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Beltsville Briefs

Winter Concert

The annual Winter Concert at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, 7601 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, MD 20770 will be held on Friday, December 5th at 7:30 p.m. This wonderful evening of music will feature the Symphony Orchestra, Roosevelt Strings, the Symphonic Band, and Concert Band 2, along with several choirs from this award winning music department. Ms. Sally Wagner, who has begun her 28th year teaching instrumental music, will conduct the bands. The orchestras are under the direction of Dr. David Yarbrough who is beginning his 5th year at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. All of the Eleanor Roosevelt concerts are free and open to the public.

The Eleanor Roosevelt Band and Orchestra have begun the annual Florida citrus fruit sale, now through March. The proceeds of the fruit sale are used to supplement the dwindling funds for music education from the Prince George's County school board to purchase items for the band and orchestra program and to repair school instruments. To order fruit, contact a member of one of the Eleanor Roosevelt bands or orchestras, or call the fruit line at 301.345.5393.

The Beltsville students in the Eleanor Roosevelt Bands and Orchestras include Shannon McVeigh, Natalie Herder, Patrick Deery, Markus Brown, Calvin DaSilva, Robert Shafer, Emily Romani, Brian Cusack, Ashley Kaippallil, Lynitta Karley, and Becky Sowers.

Call for Artist Directors

Prince George's Summer Teen Theater is one of the longest running teen musical theater companies in the nation. We are looking for artistic directors for our upcoming production of *Thoroughly Modern Millie* in summer of 2009. We will be interviewing for director, producer, music director and choreographer. We audition in mid May and our show dates are in the end of July. Visit our website www.pgstt.org to see who we are and what we have done before. Please send a let-

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Pre-Kindergarten at Beltsville Elementary



(L-r) Antonio Guzman, Mark Humphrey, Melissa Hernandez, Paige Ragler, Hannah Pope, Rashad Mansery, Eileen Roa, Keyla Flores, Libertad Garcia, Nathaly Robles, Malachi Fafinski, Dennis Chorro, Cletus Asike, Nuru Kaswamila, Kortni Haselburger

Pre-Kindergarten at Beltsville Elementary School has a lot to be thankful for this year, said Pre-K teacher, Andrea Kirkland. They have been learning about the first thanksgiving held by the Native Americans and the pilgrims. During morning centers they made costumes, listened to stories, and discussed what it means to be thank-

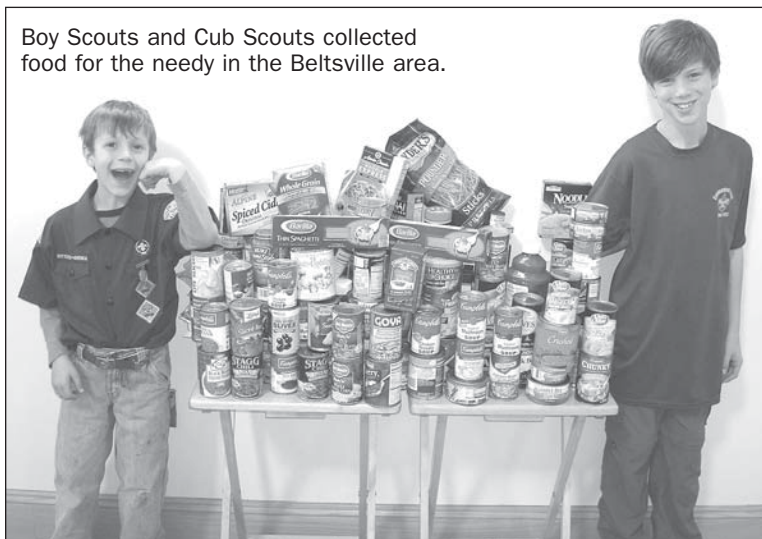
ful. In dramatic play they dressed up as Native Americans and pilgrims and explored a wigwam made by Pre K teacher, Kirsten Green. On November 25th they celebrated their own first school thanksgiving in their classroom with foods prepared by their teachers.

Scouting for Food Collection a Success!

By Gary Bauchan, Scoutmaster
Troop 1033

The Boy Scouts from Troop 1033 and Cub Scouts from Pack 1031 of the Beltsville area collected 1835 cans and non-perishable food items totaling 1700 pounds. That's almost a TON of food. The scouts distributed 4000 bags to the Beltsville residents on the weekend of November 1 & 2 and picked up the food on Saturday, November 8. All of the food was donated to St. Joseph's Catholic Church food pantry. The Boy Scouts want to thank the Girl Scouts in Troop 6064 for sorting the canned goods on collection day at the church. The scouts and parents contributed 180 volunteer hours to distribute the bags and pick up the food.

Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts collected food for the needy in the Beltsville area.



Great job Scouts! We especially want to thank the people of Beltsville for contributing the food. I'm

sure that the needy in the area will enjoy the fruits of our labor during the upcoming holiday season.

Santa Tour 2008

Santa Claus has confirmed his route with the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department! Santa will begin his routes around 6:30 to 7:00 pm. Santa wanted to pass on a few tips so his trip to Beltsville can be

enjoyable for everyone involved.

If you meet Santa at the intersections listed below on the schedule, he will be able to meet more children and see more of Beltsville. Always use caution when visiting Santa. Please pay attention to the fire apparatus and stay

out of the street. Sometimes Santa runs behind schedule by a couple of minutes, so be patient. He will follow the schedule as closely as possible. Have Fun and make sure you know what you want for Christmas!

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Submissions Due

No Later

Than:

December 16

Paper Out:

December 26

On the Agenda



By Karen Coakley, President,
Beltsville Citizens' Association

ZONING UPDATE: Konterra is moving forward information on the plan can be found at www.konterra.com. WaWa was approved by the District Council in November. I have received numerous calls about the condition of the buildings on the WaWa site over the past few years. Plus questions about the hold up. The WaWa approval by the county was taken to court the last time the around... We will see what happens this time. I know they too want to move forward with construction.

I can be reached at 301.937.0157 or karenmcoakley@verizon.net if you have a community concern. The Citizen's Association will not meet in December.

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25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

Extracted from the December 1983 Issue

Capital Tech Dedicated New Campus

Capital Tech's new 52-acre campus cost \$6.2 million to complete. It was begun in 1927 as the Capital Radio Engineering Institute.

Wedding Announcements

Carolynn Elaine Foster, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Foster of Beltsville was married on August 20, 1983 to **Matthew Gebron**, son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Gebron of Beltsville.

Elizabeth Margaret Stanley, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert T. Stanley, was wed to **Jose Juan Loys**, son of Mr. & Mrs. Ramiro Loys of Beltsville on September

24, 1983.

New Arrival

On November 4, 1983 **Michael Jade** was born into the family of Mike, Pam and Angela Cassa-granda of Beltsville.

Wiram Honored

Kenneth Charles Wiram was awarded with Knight of York Cross of Honour, highest degree of the York Rite of Freemasonry.

Engagement Announced

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Johnson announced the engagement of their daughter, **Paula Marie Johnson**, to **Randall Arnold Leupen**, son of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Leupen. The new couple graduated from High Point High School.

Bill Mayhugh to Address Toastmaster Clubs

Bill Mayhugh, an announcer for WMAL for many years, was

scheduled to speak to ARC and Columbian Toastmaster clubs.

Obituaries

Grover Russell Carter, 22, died on November 4, 1983 as the result of a car accident at Ammendale Road and Route 1.

Valerie A. Trolie, 22, died on November 25, 1983 of injuries received in an automobile accident on Old Gunpowder Road.

William H. Lang, 22, died on November 25, 1983 of injuries sustained in an automobile accident on Route 1 in Laurel.

Lawrence James Rogers passed away on November 9, 1983 at age 47.

Margaret Jeannette Nurse died at 80 on November 24, 1983 in Greater Laurel Hospital.

A Voter's Reflections

By Jeannine Carter

As I look at a photograph of my sister and me taken on Easter Sunday in Johnstown, Pennsylvania in 1960, I'm struck by the enormity of the normal and average rite of passage we had yet to encounter. I was 7 years old, dressed in tulle and lace, sporting a patent leather purse with multi-colored buttons on the front. I have a picture of me

in a Nehru jacket at a sit-in on the lawn of Northwood High School protesting the Vietnam War in 1969. My brother Denny joined the Air Force that year for fear of being drafted by the Army. He did not have a choice about whether or not he wanted to give his life for his country. His only choice was which branch of the military he wanted to do it under. Tragically, after one tour of Vietnam and a

second voluntary tour, at 22 years old my brother was killed two months after returning to Mather Air Force Base in Sacramento in a motorcycle accident that was not his fault. He was doing a favor for a friend. Thirty-six years later I continue to carry his battered dog tag on my key chain. My brother never had the opportunity to vote in a presidential election in his short life because the election that year was held nine months after he passed away.

No one warned us of the responsibility my sister and I, dressed in Easter's finest, would naturally inherit in the next forty-something years. The expected years of schooling, parenting, bill paying and being an upstanding member of our communities pale in comparison to the awesome right and freedom we had been given by the Constitution. Numerous wars were fought during which nearly everyone's ancestors participated in, perhaps giving their lives for, or whose health or emotional stability was compromised so that we, as a nation, are able to choose the leader of the free world, America, the land of the free, the home of the brave, and our abode for the rest of our lives.

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Neighbors in the News

Boy Scouts Attend Fall Jamboree

By Gary Baughan, Scoutmaster, Troop 1033

Over 745 scouts from 67 Boy Scout Troops, Cub Scout Packs and Venturing Crews from all over Prince George's County and the District of Columbia and 45 staff members camped out at Rosaryville State Park the weekend of October 24-26. Eight scouts (Patrick Deery, Charleston Laymon, Eric Matthews, Danny Moreno, Chris Walker, Chaim Johnson, Grant Soves and Jaden Freeze) and Scoutmaster Gary Baughan and Assistant Scoutmaster Rick Deery from the Beltsville Boy Scout Troop braved the elements for the weekend. A tent city sprang up overnight on Friday as all the scouts arrived. Needless to say the Jamboree was a WET one! However, the weather actually did cooperate as it only rained when we were cooking and eating lunch and dinner on Saturday. The jamboree began Saturday morning with an opening flag ceremony followed by programs designed for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers. There were stations for wood carving, patch displays with patch trading, disability awareness, tomahawk and knife throwing, archery, lama packing, cockroach races, pioneering, cub mobile building, nature and bird



Scouts gather for flag ceremony & Dutch oven cooking in the rain.

study presentations, backpacking, dehydrated trail food tasting, leave-no-trace exercises, and a service project of digging out non-native grasses for transplantation with native plants. Lunchtime was a real challenge as the wind picked up and it was a down-pour and side pour (due to the strong winds). We even noticed an impromptu tent-flying contest for our lunchtime entertainment. But after lunch the rains stopped and the program went on although it was cooler and it did drizzle a little. It started raining again and rained and poured throughout din-

ner time. Everyone was challenged to "feed the troops" in the rain but I didn't hear that anyone went hungry. The smell of baked beans, beef stew, grilled chicken, tacos, corn bread, and other scout concoctions wafted through the campground. The planned extravagant stage show and campfire program were cancelled due to the weather; however, our troop was prepared with a portable fire pit in order for us to enjoy our own campfire program. Everyone went home a little wet around the edges but with lots of memories of the fall Jamboree.

