Hoax Suspected in “Fire Inspection” Scheme

The Prince George’s County Fire/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department has been made aware of a possible scheme to defraud residents of money. The Office of the Fire Marshal has received several inquiries and a copy of a flyer that is being distributed seeking a $25 payment for a “fire inspection.” The flyer carries a title of FIRE PREVENTION OFFICE and their address.

If you have received one of these flyers, do not pay any money and contact the Fire/EMS Department Office of the Fire Marshal at 301-583-1830. If someone passing out these flyers confronts you, call 911 immediately and report the incident. The Fire/EMS Department does charge fire inspection fees in certain circumstances; however, we would never solicit inspections or fees in this method.

Beltsville Briefs

The Prince George’s County Genealogical Society

The Prince George’s County Genealogical Society (PGCGS) will meet Wednesday, February 5, at 7 pm, in the New Carrollton Municipal Building, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway. After a brief business meeting, Tom Shawker will present “Death and Disease at Beltsville.”

Aldi—Internationally Famous Discount Grocer Comes to Beltsville

By Jim Butcher

Aldi -- a decidedly different kind of grocery store -- officially opened for business in Beltsville on Jan. 10. By mid-morning of this grand-opening day, hearty shoppers braving a steady rain and near freezing temperatures had packed the brand spanking new store situated in the partially constructed St. Mary’s Square shopping center on Route 1 across from Costco. Advanced word of the store opening had gotten around. Clearly, curiosity had been piqued.

A day earlier, executives from Aldi division headquarters in Frederick joined with Beltsville store employees to host a ribbon-cutting ceremony, general briefing, and store walkthrough for community members, county and local officials, and the press. In opening remarks, Jeff Baehr, Aldi Frederick Division Vice President, said Aldi is pleased to bring high-quality products at everyday-lower prices to Beltsville. He said that Aldi challenges shoppers to switch from national brands to Aldi’s high-quality exclusive brands. Shoppers can save up to 50 percent without compromising quality, he said. Using a slightly different formulation, Baehr told a reporter that other comparison studies have shown that a typical basket of groceries can be purchased for up to 30 percent less at an Aldi store than at other leading grocery stores.

Aldi carries about 1,400 frequently purchased grocery items, far fewer than a fully stocked national store might carry. Yet that is all part of the Aldi strategy to hold down grocery prices. A model of studied efficiency, Aldi features small footprint stores and controls overhead costs by such strategies as renting shopping carts for a returnable quarter, a bring-your-own shopping bag policy, and open carton displays. Accordingly, when shoppers head out to that new Aldi store, they need to prepare with a few

Martin Luther King Service Day for Scouts at Beltsville Academy

Parents, leaders and scouts from Cub Pack 1031 and Girl Scout Troop 2799 worked for over 3 hours on Mon., Jan. 20 to clean up and spread mulch on the playground at Beltsville Academy. They collected over 50 lbs of recyclables from the edge of the field and the wooded area behind St. Joes along with 10 bags of trash, as well as 15 bags of leaves. 6 trashcans of mulch were spread around the tetherball poles and other areas of the playground. 9 adults and 11 youth helped with this community project for a total of 56 hours of service.

This is the pack’s 4th year of celebrating MLK Day with service to the community. After the work was done, the scouts retired to the Cubmaster’s house for hot dogs, veggies and s’mores, a tradition for the group. Bill Mayhew, a master storyteller, entertained everyone with tales around the campfire. If you are interested in scouting in Beltsville please contact Kevin D’Eustachio, kdeeustachio@gmail.com or Regina Halper, rhalper2@verizon.net for more information.

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On the Agenda

Coffee With The Cops

Cpl. Hibbert from the District 6 COPS unit will host monthly programs. The guest speaker for the February coffee will be the Police Mobile Crisis Unit. Please join Cpl. Hibbert at the Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center, 7120 Contee Road, Laurel, Maryland (behind Laurel hospital). Bring a Friend...Bring a Neighbor, it’s open to everyone!!!

Safety & Security:

Schedule your home/commercial security survey with Cpl. Woody. Have an assessment of the lighting around your property done too!!! Contact Cpl. Woody jmwoody@co.pg.md.us.

