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## College Park ♥'s BARC

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the letter to the editor from Karen Coakley, president of the Beltsville Citizens' Association. There were many questions that warrant address.

The City of College Park is considering the possibility of annexing the South Farm of the Beltsville Agricultural Resource Center (BARC). Annexation would enable us to devote greater resources to protect BARC and the South Farm from development, while giving the City more standing with Federal, State, and County governments.

We have not taken any legal or legislative action to initiate annexation. Annexation is an open and participatory process. Notice would be given to adjacent property owners, public hearings would be posted in the Municipal Scene

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## Beltsville Briefs

### Friends of Little Paint Branch News

On April 12th about 15 people showed up to help plant 150 trees and bushes along Little Paint Branch creek on Beltsville Agricultural Research Center property. This extended the area we had planted in December. One more planting and that section of riparian habitat will be complete.

On April 26th we had a wonderful turnout for our combination Earth Day Trash Pick and Invasive Plant Removal Event. This event was co-sponsored with the Anacostia Watershed Society and assisted by the Beltsville Community Center. AWS provided the supplies and free T-shirts for the event. 48 people turned up at various times during the day. The first part of the day concentrated on trash pick by the river and along the entrance roadway. We found some unusual items among the common plastic bottles and Styrofoam bits. They included a car tail pipe, half a suitcase and a very

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## Lions Honor Maryland Terrapins' Head Basketball Coach Gary Williams

Gary Williams, Head Basketball Coach at the University of Maryland, accepted the 2008 Humanitarian Award from the Lions of District 22-C on the evening of April 21 at a celebration witnessed by 500 Lions and guests at the Greater Waldorf Jaycees Community Center in Waldorf, MD. Lion Ted Ladd of Beltsville, Governor of District 22-C, presented the award during the Lions annual "22-C Night." District 22-C encompasses all 56 Lions Clubs in Washington, D.C. and the Maryland counties of Mont-



Terrapins' Head Basketball Coach Gary Williams (R) accepts 2008 Humanitarian Award from Ted Ladd, Lions Clubs International District Governor of Lions District 22-C.

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## Girl Scouts Participate in Dry Land Dog Sledding



Brownies, Juniors and Senior Beltsville Girl Scouts enjoy a day of dog sledding on the Northern Central Rail Trail in north Baltimore County.

By Teresa Johnson

What an exciting adventure! On March 21, 2008, Junior Girl Scout troop 2751 and Brownie troop 4123 of Beltsville participated in a dry land dog sledding activity fit for all terrain and any type of weather, located north of Baltimore, Maryland (near the Pennsylvania border). You might be wondering, "How can it be fit for all terrain and weather? I thought it was only for the snow!" Well it turns out when there is no snow; they use what is called

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## Local Teacher to be Honored Guest of Japanese Government

This October, Shannon Stewart will depart for Tokyo as a participant in the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund (JFMF) Teacher Program. Ms. Stewart, from Beltsville Elementary School, was selected from a national pool of over 1,700 applicants by a panel of educators to earn this honor. This program allows distinguished primary and secondary school educators in the U.S. to travel to Japan for three weeks in an effort to promote greater intercultural understanding between the two nations.

Ms. Stewart will be among 160 educators visiting Japan in October. They will begin their visit in Tokyo with a practical orientation



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on Japanese life and culture and meetings with Japanese government officials and educators. They then will travel in groups of 16 to selected host cities where they will have direct contact with Japanese teachers and students during visits to primary and secondary schools as well as a teachers college. They will also visit cultural sites and local industries in addition to a brief homestay with a Japanese family.

The Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund, based in Tokyo, oversees all aspects of the Teacher Program.

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**On the Agenda**



By Karen Coakley, President,  
Beltsville Citizens' Association

The Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department will be our guest at the June 18th meeting. They will be discussing safety tips for the home and yard. Please also be aware that the Fire Department Union has been making calls to Beltsville residents asking for contributions. Any contributions you make to the Fire Department Union go to the "Union," if your intention is to make a contribution to the BELTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT. The Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department pays for ALL of its own equipment with donations made to the Volunteer Fire Department. The County and the Union do not pay for any of the equipment. The next meeting is on Wednesday June 18th. If you have a community concern please call me at 301.937.0157

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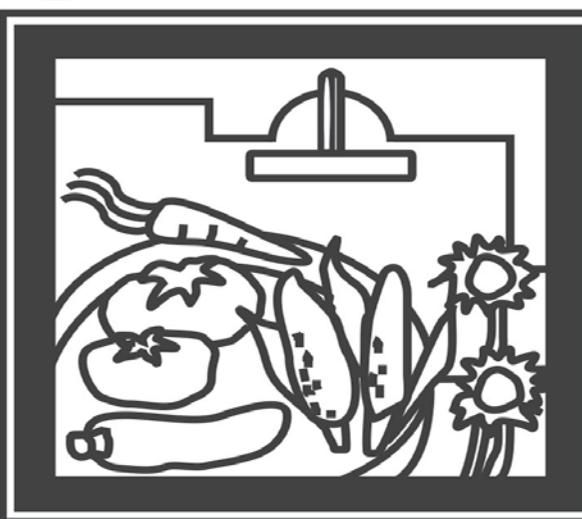
 



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of The Gazette, and anyone is permitted to testify at public hearings. Since the BARC property is tax-exempt, annexation would have no fiscal impact on the Federal Government and no revenue increase to the City. Additionally, there would be no physical impact on the BARC facility and no effect on its use as a result of annexation.

I can certainly understand that without accurate information, this possible annexation effort could be perceived as a threat to the Beltsville community. Let me reassure you that our intentions are honorable, and we certainly meant no disrespect. I apologize for not reaching out to Ms. Coakley sooner than I did. There was no ill intention, and I hope she will now agree to discuss this matter with me.

In her April letter to the editor, Ms. Coakley also raised several topics that I would like to clarify:

**West side of Route 1**

We have identified a portion of the west side of Route 1 as our preferred student-housing corridor. University View has shown that dense student housing adjacent to campus decreases traffic because the majority of students walk, bike, or use Shuttle UM to get to campus. We believe this is effective Smart Growth policy.

Density—We have identified a traffic demand management strategy regarding public transportation, and we require development

projects to commit to supporting either Shuttle UM or a private shuttle service. We have contributed \$100,000 to a Route 1 corridor transportation alternatives study. This year we successfully lobbied to have State law changed to allow City residents to ride the Shuttle UM. We envision a comprehensive Route 1 corridor transportation system that initially services IKEA to the District Courthouse in Hyattsville. A goal of this system is to reduce thousands of car trips per day by reaching other destinations, such as Prince George's Plaza, Greenbelt Metro Station, and points north, including Beltsville and, possibly, Laurel.

**Edgewood Road and Route 1**

I share Ms. Coakley's concerns about the congestion at the intersection of Cherry Hill Road and Route 1, which we address through our development review process and our recommendations to the Planning Board. Additionally, we have been urging State Highway Administration (SHA) to rebuild Route 1, which includes the completion of this intersection.

**Route 201**

The City has not taken a position on Route 201.

**Annexation in general**

I disagree with Ms. Coakley's assessment of College Park's annexation history, since all of our annexations have included the support of affected property owners. Other than IKEA and its relat-

ed development, there are no plans or intentions for the City to annex property north of the Beltway.

One of the primary reasons the City is interested in annexing the South Farm of BARC is to protect it from future development. SHA has been studying the feasibility of building a highway, referred to as the UM Connector Road, that would directly connect I-95/495 to the University of Maryland, and would be constructed through the South Farm of BARC. Construction of this magnitude would destroy the delicate ecosystems on the South Farm and compromise important research at BARC. Furthermore, many believe that the UM Connector Road would entice large-scale development projects to be built on and adjacent to the South Farm of BARC. College Park City Council continues to formally oppose the construction, engineering, and funding of this road project.

Whether or not you agree with a possible College Park annexation of the South Farm, I encourage the Beltsville Citizens' Association and surrounding community to support the preservation of BARC by taking a position of opposition to the UM Connector Road. To date, I do not believe that the Beltsville Citizens' Association has taken such a position. Currently, the UM Connector Road is the greatest threat to BARC.

Let us put rhetoric aside and together examine all options to protect the natural resources at BARC.

