Library Card Month

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when the Beltsville Library invites customers of all ages, including babies, to get a library card if they don’t have one. The American Library Association and libraries across the country remind all parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all.

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National Night Out Celebrated in Beltsville

On Tuesday, August 5, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. residents converged on the grounds of the Beltsville Library and the adjacent park to celebrate the 25th annual National Police Night Out. Everyone shared the delicious food prepared and served by community volunteers. Many observed that the crowd was significantly larger than in previous years.

There were games for kids and demonstrations presented by the Prince George’s County Police, Navy, Marines, Army, and Boy Scouts. The Beltsville Lions offered free vision and hearing screening for residents in the Lions Mobile Health Unit. The Beltsville Lion’s Mobile Health Unit. The Beltsville Mobile Health Unit.

St. Joseph’s Catholic School Prepares for 2008/2009 School Year

Students report back for day one of the 2008/2009 school year on September 2nd. Peter Nguyen, a recent graduate of the University of Maryland has assumed the music teacher role. Mr. Nguyen studied music and graduated with a teaching certificate. He is looking forward to sharing his enthusiasm and expertise with an extremely large student body and general population.

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What Happened To “No”?

By Jeannine Carter

As I wandered through the aisles of Target and Giant today, I began to wonder: Why don’t I hear parents or caregivers say the word “no” to children and actually mean it? I saw children hysterical, screaming and pouring tears because someone tried to tell them “No, you cannot get that!” only to turn around and acquiesce to the request for a toy that will be lost in twenty-four hours. The child, feeling great power, begins to open the toy. No, the adult meekly declares, you must wait until we pay for it. The victorious child, who is now in control, pounds his fist into the abdomen of his father, screaming, “I hate you and I will hate you forever if I can’t play with this now!” I don’t have to tell you what happens next.

I observe a mother and an 18-month-old baby wrestling with the seat belt in the cart at Giant. The little girl resists the restraint, and perhaps weary of the battle, the mother does not insist. However, the mother shops with one hand because she is trying to steady the toddler as she stands at the seat portion of the cart, wobbling dangerously as the cart rolls along.

In department stores you hear adults frantically calling out for their children who have wandered off. Manners go un-checked because the adult is desperate to locate the child who they never should have lost sight of in the first place. There is shouting meant to travel down 12 aisles. Why is the child on the opposite end of the store? It seems that there is shouting and perhaps weary of the battle, the mother does not insist. The mother shops with one hand because she is trying to steady the toddler as she stands at the seat portion of the cart, wobbling dangerously as the cart rolls along.

25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

Extracted from the September 1983 Issue

Ritz Camera

Ritz Camera would be the first building on the Ammendale Campus of 201 acres of rolling land in Beltsville on US 1.

Engagement Announcement

Mr. & Mrs. William F. Hense, Jr. of Beltsville announced the engagement of their daughter, Cheryl Ann, to Mr. Kevin F. Hassett, also of Beltsville.

Intercounty Connector

ICC briefing is scheduled for September 22, 1983 at 7:30 pm in the Beltsville Elementary Library.

Toasters Elect Terry

Dr. Paul H. Terry, a research chemist at the USDA and a Beltsville native, was elected Governor of Toastmasters District 36 for 1983-84.

Wedding Planned

Mr. & Mrs. Robert F. Jones of Beltsville announced the engagement of their daughter, Danne M. Jones, to Mark P. Lloyd, son of Mr. & Mrs. John C. Lloyd, formerly of Oxon Hill, MD.

Award Winner

Lenora Holman won the Community Service Award in the Miss Teen Maryland contest held in Laurel on August 27, 1983.

Vision Tests Required

Maryland House Bill 441, enacted at the 1983 General Assembly, required motorists in Maryland to pass a vision test given by the MVA.

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Hughes Named

Dennis M. Hughes of Beltsville was one of 25 individuals from Prince George’s County named “Outstanding Young Men of America” for 1983.

New Arrivals

Joan & Russell A. Jones announced the birth of their daughter, Christina Marie, born on August 2, 1983. A daughter, Este Elizabeth, was born on July 22, 1983 to Beck & Bruce Saunders.

June Wedding

Robin Dawn Ward, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Carrell Ward, Jr. of Beltsville and John L. Bachelor, son of Mr. & Mrs. John Bachelor of Silver Spring, were married on June 25, 1983.

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Neighbors in the News

Scouts Fall Flower and Garden Fund Raiser

By Gary Bauchan,
Scoutmaster

Boy Scout Troop 1033 will have their 6th Annual Fall Flower and Garden Fund Raiser on September 13. The scouts are selling top quality Behnke mums, mulch, fertilizer, manure and topsoil. We will not offer flower bulbs or birdseed this fall, as we have not found a local distributor. There are several advantages to purchasing from the Boy Scouts including: 1. We deliver to your home, saving you time, energy, gasoline and keeping your car clean; 2. We provide competitive prices because of the substantial discount given to us by Behnke’s Nursery, thus we can offer the products at a competitive price; and 33.3% of your purchase can be deducted from your taxes as a gift to the Boy Scout troop. This past summer our troop was recognized with the Lenhok’sin High Adventure Trail Blazer and Wilderness Awards. The Boy Scouts use the funds raised to go on camping trips including Valley Forge, Assateague island, cabin camping, climbing and skiing. Our troop has also given back to the community over 800 hours of volunteer work including cleaning up around a county park, gardening at the Beltsville Elementary school, collecting food for the hungry and visiting the local Nursing and Veteran’s home. By purchasing products from Boy Scouts in Beltsville you are supporting an award winning Boy Scout Troop. The deadline for placing your order is September 5, 2008. See our web page at www.bsabeltsville.net or call Gary Bauchan at 301.937.0944 for additional information.