Al Doong Named Good Sports Adult Player of the Year

Al Doong, formerly of Beltsville, was recently awarded the 2008 Good Sports Adult Player of the Year at Turf Valley Country Club. The award recognizes a player's dedication, respect for teammates, leadership, academic effort, community service, attitude, commitment to practice, respect for coaches and respect for officials.

In June, Al was guest speaker for opening ceremonies at the Relay for Life in Howard County, which is a 12-hour walk for the American Cancer Society, and he now is involved as a committee member. Al also serves as



Al Doong, Good Sports Adult Player of the Year

an ambassador with the Howard County Chamber of Commerce, a board member of the Columbia Business Exchange and a member of the Laurel Board of Trade.

Al commented, "I enjoy meeting others and getting to know those in the community who are actually making a difference in people's lives." Al is a health and wellness consultant with Isagenix International, the world's leader in nutritional cleansing, and shows people around the country how to enjoy a better quality of life by improving their health and their finances. His Website is www.gettinghealthypac.isagenix.com.

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mentary School at 2:00 p.m. on November 4th, I did not encounter a long line of people waiting to vote. My voting experience, from entrance to exit, took less than ten minutes. I felt oddly disappointed, considering the hype and drama leading up to an election that would surely define the United States for the unforeseeable future. However, after casting my vote, I meandered my way out of the gymnasium trying to soak up others' emotions. The atmosphere

was too calm, too focused, and too quiet. I later reflected on why the voters I encountered were so, well, almost robotic. I believe it was because their minds had been made up weeks or even months prior to participating in this historic election.

Turmoil abounds when people ride the fence about their decisions. When we are jittery, short tempered or impatient it reflects inner turmoil. Wonderfully, happily, joyfully, I saw none of this in my voting experience. I felt staid commitment among even the small group of voters I observed,

and the peace we possess as we make decisions that we believe are in our best interests.

Of course there is great trepidation about trusting the candidate of your choice, and even more trepidation if the candidate of your choice was defeated. However, we need to be a cohesive group living in the greatest country in the world. The collective power we have as United States citizens affords us a voice and an opportunity to change those things we can, accept those things we cannot change and the wisdom to know the difference.

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Nordling Elected National Play Therapy President-Elect

William Nordling, PhD, an Institute for Psychological Sciences chair, was named national president-elect of the Association for Play Therapy (APT) at its Oct. 18 annual meeting in Dallas, Texas.

A New Orleans native now residing in Beltsville, Maryland, Dr. Nordling is the chair of the Psychology Department at the Institute for Psychological Sciences in Arlington, Virginia. He is a licensed psychologist and a Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor (RPT-S).

Elected to the APT board of directors in 2005 and re-elected in June, he had previously served as a member of the registration and continuing education committee that establishes the standards for



William Nordling, PhD

APT credentialing and training programs and was active in the chartered Maryland/DC branch. He will become president next

October.

Play therapy continues to gain popularity as an effective modality by which licensed mental health professionals use developmentally appropriate play-based interventions to better communicate with and counsel clients, especially children.

APT is a national professional society formed in 1982 to advance the field of play therapy. It sponsors research, training, and credentialing programs to assist the professional development of its nearly 6,000 member psychologists, social workers, counselors, and marriage and family therapists in approximately 25 nations. Additional information is available at www.a4pt.org.

Christmas is for Children and for You

Oh,
were I still a child
in body, mind, and soul
growing to grasp
the wonderworld of the adults
who know what for me is hidden
in folds of mystery, in years
of learning to see and comprehend.

Oh, were I still a child
this special time of year
when secrets are kept in boxes
of colored paper behind locked doors,
in words and music telling a story
ever new,
when candles are lit in the days
of winter,
when branches of fragrant green
are brought inside,
festive cooking and baking
fill each house,
and
Joy is in our Hearts.

That's
when I long
To be a child again
for Christmas
every year!

@Ingeborg Carsten-Miller

Programs at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center

The Agricultural Research Service (ARS) Center National Visitor Center is located in the Log Lodge just off of Powder Mill Rd. and Center Rd., Building 302, BARC – East. Information and reservations: 301.504.9403 or NVC@ars.usda.gov. Please include in your message a phone number where you can be reached.

There will be two free programs for the general public on two Thursdays in December. On Thursday, December 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. ARS orientation and research briefings and demonstrations will be conducted. Contact us to find out what research topic we'll be emphasizing. Then on Thursday, December 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon a program will combine ARS in Your World (see above) and Traveling Through BARC, a windshield tour of ARS's Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC); the largest and most diverse research location in ARS. Reservations are required and space is limited. Programs fill quickly.

The Visitor Center is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Closed federal holidays. Explore how ARS research affects your everyday life by visiting the ARS National Visitor Center exhibits in the historic Log Lodge. No reservations are required during regular weekday hours.

Thursday and Friday, December 4 and 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. there will be an American Red Cross Beltsville Area Blood Drive. Beltsville residents are encouraged to donate blood. Bldg. 003, Room 020, BARC – West, on Circle Dr. This building is the clock tower building that faces Baltimore Ave. Free public parking is available on Circle Dr. and in the parking lot

behind the building. Get a visitor's badge from the Security Officer at the front desk. Please contact Dawn Lopez for an appointment at 301.504.8975 or Dawn.Lopez@ars.usda.gov.

The National Agricultural Library is open Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for federal holidays. It is located at 10301 Baltimore Ave., just south of Sunnyside Ave. Parking is free in the visitors' lot accessed via the Rhode Island Ave. driveway entrance. See www.nal.usda.gov or call 301.504.5876 for more information.

Gifts from the Special Collections department of NAL are available for sale on site, or by mail order, or in person. Items include golden poinsettia holiday cards, Christmas amaryllis holiday cards, assorted botanical note cards, cherry blossom-inspired stationery products, a dahlia flower paper-weight, and a perpetual calendar. The 2009 Botanica wall calendar is new and is only available onsite here in Beltsville.

A portion of the proceeds from sales funds conservation treatment of special collections materials. To order online or to obtain a mail order form or an in-person order form, see www.nal.usda.gov/spec-coll/products.shtml.

Two exhibits are currently on display on the first floor of the National Agricultural Library. *Chinese Viewing Stones* are stone sculptures on loan from the National Arboretum. *Theme Gardening* is a display of fine prints illustrating three themes: *Gardening for Native Wildlife*, *Growing Heirloom Fruits & Vegetables*, and *Thomas Jefferson, the Gardener*. The exhibits are free and are open to the public.

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ter of interest to Prince George's Summer Teen Theater, 1 Morton Place, Laurel, MD 20707, or to pgstt@hotmail.com by December 8, 2008.

St. Stephen Lutheran Church Hosts Contemporary Christian Sing Along

If you enjoy singing contemporary Christian songs, you'll want to visit St. Stephen Lutheran Church in White Oak on December 12th at 7:30 p.m. The Godsong Praise Team will be hosting a sing-along of favorite contemporary Christian songs as well as Christmas Carols, both contemporary and traditional. The Praise Team will be accompanying songs such as "You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)" by Michael W. Smith, "Come, Now is the Time to Worship" by Brian Doerksen, "He Reigns" by Newsboys and more. Snacks, soft drinks and Fair Trade coffee will be served. There is no charge for this event.

St. Stephen recently celebrated its fiftieth anniversary and is committed to serving its diverse community in a variety of ways. It offers English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, supports the C-4 Ministry and Clothes Closet and collects non-perishable foods on the first Sunday of every month for the N Street Village, as well as other ministries. In April 2005, St. Stephen began providing a contemporary style worship service called Godsong. It is a fully Lutheran service with an abbreviated spoken liturgy and many Word-inspired, lively contemporary Christian hymns. Lori Campanella (Beuchert) is the music leader for this service. Lori grew up in Beltsville and graduated from High Point High School in

1977. The contemporary service is held at 5:00 p.m. every Sunday and a traditional service is held at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday.

St. Stephen is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. It is located at 11612 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland, across from the White Oak Library. All are welcome!

Central Maryland Chorale Presents Winter Concert, "Rejoice and Sing!"

Rejoice! The members of the Central Maryland Chorale, directed by Monica Otal, invite you to join them for their annual Winter Concert on Saturday, December 13, at 8:00 p.m. at the Lutheran Church of St. Andrew, 15300 New Hampshire Avenue, in Silver Spring. The featured work is the "Magnificat" by John Rutter, a contemporary English composer. Other works to be presented are "Sing unto God" from Handel's *Judas Maccabeus*, "There Is No Rose" by René Clausen, and medleys of seasonal carols and spirituals. Rejoice some more! As a tribute to our lousy economy, we've lowered our ticket prices for you: tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 for students/seniors. For tickets and information, call 301.317.9646 or see www.centralmarylandchorale.com.

Prince George's Choral Society Christmas Concert

This joyous annual evening, scheduled for Saturday, December 13 at 8:00 p.m., includes several highlights, including the world premiere of "Sad Little Reindeer," a treat for the whole family performed by song and storytell-

er. In addition to many seasonal favorites, Respighi's "Laud to the Nativity" will be presented by the Choral Society backed by an instrumental ensemble and the 2008 Zonta Prince George's Idol winners, Erica Milbourne and Courtney Wersick, guest soloists. The concert will be followed by an audience sing-along and a reception in the lobby. Don't miss this delightful musical holiday event at Prince George's Publick Playhouse for the Performing Arts, 5445 Landover Road, Cheverly, MD. Tickets: \$12; \$10/seniors and students; \$8/children 10 and under. Reservations: 301.277.1710; TTY 301.277.0312.

COASTAL NAVIGATION

Winter doldrums got you down? Prepare for Spring boating! The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 72 is offering a course of special interest to all boaters and aspiring boaters, Coastal Navigation: This class will meet twice a week, for 7 weeks on Monday and Wednesday evenings, starting Wednesday, January 7th, 2009. Among the subjects covered are Compass Use and Adjustment, Chart reading, Dead Reckoning (planning your voyages), Piloting, Tides and Currents, and Aids to Navigation. The instructors are all well trained, volunteer members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary who are devoted to promoting recreational boating safety. Registration will be held the first night of class, Wednesday, January 7 at 7:00 p.m. at High Point High School, 3601 Powder Mill Rd, Beltsville, MD 20705. The only cost is \$50 for books and charts.

Please pre-register after 9:00 a.m. with Steve at 410.531.3313 / tsktsk10@hotmail.com or Jean at 301.261.7735.