Protect your Vehicles:

1) Do not warm your car up unless you are in the car. Winter is prime time for cars to be stolen while they are left unattended while warming up. Plus since it is against the law, your insurance may not cover the loss.
2) Park your car in well-lit areas, remove valuables and lock your car. 3) Lock your car while you are filling up the gas tank.
4) If you see something that is suspicious, take notes of the person’s height, weight, clothes, car make, model & tag number then call 911.
5) Have a community concern please call me at 301.937.3490 or karenmcoakley@msn.com. Sign up for Beltsville emails at karenmcoakley@msn.com.

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25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

Extracted from the February 1989 issue

Note to Readers of the Beltsville News: Due to the sudden illness of Mrs. Marion Sadler, or Co-Editor; this issue of 25 Years Ago was put together by Volunteers.

New Arrivals

Thomas Lee Paugh, Jr., son of Tracy Lynn Sheridan and Thomas Lee Paugh was born January 20, 1989.

Anna Elisabeth Racicoppi Miller, daughter of Linda Racicoppi and Michael Frederick Miller, was born January 8, 1989.

Marriage Announced

On January 7, 1989 Jean Karin Rondeau and Francis Leo Johnson III were married in Forestville, Md.

Obituaries

George E. Smith, 75, passed away Jan 18, 1989.

Carl A. Mastes passed away in early January.

Joseph W. Faber, 70, of Beltsville passed away January 24, 1989.


For years I have visited the Beltsville Post Office never taking much note of the stores across the street from it. But after seeing an article in the Beltsville News about Carter Gold and Silver, we went over to check it out. We were pleasantly surprised to find friendly service, affordable jewelry and even interesting coins. Our adventure was not over, however.

Having visited Carters, we visited Island Cleaners and Dollar Only dollar store just a few steps away—both with friendly, responsive service. We now like the little mall a lot and stop by it fairly often. Who knows what we might find next?

A Beltsville Resident

Letter to the Editor

Shopping In Our Own Community

In today’s age of internet commerce and rapid travel by car, many people are opting to buy their goods and services from outside of their local communities. While internet purchasing can be convenient (and sometimes inexpensive), may we first remember our local businesses when we have needs. These are the businesses that provide jobs for us and are anchors in our community.

Aldi

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minimums: a returnable quart for shopping cart rental, bags for storing purchases (or funds for buying an Aldi store bag), and cash or debit card with which to pay. Looking to control costs, Aldi does not accept payment by credit card.

The Aldi group is no Johnny-come-lately to the grocery business. Nor does the firm lack managerial talent or staying power. Aldi traces its roots to Karl and Theo Albrecht’s mother who in the early 1900s opened a small grocery store near Essen, Germany. The Albrecht brothers eventually took over the business and changed its name from Albrecht to Albrecht-Diskount—now Aldi for short. Today, Aldi is one of the largest discount supermarket chains in the world. In a December 2013 issue, Forbes magazine estimated the combined net worth of surviving brother Karl and heirs of deceased brother Theo at $43.2 billion. Bill Gates rated a relatively more impressive $67 billion.

There are over 9,200 Aldi locations worldwide, 1,200 of which are in the United States. Thirty are in Maryland, nine in Prince Georges County alone. The company operates as two divisions: Aldi Nord (North) and Aldi Sud (South), the brothers having divided the company several years after a falling out over selling cigarettes at the checkout counter. Aldi Sud operates Aldi in the United States. However, if you should feel a need for a change of pace, you can always hustle over to Trader Joe’s, which is operated by Aldi Nord.
Letter to Senator Rosepepe

Senator Rosepepe,

Thank you for your service to the state of Maryland. I read with interest your “Report to Beltsville” in The Beltsville News. In your “It’s time to try health care website again” you state you update the Maryland health insurance “…website isn’t perfect – which ones are?” This is disheartening at best.

In this day and age a 100% working website is not that difficult to achieve. Your ‘no shucks it’s broke, but what isn’t’ approach doesn’t pass muster. “Most” Marylanders simply doesn’t cut it. All Marylanders wishing to purchase health insurance should be able to do so. I’m not sure what other websites you are referring to that won’t allow consumers to purchase their goods. Please feel free to direct me to these websites that won’t perform as designed. I have not had any problems akin to those you are trying to get me to believe other sites exhibit. Certainly a for-profit company whose website didn’t work 100% would go out of business.