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There are several highlights of the summer camp including all the scouts earning their Polar Bear patch by awakening each morning at 6:00 a.m. to go swimming in the pool and then going to eat breakfast. Michael Clifford passed all the requirements to become a BSA Lifeguard. Adrian Villarroel completed the requirements for the BSA snorkeling patch. Four first-year scouts, Jaden Freeze, Chaim Johnson, Grant Sowels, and Chris Walker participated in the Brownsea program that prepared them for becoming 1st Class scouts. The “Brownsea Scouts” completed the requirements for their Firemen’s Chit and Totin’ Chip which allows them to carry and use knives, hatchets and saws safely and tender and build fires. The adult leaders who helped make the summer camp possible and enjoyable were Assistant Scoutmasters, Rick Deery; Troop Committee Chair David Timus, and parent Bob Walker and grandparent of Jaden Freeze, Joseph Dorak. The weather cooperated with beautiful weather with a few evening thundershowers, the food and facilities at Camp Rodney are great, but the counselors and camp staff at Camp Rodney are the greatest! Thanks to you, the residences of Beltsville, for your support of the Boy Scouts as through your donations and patronage of our Spring and Fall Garden Products Fundraisers many of the scouts were able to attend summer camp. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!
Club News

Nine Years of the Christian Teen Club at Emmanuel United Methodist Church

On Friday, September 5th middle school and high-school youth are invited to meet at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, for the start of the 9th year of the Christian Teen Club. From 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., 7th graders through 12th graders join their friends for an evening of fun with music from a jukebox, movies on the big screen, and a newly remodeled game room. Everyone who attends the Teen Club reads and signs the rules of the Club and the activities are supervised by chaperones who have served all 9 years. Membership for the year is available for $10, or on a month-to-month basis for $2. Refreshments are sold for a minimal amount. Members are given a membership card that can be punched for prizes. On certain months during the year, bringing a friend will also get you a prize. All teens through high school age are invited to join the Teen Club or come one month to visit on the first Friday of each month during the school year.

Beltsville Garden Club

By Louise DeJames

The Beltsville Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, September 24, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville, Maryland. The speakers for this month are Tom and Irene Case and their topic will be “Discovering the Joys of Daylilies.” Tom and Irene have been seriously involved in collecting and gardening with daylilies since 1996. They are life members of the American Hemerocallis Society, and members of four regional daylily groups. They are also Exhibition Judges. At present, their garden has about 500 cultivars planted in ground or in pots. You will want to attend this presentation if you are interested in knowing the latest methods for cultivating daylilies, what new cultivars have been released, what are the new breeding trends for daylilies and much more.

Please join us to hear these informative speakers. As always, we will have plants for the door prize table, and refreshments after the meeting. The public is welcomed and admission is free.

For more information, contact Louise DeJames at 301.890.4733 or visit our web page at www.beltsvillegardenclub.org.

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Beltsville Rotary Club News

By Ivy Christoffers

Once again this month, our Program Chair, Karl Norris, has been very successful in providing us with informative and very interesting speakers. We have learned about the state of our project in Africa, The Labuto School and Library, as well as the focus and function of record keeping at our National Archives and ended with a very animated discussion with Delegate Barbara Frush. We also learned just how successful our Golf Tournament Fundraiser was.

Our month began with a brief discussion of a special trip to the Grand Canyon enjoyed by Howard Phoebus and his wife on the occasion of their anniversary. Golfer Sam Choi made a special presentation of the “Golf Tournament Champion’s Hat” to president John Moynihan who shot a tournament low of 57 to topple Sam from his throne.

Sam then introduced his guest speaker, Paul Wester, from the National Archives and Records, who gave a very interesting presentation on the importance of record keeping and the different methods employed. It appears there are 30 facilities around the United States and 350 agencies served. There are 4 million cubic feet of records stored in Suitland and a staff of 150 employees. It seems the Presidential records are kept separate from public records and are available after 12 years; however, some other records are not made public for 30 years. The rules governing record keeping are complex; however, the IRS must keep all records for 6 years and 9 months. Paul Wester also developed a Learning Center for Youth.

Our next speaker was Anne Mehringer who gave us an update on the Labuto Library project that she had personally visited. The presentation included some wonderful pictures and commentary.

Another speaker of note was Delegate Barbara Frush who stepped in for Senator Jim Rosapepe who was out of the country. Barbara has served for 14 years in Annapolis and is very proud of her record. She chairs the delegation for Prince George County. Frush spoke of the problem with juvenile crime, auto theft and gang activity.

She spoke of an upcoming tour throughout Prince George County and the state of Maryland on September 4th. Frush chairs the Environment Sub Committee and co/chairs the Save The Bay Committee.

Frush spoke of the 300 million dollars that was donated to education and fielded many questions on local matters. This was a very lively discussion, especially when the Interstate Connector reared its head. Many Rotarians, myself included, had some special issue to bring to her attention when the meeting closed.

The next unique event in which we will participate is a special “Chili Cookoff” being held at Behnke’s Nursery on October 4th. You will see other information about this in this newspaper. If you are a businessman or woman doing business in Beltsville and would like to check us out, why not join us for lunch some Tuesday at the Holiday Inn Hotel? You just might find you have been missing out on a good thing all this time. We will welcome you.

By Linda Nunley

Members of the Calverton Women’s Club and their families met at the Calverton Swim Club and enjoyed an evening of swimming, playing horseshoes and a pizza dinner.

The club wishes to invite women in the Calverton area to join them at next month’s meeting on Tuesday, September 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Calverton. The topic is cooking. Our speaker will be Louise DeJames of the Beltsville Garden Club.

The Calverton Women’s club meets once a month in each other’s homes. Please join us to socialize and hear various topics each month. For more information please call Carolyn Gatto 301.572.4609

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Welcome Vansville Elementary School Students!
August 25th is a big day for them — it’s their first day of school — and a big day for the whole community — it’s the first day for Beltsville’s new school. It’s great news for Vansville and families whose children will be attending, but also for children in the other schools in Beltsville and neighboring areas that will be less crowded.

It’s been a long time coming. Councilman Demoga, Delegates Frush, Barnes, Peña-Melnyk, and I, as well as our predecessors, worked closely with the Vansville and Beltsville communities to get the county and state money to build the first “green” school in the county. Let’s all support the students and teachers as they start their first year.