Vansville Community Center to Open Soon

The new Vansville Community Center is located at 6813 Ammendale Road, Vansville. Call 301.937.6621 (TTY: 301.445.4512) for more information. It is directly next to Vansville Elementary School. Since the center is new, it will be opened for business in stages. The Grand Opening will be coming soon, so contact the center for the latest information.

The times for special events may differ from the general hours of operation. Please call the center to confirm dates and times. The tentatively scheduled general hours of operation are: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. -9:30 p.m.; Friday 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Sunday 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

The special events and dates listed below are based on the estimated date of completing construction.

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PRE-TEEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday, December 19, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Let's celebrate the holidays with a party. Refreshments will be served. Music will be played and fun will be had. Don't miss out. Ages 10 - 12. Free with Center ID.

XTREME PRE-TEEN AND XTREME TEEN EVENTS

All of these events are tentatively scheduled to take place from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Laser Tag. Friday, December 5.

Wii Challenge. Saturday, December 6.

PS2 Night. Friday, December 12.

Ping Pong Tournament. Saturday, December 13.

Card Night. Friday, December 19.

Open Gym. Saturday, December 20.

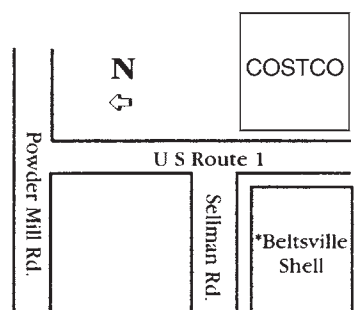


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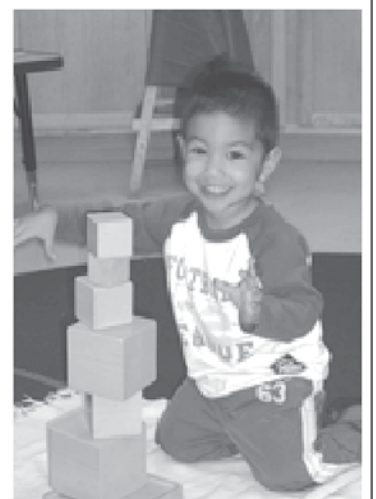
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Wedding Announcement

Kristina Ruth Harrison and Justin Noah Wiggins were married on 26 September 2008 at Overhills Mansion in Catonsville, MD.

The bride, Kris, is the daughter of Barbara and Jack Harrison of Beltsville, MD. The groom, Justin, is the son of Cathie and Cliff Wiggins of Silver Spring, MD.

In addition to all of the parents and Kris' grandmother, Ruth Harrison, members of the wedding party included Wendy Ethier (Maid

of Honor), Debbie Bouwkamp and Kristen Wiggins (Bridesmaids), Bryan Wiggins (Best Man), and Roy Thompson and John Harrison (Groomsmen). The Reverend Linda Hodson presided over the garden ceremony and administered the wedding vows.

The bride graduated Cum Laude with a B.S. degree in Psychology from Towson University in 2003 and completed her Masters degree in Psychology at

Western Carolina University in 2007. She is employed as a School Psychologist in Haywood County, NC. The groom attended West Virginia University and currently is completing an Electronics Curriculum in Asheville. Also, he is employed there at Griggs Electrical, Incorporated.

The couple will reside in Asheville, NC.

Festival of Lights Celebrated at BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Beltsville

Diwali is my favorite festival because of the excitement that fills the air when the festival nears. But having recently migrated to US, I did not know what to expect. said Mr. Arjun Jadeja, But after coming to the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Beltsville, Maryland, I felt the same excitement, fun and festivity I used to

experience in India.

Diwali is that time of the year when family, friends and relatives get together and strengthen their bonds through various festivities. Being away from India should not cause a lapse in our traditions, said Mr. Dinesh Patel.

Preparations for the festivities begin months in advance. Devotees, young and old, sacrifice their time to help in creating decorations, food preparation, children's Diwali celebration arrangements, as well as decorating the stage for the most significant ritual of Diwali, the Annakut, concluded, Mr. Patel. Color and lights mingled with joy and tradition as all the preparations were over, and it was time to be a part of the celebration. On Tuesday, October 18, as per our traditions, Sharada Puja (Chopda Puja) took place. Businessmen brought their account ledgers to be sanctified in the puja to auger financial success. It is also a time for each individual to contemplate on one's own account of good & bad deeds and move towards the better.

Saturday, November 1 marked the culmination of weeks of planning and preparation, setting the stage for the most significant ritual of the Diwali events, Annakut. Annakut, which literally means, a mountain of food is traditionally offered to God to celebrate the beginning of the Hindu New Year.

"The preparation begins at 5:00 a.m. for us" explained Mr. Amit Patel of the BAPS youth wing.

The vegetarian food is traditionally arranged in tiers or steps, in front of the murtis of God. The sweets are placed nearest. As the tiers descend, other foods such as vegetables, pulses and fried savories are arranged. A mound of cooked rice, symbolic of Mt. Govardhan, is placed in the center. Today over 1,000 food items have been offered to God, said Mr. Amit Patel.

Devotees arrived continuously from early morning dressed in new shervanis and colorful sarees to behold the beautifully adorned



deities in the Mandir. The atmosphere was filled with festivity and divinity as devotees greeted each other. The young touched the feet of the elders and sadhus and got their blessings. The first arti

(Hindu ritual) of the New Year was performed at 7:00 a.m. followed by prayers for world peace and well-being.

I am so overjoyed to have the Darshan of this wonderful Annakut. I feel like I am transported to India. I feel at home at this celebration, said Ms. Kiran Desai of Germantown, MD. For the most part of the year I am content to do the American thing, but during Diwali I become stubbornly retro. We are so far away from home and its great to celebrate with friends and pop in an extra mithai or two, said Dr. Suresh Patel.

Diwali is also a time when children look forward to the joy it brings. On the same day, the Children's Diwali Celebration took place. The celebration was as much fun as it was educational. The children learned the history and origin of this festival and were gifted various prizes and goodies.

Also attending the celebrations were MD Senator C. Anthony Muse, MD Senator Jim Rosa-pepe, Mr. Sanjay Sinha, Minister of Community Affairs Indian Embassy, Mr. Dernoga of P.G. County, Dr. Natvar Gandhi, CFO of Washington, DC, Mr. Mukul Mehta CEO of Mayflower Group of Industries, Mr. Mukesh Majmudar, CEO of Start Hotels and Dr. Sahara Leonard, Executive Director of Greater Baden Medical Services.

This year His Divine Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj celebrated Diwali and Annakut in Gondal, Gujarat, India. He blessed the devotees on the New Year day. In his blessings he said, Everyone's devotion could be seen today. If we develop Dharma and Bhakti in our hearts then God becomes pleased and thus He graces us with His blessings.

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Obituaries

Alsop, Maurice Poe "Sonny"

Maurice "Sonny" Poe Alsop of Beltsville passed away on Saturday, November 8, 2008. He was the beloved husband of the late Sandra I. Alsop, father of Susan L. Carlson, Ronald M. Alsop and Karen A. Cooley. He was the brother of William L. Alsop and the grandfather of Sarah E. & Michael H. Carlson, and Elizabeth G. & Kathryn A. Cooley. Several cousins also survive him. Funeral service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, on Thursday November 13 at 10:00 a.m. with the Reverend Mary Pullen officiating. Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery, Brentwood, MD. Memorial contributions may be made to Montgomery Hospice Center, Hospice Casey House, 6001 Muncaster Mill Road, Rockville, MD 20855.

Hopkins, Homer Thawley

Homer Thawley Hopkins, 95, of Sandy Hook, CT and formerly of Beltsville, died on August 18.

He was born July 27, 1913 in Milford, DE and lived in Beltsville, MD for 55 years prior to moving to Connecticut with his wife Victorine (Lafferty) Hopkins, 11 years ago. He received a BS from the University of Delaware in 1935, a Master's degree from Cornell University and a PhD in Plant Physiology from the University of Maryland in 1951. He was a World War II veteran serving in the U.S. Navy as the communications officer aboard the aircraft carrier USS San Jacinto in the Pacific theater for more than two years. He worked for the Delaware State Board of Agriculture prior to his military service, and then as a chemist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture followed by the Food and Drug Administration. He later worked for a private research firm, Hittman Associates, in Columbia, MD before retiring. He was a fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Some of his research included ion transport across living membranes, the nutrient composition of national food supplies, and the assessment of ecological and health effects of synthetic fuel technologies. In retirement, he was an Assistant Adjunct Professor at the University of Maryland Institute of Applied Agriculture as well as the volunteer coordinator of International Programs. He was active in Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Beltsville, MD, served in leadership positions with the local council of Boy Scouts of America and coached basketball with the Boys Club in Beltsville. He was a lifetime member of Rotary International and a Paul Harris Fellow.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 67 years, Victorine, one



Barrows, Harold Lindsay

Dr. Harold Lindsay Barrows, of Chattanooga, Tennessee passed away Thursday, October 30, 2008, at his home at The Terrace of Mountain Creek. He was born on Lookout Mountain, Tennessee on December 14, 1926. He had returned to Lookout Mountain and was enjoying retirement until his health declined.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Callaway Barrows; his parents, Irvin and Edna Barrows; and his brother, David Barrows. He is survived by son, Thomas (Linda) Barrows of Dover, DE; and daughter, Susan (James) Hamill of Hixson. Survivors also include his sisters: Mildred Ball, Atlanta, GA and Margaret (Bob) Staples, Miami, FL; grandchildren: Dr. Robert Barrows, Charlotte, NC, Amy Barrows, Charleston, SC and Justin and Preston Hamill, Hixson; nieces and nephews.

He was a veteran of WWII, having served as a Sergeant in the US Army. He received his BS degree in Chemistry from the University of Chattanooga. He received his Master's Degree in Analytical Chemistry and his PhD in Soil Chemistry from the University of Florida.

He served 38 years with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. His positions included: Head of the Analytical Chemical Laboratory, Beltsville, MD; Research Leader: Soil Pollution Research Program, Beltsville, MD; Assistant to the Director: US Soils Laboratory, Beltsville, MD; Chief: Northeast Branch-Soil and Water Conservation Research Division, Beltsville, MD; Deputy Assistant Administrator: Agriculture Research Service, Washington, DC; Chief: Soil, Water and Air Sciences Program; Washington, DC. As a member of



the Administrator's Council, he served as the US Leader for the US-USSR exchange for agricultural research and as chief negotiator in the field of soil science. He served as the soil science coordinator and negotiator for a similar program with the People's Republic of China. Later in his career, he served as the Director of the National Soil Erosion Research Laboratory in West Lafayette, IN. He was adjunct Professor of Agronomy at Purdue University and was named Professor Emeritus of Agronomy at Purdue University upon his retirement.