Stephen A. Brayman, Mayor  
City of College Park

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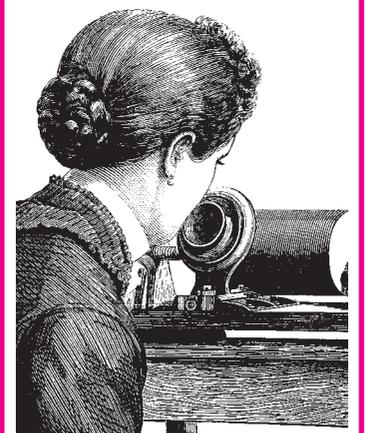
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## Neighbors in the News

# Beltsville Man Wins "Magician of the Year" Contest for 4th Time

For the fourth time in five years, Noland Montgomery, a professional magician from Beltsville has won the annual Dan Lacey Memorial Magic Contest sponsored by the International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring 50, the National Capital Ring.

The winner of the contest is deemed the Washington D.C. area "Magician of the Year" by IBM Ring 50. Montgomery was selected over five other competitors.

Montgomery, 56, who has been doing magic since he was 12 years old, pulled a series of silver dollars out of thin air to the accompaniment of silly puns. He also performed the classic "Chinese Linking Rings" routine with giant, 13-inch solid steel rings.

A graduate of Yale College with a major in history, Montgomery has performed magic for private parties, birthdays, weddings, corporate events, banquets, fundraisers, shopping mall promotions, picnics and even the White House Easter Egg Roll. He has performed in several restaurants throughout the Washington area and done street magic regularly in



Noland Montgomery (left), a Beltsville magician, receives the Dan Lacey Memorial Trophy from Mike Taggart, president of the International Brotherhood of Magicians Ring 50 for winning the club's contest to select the D.C. area Magician of the Year. (Photo by Larry Lipman)

Alexandria, Va., and Baltimore's Society of American Magicians local Assembly 23.

In addition to being a long-time member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, Montgomery is a past president of the

Society of American Magicians local Assembly 23.

I.B.M. Ring 50 meets at 8:00 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the Holiday Inn on Eisenhower Avenue in Alexandria, VA.

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The program is sponsored by the Government of Japan and was launched in 1997 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the U.S. government Fulbright Program, which has enabled more than 6,000 Japanese citizens to study in the U.S. on Fulbright fellowships for graduate education and research. The Institute of International Education acts as the agency for the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund to coordinate the recruitment and pre-departure activities of the Teacher Program in the United States.

Up to 320 educators from all 50 states and the District of Columbia will be invited to visit Japan in June and October of 2008 (160 in each group). To date, more than 6000 primary and secondary school educators have visited Japan through the JFMF Teacher Program. Upon their return, program participants share what they have learned about Japan with their students and communities through a variety of outreach projects.

For more information about the JFMF Teacher Program, please refer to <http://www.fulbrightmemorialfund.jp> or contact 1.888.527.2636 (1.888.Japan.FMF) or [jfmf@iie.org](mailto:jfmf@iie.org).

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large beach ball. The second part of the event focused on removing Garlic Mustard. This plant is very proficient at spreading and taking over large areas of ground that prevents the native plants from growing. This plant is also toxic to the Virginia White butterfly larvae. A lot of work got done that day. Many thanks to all who showed up and helped out in the event!

On May 17th we had a native and invasive plant identification nature walk followed by an invasive pull. Marc Imlay from AWS was the speaker. He made plant identification fun as well as educational. We learned to recognize many native species in the Beltsville Community Center Park as well as discovering some very unusual and unique plants that grow there.

We also attended the Beltsville Day event on May 18th with an information booth. It was surprising to learn how many people did not realize there was a river that runs through Beltsville or that the river flows into the Anacostia. The

actions we take right here in our own backyards affect so much more.

Our next event will be to assist the Beltsville Community Center with their Rain Barrel class on Saturday June 14th. Learn how to harvest the rain and save on your water bill. Space is limited for that class so you need to call the community center to register. There is a \$10.00 fee that covers the rain barrel supplies. For more information ask for Jeremy at BVCC 301.937.6613.

After that we will be hosting our second Get to Know Your Stream Electro-fish event. This time it will be held at the Fairland Regional Park in Laurel. Members of MWCOG will safely remove some fish from the stream so that we can see the fish up close and learn to identify them. This event is free. It will be on Saturday June 21st. We will meet in the parking lot at 10:00 a.m. and then head down to the river. Please let us know if you plan on attending. Call FOLPB at 240.281.6578.

**Prince George's County  
Historic Property Grant  
Program**

The Prince George's County Planning Board of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) announced the startup of a program that will provide grants of up to \$100,000 to help rehabilitate, restore, preserve or acquire historic properties in the County, and approved guidelines for administration of the program.

Grants from the Prince George's County Historic Property Grant Program are designed to preserve, protect and enhance historic properties, encourage others to preserve, protect and enhance historic properties and to promote interest in and the study of historic properties. Grants will be awarded for the rehabilitation, restoration, preservation, or acquisition of historic property. The grant program is administered by the Prince George's County Planning Department of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Who can apply? Individuals, nonprofit organizations/foundations and political subdivisions can apply.

What properties are eligible? Eligible properties must be located in Prince George's County and have an official historic designation or be eligible for one.

What kinds of activities are eligible? Eligible activities include acquiring and rehabilitating historic properties.

Selection process: The Historic Property Grant Program is administered by M-NCPPC in partnership with the Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). The Historic Preservation Commission, upon the advice of its Grants Committee, will review all applications and make its recommendations to the Planning Board.

Requirements: A match of a minimum of 10% is required; the provision of in-kind matches of labor and materials are permitted. Successful applicants shall convey a perpetual preservation easement to The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission at the time the grant is awarded and before any funds are disbursed. Capital grant funded work must be performed by licensed, bonded and insured contractors. All work must conform to The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

Deadlines: Draft applications must be postmarked or delivered by August 1, 2008. Final applications must be postmarked or delivered by November 1, 2008. You are not required to submit a draft of your application; however, draft applications received by August 1 receive preliminary review for errors and omissions. Applications received after November 1 may not receive this review and will be processed as submitted.

Applications are available at [www.mncppc.org/county/propertygrant.htm](http://www.mncppc.org/county/propertygrant.htm). Copies of the application are also available at the Information Counter on the lower level at the County Administration Building, 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 or by calling 301.952.3680. For further information please call 301.952.3680 or send an email to [propertygrant@ppd.mncppc.org](mailto:propertygrant@ppd.mncppc.org).

## Obituaries

### Black, Emory

Emory Black passed away unexpectedly on May 2, 2008. At the time of his passing he was 74, just a month away from his 75th birthday. Beltsville residents knew him as the friendly maintenance man at Behnke Nursery, where he frequently greeted customers with his hospitality and megawatt smile. Emory was born in South Carolina in 1933. The Black family moved to Maryland in 1935. After serving in the United States Army, Emory worked at Arlington National Cemetery until his retirement, and then found a second career at Behnke Nursery. Emory is survived by his son, Kevin Black, and two daughters, Barbara Jo Jones and Norlisha Cook, as well as two sisters, nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and many other family members, friends, and co-workers. Celebration of Life services were held May 12, 2008 at the Life Changing Church in Temple Hills, MD, followed by interment at Cheltenham Memorial Park in Cheltenham, MD.

### Bolt, Ruby P. Furr

Ruby P. Furr Bolt died on Sunday, May 4, 2008. She was the beloved wife of the late Norman C. Bolt; loving mother of Joan Stevenson, Mary Slye, Jean Owens, Dorothy Wright, Judy Fleming, Fay Nunley, Bonnie Hall, Dickie Furr, Ray Furr, and the late Margaret DePaul, Billy, Pete, Albert and Jerry Furr. Thirty-seven grandchildren, 54 great grandchildren and 13 great great grandchildren also survive her. Relatives and friends called at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville on May 7<sup>th</sup>, where the service was held on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Interment St. John's Episcopal Church Cemetery, Beltsville, MD.

### Hughes, James William III

James William Hughes, III, 24, formerly of Beltsville, died on Tuesday, April 29, 2008. He was the beloved son of James William, Jr. and Veronica D. Hughes. He was the brother of George V. Hughes, nephew of Eddie and Judy Hughes and Joe and Debbie Denice, and the cousin of Ellen Denice, Joseph Denice, Jr., Laura Denice, Kelly Denice and Robert Hughes. He is also survived by Nikki Melbourne. Funeral service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD on Monday, May 5 at 12:00 noon with Father Ming officiating. Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

### Imle, Paul Sr.

Ernest Paul Imle, Sr., 97, a tropical crops specialist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture

for many years, died at his care facility in Bowie, MD on May 4 of natural causes.

