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Beltsville Briefs

Upcoming Events at the First Baptist Church of Beltsville

In June, First Baptist Church of Beltsville will hold a field day for the community. There will be fun, games, and free food for everyone. The event is Saturday, June 16, from 12–4 pm.

Mark your calendars because vacation Bible school is coming July 16–20! It will run from 9 am–noon and is for children 4 years through 6th grade. It will be full of fun, music, games, snacks, and surprises. The best part is that it's free!

For more information about any of these events, you can call 301.937.7771 or email churchoffice@fbcbeltsville.org.

Central Maryland Chorale Presents the Fauré Requiem and Copland's Old American Songs

The Central Maryland Chorale, directed by Monica Otal and accompanied by the Montgomery Philharmonic, presents the *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré and Aaron Copland's *Old American Songs*, an arrangement that includes such favorites as "Simple Gifts," "At

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Making It Click Campaign

Students in Eleanor Roosevelt High School's (ERHS) SADD Chapter (Students Against Destructive Decisions) made valiant efforts to encourage and inform their peers in the #MakingItClick Campaign during the 2017–2018 school year.

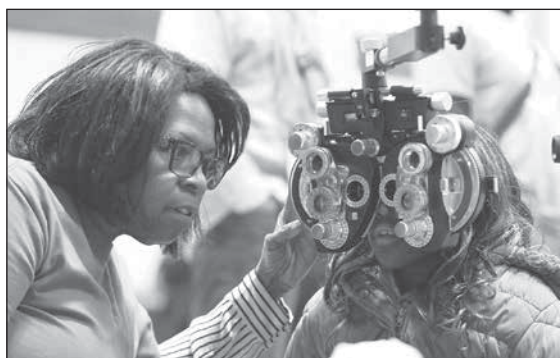
Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death in teens. Forty-nine percent, about half, of all teens who were killed in the crashes were not wearing seat belts. In response to this, the Making It Click campaign

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Students in Eleanor Roosevelt High School's (ERHS) SADD Chapter (Students Against Destructive Decisions)

Beltsville Adventist Community Center Helps Students in Beltsville Schools



The Daniel Migael Foundation brought high-tech equipment to test for potential vision problems in students from Beltsville-area schools. But it also brought caring eye care specialists who made the equipment less scary for the students. Photo taken by Renea Smallwood.

by Ann Laurence

More than 100 students in Beltsville-area schools can see the blackboards, the PowerPoints, and the books a lot better than they did at the start of the school year thanks to a joint project of the Beltsville Adventist Community Center, Beltsville's school principals, and the Daniel Migael Foundation from Fort Worth, Texas.

On February 17 and 18, the Beltsville Adventist Community Center sponsored free eye exams conducted at Beltsville Adventist School for students from High Point High School, Martin Luther King Middle School, and Calverton and Vansville

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Olukayode Ajenifuja - A Champion from Beltsville!

Olukayode—lovingly called Kayode, Kayo, or Kay, the 3rd child and 2nd son of the Ajenifuja family—has placed Beltsville on the map for professional sports as a member of the Toulouse Basketball Club in Toulouse, France!! Kayode actually started his romance with basketball as a toddler when the only thing that got him to smile for the camera on picture day was a basketball. He started playing ball with the Beltsville Bulls in 6th grade. Then, he further developed his talent at Forcey Christian Middle School, where he was coached and part of a team that really shaped his dreams of playing professional basketball. Afterwards, he attended High Point High School (HPHS) and grew in his passion and proficiency of the game. He played on one of the local AAU teams with Coach George and Coach Stan. They traveled a lot, and this helped him grow even more as a player.

In 2012, he graduated from HPHS as a



Olukayode Ajenifuja doing what he loves, playing basketball!

star basketball player and was recruited by Howard Community College (HCC). There, under the skilled training of Coach Mike, Coach Poole, and Coach Jay, the Howard Dragons won the regional championship for the first time in the school's history, allowing them to go to junior college nationals in Illinois. In his second year at HCC, Kayode and the team continued to succeed as they won the regular season conference championship. Kayode then graduated from HCC with an associate's degree in general studies.

Next, he was given a full scholarship to attend Mercyhurst University in Erie, PA. There he was challenged by Coach Manchel to take his game to the next level, and he did! By the second year—his senior year—he was ready. He led his team to the PSAC championship (another history-

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On the Agenda

By President Karen M. Coakley

The Citizen's Association will not meet in May. I encourage

everyone to attend Councilwoman Mary Lehman's Town Hall at the Laurel-Beltsville Senior Center on Wednesday, May 16th.



Karen Coakley

The May/June meeting of the Citizen's Association will be on Tuesday, June 5th at 7:00 p.m. at Beltsville Academy, 4300 Wicomico Ave, Beltsville, MD 20705. We will have a presentation for a proposed "Medical Marijuana" facility. The proposed site is in the shopping center on the northbound side of Route One just after Powder Mill Road and across from the CVS Shopping Center.

Theft from Auto continues to be a problem in Beltsville. PLEASE lock your cars and remove valuables. Have you signed up for "Nextdoor" to receive community updates? Go to www.nextdoor.com then enter your address to find your neighborhood. Now here are a few updates.

District 21 Annapolis Session Wrap Up

Senator Rosapepe and Delegates Frush, Barnes and Penamelnik will give the community a summary of the 2018 legislative session. The Wrap Up Ses-

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Letters to the Editor

In response to the walkout in protest of gun violence I would like to offer a different point of view. Our Founders gave us the 2nd Amendment for a reason. With the world in as much chaos as it is there is a high probability those who own firearms will be needed. Wishing your rights away is a foolish endeavor in a country that espouses human freedoms. A much better protest would have been the lackluster

response of the police department as well as the FBI and a question as to why current laws aren't being followed. People kill, not guns and this young man should have been in custody. Being an activist is good but these young people need to think outside the box and with thought of the consequences of disarming the public. It's shameful that losing ones rights now seem honorable. And I also am a Grandma.

I received this in the mail from a gentleman from Alexandria, VA. I thought I would share it with you.
Rick

To The Editor,
I happened to be in Beltsville today. My brother wanted to visit Old Line Liquor on Rt. 1 before we attended the University of Maryland Spring football game. I picked up a copy of your paper in the liquor store. I am writing to tell you how impressed I am by the

quality of your publication. It was heartening and refreshing to see such an old fashioned community newspaper. We have all seen and heard reports indicating that newspapers nowadays are struggling to survive. Society and the popular culture have changed along with people's personal habits.

My brother John and I follow the University of Maryland our uncle went there. Our uncle, Jim Gadoras, passed away last November at the age of 78. He went to the

University of Maryland during the turbulent late 1960's and early 1970's while he was working on Capitol Hill. He took us to many football, basketball and lacrosse games there. GO TERPS!

Sincerely,
Greg Paspates

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making event) and was given the MVP award.

Since that time, he was recruited to play basketball in France. The first year he played for the La Charite Basket Club. Once again, in his usual fashion, he brought magic to the team, and it won the National 2 championship moving it up to National 1! Kayode just can't stop himself; he is a true winner!