He was a Charter member of the Senior Executive Service of the Federal Government. He was elected a Fellow in The American Society of Agronomy, The Soil Science Society of America and The Soil and Water Conservation Society.

He was past President of the Volunteer Auxiliary at Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He was a member of First-Centenary United Methodist Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, November 3rd at Lane Funeral Home, Coulter Chapel with Reverend Dr. David Harr and Reverend Lou Parsons officiating. Interment in Forest Hills Cemetery. They received friends on Sunday, November 2nd at Lane Funeral Home, Coulter Chapel, 601 Ashland Terrace, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37415. Visit our guestbook at www.lane-coulterchapel.com to send condolences. Memorial contributions may be made to the Memorial Auxiliary Scholarship Fund, c/o Memorial Hospital, 2525 DeSales Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37404.

daughter, Rebecca Smith of Sandy Hook and her husband Dunham H. Smith, two grandchildren, Kara M. Rappaport and her husband Derek of Pembroke, MA and Daniel H. Smith and his wife Deana of Arlington, MA, two great grandchildren and two nephews.

The funeral service was held on Friday, August 22 at the Newtown United Methodist Church in Sandy Hook with the Rev. Richard Yarrington, Associate Pastor, officiating.

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Donations in his memory may be made to The Rotary Foundation, 14280 Collection Center Drive, Chicago, IL 60693 or Trees for the Future, P.O. Box 7027, Silver Spring, MD 20907.

**McCollough,
William Ferrell**

William Ferrell McCollough of Beltsville passed away on November 9, 2008 at age 84. He was the beloved husband of Rita McCollough and the loving father of Debra (Stephen) Kane, Ferrell (Tracy) McCollough, Kelly (Steve) Wego and Kenneth (Henri) McCollough. He was the grandfather of Amanda, Kara, Brooke, Jessica, Ashely and Jacob. Funeral service was held at the Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville on Wednesday, November 12 at 10:00 a.m. with the Reverend Chad Kline officiating. Interment Union Cem-

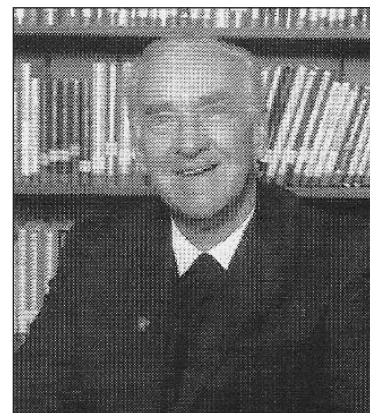
etry, Burtonsville, MD. Memorial contributions may be made to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society or Holy Cross Home Care and Hospice.

Martin, Howard N.

Howard N. Martin of Beltsville passed away on November 6, 2008 at age 38. He was the beloved father of Peyton Martin, and the son of Herbert N. Martin, Sr. and the late Agnes M. Martin. He was the brother of Herbert N. (Tina) Martin, Jr. and Heath N. (Cathy) Martin. Funeral service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, Beltsville, MD on Monday, November 10 at 10:00 a.m. with the Reverend Billy Slye officiating. Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery.

Philips, Michael

Brother Michael Philips, FSC died November 3, 2008 at the



age of 96. Brother spent 15 years at Ammendale as the Chauffeur and was known affectionately as Brother Carmichael. In his 80's, Brother played the piano for the residents of Hillhaven and the Greater Laurel Health and Rehabilitation Center where Jodi Dyer, NHA, Administrator, remembers him fondly.

SANTA TOUR

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Wednesday December 10

Calverton Elementary (3400 Beltsville Rd)
Fullerton St. @ Blairmore Street
Fullerton St. @ Ivy Ln.
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Briggs Chaney Rd. @ Greenmount
Briggs Chaney Rd. @ Dunnington Rd.
Briggs Chaney Rd. @ Castle Pines Dr.
Old Gunpowder Rd. Spur
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Friday December 12

James Duckworth Special Center (11201

Evans Trail)
Blueridge @ Pocono Place
Shenandoah @ Blueridge
Cherry Hill Rd. (in front)
Major Denton @ Cherry Hill Court
Townley Apartments
Cherry Mill Drive @ Cherry Tree Ct.
Collier @ Powder Mill Rd.
Cherryvale @ Weeping Willow
Cherryvale @ Cherryvale Terr.

Sunday December 14

Indian Creek St. @ Lime Tree Way
Hockberry Way @ Hammett St.
Old Baltimore Pike @ Brewer Rd.
Brewer Rd. @ Cordwall Dr.
Odell Rd. @ Old Baltimore Pike
Odell Farms Ct. @ Barkwood Ct.
Odell Rd. @ Ellington Dr.
Lighthouse Dr. @ Ashcroft Dr.
Clocktower Ln. @ Admiral Dr.
Boulder Dr. @ Cap Ct.
Boulder Dr. @ Trade Wind Terr.
Summer Grove Dr. @ Hickory Grove Ct.
Summer Grove Dr. @ Poplar Grove Ct.

Monday December 15

Snowden Wood Dr. @ Loch Lynn Ct.
Snowden Wood Dr. @ Meadow Fields Way
Snowden Wood Dr. @ Summerville Ct.
Old Muirkirk @ Muirkirk Rd.
Old Muirkirk @ Longwood Dr.
Longwood Dr. @ Cailen Ct.
Longwood Dr. @ Belmar Ct.
Stanmore Dr. @ Breyers Pl.
Stanmore Dr. @ Blue Pond Terr.
Sullivan Ct. @ Burdette Way
Longwood Dr. @ Pawling Way
Longwood Dr. @ Loughborough Pl.
Longwood Dr. @ Blue Pointe Ave.
Alloway Ln. @ Northampton Dr.
Northampton Dr. @ Crossfield Dr.
Gordon Ave @ Blackpool Dr.
Gordon Ave @ Flash St.
Franklin St. @ Flash St.
Franklin St. @ Franklin Terr.
Franklin St. @ Ammendale Rd.
Ammendale Rd. @ Holly Tree
North Lincoln @ Vergie St.

Wednesday December 17

Garove @ Hennessey Dr.
Indigo @ Barbara Dr.
Longhorn @ West View Ct.
Montgomery Place @ Montgomery Ct.
Montgomery Rd. @ Kenny St.
Kenny St. @ 34th Place
35th Pl. @ Yates Rd.

35th Pl. @ Sarasota Pl.
Montgomery Rd. @ Forrester Rd.
Forrester Rd. @ Stephen Ln.
Cedar Ln. @ Cedar Ct.
Howard Rd. @ Home Acres Terr.
Stoconga Dr. @ Dresden Dr.
Sellman Rd. @ Weymouth Ave.
Ulster Rd. @ Woodbine Rd.

Friday December 19

Prince George's Ave. @ Wicomico Ave.
Howard Rd. @ Queen Anne Ave.
Rhode Island Ave. @ Garrett Rd.
Odell Rd. @ Lexington Ave.
Manheim Ave. @ Caroline Ave.
Queen Anne Ave. @ Naples Ave.
Olympia Ave. @ Carroll Ave.
Lincoln Ave. @ Theresa St.
Quimby Ave. @ Carroll St.
Amelia St. @ Apex Ln.
Chestnut Grove @ Heartwood Rd.
Knott St. @ Wandering Oak Way
Roby Ave @ Macon Ave
Caverly Ave @ Caverly Pl.
Pines St. @ Maple Pl.
Caverly @ Greenwood Rd.
Greenwood Rd. @ Emack Rd.

Sunday December 21

Ammendale Way @ Long Feather Ct.
Ammendale Way @ Clear Brooke Ct.
Ammendale Way @ Narrow Trail Terr.
Ammendale Way @ Horse Soldier Pl.
Ammendale Way @ Ammendale Rd.
Ammendale Rd. @ Hawk Ridge Ct.
Sequoia Ln. @ Sequoia Terr.
Sequoia Ln. @ Sequoia Pl.
Ammendale Rd. @ Hidden Brooke Ct.

Monday December 22

Cedar Ln. @ Yates Rd.
Brandon Ln. @ Francis Dr.
Emack Rd. @ Dorset Ln.
Montgomery Rd. @ Cedar Ln.
Yates Rd. @ Garrett Ave.
Howard Rd. @ Cardinal Ave.
Brandon Rd. @ West Caroline
Worcester Ave. @ Yucca St.
Yucca St. @ Josephine Ave.
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Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

By Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-21)

Protecting Our Neighborhoods from Crime

The week before Thanksgiving, the local Police Citizens Advisory Council invited the Delegates and me, as well as Councilman Tom Dernoga, to meet with them and Police District Commander Dwayne Preston and his team to discuss local crime problems — and potential county and state responses. Crime goes up in the weeks before Christmas and the police reported they are seeing spikes, particularly in property crimes. Community representatives expressed concern about dozens of houses in Beltsville that have been abandoned because of foreclosures. In some, the doors are open and the danger of criminals or others moving in illegally to do drugs is ever present.

Giving the Police Tools to Stop Crime in Foreclosed Houses

Major Preston explained the problems police have entering abandoned house when the ownership is not clear. Normally they respond to complaints by house residents or owners. But, if the house is abandoned and the police don't know who owns it, their right to enter the house is not clear.

To help solve this problem and protect our neighborhoods from the blight and crime that abandoned houses can cause, Delegate Joseline Peña-Melnyk has drafted a bill that Delegates Barbara Frush and Ben Barnes and I support to give the police the information



Senator Jim Rosapepe

and authority they need to stop crime in these houses. It's based on a similar law in California.

Please Report Crimes to the Police

We all know that we should call 911 for crime or health emergencies. But it's important to remember that for non-emergencies, we can call 301-333-4000. And for other complaints that may not necessitate an immediate response, we can call the District VI tip line number **301.931.3575** or the tip email address at **Police_District6@co.pg.md.us**.

More Crossing Guards for Local Schools

Another concern community representatives raised was the lack of an adequate number of crossing guards for our children who walk to school. County budget cuts caused by the recession have lead to some slots not being filled by regular crossing guards, taking police officers off the streets to fill

in for them.

I'm introducing a bill in the 2009 session which could help address this issue by allowing the county to use state aid for school transportation — which otherwise is spend just for bussing — for crossing guards. By making it safer for more children to walk to school, we can keep police on the streets, give children more opportunities for exercise, and save taxpayers money.

Powder Mill Beer and Wine to be Closed Because of Violations

This liquor store, located in the shopping center on the northwest corner of Powder Mill and Cherry Hill just down the street from High Point High School, has been charged four times over 8 years for selling to minors. In November, on behalf of the 21st District Delegation, I joined Beltsville Citizen Association President Karen Coakley at the Prince George's Liquor Board hearing to make clear our concern about this store's violations. That night the board ordered the owner to sell the liquor license within 90 days and move the store to a more appropriate location.

Let us know how we can help you.