Without concrete examples, I’m not sure you should continue to try and convince taxpayers the mediscrity of Maryland’s health insurance site is something we should accept with a grin.

Steven Haversack, Laurel, MD 20708

Neighbors in the News

By Jay Williams

Leslie Lowe told in-depth stories and information about the Beltsville Academy, a middle school, at the January meeting of the Greater Beltsville Business Association on January 15th. She is the principal of this excellent local school for students from 7th to 8th grade. The attendees were treated to stories about her background that led to her current position there, the principal, the history of the Academy from its first beginnings up to today and a look into its future directions. She passed around a black & white 1945 group photo of the, then, entire student body, which helped to re-introduce that concept by creating a similar color photo each year for the past several years and to do so from here on.

She had fun stories, such as about opening a basement closet of many very old items from days gone by. One was a cat’s skull in a tin can. Among other things, Ms. Lowe pointed out how generations of local families have grown along together with the Academy, giving the school’s staff and the student family members a strong sense of a family itself.

All enjoyed this overview of this fascinating school that is a big part of the Beltsville. For more information go to www.lpsgps.org/beltsville. Beltsville Academy is located at 4300 Wicomico Ave, Beltsville, MD, (301) 572-0630.

Greater Beltsville Business Association

Leslie Lowe, Principal, Beltsville Academy.

Avon Walk for Breast Cancer, Washington DC, May 3 & 4

DDM Insurance of Beltsville, MD is proud to say that two of our Commercial Lines Account managers Cindy Clark and Christina Whitehman will be participating as Crew Members for the 2014 Avon Walk for Breast Cancer in Washington, DC on May 3rd & 4th. They are among thousands of people dedicating their weekend to helping the walkers reach their goal of walking the full distance of 39.3 miles. Cindy and Christina will be spending the next few months fundraising, preparing for the event and raising awareness promoting education. Cindy has previously participated as a walker in both 2008 & 2010. However, this year she will have a wonderful experience crewing at Quick Stop C in 2011 & 2012, she has decided to do it again and has recruited Christina to join her this year!

Did you know that every three minutes, another woman in the United States is diagnosed with breast cancer? The money that is raised for this event will be managed and disbursed by the Avon Foundation Breast Cancer Crusade to help provide access to care for those most in need, fund educational related research and accelerate research into new treatments and potential cures. Cindy will be personally dedicating her Walk to a good family friend who is a survivor, to a friend of her sister-in-law who lost her battle to breast cancer in early 2011 at only 38 years old, and to her brother-in-law’s mother who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and is now recovering from her recent lumpectomy.

Christina was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2000. She was able to survive treatment with the help of her husband, Kirk, family, and friends. Christina is especially grateful for the blessed gifts of help, hope, and encouragement received from church members. She is now over 13 years breast cancer free and dedicated this walk to all who provide hope to those in need.

Cindy and Christina are eager to get started with their fundraising and would appreciate your support! They have each set personal goals of at least $500 in donations and hope to raise even more! Your contribution would help to support medical research into the possible causes of and cure for breast cancer, education and early detection programs, and clinical care and support services for women with breast cancer in communities across the country. There is a special focus on helping medically underserved women, the poor, minorities, the elderly, or those with inadequate health insurance. Much of the money raised will stay right here to help people in our area.

If you would like to help support the ladies with their fundraising, please mail a check payable to: Avon Walk for Breast Cancer, and mail to: Day, Deadrich & Marshall, Inc., 10732 Baltimore Ave, Beltsville, MD 20705. Please address your envelope to the Attn: Cindy Clark, as she will be collecting the donations in our office, on behalf of both participants. If you would prefer to make a donation online OR to find out more about each individual, please feel free to visit their personal fundraising pages: Cindy Clark: http://info.avonfoundation.org/goto/CindyClark.


If you would like to make your donation “in honor of” or “in memory of” someone, please enclose a note with your donation and the ladies would be happy to post the name on their personal pages and/or on their gear during Walk weekend.

Please remember that in less time than it took to read this article, another woman in the U.S. was diagnosed with breast cancer. You can find out more about the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer by visiting their website, http://www.avonwalk.org. Thank you for your support.