Presently, he is playing in Toulouse, France, for the Toulouse Basketball Club. Of course, it is in a good position to make it to playoffs and, once again, move up to National 1. The team has also made it the final round of the French Cup and will be competing to be the French Cup champions! In regular season, it has 3 more games until playoffs begin, and the team plans to continue on its 8-game winning streak. My husband and I just returned from France and got to see Toulouse blow out its opponents by 40 points. We are expecting that God will do great things and allow it to win the championship again this year.

We would just like everyone to celebrate the life of this fine young man who is not only an ambassador for the US in Toulouse, being the first American to play on their team, but also he is an ambassador for Christ and for Beltsville.

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TODAY'S MOON

Early this morning
I saw the MOON up high
in the still dark sky.

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Prayer Vigil for the 50 Anniversary of the Assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Theresa Dudley, President of Prince's County Educators' Association; Gerron Levi, former Maryland State Delegate; Rev. Charles McNeil, President Of the National Baptist Capital District Convention; Aisha Braveboy, former Maryland State Delegate; and Bob Ross, President, NAACP, Prince's County, Antoine M. Thompson, National Executive Director of NAREB. Photo taken on April 4, 2018 at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School



Volunteers help to clean up Little Paint Branch at the Beltsville Community Center.

Little Paint Branch Clean Up at the Beltsville Community Center

On April 21, 2018, Tom Dernoga, former Prince Georges County Council member, Linda Diasgranados and Michelle Garcia organized an Earth Day stream cleanup in conjunction with the Anacostia Watershed Society. Over 60 volunteers turned out on a chilly, but sunny morning to work and clean up along the Little Paint Branch adjacent to the Beltsville Community Center. The Little Paint Branch is a tributary stream of the Anacostia watershed.

There were teams of volunteers from Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, Cub Scout Pack

1031, and the Police Explorers. At the Beltsville Community Center, the volunteers collected 25 bags of trash and ten bags of recycling. Corporal Hibbert and Tom Dernoga took about a dozen Explorers to a site on Virginia Manor Road and collected 43 tires, 14 bags of trash, a mattress and a boat!

"The event was a success, thanks to the hard work of so many hard-working volunteers from the Beltsville area," said Tom Dernoga, "Every year, by serving our community, we make great strides in the Anacostia River restoration project."

Prince George's County District 21 Residents Declare Their Candidacy to Run For Central Committee as a Team

District 21 residents Linda Diasgranados, Michelle García, and Brian McDaniel announce their intent to run as a team for the governing body of the Maryland Democratic Party. Ms. Diasgranados and Mr. McDaniel will run districtwide, and Ms. García will run countywide as an at-large candidate.

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"Linda, Brian, and Michelle are terrific leaders," said Maryland State Senator for District 21 Jim Rosapepe. "Now, more than ever, we need

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Michael Richards and Valerie Kabelac

privacy in a coordinating color that blends with the ceiling to add balance to the beautiful wallpaper. An eco-friendly natural marble on the floor will complete your foyer, providing durability and timeless beauty for years to come.

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Cub Pack 1031 Heading towards the Finish Line

Cub Pack 1031 is looking forward to the crossover of the Arrow den at the new firepit at Beltsville Community Center on April 30. This will be the first time we will use the benches, which were part of our Den Chief Kyle Thomas' Eagle project. On Earth Day, we will also be participating in the Anacostia Watershed Society's cleanup along the Little Paint Branch Trail with a local community group.

The Wolf den prepared its "bundles of love" service project for the homeless on April 16.

The Webelos and the Arrow den will be doing the Castaway pin at the committee chair's house where they will build a "shelter" from branches, see a demonstration of how to light a fire without matches and how to purify water for cooking, and cook tinfoil meals over a fire. It should be fun!

The pack will begin spring recruiting at Beltsville Day. New scouts can join on June 1 to become part of our summertime activities along the trails and outdoors. There will be hiking, fishing, games and lots of fun!!

Beginning in June, we will reach out to scouting families with both boys and girls grade



Wolf den and Girl Scout Emily F. with their bundles of love for the homeless

1st to 5th grade who want to do family scouting. Lions (rising kindergarteners) can join at the beginning of the school year in September. All year, the pack has activities including camping, hiking, our annual Pinewood Derby, and campfires. We also do participatory citizenship along Little Paint Branch Trail, our toy drive, and Scouting for

Food. Along the way, we learn responsibility, play games, and have tons of fun.

If you are interested in discovering the fun of Cub Scouts with your child, please contact Regina Halper at Pack1031CubScouting@gmail.com for more information.

May is Better Hearing Month

by Dr. Kathy Mellott, Audiologist, Audiology Unlimited/College Park Hearing Service

Hearing loss affects almost 50 million Americans today. Although hearing problems are commonly associated with the normal aging process, more than half of all hearing-impaired persons are younger than 65. With the increased use of personal music players and earbuds, the number of Americans experiencing hearing loss at a younger age is growing.

On average, most Americans consider hearing loss a condition that is simply associated with aging and don't know how to recognize the condition or who is qualified to diagnose and treat the condition. In an effort to raise public awareness for the growing number of Americans suffering from hearing loss, the American Academy of Audiology in conjunction with local audiologists are celebrating Better Hearing Month this May.

As part of Better Hearing Month, the American Academy of Audiology is encouraging consumers to be more aware of their hearing health.

Hearing loss can be caused by exposure to loud noises, ear infec-

tions, trauma, or ear disease; harm to the inner ear and ear drum; illness or certain medications; and deterioration due to the normal aging process.

An audiologist is a highly educated and clinically experienced healthcare professional who specializes in evaluating, diagnosing, and treating people with hearing loss and balance disorders. Hearing loss can affect patients of all ages—newborns, infants, babies, toddlers, children, teens, adults, and the elderly.

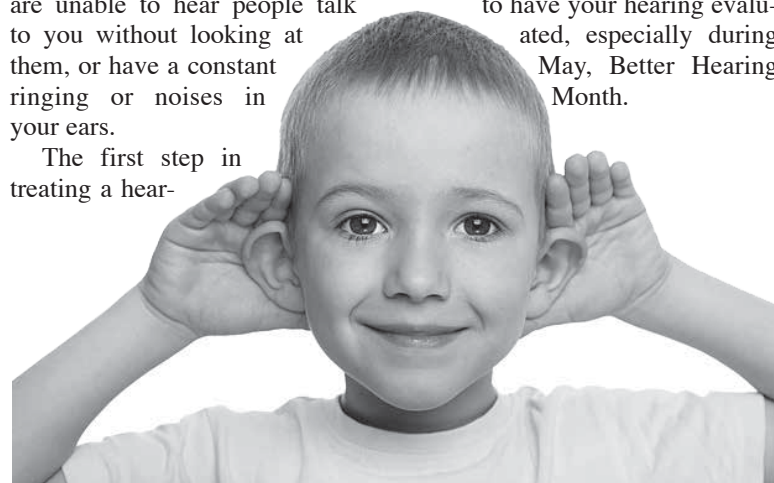
You may have a problem with your hearing and need to see an audiologist if you have trouble hearing conversation in a noisy environment such as a restaurant, are unable to hear people talk to you without looking at them, or have a constant ringing or noises in your ears.