Please let the Delegates and me know if there are other issues you have questions or thoughts about. And, of course, feel free to be in touch if the Delegates or I can be of help to you. Just email Senator.Rosapepe@inbox.com or call 301.858.3141.

Honeybees for Beltsville

Kitchen Garden Tips for December 2008

By Elizabeth Olson

In Beltsville, the USDA keeps 200 registered beehives, but there are only two homes with registered beehives. Other parts of Prince George's County have many registered beehives, and the county ranks third in Maryland.

According to Jerry Fischer,



Lori Titus of The Beefolks displays beekeeping equipment for beginners.

Maryland State Apiary Inspector, beekeeping is a great thing for kitchen gardeners. The bees will pollinate your vegetables, flowers, and fruits. Plus, "It's the only hobby that pays for itself," says Fischer.

Winter is a good time to start considering the possibilities of beekeeping. It's important to check with your insurance company to see if beekeeping will affect your policy in any way, and check out any restrictions if you are subject to a homeowner's association or rental agreement. Then learn about the hobby.

Start up costs total approximately \$350 to \$400, and the equipment can last for 30 years, according to Fischer. The bees need the first year to become established. After that, you can provide for your own honey needs, and the amount of surplus honey can range from 38 to 60 pounds from just one colony. Many beekeepers use some of the surplus honey for gifts and sell the rest. Prince George's County does not require a license for beekeep-

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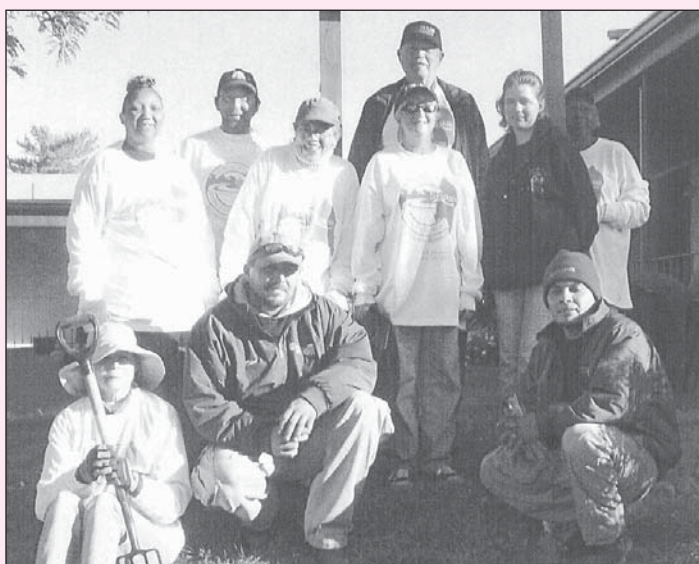
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On October 18, Maryland Farms residents joined Lynn Malloy of Community Management Corporation, Emerson Pineda and Tim Becker of Greenskeepers Landscaping and maintenance supervisor Joe Morgan to plant trees around the community. Prince George's County Executive Jack Johnson supplied the trees in recognition of Prince George's Goes Green Day. Gorgeous Prince George's Goes Green shirts were worn and participants had lots of fun, resulting in not only a beautiful day but also a beautiful day to live.

Club News

Beltsville V.F.W.

By Ray Schar, Sr.

Members of the Jacob A. Bladt Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10260 and friends gathered at the Veterans Memorial located at the Beltsville Post Office on November 11, 2008 to honor all veterans on Veterans Day. This was the 21st year that this holiday was celebrated by the Post since 1988, the year the Post was established.

Post Commander George Barclay spoke on this holiday, which was first celebrated as "Armistice Day" on November 11, 1918 to note the end of World War I. Barclay talked of the 15 cemeteries located around the globe where some of the dead of WWII are buried. The largest is in Manila in the Philippines with more than

13,000 graves. The one located at Normandy has about 9,000 graves. The U.S. cemetery located at Epinal, France contains the remains of 5,255 U.S. service personnel from 42 states.

Comdr. Barclay closed his talk by calling on John Garofolo to offer a prayer and asking Daniel Dove to place the wreath on the Memorial. The playing of taps and a salute to the flag closed the overall service. Following the service, Post Quartermaster Walter Mietus and his wife Angela invited all attendees to their home for refreshments.

The VFW Post is having its Christmas Party on December 16 at the Beltsville Boys and Girls Club on Roby Avenue. An invitation and details of this event are being mailed to all members.

Beltsville Young at Heart

By Barbara Schofield

At our November 6 meeting our newly elected officers were introduced, and they will be sworn in at the December 4 meeting. Mimi Baumgardner had a table set for Tree of Lights donations from Laurel Hospital. All other business was handled at this meeting. November 20 was the thanksgiving dinner that was held at Savage Mill. The music was provided by

the Goldenaires and the food by Putting on the Ritz. Marge made a beautiful basket that was raffled, off. The members won door prizes and the fifty/fifty. With a lot of dancing done and good food eaten, all had a good time. Until next time I will leave you with this thought for the day; for every minute of anger, you lose 60 seconds of happiness. I wish everyone a wonderful Holiday and Happy New Year.

Women's Community Club Spotlight on our 86th Anniversary

By President Mae Whitehead

On Saturday, November 1, 2008 at the Beltsville Library the Women's Community Club of Beltsville (WCCB) held its milestone 86th Anniversary celebration of the Club's history here in the community. President Mae Whitehead welcomed participants and noted that one of the past and present chief commitments of the Club is to serve those less fortunate. Today, we bring together women across cultures for this common purpose. We were honored to have in our presence many for the day, including guest speakers Delegate Joseline Pena Melnyk, who applauded the club for its long history of service and representatives within the community, Councilman Tom Dernoga, who has contributed many hours assisting the Club with seasonal gift wrapping and financial resources, Register of Wills Cereta A. Lee who has kept us updated on pertinent information on wills and more, and last but not least our own Beltsville Library Branch Manager Barbara Spears, who shared some forgotten history regarding the WCCB, documented and preserved for safe keeping at the front desk

of the Library. The list goes on with many of our fellow community organizations and faith based groups who joined us on this day in celebration of our theme "Putting Unity into the Community." The Club is graced with five former active presidents. Our immediate past president Maxine Norris presided over the Memorial Tribute and gave a detailed history of the Club's beginning on October 9, 1922.

One of the many highlights of the day was the music brought to us by none other than two year old Liberty Krystina-Rose Carter, a little person with a big heart and lots of courage to sing God Bless America to a large audience of intense listeners. Liberty is already valuing community service. This was her fourth public appearance and we appreciate the family's sharing her gift with us. The WCCB awarded fifteen door prizes to some very happy recipients. All attendees received a WCCB bookmark in honor of the venue for our Celebration. As we prepared to kick off our annual Season of Giving for November and December, Councilman

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The Maryland Farms Beautification Committee recently sponsored a community walk. Residents toured Maryland Farms to survey the beautiful annual and perennial plants and flowers. All returned to the condominium community center for refreshments and further discussions about the plants and flowers at Maryland Farms.

District 1 Commentary

By Councilman Tom Dernoga

On Saturday, November 1, 2008, I had the distinct privilege of attending the Women's Community Club of Beltsville 86th anniversary celebration at the Beltsville Library. October 9, 1922 the Club began spreading its sunshine year round. Their motto — "In Essentials, Unity, In Nonessentials, Liberty and In all Things, Charity" has guided the Club all these years. Of particular interest to those present was an impressive photographic exhibit outlining the history of the Women's Club. Historian Ernie Kilbourne spoke about the 86-year history of the Club. From the first day of its inception the Women's Club has been organizing community outreach projects and has committed each year to sponsoring holiday food baskets and gift sharing during the months of November and December. Typically, they provide food for thirty families during the holidays. Throughout the rest of the year they provide food dis-



Councilman Tom Dernoga

tribution to families identified as those in need. They also sponsor a community cell phone collection project that supports the Sheriff's Office and redistribution of cell phones to those in need of a cell phone for Emergency 911 calls. The Club awards an annual scholarship to a worthy Beltsville high school or college student. There were various community groups and organizations represented

at the anniversary celebration. Beltsville Garden Club, Beltsville Recreation Council and Beltsville Strategy Games were but a few present. Boy Scout Troup 1033 also was in attendance. I had the honor of presenting the Women's Club with a \$3,000 grant check to assist them with the preparation of their Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. Mae Whitehead was especially pleased because of the timing of the check. Of note was a delicious buffet provided by Kathy Selzer and Company. The celebration ended with an outstanding performance of God Bless America sung by 2-year-old Prince George's County resident, Liberty Carter. After 86 years of supporting the community the Club continues to find new and innovative ways to identify and serve the needs of the community. It is a pleasure for me to continue supporting the Women's Community Club of Beltsville in their efforts at making Beltsville such a gem of a community.

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Club News

College Park Unit 217 American Legion Auxiliary

By Ivy Christoffers

Although the American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of MD Junior Fall Conference was held on Oct. 18th, we are still basking in the glow of this program. Many of our younger members are asking, "When can we do this again? It was so much fun." That is the kind of enthusiasm we all hope to engender in our youth. This is the way to insure their participation throughout the years to come. It is so true, they are our future, and it is up to us to bring them along the service road. I neglected to mention the project chosen by this year's Honorary Junior President, Amy Robinson, and her officers. It is for the children's oncology unit at Johns Hopkins Hospital. They hope to raise enough funds to purchase two special gaming computers to entertain the children while they are confined to the hospital. If their past is any indicator, they will be successful in their attempt.

Post and Unit #217 held a lovely Veteran's Day observance at the Veteran's Memorial at the corner of Route 1 and Greenbelt Road at 11:00am on Nov. 11th. The program was beautifully done with the advancing of the colors by the Color Guard, the prayer given by Unit Chaplain, Mary Keller, the singing of the National Anthem

by Miss College Park, Heather Molnar, and the presentation of awards by the mayor of College Park, Steven Brayman. The featured speaker, College Park Unit #217 President, Angela Rodriguez, gave an eloquent history of the American Legion Auxiliary and our legacy of support for our veterans. Legionnaire, Mark Beard, a recording artist and member of the Post Color Guard, favored us with a song he had written and recorded. Bill Robertson, Director of the Memorial Committee, received a special award and he presented some awards himself. Past Commander, Tom Davis officiated at this event and then invited everyone to the Post Home for lunch and a flag disposal ceremony. I unfortunately missed that part as I had two other observances to attend in College Park, the last being at the University of Maryland in the Memorial Chapel. This one was beautifully done as well and was geared toward the Vietnam Veterans. After the indoor ceremony, we were invited to step outside to the side of the Chapel where a bronze plaque was installed. This site was then commemorated for the building of a Vietnam Veteran's Monument. Following the blessing of the site, a reception was held and enjoyed by all in attendance.

Another event this past month was the observance of the Marine's birthday where one of the first women Marines, Marge Gallun of Post #136, was the featured speaker. Marge joined the Women Marine Corp two months after its formation in 1943. She tells us she had to wait until her 21st birthday to enlist and she had some interesting facts about her early days to share.

