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Beltsville Briefs

Abandoned Bicycle

An abandoned bicycle was found on Cedar Lane on June 11. Owner may claim by calling 301.937.0959 with a description of the bicycle.

Babysitter and CPR Courses for Pre-Teens and Teens

Laurel Regional Hospital and Health Quest are holding babysitter and CPR courses for pre-teens and teens on Saturday, July 21, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Each four-hour program covers safety precautions; when and how to call for emergency help; proper handling of an infant; safe and appropriate toys; basic first-aid for common injuries; and marketing your services. Fee for each course is \$30 per person.

Attendees should be between 11 and 15 years of age and should register for the program as well as bring a bag lunch or a snack on the course date. The registration deadline is Thursday, July 19. Space is limited to the first 25 registrants of each class. For more information or to register at Laurel Regional Hospital for this program, please call 301.497.7914.

Basket Bingo

St. Joseph's Parish will conduct a Basket Bingo on Friday evening, July 20, 2012 in the parish hall at 11011 Montgomery Road, Beltsville, Md., from 7 to 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. Tickets are available daily for \$12 in advance at the school and parish offices or for sale at the door. Refreshments are available.

Glenn Dale United Methodist Church Holds Chapel in the Woods

Glenn Dale United Methodist Church will hold its outdoor worship service, *Chapel in the Woods*, every Sunday from July 8 to Aug. 26, from 8:30 to 9 a.m. The church is located at the intersection of

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Cub Scout Summertime Fun



Cubs getting help with their hooks and instructions on fishing from Eric Saathoff

Cub Pack 1031 has been busy getting ready to enjoy the summer. We have about 25 scouts and we are having lots of fun this summer. We are going to Cub Scout Day Camp at the end of June. We have already gone fishing and played volleyball and Ultimate. We watched the Baysox on June 15 and have plans for Frisbee Golf and a pack swimming event at a family's pool. We will be at National Night Out - check out our table for information and fun or contact us about coming to an event to check out Cub Scouting.

After our summer activities we have lots of fun with a purpose scheduled for the coming year including pack camping, our

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Community Wide Directory Seeks Business Free Listings and Paid Advertising

By Paul G. Zurkowski,
GBBA president

Early in July, the Greater Beltsville Business Association will mail more than 2,500 invitations for greater Beltsville businesses to participate in the 2013 Greater Beltsville Business Directory. As an incentive to participate, Greater Beltsville businesses will be

provided free of charge listings of their contact and location information as well as four classified listings detailing the products and services they offer.

This is part of an ongoing campaign to encourage Beltsville residents to buy locally by having as complete a directory of local businesses as possible, including

free listings of their products and services available to Beltsville families and other businesses. The invitation includes forms by which to submit your contact, product and service listing information.

GBBA, during its first year-

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Volunteer Lieutenant Jose Hidalgo

While growing up Jose Hidalgo never gave much thought to the fire trucks and ambulances when he saw them going up and down the streets. However, after graduating from High Point High School and while he was trying to decide where he wanted to go in life, a friend suggested he join the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD). Not knowing what the fire service entailed, he decided if nothing else he would take advantage of the free training that is offered to all volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians.

Shortly after joining BVFD, Hidalgo did indeed take advantage of the training that was available to him. He also found



BVFD Volunteer Lieutenant Jose Hidalgo

many things he wasn't looking for: an extended family, a new sense of accomplishment and responsibility, and a career. In the five years that he has been

at BVFD he has served the community where he grew up

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On the Agenda

By President Karen M. Coakley

The Beltsville Citizen's Association will not meet during July and August. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday September 19th.

Fire Chief Marc Bashoor will host a Community Forum to discuss, "Fire and Life Safety." The Fire Chief has been hosting community forums across the county to educate residents on prevention practices that can save our lives and homes. Please join us on Thursday, July 26th from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Beltsville Community Center located at 3900 Sellman Road.

District 6 Police COPS officers are offering Home Security Checks for summer vacation. If you would like one of the officers to come out please email jwoody@co.pg.md.us.

Summer Safety

Please slow down when driving. Children are out of school for the summer so watch out for bike riders and walkers.

Free taxi rides will be available from 10 p.m. July 4th until 4 a.m. July 5th. Those needing such transportation may call **SOBER RIDE IS FREE at 1-800-200-TAXI.**

Police National Night Out is just around the corner. If you can help for a half hour or hour please let me know. We need help between 5 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday August 7th.

County Councilwoman Mary Lehman has asked that I share information on a new county program for caregivers of aging, ill or disabled adults. The website is www.pgcaregiving.com.

If you have a community concern I can be reached at 301.937.3490 or karenmcoakley@msn.com.

25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

*Extracted from the
July 1987 issue*

New President of Beltsville Rotary

Melville "Mel" Peters is the new president of the Rotary Club of Beltsville.

Wedding Announcement

Jessie Cay Carner and Hope Lyles West were married on June 6, 1987.

New Eagle Scout

Mike Williams of Troop 1033 was recognized as a new Eagle Scout.

New Arrivals

Jeffrey Paul Chabot, son of Paul and Elaine Chabot, was born April 24, 1987.

Kellen Wright Brittingham, son of Randy and Diane Brittingham, was born May 1, 1987.

Rachel Marie Lusby, daughter of Bill and Denise Lusby, was born on May 7, 1987.

Samantha Jayne Forster, daughter of Kelly Ann and Henry Matther Forster, was born June 2, 1987.

Nicholas Gaetano Bellia, son of Ellen Catherine and Domenick Michael Bellia, was born June 4, 1987.

Paula Casey Hughes, daughter of Terry Maria and Dennis Michael Hughes, was born June 6, 1987.

Corey Alexander Springmann, son of Gina Darlene and Richard Lee Springmann, was born June 15, 1987.

Kelly Renee Denice, daughter of Debra Lynn and Joseph Richard Denice, Sr., was born June 17, 1987.

Wedding

Karen Elizabeth Wood became the bride of Scott H. Ascher on May 24, 1987.

Obituaries

Garnett L. Smallwood, 48, passed away on June 15, 1987.

Robert Updike, 84, passed away on June 15, 1987.

Mary G. Brewer of Hyattsville, Md., passed away on June 20, 1987.

Katherine E. Montague, 70, passed away on June 22, 1987.

William Joseph "Chile" Chilcoate, Jr., passed away on June 24, 1987.

W. Kenneth and Esther M. Fulchner of Frederick, Md., died suddenly on June 30, 1987.

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with dedication and commitment. He is an important part of our organization. Hidalgo currently serves as a fire lieutenant and is the chairperson of our member-

ship committee.

Membership in the volunteer fire service offers a variety of things to different people and can lead to challenges, valuable lessons, friendships and skills. The BVFD is always accepting applications for volunteer firefighters

and emergency medical technicians. If you or anyone you know is interested in exploring the fire/EMS service, we encourage you to stop by or call the fire house. The best time is usually in the evening or on weekends.

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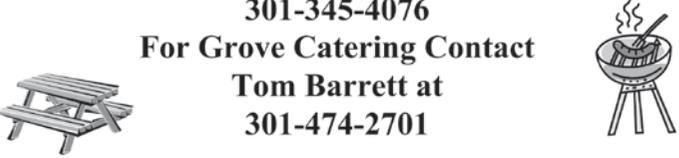
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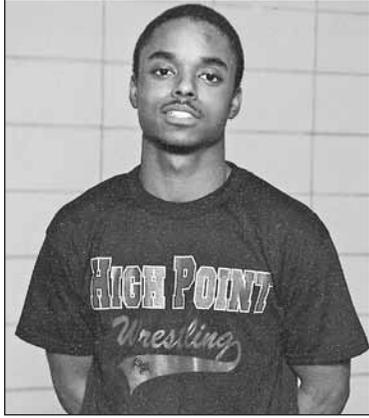
By Carissa Schorback

Anthony Jones, an honor roll student at High Point High School in Beltsville, Md., received a nomination from his business teacher, Mary Miller Turner, as a United States Achievement Academy student of excellence. He was selected because of his interest in business education.

This nomination earns Jones a spot in the nationally published United States Achievement Academy's yearbook.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy students should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Founder of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy recognizes students upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors, and upon the standards for



Anthony Jones

selection set forth by the Academy. The standards for selection include academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability and recommendation from a qualified sponsor.

This is a very prestigious honor very few students attain; fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students achieve this recognition.

Attend 34th Annual Montpelier Summer Concert Series

The South Laurel Recreational Council (SLRC) invites you to attend the 34th Annual Montpelier Summer Concert Series. Free performances will be held on Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at the Montpelier Mansion grounds located at 9652 Muirkirk Road at Route 197 in Laurel, Md.

