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Beltsville Briefs

Beltsville Lions Community Yard Sale

On Saturday, July 31 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. a community yard sale will be held at Behnke Nurseries Company at 11300 Baltimore Avenue in Beltsville. Local citizens will be able to sell and barter their wares in the parking area while the Beltsville Lions Club sells hot dogs, chips and sodas.

A yard sale is a great place to find amazing deals on all manner of items. So treat yourself and stroll through this urban marketplace.

A space may be rented for \$10 prior to July 18 by e-mailing sfleming@behnkes.net or calling 240.473.6709. One may also go to www.behnkes.com and print an application.

All rental proceeds are being donated to the Beltsville Lions Foundation, Inc. to aid the Beltsville Lions in their efforts to help those in need.

The rain date is Sunday, Aug. 1.

Emmanuel's Movies Under the Stars Back for a Third Year

By Rick Bergmann

In a time when we don't always have the money to take the family out to see the latest movies, Emmanuel United Methodist Church (11416 Cedar lane, Beltsville, MD 20705) is offering families an alternative. For the third year, Emmanuel will be offering a free movie series outdoors on Fridays beginning July 9th and running through Aug. 13th. The movies begin at dusk (around 8:00 p.m.) and are free. Also, beginning with July 23rd's showing of, "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs," each movie will be tied to our Sunday sermons. If it rains, movies will be shown indoors on our big screen in the sanctuary. You are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner (no alcoholic beverages or glass bottles please) and enjoy an evening of fun with your neighbors.

The schedule is:

July 9-Evan Almighty

July 16-Space Jam

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Plain Speaking Tom Dernoga Addresses Environmental Concerns of Beltsville Business Group

By Paul G. Zurkowski,
Breakfast Coordinator

The Chairman of the Prince George's County Council, Tom Dernoga treated a full house to a rich and varied accounting of local issues and answers at the 5th Beltsville Business Breakfast on Wednesday, May 16th at Cross Creek Club:

Why do we lack a recycling program for businesses? The business community balked at supporting a recycling program similar to PG County's residential recycling program out of cost considerations. Given the current economic conditions, it is unlikely that a recycling program for business could be publicly funded today. While the Chamber has not supported business



Prince George's Council
Chairman, Tom Dernoga

recycling, Beltsville Business may want to advocate for business recycling in future years. Call 301-883-6091 for help with individual recycling efforts.

Where does our bad air quality come from? Surpris-

ingly, the polluted air comes from Ohio and Indiana industrial plants. While air quality in our area has improved we still have dirty air coming into our area from the west.

Is it true that "Crabs are back?" Yes, but that may be temporary. Water quality programs at the mouth of the Bay have protected the spawning areas for crabs and have had the effect of bringing back the symbol of Maryland's waterways, the crab. However, overall water quality is still a problem and will require continued vigilance to protect the long term future of the crab.

What is the key to the

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First In Math

It's official! Calverton Elementary School is a First In Math Top 10 Team. Our school finished in 1st place in Maryland and 9th place in the All Grades National Competition. Mr. Robert Sun, the inventor of the 24 Game and creator of the First In Math website came to Calverton on June 16 to recognize the effort all 420 third through sixth graders made to reach this elite level of play. He also came to hear a group of 6th graders who worked together to

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Members of Calverton Elementary School's First in Math Top 10 Team

Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union Coming to Beltsville

Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union (PGCFCU) will open a new branch this summer at 6985 Muirkirk Meadows Drive, Beltsville, MD. When the branch opens in August 2010, it will offer everything you'd expect from a financial institution owned by the people it serves: dividend-earning checking accounts, higher-than-average savings rates, lower-than-average loan rates, and lower and fewer fees.

For your convenience, there will be an ATM and drive-up windows. PGCFCU also will offer business accounts featuring savings, checking and lines of credit. For added convenience to business owners, there will be a night drop for after-hours deposits.

PGCFCU was founded in 1967 as

a credit union for county employees and their families. In February 2006, the credit union opened its doors to the community. All persons who live, work, worship, go to school or volunteer in Prince George's County are invited to enjoy the benefits of credit union membership. For more information, contact the credit union's call center at 301.627.2666 or email them at inquiries@prince-georgescfcu.org.

To introduce itself to its new neighbors, PGCFCU will hold a Community Shred It Day on Saturday, August 14th from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the new Beltsville Branch. Bring those papers you've been meaning to shred, and the credit union will shred them for free while you wait!



Chairman Charlie Deegan and Vice Chairman Darryl Jones prepare to welcome members to the new Beltsville Branch of Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union

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Independence Day

Independence Day, July 4th, will be here before we know it and we will celebrate in the way we generally do on this great holiday that commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. Independence Day is the national day of the United States.

There will be fireworks displays, backyard cookouts, concerts, baseball games, parades, political speeches and ceremonies. Perhaps the largest fireworks display in the country will be on the mall in Washington, D.C. It is expected to attract hundreds of thousands of people. There are many smaller displays in towns across the country, and some very large ones in cities

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Letters to the Editor

While we love our BVFD, we think it is harassing its neighbors with unnecessary and very loud sirens. Twice last week I saw them louding the sirens while one ambulance was leaving the FD and a half dozen firemen were sitting on their "easy chairs" chit-chatting. At least two of my neighbors think that the BVFD is harassing us. We don't deserve these sadistical approaches of BVFD.

George Mazanderan

In May my wife and I attended a Lions convention in Delaware and needed to engage someone to take care of our pets over a three-day period. The pets include two

cats and a fairly large rabbit.

So, we called Terrapin Pets (202.528.3271) and arranged to have the pets taken care of at our home for these three days by none other than owner Christi Fries.

Upon returning, we found some wonderful surprises. The pets were in great shape, as we expected, but we didn't expect the extra care that was so evident. The cat litter was obviously changed every day and was fresh. The rabbit was in a brand new and bigger cage, compliments of Presents4Pets. There were extra tips for caring for the rabbit as well as some extra gifts, including some complimentary chewing sticks, absorbent pads for the bottom of the cage, and a pack-

age of dried apple pieces.

Christi provided two pages from the House Rabbit Society on caring for rabbits, and also left a detailed visit report for each of the three days that indicated what she had done in caring for our pets. The reports were detailed and demonstrated that Christi is one who loves animals.

I highly recommend Terrapin Pets to anyone wanting their pets to receive the best care during their absence. You may contact Terrapin Pets at P.O. Box 522, Beltsville, MD 20704, or e-mail terrapinpets@gmail.com.

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Contestants are needed for the 2010 Miss Greenbelt Pageant competition. The pageant is part of the annual Labor Day Festival, celebrating its 56th year. The Miss Greenbelt Pageant competition is designed to teach young ladies to have poise and increased confidence, how to be at ease with themselves and others, and how to have fun in a team effort toward a common goal. All young women who reside in Maryland are eligible. Winners of each age division win a cash scholarship and additional prizes:

PRINCESS: Age 2-6 (no competition)

LITTLE: Age 7-10

JUNIOR: Age 11-13

MISS: Age 14-19

The pageant is televised. For more information or to register, visit missgreenbelt.com.

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Erin A. Kennedy Named to Dean's List

Erin A. Kennedy, a junior at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD, achieved the honor of Dean's List for academic excellence for the spring 2010 semester. Erin is the daughter of Kevin & Linda Kennedy of Beltsville.

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Scouts Celebrate Summer and Go Tubing

By Gary Bauchan, Scoutmaster Troop 1033

The Boy Scout Troop went for a lazy summer float down the Antietam Creek in inner tubes on June 12th. The scouts who went down the river were; Adrain Villarroel, David Timus II, Sean Halper, Patrick Deery, Chaim Johnson, Chris Walker, Danny Moreno, Steven Hall, Al Diagne, Tyis Robinson and Cub Scout Nicholas Walker supervised by Scoutmaster, Gary Bauchan; Assistant Scoutmasters, Rick Deery and Gregory Bauchan; and scout dads Andre Johnson and Bob Walker. The weather was exciting as a summer rain shower made the trip interesting toward the end. The water was warm and it ran swiftly so you didn't need to work hard to float down the river. The River and Trail Outfitters stopped us half way down



Scout and father enjoy floating down the creek.

the river and provided us with a fried chicken lunch with water-

melon and lemonade to wash it all down. As a father of a Boy Scout

it's a wonderful experience to go camping with your son. Scouting provides you with time to be with your son. You see him learn specific life skills, grow in character, help other people in your community, cultivate leadership skills, and you see him grow and mature into a fine young man. Through your eyes you see the Boy Scout program help develop your son to become one of our future leaders, future husbands and future fathers. It's a personal thrill to see your son recognized publicly for all he has become and all that he has done to make this world a better place. If you and your son are interested in joining the Boy Scouts, contact Gary Bauchan, Scoutmaster Troop 1033. We meet every Thursday at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m.