Pollution of Indian Creek
As you may know, last winter Indian Creek turned brown when sediment was released during reclamation of the Konterra development site in Laurel. The technical term is “excessive turbidity.” By blocking sunlight, among other things, it endangers plant and animal life in the Creek.

As soon as the problem was discovered, the developer, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), and the Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS) focused on how to stop it and to remediate it. Since the spill had occurred in the winter, grass planted in the reclamation project grew slowly, thus delaying the natural protection for the Creek.

You can judge for yourself if the problem has been fully solved. I’ve discussed the matter with the developer, AWS, MDE and local elected officials. MDE is currently considering what penalty fines, if any, should be paid by the developer.

14th Hole on Cross Creek Golf Course Saved from ICC
Last month, I reported on the State Highway Administration’s plan to run the Inter County Connector (ICC) right through the 14th hole of the golf course in the Cross Creek community in Beltsville. Part of the hole was built in the ICC right of way. Neither the golf course management nor the SHA had told the homeowners about this mistake.

For the past two months, the Delegates and I have been working with Cross Creek residents and Councilman Demoga to convince SHA to move the construction perimeter of the road and the proposed bike trail farther north, out of the 14th hole of the golf course.

The good news is that SHA has agreed to move their construction so that it will not go through the 14th hole and will preserve or restore more trees than their original plan. The bad news is that when Delegate Frush, Cross Creek residents, and I walked the right of way in mid-August with SHA engineers to see the impact of their new plan, it was clear that many trees will be cut down if the bike trail is not moved to the north side of the road and other changes we suggested are not made.

National Night Out
Congratulations to everyone who helped make this year’s biggest turnout that I can remember and a wonderful demonstration of community support for our police! It was good to see so many longtime Beltsville residents as well as many newcomers.

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

Neighbors in the News
Jesse and Joseph attended Goshen’s PMI Webelos Overnight Camp this summer for a fun week of scouting! Among the activities: Archery, BBs, scout craft, hiking to Swinging Bridge, a scavenger hunt, funoos, and swimming in the lake. Joseph said his favorite activity was fishing with his Dad. Jesse liked earning his Whittlin’ Chip so he could use a pocketknife safely during camp to carve wood and soup and to make perfect marshmallow sticks!

The boys had a great time and are well on their way to completing their Webelos activity badges. Cub Scout Pack 1031 is getting ready for a new year of scouting! We are making plans for another fun year with activities like picnics, campovers, and a field trip to Mt. Vernon. Also, please watch for your local scout selling popcorn. This fundraiser helps us to earn money for all of our activities. Our Join Scouting Night is planned for Monday Sept 22 at the Beltsville Neighborhood Park on Montgomery Road at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in scouting, come and join us for some picnic fun and games and find out what scouting is all about.

For more information call our Webelos Leader at 301.937.6485.

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By Senator Jim Rosapepe
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St. John’s Church Blesses Backpacks

Children of all ages gathered around the altar of St. John’s Episcopal Church, Beltsville, to have their “Backpacks Blessed” at a worship service on Sunday, August 24. Parishioners of St. John’s, family, friends and neighbors participated in this special church service to kick off the 2008-2009 School Year. “Because the public schools in Prince George’s County open on Monday, August 25, and Tuesday, August 26 in Montgomery County we thought we should bring children throughout the area together, wish them well, and send them off to school with a blessing that they would have a good and productive year,” said Priest-in-Charge, the Rev. Paula Clark Green. There were 26 children who came forward, with their backpacks, excited about receiving their blessing. As a part of the service, St. John’s also blessed the donations of school supplies — pens, pencils, paper, crayons, and backpacks — that were given by parishioners for participants in the Transitional Housing program here in Prince George’s County.

The collection and donation of school supplies has been an annual event at St. John’s for several years. The church has had a long-standing relationship of outreach and support to Transitional Housing, and the church also serves as a SHARE food program host site for families needing food at drastically reduced prices. The blessing of the backpacks was a first at St. John’s, with one Sunday service, focusing on and celebrating children and families. To round out the day, the Sunday worship service was followed by a festive picnic, with balloons and activities for the children. Church Senior Warden Linda Reynolds said, “As nerves run high the days leading up to the opening of school, our leaders felt we, as a church, should help allay some of the beginning of school jitters, and provide a wholesome day of family fun.” Hburgers, hot dogs, sodas and festivities were served up at the picnic and enjoyed by all.

St. John’s Episcopal Church is located at the corner of Powder Mill Road, and Baltimore Avenue, in Beltsville, MD. Outside of this special event, church services are held every Sunday morning at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. with children’s Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. For more information about St. John’s Episcopal Church, please call 301.957.4292, or check their website at www.saintjohnsbeltsville.org.

New Special Exhibits at College Park Aviation Museum

A new exhibit entitled, “Snoopy as the World War I Flying Ace,” presents Charles Schulz’s lovable beagle in his flights of fancy against the devious Red Baron. Featuring some of the favorite comics about Snoopy, this exhibit will be at the College Park Aviation Museum from August 30 through November 30.

Also, through October 18, come and see a rebuilt 1930’s-era glider that was originally constructed by a sixteen-year-old Maryland boy. This display is entitled, “A Boy and His Glider.”

The College Park Aviation Museum is located at 1985 Corporate Frank Scott Drive, College Park, MD. For further information call 301.864.6029.

Basket Bingo

St. Joseph’s Parish will conduct a Basket Bingo on Friday evening, September 26, in the Parish Hall at 11013 Montgomery Road, Beltsville from 7:00 p.m. 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 $10.00 (in advance) daily at the school and parish offices, or $12.00 at the door. Refreshments are available.