Our Spaghetti Dinners continue on the fifth Fridays of the month. Everyone seems to enjoy the cooking of Mary Keller and her committee and the baking efforts of our members at these affairs. We thank them for all their efforts.

The American Legion Auxiliary is always seeking new members. Thus far, eight (8) women have joined our Unit this year. There is room for many more.

We are gearing up for our Christmas programs for our Veterans beginning on the 3rd and 4th of December with the Gift Shop at Perry Point VAMC, followed on the 6th by the gift shop at Charlotte Hall, then on to BRECC and Baltimore VAMC. This is a very busy time for the American Legion Auxiliary, but we love it.

God Bless our Troops, God Bless America, and may God Bless you as you celebrate His birthday, December 25th.

The Beltsville Rotary

By Ivy Christoffers

The members of Beltsville Rotary continue to enjoy a diverse group of speakers who keep us informed and educated on topics of great importance. The past few weeks have been no exception. On October 21st we were privileged to have Tom Leitzer, Community Partnership Manager of Priority Partners MCO affiliated with Johns Hopkins Health Care LLC. Tom spoke of the importance of affordable insurance for all and the availability of Health Care for the low-income families in Maryland. Tom distributed packets of information that were very informative and he expressed his gratitude to Rotary for being able to bring his important message to the Beltsville Community. October 28th saw a visit by Dr. Christopher Puttock, an environmental scientist with the Hawaiian Conservation Alliance, whose program topic was "Global Climate Change. A Hoax?" Hostess Sonja Festerling introduced Dr. Puttock who then presented a slide show of graphs indicating the history of the earth's climate and the possible reasons for the change in the cyclical seasons since the advent of man on the earth eight thousand



(L-R) John Tvelia, Kanae Tsutsumi, and John Moynihan

years ago. We found this to be fascinating information and many pertinent questions were put to the good Doctor. The next speaker was a delightful Rotary Exchange Scholar from Japan who is attending George Washington University and studying tourism and how it could benefit countries with struggling economies. Student, Kanae Tsutsumi, very eloquently spoke of her recent trip to Guatemala and her observations of that country's economic situation. Tsutsumi put forth several ideas of how tourism could benefit the country in elevating the economy and the standard of living of the people of Guatemala. She spoke of the beauty of this special country and the warmth and welcome she received while working there. John Tvelia hosted Tsutsumi.

Veteran's Day, Nov. 11th, was a special day in many ways. First, because of the observance of Veteran's Day and secondly because of our speaker on that day. Retired Air Force Col. Mike Duggan, made time in his busy schedule to speak to us about the importance of this special day. Mike spent 28 years in the military, serving on several fronts. He is a much decorated veteran and served as the Associate

Director of National Security for the American Legion in the headquarters office in Washington DC. Mike retired last year to take up a new position with the State of Maryland as the director of a new program whose focus is on the veterans of the war in Iraq and Afghanistan. We thank him for his continued service to our country. American Flags and Poppies (the flower of remembrance) were distributed to the members.

We continue to seek new members to build our Rotary Club's presence in Beltsville. If you are a professional, own or operate a business in Beltsville, why not give us a try? We meet every Tuesday for lunch at the Holiday Inn Hotel and you are welcome to visit with us.

School News

Augsburg Academy Students Hold Inaugural Fall Skits Night

Augsburg Academy students started a new tradition this fall with the inaugural Skits Night. Under the overall leadership of teacher Carli Rossow, students from first through seventh grade performed skits, while the kindergarten class performed a Thanksgiving poem to an overflow crowd of parents, family, and friends at The Gardens Ice House.

The first and second grade class, led by teacher Stacy Finkelstein, performed a skit on good eating habits, featuring Nicholas Thom as King Henry the Egg, head of the Royal Food Family. The skit taught the value of eating a well-balanced diet, which the fiery dragon, played by Roxanna Reyes, failed to do, resulting in a very bad case of indigestion. With the help of classmates Victoria Page, Selah Thom, and Tori Jackson, the dragon learned the importance of eating the right foods.

The third through seventh grade classes have been studying ancient



King Midas (Nick) enjoys his "golden touch" as he walks through his kingdom as the Augsburg students perform the Greek myth of King Midas at Fall Skits night.

Greece during this first semester, so their skits were taken from the great works of Greek mythology. Rebecca Spillman and Anna Olsson, starring as Athena and Arachne respectively, told the story of the famous spinning and weaving contest between the goddess Athena and her mortal nemesis, Arachne, who was changed into a spider by Athena after defeating her in a contest to spin the most beautiful work.

In a second skit, the classes shared the myth of King Midas and his golden touch. Nick Miller, playing King Midas, turned his

entire kingdom into gold. Of course, this included turning his wife and daughter into golden statues as well. Classmates Ryan Olsson and Drew Page, assisted by special guest star Roxana Reyes, filled out the cast for the two skits.

Stealing the show, so to speak, were the kindergarteners, who performed their holiday poem, "A Thanksgiving Feast." Working with her eager students, teacher Lisa Driscoll led her class

in an enthusiastic recitation, complete with hand movements and props. Poets-in-making included Simone Thom, Jacob Robertson, Jaidyn Tran, Christopher John, and Mickala Tarquini. Plans are already underway for a spring musical night which will include both vocal and instrumental performances by the students, as well as some special guest artists. To find out more about Augsburg's exciting programs, visit their web site www.AugsburgAcademy.net or call 240.786.0283.

Augsburg Academy Students Have Busy Days

Augsburg Academy, co-located with The Gardens Ice House, 13800 Old Gunpowder Road, Laurel, has had an event-filled few weeks. In addition to completing the first academic quarter, students have completed two field trips (the Natural History Museum and the Rock Creek Park planetarium and nature center), finished the first cycle of classes in the Learn-to-Skate program, held their inaugural Fall Skits Night, and prepared for Thanksgiving celebrations. The Academy students and staff also welcomed Ms. Karen Scott, lead teacher for the Lower School, back to her classroom with her return from maternity leave. Karen takes her place in the first and second grade classroom for the rest of the year, and Stacy Finkelstein, who had been the interim teacher, moves over to a permanent position in the kindergarten class. Our kindergarteners have been busy learning about phonics and writing, and enjoy their lessons in learning to read as well as how to add and subtract. They are progressing well in their Spanish class, and simply wonderful in music, where they are learning a lot of new songs



along with the first and second grade class.

First and second grade students have been studying geography this fall, and recently completed *papier-mâché* globes to help them learn more about the continents and oceans.

Upper School students have been working on their science projects, as well as continuing to learn more about creative writing, American history, and building up their math skills. Daily Spanish classes help them improve their grasp of the language, and some are beginning to speak like native Spanish speakers. Under the tutelage of Suzanne Jensen and Julia Sretenski, our students have been

working on their ice skating skills. As they complete the first of three units, they have all learned a variety of skills, including marching, swizzles, rocking horse, backward wiggles, snowplow stop, forward to backward skating, one foot glides and two foot glides.

Augsburg is gearing up for expansion next fall, adding ninth grade, with the rest of high school grades to follow. There are also some openings for transfer students in all grades for 2008-2009. It is not too early to request an admissions package. To find out more about Augsburg's exciting programs, visit their web site www.AugsburgAcademy.net or call 240.786.0283.

Beltsville Elementary School PTA News

The Beltsville Elementary School PTA will host the annual PTA Holiday Party (December 2, 6:30-8:00 p.m.), Book Fair (December 1-5 and the evening of December 2 6:00-8:30 p.m.). Science Fair projects will also be on display. Parents are asked to please donate desserts and/or other food for the party. Food

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School News

New Audio Lending Library at Beltsville Elementary

A group of English language learners at Beltsville E.S. are participating in a Family Literacy Project. Program facilitators Mrs. Marie Smith (parent liaison), Mrs. Winters, Mrs. Aguiniga (ESOL teachers) and Ms. Gent (2nd grade teacher) have set up an audio lending library. The purpose of this school-home based program is to help students achieve in reading. Books, audiotapes, CD players



Mr. Sanchez and his son Erick are looking forward to reading together at home.

and electronic leap pads were purchased through a grant from the Prince George's county ESOL department. Students in the program received a leap pad and CD player to use at home. There is a large selection of bilingual books and CDs to compliment the leap pads. The group meets regularly to share, discuss and exchange books. The students and their families read together in English and Spanish.



Students casting ballots at St. Joseph's Catholic School mock presidential election.

St. Joseph's Students Learn Responsible Citizenship

St. Joseph's Catholic School students were involved in a debate and mock election on Tuesday, November 11, 2008. Student representatives for **Barack Obama** and **John McCain** argued the presidential candidates' perspectives in front of an attentive student body. The eighth grade students did a tremendous job preparing for the event. Students learned important stances on key issues and later cast votes for their candidate of choice. The student's choice in this event followed suit with the presidential election outcome.

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Dernoga provided us with a very generous check to continue the work and mission of the Club. So we take this moment to thank him and everyone again for their contributions of food, kind words, resources, talent, time and more for helping make our day.

We welcome the following new members to the WCCB family, Gladys Brown, Gloria Moss, Mary Rose Ndwakie, LaRuth Stancell, and Judy Thacher. Ms. Moss was the winner of one of the many door prizes provided at the Celebration - a one-year membership in the WCCB. Congratulations!

We encourage all Beltsville women and surrounding commu-

nity of young, young at heart, or not so young, to consider joining us as we continue to grow and expand in the 21st century. Please remember - Community Service is a right and responsibility and we are privileged to do our part for the greater good.

Our December meeting will be held on Monday, December 8 at 12:30 p.m. in the Church Lounge of Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane Beltsville, MD 20705. Holiday refreshments will be served. Please join us. Our Community Relations Committee, Elaine Chabot, Chair will be preparing for and scheduling volunteers to participate in the food basket packing, and holiday gift wrapping to begin on December 15-20 between the hours of

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. For pre-sign-up please contact Evelyn Adkins Co-chair 301.937.7954.

The WCCB is a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization. Our meetings and programs are open to all in the Community and we welcome your attendance and membership. As always in support of our ongoing Community Giving project please bring a canned food donation. We thank our members, business and individual supporters over the years for their wonderful contributions. For more information about WCCB please contact Club President Mae Whitehead: 301.572.7464 or email: presidentwccb@yahoo.com and visit us on the Internet: www.beltsvillerec.org. "Spreading a little sunshine year round." Happy and Safe Holidays to all!

HONEYBEES

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out of your home.

Lori Titus of The Beefolks started out as a kitchen gardener in a home on a small lot near Baltimore. She started beekeeping to make sure that her vegetables were pollinated, and later quit her day job to work full time with her own honey company. She now produces and sells her own Maryland wildflower honey, and she also sells thistle honey from western Maryland as well as honey from other states. (See www.beef-

olks.com. There is a 10% discount for **Beltsville News** readers until December 31, 2008. The coupon code is beltsvilleneeds.)