Beltsville 12U Boys County Champions

The Beltsville Boys U-12 soccer team went undefeated during the spring season to win the county championship for its age group. Winning six of seven regular season games while tying one, the boys defeated Berwyn Heights in the playoffs and then went on to win the championship game against Upper Marlboro 3-0. After a heart wrenching loss in the fall championship game, the team was determined to regain the county crown. The boys played with great passion and demon-

strated outstanding team spirit, while at the same time showcasing individual ball skills and accurate passing. It was a joy to see the boys' smiling faces at the end of the season. The players, along with members of the other Bulls' winning teams, celebrated with family and friends at the Old Rec. center, where they received their trophies. Given their enthusiasm for the game of soccer and their eagerness to practice, the boys will surely do well again in the fall. Congratulations to the team!



Back (l to r): Ben Mast, Edwin Ramirez, Ronaldo Cedillos, Alejandro Portillo, Tommy Escolero, Johnny Herrera, Jose Ponce, Marvin Escobar
Front (l to r): Oliver Mendoza, Jose Reyes, Vincent Johnson, Alfredo Rodriguez, Jairo Rodriguez, Yeraldo Jimenez, Sebastian Ponce, Mahmud Bashir

Kant Klingenstein to Attend the Uniformed Services University F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine

Kant Le Klingenstein, 21, graduated on May 24, 2010 from University Maryland Baltimore County with Honors, Magna Cum Laude. He earned a GPA of 3.8 in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. At UMBC, Kant was a chemistry tutor, senior managing editor for UMBC's Bartleby creative arts journal, and UMBC's Pre-Medical Society Treasurer.

Kant was accepted to two Medical Schools in Maryland, the University of Maryland School of Medicine and the F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine-Uni-

formed Services University (USU) of the Health Sciences. This continues a family military orientation, since Kant's sister, Kaylene Klingenstein, is a Navy officer currently pursuing her Master's degree in electrical engineering at Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA.

Kant chose to pursue his medical degree at the USU F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine in Bethesda, MD starting June 28, 2010. Kant is the son of Kim and Keith Klingenstein, who have lived in Beltsville since 1994.

Katherine Jowers Graduates with Honors

Katherine (Katie) A. Jowers received her Bachelor of Science degree from Towson University's College of Health Professions in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology in Towson, MD on May 19, 2010. She graduated with honors. She has been accepted in the Speech-Language Pathology program at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, FL which she will be attending in the fall.

Ask the Decorators

Although Mother Nature abruptly ended Beltsville Day, we still were able to say "hi" to many in the community who were in attendance. Before the crackling thunderstorm sent everyone scrambling for shelter, there were many excellent decorating questions that were asked. We thought we would share a few of the questions and our responses to them with you.



Valerie at Beltsville Day

One of the questions centered around reupholstery. "Do you reupholster and is it worth doing?" Yes, Will's Home Decorating has been reupholstering furniture for over twenty years. If you want to give your room a facelift, a fresh, new fabric from Kravet, Robert Allen, or Duralee will reinvigorate your sofa and chairs. New foam and tightening the springs will make your piece even better than before. Complete the transformation of your room with updated window treatments by selecting a coordinating fabric for draperies or a beautiful valance.

Another question was, "What is a good neutral paint color?" My personal favorite is Benjamin Moore's Collectors Item AF-45. In fact, I have it in my own home. It creates an open, yet inviting warmth in the room. The full line of Benjamin Moore Paints is right here at Will's Home Decorating, including the latest in environmentally friendly green paints.

Someone else asked, "Is anyone using wallpaper today?" Absolutely!!! Wallpaper is now more stylish than ever. You will find hot, new designs and textures by Candice Olson, Kathy Ireland, and Anna French. There were a couple of flooring questions concerning what one's options are for replacing twenty year old carpet. Will's Home Decorating has a huge selection of quality carpet, wood, laminate, bamboo, vinyl and ceramic tile.

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July 30-UP

August 6- Diary of A Wimpy Kid

August 13-The Tale of Despereaux

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Prince George's Summer Teen Theater Presents Footloose

Footloose, Footloose...Kick off your Sunday shoes! So begins the classic 80's hit Footloose. Footloose is a show that makes you want to get out of your seat and dance. Based on the 1984 hit film that captured the hearts of America, FOOTLOOSE was freshly reinvented as a successful Broadway musical in 1998, with music by Tom Snow, Kenny Loggins (and others), lyrics by Dean Pitchford, and book by Pitchford and Walter Bobbie. The show ran for more than two years on Broadway.

This summer, teens from all over Prince George's County have come together to present Footloose the musical. The show begins with Ren McCormack, an ordinary street kid from Chicago, who is forced to move with his mother to Beumont, a small, puritanical, Texas town, after his father abandons the family. To Ren's shock, dancing and rock 'n' roll are forbidden - an edict placed upon the community by Reverend Shaw Moore, following a horrifying car accident involving four teens returning home from a dance. The Reverend's daughter Ariel rebels against her father and his stern practices. It doesn't take Ren long to shake up the status quo and

soon the students are on their feet sending the town into a frenzy. Musical hits include: "Let's Hear It For The Boy," "Holdin' Out For A Hero," "Almost Paradise," "The Girl Gets Around" and the rousing title song "Footloose."

On the surface, Footloose is a flashy, well choreographed, rock and roll fueled good time. But if you dig below the surface just a little you will find a story about the importance of building bridges between people and strengthening the relationships between parents and their kids. It's a light-hearted musical with real heart and soul. The growth of both Ren and Shaw is what really drives the story. It is a wonderful show that teaches both parents and kids that neither is always right.

The Prince George's Summer Teen Theatre is proud to have a large talented cast that includes actors and back stage personnel from all over Prince George's County and beyond. We have people from Glen Dale, Bowie, Greenbelt, Lanham, Laurel, Upper Marlboro, Springdale, Damascus, Adelphi, College Park, Cheverly, Silver Spring, Mitchellville, and, of course, Beltsville.

The production this year will return to High Point High School, where the company has performed for the majority of its 43 years. Show dates for Footloose are July 17, 24, 31 at 8:00 p.m. and July 18, 25, and August 1 at 2:00 p.m. Prices are \$15.00 for adults and \$12.00 for children 12 and under or seniors 62+. High Point High School is located at 3601 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD 20705. You can purchase tickets online or find out more information about the Prince George's Summer Teen Theatre at www.pgstt.org.

Beltsville Day

By Peter Doan, President, Beltsville Recreation Council

Thank you for your support and participation on Beltsville Day on June 6. We are sorry that most of you had to leave because of the heavy rain. We also appreciate the faithful (performers, vendors, families) who remained and took refuge in the gym, patiently waiting for their turn to perform and to get wet in those soggy moon bounces and sliding structures.

Please join us to celebrate summer with free jazz concerts, Jazz Under the Stars, at the Beltsville Community Center from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on the following nights:

July 17, James King Quartet, recommended for their versatility and authenticity in playing all styles of music.

August 7, Cheek-to-Cheek - Trans-generational jazz band.

August 21, Ndelible - Jazz and R&B for adults and young people.

These are outdoor events. Bring a picnic basket, lawn chairs, and relax to the summer sounds of music.

We thank the Park & Planning Commission and their staff, volunteers, sponsors, vendors, performers, community groups and patrons for their continuous support. The Beltsville Recreation Council is committed to providing quality activities and entertainment throughout the year for the whole Beltsville community. Send us your comments/suggestions and idea of what you want to see in future events. We are looking for volunteers to join. Contact Peter Doan, President of the Beltsville Recreation Council, at PVD@doan.co.pg.md.us.

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write an original First In Math Rap with encouragement from Ms. Baum, a 6th grade teacher and Mrs. Waibel, the Math Resource Teacher. First In Math liked that video so much they uploaded it on their website. The members of the FIM Rappers are Samuel Asir, Isaiah Brown, Joel Martinez, Shai Stokes, Dayton Findlay, Ahmon Holiday, Pierre Germain, Santos Martinez, and Jacari Ramsey.

Calverton's 21 Top Players in Maryland helped us stay competitive. Victor Okonmah outplayed everyone in the school, including the teachers who competed!