The series will continue with the next concert on July 13 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. with Appaloosa (classic rock and pop-rock). Following that, on July 20, there will be Shakespeare in the Park, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, from 7 to 10 p.m. (rain location at Deerfield Run Community Center, 13000 Laurel-Bowie Road), July 27 Riseband and Show (rhythm and blues, Motown and jazz) from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., and finally, Aug. 10 1+1 Riddim (Caribbean reggae, soca and calypso) from

7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Bring a friend, picnic, blanket or chair to enjoy the outdoor performances on the west lawn. Admission and parking are free. No tickets or reservations needed. In the event of heavy rain near the time of the concert, the performance will be cancelled. After 5 p.m. the day of the concert, call 301.953.7882 for verification.

Free public and handicapped parking are available at both the Muirkirk Road and Montpelier Drive entrances off Route 197 a quarter mile west of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway (Route 295) in South Laurel.

This series is provided free for the public by the SLRC volunteers who have served the community for 43 years. For further information or to serve as a volunteer, call the council at 301.776.2805.

The Fourth of July

By Ingeborg Carsten-Miller

Let us celebrate our Country, these United States of America, on the Fourth of July!

Let us be happy and grateful on this special day remembering:

The great Freedom we now enjoy was provided long ago by our Founding Fathers

Their gift to us, too rare in this world of today!

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Thank You for Making Beltsville Day a Success

The Beltsville Recreation Council would like to thank the Beltsville community, the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the Beltsville Community Center director and her staff and all the volunteers and participants for a successful 2012 Beltsville Day, *Celebrating Community*.

Due to the overwhelming response from the community and vendors, the Beltsville Recreation Council is able to provide free summer jazz concerts, a community health fair, and a holiday concert in December.

The schedule for the remainder of 2012 is as follows:

Summer Jazz Concerts 7 - 9 p.m.
July 14 - Cheek-to-Cheek
July 28 - Jazz Knights
Community Health Fair
November 17, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Holiday Concert and Contest
December - TBA

If you are interested in sponsoring any of the above events, please contact us at beltsvillerecouncil@gmail.com.

The *I Love Beltsville* t-shirts are very popular. The back of the shirt features: You Know You're From Beltsville When:

1. More languages are spoken at the 7-11 than at the United Nations
2. You tell people you are from D.C. because no one knows where Beltsville is
3. You are a regular at T.J.'s, Behnke's, Spicknall's and/or Raulin's
4. You know the Goatman is really from Beltsville
5. You know that IKEA is in Beltsville not College Park
6. You know what BARC and BAC stand for
7. You can see a cow with a hole in its stomach
8. You can be hit by a tornado and not make the news
9. You know Calverton is in Beltsville and Silver Spring
10. You are proud to wear this shirt

To get a t-shirt contact the Beltsville Recreation Council at beltsvillerecouncil@gmail.com.

The next Beltsville Day is scheduled for Sunday, May 19, 2013. Mark your calendars so you can again join us in the fun-filled celebration of the Beltsville community.

Make things happen, join the Beltsville Recreation Council.

Summer Light

Here it is July already. Between weekend jaunts to the beach, relaxing at the pool with a riveting book and entertaining friends and family on the deck, there has not been much time to work on completing this summer's "to do" list. Nevertheless, the long summer days provide the perfect opportunity to get at least a few of those much needed home updates done. Wait no longer and go see decorating pros Michael Richards and Valerie Kabelac at Will's Home Decorating (www.decoratmaryland.com) for inspiration and creative ideas to bring a fresh look to your home. Specializing in custom draperies, blinds, reupholstery, flooring (carpet, area rugs, wood, ceramic and tile), wallpaper (both inexpensive in-stock and designer catalogs), and Benjamin Moore Paint, Michael and Valerie can bring an exciting look to your home before the summer is over. The best part is that they are right here in Beltsville so you can get expert advice while staying close to home.



Michael suggests doing something daring this summer like painting your dining room ceiling in one of Benjamin Moore's deep gray-blue/green tones or if you have large windows that bring in lots of light then paint your living room walls black. According to Michael, "Black actually reflects light. Cream and white draperies on silver poles against the black walls will give your room a stylishly informal, yet sophisticated look." Try carrying that motif into the powder room or kitchen with one of Candace Olsen's new black and silver wallpapers. Valerie adds, "Don't be afraid of color. Color on the walls or ceiling brings interest and depth to a room." You will have all your neighbors whispering, "Why didn't I think of that?" For more decorating tips stop by Will's for your FREE personalized design consultation.

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Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

By Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-21)

Delegates Barbara Frush, Josefine Peña-Melnyk, Ben Barnes and I have heard from a handful of residents who want to opt-out of getting their Smart Meters from Pepco. Last month, the Maryland Public Service Commission issued an interim order stating that, effective immediately:

- Until the PSC issues its final decision, the utilities must refrain from installing a smart meter in the home or business of any customer who notifies the utility in writing that they do not wish to have a smart meter installed.
- For customers that inform their utility company in writing that they have already received a smart meter but do not wish to have one, the utility company shall refrain from activating those customers' smart meter transmitters until the PSC issues its final decision.
- To submit your opt-out request, you may do so online at <https://www.pepco.com/contact/online/default.aspx>. You may also mail the request to: Pepco MD Opt-out, 701 9th St. NW, Mail Stop EP7642, Washington, D.C., 20068.

Report on Last Month's Beltsville Civic Association Meeting

Last month I spoke at the Beltsville Civic Association's monthly meeting and a couple of topics of interest included Sunnyside Avenue bridge replacement. Councilwoman Mary Lehman worked hard to secure plans to replace the



Senator Jim Rosapepe

current bridge, which frequently floods after storms. The new bridge will be higher and wider, and it will include shoulders, bike paths, sidewalks and street lights. Construction will begin in spring 2014 and will take about 18 months to complete.

This spring, the delegates and I were successful at getting State Highway to restrict large 18-wheelers in between Ammendale/Old Gunpowder and Route 1, which had been brought to our attention in 2007. However, the issue remained on the western part of Route 212 between the Cherry Hill Road and New Hampshire Avenue intersections. Last month, we met with the chief of SHA's Motor Carrier Division. We agreed that, in cooperation with the Maryland State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division, they would set up a survey operation to pull over drivers of 18-wheelers. We expect a full

report soon and will share it.

Maryland recently passed the Kathleen A. Mathias Chemotherapy Act of 2012. The new law will prevent insurance carriers, health service plans and HMOs from placing limits on coverage or expanding co-payments on chemotherapy treatments administered orally. While most carriers cover intravenous chemotherapy treatments entirely, orally administered treatments often come with higher co-pays, big deductibles or coverage limits. This law will make both forms of treatment equal in terms of insurance coverage.

Maryland also passed a new law mandating that health insurers pay for telemedicine services. We join 12 other states that have passed similar legislation. Telemedicine may be as simple as discussing a case with your doctor over the telephone, or as complex as using satellite technology and video-conferencing equipment to conduct a real-time consultation. The law requires that health insurers and managed care organizations (MCOs) provide coverage for health care services provided using telehealth technology, and that coverage cannot be denied because services were provided through telehealth rather than in-person. If either of these new laws might apply to you, it is best to check your health insurance and let your doctor know.

As always, please let us know about questions, thoughts or other issues you have. 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.

Children's Corner

By Denita Johnson

I hope everyone is enjoying the start of summer so far. I know you have some great plans and activities to enjoy this summer. Now that summer is officially here, we know there are going to be hot days that will keep us home, so remember to drink plenty of water and don't overheat in the sun. So now let's think of some ways to keep the oven off as much as possible and let the children help make some fun summer recipes.

- ◆ Cook on the grill, let the children make some pocket wraps of veggies in foil to place on the grill; corn is easy. Then eat outside under a tree.
- ◆ Make salads: fruit, chicken, seafood and garden salads are quick and everyone can help add the ingredients.
- ◆ Make fun sandwiches with wraps, pita pockets, bagels (something different than regular bread).
- ◆ Find recipes for no-bake cookies.
- ◆ Make a snack mix of nuts, raisins, M&Ms and dried fruit.
- ◆ Freeze your yogurt: place a popsicle stick in the unopened yogurt cup, freeze and enjoy a cool snack.



- ◆ Make juice popsicles pouring fruit juice in an ice cube tray, place plastic wrap over them and place sticks in each one.
- ◆ Make up some smoothies, too, with frozen fruits you like, yogurt, milk and honey
- ◆ Jello is fun for a celebration: for the Fourth of July, get red and blue Jello and Cool Whip. Alternate red Jello, Cool Whip, then blue Jello in a clear plastic cup and enjoy.

I know you can think of some fun summer recipes and enjoy each other while keeping cool.

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Neighbors in the News

Calling All Golfers to the First Greater Beltsville Golf Classic

By Paul G. Zurkowski

Beltsville Rotary and Greater Beltsville Business Association have combined forces to sponsor the First Greater Beltsville Golf Classic on Friday, Sept. 14, at Cross Creek Golf Club in Beltsville, Md.