The first step in treating a hear-

ing problem is a hearing evaluation by an audiologist. Audiologists have a variety of specialties that include but are not limited to:

- Performing hearing evaluations on newborns and infants
- Prescribing and fitting hearing aids
- Designing and implementing hearing conservation programs
- Providing hearing rehabilitation training

Although most hearing loss is permanent, an audiologist can determine the best treatment, which may include hearing aids, assistive listening devices, and hearing rehabilitation. Most medical insurances cover a hearing evaluation. Contact an audiologist to have your hearing evaluated, especially during May, Better Hearing Month.



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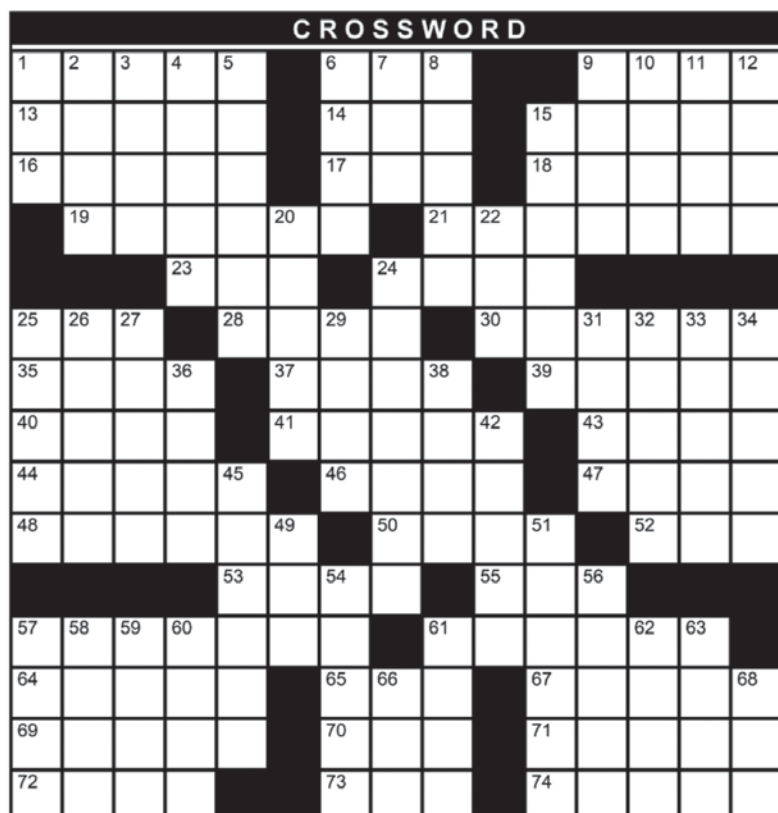
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- Certain Scandinavian
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Obituaries

Karpinski, Christopher Michael, 33

Chris was born on August 25, 1984, in Washington, DC. He was raised and lived most of his life in Beltsville, Maryland. He passed away on March 28, 2018, at the age of 33 in Aribi, Louisiana.

He was working in sales. He had an outgoing personality that always made people smile and laugh and made friends wherever he traveled. He enjoyed watching football, drawing, soccer, and spending time with family and friends.

He was predeceased by his father, Michael W. Karpinski; maternal grandparents, Herman and Betty T. Hall; fraternal grandparents, Stanley and Delores Karpinski; and his uncle Gregory L. Tasker.

He is survived by his mother Victoria "Vicki" Karpinski and sister Jennifer Karpinski, both of Frederica, DE; his niece Naila Hunter of Frederica, DE; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins. He also leaves behind several friends

from Maryland, Louisiana, Alabama, and Texas.

He was cremated, and a memorial service for family and friends will be held on April 28, 2018, in Laurel, MD.

Uphoff, James Harold, 98

On Tuesday, March 20, 2018, beloved husband of the late Esther Leone Uphoff; loving father of Linda L. Uphoff, James H. Uphoff, Jr., and the late Charlene Uphoff; grandfather of Kelly, Emily, and Rachel Uphoff; brother of George and Ronald Uphoff and the late Joseph, William, Charles, Robert, Donald Uphoff, Kathleen Vidal, and Mary Ann Buchanan. Funeral service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home on Tuesday, April 3, 2018, at 11 am. Interment Private. Memorial contributions may be made to New Horizons, 16000 Trade Zone Ave, Suite 109, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774 or The ARC, Prince Georges County, 1401 McCormic Drive, Largo, MD 20774.

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I know that most of my columns are about personal technology including computers, software, and security, but I thought I would go a little further out this month and look at what is going on in the space launch arena. I have been a fan of anything having to do with space ever since I watched the John Glenn flight as a young boy. Space is again a wonder as it transitions from government-developed technology to commercial technologies. This month, I want to take a quick tour of the companies involved and what they are doing that is new and different.

SpaceX

In less than 20 years, SpaceX has gone from being a dream to the leading commercial space provider based on scheduled launches. Its costs are significantly below any other competitor in its launch categories, and earlier this year, SpaceX launched the Falcon Heavy, currently the most powerful operational spacecraft in the world. It also has the proven ability to land its spaceships after



launch and reuse them for multiple flights. With the newest build of the Falcon 9 known as “block 5,” SpaceX expects to be able to refl y each rocket it can recover at least 10 times. SpaceX plans to test a method to recover second stages later this year and is expected to be able to launch people into space by the end of this year or early in 2019. SpaceX developed the base Falcon 9 launch capability using private funding but has received government contracts to meet the needs for supplying the space station and supporting manned flights to ferry astronauts to the station. SpaceX is also working on a much larger

rocket, the BFR for Big Falcon Rocket. This rocket is much larger than the current Falcon rocket and more powerful than the Saturn V used for the moon launch. The BFR may quickly replace the Falcon Heavy rocket as the most powerful.

United Launch Alliance

The United Launch Alliance (ULA) was formed by traditional government contractors Boeing and Lockheed Martin as a joint venture in 2005. They currently offer four launch vehicles, the Delta II, the Delta IV, the Delta

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the River,” and “Zion’s Walls.” The philharmonic will play Mozart’s *Symphony No. 35* (the “Haffner Symphony”). Soloists are Pauline Edmonds Baldrige, soprano; and Jason Buckwalter, baritone. The concert is on Sunday,

May 20, at 4 pm at The Lutheran Church of Saint Andrew, 15300 New Hampshire Avenue, in Silver Spring, MD. Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$15 for students/seniors. For more information, call 240.478.7952, email centralmd-chorale@gmail.com, or visit www.centralmarylandchorale.org.

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Craig A. Moe has lived in Prince George’s County, Maryland since 1959, educated in the Prince George’s County school system and graduating from Laurel Senior HS in 1977. Craig was re-elected to his 4th term as Mayor of the City of Laurel on November 3, 2015, sworn into office on November 6, 2015, and continues to serve as mayor.