A native of Marshall, IL he was graduated from his hometown high school, received his BS and MS at Purdue University, going on to receive his PhD at Cornell University with a major in plant pathology in December, 1942. When he went to pick up his ensign's rank in the Navy, he discovered that the draft board had received other orders for him: he was to go to Central America to do research work on natural rubber, then a commodity in short supply. Within weeks he found himself at the U.S.D.A. Rubber Station in Turrialba, Costa Rica, where a search was being made for disease resistant, high producing rubber tree types which could thrive in this hemisphere. It was here that he met and married his wife and worked for 13 years, the latter part of which he served as director of all rubber research work in that country, which included extensive travel throughout all the rubber producing areas of the western hemisphere.

Soon after returning to the States and settling in suburban Maryland, he was asked to become director of the newly established American Cocoa Research Institute in Washington, DC, an institution funded by the major chocolate producers with interaction between similar institutes in Britain and Europe. During this period he worked collaboratively with Central and South American and West African growers and buyers of cacao. He continued in this capacity for ten years.

The U.S.D.A. then called him back, this time to work in the important, on-going processes involved in plant introductions. Along with others, he brought to the USA selections of dioscoria, from which L Dopa was made, and which is now synthesized chemically. During that time he was also selected to be part of a seven-man team of scientists of several disciplines who made an exploratory and plant collection trip from the headwaters of the Amazon River to its mouth under the auspices of the National Science Foundation. He also spent 18 months in El Salvador, just as the revolution was erupting there, in an effort to find better crop selections for local farmers. His final assignment with Agriculture was as a project leader in an effort to use surplus aid monies that had built up in Poland, the former Yugoslavia, Egypt and Israel as a result of PL 480. These "soft money" funds were used to finance mutually advantageous agricultural scientific experimentation in each of these countries and the U.S.A. One of the more important of these projects led to the proliferation of irrigation methods requiring less water. It is from this work that he retired from

the Federal government in 1980.

He subsequently did contract work for the Agriculture and State Departments, including a study of the feasibility of replacing coca in Bolivia and opium in Burma with alternate crops. He was a member of the honorary scientific society, Alpha Zeta, was a life-long member of the American Phytopathological Society, supporter of the World Wildlife Society, the Organization for Tropical Studies, and the Beltsville Garden Club. He was a member of Christ Congregational Church in Silver Spring.

His wife of sixty years, Portia Imle, and three children, Ernest Paul Imle, Jr. of Gonvick, MN, P. Cristina Imle of Baltimore, and Jane Schmidt of Pasadena, MD, survive him. One son, William, of Daphne, AL, was killed Sept. 3, 2007. Each of the children has a devoted spouse; there are seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Memorials: Habitat for Humanity, Montgomery Co., 9110 Gaither Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20877-7536; Benevolent Fund Riderwood Village, 3119 Gracefield Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904; or the charity of your choice.

### Keane, James E.

James E. Keane, 71, died at his residence in Beltsville, MD on Wednesday, April 30, 2008. He was the beloved husband of the late Dorothy E. Keane, father of Stephen A. (Karen) Keane, Susan A. (Joe) Panizari, Paul E. (Leslie) Keane, James P. (Deborah) Keane and Brenda L. (Clarence) Newberry. He was the brother of Michael Keane, Joseph Keane and the late William Keane. Twelve grandchildren and four great grandchildren also survive him. Memorial service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD on Sunday, May 4 at 4:00 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 11331 Amherst Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20902.

### McMillan, Ruth M.

Ruth M. McMillan of Beltsville, 73, died on Thursday, May 8, 2008. She was the beloved wife of Lee R. McMillan, mother of Susan M. (John) Davis and Jeffrey R. McMillan, daughter of Dorothy M. and the late Robert J. Saffell, sister of Joanne Spohn and Margaret Frankel, grandmother of Robert, Jenna and Kyle McMillan. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 11007 Montgomery Road, Beltsville, MD on Wednesday, May 14 at 10:00 a.m. with Father J. Michael Quill officiating. Interment Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Ann Infant and

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Ms. Jan Verhage, Executive Director of the Girl Scout Council of the National Capital Area and Tanya Outland, Gold Award recipient.

## Beltsville Teen Receives the "Gold Award," the Highest Recognition for a Girl Scout

Tanya E. Outland of Beltsville, MD received official recognition of her Gold Award on May 4, 2008 at Trinity University in Washington, District of Columbia, along with 225 other Gold Award recipients from the National Capital Region of the Girl Scout Council. Tanya is a former member of Girl Scout Troop 3988, Association 23, Service Unit 7. Both of the Senior Girl Scout leaders, Mrs. C. Starr Hendel of Adelphi, MD and Mrs. Carolyn Kennedy Piggott of Fulton, MD served as her Gold Award advisors. The excellent leadership of these leaders inspired Tanya to pursue the Gold Award.

The Gold Award is the highest recognition that a Girl Scout can receive. The Gold Award is given after completion of five requirements, all of which promote community service, personal and spiri-

tual growth, positive values and leadership skills. The final phase in quest for the Gold Award is planning, developing and executing a project that will benefit the community.

Tanya's project was to develop a "Fitness Extravaganza" for the Beltsville Community Center's Day Camp participants held on July 26, 2007, during which they learned about physical fitness and nutrition. The director of the day camp, Ms. Denise Weingartz, served as the Project Advisor and provided the necessary oversight during various phases of the project. The execution of this project could not have been carried out without the assistance of Tanya's fellow troop members, Paige Piggott, Nina Fuller and Mary Poole who volunteered during the Fitness Extravaganza.

Tanya is the daughter of Fran-

ces and David Outland who reside in Beltsville. Her brother, David Curtis Outland, recently completed the requirements for the Boy Scout Eagle Award and will be honored later this summer. Tanya has just finished her freshman year at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County where she is pursuing a double major in financial economics and management of the aging.

Mr. and Mrs. Outland will host a recognition ceremony and reception in honor of Tanya's achievement for all Beltsville Girl Scouts in Association 23 Service Unit 7 on June 7, 2008, at 3:00-4:30 p.m. at the Laurel Library, 501 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Laurel, MD. Please come out and celebrate Tanya's magnificent accomplishment, which were a benefit to the Beltsville community.

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### SLEDDING

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a "rig." The dry land vehicle is very similar to the dog sled except it doesn't slide; it rolls on three or four wheels. Before riding in the rig, the girls got to meet the dogs: Okemo, Sobu, T-bone, and Zoë. After giving the dogs a lot of love and attention, they learned a little bit about preparation for dog sledding, mushing commands, different breeds of dogs, and harnessing. Some of the girls got to help put harnesses on the dogs. Before riding, the girls took a small break, having brownies with hot cocoa. Delicious! The girls were split

up into three groups at a decent distance apart on the Torrey C. Brown (formerly NCR) trail. After everyone got a turn, they headed back to where they started to help feed the dogs, posed for a group picture and received a dog-sledding patch. Maryland Sled Dog Adventures, LLC offers dog sled rides, dog sledding tours, patch programs on dog sledding for Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4-H clubs and educational programs on dog sledding for home schoolers and church groups. For more information about Maryland Sled Dog Adventures, LLC, please visit [www.marylanddogsledding.com](http://www.marylanddogsledding.com) or call 443.562.5736.

McKenzie Grant-Gordon, a Paint Branch Montessori School third grader said, "The Ecology Club inspired me to study how to take care of cut flowers without using chemicals."

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# Adding Beauty to the Kitchen Garden

## Kitchen Garden Tips for June 2008

By Elizabeth Olson

Kitchen gardens can be both useful and beautiful. An economical use of space can be achieved by adding certain vegetables to flower beds, and flowers can be added to



Nasturtiums

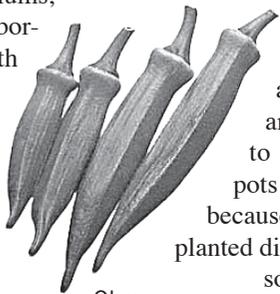
the kitchen garden to add beauty and to attract pollinators. Some flowers, such as nasturtiums, are also edible. Mixed borders can be created with flowers and herbs, and short vegetables such as Little Lucy okra and Rosa Bianca eggplant are beautiful and can be added to a mixed border in late May or in early June.

A good resource for more edible landscaping ideas is the National Gardening Association's website. See [www.garden.org/ediblelandscaping](http://www.garden.org/ediblelandscaping).