Banned Books Week

The Beltsville Library will recognize Banned Books Week – Celebrating the Freedom to Read from September 27 through October 4. Observed since 1982, this annual event, which is sponsored by the American Library Association, reminds Americans not to take this precious freedom for granted. Banned Books Week celebrates the freedom to choose what you read and the freedom to express your opinion in writing even if that opinion might be considered unorthodox or unpopular; it stresses the importance of the availability of those viewpoints to all who wish to read them. The staff of the Beltsville library will mount a display of banned books that have been selected by the American Library Association. Drop by to see what some of those books are and consider checking one out!
ville Volunteer Fire Department was well represented with fire and rescue equipment and many firemen to answer questions.

Major Dwayne Preston, Commander of District IV, headquartered in Beltsville, welcomed everyone. A tribute was offered in memory of Sgt. Richard Findley, killed in the performance of duty on June 27. Officials present included Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-21) of College Park, Prince George’s County Councilman Tom Dernoga of Laurel, Prince George’s County State’s Attorney Glen F. Ivey (D) and Delegate Barbara Frush (D-21) of Beltsville. The Fraternal Order of Police presented officer Findley’s widow, Kelly, with Sgt. Findley’s Officer of the Year award and a check representing contributions from County residents.

The Police helicopter was a premier attraction. It came in and hovered over its projected landing spot as groups of kids and adults waited their chance to move in and get a closer look. A beautiful horse ridden by an officer from the Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission Police was another highlight of the event. The Police armored vehicle attracted lots of attention, as did the demonstration involving the canine patrol.

Once again, very special thanks are owed to Beltsville residents John & Felicia Anna for financing National Night Out in Beltsville. They have done this for 15 straight years. John & Felicia Anna own and manage Adirondack Tree Experts in Beltsville.
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Stashick, Joseph J.
Joseph J. Stashick of Beltsville passed away on Wednesday, August 6, 2008. He was the beloved husband of the late Janet Stashick and loving father of Karen Baker, Denise M. (David) Hedgepeth, Joseph J. Stashick and Anthony D. Stashick. He was the brother of Eleanor D. Stashick, Josephine A. Wirek and Geraldine M. Dominshinski, and the grand- father of Teresa, Monica, Sean, and Amanda. Three great-grand-children also survive him. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Beltsville on Monday, August 11 at 10:00 a.m. with Father Ming officiating. Interment Maryland Veteran’s Cemetery, Cheltenham, MD on Monday, August 18 at 1:00 p.m.

Borgwardt Funeral Home made arrangements.

Wiltuck, Eileen B.
Eileen B. Wiltuck of Beltsville passed away on Friday, August 1, 2008. She was the beloved mother of Eileen M. (Donald) Watson, Coleen M. (Barry) Pope, Francis M. (Margaret Matheson) Wiltuck and Bette (William) Williams. She is survived by her loving family and friends also sur- vive her. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 11007 Montgomery Road, Beltsville, on Wednesday, August 6 at 1:00 p.m. with Father Michael Quill officiating. Inter- ment private. Memorial contribu- tions may be made to Avon Walk for Breast Cancer at http://walk.avonfoundation.org.

Borgwardt Funeral Home made arrangements.

Beltsville Student Attends Maryland Leadership Program at Washington College

Daniel Diasgranados was granted a scholarship to attend an overnight camp for the Maryland Leadership Program at Washington College in Chestertown, Md. The Maryland Leadership Workshops, Inc. is now in its 53rd year of serving students, with partnership of the Maryland State Department of Education, Leadership Maryland, and the Maryland Association of Student Councils. The program conducts fun, dynamic programs where students learn by doing. MLW brings together accomplished student leaders and students with leadership potential from around the State of Mary- land to network and develop the skills necessary to succeed in all facets of their lives. Daniel and some other middle school students across the county were selected to attend this program based on their interest in Student Government. Through team building, peer teaching, experience-based learning, and other creative techniques, MLW staff creates an exciting, supportive environment where stu- dents are encouraged to be them- selves and develop their leader- ship potential. MLW participants experience tremendous growth as they learn about themselves and others, and become inspired and motivated to achieve, succeed, and exercise leadership. Daniel will attend Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School in the fall.

Apperson, Percy C., Jr.
Percy C. Apperson, Jr. died on Friday July 25, 2008. He was the beloved husband of the late Doris E. Apperson, father of Joyce K. and Steven R. (Pauline) Apper- son, brother of Norman and Carl Apperson, grandfather of Christina R. Fox and Sabrina R. Apperson, and great-grandfather of Ethan G. and Ian B. Fox.

Funeral service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home on Friday, August 1 at 10:00 a.m. with the Reverend Keith Holland officiating. Interment George Wash- ington Cemetery, Adelphi, MD. Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army.

Forsbacka, Allen B.
Allen B. Forsbacka of Belts- ville passed away on Thursday, July 31, 2008. He was the beloved husband of Ilene E. Forsbacka and the father of Glen A. (Tammy), Jennifer C., Jay P. (Karen) Fors- backa and Jill I. (Jonathan) Oda- nowski. He was the brother of Linda (David) Garrett and John Forsbacka and the grandfather of Chery, Reno and Mason.

Funeral service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home on Mon- day, August 4 at 10:00 a.m. with the Reverend Daniel Mejia officiating. Interment private. Memorial contributions may be made to your favorite charity.

Henderson, Margaret L.
Margaret L. Henderson, 94, of Fredericksburg, formerly of Belts- ville, MD, passed away on Friday, August 1, 2008 at Mary Wash- ington Hospital. She was born in Iowa to the late Willie & Corda Williams. Margaret is survived by two daughters, Carol Shehee and her husband, John P. of Manhattan, KS and Joanne Henderson of Freder- icksburg; a son, Richard Hender- son and his wife, Linda, of Cary NC; three grandchildren, Jenni- fer, John and Shannon, and three great-grandchildren. Her husband, Lewis H. Henderson, preceded her in death.