Save the date and gather a foursome for this September weekend day of golf fun with Beltsville area business men and women and golf enthusiasts. Priced at \$400 per foursome, it is a bargain among area charitable tournaments.

"All funds raised will be shared equally between Rotary and GBBA with each group dividing their share among Beltsville charitable organizations," said Paul G. Zurkowski, president of the Greater Beltsville Business Association.

A joint Rotary and GBBA team are planning a fun-filled day start-

ing with breakfast followed by a shotgun start at 9 a.m., with putting, driving, chip shot and hole-in-one competitions around the great and tight Cross Creek course. An awards banquet immediately follows the 18 holes. The Cross Creek course has established itself as an enjoyable, must-play course in the Washington-metropolitan area.

Sharon DeGrouchy and Craig Cooper are co-chairs of the event. Both are members of the Greater Beltsville Business Association. Rotary participation is driven by Beltsville Rotary President Dr. John Moynihan, Beltsville dentist, and includes a team of experienced executives who have produced highly successful tournaments in the past.

"With Sharon and Craig introducing many new elements to the event, the experienced golf

hands at Rotary and the energy and enthusiasms of the Beltsville business community," Dr. Moynihan said, "You won't want to miss out on a great day of golf, fun and business networking at the Cross Creek course."

A great variety of sponsorships at various levels are offered. Call any of the following committee members to sign up for golf, sponsor a part of the event, or to sign up a foursome: Sharon DeGrouchy (240.418.7364); Craig Cooper (301.343.6564); John Moynihan (443.864.7983); Paul G. Zurkowski, (301.595.5562); George Krzywicki (240.314.4359) or Rick Salamy (301.595.8900).

You can request the Greater Beltsville Golf Classic brochure by emailing zurkowskipaul@gmail.com. A copy will be emailed back to you immediately. Thank you for your interest.

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tions and assist you with your program. Right from the beginning, you receive a personalized fitness assessment and a program specially designed to assure you can attain your goals. The program is explained step-by-step and you receive a written copy of it. Even when you work on your own, someone is always there to help if you need it.

Lionel Francis, with degrees and years of experience in the health and fitness field, owns and operates Wellness for Life Fitness Center. The staff believes that getting fit should be upbeat and fun, and that is the atmosphere you will

find at Wellness for Life Fitness Center. They are friendly, caring, enthusiastic and on a first name basis. If you miss working out for a while, you are likely to get a phone call from the Wellness for Life staff asking if you are okay.

Wellness for Life Fitness Center is located on the second floor of the Gardens Ice House in Laurel, Md. Generous hours include 5 a.m. - 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 5 a.m. - 9 p.m. on Friday, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturday, and 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Sunday. For directions and information on all our programs, call Wellness for Life today at 301.498.6200.

Emmanuel UMC Offers Free Movies On The Lawn This Summer

By Rick Bergmann

To take the average family of four to the movies this year, the price will be approximately \$100 once you pay the ticket prices (\$8-\$12), food (for a small drink and popcorn, approximately \$10) and the gas you use to travel to the theater. For the fifth year in a row, Emmanuel is offering you a free alternative for six weeks this year.

They will be showing free family films for everyone beginning Friday, July 6 and continuing through Aug. 10. The selection this year encompasses a wide variety of movies for your family to enjoy. They range from classics such as Disney's *The Little Mermaid* or *Labrynth* to more modern movies such as *How To Train Your Dragon* or the *Muppets*. This is a great way for you and your family

to have a free evening out, meet the members of your surrounding community and share the joy of going to the movies with your family. The movies begin when it gets dark (approximately 8:15-8:30 p.m.) and are shown on the front lawn of the church on a large screen. Feel free to bring food and drinks for your family (no alcoholic beverages, please) and blankets or chairs to sit on. The members of Emmanuel hope you can join them this summer.

If it rains, the movies will be shown on the big screen in the church's fellowship hall. The full list of movies are as follows: July 6 - Disney's *The Little Mermaid* (Rated G), July 13 - *The Muppets* (Rated PG), July 20 - *Labrynth* (Rated PG), July 27 - *Who Framed Roger Rabbit* (Rated PG),

Aug. 3 - *How To Train Your Dragon* (Rated PG) and Aug. 10 - *Toy Story 3* (Rated G).

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Summer Postal Tips

By Cpl. Gerald Knight

Your Identity's in the Mail

The U.S. Postal Service handles more than 207 billion pieces of mail each month. That's 207 billion opportunities for identity thieves to obtain information that can be used to steal people's identities. And those criminals take advantage of as many of those opportunities as they can.

In fact, your mailbox is the riskiest non-technological point for identity theft, according to a study released in October 2007. The study, an assessment of closed U.S. Secret Service cases between 2000 and 2006 which had components of identity theft and identity fraud, showed the top two methods of non-technological identity theft were re-routing of mail and mail theft. In other words, your mailbox is a serious threat to your identity.

Where'd My Mail Go?

Rerouting of mail topped the list of non-technology threats for identity theft. The rerouting is usually accomplished by a change of address. Placing a change of address with the U.S. Postal Service is as easy as filling out a form online or mailing in a card that can be picked up at the post office.

Identity thieves collect addresses. They may drive by your residence, go through the phone book, or collect trash that contains your address. Then requesting a change of address takes just a matter of minutes.

Most post offices make change of address cards available in easy-access displays in customer

service areas and the electronic change of address can be found on the U.S. Postal Service website. With the electronic method, however, there is a verification procedure required.

The verification process is simple enough but also tends to make criminals use other methods to change your address. When using the online form, a valid credit card with a billing address that matches the old address must be used for verification. Not a problem if the thief already has access to your credit card account numbers, but otherwise it presents a bit of a tripping point.

Watch Your Mailbox

The two crimes, fraudulently changing addresses and stealing mail, look different from the victim's point of view. But if you're paying attention to your mail delivery, both should be easy to spot.

If a criminal fraudulently changes your mailing address, it's going to be obvious within a few days. A change of address stops mail from being delivered to one location and re-routes it to another location. The first thing you notice is that suddenly you're not getting any mail at all.

You probably won't notice it for the first day or two. No mail usually means no bills and no junk, so on those rare days when we don't receive anything, most of us just accept it as a blessing and move on. If you notice that you're not getting mail for several days in a row, however, you should be suspicious of a deeper problem.

Exceptions do exist. A few

people still have time periods, sometimes days, when they don't receive any mail at all. If this is you, monitor those time periods so you'll know what's normal and what's not. When you get past a normal length of time without mail, then it's time to worry.

The issue is a little less obvious when someone is stealing your mail. Mail theft can take place one time or over a period of time. Some criminals steal mail because the opportunity presents itself.

Other criminals target individuals and even businesses, and then steal mail over time. They grab a piece here and there – both incoming and outgoing – until they have all the information they need. Still others create elaborate schemes to steal mail from multiple people over time.

One example of a mail theft scheme was a 2002 case where criminals used stolen postal uniforms to impersonate mail carriers. Instead of leaving mail for residents, however, the counterfeit carriers were picking mail out of delivery boxes. Eventually, a postal customer realized she had seen mail delivery twice in one day and reported the incident.

The real issue with mail theft of this type, however, is that you don't know what mail you're getting before it arrives (in most cases) so you have no idea what's missing. That makes it vitally important that you pay attention to your mail delivery schedule, get to know your mail carrier, and even consider not using the mailbox at the street for mail transactions.

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Pinewood Derby, hiking and lots of other activities.

Cub Scouts is a program for boys from first through fifth grades. Meetings are held at Belts-

ville Academy on Monday nights during the school year and are open to any boy interested in joining. We have scouts from Beltsville Academy, Calverton Elementary, Vansville Elementary, and St. Joseph's Catholic School.

If you are interested in having

your son join Cub Scouts please contact our Cubmaster Kevin D'Eustachio, our Committee chair Eric Saathoff or Regina Halper, Charter Organization Representative. You can reach Regina Halper at 301.937.9136 or r.halper2@verizon.net.

Beltsville Briefs

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Good Luck and Springfield Roads in Glenn Dale, Md.

Parishioners will lead these informal services of singing, prayers and a short homily. The theme this summer is *Praise the Lord*. In case of inclement weather, services will be held in the church. All are welcome to worship God in this peaceful woodland setting. The regular worship service will be held at 10:30 a.m.

Please Donate Blood

The Beltsville Lions cordially invite your participation in their quarterly blood drive on Tuesday, July 24, from 3 - 6:30 p.m. at the Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Road, Beltsville, Md. Professional staff of MedStar will conduct the blood donations.

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consider donating if you are able to do so. You could give no better gift to someone in dire need of a transfusion.