Top 100 Players in Maryland in First In Math

Grade	Name	Points	MD Rank
6	Victor Okonmah	17,225	6
5	Allan Naing	15,980	9
5	Richard Francis	15,898	10
5	Ivan Canales	11,839	24
5	Sam Settles	11,814	25
5	Joel Annan	11,704	27
5	Nicholas O'Connor	10,877	31
5	Zaid Whitney-Wiles	9,745	44
6	Godsee Joy	9,538	48
6	Akhita-Maat Page	9,246	55
6	Elisha Etta	9,103	59
5	Caleb John	9,095	60
6	Vitus Agbenoo	9,082	61
5	Chiemeziem Oguayo	9,041	63
5	Jenny Bo	9,036	64
6	Marquette Smith	9,034	65
5	Ruthann Richards	8,975	68
3	Ramez Antar	8,756	75
4	Kweku Arthur	8,737	78
4	Amaka Emerson	8,698	80
5	Nana Agyemang	8,233	94

Neighbors in the News

Girl Scouts Earn Silver Award

Girl Scouts Rachael Sowers, Sara Mast, and Rebecca Gurwah of Troop 4129 recently earned their Silver Award. This award is the highest award earned by Cadette Girl Scouts and requires completing the Silver Leadership, Silver Career, and 4B's Challenge awards prior to carrying out a 40-hour service project. The three girls painted a United States map and refurbished 4-square games on the Beltsville Academy's playground. The girls are all former students of Beltsville and have fond memories of the school. They enjoyed being on the geography team and using the old faded US map and playing 4 square. This project would be an educational tool for teachers, provide the opportunity for interactive activities during recess,



brighten up the playground, and could inspire a student interest to reactivate the school's Geography Club. The project required planning, organization, and a lot of hard work. Congratulations!

Mah Jongg is Fierce at Riderwood

Public Registration for August 12th Tournament Now Underway

Riderwood residents (pictured) play fierce Mah Jongg each day. The retirement community is now accepting public registrations for its annual Mah Jongg Tournament, which will be held August 12th, from 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Montgomery Station Performance Hall, 3140 Gracefield Road, Silver Spring, MD. The resident-run tournament, which is

now in its third year, is expected to attract nearly 100 players regionwide from locales such as Northern Virginia, Silver Spring, Annapolis, Bethesda, Rockville, Laurel, Beltsville, Baltimore City, Crofton, Bowie, and others. Cash awards will be given to winners of the tournament, with a First Place prize of \$300, a Second Place prize of \$150 and a Third Place prize of

\$75. There will be four rounds of play in the tournament, which will be officiated in accordance with National Mah Jongg League, Inc., rules. Registration, which is \$30 per person, can be made via a mailed check made payable to Milly Spector, c/o 3148 Gracefield Road (T25), Silver Spring, MD 20904. Deadline for making registrations is August 4th.

Kathleen Rodeffer Receives Corwin Taylor Music Education Leadership Award

The Maryland Music Educators' Association awarded Katherine Rodeffer with the Corwin Taylor Music Education Leadership Award on April 17, 2010. The award is given to a person who has made significant contributions to music education in the state of Maryland.

Ms. Rodeffer, a long-time Beltsville resident and a product of the Prince George's County Public schools, has held the position of Instrumental Music Supervisor for PGCPs for over 10 years. Her many contributions to the school district include increasing accessibility to at-risk students through a program that provides instruments for lower income students, creating training for the instrumental music staff, and organizing more performance opportunities for students.

"Kathy is an outstanding supervisor because she is a committed and passionate teacher. She is constantly looking for ways to help teachers continue to provide



Kathy Rodeffer, left, received the Corwin Taylor Music Education Leadership Award at the Maryland Music Educators' Association awards luncheon on April 17, 2010

instrumental music instruction that is exceptional. Kathy finds ways to add enrichment opportunities for students and teachers, and empowers her staff to share instructional ideas, techniques and best prac-

tices. Prince George's County is very proud of her service to students and teachers for more than 30 years," said Anita Lambert, PGCPs Coordinating Supervisor, Creative Arts Programs.

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Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

By Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-21)

What does President Obama's health plan mean to you? Join us July 21 and find out!

Everyone wants to know: what does it mean for me and my family? That's why Delegates Barbara Frush, Joseline Peña-Melnik, Ben Barnes and I asked Maryland health secretary John Colmers to come to Beltsville July 21 for our monthly business breakfast to explain what the new federal law means for small businesses. That's the focus, but everyone is welcome. It's at the Cross Creek clubhouse. To RSVP or get information, email 21stdistrict-delegation@gmail.com or call 301.858.3141.

Or go to <http://www.linkedin.com/groupInvitation?groupID=2596370>

Walking and talking in Beltsville

The last few weeks, I've been out in Beltsville knocking on doors, asking folks what their concerns are and how the Delegates and I can help. Understandably, there are far too many people who have lost their jobs in the Great Recession. Most people are sur-



Senator Jim Rosapepe

viving because they still have jobs or have decent retirement incomes. But if you think the recession is over, just talk with some of your neighbors. It may be over on Wall Street, but it's not over in Beltsville.

That's why the Delegates and I have fought hard to hold down college tuitions (so young people can stay in school), reregulate electric rates, and make sure property owners can get their taxes reduced to reflect the lower values of their homes.

I also heard from neighbors who fear crime and speeders on

their streets. I saw too many drivers racing on local streets, endangering children (and me!) who walk there. I shared these concerns with the police. And, as you may know, the Delegates and I helped pass the law allowing the county to put up speed cameras near local schools. Councilman Dernoga strongly supports them and I hope some will go up in coming months.

If I didn't get a chance to meet you, please feel free to call or email if you have concerns.

Rained out at Beltsville Day

What a storm! From noon til 2:00 p.m. it was great. The Delegates and I got to chat with many friends, old and new. But then the thunderstorm hit. It passed in a few minutes but what a shame. So many community groups and neighbors had come out to share their talents and their passions. See you next year!

How can we help you?

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

Scouts Erect a Monkey Bridge

By Gary Baughan, Scoutmaster, Troop 1033

The Troop made an appearance at the annual Beltsville Day on June 6th. Using their pioneering and engineering skills of lashing and knot tying, they constructed a Monkey Bridge made entirely of logs and rope. The scouts involved in building the bridge included SPL Adrian Villarroel, ASM David Timus II, Eagle Scout Sean Halper, Chaim Johnson, Al Digane and Chris Walker. The adult leaders for the building project included Assistant Scoutmasters Paul Villarroel, Committee Chair David Timus and Scoutmaster Gary Baughan. Throughout the day, children tested their balance crossing the Monkey Bridge, even a 3 year old made it across safely. The scouts enjoyed showing off



Brave boy crosses the Monkey Bridge.

their skills and inviting boys to join in the fun of Boy Scouting during our 100th Anniversary of Scouting.

Beltsville Resident James Mitman Graduates from Boston College

James Mitman, son of Floyd and Debbie Mitman of Beltsville, was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Business with a concentration in Marketing and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology at the 134th Commencement of Boston College on May 24. Approximately 3,000 graduates received degrees.

The 2010 Commencement speaker was Jeffrey Immelt, whose tenure as CEO and chairman of General Electric has earned accolades from the international business community. Immelt received an honorary Doctor of Business Administration degree at the ceremonies.

The Rev. William P. Leahy,

SJ, 25th president of Boston College, presented the degrees to the graduates. James is a graduate of Gonzaga College High School in Washington, DC. While at Boston College, he was a member of the Carroll School of Management Marketing Academy, the Irish Society, the Art Club, and the German Club.

Neighbors in the News

Michael Clifford, 79th Eagle Scout of Troop 1033

Michael Clifford of Boy Scout Troop 1033 celebrated his Eagle Court of Honor at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church on May 22, 2010. The ceremony was led by an Eagle Scout of Troop 1033, Eddie Mellott, who served as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Gary Stewart, father of three Eagle Scouts of Troop 1033, led the Trail to Eagle Ceremony. Another Eagle Scout from Troop 1033, Billy Wauschek, delivered the Eagle Charge and Promise, the ceremonious officiating of the Eagle Scout award. Nancy Clifford, Michael's mother, and Scoutmaster Gary Baughan presented Michael with the Eagle Medal, Certificate, and Badge.



Recognition letters were received from many dignitaries across the country, including President Barack Obama, Prince George's County Council Chair Thomas Dernoga, House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, and Governor Martin O'Malley.

Michael joined Boy Scout Troop 1033 in 2004 when he was 12 years old. He instantly fell in love with the scouting experience. He participated in many fun trips, like summer camp at Rodney Scout Reservation, and inner tubing down Antietam Creek. He served in numerous leadership positions, including Troop Historian, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, and a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, which he currently holds. For his Eagle

Scout Project, Michael developed a clothing drive for the homeless of Washington D.C. Michael ran a collection table at the United Methodist Church in Beltsville during its church services, while leaving a collection bin at the church during the week. Michael collected over 150 coats, 70 miscellaneous items, like gloves, scarves, and hats, and \$192 in donations. The clothes and donations were given to the United Methodist Church's Homeless Ministry, who distributed the clothing to the homeless and was in charge of utilizing the donated money to be used for distribution costs and the purchasing of other items.