“I am humbled by all the encouragement I have received to run for Prince George’s County Council, to represent the citizens of District 1. I am proud of the accomplishments we have made in Laurel, through partnerships with the community and other elected officials, I would be honored to serve the residents of Council District 1 with the same hard work and dedication I have always provided.” Craig A. Moe

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Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

Highlights of 2018 Maryland legislative session

Last month, Delegates Barbara Frush, Joseline Peña-Melnyk, Ben Barnes, and I concluded the 2018 legislative session. Like last year, much of our work has been focused on protecting Maryland from the dangers posed by President Trump and his allies. Among the most important:

- Restoring the personal exemption on Maryland tax returns taken away by the Republican federal tax law.
- Based on the recommendation of the Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission, co-chaired by Delegate Peña-Melnyk, we fought Republican attacks on Obamacare, Medicare, and Medicaid and passed a strong law to block big insurance rate hikes.
- Responding to Trump's "drill, baby, drill" energy policy, we passed tough new regulations on offshore oil and gas drilling to protect Maryland's shores.
- To help protect Marylanders' jobs, homes, and retirement savings from another economic crisis, we strengthened protections for retirees' savings, boosted fines on unscrupulous brokers and banks, and put more financial cops on the beat to curb the wolves of Wall Street.
- To keep our families safe, we:
- required insurance companies to expand drug addiction and mental health services through local health departments.
- required doctors to discuss with patients the risks of prescription painkillers.
- boosted funding Safe Streets and other programs that get guns off the streets.
- banned bump stocks, which, as we saw in Las Vegas, turn semi-automatic weapons into fully automatic weapons.



Senator Jim Rosapepe

- required every public school by 2021 to have lockable doors for every classroom, a school resource or police officer, and expanded mental health evaluation.
- gave prosecutors more tools to keep repeat, violent criminals out of our neighborhoods with longer sentences for gun crimes and big drug dealers.

We worked together on all these initiatives:

- blocking big hikes in health insurance rates under the new law sponsored by Delegate Peña-Melnyk, chair of the House Public Health Subcommittee.
- Delegate Frush relentlessly worked on the Chesapeake Bay Commission to protect our environment and the Chesapeake Bay to make sure that it remains healthy and viable.
- Delegate Barnes, as vice chairman of the Education Subcommittee, has worked to secure record school funding for Prince George's.
- restoring state personal tax exemptions endangered by Trump tax plan, championed by Senator Rosapepe.

To help fix potholes and improve local roads, we approved \$26.7 million for Prince George's County.

Key investments in the state budget

- boosts in state funds for schools in Prince George's by \$29.2 million.
- more jobs in Maryland repairing UM buildings and local schools, increasing

investments in roads, bridges, and transit.

- boosts in investment in the University of Maryland and other public colleges by \$60.2 million.
- balanced the budget, protecting Maryland's AAA bond rating.
- \$150.1 million to protect open space and \$2.5 million to improve local parks.
- \$5.6 million for rebuilding Route 1 in College Park.
- \$334.9 for construction of the light rail Purple Line, connecting the Metro Green Line and the University of Maryland with Bethesda, New Carrollton—and New York!
- \$5 million for a tax cut for small businesses that provide paid sick leave to their workers.

Join us Monday, May 21 in Beltsville

Delegates Barbara Frush, Joseline Peña-Melnyk, Ben Barnes, and I will be meeting with Beltsville residents Monday, May 21, to report on the 2018 Maryland legislative session. The meeting will include residents from Beltsville Civic Association, Calverton Citizens Association, and other nearby homeowners' associations. The event starts at 7:00 pm and will be held at Beltsville Academy on Wicomico Ave. We'll be discussing local issues and answering your questions. We invite you to share your views on important state and community issues.

Join us at Beltsville Day, Sunday, May 20

The delegates and I are always there to chat with local residents—and celebrate Beltsville. If you've never come, start this year! There are games for kids, music, food, great fellowship, and much more. Stop by the 21st District Delegation's table where we'll have free maps, guides to festivals and other fun events around Maryland, and information on how to solve problems. We look forward to seeing you and hearing your concerns Sunday, May 20, noon–5 pm, at the Beltsville Community Center.

Contact us

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 help you. Just email 21stDistrictDelegation@gmail.com or call 301.858.3141.



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Riderwood Remembers Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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"We wanted to gather on the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s, assassination to remember his legacy and talk about meeting the goals of equity in the next 50 years," said Gary Hibbs, executive director, Riderwood. "Our goal is to create community here at Riderwood, and in our small corner of the world, we look to Dr. King as a giant to inspire us to further the dream to reality that everyone belongs. We gathered together a wonderful group to talk about the past, the present, and the future, all while remembering and honoring Dr. King." The 50 years of Dreams event took place in the chapel at Riderwood and included:

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Organist Eleanor Timberlake

Welcome:
Rev. James T. Bell



Riderwood residents hold hands as they remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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The Beltsville Garden Club

The Beltsville Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, May 23, at 7:30 pm in the multi-purpose room of the Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville, MD. Please join us for a program titled Daylily Daze: The Past, Present, and Future of Daylily Breeding. Presenter Chris von Kohn's talk will feature daylily species and cultivars from the 1890s through today, and he will also discuss the steps and considerations that were required in creating the perennials we now know.

Mr. von Kohn was born in Arlington, Texas, where his parents instilled in him a love of gardening and an interest in plants. Mr von Kohn noticed daylilies in particular and tried his hand at breeding them as a teenager. This interest in plants led him to pursue horticulture as an undergraduate at Texas A&M University and then a master's degree in plant breeding and plant genetics at the University of Wisconsin. After graduating, he spent a year researching an endangered species of magnolia as a support scientist with the National Arboretum. A full-time position as curator of the National Boxwood and Perennial



Collections (including daylilies, of course) opened up, and Mr. von Kohn has been serving in that capacity since February 2016.

The public is welcome, and admission is free. You are encouraged to bring something to exchange such as a plant, cutting, or garden tool or magazine: bring something, take something! Refreshments will be served after the talk.

Also, mark your calendar, for the annual plant sale on May 12 in the parking lot of High Point High School, 3601 Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville, MD. The sale starts at 8 am. To learn more about the Beltsville Garden Club, visit www.beltsvillegardenclub.org or Like Us on Facebook—www.facebook.com/beltsvillegardenclub.



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- ✓ Public health initiatives that promote better nutrition, expand access to Farmer's Markets, and reduce food deserts by allowing urban farming in residential areas; and
- ✓ Robust oversight of county agencies plus transparent government practices.

I am running for delegate to advance progressive economic, environmental, transportation, health and criminal justice policies in our state. I will continue my commitment to transparency in government, and provide excellent constituent service to District 21 residents in partnership with local officials in Anne Arundel and Prince George's counties. I will go to bat for you and be your voice in Annapolis!



By Authority: Citizens for Mary Lehman, Jeanne Taylor, Treasurer



Blue Origin Crew Capsule 2.0

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IV Heavy, and the Atlas V. They are working on the Vulcan rocket to replace all of these vehicles. It looks like this new vehicle will be powered by engines developed by Blue Origin.