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Obituaries

Brown, Arlene Frances

Arlene Frances Brown, 95, died on Friday, June 1; beloved wife of the late Orville D. Brown; mother of Janet Morgan and the late Martha Rosewag; mother-in-law of devoted caregiver Ray Morgan and John Rosewag; devoted grandmother of Gregory Morgan, Dana Morgan (Michael) Burgess, Sheryl Rosewag (Kevin) Mellett and Brian Morgan; great-grandmother of Ashley, Alison and Morgan Burgess; sister of Shirley Brinsfield, Gordon (Peggy) Salter, the late Lorraine Whitmore, Jack and Leroy Salter; sister-in-law of the late Kenneth Brinsfield; also survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends; Funeral service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, Md., on Tuesday, June 5, at 10 a.m. with Rev. Perry Williams officiating; Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery, Brentwood, Md.; Arrangements by Borgwardt Funeral Home. www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com

DeGourse, James "Jim" E.

James "Jim" E. DeGourse, 55, of Englewood, Fla., and formerly Beltsville, Md., died on Monday, March 12; beloved son of Helena K. and the late Donald DeGourse; brother of Pamela L., Gary D. (Laura) and Patricia A.; uncle of Matthew (Kylie) and Lauren (Garth); great-uncle of Mia and Sean; graveside service was held at First Lutheran Church of Bowie Cemetery, 12710 Duckettown Road, Laurel, Md., on Saturday, June 16, at 10 a.m. with Rev. Connie Miller officiating; Memorial contributions may be made to the First Lutheran Perpetual Cemetery Fund, 3207 Locust Way, Mitchellville, Md., 20716-3549. Arrangements by Borgwardt Funeral Home. www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com

Dodd, Zoe Ruth

Zoe Ruth Dodd, 91, of Beltsville, Md., died on Friday, June 1; beloved wife of 70 years to Herschel W. Dodd; sister of Mildred Schonerd; sister-in-law of Richard H. Dodd; funeral service and interment were held at Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Cheltenham, Md., on Thursday, June 7, at 2 p.m. Arrangements by Borgwardt Funeral Home. www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com

Dodson, Benjamin "Lee," Sr.

Benjamin "Lee" Dodson, Sr., 79, formerly of Beltsville, Md., died on Monday, June 4; beloved husband of the late Jean Dodson; father of Brenda Lee Van Leeuwen, Benjamin Lee Dodson, Jr., and Zan Michael Dodson; brother of Larry Dodson, Myrtle Elliot, Judy McDaniels and Jane Ryan; grandfather of Lisa Marie Cas-

sidy, Zan Michael Dodson, II, Benjamin Lee Dodson, III, Kathleen Anne Dodson, Cheri Marie Karner, Brandon Lane Dodson, Daniel Wayne Dodson, James Calder Dodson, Josie Louise Dodson and Margaret Jean Dodson; great-grandfather of Kerri Lynn Cassidy, Rachel Marie Cassidy, Richard Wayne Rawlings, Emily Grace Rawlings, Nataleigh Rose Cassidy, Jessica Faith Karner, Chase Tobey Metz, Bethany Hope Karner, Chloe Anne Rawlings and Isabella Lorraine Francis Metz; great-great-grandfather of Jacob Ryan Cassidy and Lillie Jean Marie Cassidy; Funeral service was held at the Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, Md., on Saturday, June 9, at 7 p.m. with Rev. Earl Johnson, Jr., officiating; Interment private; Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Gallagher, Irma R.

Irma R. Gallagher, 88, of Beltsville, Md., died on Monday, June 11; wife of the late Bert T. Gallagher; mother of Sue Ann (Ron) Scafone; grandmother of Nicole and Joe Scafone; Gallagher was the youngest of 10 siblings and was predeceased by Helen Jarboe-Brill and Carter, Raymond, Howard, Walter, Thomas, Alfred, John and Richard Jarboe; also survived by many nieces and nephews; Funeral service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, Md., on Friday, June 15 at 10 a.m. with Monsignor Mariano Balbago officiating; interment private; memorial contributions may be made to Holy Cross Home Care and Hospice 11800 Tech Road Silver Spring, Md., 20904; www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com

Gibson, Joseph Marion

Joseph Marion Gibson, 82, of Beltsville, Md., died at Prince George's Hospital Center on Sunday, June 10; beloved husband of the late Marion Gibson; loving father of Cindy Cox, Joanne (Ray) Jones, Karen Gibson and the late Linda Gibson; grandfather of Steven Berman, Amanda Gibson, Amber, Bobby, Kelly, Cole, Brooke Jones, Rachel, Mary and Elizabeth O'Mahony; great-grandfather of Lana and Ryland; brother of Bernice Taylor; Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 11007 Montgomery Road, Beltsville, Md., on Thursday, June 14, at 10 a.m. with Monsignor Mariano Balbago officiating; interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery Brentwood, Md.; Arrangements by Borgwardt Funeral Home. www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com

Krause, William Albert

William "Dr. Bill" Albert Krause passed away on May 18. He leaves a sister, Shirley, and a

friend and companion of 16 years, Linda. He was born Sept. 25, 1941 in Washington, D.C.

After graduation, Krause served four years in the U.S. Coast Guard. He was a member of the American Legion and Elks Lodge. If you knew him, you appreciated his quick wit and sense of humor. He was quite a trivia buff, especially on the subject of music; he enjoyed singing. He will be missed by all who knew him.

To honor his wishes, no public memorial service was held. In lieu of a service, the family asks those who knew him to find their own way to pay tribute to him.

Meadows, Herbert William

Herbert William Meadows, 48, of Beltsville, Md., beloved husband of Stephanie Meadows; father of Stephanie, Casey and Carlee Meadows; son of Roy and Patricia Meadows; brother of Denise Meadows; Memorial service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, Md., on Tuesday, June 12, at 5:30 p.m. with Rev. Harry Hetz officiating; Arrangements by Borgwardt Funeral Home; www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com

Proctor, Joseph Melvin

Joseph Melvin Proctor of Beltsville, Md., died on Thursday, April 26; beloved husband of Margaret D. Proctor of 45 years; loving father of Joseph Edward (Peggy Mallory) Proctor, Steven Louis (Theresa) Proctor and James Richard (Caryl) Proctor; brother of LaValle and Donald Proctor; uncle of Thelma Richardson; also survived by 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; Father John Rapisarda officiated at the memorial service at Borgwardt Funeral Home 4400 Powder Mill, Road Beltsville, Md., on Tuesday, May 1, at 11 a.m.

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Reiser, Dr. Sheldon

Dr. Sheldon Reiser of Beltsville, Md., died on Saturday, May 19, in Rutherfordton, N.C. Reiser was the former chief of Carbohydrates Nutrition Laboratory, Human Nutrition Center, United States Department of Agriculture; devoted son of the late Joseph and Rae Reiser; beloved husband of the late Hildegard R. Reiser; father of H. Joseph (Janice) Reiser and Christa (Kenneth Wilson) Reiser; grandfather of Jason, Gregory Reiser and Devon Wilson; and great grandfather of Ella and Claire Reiser. Funeral service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, Md., on Friday, May 25, at 11:30 a.m. with Rev. Harry Hetz officiating. Internment private.

Yu, John F.

John F. Yu, 56, died on May 26 at his home in Tennessee. Yu, a Beltsville, Md., native was a former state torchbearer for the U.S. Olympics, long-time community volunteer leader and rescue squad assistant chief. The cause of his death has not been confirmed, although Yu suffered from diabetes and in recent years had a pacemaker for a heart ailment.

Blount County Rescue Squad (BCRS) chief Keith Sartin said, "Certainly everyone within our agency and the community is devastated. John was an integral part of the rescue community, not only within our agency, but among other agencies in Knoxville and throughout the region. We've lost a trusted partner and a friend. This is going to be a struggle for all of us."

A native of Beltsville, Md., where he attended St. Joseph's Catholic School and Our Lady of Good Counsel High School, Yu was an accomplished pianist and swimmer in his youth. When he moved to Tennessee, he became active in many volunteer leadership positions, always giving back to the community. He served on the leadership team with BCRS since 2006, most recently serving as assistant chief since 2010.

"John can best be described as a rescuer's rescuer, a chief's chief, a person that has touched more lives and had a positive impact on more people than could ever be counted. He is an icon in the rescue world, known for his expertise in vehicle rescue, water rescue, and special operations," said BCRS Deputy Chief Ed Wolff. "He will be missed but never forgotten. I am honored to call him a friend."

Long recognized for his tireless volunteerism, Yu was tapped for the prestigious honor of carrying the torch in Tennessee for the 1996 U.S. Olympic Games. Yu was also a 29-year volunteer member of the Knoxville Volunteer Emergency Rescue Squad, Inc., (KVRS) and served as chief from 1992 to 1993 and again from 2003 to 2005. He also served as a past member of the Board of Directors and water rescue team captain. He was instrumental in the development of the KVRS support team and swift water response capabilities.