### INDOORS

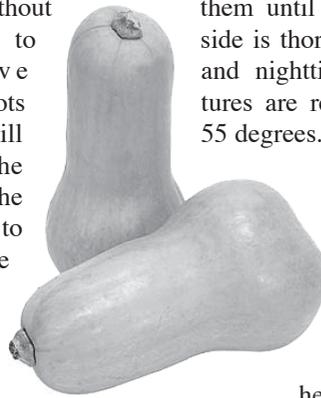
Start okra, squash, and

pumpkin seeds in peat pots, using bottom heat and placing the pots under grow lights or near a sunny window. Okra, squash, and pumpkin plants are somewhat sensitive to transplanting. Peat pots are the best to use because the plants can be planted directly into the soil without having to remove



Okra

the pots. The roots of the plants will grow through the peat and into the soil. Make sure to remove any of the rim that shows above the ground after planting. The peat that is below ground will



Squash

naturally decompose over time. However, if you use plastic pots, be extremely careful when you transplant the seedlings outdoors.

Okra, squash, and pumpkins need very warm soil. All of them sprout and grow quickly, and will do best if you wait to transplant them until the soil outside is thoroughly warm and nighttime temperatures are reliably above 55 degrees.

### OUTDOORS

Apply a light layer of loose mulch – about 1 to 2 inches deep maximum – around vegetables, herbs, and flowers as they grow taller. Keep



Pumpkin

the mulch pulled back from the base of each plant. Both small pine bark mulch and loose straw work well with many plants, and loose straw works very well with potatoes.

Harvest scapes (similar to flower stalks) from hard-neck garlic soon after they sprout. Do not let the scapes remain attached to the plants for long because the size of the garlic bulbs will be reduced and the scapes will become tough. Scapes can be added to soups, stews, steamed vegetable dishes, or stir-fried meals – or they can be sautéed in extra-virgin olive oil for an early-season kitchen garden treat.

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Maternity Home, 4901 Eastern Avenue, Hyattsville, MD, 20782. Arrangements by Borgwardt Funeral Home.

### Milan, Carlos

Carlos Milan died on Tuesday, March 25, 2008. He was the beloved husband of Pamela S. Milan, loving son of Mercedes Millan and the late Carlos Millan, father of Myra Milan Lewis, brother of Hereka Martinez, Awilda Millan, Agnes Tauscher and Steve Cruz, and grandfather of Ashley and Kenneth Lewis. Relatives and friends called at St. Luke Lutheran Church, 9100 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD on Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup> where the service was held at 11:00 a.m. Interment private. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Luke Lutheran Church.

### Walker, Thomas Gross

Thomas Gross Walker of Beltsville died on April 29, 2008. Thomas worked at the family business, BLP Carpets in Beltsville, for most of his adult life. He was the son of Margaret Hamilton, beloved stepson of Jerome and Joyce Gross, and loving companion of Kim Boquet. Five brothers, Bobby Walker, Gene, Joseph, Jordan and Jake Gross, sister Julia Gross, nieces Dakota and Julie, nephew Jimmy, and many friends survive him. Relatives and friends called at Collins Funeral Home, 500 University Boulevard, Silver Spring, MD on May 2 for visitation. Memorial contributions may be made to Georgetown University Transplant Institute, 3800 Reservoir Road, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007.

### Wigand, Wanda C.

Wanda C. Wigand, a Beltsville resident for 40 years, passed away on May 12. She was 84 years old. Born in Kalamazoo, MI, the daughter of Michael and Mary R. (nee Ruszczac) Beelick, she attended Mercy College of Nursing in Detroit. After graduating cum laude as a registered nurse in 1943, she entered the U.S. Army Nurse Corps as a second lieutenant. Assigned to Tripler Army Hospital, Oahu, she assisted in treating many wounded soldiers from battles in the Pacific area. After the war, she practiced civilian nursing and obtained a degree from Western Michigan College. When the Korean War broke out she joined the Navy Nurse Corps as an ensign. After a tour of duty at Great Lakes Naval Station, she was assigned to the Marine Corps base at Camp Lejeune, NC where she was promoted to Lt (jg) and met her future husband. Relocating to New York with him after her marriage, and then to Maryland, she raised four children and served as a substitute teacher at local Prince George's County schools. During her career she had become a Registered Nurse in four states: Michigan, Louisiana, New York and Maryland. An active gardener, she belonged to the Beltsville Garden Club. Survivors include her husband of 56 years, Robert; a daughter, Dr. Gwen Bolling of Clemmons, NC; two sons, James of Washington, D.C. and John of Merrimac, NH; a sister, Elizabeth Laughlin; and four grandchildren. A funeral service will be held at the Church of Our Savior, Hillandale, on June 30. It will be followed by interment at Arlington National Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association

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## Dernoga's Report

# Latest District 1 News

By Councilman Tom Dernoga

### County Budget

As usual in spring, things are very busy in Upper Marlboro. In March, the County Executive transmitted the FY 2009 Operating and Capital Budgets to the County Council for review, recommendations and approval. This year is particularly challenging because revenues are growing slowly, but the salary of county employees is continuing at about 6.5% increase. These facts make it difficult to balance the budget. I have been attending the various "Staff Review" discussions for each agency under the Committee that I chair ("Transportation, Housing & Environment"). In these discussions, our internal auditors go over detailed questions with the agency staff.

The Council held two "Public Hearings" on the Budget in early May and had another hearing on the MNCPPC budget in April. Several Beltsville residents attended the hearing, which was good to see. One Budget concern is that the County Executive proposed delaying the Montgomery Road improvement project one additional year (even though we trimmed the cost down substantially). Beltsville testimony on this matter helped move it up to FY 2010 from FY 2011.

### Planning

Recently, I led the Council in doing something that I am told has never been done before - we rejected the Subregion I Master Plan proposal. As it should have been. The proposed plan had a significant imbalance between the amount of land use proposed and the ability to handle it. It's about time we said "no" to this type of proposal. At least, if there are going to be challenges, the Plan should say so and address how these challenges should be handled to minimize the impact. The Plan just did not do that. By our action, the Planning Board will have to revisit the Plan and address these problems. Stay tuned for more Subregion I Master Plan activity.

There are two major development projects in District 1 that you should be aware of and pay attention to. The Planning Board heard Jackson-Shaw's Brickyard project (adjacent to the Muirkirk MARC Station) on May 15, 2008. The Planning Board approved the



Councilman Tom Dernoga

Big News! The traffic signal at Sawgrass Road and Briggs Chaney Road was completed. Calverton and Cross Creek residents have been requesting this improvement for years, but the intersection sits on the County line and Montgomery County would not agree to the traffic signal. We finally got cooperation and the light was installed and placed in the flash mode to alert motorists that the signal was in place, as well as to allow them to become "familiar" with it. VMS signs were installed in the area to alert motorists to the new traffic signal. The new traffic signal was finally made completely operational on May 15, 2008. One would think that a traffic light is a small issue, but I have found it very, very difficult to get the County (or the State (ha!)) to put up traffic signals.

The Sellman Road relocation project is in full swing. The land on which BARC has granted an easement has been cleared, and the realignment project has moved forward with a newly constructed section of Sellman Road recently opening up. The entire project will take approximately fifteen months to complete, barring complications. The specifics of the project, as well as its progress, can be viewed by accessing Internet address [http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/Government/AgencyIndex/DPW/Improvements/cherryhill\\_Road\\_project.asp](http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/Government/AgencyIndex/DPW/Improvements/cherryhill_Road_project.asp) or on my District 1 webpage with a link to DPWT. A PDF file with the planned road alignment is available at the same Internet address.

No doubt, you have noticed that the Ammendale Road/Powder Mill Road project has finally been completed. All the traffic lights are operational and the landscaping and seeding of the Northwest corner of Old Gunpowder Road have been completed.

### Grant

Finally, I was pleased to award a grant to the Beltsville Games Club to assist the acquisition of new games and storage containers for them. The Club operates from the Beltsville Community Center and provides a great way for kids to exercise their minds while having a lot of fun.

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Tom Dernoga

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## 21st Legislative Delegation

### Report from the 21st Legislative Delegation

We wanted to take this opportunity to make the citizens of Beltsville aware of our continued commitment to preserving and enhancing the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC). We also wanted to let you know about recent developments threatening BARC and our work to fight those threats. Probably the biggest current threat facing BARC comes from a proposed road linking I-95/495 with the University of Maryland campus. We wanted to make residents aware of our unanimous opposition to opening BARC to commercial development by building a multilane highway through it.