The family received friends on Tuesday,August 5, 2008 from 7:00- 9:00 p.m. at Borgwardt Funeral Home in Beltsville. A funeral ser- vice was held at the funeral home on Wednesday, August 6, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. with the Rev. Dan- nelia Mejia officiating. Interment followed in George Washington Cemetery, Adelphi, MD.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lions Clubs Interna- tional at LCIF, Department 4547, Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547 or to the American Heart Association, Memorial Processing Center, P.O. Box 5216, Glen Allen, VA 23058. Other condolences may be sent to her family at foundandsons.com.

Scrom, Earle Benham
Earle Scrom, 78, passed away on Sunday, August 10th at Wash- ington Adventist Hospital. Earle is survived by his devoted wife of 51 years, Winifred Scrom. His son, Stuart Scrom (Angie) and his daughter Bonnie Mauermann (Pual) and six grandchildren, Molly Mauermann, Benjamin Mauermann, Samuel Mauermann, Jackson Scrom, Ryan Scrom and Morgan Scrom also survive him. Earle retired from the U.S. Navy as a Lieutenant Commander in 1971. Following his retirement, he worked for almost 35 years at High Point High School in Belts- ville, MD. He and his wife are long time residents of Calverton. A Memorial Service is open to the public at Arlington National Cem- etery, Adelphi, MD. Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army.
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New Year Brings Challenges for College Park Unit 217 American Legion Auxiliary

By Ivy Christoffers

The 2009 administrative year for the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Maryland began at the conclusion of the National Convention on July 18th in Ocean City. Our newly installed Department President, Meredith “Rusty” Beeg outlined her goals and aspirations for the next twelve months.

Plans to implement her plan of work began immediately although the National Convention, which is being held in Phoenix, AZ from August 22 through August 28, will have even more information on the programs and projects for the coming year. I am fortunate to have been elected a delegate to attend this convention and will have firsthand knowledge to bring back to our Unit upon my return on the 31st. Our membership theme, “Answering The Call To Service” is proving to be a very popular one with our members. We, in Southern Maryland District, held our first meeting on August 17th and were pleased to find at the end of this meeting that we were in 2nd place in the membership standings. This is the first time we have been this near to the top in more years than I can remember. When the standings were announced, a roar of pure delight filled the room. I think I yelled loudest of all. Our membership chairmen and Unit Presidents are really answering the call and making this Southern Maryland District President very happy indeed. Yes, I am now serving our organization in this capacity. We have 42 Units in Southern Maryland and I hope to get to know some members from each Unit. Our first meeting was a fun packed one although the serious side of things did get handled as well. Our Standing Rules were amended and changes were made that will make it easier for our District Representatives to complete their duties. Our Department President, “Rusty” Beeg is from Southern Maryland and was at this meeting to bring us some more information about her focus on the work of the USO and how we can be a partner to them in their most important work for our soldiers and their families, beginning with a special Halloween Party being held at Ft. George G. Meade.

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When the child stops crying they are rewarded with a huge bag of Doritos.

Thank you card for being so cooperative. One of the greatest lessons you can teach children is patience and manners. Nothing is gained when they enter the real world that transforms into a very bad attitude when they enter the real world of expectations, responsibility and the have-to’s that none of us are fond of.
New Maryland Farm Bill Links Crop Insurance with Future Disaster Payments

The Department of Agriculture reminds Maryland farmers that the recently passed federal Farm Bill links crop insurance with future disaster payments. September 30 is the crop insurance sign-up deadline in Maryland for next year's crop insurance, which covers all uninsured crops and all insured crops that are planted on or after the deadline. The Farm Bill also includes a provision that would provide disaster assistance to farmers who suffer losses due to adverse weather conditions. Farmers are encouraged to sign up for crop insurance on or before September 30 to be eligible for disaster assistance if needed.

Highway Deaths Down in Maryland and 34 Other States

Motor vehicle crashes continue to be a leading cause of death across all ages, and a major public health issue in our nation and across our region. Many of these deaths and injuries are completely preventable through proper use of seatbelts, helmets, and child safety seats.

The highway death toll dropped across America last year to its lowest level in 14 years, with the number of people dying in traffic crashes falling to 41,059 in 2007 from 42,708 deaths during 2006, the federal government is reporting. However, Virginia and Washington, D.C. bucked the national trend, notes AAA Mid-Atlantic, with the number of persons killed in traffic crashes in those jurisdictions increasing over the previous year.

"Locally, this is a tragic reversal of fortune," said John B. Townsend II, AAA Mid-Atlantic's spokesman of fortunes," said John B. Townsend II, AAA Mid-Atlantic's spokesman of fortunes," said John B. Townsend II, AAA Mid-Atlantic's spokesman of fortunes," said John B. Townsend II, AAA Mid-Atlantic's spokesman of fortunes," said John B. Townsend II, AAA Mid-Atlantic's spokesman. "While Virginia experienced one of the largest increases in the actual number of people killed in highway crashes in the nation last year, the District suffered from one of the largest percentage increases in the country in the number of people who were killed in traffic crashes in the reporting period. In contrast, the state of Maryland joins thirty-four other states and Puerto Rico in experiencing reductions in the number of people killed in vehicle crashes last year, according to the preliminary data from FARS. All told, 38 fewer people lost their lives in crashes of motor vehicles traveling on public highways in Maryland last year than in 2006. The nationwide reduction in traffic deaths and injuries in 2007 is promising, but much more can and should be done to bring about additional reductions, says AAA Mid-Atlantic."We should not simply look to decreases in driving as the answer to reducing highway deaths," Townsend explained. "We need to embrace proven countermeasures and identify new strategies that can help create a "culture of safety" for our roadways."

At this juncture, things appear to be improving on highways in Virginia this year. "To their credit, state officials in Virginia recognized this deadly trend as it was developing last year and they launched a campaign to reverse it," Townsend noted.

For example, during the first six months of the year there have been nearly a 100 fewer traffic fatalities in Virginia than during the same period of 2007. More precisely, there have been 411 reported traffic fatalities in Virginia during the first half of 2008, compared to the first six months of last year, the Department of Motor Vehicles confirmed, promising, but much more can and should be done to bring about additional reductions, says AAA Mid-Atlantic."We should not simply look to decreases in driving as the answer to reducing highway deaths," Townsend explained. "We need to embrace proven countermeasures and identify new strategies that can help create a "culture of safety" for our roadways."