Michael is a recent graduate of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Science and Technology Program where he endured a four-year regimen of AP classes and AFJROTC, while being a captain of the Varsity Swim Team. Michael will be attending Towson University and majoring in nursing.

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like San Francisco, Philadelphia and Boston. These various activities celebrate the history and tra-

dition of the United States and it pulls us all together.

The volunteer staff of the Beltsville News wishes all readers a very happy July 4th holiday.



Mrs. Mallick's kindergarten class made Donuts for Dads on June 8th at Calverton Elementary School to honor our Dads. We had sons/daughters in our class take their Dads and/or Granddads for a special presentation and donut eating time in celebration of fatherhood. Students cut out donuts, sprinkles and their handprint, glued everything together and added a special poem, "Here's a donut to say. Keep your eyes on the donut and me as I grow. My hands won't be getting smaller but you'll always know how big they were this very day, I added my handprint on your donut to stay."

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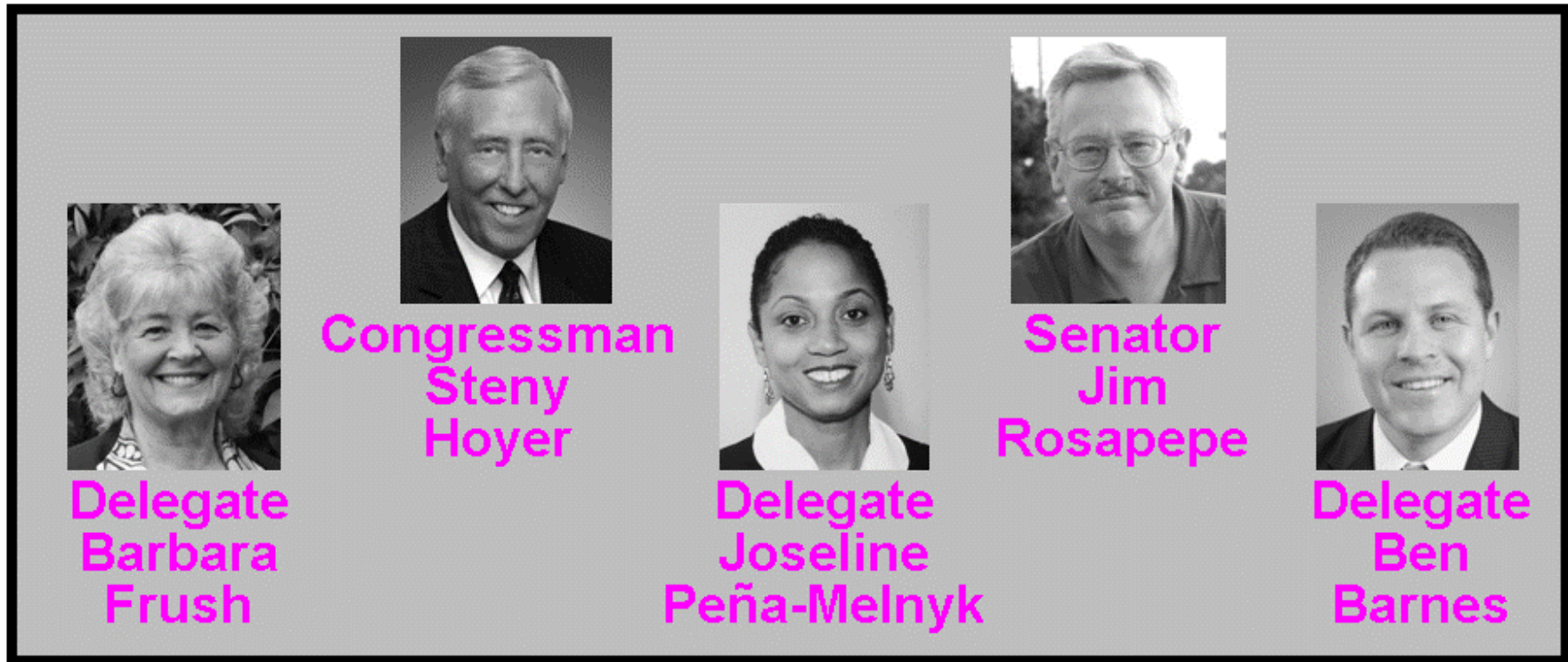
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Neighbors in the News

Beltsville U-9 Boys Soccer Team wins Championship

Front row (from left) Roberto Villanueva, Jesus Escobar, Christopher Garcia, Mauricio Sorto and Andre Hernandez; Back row (from left) Malachi Reyes, Roberto Hernandez, Ikenna Ajene and Anthony Fuqua. Standing in back, Coach Bill Alfaro



Under the watchful eye of Coach Bill Alfaro, the Beltsville U-9 'Amazing Blues' Boys soccer team had a remarkable season that saw them go undefeated during

the regular season. Recently, they capped off their winning season by capturing the championship for their age division. The boys showed passion and desire this

season, as they stuck together to compile 40 goals, while allowing only 6 goals. Congratulations and good luck in defending your championship next year.

Obituaries

Mersdorf, Robert F.

Robert F. Mersdorf passed away on Saturday, May 29, 2010 at his residence in Riderwood Village. Beloved husband of the late Joanne Mersdorf; loving father of Christie Kirby, Bob (Lisa) Mersdorf, Peggy (Chuck) Bryant and Kathy Mersdorf; brother of Mary Lachat and Doris Cox; grandfather of Rob, Cari, Keli, Sherrie, Rita, Ray and Alex. Also survived by seven great-grandchildren. His sister, Shirley Herring and a grandson Loren predeceased him. Memorial service was held at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 3799 East West Highway, Hyattsville, MD on Sunday, June 6 at 3:00 p.m. and another is scheduled at Ft. Myer Chapel, Fort Myer, VA on Friday August 20 at 3:00 p.m. Inurnment Arlington National Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Capital Hospice, Attn: Philanthropy Office, 2900 Telestar Court, Falls Church, VA 22042 www.capitalhospice.org or Lustgarten Foundation, 1111 Stewart Ave., Bethpage, NY 11714. www.lustgarten.org. Arrangements made by Borgwardt Funeral Home, www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com.

Rische, Lois Cowan

Lois Cowan Rische was born on the 8th of June 1930 to Eunice Marie Boteler and Thomas Jackson in Takoma Park, Maryland. Because of Mr. Jackson's ingenuity and creativity, Lois never knew the hardships so common to others during that time. She grew into a fine young lady and attended the University of Maryland where she met her future husband, Mr. Thomas Cowan,



Lois Cowan Rische

a medical student. Dr. and Mrs. Cowan resided in Maryland, Ohio and finally settled in Texas. After her husband's death in 1962, Lois practiced orthoptics in Galveston and Houston. She met and married one of her patients, the dashing Colonel Allen Rische, originally from San Antonio and Dallas, who became her constant companion until his death in 1993 of Alzheimer's. Lois penned the humorous side of living with the disease, in a loving tribute to Mr. Rische, in her book *The Mariachis Are Gone*. Lois occupied her time volunteering at Palmer Episcopal's outreach programs and the Houston SPCA. She loved the Texas Hill Country and had recently made it a summertime tradition to vacation in Hunt, Texas with her two daughters Fontaine and Susan, along with her two granddaughters Colette and Shannon. Mrs. Rische is survived by son Michael Cowan of Pearland, daughter Fontaine Clendaniel, daughter Susan Cowan of Philadelphia; grandchildren Shannon and Holden Cowan of

Pearland, Colette and Colin Clendaniel of El Lago, and Benjamin Thomas Cowan of Philadelphia; sisters Helen Stoltz of Takoma Park, Maryland and Edie Fafard of Beltsville, Maryland; as well as a host of lifelong friends and neighbors. The interment service was held at nine o'clock in the morning on Monday, the 19th of April, at Houston National Cemetery, 10410 Veterans Memorial Drive in Houston. The memorial service followed at eleven o'clock in the morning at Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church, 6221 Main Street in Houston, where the Rev. James W. Nutter, Rector, officiated.

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A graduate of Howard University, Rushern Baker is a community attorney and runs a local non-profit which trains teachers. As a Democratic Maryland Delegate, he fought for smaller class sizes, against corporate tax loopholes, and for tougher gun control laws to crack down on crime. In 2008, he helped lead the local campaign to elect President Obama.