This initiative, known as the Connector Road – sometimes referred to as the University of Maryland Access Road – is now the subject of the third in-depth analysis of the project and the fifth time it has been looked at as a means of getting more and more cars to campus. The cost of building such a road through BARC would likely exceed \$50 million, funds that could be spent to improve Route 1 and Route 201.

We have several objections to this project, not the least of which is the state's continued failure to substantially improve Route 1, where congestion and dangerous conditions for both pedestrians and motorists have existed for decades, and the on-again-off-again plans to widen Kenilworth Avenue. We have secured funding for engineering studies to improve Route 1, and SHA has restarted a community dialogue about Kenilworth Avenue. Local residents tell us these are their priorities, not a road which would open BARC up for commercial development.

We need to make it easier for students, faculty, and staff and sports fans to get to the university campus without driving, not crowd more cars on to the campus.

The needs of Beltsville residents, both for transportation improvements and preservation of BARC's open space should be respected.

- The Connector Road would be very detrimental to BARC in particular. The cutting edge



(L-r) Dels. Ben Barnes and Barbara Frush, Sen. Jim Rosapepe, and Del. Joseline Peña-Melnyk

crop experiments it conducts on its South Farm would be jeopardized by any potential alignment of the Connector Road and obtaining those federal lands for a state road requires an act of Congress.

- The \$1 billion financial investment of the Maryland Turfgrass Council, which supports research and education projects on BARC's South Farm, would be destroyed.

Our priorities to reduce traffic on Route One and improve transit in our area, both on and off the university campus, include:

- We passed a bill to open University of Maryland Shuttle Bus service to all residents of the City of College Park. That legislation takes effect July 1. In future years, we want to get it expanded to Beltsville residents as well.

- Additional student housing is being planned within walking distance of campus

- Major expansion of bicycle access to the university has been a long-time goal of bike enthusiasts. The state is ready to contribute to this effort if the university supports it as well.

- Most significantly, Metro's Purple Line, which is a centerpiece of Governor

O'Malley's transportation budget, will include five stops in the vicinity of campus that are expected to have 16,000 daily boardings and eliminate 7,000 car trips.

Your neighbors in Adelphi and College Park; the cities of Berwyn Heights, College Park, Greenbelt and Hyattsville; the Prince George's County Council; and many civic and environmental groups have joined forces to protect BARC from the Connector Road. We urge Beltsville to join us in this fight for our community's quality of life.

Beyond the issue of the Connector Road, we have been strong advocates for BARC. We met with Congressman Hoyer in the past year and expressed our desire that BARC continue to be funded, and we sponsored a resolution to protect BARC in the past legislative session.

It is a fact that citizens, when they band together, speak with a stronger voice. Your message, combined with ours, is more likely to reach the Governor and others who need to hear it. Collectively, we will be much harder to ignore.

Senator Jim Rosapepe  
Delegate Barbara Frush  
Delegate Joseline Peña-Melnyk  
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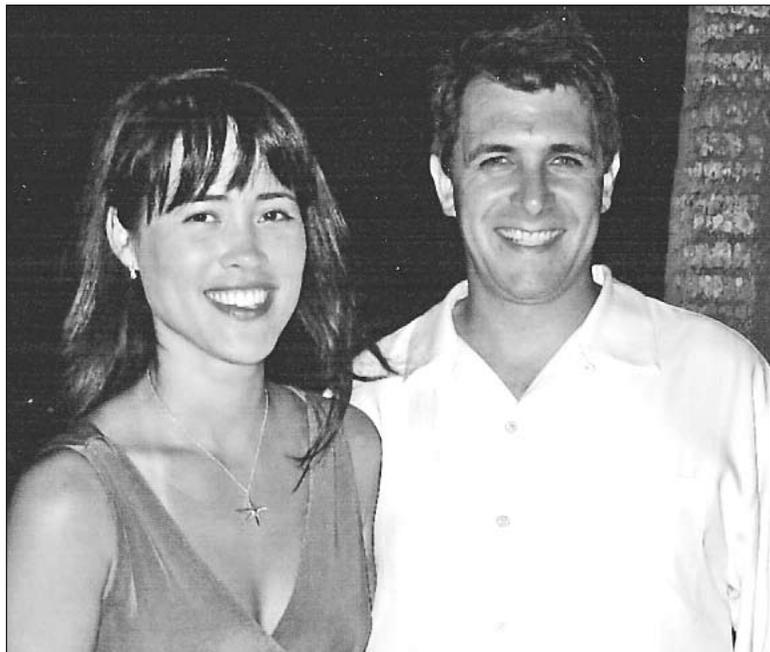
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## Frankie Adams & Narissa Johnson Wed



Frank William "Frankie" Adams of Adelphi and Narissa Johnson of Southern California were married on April 19<sup>th</sup> in Austin Texas. Frankie moved to Austin with Narissa two and one-half years ago. He is the Director of Ives Tools and Narissa is the Director of Communications with SafePlace, a shelter for battered and homeless women.



Joanne Christine Healy and Thomas Norman Murray were married on April 25, 2008.

## Healy-Murray Wedding

Joanne Christine Healy and Thomas Norman Murray were married by Reverend John Cooper at Florian Hall in Bowie, Maryland on April 25, 2008. The reception followed immediately thereafter.

The bride is the daughter of Dan and Linda Healy of Glenn Dale, Maryland. She was attended by her best friend, Claudia Chang, the matron of honor. The bridesmaids were Christina Dugan, Aunica Brockel, Katie Schall, Krystal Jenkins and Nicole Holdren. The flower girl was Alexes Shelton.

The groom is the son of Vince and Patty Murray of Beltsville, Maryland. The best man was Richard Clark, cousin of the groom. The groomsmen were Christopher Murray, Ryan Dugan, Conrad Chang, Mike Brockel and Brendan Skelly. The ringbearer was Kyle Simmons.

Although both are 2002 graduates of St. Vincent Pallotti High School in Laurel, Maryland, they did not begin dating until December 2006. The couple plan to reside in Beltsville for the near future.

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## InterCounty Connector Nicks Cross Creek

By Paul G. Zurkowski

Before ground is broken for the Beltsville segment of the ICC, the development of its final construction plans is kicking up more than dust in the Cross Creek community. To the surprise of many of Cross Creek's 650 home owners, the signature 14th hole, known as the Quarry Hole and rated by golfers to be the toughest golf hole in the Mid-Atlantic region, was, in fact, built partially on ICC right-of-way land. This famous Quarry Hole, built at the foot of a 50-foot ridge topped with elegant homes, may be reduced to a par three-pitch and putt hole if the ICC right of way is sustained. An ICC intrusion into the golf course could have a significant impact on home values throughout the development.

At the very least, the forest covering the low-lying hills opposite the ridge and forming the left side of the 14th fairway is expected to give way to a high screen to protect highway traffic from errant golf balls and to a road bed 20 feet above the 14th fairway replacing a verdant landscape with a high speed highway with its noise and dirt leaving residents of the adjacent homes aghast.

The element of surprise may be attributable to the fact that the land on which the golf course is build is owned by a Midwestern firm, Landscapes, Unlimited, of Lincoln, NE, that also owns

the Renditions golf course near Annapolis. Individual lots tucked in between and around fairways are now titled individual homeowners. Two years ago this firm made a concerted effort to sell the golf course property and ended up leasing it, with an option to buy, to the Jung family, which currently operates the club.

First notice of the emerging crisis situation facing the Cross Creek families and their Home Owner Association came about through contacts with Senator Jim Rosapepe and Senator Rhona Kramer. Portions of Cross Creek lie in their respective districts, Rosapepe's in Prince George's County and Kramer's in Montgomery County including the properties adjacent to the 14th fairway. Ray Feldmann, Community Outreach Coordinator for Contract C (that portion of the ICC involving Cross Creek) immediately contacted me as chairman of the Cross Creek Good Neighbor Breakfast Committee, after I called to obtain an InterCounty Connector speaker for the June 21 Breakfast.

Mr. Feldmann knew there was a problem involving Cross Creek, having already had a briefing session with the owner and the lessee of the golf course. Golfers were uncertain what the flags along the left fairway rough of the Quarry Hole meant and had begun asking questions. "We appreciate Mr. Feldmann's and the State Highway Admin-

istration's genuine concern for our situation," Anthony Cade, a D.C. Attorney and Chairman of the two-year-old Cross Creek Home Owner Association Board, said, "We are eager to learn more and to get to a solution that will minimize or avert the damage to our community."