As MSP figures show, the traffic fatality rate includes 258 individuals statewide, as of June 30, 2008. The number of the number that ended up in the morgue was 277 persons for the period through June 30, 2007. Motor vehicle crashes continue to kill more than 40,000 people and injure about 2.5 million people per year, laments AAA Mid-Atlantic. The preliminary 2007 FARS report reveals some interesting trends, the highway traffic safety organization notes. For example, passenger cars saw a larger drop in deaths (7.8%) than did light trucks (2.7%) or large trucks (0.4%). Interestingly, despite the small drop in large truck fatalities, the data show a 2% increase in the deaths of "other vehicle occupants' in large-truck crashes. What is more, alcohol-impaired fatalities dropped 3.7%, to just under 13,000 deaths

As the report also notes, pedestrian and cyclist fatalities dropped by 2.9% and 9.6%, respectively. Pedestrian injury numbers increased by 15%, though.

ON THE AGENDA

This summer a 1/2-mile section of sidewalk was installed between Roby and Odell along the north side of Powell Mill Road.

Powder Mill Beer and Wine Liquor Board Hearing:
The current owner of the Liquor License has applied to "Transfer the Liquor License." The applicant desires to revoke or suspend the license called a "Show Cause Hearing." We cannot stop the license from being transferred however we can and will work with the current owner by hitting him with one last penalty fee, plus send a load message to the new owner that the Greater Community will be watching every move. The current owners fines have been doubled every time they were called back and I believe we could ask for at least a $6,000 fine this time. Powell Mill Beer and Wine has been charged with selling to minors 4 times over the past 8 years: 2000 fined $750; 2002 fined $1500; 2005 fined $3000; 2007????? A show cause hearing was scheduled Tuesday August 26th after license transfer. This would have been the final straw. I have letters coming from several community groups. The owner of this License has an extra responsibility to make sure they obey the law since they are across the street from High Point. Anything you could say about the negative impact of underage drinking and the changes the greater community are working on for High Point would be helpful. I have received several calls and emails about what the letters need to say. All I ask is for at least a $6,000 fine and state the facts. I know that I will be 51 next month and I cannot buy liquor without showing ID. Liquor license owners need to be reminded that licenses is a privilege not a right. They need to be extra diligent about checking for ID's when they are located close to a school. Powell Mill Beer and Wine has not yet they have been caught several times. I appreciate all who sent letters and postcards for the August 26th hearing at the last minute. I was at the hearing along with Mary Lehman from Delegate Pena Melnyk’s Legislative Aide, Sgt. Blackstone and Dave Kologa. Unfortunately for us one of the representatives for Powell Mill Beer and Wine was not there. Powell Mill Beer and Wine asked to post the hearing. The Hearings have been rescheduled for September 23, 2008 at 10:00 am and Wednesday, September 24th 2008 at 7:00 p.m. If you can attend either hearing I would really appreciate the extra bodies in the hearing room. If you cannot attend your letters are equally important. Your Letters need to be addressed to the "Board Of License Commissioners Liquor Control Board. Please send your letters to: Kelly E. Markomanoaktuis Administrative Aide, Board of License Commissioners (Liquor Control Board) 6200 Baltimore Avenue, Riverdale Park, Maryland 20737. You can also email to Markomanoaktuis, Kelly E. & Dave Kologa. Please make sure to email me a copy of anything you send so you I have a record. Your letters must include your name and address. Also include the current owner and potential new owner:

Hearing:

Jeung Hyung Kim, President/Secretary/Treasurer for a Class DRL Beer and Wine License for the use of Joseph Jeung, Inc., 614 Powder Mill Beer and Wine, 3424 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, 20707 transfer from Jung & OK, Inc. 16 Powder Mill Beer & Wine, 3424 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, 20705 Michael George Wilson, President/Secretary/Treasurer

Please join us on Wednesday, September 17th for our next meeting. The meeting will be at Beltsville Elementary School at 7:00 p.m. If you have a question or concern please contact me at 301.937.0157 or karenmcookley@verizon.net

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Club News

Beltville Young at Heart

By Barbara Schofield

August 7th was the business meeting for the month. Marge read all the changes and deletions for the new 2008 club book. The executive committee had read and approved the changes and we voted to accept them. Marge has worked very hard to update and get the information to Angie to have the book printed. It is now in their hands and we hope to have it ready for the Sept. 4th meeting. Marge gave the calling committee and cake committee the new updated list of member names. Thank you Marge and Angie. I need to apologize to Margritt Vause for misspelling her name in my last article. Sorry Margritt. 50/50 was won by Ella Gibbons, Joanne Garrison and myself. The Community Center has a new Director. Welcome to Beltsville, Diane Baker. Hope you will like it here. For our second meeting we had a great musician to entertain us. Mike Surra is a full time musician who plays all around the area. He has won many awards and he really delighted us with his music and jokes. We had 82 members, one guest and a brand new member, Elvira Washington.

Beltsville Young at Heart

The Beltsville-Adelphi Boys and Girls Club is now registering for fall and winter sports. These include Cheerleading, Football, Soccer, Tennis, Basketball, and Basketball. The club is open every Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for registration. It is located at 11705 Roby Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705. The phone number is 301.937.3966. On-line registration can be done by visiting our website at www.beltsvilleadelphi.com. All new members must bring a copy of their birth certificate and recent picture to the club a month prior to the season starting. A County Yellow and White card must be filled out and if your child is participating in more than one sport they must have a picture for each sport.

The Women’s Community Club’s New Season - Let’s Dance

By President Mae Whitehead

On Monday September 8 the Women’s Community Club of Beltsville (WCCB) will resume a new membership season with an Officer’s Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. in the Church Lounge of Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane Beltsville, MD 20705. Our special guest will be Ms. Olga Gracheva, Director of the Eleanor Perina Studio of Dance in Beltsville, noted for its excellent dance instructions for all ages. Please join us for fun and refreshments as we kick-off the year with a little toe tapping and more.