Blue Origins

Blue Origin is owned by Amazon founder and *Washington Post* owner Jeff Bezos. Blue Origin has developed the engine that will most likely be used by the ULA in its new Vulcan rocket. However, Blue Origin has rockets it developed as well. Like SpaceX, the rockets are designed to be reusable. The New Shepard (named after Alan Shepard the first American in space) is a suborbital rocket that may be used to carry tourists to the edge of space. It has

been through several successful test flights. Blue Origin is also developing the New Glenn rocket. New Glenn is expected to be able to send men into space and orbit the earth. The first test launch is expected in 2020. New Glenn is being developed using private funds only. Maybe we will be able to order one on Amazon

Virgin Galactic and Virgin Orbit

Virgin Galactic was created by Richard Branson and Burt Rutan to create a reusable space launch capability based on the design used to win the Ansari X prize. Virgin Galactic is expecting to offer suborbital tourist flights to near space. The system launches a spaceship (Spaceship Two) from a specially designed airplane

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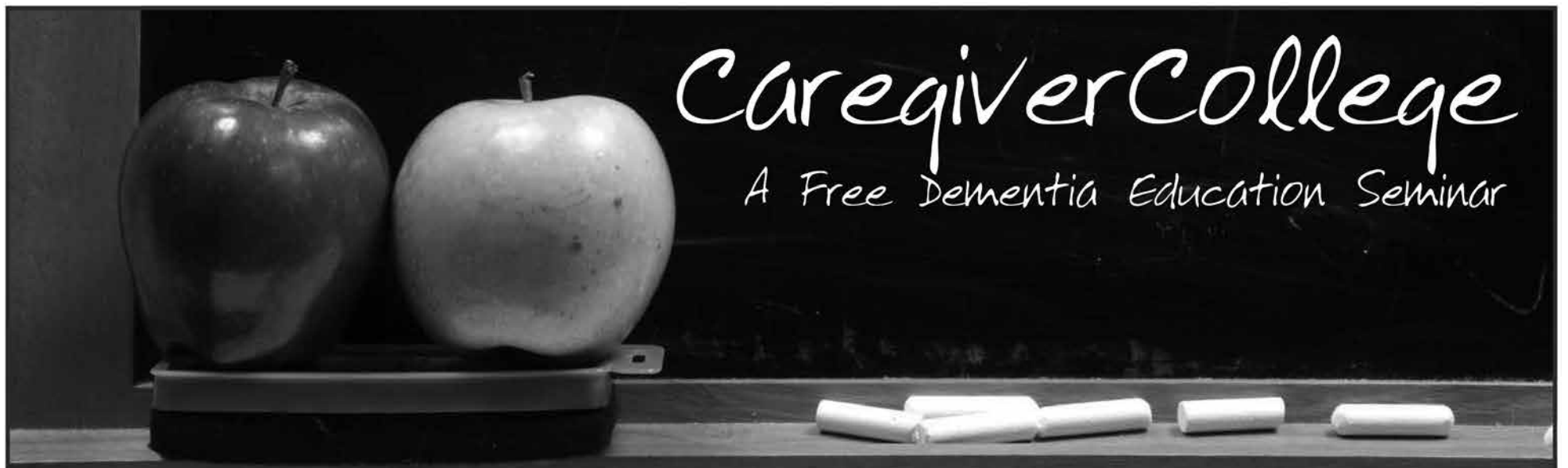
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Club News

College Park Unit #217 Americanism Essay Contest Takes State

By Ivy Christoffers

The Americanism Essay Contest held by The American Legion Auxiliary each year in the elementary and middle schools in their states is always well supported as a teaching tool for students. Our local participating schools this year submitted 178 essays for judging. These were separated into four groups: Group I (grades 3 and 4), Group II (grades 5 and 6), Group III (grades 7 and 8) and Group IV (Special Education). These were then sent on to three judges who were not members of The American Legion Auxiliary to choose the first-, second-, and third-place winners in each group. Our judges were teachers from a school that did not participate in this essay contest. After the winners were chosen, the first-place winners were sent on to the Southern Maryland District, where they competed with the other first-place winners from the 38 units in the district. These first place district winners were then sent on to The Department of Maryland to compete with the winners from across the state. The first-place winners on the state level are then submitted to the national organization for further judging.

We are so pleased to announce that there are two such winners this year from Holy Redeemer Catholic School in Berwyn Heights:

Zekia Reid of Group II and Cheyenne Parra of Special Education. In fact, their essays are of such awesome quality that there is a request to have them published.

On Sunday, April 22, these two students and their families along with their teachers and the principal of Holy Redeemer Catholic School will be the guests of the Southern Maryland District at our meeting held at Severna Park Unit #175 where they will read their essays and receive their awards from the district and department. The awards are certificates, medals, and generous checks. We are very proud of all of the students and the teachers who take the time to stress the importance of such a program that focuses on Americanism and patriotism. The title of this year's essay was "What Can You Personally Do to Promote Americanism in Your School or Community?" All first-, second- and third-place winners of each group will also receive certificates and generous checks at a school assembly.

Remember the entertainment coming in May to our lounge. The outstanding Doug Lester Band, along with Cote Deonath and the legendary Ronnie Dove, will be appearing on May 5. Doors open at 6 pm, and the show runs from 7 to 11 pm. Food and drinks are available for purchase.

We hope you had an opportunity to stop in at our yard sale on April 28 and find a treasure or two to add to your possessions. Keep

the annual Special Olympic Torch Run in mind because it will soon come up Route 1 on its way to Towson. Runners always stop at College Park Post #217 for rest and lunch to fuel their run.

Memorial Day will soon be here, and the American Legion Auxiliary will be out in the community promoting the little red poppy, the flower of remembrance for our war dead. We ask that you wear a poppy to show your respect for their sacrifice. Attend a Memorial Day ceremony if you can. The one held at the College Park Veterans' Memorial at the corner of Route 1 and Greenbelt Road is always impressive. A free lunch is served at the conclusion of this event at the College Park Post home.

Tuesday and Wednesday Bingo are a fun and lucrative way to spend your day and interact with like-minded people a Post #217. Doors open early, and play begins at noon. Friday night dinner dances afford a great way to end the workweek with friends, great music, and a libation or two.

Remember, if you have an event coming up, Post #217 is your venue. Call Gary Kingery at 301.441.2783 to make arrangements. Let us do the work for you.

As events unfold around the world that cause us worry and concern, let us pray for our troops' safety and ask that common sense will prevail. We seek God's blessings on this great land of ours.

The Beltsville Young at Heart Club

By Barbara Schofield

The Beltsville Young at Heart Club is an organization for seniors 55 and older. Everyone is welcome to join us. At our April 5 meeting, we welcomed a new guest, Earthe Williams. We were glad to host her and look forward to welcoming her as a new member. Come visit any of our meetings to make new friends.

The trip on April 4 was a success; everyone had a great time. Our Patsy Cline trip is full at the moment. On July 18, there will be

a riverboat crab feast cruise on the Dorothy-Megan paddle wheeler in Hurlock, MD. Attendees will relax and enjoy eating crabs and other delicious foods while cruising the Choptank River on Maryland's Eastern Shore. The trip costs \$95 per person, and payment is due by June 7. Please Contact Shirley Denell at 301.937.5342 if you are interested in attending. Be grateful—truly grateful—for one friend every week, and you will always have many friends to be grateful for.