KVRS Chief Bob Swabe said, "John was a long-time friend and member of the Knoxville Rescue Squad. He was a dedicated and tireless worker in the Rescue Squad community, and spent many hours training and sharing his expertise of rescue techniques with other responders not only to the Knoxville Rescue Squad, but to emergency responders throughout the region. When help was needed, it was common for John to be first on the scene and the last to leave."

Chief Swabe continued, "John touched many lives throughout the region and his passing will be missed by all that knew him. The Rescue Squad community has lost a true volunteer." John was an active board member, director, instructor/trainer and mentor for the Knox County Chapter of the American Red Cross. He was also the lead medical supervisor and one of the founding program creators for the First Aid Station Program at Neyland Stadium, supporting the University of Tennessee and the volunteers.

He was a life member of both the Alabama and Virginia Tech Association of Rescue Squads and was recognized by United Way of America in their poster engagement campaign.

A 1977 graduate of Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va., where he received a B.S. in electrical engineering, Yu worked at Hewlett-Packard from 1985 to 1992 before becoming president of Technical Staffing, a Cobble Staffing Company.

At the time of his passing he was senior vice-president of operations at TalentSphere, LLC, where he helped develop the talent harvester and innovation harvester solutions for staffing and recruitment needs. He also was responsible for account management and support for the company's Fortune 500 clients, working closely with the information technology team in the development, deployment and support of TalentSphere's web-based solutions inclusive of the facilities operational infrastructure. Prior, he was on the staff of Digital Discoveries.

Yu leaves a son, Wesley, 20, of Johnson City, Tenn.; his parents, Michael and Maria Yu of Highland, Md.; an older brother James V. Yu of Avon, Conn.; three sisters Pattie Yu of Potomac, Md.; Bernadette Yu Kaiser of Highland, Md.; and Angelita Crowley of Abingdon, Md.; and his faithful dog Zoe. He joins his brother, Gerard V. Yu, who passed away six years ago, in life everlasting.

Funeral services were held in Knoxville, Tenn., at All Saints Catholic Church with a fly-over and honor guards, recognizing his impact on the community. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy should be made to any of John's three passions in life:

Blount County Rescue Squad
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Nelroy Fernandes

and aspire to be whatever their hearts desire," said Andrea Tejada, executive director, Burger King McLamore Foundation. "We are

continuing the tradition of awarding a record number of scholarships and plan to keep this endeavor going."

Scholarship awards help students offset the cost of attending college or a post-secondary vocational/technical school. Students throughout the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada are eligible for the scholarships. Recipients are selected based on their grade point average, extracurricular activities, community service and/or work experience. Both Burger King employees and non-employees are eligible to apply. For more information on the program, including instructions for obtaining scholarship applications for 2013, please visit www.bkmcclamorefoundation.org.

Rex Smith Receives Harris Hero Award

Hearts and Homes for Youth (HHY) is pleased to announce President and CEO, Rex Smith, was a recipient of Harris Heroes Award. The award was presented on Wednesday, June 13, during the awards ceremony at The National Press Club during the Harris Heroes Luncheon.

ABC7's Leon Harris created Harris Heroes to add positive attention to the evening news and highlight organizations in the Washington, D.C., community that enrich local lives. Thus, the Harris Heroes Award was formed

to recognize some of this year's most memorable local heroes and focus on non-profits that give selflessly to their community by giving hope and inspiration.

Smith was appointed President and CEO of Hearts and Homes for Youth in December 2006. He returned to lead the agency after a 40-year hiatus. Smith was the founder and the first Executive Director of the Agency, then named the Boys' and Girls' Homes of Montgomery County. These group homes for troubled kids were among the first in the

nation to serve delinquent youth and the very first of such programs in Maryland. He has consulted with a myriad of programs and services for youth in Maryland, around the nation and in other countries. He has taught at the American University Institute of Criminal Justice and professional conferences, and has held executive positions with the State, Regional and National Juvenile and Criminal Justice Associations. To learn more, visit www.heart-sandhomes.org.

Father Robert Keffer Retires as Pastor of Catholic Community at Riderwood

Father Robert Keffer, the pastor of the Catholic community at Riderwood Retirement Community ever since it opened more than a decade ago, was honored by hundreds of his parishioners at a retirement ceremony held for him at the Silver Spring, Md., campus.

Father Keffer, who will also retire this summer as pastor of Resurrection Catholic Parish in Burtonsville, Md., held Mass in

nearly all buildings at the 120-acre Riderwood campus during its years of expansion, including the café (with ice-maker sound effects).

He also held Mass in Riderwood music rooms and in the Performance Hall. He presided over the first worship service in the Riderwood Chapel on Palm Sunday in 2004.

Father Keffer is admired and respected by residents and staff

who appreciate his ready smile and calming presence.

His commitment to Riderwood and its Renaissance Gardens extended care neighborhood has been a model for ministry in a corporate world. He has laid a foundation to which others can look and learn. Riderwood residents read Father Keffer's favorite scripture in his honor at the retirement ceremony.

At noon on May 20, soldiers from Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 175th Infantry Regiment raised the flag at the Beltsville Community Center as the annual Beltsville Day celebrations began. In the photo are, from left, Beltsville Community Center Program Specialist Michael Hansborough, 2nd Lt. Nicholas Becraft, Community Center Facility Director Patricia Fancovic, and Sgt. Dale Smith.



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Club News

Beltsville Rotary News

By Ivy Christoffers

It has come to that time of the year when new leaders are chosen for our organization. President Eleanor Frierson has led us courageously and we appreciate all she has done for us. Dr. John Moynihan will assume the mantle of leadership once again. He has planned a fun night in a special restaurant. It seems we are all just repeating our roles every few years. That comes about as only a few are willing to accept leadership roles. There are many businesses in Beltsville, Md., but only a few are members of Rotary, the oldest civic organization in America. Why do you think that is? We are organized only to support our community (approximately 20 different charities) and international issues, such as clean water, schools and libraries in third world countries, as well as Doctors Without Borders, medical needs throughout the world, and the education of our young folk, to name a few opportunities of service.

We enjoy having special guests speak on Tuesdays at our noon lunch meetings. We recently had as our guest Jim Cheney, the assistant baseball coach from High Point High School, who has volunteered his expertise to their athletes for many years. He has two sons who are baseball players, one



Jim Cheney, assistant baseball coach at High Point High School, stands with Ivy Christoffers, sergeant-at-arms and past president of Beltsville Rotary

at High Point and one in college. Cheney spoke of the trials and tribulations the team has endured over the years and their determination to be a factor in the athletic program of the school. With dedicated mentors and the support of their families, the team prevails.

Three of our members recently attended a special membership meeting conducted by District 7620 Rotary and held at the Holiday Inn in Laurel, Md., where we were treated to a great dinner

and learned a few new ways to approach prospective members. It is always good to hear the success stories of other clubs who may have been struggling and are now forging ahead. Our club is actively seeking new members and invites all area businesses to join us for lunch and see what we are all about. You can find us every Tuesday at noon enjoying the food prepared by the great chef at Moose Creek in the Holiday Inn in College Park, Md.

Beltsville Young at Heart

By Barbara Schofield

There are so many people to

thank for their participation on Beltsville Day. All the members who worked so hard serving food

in that very hot kitchen. The drinks, popcorn, craft, and baked goods tables all did a magnificent job. Thank you all. Next, I must thank Laurel Meat Market's Bill Miles for his generous donation and wonderful beef barbeque that we served. Karen and Tim Murray of TJ's Restaurant made the wonderful cole slaw and gave a donation. Raulin's Bakery donated some delicious donuts and Einstein Bagels made a wonderful donation of bagels and muffins. We should be sure to patronize our local businesses that are helpful to the community. We also had some volunteer helpers; my grandson, Troy, helped to get setup and Livia Foley's granddaughter, Melanie Carter, did the artful printing on the signs. We appreciate your generous help; everyone at the center was helpful and Mother Nature gave us splendid weather. This is our only fundraiser of the year.

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Beltsville Veterans of Foreign Wars, Jacob A. Bladt Post 10260

By Commander Alvin Becraft

Officers and members of the VFW Post 10260 approved the awarding of medals and certificates to High Point High School AFROTC cadets on May 4. Cadet Jasmine Reyes and Cadet Sarai Romano were recognized for their patriotism and respect for the elderly in our community. The post Quartermaster, Walter Mietus, presented the awards in a formal ceremony.

On April 28 Mietus awarded scholarships from the 76th Infantry Division's Memorial Scholarship Fund at the University of Maryland to Air Force Cadet Alexander LeBlanc and on May 10 to Army ROTC Cadet J. Donelson. Cadet Donelson completed active duty

as a sergeant in Afghanistan. Cadet LeBlanc is scheduled for pilot training. Each cadet received a \$4,000 scholarship placed in their educational accounts on campus. Both cadets will become commissioned officers upon graduation. Mietus established the scholarship in 1992. To date, 29 cadets met the rigorous requirements and received the scholarships.