The WCCB is a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization. Our meetings and programs are open to all in the Community and we welcome your attendance and membership. As always, in support of our ongoing Community Giving project, please bring a canned food donation. We thank our members, business and individual supporters over the years for their generous contributions. For more information about WCCB please contact Club President Mae Whitehead at 301.572.7464 or email presidentwccb@yahoo.com. “Spreading a little sunshine year round.”
School News

Announcing the 35th Reunion of High Point High School Class of 1973

Members of the High Point High School Class of 1973 will celebrate their 35th reunion on Friday October 10 and Saturday October 11, 2008 at Renditions Golf Course, 1380 West Central Avenue (Hwy 214), Davidsonville, MD 21035.

A Friday night icebreaker will begin at 5:30 p.m. on October 11. The cash bar will open at 6:00 p.m., and Hors d’oeuvres will begin at 7:00 p.m. Formalities will include, “Hi, How have you been?” and “Do you remember when?”

On Saturday, October 11 golf will begin at 10:00 a.m. with a SHOT-GUN START. The cost of $100.00 includes cart & greens fee. Call Mike Simmons for information at 301.404.2099. Golf checks should be payable to Mike Simmons. Also on Saturday, tours of High Point High School will be available, times to be announced. The Saturday Night 35th Reunion Celebration will begin at 6:00 p.m. when the cash bar opens. The buffet will begin at about 7:00 p.m. Music all evening by Sights and Sounds, and Special Entertainment is scheduled for about 9:30 p.m. Good-Byes and 35th Reunion Memory Book, 1:00 a.m.

Tickets for Friday Night Ice Breaker ONLY are $30.00 per person. The Friday & Saturday Night Celebration tickets are $80.00 per person. If not attending the Reunion you can still buy a Memory Book for $15.00. If you have questions, contact us at hphclass73@comcast.net.

For reservations, call Mike & Beth (Weckesser) Varney or mail reservations to Mike & Beth Varney, 11845 Tall Timber Drive, Clarksville, MD 21029. Please make checks payable to Mike or Beth Varney.

First Soccer EXPO at Beltsville Elementary School

Beltsville Elementary School PTA will host its first ever Soccer Expo, scheduled for Friday, September 19, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Beltsville Elementary School soccer fields. The address is 4300 Wicomico Ave, Beltsville, MD 20705.

Various soccer-related organizations will set up booths where participants can try their hand (or foot!) at various soccer skills. Each organization will run its own membership Drive.

So far, confirmed participants include DC United, the University of MD and the Beltsville Adelphi Boys and Girls Club. Former High Point High School standout Steven DeRoux, who is currently with DC United, is expected to be present pending clearance from the team.

If you would like further information on this event, please contact Jeremy Roberts at Gtdread@hotmail.com or by phone at 240.535.6418.

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Gill, C.J. Williams, Jaden Freeze and Cub Scout Justin Freeze. The Girl Scouts were Erin Clifford, Gina Clifford, Christy Villarroel, and Charlotte Gill. The adult leaders who enjoyed the drive out to the beach were Scoutmaster, Gary Bauchan; Assistant Scoutmasters, Paul Villarroel and Gregory Bauchan; Girl Scout Troop Leader and Cubmaster Melissa Gill; and parents, Nancy Clifford, Marji Freeze, Jenny Villarroel and Francine Bauchan. For dinner the scouts made BBQed chicken and chicken fajita’s with peppers, onions, lettuce, cheese and salsa. They also cooked oriental noodles and sweet corn with watermelon for a juicy dessert. After dinner they enjoyed Nerf sword fighting, chasing ghost crabs on the beach, and pirate stories around the campfire.

The weather was absolutely gorgeous, high temperatures in the mid 80’s with a slight cool breeze enough to keep mosquitoes away. The evening sky was cloudless with a brilliantly bright full moon, which, with the beach sand reflecting all the light, made the nighttime almost appear like it was early morning all evening long. We hope you enjoyed your summer as much as the scouts.

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Vacations are over, Redskins have lost their first game, the kids are back to school, things going back to somewhat normal. I am looking forward to the cool weather; I normally like hot weather but not so much this year.

Bakerbill class is filling up, so if you were thinking about taking the baking class drop me a line and I will send you a list of products we will be making. Remember that this is not a class where you just watch. We will be making, among other items, Deep dish Apple pie and Pumpkin pie near thanksgiving. Now is the time — bakerbill@verizon.net. I am looking for a lady that signed up early in the year and I have lost her address. Carol, drop me a line please.

I am not a baby boomer, but we can talk about public items. So if you have questions, contact me.

I have noticed lately that strip parking lots are putting the handicapped parking spaces at the end of rows, not in the middle. I believe this is so they can push the snow into them. What do you think?

September is the month we think of baking again. So this month my recipe is the most requested of all, Corn muffins or Corn bread.

**Corn muffins or Corn bread**

From the store you’ll need corn meal, oil, and cream corn. In a medium size bowl in this order: 2/4 cup sugar, 1 cup flour (any), 1 teaspoon baking powder, a pinch of salt, stir a bit then add 1/4 cup milk, 2 eggs, stir in 1 1/4 cup Crisco oil, 3 heaping tablespoons corn cream, last stir in 4 heaping tablespoons corn meal. Mix well (no lumps) pour into small pan or 6 muffins and bake at 410 degrees approx. 15 minutes.

Test: Touch lightly the tops of muffins, no wet spots, same with the pan, no wet spots. The sugar will make it nice and brown, but it will be moist inside. If a problem comes up call me at 301-572-4180 and I will talk you through it.

If you have corn left, just eat the rest from the can. Yeah, I know it’s a man thing. Well that’s it for this month.

— Bakerbill
A&A Bill Raulin

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“Snowdens Mill”

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Enjoy 2004 Pricing on this beautiful, spacious 12 yr young home has SO much to offer! 5 BR, 3 1/2 ba, large kitchen & breakfast room w/views ceramic floor & French doors to large deck. 2 story FR, level W/O from LL 2 1/2 FR.