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Against the Wall

With a large variety of colors, textures and patterns available wallpaper is more popular than ever before. The neutral and minimalist patterns that plastered walls over the last few years are out and unique textures in chartreuse, oranges, reds and blues as well as bold patterns are in. Michael Richards and Valerie Kabelac, the brother-sister design duo at Will’s Home Decorating, have noticed that customers are ordering more special effect wall coverings that feature glitter, heavy texture and metallic finishes in rich, vibrant colors than ever before.

Michael Richards and Valerie Kabelac.

Wall coverings that embrace natural elements create an instant sense of warmth while giving the space texture and depth. According to Michael, “although grasscloth is one of the most frequently requested wall coverings, other types of organic wallpaper such as cork, bamboo, rice paper and even wood veneers have also experienced an uptick in demand.” The added advantage of a product like cork is that it minimizes noise and provides insulation it is great for both the walls and the floor. Wall coverings provide texture and a variety of finishes that is difficult to duplicate with paint without great expense. To see how the new specialty wall coverings can enhance your home, stop by Will’s Home Decorating for your FREE design consultation. Will’s features the largest selection of in-stock wall coverings and borders as well as special order designer and commercial wall coverings in the D.C. Metro area.
Neighbours in the News

PGFD “Safety First Day of the Month” New Year Resolution Recommendations - 2014

Are you having difficulty in choosing your 2014 New Year Resolutions??? The career, volunteer and civilian men and women of the Prince George’s County Fire/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department (PGFD) have a few ideas for you. We recommend you adopt the TOP TEN Fire/EMS Department “Safety First” Resolutions for the New Year. These are listed in no particular order, as they are all important.

1. I will install new 10-Year smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms that emit a loud warning when smoke or CO is detected. Purchase and install new 10-year, tamper proof, with hush feature smoke and CO alarms.

2. I will check my smoke and CO alarms monthly by pushing the test button on the front cover, listen for a warning signal. No sound = no protection. Not working?? Replace with new alarm.

3. I will check my smoke and CO alarms on the first of every month. The number one is easy to remember and should remind you “Safety First” and “your family comes first.”


5. I will install a working smoke alarm that we will come to your house and install a working smoke alarm for you and your family; free of charge. Call our Safety First line at 301-864-SAFE (7233).

6. I will designate one family member to be responsible for testing smoke and CO alarms monthly. Everyone in the family should be made aware of the responsibility and reminders should be encouraged.

7. I will replace my smoke and CO alarm if it is 10 years old and then every 10 years after. Properly maintained alarms work hard to protect you and your family every second of every day. The alarm wears out after time and is not as reliable as it was when you first installed it; replace it every ten years.

8. A working smoke alarm allows you an early warning of a fire in your home. Your chances of survival are increased by 50% by having a working smoke alarm. Having a home family escape plan and practiced increases your chances of survival even more.

9. A working CO alarm allows home occupants to escape safely and make a quick notification to the fire department equating to an earlier arrival and mitigation of the fire before it is allowed to spread thereby saving property and helping firefighters to stay safe and go home after every call.

10. A working CO alarm is the only reliable method homeowners can detect the presence of the “silent killer” in your home. CO can make you seriously ill and even cause death if not detected quickly.

The Prince George’s County Fire EMS Department resolves to continue to provide the very best in Fire and Emergency Medical Services to our residents, business and visitors. We vow that if you call and say you need a new smoke alarm and CO alarm sounds – “get down, get low, get out.” Have a family escape plan and practice it to ensure everyone knows two ways out of every room in the house and designate a meeting place outside when 911 can be called in distress.

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RIDERWOOD TO HOST AFRICAN AMERICAN QUILT SHOW

SILVER SPRING, MD—Riderwood, the Erickson Living retirement community, will host an African-American Quilt Show on February 11th from 11am-3pm. The event is sponsored by the resident-led Riderwood Quilt Club and the African American History Club.

The showcase will feature quilts utilizing African fabric and/or are inspired by African-American history. Quilts from the past as well as new creations from residents of Riderwood will be on display.

Residents will be available to speak to the design and history of each quilt, and attendees can learn about the Underground Railroad code patterns.

The event, free and open to the public, will take place in the Chesapeake Room of the Montgomery Station Clubhouse. Riderwood is located at 3140 Gracefield Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904.

Additionally, a documentary highlighting the inspirational history of the world renown Gee’s Bend, Alabama quilters will run continuously in Maryland Hall, across from the Chesapeake Room.