The 76th Infantry veterans fought in World War II in the major campaigns of the Ardennes, (Battle of the Bulge) Rhineland and Central Europe. Mietus received the Bronze Star and President Franklin D. Roosevelt recognized Mietus's unit with the Presidential Unit Citation. Briefly, the President presents this award to a unit accomplishing missions

under extremely difficult conditions. Their accomplishments set them apart and above other units participating in the same campaigns.

Commander Alvin Becraft serves notice, if you lose a loved one who was honorably discharged from the military service, that the deceased is entitled to military funeral honors. This would consist of an honor guard to fold and present the flag of the United States and the playing of *Taps*. Your funeral director can arrange this service for you. Feel free to do this; the veteran deserves it. There are also other burial benefits available. For more information about this, visit the Veterans Administration web page.

Women's Community Club of Beltsville Announces 2012 Scholarship Winners

By Vicki Murphy-Wauschek, Scholarship Chair

The following applicants won the Women's Community Club of Beltsville 2012 Scholarship Essay Contest:

First place - Jeremy Cox \$1,000

Second place - Patrick Deery \$750

Honorable mention - Ashley Flores \$250

Cox will be attending Drexel University in the fall, Deery will be going to West Virginia University and Flores is heading to Arizona State. We wish them all the best of luck in their studies.



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Club News

College Park Unit and Post #217 Play Ball

By Ivy Christoffers

Did you know College Park Post and Unit #217 American Legion and Auxiliary have entered the American Legion Baseball game? Yessiree! We have our own team. What a giant step forward working with our young athletes ages 14 to 19. Coach Jim Cheney, who has devoted the last 17 years coaching our young men, has a great way of bringing out their best. As fundraisers – yes, it takes funds to support these athletes - the aspiring youngsters are holding car washes at the American Legion Post at 9218 Baltimore Blvd., and the price is right; only \$5, for which they do a great job. I can attest to that fact as my car was their training ground, and, boy, did it sparkle when they



Desi Holland leads the Special Olympic Athletes and the Police Cadets as they approach the American Legion Post in College Park, Md., where they rest and refuel for the next leg of their torch run to Towson, Md.

finished with it.

Why not plan to take in a game or two? The price is right: free. To support the team and enjoy our local talent, call 301.441.2783 for information about which field the game is being played. Did you realize that 40% of all Major League Baseball players graduated from American Legion Baseball?

On June 6 we played host to the Special Olympics Torch Run as we continued our annual picnic for the Police Cadets and Special Olympic Athletes they paused in their trip carrying the Olympic torch to Laurel Md., and Towson Md. They had the opportunity to rest, fuel up for the next leg of the run and enjoy a few moments with us, their ardent supporters. Several volunteers met early in the morning to prepare for our visitors. The cooks who manned the grill, cooking hundreds of hot dogs and hamburgers, the ones who wrapped the sandwiches, the ones who made sure there was plenty of water and other snacks, and the clean up crew all contributed to the success of the day.

We still enjoy Bingo every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thurs-

day at noon. Why not come out and try your luck for the big jackpot? We also have shotgun bingo on Monday evening and dances on Friday nights. Some of the best bands in the area are playing in our Post.

On June 24 we installed our leaders for the coming year. Elected Post Commander is Bill Knapp and Mary Keller will again lead the Auxiliary. Under their capable leadership we are insured another successful year.

We are very busy getting ready for the annual state convention which is slated for July 9 - 13 in Ocean City Md. Our delegates have been elected and are looking forward to their time in the sun and to receive their awards for their hard work on all the programs.

Are you eligible for membership in The American Legion or The American Legion Auxiliary? We offer so much to those who are able to join our ranks.

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After 28 years serving the Beltsville community, Barbara's Flowers 'N Things closed on May 31. Barbara and Ron have retired. We want to thank everyone for their patronage over the last 28 years and let you know we enjoyed working with our customers and taking care of their floral needs. We truly enjoyed being a part of the community.

School News

From the Hilltop: High Point News

(Part II. Part I
appeared last month)

As in the past, the cadets performed with precision. The sunny and gorgeous day saw many parents, teachers, students and community supporters in attendance. The unit's flights were reviewed by Commander-in-Chief, Principal Sandra Jimenez, Commander, Cadet Colonel Eber Aragon and Adjutant, Cadet First Lieutenant, Jason Lee. The National Anthem was sung beautifully by Cadet Anisha Vattappara and the Color Guard, led by Color Guard Commander, Cadet Major Joshua Howard presented the colors with great aplomb. Among the many people in attendance was Walter Mietus, Ph.D., quartermaster of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars. Mietus was present at the famous Battle of the Bulge in December 1944. The following is a list of the senior cadets who participated in the Pass and Review: Roland Achu, Noela Achu, Nicholas Adjei, Francisco Armas-Bran, Eber Aragon, Vanessa Awasum, Isaias Castro, Juan Choque, Luigi Del Rosario, Manuel Duarte-Sibrian, Saul Espinal, Youseff Fouad, Jessica Fuentes, Gerffrey Gongga, Tania Hernandez, Ramon Holt, Joshua Howard, Yamil La Santa, Jason Lee, Karen Lopez-Morales, Jesse Majano, Heidi Mendoza, Keinel Nelson, Serge Owoukor, Jessica Ramirez, Isaiah Reed, Sandra Rodriguez, and Alpha Sow. Many thanks go out to Chief MSGT William Harris for planning this moving and patriotic event. His guidance, leadership and wisdom have not only affected the minds of this year's group of cadets, but have molded those of countless others over his 20 years at the "Point." Chief Harris is truly one of High

Point's finest.

The music department has been very busy this spring. Members of the Concert and Chamber Choirs, the Concert Band, and String Orchestra competed in Music in the Parks at Hershey Park, Saturday, May 5. All four groups received Superior ratings. A Superior rating is equivalent to an A. Both the Concert Choir and Concert Band earned second place trophies in the competition, while the Chamber Choir and the String Orchestra brought the gold back to Beltsville Md. Abigail Jembre won the Outstanding Accompanist Award for her performance on guitar with the Concert Choir. Then Monday, March 7, the Vocal Music Department held its annual Spring Concert. The concert highlighted the hard work and talent of the guitar, piano and choir classes. The department's Awards Banquet was held April 20. A special note of thanks goes out to Robin Thomas, manager of Buffalo Wild Wings in Beltsville, Md., who catered the special event free of charge. Congratulations to Priscilla Coleman, Stephen Cherry and members of the four performing groups.

The High Point Lady Eagles finished their regular season with a bang. The Lady Eagles scored seven runs in the last inning to come from behind and defeat the Lady Pumas of Henry Wise High School. Denora Naulty got the winning hit with two outs and two strikes on her. The softball team finished with a record of 11-6 and is seeded fourth in the regional tournament. Congrats to coach Paul Thebert and the team for a great regular season and best of luck in the regionals.

On the other side of the lower field, the boys' varsity baseball

team finished their regular schedule with 14 wins against four losses. Senior Leandro Guzman led the pitching staff with a 5-1 pitching record. He also led the offense with nine homeruns, four triples, eight doubles, and a .638 batting average. Other highlights from the season included sophomore Jack Cheney and junior Brian Cameron throwing back-to-back no-hitters, and junior Walter Jones banging out three homeruns. Coach Joe Quirk's team received the number three seed in the regional tournament. Way to go coach and good luck to the team in its quest for a state championship! The last day for the seniors was May 18. This year they, and their parents, relatives and friends will venture to the Showplace Arena/Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, Md., for graduation. The big day for over 390 seniors was Thursday, May 31. The commencement exercises began at 2 p.m. As for the remainder of the student population, the High School Assessments (HSAs) were administered the week of May 21 and finals will be given the week of June 4.

Until the next edition of the news, enjoy the spring weather and remember that good things are happening on the "Hilltop."