**CALBERTON • $365,000**

HUGE PRICE REDUCTION on this large Calverton Split Level, with room to spread out! 4 BR, 2 1/2 Baths on upper level. Lots of cabinets, some new, & new flooring in T/S kitchen. LG RR w/FP, 2 level deck in fenced rear yard.

**BELTSVILLE • $499,500**

SELLERS SAY SELL! CHECK THE NEW LOW PRICE! Unique 4000 sf custom contemporary home on 1 1/2 acre near park. Huge 2 car garage! Vaulted ceilings, lots of glass! 4 BR, 3 Bath, RR, FR, 2 FP, sun porch & deck, landscaping.

**BELTSVILLE Colonial • $460,000**

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

BELTSVILLE **LONGWOOD $464,900**

Gorgeous Brick house w/ML fam rm, 4 BR, 3.5 baths, 2-story foyer, and top-of-the-line upgrades. Custom office, family room w/gourmet kitchen, breakfast area w/slide to 2-level deck & gas grill. Finished basement w/separate entrance, rec rm and 2nd level kitchen and slider to large brick patio. Beautiful landscaping. Fenced back yard. This home has it all!

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Cultos de Alabanza y adoración
Martes Oración  7:30–9:00 p.m.
Sábado Evangelístico  7:00–9:00 p.m.
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El Pastor Elvin Moscoso y la congregación te dan la bienvenida ven y gozate con nosotros

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**Saint Joseph Catholic Church**

11007 Montgomery Road, Beltsville, Maryland 20705

Rev. J. Michael Quill
Pastor

Come and Join Us

- Daily Masses
  - Monday - Saturday: 8:15am followed by the recitation of the Rosary
- Weekend Masses
  - Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm
  - Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00noon
- Sacrament of Penance – Saturday, 4:00pm – 5:00pm
- Rectory: 301-937-7183
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- Religious Education: 301-937-7419
- schooloffice@sjos.org
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- http://www.sjos.org

**Abiding Presence Lutheran Church**

11310 Montgomery Road, Beltsville, MD 301-937-7646

Sunday Worship:
- 9:30 a.m. English - Traditional Service
- 10:30 Coffee and Social Hour
- Rev. Jongkil Na

**First Baptist Church of Beltsville (SBC)**

4700 Odell Road Beltsville, MD 20705 301-937-7771

www.fbcbeltsville.org
Keith Holland, Pastor

**Finding Peace with God on the Hilltop of Beltsville**

Sundays:
- Sunday School for all ages: 9:45am
- Morning Worship: 11:00am
- Evening Worship: 6:00pm
- Kidz Choir & Mission Kidz: 6:00pm
- Youth Fellowship: 6:00pm
- Adult Choir Practice: 7:00pm

Wednesdays:
- Adult Bible Study & Prayer: 7:00pm
- Team Kids (4 yr. old - 6th grade): 7:00pm
- Youth Fellowship (7th - 12th grade): 7:00pm

*Childcare available for children up to 4 years old*

**St. John's Episcopal/Anglican Church**

at the corner of Route 1 & Powder Mill Road in Beltsville
(301) 937-4292

The Rev. Paula Clark Green, Priest-in-Charge

**Sunday Worship Schedule**
- Quiet service: 8:00 a.m.
- Family-oriented service: 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
- Between September and June

We are a beacon of Christ’s love offering hospitality and sustenance to all on their spiritual way.

**Belt...**
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musically inclined student body. Mr. Nguyen will split the work-week between St. Joseph’s and St. Catherine Laboure in Wheaton.

St. Joseph’s continues to seek volunteer assistance with a variety of school functions, but reminds volunteers that they must undergo Virtus training, get fingerprinted and a background check as mandated by the Archdiocese of Washington in a new child protection initiative. Please contact the school office regarding dates and requirements for the volunteer preparation.

Our athletic student body will put their abilities and strength to the test as they vie for the coveted Presidential and National fitness awards.

PE coach Tony Murray is currently assembling a training and event schedule for the Presidential fitness test. We anticipate a productive and fun-filled school year.

Augsburg Academy opens for its fourth school year with an expanded staff, new students, and a growing presence in the community. Classes resumed August 25th with students in kindergarten through eighth grade, more than doubling the number of students and grades offered since last year. The Academy also welcomed several new faculty members as well.

At its opening worship service on Sunday, August 24th, Pastor Art Hebbeler, head of schools for Augsburg Academy, installed the Academy staff. Joining returning staff members Karen Scott, Carlandra Rossow, and Diane Blank are Janese Blanc and Lisa Driscoll (kindergarten), Michael Helling (liberal arts and sciences), Gisela Lopez (Spanish and science), Dan Butler (music), and Suzanne Jensen (physical education-figure skating). The students attending the opening ceremony received a special blessing for the school year, and parents began to establish new friendships and contacts with other families and staff members. According to David Murray, board member and finance director of Augsburg, this is the start of a major growth for the young academy. “We have come a long way from our first class of four kindergarteners, and this year marks the reaching of our first major milestone, offering a full range of elementary and middle school grades. Our next milestone, which we expect to happen very soon, is to announce the location of and groundbreaking for our first major construction work.”

There are still openings for the Academy this fall, and transfer students are accepted during the first semester and at the start of the second semester. For more information, contact the Academy at 240.786.0283.

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COME AND WORSHIP!
9:00 AM Sunday Contemporary Worship:
• Ignite praise band
• Children’s moment
• Interactive worship
• Communion every week
• Nursery care provided at all services

11:00 AM Sunday Traditional Worship:
• Choir & organist
• Traditional hymns
• Sign language interpreter
• Communion on the first Sunday of the month

COME AND STUDY!
• Sunday School for all ages, including adult Bible studies (10:10 AM)
• Sign language class on Sundays
• English classes during the week

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Running in a race keeps us fit!