For more information, please contact Jeff Getek, public affairs manager, at 410-456-9809 or jeffrey.getek@erickson.com.

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Rebuilding High Point School

County Councilwoman Mary Lehman, with strong support from the Delegates and me, convinced the school system to study whether to renovate or replace the building which currently houses High Point High School. As students know, it’s one of the oldest school buildings in the county and has had repeated breakdowns of heating and cooling systems. And it was designed for the middle of the last century, not for this one. Beltsville Civic Association President Karen Coakley is chairing an advisory committee including teachers, students, parents, Principal Sandra Jimenez, Councilwoman Lehman, Delegates Barbara Frush and Joseline Peña-Melnyk, and me, helping to identify the school’s needs and envision High Point for the 21st Century. We welcome your concerns and your ideas. Just email 21stDistrictDelegation@gmail.com.

18 Beltsville Students Win Senate Scholarships to College

Each Senator and Delegate is allocated funds for scholarships to students in our district who attend Maryland colleges. There are so many deserving students in Beltsville. With college tuition a struggle for many families, we need to do everything we can to help hardworking students get a good education. We can’t help everyone with Senatorial Scholarships, but we can certainly help some. Below is the list of Beltsville area recipients for 2013-2014. To apply online for a 2014-2015 Senatorial scholarship, students should visit www.senatorjimrosapepe.com/scholarships.

Maame Amponsah, Kevin Argente, Kahryl Bennett, Kaitlin Bielec, Myleek Chase, Oseal Cunanan, Sarah Escoto, Nigel Gabbidon, Mia Hyunes, Taylor Joyner, Tianna Joyner, Emelie Kittlesen, Sara Mast, Olumaseun Olojo, Trisha Samuels, Sameness Tarig, Saud Tarig, Pum Thang

To apply for a Delegate scholarship, call 301-858-3502 and request an application from Delegates Barbara Frush, Joseline Peña-Melnyk, and Ben Barnes. Information on other financial aid opportunities for Maryland college students can be found at www.mhec.state.md.us.

Join us in Annapolis on March 17

Delegates Barbara Frush, Ben Barnes, Joseline Peña-Melnyk and I work hard to keep in touch with Beltsville residents and help you understand what Maryland’s state government is doing and how it can help you and your family. We attend the Beltsville Civic Association and other community meetings so we can be your best advocate.

Rosapepe’s Report to Beltsville

Senator Jim Rosapepe

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Oh YES! We’re busy at Behnke’s

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type 1: February 1, 2014 10am to 12noon

type 2: February 1, 2014 1pm to 3pm

type 3: February 2, 2014 10am to 12noon

type 4: February 2, 2014 1pm to 3pm

(all sessions are FREE and cover the same content)

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Orchid & Heritage Plant Diagnostic & Repotting Clinic

w/ Carol Allen in Beltsville

Saturday, February 8 — 9:30 am to 4:30 pm

Bring in your orchids and heritage plants and ask Carol for her advice! And for a minimal fee, she will repot your specialty plants.

Houseplant Diagnostic & Repotting Clinic

w/ Carol Allen in Beltsville

Saturday & Sunday, Feb. 15 & 16 — 10 am to 3 pm

Houseplant problems? Bring it in for a FREE diagnostic session. (Please take care and place your houseplants in paper bags to protect them from the cold)

PLUS, purchase a pot and have your houseplants repotted for FREE. Offer expires March 16.

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Club News

College Park Post & Unit 217 Welcomes You

By Ivy Christoffers

On Friday, Feb. 14 Johnny Seaton will be appearing in his “King of Hearts” show at The American Legion Post located at 9218 Baltimore Blvd. in College Park. Advance tickets are on sale for $20 per person. What better way to spend Valentine’s Day than taking your significant other to a nice entertaining show. Food and drinks will be available. When you consider the prices of most other venues around town, this one is a tremendous bargain. Call 301-935-5308 to order your tickets or get them from the bartender after 2 pm prior to the event. The show is from 8-11 pm and the doors will open at 7.

The following day Sat., Feb. 15 Ronnie Dove’s band, “The Doug Lester Band” will play from 8 to 11 pm with doors opening at 7. The cost of admission, $20, includes dinner. Call 301-935-5308 to order your tickets or see the Post bartender after 2 pm. These band members are all fantastic.