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society (PGCGS) will meet on Wednesday, May 2, 7 pm at our genealogy library located at 12219 Tulip Grove Drive, Bowie, MD 20715. Our speaker will be Caprice Di Liello, manager, Maryland Department at Enoch Pratt Free Library & MD State Library Resource Center. Meetings are free and open to the public. Visit our Facebook page for detailed information at <https://www.facebook.com/pgcogenealogy/>



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The Yoo Club's Creativity Fair



Yoo Club Students proudly displaying their projects!

This year, the Yoo Club celebrates Earth Month through environmental studies and stewardship. We've taken a tour of the Anacostia River, cleaned up trash during the Anacostia Clean Up Day, and collaborated with The Plastic Ocean Foundation to learn about litter in our oceans. Each of our students has worked hard to design creative projects for our initiative, the TRASH Project (Taking Responsibility and Spreading Hope). Our students will showcase these projects on May 20th at the annual Yoo Club Creativity Fair, located at 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD (Emmanuel United Methodist Church). The event will take place from 5pm to 8pm. A celebration of creativity, student leadership, and environmental service, the Creativity Fair is not something

to miss! Come enjoy student-created photography, graphic design, and fine arts projects. We will have fun activities for our guests, and refreshments will be served. Students interested in joining our program for the 2018-

2019 year can fill out a priority application. We hope to see you there! Visit our newly-updated website, theyooclub.com, or Facebook.com/theYooClub to learn more about our program.

COMMUNITY CENTER

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Elementary schools. A total of 146 students came for vision exams. The eye exams were conducted by a team of volunteer optometrists, some local and others from the Migael Foundation. The Daniel Miguel Foundation provided the equipment for the exams and then provided free prescription lenses and frames.

In April, 119 pairs of glasses were distributed to those in need of vision correction. (Some of the students did not need glasses.) Assisting with this distribution project were not only staff members of the community center

but also members of the Beltsville Church Pathfinder teen leadership team.

The project started this past fall after conversations between Pastor Sifa Poutaine of the Beltsville Adventist Church and principals of area schools. The principals said they thought many students from low-income families were struggling in school because of vision problems. But the principals also noted that the families could not afford vision exams or glasses. Pastor Poutaine knew of the Migael Foundation, and he found a way to bring it to Beltsville. The school principals then identified students for testing and

encouraged them to take the free eye exams.

The Beltsville Adventist Community Center (BACC) is located at 4220 Ammendale Road, behind the Beltsville Adventist Church, with hours of operation from 9 am to noon each Tuesday and Wednesday. The phone number is 301.937.8119. This center is in Prince George's County District One, represented by Mary Lehman. BACC serves the community by providing food and rental assistance on a case-by-case basis. The center also has a county social services agent present each day who helps people with resources such as food stamps, medical assistance for families, housing needs, and special needs for senior citizens or the blind or disabled.

SPACE

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(the White Knight Two). The ship launches from the mother plane 9 miles above the earth and rockets to the edge of space (about 70 miles) and then glides back down, ready to relaunch. Virgin recently spun off Virgin Orbit to launch small satellites into orbit from adapted airplanes. Spaceship Two recently completed a test flight with a test pilot on board.

Bigelow Aerospace

Bigelow isn't about taking you to space; it is about providing you with someplace to go when you get to space. Bigelow was founded by a hotelier and has pioneered the concept of creating inflatable or expandable modules that can be assembled into space stations. A Bigelow module is currently a part of the International Space Station (ISS), and there are two modules, Genesis I and Genesis II, that have been in orbit for more than 10 years. Bigelow plans to launch the first space hotel in 2021 and has proposed a module to greatly expand the space in the ISS.

Rocket Lab

Rocket Lab is a newcomer having made its first commercial satellite launch this year. This company is not building big rockets but little ones for little rockets. It first famously launched a disco ball into space before Elon Musk put his car there. The disco ball was designed so it could easily be seen from earth. The Rocket Lab premise is that small satellites are now easy to build but costly to launch. Most small satellites need to catch a ride with a bigger payload on a big rocket. This means the satellite needs to wait for the bigger launch. Rocket Lab's idea is to provide small, inexpensive rockets for these small payloads so it can control its own schedules. With two successful launches under its belt, things are looking good for this space company.

Even More

I have run out of space, but I have neglected to mention Sierra Nevada and its Dream Chaser and so many others. If there is interest, maybe I will take this up again or cover some of the new satellites and missions both ongoing and planned.



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The mansion is closed on Wednesdays and some holidays. The grounds are open from dawn until dusk every day of the year and access is free of charge. Contact the Mansion for more information.

SPRING HISTORY LECTURE

SAT., MAY 19 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Historian Lee Preston speaks on new discoveries regarding the 18th- and 19th-Century ironworks of the Snowden, Dorsey, and Carroll families. Sponsored by the Friends of Montpelier. Ages 18 and up. Cost: Free.

COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM

1985 CPL. FRANK Scott Dr., College Park, MD 20740. Phone: 301.864.6029. TTY: 301.699.2544. Regular hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, except for most major holidays and some special events. Cost: \$5/adults, \$4/seniors, \$2/children, free/age 1 and under. See CollegeParkAviationMuseum.com for more information as well as events for May.

AFTERNOON AVIATORS

SAT., MAY 5 at 2 p.m. Join us the first Saturday of every month as we explore a different aviation-themed topic through STEAM-based, hands-on activities. This is a drop-in program, fun for children. Ages 6 and older. Cost: \$5, includes museum admission and supplies.

LAUREL-BELTSVILLE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

REGULAR HOURS OF operation: Mon. – Thur. from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fri. from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat. from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., closed Sunday. Address: 7120 Contee Rd., Laurel, MD 20707, around the corner from the Laurel Regional Hospital. Phone: 301.206.3350. Fax: 301.206.3387. TTY: 301.446.3402. Contact the center regarding classes and events for May. Membership is free for Beltsville residents who are age 60 or older.

SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB

FRIENDSHIP CLUB REGULAR office hours are Mon. – Fri. from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Phone: 301.206.3380. The monthly meetings and luncheons take place on the second Wednesday of each month. The meeting for May is scheduled for Wed., May 9 at 10:30 a.m. We will have special music featuring Oldies and Big Band selections. Sign-up and pay for the luncheon by Wed., May 2. Also, we have several one-day trips lined up this year, including a Tangier Island lunch cruise, a crab feast, and casinos. Interested people can contact

our office for more details.

THURSDAY MOVIE MATINEES

THE FEATURED MOVIE for Thur., May 10 is *Star Wars: The Last Jedi* and Thur., May 24 is *The Post*. Start time is 10 a.m. and the end time is about 12 noon. Popcorn will be provided. Free.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER

ADDRESS: 10901 SCARLET Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. The entrance is accessed from Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore–Washington Pkwy. and Rt. 197. Main phone: 301.497.5772. For directions and more information, see <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent/visit/directions.html>.

REGULAR HOURS OF operation for the Visitor Center are: Fri. – Wed. from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closed Thursdays and federal holidays. Regular hours of operation for the trails and grounds are: Open daily from sunrise to sunset, except for federal holidays. Cost: Free admission to the Visitor Center and its exhibits, grounds, and trails; other activities and events are free of charge if not noted. Space in public programs is limited. *Registration is by phone only and is required unless otherwise specified; call 301.497.5887.* Note: These public programs are designed for individuals/families. **Programs are subject to changes or cancellation due to weather or low participation.** Please advise us of any special needs so that we may accommodate you.