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From the Hilltop – High Point News

By Sandra Jimenez

The fruits of many students' labors were honored May 22 and May 23 in the Alan I. Chotiner Auditorium. Tuesday evening, May 22, High Point's athletes were honored and acknowledged by the athletic department. The parents and athletes were welcomed by Assistant Principal Judy Austin. Athletic Director Shirley Diggs and Assistant Athletic Director Pat Colgan did a wonderful job planning and conducting the evening's program. The following students were presented Most Valuable Player awards in their respective sports: cheerleading, Tyra Ferguson; cross country, Dillon Hari; girls' soccer, Lisa Donn; boys' soccer, Francisco Zelaya; volley-

ball, Jamie Elie; football, Alonzo Lyles; golf, Michael Smith; girls' basketball, Jonelle Britt; swimming, Spencer Brown and Laura Kelley; boys' basketball, Kayode Ajenifuja; indoor track, Mario Murray and Nina Johnson; wrestling, Denis Robles; bocce, Chaniqua Bond; softball, Chilaka Ugoji; baseball, Leandro Guzman; tennis, Francisco Zelaya and Yolande Pokam; and outdoor track, Compton Saul and Nina Johnson. The evening ended with the presentation of the following Eagle Awards:

Ernest Welch Award – Ayele Gebrehana and Yvonne Kamdem
Career Athlete of the Year – Francisco Zelaya and Chika Ugoji

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School News

New Beltsville Academy Parking

With the expansion of Beltsville Elementary School over the past few years going from housing kindergarten through sixth grades, to Beltsville Academy now housing pre-kindergarten through eighth grades, the parking situation at the school had become increasingly difficult. Overflow to the streets bordering the school became the norm and safety for the students and traffic flow became a significant issue.

For these reasons a parking lot addition was recently completed at Beltsville Academy which will accommodate forty additional parking spaces and improve the flow of arrival and dismissal traffic at the school. Two years ago a site plan was developed by the



Beltsville Academy ribbon-cutting for a parking lot addition at the school. Pictured are (l to r) Ed Pulik, PTA board member and parking lot coordinator, Principal Rashida Edwards, Andrew Hammond, outgoing PTA President, and Peter Doan, incoming PTA President

PTA and submitted to Dr. Hite, Prince George's County School Superintendent, and then to the school board for approval. A site plan was developed and a budget was approved. Construction began in mid-February and was completed in mid-May of this year.

The teachers, staff, parents, students and visitors are delighted

with the new addition which provides convenient school parking instead of congested street parking and improves safety by separating school buses from student drop-off and pick-up. Landscaping is now underway with eight maple trees already planted throughout the parking lot area.

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Simon Doong Named to Spring Semester Dean's List

Simon Doong, a graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, has been named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at The College of Wooster in Ohio. Doong

is a first-year student from Beltsville, Md. In order to be named to the Dean's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.65 or more.

Three High Point Students Win a Scholarship

Congratulations to Edna Odae, Olukayode Ajenifuja and Ayele Gebrehana, recipients of the *PTSA Making a Difference in our School and Community Scholarship*. Each of these seniors were awarded \$250 for the dedication to High Point High School and the community.

Retired High Point Principal Earns Frank J. O'Hara Award

Frank Tracy, principal of High Point High School from 1973 to 1988 and associate superintendent for supporting services, received the Frank J. O'Hara award. This award, established to recognize alumni who have exhibited sustained achievement in their field, is the highest honor from the University of Scranton and

the Alumni Society.

Tracy accepted his award on June 8 at the University of Scranton during an awards ceremony, followed by a dinner. He is honored to receive this award and is grateful to his former colleagues, parents, teachers, family and fellow administrators in achieving this award.

High Point High School PTSA

By Linda Diasgranados

Please follow the High Point High School PTSA in the Beltsville News. We are diligently working this summer so that we will have another excellent year for the school, student and parents.

Our general membership went up to 110 members. We are hoping that more parents and community members join us during the upcoming school year. Several groups are being formed under the PTSA and we are sure we can find a group for you. Happy Summer!

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Congratulations to Juan Diasgranados

Juan Diasgranados, Class of 2008, High Point High School, proudly graduated Cum Laude and with Honors from the Scripps School of Journalism at Hampton University with a Minor in Spanish. He will surely miss his home by the sea at Hampton University, where he was also on the Executive Board of the Honors Society, a Resident Assistant and a disc jockey for WHOV, Hampton University. Diasgranados has interned with NBC 4, NPR and MSNBC Today Show. He will be leaving the Beltsville area to join the team of WPTV NBC in West Palm Beach, Fla., as a reporter. Diasgranados's aspiration is to eventually be in the anchor chair.

Congratulations to Alejandro Diasgranados

Alejandro Diasgranados, Class of 2010, High Point High School, will be returning as a punter on the football team of Virginia State University. Diasgranados is studying Health Sciences and has been on the Dean's List since he was a freshman. This school term he made a 4.0 while keeping up with his football practices and volunteer work while at Virginia State University.

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Scholar Athlete of the Year – Kayode Ajenifuja and Laura Kelley

Athlete of the Year – Leandro Guzman and Lisa Donn

Thanks to all the students who represented the Point this past year on the fields and the courts, and congratulations to our honored athletes. Dedication, hard work and perseverance do pay off for those who are willing to put in the effort.

The following evening, the Class of 2012 presented its Senior Night Awards. The theme for the evening was *Oh, The Places We Will Go*, taken from the title of the book of the recently departed Dr. Seuss. The award presentations were for the following: Maryland Senatorial Scholarships, Maryland House of Delegates Scholarships, State of Maryland Merit Scholastic Awards, Carl H. & Emma M. Schinner Scholarship, Baltimore-Washington Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, Beltsville Lions Award, College Park Lions Award, Kiwanis Club Citizen Scholar Award, Kaiser Permanente Scholarships, United States Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Award and Scholastic Excellence Award, High Point Leadership & Patriotism Awards, High Point Athletic Awards, PTSA Scholarship Awards, SGA Leadership Award, National Honor Society Awards and 17 department awards. The end of the evening saw the following awards/scholarships presented:

Herman Spencer Caldwell, III, Memorial Scholarship – Dejah McNeill

Eagle Award – Jacqueline Turcios

Salutatorian Award – Maesah Barnard

Valedictorian Award – Daniel Kifle

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Award – Kimberly Melito

Francis Tracey Award – Edna Odae

Superintendent's Award – Yvonne Kamden and Maesah Barnard

Presiding over the presentation of the awards and scholarships was Principal Jimenez, as well as the senior class administrator, Rebecca Garcia, senior class sponsor, Barbara Hughes, and senior counselors, Curtis Edwards and Dan Peabody. It was a lovely event that saw High Point's finest honored for their academic excellence and outstanding service to the school and the community.

That special day that all students yearn for when they enter the doors of the Point occurred Thursday, May 31. More than 300 seniors received their diplomas at the Show Place Arena in Upper Marlboro, Md. The weather was beautiful as was the ceremony. High Point has long set the standard by which graduation ceremonies in Prince George's County are graded. Kudos to Barbara Hughes for delivering another outstanding and classy ceremony. The High Point Orchestra and Concert Band, under the direction of Stephen Cherry, played numerous selections for the Prelude and Graduation Suite: Processional and Recessional masterfully. The Concert Choir, under the watchful eye of Choir Director Priscilla Coleman, did a wonderful job singing *The Star Spangled Banner* and a selection titled *Stars I Shall Find* by Victor Johnson.

The welcome and introduction of platform guests was done by Senior Class President Denora Naulty. Joining Naulty on the dais were fellow classmates, Senior Class Vice President Jackie Turcios, Secretary Benneth Chukwu, Treasurer Natalie Morataya, SGA President Ayele Gebrehana, Salutatorian Maesah M. Barnard, and Valedictorian Daniel T. Kifle. A poignant *Moment of Reflection*

was given by Juan D. Choque Amprero. The class speakers were Natalie Jaimes, Morgan Marsden, and Claudia Orellana. The theme of their speeches was again *Oh, The Places We Will Go*. Prior to filing out of the arena, the seniors and guests were led in the singing of High Point's Alma Mater by Persuannette Fermin and Brandon Wells.

Among the many things that make High Point's graduation special and unique is the selection of a faculty member by his/her colleagues to be the guest speaker. This year's Distinguished Faculty Representative was Chief Master Sergeant William L. Harris. Harris, affectionately known by students as "Chief" has been an integral part of the AFJROTC/Aerospace Science Program at High Point for 18 years. Prior to serving the students in the High Point community, Harris had a distinguished military career that spanned more than 28 years in the United States Air Force. His field of expertise was aircraft maintenance technology. Like the Class of 2012, Harris, too, will be leaving the hallowed halls of High Point as he starts another chapter in his life – retirement. His presence will be missed greatly, but his legacy will continue.

The staff and students experienced a smooth and uneventful school closing. Selected staff members and the administration will be working throughout the summer to prepare for the new Ninth Grade Academy. School correspondences and special forums in the school auditorium throughout the summer and into the fall will provide information to parents and community members about how High Point plans to address the needs of 14-15 year adolescents and help them achieve greater success during their four years at the Point.

Until the next "From the Hilltop" have a great summer and a safe, but fun Fourth of July.

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DAYS AND HOURS FOR TOURS IN 2012

The mansion is open Thursday – Tuesday and is closed on Wednesday. Guided tours take place at 12 noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m. Self-guided tours are available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fees: \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors, and \$1 for children 5 – 18. Children younger than age 5 are admitted free.

COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM

1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Dr., College Park, Md. Call 301.864.6029 for information on events for June. TTY: 301.699.2544. Museum admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, and \$2 for children. Children younger than 2 admitted free. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., except for major holidays. Tours for groups of 10 or more are available by appointment.

LAUREL-BELTSVILLE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

7120 Contee Rd., Laurel, Md., 20707. Contact the center to learn about classes and special events. Phone: 301.206.3350. Fax: 301.206.3387. TTY: 301.446.3402. Regular hours of operation: Monday – Thursday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., closed on Sunday.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER

10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, Md., 20708. The Visitor Center entrance is accessed from Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore–Washington Parkway and Route 197. The center is part of the Patuxent Wildlife Research Refuge. Special walking trail hours on Tuesdays through Aug. 28: sunrise to 7:30 p.m. Regular hours of operation are daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for major holidays. Free admission to the center and its exhibits, the grounds and the trails.

BELTSVILLE EVENTS

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FLEA MARKET & SUMMER FAIR

Saturday, June 14, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at TESST College, 4600 Powder Mill Road. Vendor spaces are \$10, tables also available at \$5 rental each. Register with Director of Finance at 301.586.4000.

BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, July 24, 3-6:45 p.m. at the Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Road, Beltsville, Md. Sponsored by the Beltsville Lions in cooperation with MedStar Health Blood Donor Services. Please call Lion Ted Ladd, 301.937.6796 to make an appointment.

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Contact the Beltsville Library by phone at 301.937.0294. Visit us at 4319 Sellman Road, Beltsville, next door to the police station. Hours are Monday and Tuesday, 1 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Sunday. Closed July 4 for Independence Day. Visit our library system web site at www.pgcmls.info.

PROGRAMS FOR EVERYONE

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PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

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Thursday, July 19 at 10:30 a.m. Join Jeannie and Joe as they travel the world in this interactive musical show with puppets, live music and lots of songs.

FAMILY GAME ON

Tuesday, July 31 at 6 p.m. Families are invited to join the library for a night of video games and board games.

3 TO 5 YEAR OLD STORYTIME

Wednesdays, July 11, 18 and 25 at 10:30 a.m. Songs, stories and fingerplays.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

GAME ON! TOURNAMENT STYLE

Thursday, July 12 and 26 at 2 p.m. Join us at the library for an afternoon of Tournament gaming featuring Mario Kart and Super Smash Bros. Brawl. Registration starts at 2 p.m. and play will begin at 2:30 p.m. All experience levels welcome. Ages 11-18.

HUNGER GAMES

Monday, July 23 at 7 p.m. Join us for an afternoon at the Cornucopia... where there will be battles, challenges and ultimately, one winner. Can you survive the Hunger Games? Registration required. Contact the library for more information. Ages 11-18.

CHOCOLATE OLYMPICS

Thursday, July 19 at 2 p.m. Test your chocolate knowledge and savor some delicious chocolate treats. Ages 11-18.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION

Monday, July 9 at 7 p.m. The group will discuss "The Last Lecture" by Randy Pausch.

INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT WORD

Thursday, July 26 at 9:10 a.m. Don't be intimidated by computers! Leave the library feeling more confident using Microsoft Word. Limit 16 per class. Registration required.

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Specialist is Michael Hansborough. Contact him at 301.937.6613 or Michael.Hansborough@pgparks.com for information on classes and events in June. Spanish line: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512. Regular hours of operation are: Monday – Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (except for Xtreme Teen events), Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (except for Xtreme Teen events), closed on Sunday.

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Fridays and Saturdays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Ages 13-17. Free with valid Center ID card.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

(Quorum Needed)

Wednesday, June 27 at 9:30 a.m. The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Full Commission Meeting, Parks and Recreation Administration Building (PRA), 6600 Kenilworth Ave., Riverdale, Md.

Thursday, June 28. Prince George's County Planning Board Meeting, First Floor Hearing Room, County Administration Building, Upper Marlboro, Md. 9 a.m. – Administrative and Parks and Recreation Items; 10 a.m. – Development Review and Other Items

Thursday, July 12. Prince George's County Planning Board Meeting, First Floor Hearing Room, County Administration Building, Upper Marlboro, Md. 9 a.m. – Administrative and Parks and Recreation Items; 10 a.m. – Development Review and Other Items

Wednesday, July 18 at 9:30 a.m. The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Full Commission Meeting, Montgomery Regional Office (MRO), 8787 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, Md.

Thursday, July 19. Prince George's County Planning Board Meeting, First Floor Hearing Room, County Administration Building, Upper Marlboro, Md. 9 a.m. – Administrative and Parks and Recreation Items; 10 a.m. – Development Review and Other Items

Water

By Beckie Hutchings

God stores it in a billowed house until the proper time,
When flashing fingers break the locks of window sills that bind.

It rushes down a windy stair to saturate the earth,
To satisfy the parched, the dry, and quench their aching thirst.

Sometimes, it gently dances to a tune it only knows,
Or settles softly in the dew on webs, and leaves, and boughs.

O'er mighty mountain faces it may harden till the Spring,
When icy masks melt into falls which purify our drinks.

Eroded rocks and polished shells both clearly testify

The power of a multitude of droplets from the sky.

It travels all the world to bring its life through streams and seas;
And carries weights no man can lift as easy as you please.

With high and massive waves it stretches out to change the land,
But only is allowed to go as far as God's command.

Reflections are the photographs of beauties it has seen;

Bright mirrors that describe the joy it has in simply being.

It sparkles in the moonlight, and roars loudly in the storm,

Has held its Master's footstep, heard His voice, and felt His form.

Our sins are buried in it, never more to be reviewed,

Because the Living Water doused the fire we were due.

From underneath the throne of Heav'n its healing spreads to all

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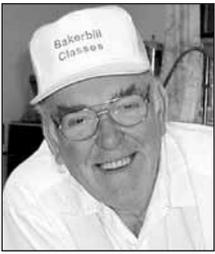
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Baker Bill

STUFF 'N THINGS

Where has the year gone? I was thinking about my past bakery life. When I got out of the service in 1956, I went to work at a large Ford dealer and in about three years, worked my way up to service manager. In the evenings I worked in the bakery making things like brownies, cakes and cookies. My father was very ill and could not do much. My mom worked 16 hours a day. I did what I could to help her. After his passing, it was plain to see the business was on the ropes. I had a lot of good equipment on my hands to do something with when we had to close. So a couple of teenagers and I moved lock, stock and barrel to Beltsville, Md., and opened on November 16, 1964. The day we opened, I had to float a check to get change for the cash drawers. Raulin's Bakery was reborn and we never looked back; thanks to many of you who still remember. Well, that's about the end of this



soap opera. It came to mind when I was reading a book in which they mentioned the honey dip donut. I think my dad made up the name. I even remember the formula for the honey dip coating. I am not making that claim, but it very well could be true.

As you may know, I teach a basic baking class every fall. The class begins on October 8. If interested, drop me a line at bakerbill2010@hotmail.com or call 301.572.4180. More on the class will be provided later.

As I sit writing this, it is raining hard. It brings back memories of the tornado back in 2003 that took a lot of trees down in Beltsville, and other property damage. I remember another one that no else can. It happened on a warm summer afternoon. I was at the

bakery doing the books and had the front door propped open. A sudden thunderstorm came up and a funnel formed. It sucked the door off the hinges, all loose items went out the opening, and it broke one of my showcases. I claimed the mess to my insurance company but they would not pay, saying there was no tornado reported anywhere. A few weeks later, the Laurel Leader wrote about a small tornado seen in the area just up the road from Beltsville. The insurance company paid. It was about \$2,000 in damages.

Hey, people — slow down! Gunpowder Road is not a speedway nor is Powder Mill Road. I thought it was my being old and all, driving a steady 40 MPH, but a young man at the golf course said the same thing.

"Tailgating is becoming dangerous out there," he said.

I thought it was just me. This is the time of year Prince George's County sets up the speed traps. I recently saw a speed camera set up on Montgomery Road. Look out, you speeders; it's portable.

Time to close. No recipe this month. Summer is not baking time unless you can do it on the Barbee. Words of wisdom: you can fool all of the people some of the time and some of the people all of the time, but you can't fool mom.

bakerbill.net



Digital World Technology Expo at Riderwood Retirement Community

Riderwood Retirement Community held a free Digital World Technology Expo on June 26 at 3140 Gracefield Road, Silver Spring, Md. This technology expo is the first of its kind in the region and will be held from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Performance Hall on the Riderwood campus.

This technology expo will help senior citizens learn to use tech-

nology to stay connected with family, track personal finances and health care information, and as a form of entertainment. Attendees will interact with Riderwood resident presenters to learn how to apply technology in areas of electronic health records, digital photography, audiology, genealogy and video gaming. Special Facebook, email, Skype,

Twitter, and iPad workshops will be held. Seminars will be offered.



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