As county executive, Rushern will work for Beltsville with local community groups, PTA's and citizens, as well as Senator Rosapepe, Delegates Barbara Frush, Joseline Peña-Melnyk, and Ben Barnes. To learn more about why so many Beltsville residents are supporting Rushern, go to www.rushernbaker.com.

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District 1 Digest

District 1 Team Site Visits

By Councilman Tom Dernoga

You may notice a beige-colored Chevy roaming about in your neighborhood; that's my Constituent Services Aide, Laura Polk (the new Alex) out in the community conducting site visits and checking for property standard violations.

As you know, summer is here, which means time to break out the lawnmower and other yard maintenance tools. Many of you may live near a vacant and/or foreclosed property, and will certainly begin to notice it if the property is not maintained. We all know the signs: high grass, untrimmed bushes and shrubs, weeds thriving in the flowerbeds, etc. Regardless of who owns a piece of real estate, maintenance is regularly required on the property, whether vacant, foreclosed, or otherwise. Property maintenance is

generally the responsibility of the bank or financial institution that followed through with the foreclosure of a home. If a residence in your neighborhood is not being properly maintained, or you would like to schedule a site visit in your neighborhood about a property standard violation or any other reason, don't hesitate to call our office at 301.952.3887.

Ever wish the County Council would come to you? This summer, we're doing just that! The District 1 team will hold mobile office hours at local supermarkets throughout the community—just look for my smiling, enthusiastic staff members in their green "Tom Dernoga" shirts. Stop by with any questions, comments, or just come on over and say hello! More details on mobile office hours and locations will be forthcoming.



The Beltsville Young at Heart Club recently named Doris Wray, "Queen for a Day."

Club News



(From left) Karl Norris, Alex Hirtle, and Rick Salamy.

Beltsville Rotary Plans Charity Golf Tournament

By Ivy Christoffers

The past few weeks have been fairly quiet or should I say a little less noisy than usual? We have the good fortune to have Joyce Malin back with us after a hip replacement and a difficult recovery. Welcome back, Joyce. Then we received the news that our Treasurer, John Tvelia, was rushed into the hospital two days after returning from his family vacation. Following an unexpected quadruple bypass, John is now at home and, as he says, "driving his wife crazy." Although he won't admit it to her, he is blessed with a loving and tolerant wife. Hurry back, John. It is too quiet here without you.

We have had a couple of unusual speaker forums this past month. David Fitzgerald held an open forum discussion on the "oil situation" which brought out a lot of controversy. The reason for the problems are: the subsequent failures to remedy the spillage into the Gulf of Mexico that is devastating our eco-system, the loss of income for thousands of families and the

long term effects of this tragedy on our earth, our water, our sea life, and our existence as we know it to be. And there is the potential for an effect on our weather because of the added warmth caused by the oil on the water. This proved to be a very interesting discussion. Thanks, David.

Another discussion was headed by Karl Norris, who brought us "What Is Your Opinion?" Karl had two topics in mind when he brought this up. First was the format of our meetings and second was the hospital system in Prince George's County, a topic we heard about recently from Alex Hirtle. After the discussion on the meeting format, there was no time to explore the second topic. The consensus was that we keep the format the same as it has been with the hopes that more of the members would become involved with the week to week running of the meetings.

Prince George's County Council member and assistant to Tom

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Club News

Women's Community Club of Beltsville

By Mae Whitehead, President

The Women's Community Club of Beltsville (WCCB) is on summer break until September. We extend a warm welcome to new residents of the community. The club is pleased to announce the newly elected president, Ellen Chabot, and congratulate her in this new role. Stay tuned to future editions of the Beltsville News for information about the WCCB 2010-2011 membership year that

also begins in September. Have a great summer everyone!

The WCCB is a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization. Our activities are open to all in the Community. Your participation is welcomed. Canned food donations are accepted toward our food assistance projects.

For more information about WCCB please visit us on the Internet: www.beltsvillerec.org.

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Unit #217 Honors our Youth and our Heroes

By Ivy Christoffers

This past month several students were recognized for their participation in our Americanism Essay Contest with the winners from two area schools receiving certificates and cash awards for their efforts. In Group I (3rd and 4th grades) the winner was Ryan Bishop of Holy Redeemer School. In Group II (5th and 6th grades) the first place winner and also first place in the entire Southern Maryland District was won by Tyler Pirovic of Holy Redeemer School and second place went to Charles O. Lorenzo, also of Holy Redeemer School. In Group III (7th and 8th grades) there were several winners. First place was won by Mayra Espinoza of Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School. There was a three-way tie for second place between Annalena Pirovic of Holy Redeemer, Genesis Baez and Abunaser Khalidi of Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School. Third place was another tie between Amy Bangura and Chris Oriolo of Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School. We thank these students and their teachers for their participation in this important essay that keeps Patriotism and Americanism alive in our schools.

Our Girl's State Citizens will have been to Salisbury and back by the time you read this article. They register on Sunday, June 20th at 9:30 a.m. at Salisbury University, are assigned to their rooms and their consoler and will be kept busy for the entire week learning about city, county and state government as well as campaigning and running for office themselves. It is a very well organized and well-run week of learning and fun for our young ladies. Representing College Park Unit # 217 are four girls from High Point and four girls from Northwestern High Schools. They are, Stefanie Choh, Nile Brianne Cone, Cindy Herrera-Palma, Waalande Lintiso, Madeline Melissa Najera, Stephanie A. Ramos, Alexis Chanel Saunders and Ariana Karina Seminario. We wish you well as you embark upon this adventure.

This is the time of the year when we begin celebrating our Patriotic Holidays and Memorial



Patrick Cavanagh, Jr. performing "Taps" at the College Park Post # 217 American Legion and Auxiliary Memorial Day ceremonies held at The Veteran's Memorial located at Rt. 1 and Greenbelt Road in College Park on May 31st.

Day was one that will go down in the annals of our Unit history as a beautiful event. Organized by Chairman Doris Davis and her able committee members of The Veteran's Memorial Improvement Committee, and MC'd by Past Commander of Post # 217, Tom Davis, it was sure to excel. The opening and closing prayers were given by Unit Chaplain, Mary Keller, Post # 217 Color Guard advanced and retired the colors, the National Anthem was sung by Christopher Fominaya, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Andrew Fellows. Mayor Fellows gave remarks and the keynote speaker was Eric Olson, P.G. Co. Council member from District 3. The College Park Youth Choir sang musical selections under the direction

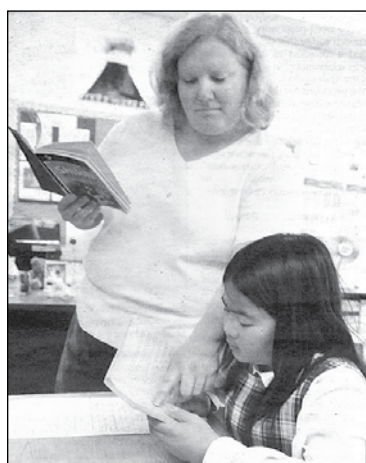
of Christopher Fominaya, who all received small American Flags that they waved proudly in the breeze. Doris Davis made presentations - a signed print of the memorial was presented to Eric Olson, and double flag lapel pins to Christopher and Patrick Cavanagh, Jr. the young bugler whose rendition of "Taps" was inspired. The placing of the wreaths was done by several of the participants, including Miss College Park. After the conclusion of the program everyone was invited back to the American Legion hall for lunch. There were many dignitaries in attendance who mingled and spoke with the audience, Jim Rosapepe and his wife, Tom Dernoga, Ben Barnes, several past mayors of College Park, many council members and many of our active military as well as our veterans. This program continues to grow each year to the delight of The American Legion and Auxiliary of College Park, the City of College Park and The North College Park Citizens Organization.

It is time soon to install our new leaders for the next administrative year and to take off for the Department Convention being held in Ocean City from July 13 through 16, 2010. We look forward to some time in the sun and the surf. Let us pray the oil will not have reached our shores by then. Keep our Troops in your prayers and let us also pray for God's continued blessing of America.

School News

Mary Margaret O'Brien is Teacher of the Year at St. Joseph's

Congratulations to Ms. Mary Margaret (Meg) O'Brien, our 2009/2010 St. Joseph's Catholic School teacher of the year. In recognition of outstanding service as a teacher, we award Ms. O'Brien with the "Teacher of the Year" prize for St. Joseph's Catholic School. Ms. O'Brien has exhibited patience, kindness, and genuine concern for each of her students and has guided each of her classes well in their pursuit of academic excellence. Ms. O'Brien's



approach to the Christian formation of her students is reminiscent of Saint John Bosco's "Preventive Method" of discipline and moral education. Ms. O'Brien is an integral member of the St. Joseph's Catholic School community and is an altogether reliable colleague to her fellow teachers. The entire school community honors Ms. O'Brien's service to St. Joseph's School and looks forward to many more years of dedicated teaching.