HOLLINGSWORTH ART GALLERY

THE GALLERY IS open when the Visitor Center is open. All ages are invited. The featured artist for May is Russ Lehman, who specializes in wood art. Lehman colors the pieces individually, using colored ink or wood stains and finishes them with a polyurethane coating. This year's exhibit will include images of tropical birds, fish, horses, and butterflies.

WILDLIFE IMAGES BOOKSTORE & BLUE GOOSE PASSPORT

THE BOOKSTORE IS open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. when the Visitor Center is open. Free stamps for the Blue Goose Passport for the National Wildlife Refuge System are available. Extra copies of the passports are for sale.

PUPPET SHOW: LITTLE WHOOPER'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE

TUE., MAY 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. All ages. Follow the journey of a young whooping crane and see how Patuxent Research Refuge has given a helping hand to this magnificent bird! The show is approximately 20 minutes long.

SCREECH & KESTREL

SATURDAYS, MAY 5, 12, and 19 from 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m. each day. All ages. *No registration required.* Meet two of North America's smallest birds of prey: the American kestrel and eastern screech owl. Both are expert hunters. The American kestrel uses its acrobatic prowess, while the eastern

screech owl is a stealthy silent hunter.

TINY TOTS: NATURE AND MUSIC

SUN., MAY 6 and Mon., May 7 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. each day. Ages 18 -48 mos., **parent participation required.** Learn about wildlife at the refuge through fun and interactive songs, stories, and activities.

MARVELOUS MOTHERS

WED., MAY 9 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Ages 5 – 7. Come celebrate Mother's Day by learning about how nature's mamas nurture and care for their babies in the wild through stories and crafts.

WEDNESDAY BIRD WALKS

WEDNESDAYS, MAY 9 and 23 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Ages 16+. Search for fall migrants in various refuge habitats on this guided hike; **binoculars are highly recommended.** Walk begins at the Visitor Center.

BILINGUAL AFTERNOON AT THE POND

FRI., MAY 11 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Sat., May 19 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. All ages. Come and explore the wetlands at Patuxent at afternoon time. Look for amphibians, fish, and bugs while learning some Spanish words. Bring water and wear boots.

NATURE TOTS: TOTALLY TURTLES

TUE. MAY 15 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Ages 3 – 4. It's the season for turtles! Discover the wonders of turtles in this hands-on, interactive program.

FAMILY FUN: ANIMAL MOTHERS

FRI., MAY 18 and Sat., May 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. All ages, no registration required. Celebrate May and Mother's Day by learning how animal mothers care for and protect their babies. There will be something for everyone, with hands-on activities, crafts and games. This is a drop-in, self-paced program — come when you wish and leave when you're ready.

SATURDAY BIRD WALK

SAT., MAY 19 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Ages 6+. Please join us for a leisurely bird walk around Cash Lake, searching for and identifying multiple species of birds. Walk is weather-dependent and begins at the Visitor Center. Water bottle and binoculars are recommended.

RAPTORS REIGN

SAT., MAY 26 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. All ages, no registration required. Join special guest and licensed falconer Rodney Stotts as he shares the power of nature through discussions and up-close encounters with birds of prey.

BELTSVILLE EVENTS

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NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)

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VANSVILLE HEIGHTS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

MON., MAY 8 at 7 p.m. Meetings are held at the Franklin Brown Recreation Community Center, 1733 Old Baltimore Pike, Beltsville, MD 20705 (located in the Vansville Park). The association meets on the second Monday of each month.

BEHNKE NURSERIES GARDEN CENTER

11300 BALTIMORE AVE. Please call 301.937.1100, ext. 0 or see Behnkes.com for more information and events for May.

GROWING ROSES: THE SWEET SMELL OF SUCCESS

SUN., MAY 20 at 1 p.m. A rose isn't just a rose. There are shrub roses, miniatures, ramblers, hybrid teas, and more. Each kind has its own special growth habit and care instructions. Cost: Free. Registration requested.

BELTSVILLE LIBRARY

THE LIBRARY WILL be closed on Mon., May 28 for Memorial Day. Address: 4319 Sellman Rd., Beltsville, next to the police station. Main phone number: 301.937.0294. Regular hours of operation are Mon. – Tue. from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., Wed. – Fri. from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sat. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed Sundays. Visit our library system website at www.pgcmis.info to check for weather-related closings and to use our online library services.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

SUMMER @ YOUR LIBRARY

THE PROGRAM STARTS Mon., May 14 and continues through Sat., Aug. 18. The theme for 2018 is **Libraries Rock!** All Ages. Join your community in exploring great books and activities. Programs and prizes will be available starting Sat., June 18.

KIDS ACHIEVE CLUB

MONDAYS IN MAY, except for May 28, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. each day. Free homework help and reading practice for students in grades 1 to 6.

CHESS CLUB

TUESDAYS FROM 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Drop in to learn to play or improve your game. All ages welcome: children, teens, and adults.

READY 2 READ PRESCHOOL STORYTIMES

WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30 a.m. Ages 3 – 5.

READY 2 READ TODDLER STORYTIMES

WEDNESDAYS AT 11:30 a.m. for ages 2 – 3 years old.

READY 2 READ BABY STORYTIMES

THURSDAYS AT 10:30 a.m. and at 11:15 a.m. Ages birth – 2 years old.

STEM-TASTIC: SNAP CIRCUITS

WED., MAY 2, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Learn how to make circuits and use our snap circuit kits to create different kinds of circuits. Ages 5 -12 years.

ILEAD

SATURDAYS, MAY 5 and May 19, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. each day. Tutoring and mentoring for students in grades 6 – 8. See www.ileadsuccess.org.

TAIL WAGGIN' TUTORS

THREE SESSIONS: TUE., May 15 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat., May 19 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.; and Mon., May 21 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Ages 5 – 12. Children read to a dog and gain confidence reading. For information, call or visit the branch.

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ADDRESS: 3900 SELLMAN Rd., Beltsville. Phone: 301.937.6613. Spanish line: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512.

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BELTSVILLE YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

JOIN US AT the Beltsville Young at Heart Club on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 11:15 a.m. Members must be at least 55 years old. Visit us three times and become a member. We have speakers, entertainment, trips, 50/50, bingo, plus light refreshments. Questions: call Lois at 301.498.9736.

STRATEGY GAME CLUB

MONDAYS FROM 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Enjoy board games, strategy games, and tons of fun. All skill levels welcome. Any game can be played as well as brought to the club to be played. Cost: free. All ages.

XTREME TEENS AND PRE-TEENS REGULAR EVENTS

FRIDAYS FROM 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Free with valid Center ID card. Ages 10 – 17.

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XTREME TEENS AND PRE-TEENS REGULAR EVENTS

FRIDAYS FROM 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Ages 10 – 17. Free with valid Center ID card.

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Church News

Join Emmanuel UMC for Vacation Bible School This Summer!

