Week and get ready for the Summer Reading Program. Be creative! For children ages 5 and up.

MOMMY AND ME

Monday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, May 14 at 10:30 a.m. Join us to hear stories celebrating mothers and their families. Families welcome. For children of all ages.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

LIBRARY GARDEN TOUR

Saturday, May 23 at 11:00 a.m. Visit the Courtyard Garden and learn about new plantings. Sponsored by the Friends of the Beltsville Library.

MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesday, May 19 at 10:30 a.m. Margaret Cezair-Thompson's *The Pirate's Daughter*. Drop by the library to get a copy.

FRIENDS OF THE BELTSVILLE LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION

Wednesday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. Carole Radziwill's *What Remains*. Get your copy now at the library.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Saturday, May 2 at 2:00 p.m. Make a difference at your library! Give us your input so that we can serve you better. Earn volunteer hours as well. Ages 13 – 18.

BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

3900 Sellman Rd., Beltsville. Please call

301.937.6613 for information regarding more May programs, services, and courses. TTY: 301.445.4512. The hours of operation are: Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Friday – Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

COMPUTER COURSES

May 2009 computer courses will begin the week of May 4. Each course consists of four one-hour sessions. Subjects covered include Word, Computer Skills, and PowerPoint. Fee: \$35.00 residents, \$42.00 non-residents.

XTREME TEENS EVENTS

Fridays and Saturdays from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Ages 13 – 17. Free with Xtreme Teens ID card.

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6813 Ammendale Rd. The Vansville Community Center offers programs in Fitness & Health and for people with disabilities. Call 301.937.6621 for more information on these and other programs. FAX: 301.937.6623. TTY: 301.445.4512. The hours of operation are: Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

SALSA FOR ADULTS

Mondays, May 4 – June 8 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Fee: \$60.00 residents, \$72.00 non-residents.

RUMBA AND CHA CHA

Mondays, May 4 – June 8 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Fee: \$60.00 residents, \$72.00 non-residents.

XTREME PRE-TEENS EVENTS

Fridays from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Ages 10 – 12. Free with Xtreme Teens ID card.

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Happen to *God's People*

Have you ever wondered why good people die young; why the nicest woman at work was the one laid off; why nice kids get nasty diseases? We all wrestle with the same issues. In May, we'll look at the fascinating stories of four Bible characters—God's people—who got slammed with bad news. Join us to learn about them—and about ourselves.

*Weekly Sabbath
Services*

Worship	10:50 am
Adult Bible Classes	9:30 am
Children's Classes	9:45 am

May 2
Pastor Kermit Netteburg looks at David's story.

May 9
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