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Challenge Day at Duckworth School

By Ivy Christoffers

I just knew it was going to be a great day when I awoke that morning. The sun was shining, a light breeze was blowing and I was going to Duckworth School to attend their "Challenge Day," a tradition that goes back to May 1994. Duckworth School has received many awards for this program including "The Outstanding School Of The Year Award" from Special Olympics of Maryland for its leadership and contributions to the Motor Activities and Training Program.

In 1996 Special Olympics International filmed Duckworth's Challenge Day and the film is used world-wide as a training film for the Motor Activities Training Program and a subsequent video made during the 2004-2005 school year is used as a world-wide model for training Special Olympic coaches. We are fortunate to have a school of this caliber in Beltsville.

The goal of Challenge Day is to have students with severe or multiple disabilities demonstrate their "personal best" in a motor activity for which they have trained for at least eight (8) weeks. 100% of the 90 Duckworth students ranging from 5 to 21 years of age participate in Challenge Day.

Now that you have some of the background, let us visit the day itself. May 21, 2010. As I arrived at the school, I was met by a gentleman who wore a big smile and after informing me, in jest, that the members of the press were banned from the grounds during this event, he directed me to a shaded parking area and then to the registration table where I met several of the staff and volunteers. I was impressed with the state of the grounds that had been landscaped by the Brinkman Group who had worked diligently for the past two months to

ready them for Challenge Day. The sound of music brought me farther toward the large white tent set up for the opening exercises. The Buck Lodge Middle School Marching Band was providing music for the day. Soon it was time to begin. The parade of athletes, along with their personal peer coaches, was a sight to behold. They all wore big smiles in anticipation of their coming challenges. Principal Sabatos welcomed everyone, Greenbelt Police Officers Laurer, Washington and Rogers served as Color Guard, advancing the American Flag, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by student Tsengo Yampo Wuno and the National Anthem was sung by staff member Inez Hernandez and signed by Valerie Bleau. It was now time to introduce the guests, of which there were many, including Senator Pinsky, Councilman Tom Dernoga, Dr. Hite, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Wanda Williams, Area Director of Prince George's County Public Schools, Scott Geist, Dave Gill and Sue Holland of The Special Olympics of Maryland, Assistant Police Chief Steve Watkins, who served as Duckworth's honorary head coach and has for the past 10 years. Many of the guests brought their personal congratulations to Duckworth for the great work they do for our special children and a check in the amount of \$10,000 was presented to Principal Sabatos by Leisa Wolfe on behalf of Archstone. This donation will be used to provide a sunshade to protect the many sun sensitive children from the sun's harmful rays and a portion will be used for the school assemblies.

Principal Sabatos expressed the gratitude of Duckworth School to the many sponsors and supporters of the school by presenting them with beautiful plaques. The stu-

dent peers and personal coaches who come each week from Beltway Academy, John Nivens Andrews School and Concordia Lutheran School to work with their assigned athletes, spoke of their gratitude to Duckworth for this great experience which has been afforded them by this program. Jay Bass and Eric Luxnor brought messages from Special Olympics and it was now time to "Light the Olympic Torch" which was a most impressive event. Head Coach Steve Watkins then announced that it was time for the main event to begin and the Official Start of the Games began.

Students participated in the fields of javelin, surfing, discus, shot put, basketball, hurdles relay, biathlon (biking and basketball), biathlon (roller skating and basketball) and dance. Each student, along with their personal coach, made their way to the assigned areas for their events and happily awaited their opportunity to turn in their most impressive "personal best" for which each received an official Special Olympics medal which, although the medals were large and shining, were outshone by the brilliant smiles of satisfaction and pride displayed on the faces of the athletes and their families along with the coaches whose cheers spurred the athletes on to greatness.

After the sporting events were concluded, lunch was served in the gym and the "Oriole Bird" made everyone welcome and posed for many pictures with children and their parents. Entertainment during the day was provided by the Police motorcycle and car demonstrations, crafts, Fire truck and ambulance demonstrations, Police horse, McGruff the Safety Dog, hand and face painting, the Oriole Bird and the Buck Lodge Middle School Marching Band.

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operators will leverage public and private sector finances to develop a range of inpatient and outpatient services to serve the Prince George's County Region. This is a very important issue that had everyone's attention.

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Dernoga, Alex Hirtle, spoke to the club about the immediate plans to address the problems in the Prince George's County's Healthcare System. It is threefold. First - to reposition the County's overall goal to develop and implement a cost containment plan to reduce operating losses. Second - to provide an interim transfer of assets to the new ownership with the overall goal that would be consistent with legislative mandates. To transfer ownership and control of the County's Healthcare System's assets to the current operator, Dimensions. And third - a long term implementation of the strategic plan for new community base and inpatient capacity with the overall goal in conjunction with the permanent transfer of assets. New Healthcare facilities

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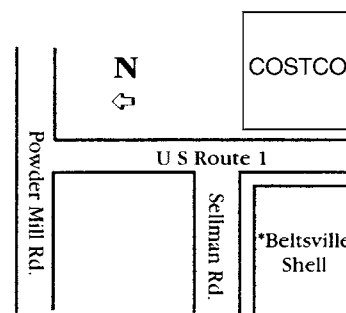


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School News

Calverton News

Field Day was held on June 1. Physical education teachers, Mrs. Shyran Albert and Mr. Aaron Hankey, organized the event. Each class was divided into three teams, so students wore red, blue or gold clothing to represent their team colors. There were 14 events including the ice cream cone relay, the 50-yard dash, the water relay, the soccer relay, water balloon toss, a tug of war, and more. In the morning grades three through six participated and the younger grades came in the afternoon. Specialists, paraprofessionals and volunteer parents ran the games. The weather cooperated and everyone had a wonderful time.

On June 7, the music department presented a program entitled "Around the World in 40 Minutes." Mrs. Gabrielle Reed and Mr. Rodney Lewis directed the students in various songs that represented different countries. Second and third graders sang, "When I Sing" (USA), "Shake the Papaya Down" (Jamaica), and "O'Desayo" (Angola). Fourth grade sang, "American Every Day" (USA), "Comedy Tonight" (USA) and "Korobushka" (Russia). Fifth grade sang a song from Lebanon, "Ha Lalala Laya." The final song was a rousing rendition of the Latin American favorite, "Oye Como Va." Everyone sang the National Anthem.

Sixth grade students were promoted on June 9 and

had a picnic on June 10. Fifth graders were promoted on June 14 and had their picnic on June 15. This was the last year for sixth grade at Calverton. On June 15, Mrs. Tschudy was honored because she is retiring. On June 16, grades first, second, third and fourth had their awards assembly, as well as fifth and sixth graders who won medals and certificates for First in Math.

Kindergarten classes had promotion ceremonies in their rooms. Mrs. Freeman's students got three certificates at their ceremony: one for having a winning Write-A-Book in the county (Consonant Capers), one for a second book they wrote (We are the Colors of the World), plus a promotion certificate. They presented a little puppet show and sang their favorite songs, including, "Pizza Pizza Daddy-O." The ceremony was followed by ice cream sundaes.

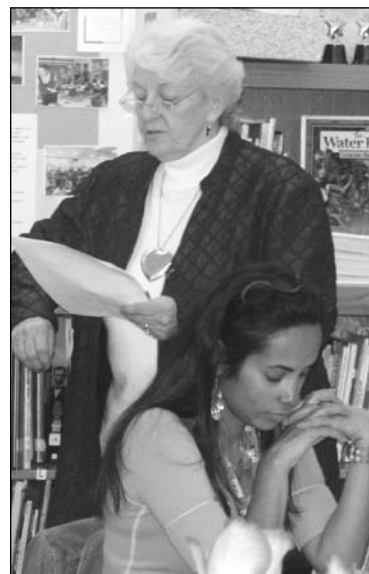
Calverton was a top 10 school in First in Math. The Prince George's County Mathematics Department held a recognition ceremony for grades 3-6 on Tuesday, June 15 at the Bowie Comfort Inn. Math specialist Gail Waibel stresses that First in Math is an excellent way for students to keep their math skills sharp or master facts that they still need to use. All students in grades 2-6 can continue to use First in Math through July 31. Mrs. Waibel had math facts picnics for all of the students who passed all of their math facts tests.