Titus says that honeybees are easy to care for. They don't take up much room, and in our area, climate control is usually not necessary. The bees take care of themselves in cold and hot weather, and Titus only opens the hives for the required annual State inspection and to extract honey. Her advice for anyone thinking about keeping honeybees is to attend the beekeeping short course in Prince George's County to see what's

involved and to make contacts.

The Bowie-Upper Marlboro Beekeepers Association (BUMBA) has a beekeeping short course scheduled for early March 2009. Enrollment is limited, so early registration is advised. See www.bumbabees.com. BUMBA also has its next meeting and its holiday party on Tues., Dec. 9 from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Watkins Park Nature Center, 301 Watkins Park Dr. in Largo. For more information call 301.868.2086 or send an inquiry to befriend@verizon.net.



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Calverton Elementary News

By Rebecca Cavallo and staff

October and November were busy months for students and staff at Calverton Elementary. Students in fourth, fifth and sixth grades have begun instrumental classes and colorful art displayed in the hallways gives evidence that an art teacher was in the school for several weeks during the month. The angelic voices of children singing songs for the Hispanic Months assemblies could be heard floating through the hallways. Afterschool activities were underway with students perfecting their math or writing skills or helping to save the world by collecting recycling. New shelving revitalized the media center before the arrival of the annual fall Book Fair. As November winds down and winter weather settles in, the students and teachers are busy with holiday preparations in addition to their schoolwork.

On Monday, September 22, students in the "Save the World!" environmental club joined children across the world to celebrate the United Nations International Day of Peace. These children "flew" a giant peace dove (with a wingspan of ten feet that they built themselves) around the outside of the school. Everyone in the building watched and took a moment to hope for world peace and to think about what they can do to make the world a better place. The dove is symbolic of the children's commitment to peace and hope for our world. Children around the world flew peace doves on Sunday and Monday as part of the Jane Goodall Institute's Roots & Shoots children's environmental groups' support of the Day of Peace. The children in Save the World! and at Calverton generally come from diverse countries and backgrounds, but they are in their dream for a better, greener tomorrow for our planet.

Save the World! has been in existence for three years. The members are in charge of the recycling program here at Calverton, along with many other activities that benefit the environment, animals, and people in need. The following club members worked hard to build and fly the giant peace dove: Ife Otukoya, Leah Moreno, Shagun Sharma, Brett Douglas, George Martin, Debosola Otukoya, Onyinye Obiefuna, Irlanda Luz-Aguilar, and Club Sponsor, Ms. Katie Swanson.

On Tuesday, Sept. 23, Joseph G. Beddick from AAA brought his little motorized car named Otto to Calverton. Children learned about pedestrian safety. They learned

not to dart between cars and to look both ways very carefully before crossing the street. Otto's lights flashed and he would turn in a complete circle when students answered safety questions correctly. The students in Pre-K and kindergarten were captivated by the little car.

Mrs. Freeman's kindergarten class has been busy making tasty treats each week to reinforce what they are learning in class. They recently made graphs by placing edible cowboy hats, spurs, horseshoes, and boots on a graph. After marking how many of each treat there were on the graph, the young mathematicians colored in the graph from the bottom up and then feasted on the country western sweet and sour candies.

After a month of honoring the accomplishments of people of Hispanic heritage, the students of Calverton presented three assemblies in October with the help of the ESOL department, the music department, and the parent liaisons. Two assemblies were held on Oct. 20, one for grades first through third and the other for Pre-K and kindergarten. A third assembly for fourth, fifth and sixth grades was held on Oct. 21. Kindergartners sang a song called "Dos Elefantes" and Pre-K sang "Los Pollitos", Alissa Roberts sang "Un Rincon del Corazon", and dances from El Salvador, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Guatemala were among the performances enjoyed by all. In addition, some students wore costumes from their countries in a parade of flags from every Hispanic country.

Over 120 dads attended the Men Make a Difference Day. Mrs. Santizo and Mr. Alberto Parraguez, parent liaisons from Calverton, organized the event. The special day began with a continental breakfast for the visitors and their children. Mr. Daniels, vice principal, welcomed the attendees and both Mr. Chapman and Mr. Mann, ESOL teachers, spoke on the importance of having men involved in school and children's lives. Mrs. McCollum's first graders sang a song entitled "My Dad". Some fifth graders read poems about men who have made a difference in their lives. Mrs. Tschudy, our principal, read a poem entitled "My Hero" and thanked all of the dads for their participation. The special day was a call to action by the Prince George's County School system for all fathers, male guardians, grandfathers, uncles, etc. to get involved with their children's school experience. The program stressed how important men are in the lives of their families.

In November, 324 parents came for Parent-Teacher conferences on

Nov. 11, more than 374 people enjoyed the PTA movie night on Nov. 14, and 120 parents came to the Open House on Nov. 18 for American Education Week.

The Young Authors group, which meets on Monday afternoons after school, loves to share the love of writing with each other. They would like to share some poems with you:

I Am

By Godsee Joy

I am...

A flower blooming in the warm

spring air

A baby bird who will never give up trying to fly

The music of nature that will never stop

The wonderful adventures of a book

A lion, the tough champion king

A shark scaring its prey

A juicy starburst candy that makes everyone happy

An organized folder

A volcano that sometimes explodes

A part of the world that will never give up on life

This is what I am.

Inside of me

By Deborah Smith

Inside of me...

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Calendar of Events

AREA EVENTS

MONTPELIER MANSION

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HANDS-ON HISTORY DAY FOR KIDS

Saturday, December 13, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon or 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Learn how enslaved African-Americans celebrated the holidays in the early 19th century. Experience traditions brought from Africa, and some created by Africans after they arrived in the colonies. Drum making, gift giving, games, and other activities are included. Reservations required. Please call 301.377.7817, and reserve a spot for either the 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. program or the 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. program. All ages welcome. \$7.00 per child.

HOLIDAY CANDLELIGHT TOURS

Thursday, December 11 through Saturday, December 13, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Warm up your winter evenings with festive music, lovely candlelight, and traditional holiday greens. Local garden clubs decorate the mansion's rooms. Area performers entertain nightly. Light refreshments served. Ages 6 – 17. Fee: \$3.00 for adults, \$1.00 for children.

REGULAR TOURS

Sunday – Thursday from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. See the mansion as it was in 1830. Tours start on the hour. \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for seniors, \$1.00 for children 5 – 18. Children under 5 admitted free.

GET FIT & LOVE LIFE

Berwyn Baptist Church will host FIRST PLACE 4 YOU, the Christian weight-loss program that invites Christ's power into your life. Material fee. No fee to attend. Sessions are held Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Berwyn Baptist Church, 4720 Cherokee Street, College Park. Orientation: Tuesday, January 6, 2009. Info: Sandy Ward 240.965.6138 or email twobeas@comcast.net

VOLUNTEER WITH THE GIRL SCOUTS

Deck the Halls, Celebrate and be joyful in December. The Girl Scouts give thanks for all of their volunteers! It's never too late to become a volunteer. Contact ldavis@gscnc.org or call 1.800.834.1702.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION & CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, December 13 from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. the Laurel Senior Friendship Club will host a Holiday Celebration and Craft Fair offering fun and activities for all ages at the Phelps Senior Center located at 701 Montgomery Street in Laurel. Locally made crafts, visit with Santa, wreath-making, gift basket raffles, Santa's Secret Shop, kids' activity booth, bake sale, jewelry, Sweet Shoppe, light lunch, more. Craft tables available for \$15.00 each. Call 301.442.9992. Please come out and show support for our senior citizens.

COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM

1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Dr., College Park. Info: 301.864.6029, TTY: 301.864.4765.

HOLLYWOOD FLYERS FILM SERIES CONTINUES

Sunday, December 7 at 2:00 p.m. Spend the afternoon enjoying the classic movie *Tora Tora Tora*, rated G. Popcorn and lemonade are included with admission. Ages: All. Fee: \$4.00 for adults, \$3.00 for seniors, and \$2.00 for 18 and under.

SANTA FLY-IN

Saturday, December 6, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Watch Santa fly in to the historic College Park Airport, and then have your picture taken with him. Enjoy holiday arts and crafts in the museum. Free with regular museum admission.

HOLIDAY TRAINS AND PLANES

Saturday, December 13 to Saturday, December 20 during regular museum hours. During the holiday season College Park Aviation

Museum gets ready for the festivities as miniature trains, villages, tunnels, and depots spark the imagination and bring history to life. The National Capital Trackers bring a fascinating and constantly moving display of model railroads to the museum. Free with museum admission.

REGULAR MUSEUM ADMISSION AND TOURS

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.

BELTSVILLE EVENTS

VANSVILLE CITIZEN'S ASSOCIATION

Monday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. at Franklin Brown Building, Vansville Recreation Park, 11733 Old Baltimore Pike, Vansville.

BELTSVILLE WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CLUB

Monday, December 8 at 12:30 p.m. at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church.

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 web site 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.

PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES

WINTER HOLIDAY STORYTIMES

Wednesday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, December 18 at 10:30 a.m. Two special holiday storytimes celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. Especially for children ages 3 – 6, families welcome!

CHESS CLUB

Tuesday, December 9 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 ADULTS

MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesday, December 16 at 10:30 a.m. Ayaan Hirsi Ali's *Infidel*. Drop by the library to get your copy to read.

FRIENDS OF THE BELTSVILLE LIBRARY MEETING

Tuesday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. Get involved with your library and give your input.

PROGRAM FOR TEENS

GAMING DAZE

Saturday, December 13 at 2:00 p.m. Come and play video games on a Nintendo Wii and Xbox 360.

A SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING COMMUNITY CENTER FEES

The inability to pay for programs, services, or classes does not exclude participation. Formal proof of need is required. For more information, or to receive an application, please contact either the Beltsville or the Vansville Community Center.

BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

3900 Sellman Rd., Beltsville. Please call 301.937.6613 for information on these and other December programs, services, and classes. TTY: 301.445.4512.

The current scheduled general 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.

OPERATION

Do you want to show your appreciation for our soldiers in combat? Be a Santa this holiday season and make a soldier smile! Donations of white socks (crew and ankle length), trail mix, dried fruits, power bars, granola bars, chocolate candy, baked cookies, DVD movies,

holiday greeting cards, and/or money to cover shipping costs are appreciated. Make check payable to MNCPPC Credit Union. Drop off items and checks at the Beltsville Community Center by Wednesday, December 10 — and sooner would be appreciated. Donations made after December 10 will still be sent overseas, but may not be delivered in time for Christmas. Make sure to write *For Soldiers* on packages. For additional information, call Carlos Ocasio at 301.277.2124 or send an e-mail to him at carlos.ocasio@pgparks.com.