At this point the outcome hinges on the design work of a "design and build" contractor responsible for preparing the final plans and building the highway according to those plans. Building the highway involves using the right of way for operating space for heavy equipment preparing the roadway. Whether the new design can minimize or avert the impact on Cross Creek community will be the subject of a briefing for the Home Owner Association Board on June 16 and the Good Neighbor Breakfast set for Saturday, June 21 at 8:30 a.m. Other issues, such as berms at the outer edges of the right of way, sound barriers and errant golf ball screens are sure to come up as well.

*Paul G. Zurkowski, is a concerned resident of Cross Creek and with HOA board support has organized a monthly third Saturday of the month Good Neighbor Breakfast to build a strong sense of community at Cross Creek. He urges all homeowners to get involved to protect their community and their home values. Contact Paul at 301.931.8222.*

## Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

### 21<sup>st</sup> District Senatorial Scholarship Awards Announced

By Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-21)

Following a competitive application and interview process, Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-21LD) announced the local winners of Senatorial Scholarships from the Beltsville area. Throughout the four-day interview process, 160 applicants met with volunteer scholarship committee members, involving several members of the community. Students were evaluated on need, academic achievement and community service.

"There are so many deserving students in Beltsville. With college tuition out of control, we need to do everything we can to help hardworking students get a good education. We can't help everyone with Senatorial Scholarships, but we can certainly help some. I'm glad we were able to freeze tuition again this year," Rosapepe said. He is the sponsor of legislation to cap tuition hikes at the University



Senator Jim Rosapepe

of Maryland and other public four-year colleges. With any further questions, please contact Senator Rosapepe at 202.271.5545 (c) or Carolyn Brenner at 410.841.3141 (O).

#### List of Winners

Andrew Adle, Morgan Adle, Mallory Amay, Melissa Amaya, Michelle Amaya, Terri Auth, Travis Auth, Alyson Bennington, Phylcia Bridges, Jennifer Brown, Emily Crowley, Juan Diasgranados, Brittney Dildy, Tricia Dove-Magner, Cendy Gonzalez, Mandisa Henry, Katelin Hughes, Miranda Jones, Mary Kabia, John Knowles, Courtney Lancaster, Chelsea McGlynn, Erin Mellott, Elizabeth Mongeon, Julie Mongeon, Meghan Morris, Jeffrey Myers, Nishi Patel, Joseph Raley, Kelsey Raley, Michael Sein, Nikita Shah, Jennifer Sowers, Daniel Tavares, Philip Tavares, Troy Terawki, Michael Thomas, Michelle Thomas, Patrick Wauschek, William Wauschek, Brian Whitmore, Michael Whitmore, Simone Williams, and Veronica Young.

## WILLIAMS

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gomery, Prince George's, Charles, Calvert, and St. Mary's.

The Humanitarian Award has been presented each year since 1960 to an individual who contributed greatly to humanitarian causes. Former recipients include Helen Keller, Bob Hope, former Redskins Joe Thiesmann, Art Monk, and Larry Brown, and former first ladies Pat Nixon and Nancy Reagan.

Williams (Maryland '68) led his alma mater's basketball program from a period of troubled times to an era of national prominence. With 12 NCAA Tournament berths in the last 14 seasons, seven Sweet Sixteen appearances, a pair of consecutive Final Four showings, and the 2002 national championship, the first of its kind in Maryland basketball history, Williams has literally forged what is more than a decade of dominance in college basketball's most storied and competitive conference.

The Terrapins' head coach is an active member of the University of Maryland and greater Baltimore-Washington, D.C. community. Williams is involved in extensive charity, fund-raising and public speaking events throughout the year.

In July 2004, University President C.D. Mote, Jr. appointed Williams to co-chair the scholarship component of Maryland's ongoing \$1 billion Great Expectations campaign. Williams, along with journalist Connie Chung and tech-

nology entrepreneur Buno Pati serve as co-chairs of the scholarship campaign, which is working to raise \$350 million. In addition to a pledge of a half-million dollars of his own for academic scholarships at the university, Williams represents the university at various functions and performs various networking duties to spearhead the fund-raising effort.

During the summer of 2006, Williams participated in Operation Hardwood, a goodwill tour to support the American troops serving in the Middle East. He spent a week touring the Persian Gulf region and coaching basketball teams made up of the best military players.

Williams has been heavily involved in the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Coaches vs. Cancer efforts. The program is a partnership between the NABC and the American Cancer Society. Coaches participating in this program are dedicated to fighting cancer through increased support for research, patient services, and prevention education.

Williams has also worked to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, hosting charity basketball games and golf events. In addition, Williams has served as the honorary chairman for the Walk Far for N.A.A.R., which has raised more than one million dollars for the National Alliance for Autism Research. He also chaired the Salvation Army's FORE Kids golf tournament in 2003 and 2004, which raised proceeds for Washington, D.C.'s youth.

## Neighbors in the News

### Scouts Improve Their Archery Skills



Boy Scouts at archery range in Potomac State Forest.

By Gary Bauchan, Scoutmaster, Troop 1033

The second weekend in May, the Boy Scouts took a long ride to Western Maryland to visit Potomac State Forest. It was a four-hour trip one way but the scouts were rewarded with being able to improve their archery skills by shooting at McKenzie targets. These targets are life size models of white tail deer, wild turkey, forest boar, and black bear. The scouts enjoyed shooting at the targets under the tutelage of Mr. Jim Carmichael, our archery merit badge counselor. The scouts who went camping were: David Timus, SPL; Jamie Garcia, Sean Halper, Patrick Deery, Chiam Johnson, Chris Walker, Adrian Villarroel,

CJ Williams, Curtis Gill, Max Carmichael, Charleston Laymen and Eric Matthews. In the evening the younger scouts stayed in camp and cooked chicken, rice and corn in aluminum foil (better known as silver turtles) on an open fire under the watchful eyes of scout parents Jim Carmichael and Bob Walker. The older scouts went for a five mile backpacking trip along with Scoutmaster Gary Bauchan and Assistant Scoutmaster, Gregory Bauchan and camped overnight along the trail. This was all in preparation for their summer weeklong backpacking trip. The weather was very rainy Friday evening and Saturday morning but cleared up long enough for the scouts to enjoy the archery

range and the backpacking trip.

The Boy Scouts helped the Rotary Club clean up after their annual Flea Market by loading the leftovers into an Amvets truck. The Rotary Club has been very generous to the Boy Scouts over the years by helping to sponsor Eagle Scout projects and allowing scouts to attend summer camp. This is one way the scouts give back to those who help them.

Speaking of a rainy May, the Boy Scouts erected their famous Monkey Bridge for Beltsville Day again this year, but with the poor weather not many kids were willing to go across the bridge in the rain. We hope to do it again next year but with better weather.

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## Club News

### May Was a Month of Accomplishment for College Park Unit 217

By Ivy Christoffers

The hard-working women of College Park Unit 217 American Legion Auxiliary, along with the members of the Post and SAL, had their work cut out for them this past month. We began our community service for the month by catering the Special Olympics Bowling Banquet on May 3rd. This is always a big affair, but this year it was outstanding. The beautifully decorated room was packed to overflowing, the meal was first class and the volunteers from the American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary and the SAL did a magnificent job in keeping the plates filled to capacity. Music was provided by our friend and DJ, Wayne Miller, who had the athletes and everyone else packing the dance floor. Miss Capital Region 2008, Taryn Williams, helped hand out the trophies, and every athlete received a trophy. Dottie Sheldon, the director of the Bowling Tournament and the banquet introduced all the kitchen help and wait staff, calling them up front and presented them all with a token of her appreciation. Cameras were busy snapping dozens of pictures. There were many tokens of appreciation presented to Dottie from the athletes, their families and her co-workers for her many years of dedication to this program.

On to May 8th when Unit 217 hosted a Girl's State Orientation course. This informs the prospective Girl's State citizens and their families what to expect when they reach Frostburg University for their week of Girl's State in June. This was well attended and the course was led by the Vice Chairman of Girl's State, Lois Highsmith. Many American Legion Auxiliary members were also in attendance including Southern Maryland District President, Anselma Obremski and Department First Vice President, Rusty Beeg. Refreshments were served and everyone seemed to enjoy the evening while the girls were looking forward to their experience.