April’s Day is coming soon. This is a day to remember those brave men of God who gave up their life jackets so others could live when the Dorchester was torpedoed and perished along with many valiant soldiers. May God rest their souls. Although this event happened in the month of February, it will be commemorated by Southern Maryland District in March at The Southern Maryland Youth Camp in Cheltenham. This is always a very meaningful and poignant program.

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Celebrate our 60th Year!

The Members of the Post appreciate all who come out to support their attempts to bring affordable entertainment to the area and hope for a full house for both events. At the end of the evening you will be amazed at how quickly the time has passed and how much fun you had.

They would also like to thank their faithful Bingo players who show up on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to try for those big jackpots. This is a great way to spend a cold, wet or windy winter afternoon.

Four Chaplain’s Day is coming soon. This is a day to remember those brave men of God who gave up their life jackets to others could live when the Dorchester was torpedoed and perished along with many valiant soldiers. May God rest their souls. Although this event happened in the month of February, it will be commemorated by Southern Maryland District in March at The Southern Maryland Youth Camp in Cheltenham. This is always a very meaningful and poignant program.

Valentine’s Day Dinner Dance sponsored by the College Park Women of the Moose

On Saturday, February 15, the Women of the Moose #1262 will sponsor a Valentine’s Day dinner and dance at the College Park Moose Lodge, 3700 Metzerott Road College Park, MD 20740-4432. A full homemade Italian Dinner including dessert will be served from 6:30 pm. Live music for your listening and dancing pleasure will be provided by The Holidays Band from 7:30-11:30 pm. This band plays a variety of music including oldies and great dance music.

The King and Queen of Hearts will be chosen from the attendees. The ticket price is $20, and this event is open to the public. Bring your family, friends, and sweetheart and have a fun time. You could be crowned The King and Queen of Hearts!
For the Love of Food!

By Chef Cole, Café Rue, Beltsville MD

It’s the month of love, but the love of what exactly? Well chocolate of course. February and Valentine’s Day are synonymous with millions of heart shaped boxes, filled with one of life’s best treasures, chocolate. Whether wrapped in plastic, foil, paper, etc. we’ll take it however it comes. From Hersey’s to Preluade (more on this brand in a second), we’ll take whatever quality is available—white, milk or dark. Just give us some chocolate! We eat this stuff for breakfast in our pancakes, waffles, and banana breads, for lunch it shows up in our molé enchilada, for dinner we even see steaks seasoned with semisweet cocoa powder & cayenne then pan seared in clarified butter. Please don’t get me started on the many ways we drink the stuff. Here are a few fun consumption facts that you probably didn’t know about chocolate:

1. In 2009 more than 59 million pounds of chocolate were sold in the days leading up to Valentine’s Day. That’s $345 million dollars’ worth of these blessed treasures. Career change anyone!

2. Historically Easter trumps Valentine’s Day with approximately 71 million pounds of chocolate sold.

3. Wait for it... The biggest chocolate selling season of the year trumping both Valentine’s Day and Easter is...Halloween. Trick or Treat! — Facts provided by Nielsen Company

If you really want to step up your quality of chocolate intake, please make the following brands a part of your vocabulary. As Food continues on page 9

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High Point High School News

The High Point High School staff and school are working hard in preparation for the Middle States Accreditation Visitation March 31-April 3. The technical review of the school’s objectives was approved in late November. Three objectives were chosen for Middle States. Two were student performance-based and one dealt with organization capacity. They are as follows:

Student Performance Objectives

By 2021, all High Point High School students will be academically prepared in English-Language Arts for college and careers as measured by performance of all students in the aggregate on the English-Language Arts High School Assessment (HSA).

By 2021, all High Point High School students will be academically prepared in mathematics for college and careers as measured by performance of all students in the aggregate on the Algebra HSA.

Organization Capacity Objective

By 2021, High Point High School will ensure STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) experiences for all students measured by the number of formal (course offerings) and informal (clubs and activities) STEM programs offered, and the percent of student participation in formal and informal STEM programs.

In late November and early December Action Plan Committee meetings to work on instructional activities that will be carried out by the school over the next seven years to meet the three objectives.

Any questions pertaining to Middle States should be directed to Tom Burr or John Lloyd. They can be reached at 301-572-6400 or by e-mail at thomas2.burr@pgcps.org or jlloyd@pgcps.org.