HOLIDAY COOKIE DECORATING

Saturday, December 6 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Join us and decorate holiday cookies that are fresh from the oven. Registration is required by December 13. Ages 3 – 5. Fee: \$1.00 resident, \$2.00 non-resident.

MAKE A HOLIDAY GIFT

Tuesday, December 9 at 4:00 p.m. Get in the holiday spirit! Make a gift for a friend. We supply the materials and you supply the holiday spirit! Reservation required by December 3; however, you can call the center after

December 3 to see if there is still room available. Ages 6 – 11. Fee: \$3.00 resident, \$4.00 non-resident.

XTREME TEENS FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS TRIP

Friday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m. Enjoy this annual event held at Watkins Park; transportation will be provided from the Beltsville Community Center. You must be an Xtreme Teens member to attend. Space is limited, registration will continue until capacity is reached. Please bring a canned good. Ages 13 – 17. Free w/Xtreme Teen ID card.

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Longwood/Beltsville • \$495,000

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Beltsville Colonial • \$460,000

Beautiful 8-year-old home with 4BR, 3.5BA, finished basement and 2-car garage in Franklin Farms. Tasteful décor. Large open entertainment area across the back of the home with family room, gas fireplace, breakfast area, gourmet kitchen, sun room dining room and two decks. (PG6632356)

Laurel • \$1850/Month

Beautiful stone-front townhouse in Russett, a sought-after community in Anne Arundel County, Laurel. This three-level home has 3BR, 3.5 Baths, a deck and a one-car garage and more. Granite counter tops and stainless steel appliances in the kitchen with a built-in microwave and a smooth-top electric range. The MBR has a walk-in closet and a deluxe bath with soaking tub. (AA6925051)



Beltsville - Naples Avenue • \$265,000

Cute rancher with 3BR, 1.5 baths, hardwood floors, totally remodeled hall bath, and table space kitchen. Finished basement with wet-bar, workshop, 1/2 bath, carpeting, exercise area, recessed lighting and walk-up exit. Nice laundry room w/folding table and hanging rod. Large shed and basketball area in back yard. Very cozy and nicely upgraded. 1872 sq. ft. of space. (PG6879825)

Laurel \$250,000

Charming 2BR, 2BA patio home with Florida room for those aged 50+ in Cherry View Park. New front door and storm door. Upgraded baths and kitchen. Clean as a whistle and beautifully landscaped and decorated. End unit with brick front and end wall. Great location close to major roads, shopping and more. New HWH 2006. New heat pump 2004. Lovely, quiet community. (PG6890483)



Odenton/Ft. Meade-Enclave at Seven Oaks \$305,000

Beautiful three-level, 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhouse with gorgeous curb appeal! Brick and siding exterior with nice landscaping. Large country kitchen with center island. Custom deck off kitchen. Living room/dining room combo. Fireplace in family room. Gas heat, central A/C. Built in 1993 and looks like a model home. Fully finished basement. Quiet, attractive street near school and daycare.

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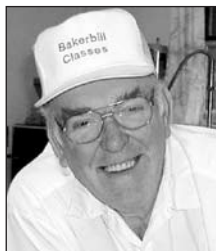


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Laurel Howard County Townhome

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Baker Bill

STUFF 'N THINGS

I had a nice call from Ms. Ginger Hand. She called me about the sugar vanilla spice or condiment. Apparently it is made in Germany and sold all over Europe. Made by grinding the vanilla bean and sitting it in extra fine sugar until it picks up the flavor. Like storing a box of detergent next to the potatoes under the sink. Frankly, why would anyone go to the trouble? To make vanilla sugar that is, and if you do store chemicals under the sink, move the vegetables.

I also had another call from a friend of a friend of a friend of my lovely wife Betty. It seems her husband tried the recipe I put in a month ago on the corn bread pone. I hope he used the bacon grease; else it's not pone. Anyhow, he said, and I quote, "It was the best I have ever eaten. Well, that's the way I heard it. The corn recipe is one you can become famous with. HOW? I am glad you asked. Add

½ teaspoon of mace, the spice! Chop up an apple and add it. Even better still, break up dried banana chips, or both. Bake in muffin pans and sprinkle cinnamon sugar on top. Use your talent.

If you have a complement, call me at 301.572.4180 before 9:30 p.m. Yeah, I'm vain. If it's a complaint, write me bakerbill1@verizon.net.

I am a sucker for snacks; I buy a lot of them crackers etc. The buzz words that hook me every time are garlic-flavored, onion-flavored, and cheddar, but when you open the box they taste just like any other cracker. There are some new ones out. Pretzel crackers and they are good. Last week I fell for it again, onion-flavored. What is the world coming to?

I read in one of my newsletters that if you have an SUV and are getting 13-18 MPG and want to retool, Stop! According to the

writer, it will take you 52 years to balance out. And now that gas is going down, well?

About a year ago I was writing about wanting to buy the sandwich they show in the ads. Yes I understand it will never happen, but someone must have spread the word that people are sick of getting ripped off. Today we have a lot of dollar items showing up on the menus. That means people were not buying their stuff. We saw prices going up and size going down. Well the worm has turned. Today for lunch I had a (red pig tails) barBQ chicken sandwich. It was huge, but not cheap, and worth the money.

Christmas is coming and every year I write for all of us not to have any tears. I was asked what I meant by that. Well almost every year someone is disappointed in something. So plan ahead for whatever comes and do your best not to cause or have tears. Merry Christmas!

I almost forgot. I promised the recipe for secret sauce. In a small dish place 2 heaping tablespoons Mayonnaise, a pinch of salt, tbsps. catsup, and a heaping tbsps. relish and stir.

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LAUREL

"Victoria Falls" \$429,900

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LAUREL

"Oak Crest" \$330,000

BEAUTIFULLY redone, all new kitchen w/ Corian counters, new cabs, cer.tile flr; repl. windows, new carpet, paint, etc. Turn-key brick home, 4 BR, 2 Baths.



ADELPHI

"Hemlock Knoll" \$325,000

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A Symmetrical (World) Series of Events

By Dennis Carter

I was 10 all over again. Fifteen years ago, my family – mom, dad and brother – made the obligatory trek to Orlando, the Land of Magic and Chain Restaurants. We did the Disney thing, the Universal thing, the Epcot thing. It was over-stimulating and fantastic – euphoria for a fifth-grader and his kindergartener brother.

At night, after the parks closed and we napped off the day of walking in the Florida sun, my dad took me to a local bar. It was late October and the World Series was on. Not just the World Series, but the Toronto Blue Jays and the Philadelphia Phillies. The Blue Jays – for reasons still unknown to my family – were my favorite baseball team. I followed their every move like it was my job. I thought it was, well, so cool that their left fielder's name was Joe Carter. *So that's what my name will look like on a major league uniform*, I thought, but never said.

For three straight nights, we went across the street to the bar, sat down and ordered a couple Cokes. I'm still not sure how my dad tolerated me, living and dying with every pitch, like someone was holding my cat hostage, and if Toronto lost, Tabby got it. But he did.

When the Blue Jays lost on the first night, I gulped down my tears, refusing to cry in front of all these tough guys smoking cigarettes and drinking stuff that didn't look like Coke. On the second night, we met a father and son who were our U.K. opposites. Wayne, the dad, and John, his 10-year-old son, were into the game, but kept asking the bartender what had just happened. My dad approached Wayne. My dad's no baseball authority, but he tried to lay out the basics of the game: Guy hits ball, guy runs around bases, guy scores. Other guys try to prevent that from happening. Just the basics.

John wouldn't tolerate my honed ability to ignore people, and he just kept talking. Eventually, I explained what a steal was. Then a bunt. Then a ground rule double. John's heavy British accent made it tough to understand, so I just kept nodding. And smiling.

The Blue Jays snuck one out that night, and I went home filled with Coke, bar peanuts and elation. Mickey Mouse and a Blue Jays World Series win in the same day. Life could only go downhill from here.

The next night was a wonderful repeat. Wayne and John cheered wildly every time a Blue Jays player drew a walk. They sounded

like they were at an outdoor soccer stadium, and I loved it. The Jays won again.

The next morning, we were supposed to leave. But my dad being a softie for kids – and oddly, an ambassador for the great America pastime – he delayed our flights so we could play a game of wiffle ball with our British friends. "This'll be the only time they ever get to play anything that even resembles baseball," my dad told me. "We gotta do it."

So we played. And John mimicked what he had watched on the bar's big screen TV that week. He even slid into second base – and our field was a tennis court. Scrapes and blood, but no tears from the tough ol' chap. I showed off my stuff that day, really flexing my prepubescent muscles. I smacked a ball clear over the back fence and strutted around the bases, head down like it was routine.

"Denny's a massive hitter," John said to my dad in a perfectly haughty English accent. We left Orlando that afternoon. We said goodbye to the British equivalent of us and that was that.

A decade and half later I found myself in Orlando on business, staying near the gates of Disney World, watching the Phillies play in their first World Series since our family trip (The '93 Series, by the

way, ended on Joe Carter's bottom-of-the-ninth Series-winning blast into the left field seats – a moment of bliss in my household that can never be duplicated).

This time, the Phillies were playing the Tampa Bay Rays – a franchise that didn't even exist 15 years ago – and Philly needed one more win to clinch the title. Again, I found myself in a bar. This time though, I drank Diet Coke. I sat next to a timid Rays fan, who was seated next to a trio of knuckle-dragging, mouth-breathing, insufferable Philly fans who chanted indistinguishable nothings all night. I suddenly remembered why I harbored a white-hot hatred for the Phillies 15 years earlier. Those fans – the ones who required a jail in the basement of their old Philadelphia football stadium – were somehow, someway, worse than Yankees' fans.

I was in Orlando. The Phillies were in the World Series. I was watching the game at a bar. Then it happened – the final line of symmetry was sketched. An older couple, maybe in their early-70s, sat down next to me. After a few minutes, the husband turned to me and asked, "This a big game tonight?"

I would have smirked and turned away, but his accent was a thick English one, and his

expression was unmistakably honest. After a pause, I explained to him the dire consequences of the night's match-up.

"It's the fifth game of the World Series," I said. "The series?" he asked. "Oh. Um," I stammered. "It's kind of like the World Cup of baseball."

He nodded with recognition. He had a lot of questions, and I was thrilled to answer them, trying to talk simply, but also trying not to treat a man 50 years my senior like a defective. It was like breaking the game down all over again for Wayne and John. *That's called a strike. You only get three. That's a ball – you get four of those.*

The Rays were shaky from the start and with two outs in the top of the ninth and Philly up by a run, I put my finger in my ears, bracing for the primal screams that were about to pour out of the frothing Philly fans' mouths. Strike three. Game over. The leader of the primates ordered champagne – lots of it. They imbibed as they scraped stones together, trying to ignite a celebratory fire. I shook my British friends' hands and headed back to the hotel. I called my dad to tell him a story he wouldn't believe. "Yeah, it's true," I said like an excited 10-year-old. "British people and everything."

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