Mrs. Tschudy Retires as Principal of Calverton Elementary

By Rebecca Cavallo

Calverton's longtime principal, Mrs. Mary Tschudy, recently announced her retirement after 40 years in the Prince George's County School system and over 48 years as an educator. In her eleven years as principal, she put her heart and soul into making Calverton a wonderful school. Under Mrs. Tschudy's tenure, standardized test scores have improved, the school has a computer lab and computers in every classroom, a myriad of special learning programs were put in place, and Calverton was designated a Community of Caring School and most recently was certified as a Green School.

To show their love and appre-



Calverton principal, Mrs. Mary Tschudy, is retiring after serving eleven years at the school.

ciation of Mrs. Tschudy, several special events were planned for the end of the school year. On Tuesday, June 15, two special assemblies were held to honor her. Students from age 4 to sixth grade read letters and poems, performed songs and garnered her with flowers and gifts. Sixth grader Jacari Ramsey did an excellent job as the emcee. Pre-school students wished Mrs. Tschudy well by holding up a huge sign, then each child presented her with a flower. Kindergartners presented a touching acrostic poem. First grade sang a special version of "You are my sunshine," second graders read heartfelt, "Mrs. Tschudy is Wonderful" poems, and fourth grade sang a lively song called, "Mary Tschudy" sung to the tune of "La Cucaracha." Fifth grade gave emotional presentations by selected students, some several pages long. Sixth graders Tatyana

Theranus and Jamlatu Sillah sang the inspirational song "Hero." and as the grand finale, the Calverton "Temptations" danced for Mrs. Tschudy. The dance team members consisted of sixth graders Pierre Germain, Dayton Findlay, Jarari Ramsey, Kris Nelson, Isaiah Brown, Juan Izaguirre, Allie Jenneh, Youssouf Barry, Godfred Sarfo, Marques Kareem, Santos Martinez, and Mohammed Barry.

On Thursday, June 17, a host of family, friends, and co-workers gathered in the Potomac Room at the Sheraton Washington North. Sharon Donnell gave the opening prayer. Jhanna Levin and Rodney Lewis served as the emcees. Levin read a biographical sketch and Lewis read a letter from the superintendent, Dr. William R. Hite, Jr. Dr. Marilyn Moreno from the Area One office spoke, followed by a musical selection performed by teachers Gabrielle Reed, Matthew Hartman, and Lewis. During the dinner, a slide show was presented.

After dinner, there were many testimonials which were organized as follows: "Someone Old" (people who had known Mrs. Tschudy for a long time)—Sylvia Yaffe, Doris Foggie, and Gale Waibel; "Someone New" (someone who has known Mrs. Tschudy for a short time)—Eron Cohen; "Someone Borrowed" (people from the community)—Frank Cockrell from the Calverton Citizens Association and various parents; and "Someone Blue" (people sad that Mrs. Tschudy is retiring)—Larry Wershbaile and Constance Wood. Two former Calverton students, Alexis Lazard and Alex Hendricks,

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School News

Second Grader at Beltsville Academy Stars at Book Signing

Beltsville Academy students read a book published by a fellow student and Beltsville resident, Urenna Okoye, during a book signing at the school on June 9, 2010. Urenna, author of "When I Play Soccer," held her first book signing from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday June 9 at the Beltsville Academy Library. "When I Play Soccer" illustrates how Urenna and her soccer team practiced and played soccer during the Fall 2009 soccer season. The book signing was part of a scholastic book fair project at the school.

As students at Beltsville Academy filed into the library, pride was evident by the bright smiles on their faces. The young author had been invited to a book signing ceremony to sign her published first edition. She wrote the book



Beltsville Academy second grader, Urenna Okoye, autographs her newly published book on June 9, 2010.

when she was seven years old. She is now eight years old and in the second grade at Beltsville Academy.

On the surface it does not appear that playing soccer and writing have a lot in common, but Urenna may disagree. She has

experience with both.

Copies of the book were available for purchase at the book signing. Urenna was very excited as she signed copies and her school principal was very proud. Her Coach, Coach Faulkner of the Beltsville Adelphi Boys and Girls Club, was there to support the event.

Although Urenna wrote her first book when she was six years old, this is her first published writing. She was excited when she sold her first book for \$8.

Twenty-five percent of the proceeds from the book sale will be donated to the school's library. The book is available for purchase on Amazon.com or you may call 301.559.0126 to order a copy.

Emmanuel UMC Vacation Bible School Focuses on Heroes

By Todd Reitzel

Emmanuel United Methodist Church's 2010 Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held the week of July 19-23 and will focus on heroes in the Bible. Emmanuel VBS welcomes children, teenagers, and adults from throughout the community to join us for a week of evenings together. The registration fee will be \$10 per person, but there is a \$40 maximum fee per family and adults bringing children to VBS attend for free. Also, anyone who attends all 5 nights gets their money back.

Children will learn about 5 important heroes in the Bible, and adults will study 8 unnamed Biblical heroes, using the text *Unnamed: Unsuspecting Heroes Singled Out by God*, by Chris Travis. Teenagers will also study what it means to be a hero in God's plan.

Each evening together will



Ginger Butcher instructs a class of students in preparing a science experiment at the 2009 Emmanuel UMC Vacation Bible School.

include dinner at 5:30 p.m. and learning and activities from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Activities will include Bible lessons, crafts, music, and science. Emmanuel VBS is open to ages 4 and above, and nursery is available for younger children if their parents attend VBS.

Registration forms are available on the church website at <http://www.emmanuelumcbeltsville.net/VBS.html>, or contact the church office at 301.937.7114 or eumc-beltsville@earthlink.net. Emmanuel UMC welcomes all members of the community to join in the VBS fun this summer.

Calverton Elementary Becomes a Green School

By Sophia O. Dada and Melyssa Ankoma-Sey (3rd graders at Calverton Elementary)

Over the past two years, Ms. Swanson and the Save the World group have been working hard to get Calverton to go green and become a Green School. On Friday, June 4, 2010, Save the World went on a field trip to Sandy Point State Park to receive a flag for Calverton becoming a Green School. It will be flying at Calverton Elementary School.

Creating a human polar bear was an event at the field trip. At least 1,000 teachers, chaperones, and students wore white, plus people wearing red for 350 (350 ppm of carbon dioxide in



(From left) Katie Swanson, Jasmine Maddy, Carlos Dominguez, Beatriz Marantal, Ila Rajkumar, Victor Okonmah, Irlanda Luz, Laura Espinal, Crystal Boateng, Melyssa Ankoma-Sey, Sophia Dada, Andrea Martinez, Shagun Sharma, Jameela Rogers

the Earth's atmosphere). "It was an honor to represent Calverton Elementary by showing the world how global warming is really

serious," says Jasmine Maddy, a representative. As the 350 stayed

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FAMILY FUN DAYS

Sundays July 18 and August 1, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. These free family nights out are becoming an annual tradition for many. Come explore the grounds of Montpelier and play games, dress up in old-fashioned clothes, take a tour, and more. A nice way to spend a summer evening. **Families are welcome to have a picnic dinner on the grounds, but please**

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BELTSVILLE EVENTS

BELTSVILLE BUSINESS BREAKFAST

Wednesday, July 21, 7:30-9:00 a.m. The Beltsville Business Breakfast, hosted by the 21st District Delegation (Senator Rosapepe and Delegates, Barbara Frush, Joselyn A. Peña-Melnyk and Ben Barnes) will meet at the Cross Creek Golf Clubhouse, Bay Hill Drive (just off Old Gunpowder Road north of Briggs Chaney in Beltsville). The Speaker will be the Honorable John Colson, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Health, who will address, "The Impact of Federal Health on Business." All are welcome. Call 301.858.3142 to register (\$8 includes a Continental Breakfast).

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Create Your Own Bookmark Now through August 16. Design, color and decorate your very own bookmark to keep or display at the library.

Chess Club Tuesday, July 13 and 27 at 5:30 p.m. Chess for all ages and levels. Everyone welcome. Come to learn or just to play with other players and have fun.

Programs for Children and Families

3-5 Year Old Storytime Wednesdays, July 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 10:30 a.m. Songs, stories, and fingerplays.

Reptile World Monday, July 12 at 7:00 p.m. Families welcome.

Maryland Science Center: "Dinosaurs!" Monday, July 19 at 7:00 p.m. Families welcome.

Mike Rose H2 Oh! The Water Magic Show Tuesday, July 27 at 2:00 p.m. Families welcome.

Game On! Play Video Games @ Your Library Monday, July 26 at 6:00 p.m. For families. Participants will have the opportunity to play games on a Nintendo Wii and Xbox 360, including Rock Band II, Mario Kart, Super Smash Bros. Brawl, and the New Super Mario Bros. for the Wii.