HP Senior is accepted into the Maryland Senior All State Chorus

High Point senior Brady Cusack auditioned and was accepted into the Maryland Senior All State Chorus. About 1,500 students auditioned statewide wide by performing sight reading and singing at the advanced Level VI level and performing two selected songs. Three hundred students were selected for the chorus that will perform at Morgan State in February. Brady was one of only six students from Prince George’s County to be selected and one of only two tenors to be selected for this honor. Congratulations to Brady Cusack from the faculty at High Point High School.

High Point High School PTSA Indoor Yard Sale

Get a jump on Spring Cleaning by clearing out your closets and turning it into cash at the High Point High School PTSA indoor yard sale. The yard sale will take place on Sat. Feb. 22 in the High Point High School Cafeteria from 7:00 am-12:00 pm. You can purchase a table and two chairs for $20.00, please call 301-531-4186 to register for a table. The due date for table registration is Feb. 18.
**School News**

**Vansville Elementary News**

**Reflections Art Contest**
By James Dorsey IV, NBCT-EMC Music

Vansville Elementary School’s PTA participated in the National “PTA Reflections Arts” Contest. Students created artwork based on the theme “Believe, Dream, and Inspire” in categories of Visual Arts and Photography, Music, and Dance. Congratulations to Dahlia Ives - Photography, Elaina Scott - Visual Arts, Ethan Vinosh - Music, and Cooper Reynolds - Dance, for winning their respective categories in the school competition. All of the student entrants go on to compete in the County Competition with the Prince George’s County PTA Council. You can view highlights of all of the entries on the Vansville PTA website www.vansvillepta.org.

**Fire Prevention Poster Contest**
By D. Hopkins, Professional School Counselor

Congratulations to the following teachers and students for winning the Annual Fire Prevention Poster Contest, sponsored by the Prince George’s County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, Ladies Auxiliary:

- Mrs. Mitchell’s Kindergarten Class: Madison Cotturo, Isatu Njai Sillah and Nyah Rodeffer;
- Mrs. Bonner-Johnson’s 2nd Grade Class: Anya Lodhi; Mrs. McRae’s 3rd grade class: Heaven Dwomoh.

The girls and their families are invited to the Awards Program, which will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2014 at 2:00 pm at the Forestville Volunteer Fire Department.

**National Board Certification**
By Mr. Tom Smith, Principal

Vansville wishes to congratulate Mr. James Dorsey, Vocal Music Teacher, for achieving National Board Certification from the National Board for Professional Standards. This achievement is the highest credential available to teachers. This recognition is earned through a rigorous performance based assessment of Mr. Dorsey’s pedagogical skills and content knowledge. Vansville is fortunate to have two additional staff members who have previously achieved this status: Mr. Nicholas Zanin, ESOL Teacher, and Mrs. Sakina McGruder, Kindergarten Teacher. Congratulations Mr. Dorsey!!

**FOOD**

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:
March 5, 2014: Patty Shawker

“Rebel or Yankee: Researching Civil War Pensions”
April 2, 2014: Vernon Skinner
“Research Using Maryland Land Records”
May 7, 2014: Richard Philipps
“Colonial Child Servants in County Court Records”
June 4, 2014: TBD

Basket Bingo at St. Joseph’s Parish
St. Joseph’s Parish will conduct a Basket Bingo on Friday evening, February 28 in the Parish Hall at 11011 Montgomery Road from 7 until 9:30 p.m. (non-smoking). Come join us for this fun-filled event. Bingo winners will receive specialty baskets, pottery and home accessories. There will be door prizes and raffles too. Admission is $12. Refreshments are available.

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

Emmanuel traditionally holds their supper the Saturday prior to Fat Tuesday and will continue that tradition this year. It will take place on Saturday, March 1, 2014. Supper, consisting of all you can eat pancakes and sausage will be served buffet style starting at 6:00 p.m. There will be fun and games and a Mardi Gras Theme. Tickets are $10 for adults, $5 for children and home accessories. There will be a great fun-filled family event. All proceeds will go to help refurbish the kitchen. If you have any questions you can contact the church office at 301.937.7114 or register on the church website, www.eumebeltsville.com

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March 1 Pre-Shrove Pancake Supper
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