Now on to the 9th, when Unit 217 was asked to direct a retirement and dedication of colors for Attick Towers. The Americanism Chairman of Unit 217 brought to our attention the state of the flags that had served Attick Towers since 1968. We decided to present new flags to them. When we met with Regina Mitchell, the managing director of Attick Towers, she requested the formal retirement of their current American Flag and the



Retiring the Colors with honor at Attick Towers. Pictured above is College Park American Legion Post 217 Color Guard along with Mary Keller, Chaplain of College Park Unit 217, Ivy Christoffers and Regina Mitchell, Director of Attick Towers. Partially hidden is Bob Catlin, Mayor Pro-tem of College Park.

flag of the state of Maryland. We were happy to comply with her request to coincide with their ice cream social scheduled for May 9th. Post 217 Color Guard, Charlie Allen and Mark Beard, led by Sgt-at-Arms, Elando Lindsey, performed flawlessly. The colors were inspected by College Park Mayor Pro Tem, Bob Catlin and Regina Mitchell and pronounced unserviceable. They were retired with honor. Then the new flags were presented and dedicated. We thank Unit Chaplain, Mary Keller, for leading the assembly in prayer and Crystal Thomas, Miss Potomac Region, for her beautiful rendition of The National Anthem. Americanism Chairman, Judy Beard, greeted everyone and presented each with a lapel ribbon representing the flag. Many of the residents attended this ceremony and shared their appreciation of the new flags that will fly permanently in the dining room for all to see and appreciate.

The RETT'S Syndrome fundraiser chaired by Steven Brayman, the Mayor of College Park and his wife, Marie, was held on May 18th and was a huge success. The Master of Ceremonies and DJ, Bill Middleton did a fantastic job of keeping everything moving along. Post Commander elect, Glenn Butler and his wife, Karen, their daughter Beth and her best friend, Ruby, were busily scurrying hither and yon decorating the hall and helping in the kitchen and serving. Our catering crew all pitched in to help serve, as this was not a buffet style dinner. All enjoyed the Special Spaghetti Dinner, cooked by Mary Keller and many of the Post and SAL members. Miss College Park, Heather Molnar, graced us with her beautiful singing voice. A movie on RETT'S Syndrome was shown. The silent auction kept the bidders entertained and when the smoke cleared, and everyone had trudged happily homeward with

their new prizes, IRSF (International RETT'S Syndrome Foundation) was the recipient of in excess of \$10,000.00. Last year, which was the first year for this event to be held at College Park Post 217, we realized in excess of \$8,000.00. We are going in the right direction. Many elected officials attended. Senator Rosapepe and some of his staff, Councilman Tom Dernoga's staff and Deputy Associate Carlton Atkinson, who represented Senator Cardin who sent a letter which was read on the floor, regarding the need to support research to hopefully find a cure for RETT'S. Many of the council members of College Park showed their support by their vigorous bidding on auction items. There were many from the corporate and business community lending their support as well. As stated earlier, a most successful function.

These were not the only things that Unit 217 participated in. We catered a wedding, held a Sunday Brunch, attended a Southern Maryland District meeting in Damascus where we had the distinct honor to meet and hear our sponsored entrant in the American Legion Auxiliary's Americanism Essay contest, who won third place on the district level, read her essay. This is the first time we have had a district winner in many years, if ever before. We are very proud of Hephza Varghese, an 8th grade student at Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School in Beltsville. The other winners in our Essay contest have not been announced yet. We will report on them next month after the school awards are presented.

As you can see, Unit 217 and the entire Legion Family of College Park are very committed to our community. You can be a part of these good works by joining out family. Call 301.441.2783 to inquire. God Bless our Troops, God Bless America.



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## Club News

# Action at the Beltsville Rotary Club

By **Yuksel Sagirlioglu, CTC, President**

We had our annual Flea Market (Yard Sale) this year on Saturday, May 17. Since there were many Yard Sales in the area at the same time, we generated only \$1,200.00. Still, that was a good result. This money will help to assist organizations in the Beltsville area.

Our annual Golf Tournament is coming up on Tuesday, July 15, at the Glendale Golf Club. We would like to invite all golfers from the Beltsville area.

The Rotary International annual conference will be held in Los Angeles, California in June.

We are still receiving contributions from my nephew, Gastroenterologist Mr. Bulent Ender's M.D. Philanthropy Corporation. They have been sending funds throughout the year. We thank the Ender family. We are also receiving contributions from PNC Bank. Thank you PNC Bank.



Yuksel Sagirlioglu, CTC, President Beltsville Rotary Club, Bette Lewis, Governor District 7620 2008-2009, James Aryee, Tracy Gross, new members.

Being a slow economy and with high prices, individuals are a little conservative in their giving. We still have some funds to distribute to local organizations this year. Our extra Dictionaries were sent to Manila, Philippines to be given to

Elementary Schools. Next month we will have change of command month. A new Board of Directors will take over the Club management. God Bless America.

## Women's Community Club June Meeting

On Monday, June 9 the Women's Community Club of Beltsville (WCCB) will hold its Annual Spring Luncheon. Club officers will serve as host for the luncheon and all members are urged to attend. Please join us at Emmanuel United Methodist Church (EUMC) 11416 Cedar Lane Beltsville, MD at 12:30 p.m. Following this meeting we will then take a summer break and the Club will resume monthly meetings in September 2008.

The membership committee was host of our April meeting. WCCB was pleased to have Guest Speaker Ms. Sarah Elliott who spoke about EUMC's involvement in outreach for the homeless in D.C. and also providing lunches every third week in Hyattsville.

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: 301.572.7464 or email [presidentwccb@yahoo.com](mailto:presidentwccb@yahoo.com).

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## Beltsville Young at Heart Club

By **Barbara Schofield**

Hi everyone. First of all I must apologize to Viola Hare and Livia Foley for my typo in last month's column. Livy and I did the banner and other decorations together. Viola did the candy giveaways and the game prizes. Without them it wouldn't have been a party. The May 8 meeting was our regular

business meeting and on May 13 members went to Sight and Sound to see Daniel & the Lions Den with dinner at Hershey farm. All had a wonderful time. On May 15 Craig Satchell from Yeadon, PA entertained us. He played and sang Broadway tunes for us. Beltsville day was May 18; it rained but hopefully we made some money, as this is our biggest fundraiser.

The next trip is on July 2 to Totem Pole Playhouse to see Underpants with dinner at Hickory Bridge farm. July 12 is a trip to Woodward Inn in Lincoln, New Hampshire. For details call Pearl Stavely at 301.498.2666. Okay, I hope I didn't mess up this time. Treat your friends like a fine painting and place them in their best light.

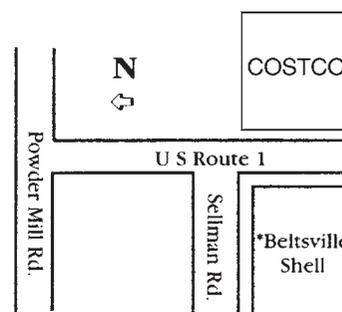


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# Calverton Elementary News

The students, teachers and staff at Calverton had an extra busy May with more activities than we could ever mention in one newspaper article. Here are just a few:

## Muffins for Mom

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual "Muffins for Moms" Day at Calverton was a great success. We had about 250 moms in attendance this year. Pre-Kindergarten gave out kisses for all moms and Kindergarten read an original poem entitled "MOMMY." First grade sang to the moms while second grade read why moms deserve muffins. Third grade presented a picture slide show of love with poetry. A 5<sup>th</sup> grader, Qui Lang, played a beautiful Chinese melody on her violin. Sixth graders were wonderful greeters and hosts of this annual event. This was a great way to celebrate Mothers just before Mother's Day. "Donuts for Dad" is planned for May 21.

## Writing

The Young Authors presented a poetry extravaganza on Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> that was dedicated to the dearly departed fifth grade teacher, Allegra James. Each student in the Young Authors program recited an original poem of their own, and Taylor Turner and Valeria Morales recited an original poem written by Allegra James. A slide show of the students' illustrated poetry produced by Mrs. Cavallo, with the help of Mrs. Lentz and Mr. Hartman, was shown at the end of the program. The Young Authors shared their writing spirit with each other and the appreciative audience.

Celebrate Writing Day was another success. The day began with the student body reciting a "Writers' Oath". Then all students in the primary and intermediate classes visited each other's rooms to share their original writing with each other. It was a dazzling, spectacular, marvelous day of writing for all!