Programs for Teens

Make Waves @ Your Library Thursday, July 29 at 2:00 p.m. Participants will have the opportunity to express themselves creatively by decorating cupcakes, candy sushi, and marble magnets, and by making their own manga strips and designing jewelry. All supplies provided.

Game On! Make Waves @ Your Library

Thursdays, July 1, 8, 15, and 22 at 2:00 p.m. Participants will have the opportunity to play games on a Nintendo Wii and Xbox 360, including Rock Band II, Mario Kart, super Smash Bros. Brawl, and the New Super Mario Bros. for the Wii. Ages 11 – 18.

Teen Advisory Board Saturday, July 10 at 2:00 p.m. Bring your ideas and make a difference at your library. Ages 13-18.

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PRINCIPAL

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spoke on behalf of the multitudes of students that Mrs. Tschudy has inspired. The program ended with a vivacious musical performance of "Stop, in the Name of Love" by Sharon Donnell, Gail Gibson and Doris Foggie. Holly Bellows gave the closing prayer.

In the end of her letter to Calverton Elementary families, Mrs. Tschudy closed with these words:

*"I leave with **gratitude** to you, our Calverton families, and to all of those who have made our school a success and who have enriched my life and work in so many ways.*

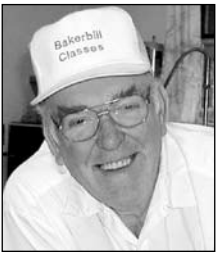
*I leave with **satisfaction** that our work together has sent multitudes of youngsters forward into middle school and into their life's journey having experienced a caring school that supported their best efforts to learn and to grow. I leave with **great confidence** in the continued success of what we*

have built together at Calverton over the past eleven years. All of our effort is testimony to our faith in your children, to the importance of your support and collaboration in their education and to what I believe is our most importance work in today's world. I look back on my career, and most recently on my time at Calverton, knowing that those many years ago, I absolutely made the right choice for my career and vocation."

We will miss Mrs. Tschudy and her nurturing and caring nature, her tireless work in keeping our school on track, and her generosity and good will for all. In the words of the kindergarten poem:

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Baker Bill

STUFF 'N THINGS

I have been scammed again, yeah me! I purchased a counterfeit underarm deodorant. I know it happens to me a lot. But I didn't want to save money. I purchased it in good faith in a well-known supermarket. As you know I cannot name the product or store. When we think of counterfeiting we think of \$50.00 bills. Our government fights counterfeiters every day; they cost us millions. Yes, the company will replace the item, but it costs them millions in loss. At first it was C/D's coming into the U.S. Now it could be anything from corn flakes to bicycles with known brand names and authentic looking packaging. I think the stores need to make sure they buy items that come from the legitimate manufacturer. Not to save a buck. By the way,

the store that I purchased the item from has pulled this entire brand off the shelf.

As you may know I do not blog, or tweeter, or facebook. I tried once but they would only allow 350 words and my items run about 500 words on average. In a way this is a blog. You can answer by e-mailing williamrauln@verizon.net.

I was thinking just yesterday that we are due for another round of things that are bad for us as seen by the press. Remember the Atkins diet with low carbs? Then about four years ago the trans fat scare? It has been about ten or twelve years ago that they wanted to remove all preservatives called nitrites from lunchmeat, saying the preservatives were killing us. They found that removing nitrites

was more harmful than leaving them in. You would not be able to take a bologna sandwich to work without refrigeration. Think about it! OH, the best one of all. About ten years ago a doctor, probably paid by the water people, made a statement that, "All district residents should boil tap water due to poor quality." This started the whole bottled water thing, and it is still going on. WSSC just stated that their tap water is as good in quality as any bottled water and I believe it.

Here is a good summertime recipe for gingerbread that is quick and easy.

Set oven at 360° Measure 1/4-cup molasses then fill with hot water stir and set a side. In a bowl place 1/2-cup sugar, 2 level cups flour (any) 1 heaping table-

spoon shortening, a pinch of (1/2 tsp) salt, 1-teaspoon soda, and a goodly tablespoon ginger. Mix well then slowly add the water mixture and stir well. Pour into a regular 8" baking pan and bake approx. 30 minutes. Check, no wet spots. Cool! Top with frosting or just powdered sugar. Remember to recopy recipe. I needed to mash the shortening into mixture with a spoon. Just made it! It turned out great.

As I tell in my baking class, purchase a thermometer. Older ovens are not accurate. Set the

dial to 400 degrees and check the thermometer and you'll see.

If you have been thinking of signing up for my basic baking class call me at 301.572.4180 after 2:00 p.m. Better still, email me at williamrauln@verizon.net and I will send you all details of the class and costs. Now, this is a hands-on class, not a lecture show and tell. You make a product every class and take it home! Class starts October 11th.

*Thanks for reading.
Bakerbill AKA Bill Raulin*

GREEN

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in place, the people got up and walked away while the photographer snapped photos of the ice caps "melting," leaving behind "350." (See it at <http://www.vimeo.com/12326153>.)

As a speaker came up on stage to congratulate all new Green Schools, Save the World was so excited. On our field trip, we all learned that there is a time to have fun and a time to be serious

because, though playing in the Chesapeake Bay was fun, we had to be serious about our accomplishment.

One of the founders of Save the World, 6th grader Beatriz Marantal, said, "I felt proud about our group that we made it this far from all our hard work," as a response to the question, "How did you feel getting to be a Green School?" At the ceremony, Save the World screamed for joy while holding up a Calverton banner because we became a... GREEN SCHOOL!!



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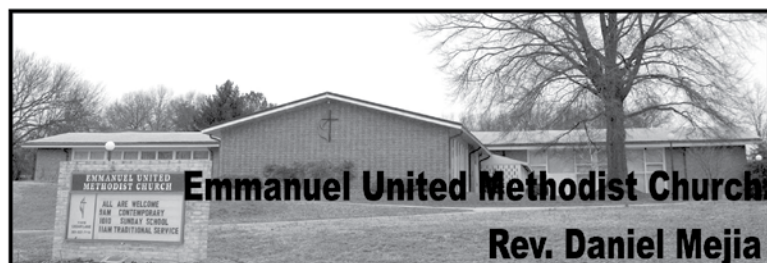
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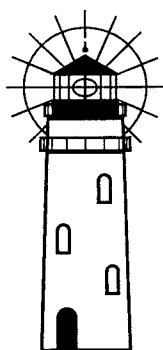
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disparity in public resources between Montgomery and Prince George's county? Why does Prince George's County receive 72 cents for every \$1 Montgomery County takes in? Look at the traffic flow on the beltway -- more westbound traffic in the morning --demonstrating more PG folks are heading to jobs, predominantly lower paying jobs, in Montgomery County. Prince George's county needs industry, technology and upscale employment opportunities to reverse this fact. Right now the western part of the County is generally a warehouse-distribution economy without many high paying jobs. As a result, housing is at the lower end of the economic scale paying lower real estate taxes. The folks traveling west to Montgomery County jobs leave their kids to be educated here. Not many industrial giants are headquartered here paying bigger real estate tax bills to support the schools.

What can existing businesses do to reverse these trends? Buy locally. Shop farmers markets. This reduces the pollution that truck and auto traffic generates and supports local businesses. Key into government pollution control and environmental efforts for contracts for your business. Strengthen the local economy and respond to environmental concerns.

And a political question: Do you support "Term Limits"? Yes, I supported term limits when they were first approved in 1992 and I support them now even though I am term limited and will not be back on the County Council in 2011. Earlier control has held by one group and people did not even try to run against it, since it was perceived that this would be detrimental to the system. Term limits have had a beneficial effect in Prince George's County since.

What will you be doing next year? I am completing 9 years on the County Council this year. I am a candidate this fall for States Attorney in the County. If I am not elected I may return to my law office in Laurel. Other opportunities may also open to me.

The Breakfast networking group is hosted by the 21st District Legislative team. Senator Jim Rosapepe emceeds the event. Barbara Frush (Calverton), Ben Barnes (Laurel) and Joseline A. Peña-Melnick, (College Park) all Members of the House of Delegates, round out the 21st District Legislative Team. Delegate Barbara Frush spoke up for the "returning" Maryland Crabs at the Breakfast.

Senator Jim Rosapepe concluded the breakfast with the announcement that the Honorable John Colmers, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Health will address the "Impact of Health Legislation on Business" at the next meeting of the Beltsville Business Breakfast Group to be held at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 21, at the Cross Creek Club in Beltsville.

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