Join the children and adults of Emmanuel United Methodist Church this summer and learn about what it truly means to be courageous in the face of new challenges! Emmanuel will be holding its annual vacation Bible school from July 23–27 from 6–8 pm at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705.

This year's theme is Daniel and his courage in captivity! Dan-

iel was way more than the guy who survived a den of hungry lions! Travel back to Babylon and join Daniel—torn from his home and forced into the king's service. Imagine the pressure of learning a new language and culture... and the shock of discovering your best friends have been tossed into a fiery furnace. Explore exotic sights and smells in a Babylonian bazaar! Kids and adults will find that they're not much different

from Daniel and his friends, who kept their faith in a faithless culture.

There will be activities and classes for adults and children. Vacation Bible school is a free program open to anyone who wishes to attend. You can get more information at www.eumcbeltsville.com/vbs or at 301.937.7114. You can also email the church at office@eumcbeltsville.org.

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incorporates the school's staff and ERHS's SADD to promote seat belt safety.

ERHS SADD members have contributed to these efforts by motivating and encouraging the ERHS student body to stay safe while driving by always wearing a seat belt.

We at ERHS started off this campaign by having our SADD members survey the number of drivers at our school who wear seat belts. Back in January, as students exited the parking lot at dismissal, we tallied the number of people who do not wear their seat belts. This experience opened our members' eyes as well as the drivers' to the number of people who drove without their seat belts. Not only did we look at those who drove but at passengers as well. We will do a post survey in May to see if our campaigns throughout the year have helped.

One of the main events that the members look forward to as well

as our regular student body is the SADD lunch events. Thus far this school year, SADD has conducted two Teen Driver Safety campaigns in October and in March. These activities focused on encouraging our students to buckle up before driving or before riding as passengers. Our Spring Fling Week event placed special emphasis on seat belt safety on Wednesday, March 14. Our chapter engaged and informed students by giving out black and yellow ribbon bracelets (handcrafted by our very own members) to represent teen driving safety. We also distributed stickers with the slogan "Click, Clack, Front, and Back" and St. Patrick Day seat belt cards from the MVA. Our third and biggest push for our seat belt campaign will take place on Thursday, April 19, 2018. ERHS SADD will have new seat belt pledges; posters; and a huge, panoramic banner of our members, all courtesy of the MVA/MDOT. We will also have a few more seat belt surprises created by our chapter for our student body! Students often adorn their

binders and IDs with these stickers. These fun events and trinkets leave our peers with an increased consciousness of the importance of seat belt safety. We hope our continued efforts toward a safer environment for us all resonate with our student body and community alike.

CANDIDACY

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Democrats ready to stand up for our values and our interests."

Ms. Diasgranados, Ms. García, and Mr. McDaniel have been longtime civic activists and residents of District 21. Together, they have worked on a variety of important issues facing the residents in District 21 including working to support families and children as well as working on transportation projects, urban revitalization, education, and many quality-of-life projects to name just a few of their areas of accomplishment.

Ms. Diasgranados' background includes almost two decades of education advocacy as the former parent and teacher presidents of High Point High and Beltsville Elementary Schools and current president for the Greater Laurel Beltsville Democratic Club.

Ms. Garcia's public service

ranges from formally serving as chief of staff to Delegate Joseline A. Peña-Melnyk, District 21, and presently with the Maryland General Assembly as the executive director for the Maryland Legislative Latino Caucus.

Mr. McDaniel is the founder and a principal of the McDaniel Law Group, PLLC, and for over 20 years has been committed to protecting the constitutional rights of others.


Central Committee members are locally elected by their district and county voters to serve a four-year term. Prince George's County District 21 includes Beltsville, Adelphi, College Park, and Laurel. The primary election will be held on Tuesday, June 26, 2018. Early voting takes place on June 14 through June 21, 2018. A launch party to officially announce the team campaign is slated to occur on Saturday, May 19. Comments or questions may be directed to Linda Diasgranados.

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Bible Study Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

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ON THE AGENDA

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sion will be on Monday, May 21st at 7:00 p.m. at Beltsville Academy. The Wrap Up Session is sponsored by the Beltsville, Calverton and Vansville-Heights Citizen's Associations, The Beltsville Women's Club, Cross Creek, Franklin Farms and North Creek Home Owner's Association.

Candidates Forum

The forums for Democratic Candidates for County Executive and States Attorney will be held on Wednesday, May 30th, 2018 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Location: Martin Luther King Middle School, 4545 Ammendale Road, Beltsville, Maryland. The candidates are County Executive: Angela Alsobrooks, Sam Bogley, Billy Bridges, Donna F. Edwards, Lewis S. Johnson, Michael E. Kennedy, Paul Monteiro, C. Anthony Muse, and Tommie Thompson. States Attorney: Aisha Braveboy, D. Michael Lyles, and Victor Ramirez. 6:00-6:45 will be a meet and greet with the candidates. The forum is sponsored by Beltsville, Calverton and Vansville Heights Citizens Associations and the GBBA.

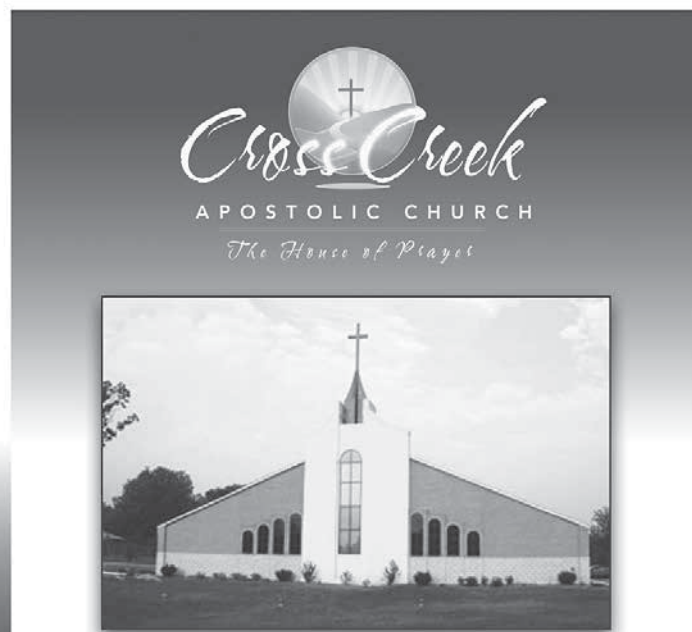
I have received questions about the "Democratic Candidate Forums." We will be hosting another event in the fall. The three candidates with the most votes in each party will move forward to the general election in November. There are 2 Republican Candidates and one "Unaffiliated" candidate for the House of Delegates for District 21. They automatically move forward to the general election. There are six Democratic candidates. The 3 with the highest votes will move forward to the general election. We fully intend to invite all who will be on the November ballot to a forum this fall. 2018 is an election year; Please take the time to learn about the candidates. The primary is June 26th.

I hope to see you at the various community meetings in May and June. Don't forget Beltsville Day on Sunday, May 20th at the Beltsville Community Center. Remember to bring a friend, bring a neighbor. If you have questions or concerns contact me at 301.937.3490 or karenmcoakley@msn.com.



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