The next scheduled writing program is May 28<sup>th</sup>. Students in 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades Magic Moments creative writing groups will share their original poetry.

## Career Day

Our guidance counselor, Ms. Pam Roberts, set up a wonderful career day that took place on May 13. Each classroom had many wonderful visitors, which may have included a biologist, an oral surgeon, a mail carrier, a dog trainer, police and military officers, a security guard, a filmmaker, a traffic reporter, a pastor, and visitors representing many businesses in our area.

## Math

The First In Math Online National Competition had a completion date of April 18 in Prince George's County. Playing sixteen teams, with a combined total of 426 students, Calverton was ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in the United States and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Maryland. The top student on each team, as well as the classroom teachers, math resource teacher, vice principal and principal received awards May 14 at the University of Maryland Conference Center. The Prince George's Mathematics Department and Suntext International, Inc sponsored this program jointly.

At the awards program students, parents, teachers, and administrators were greeted by Robert Sun, inventor of the 24 game and the First In Math program. He stressed the value of First in Math where students begin with math practice, move toward mastery, and are recognized for their efforts and achievements. While students strive for stickers as individuals, they also play as a team and support each other.

The following students from Calverton and their classroom teachers were recognized and received awards. Mr. McCreery's and Ms. Brickner's sixth

graders received additional recognition because their teams placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> respectively in Maryland.

Grade	Teacher	Top Student
3	Sharon McCoy	Johnny Truong
3	Katharine Swanson	Chiemeziem Oguayo
3	Emannuela Njoku	Ezekiel De La Cruz
3	Ann Lentz	Joel Annan
4	Gail Gibson	Rachel Borczuch
4	Shirley Upchurch	Godsee Joy
4	Jhanna Levin	Elijah Achu
4	Patricia Fulcher	Akhita-Maat Page
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5	Betsy Werner	Adam Baffoe
5	Sylvia Yaffe	Lang (Sunny) Qin
5	Adrienne Wright	Myrben Benerayan
6	Cheryl Mitchell-Hunte	Jessly Joy
6	Lyndsay Healey	Eduardo Escamilla
6	Bruce McCreery	Aicha Nzie
	Yao Koudjodji	
	Justyn Stump	
	Ruth Achu	
	Elijah Stanley	
6	Georgianne Brickner	Gallina Brindamour
	Olvin Orellana	
	Henry Medrano	
	Ra' Jean Pickett	
	Leydi Castro-Villalobos	

Even though the National and State competition is over, students can continue to play First In Math until July 31. It is a great way to reinforce computational skills as well as develop problem-solving strategies.

## Loose Change Adds Up at the Spring Book Fair

Local businesses and organizations collected over \$200 in loose change for the "One for Books" campaign that helped provide students and classrooms with books they wouldn't have otherwise been able to buy. We would like to thank Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Calverton PTA, T.J.'s Restaurant, BB&T Bank, Danny's Restaurant, Blimpie's, Starbucks, Calverton Cleaners, Giant, Calverton Liquor, Sierra's Grill and the Calverton Barber & Shoe Repair Shop for their support in this project and to all of their members and customers who donated spare change.

## MICCA

Four kindergarten children from Mrs. Freeman's class were presenters at the MICCA (technology in the classrooms) conference in Baltimore. The children explained to the audience the uses of a visualizer (also called a document camera) for reading, math, science, and sharing (show and tell). Colleen Powell said, "I am going to tell you 5 reasons why we cannot live without the visualizer for reading!" One of her reasons was this: "You can zoom in on the word and make it as big as the screen." Michael Hernandez told convention participants how to zoom in on tiny magnets and make them huge. He showed them how everyone can see when objects are magnified. Kelly Tran zoomed in on coins and patterns on the visualizer. Ashley Martinez showed tiny objects that began with the letter "J": jewelry, jeep, and jacks. The children were super ambassadors for Calverton and Prince George's County Public Schools.

## International Festival

Calverton hosted an International Festival on Thursday, May 22, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. for our parents/community and also in the morning at 8:00 a.m. for grades K-3. The intermediate grades celebrated from 9:15 to 10:00 a.m. Look for more information in the next issue.

## The Mann Behind the Scenes

By Sandra Freeman

About six years ago, Calverton Elementary School was given an "angel in disguise." He is a fine man named Charlie Mann. He came to our school having taught foreign languages (French, Spanish, German, Italian, Hebrew, etc.) in Prince George's County public schools and in other states. Presently, he is an ESOL specialist serving grades 1 and 3. He has been instrumental in serving with a team of dedicated instructors who have taken linguistically challenged youth, diamonds in the rough, to new heights and discoveries in second language acquisition. This brings us to the reason why he has been called an "angel in disguise." For the six years of his service at Calverton he has been receiving donations from local distributors. He brings enough food, at least once per week, for about 30 families. He often supplies families' needs by tuning in to the "Calverton grapevine" by providing resources varying from school supplies, furniture to personal hygiene basics. You may want to check out his website at [www.celestialmanna.org](http://www.celestialmanna.org). We want to give a token of our appreciation to him with a big "Calverton Thank You" for all that you continue to do for our community. God Bless You!

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# April 22 Earth Day at Calverton Elementary School

By Katherine Swanson

On Tuesday, April 22, Calverton Elementary celebrated Earth Day with a variety of events and activities. The celebration kicked off with an audio program on the morning announcements. A fifth grade ensemble recited Joyce Kilmer's poem "Trees." Save the World Environmental Club provided information about, and encouragement for, recycling. Save the World then sang a song promising to care for the planet. The entire school completed the program by reciting a Pledge to the Earth written by Save the World in honor of Earth Day:

"To take care of my world is the most important thing because we only have one Earth. I know I can make the world a better place for us and for our children. I promise to protect the Earth. I will keep it clean. I will not pollute

or litter. I will recycle. I will not waste anything. I will save energy and water. I will protect animals and be kind to them. I will take care of plants. I know that nothing is impossible. I know we can save the world because we can do anything when we work together. If everybody in the world helps, we can make the world a good place for all living things. I know the world is counting on me. I can save the world. I will save the world."

In the morning, a group of students chosen by their teachers because of their commitment to the environment gathered with Ms. Swanson and her husband, Nathan Howard, to plant more than 200 flowers around both entrances to the school. These enthusiastic and tireless gardeners included Brett Douglas, Debosola Otukoya, Onyinye Obiefuna, Irlanda Luz, Ivan



Calverton Elementary School's Save the World Club with sponsor, Ms. Katherine Swanson.

Canales, David Reichard, Cristy Ho, Vivian Nguyen, Eric Villanueva, Francisco Herreros-Mardones, Joel Annan, Javier Rentas-Ramirez, Mayra DeCastro-Vilorio, Godfred Sarfo, Amiel Mclain Cruz, Sarai Martinez, Don Lacson, and Amaka Emerson. In competing to be chosen to participate in the planting, the children wrote about their feelings for the Earth. Vivian (2nd grade) wrote: "The Earth is precious" and that she wants to

"plant new flowers, feed animals, [and] pick up litter." Brett (3rd grade) explained: "Planting plants is a good way to celebrate Earth Day because plants produce oxygen... and help make the world green."

In the afternoon, students who achieved the Principal's Honor Roll by earning all A's on their report cards last quarter had the honor of joining Mrs. Tschudy to plant a special tree and discuss

their feelings about trees. Throughout the day, students went outside with their classes to pick up litter around the school grounds. Save the World will add one last touch to the celebration later this year once Ms. Swanson recovers from the birth of her baby, when they will plant a beautiful Ginkgo tree on school grounds to help reduce global warming.

Calverton would like to extend special thanks to Country Nursery & Amanda's Arrangements on Route 198 in Burtonsville for their extremely generous donation of flowers and provision of deeply discounted tools and trees for our Earth Day planting. Kensington Safeway, Colesville Giant, and Washington D.C. Meadow Farms also helped with donations or discounted items for our Earth Day celebration. Onyinye (3rd grade) summed up Calverton's feelings about the day perfectly when she wrote: "I think Earth Day is a day when people should really learn about what is happening to the Earth and actually listen and care, and should be nice to the Earth. Earth Day is great!" Let's all try to follow these children's example and take care of our world!

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## Martin Luther King Middle School News

By Michelle Mariani Williams

Two MLK students were recently honored for their achievements. Hephza Varghese, an MLK 8<sup>th</sup> grader, won the American Essay Contest sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary Club in College Park. In her winning essay entitled "Home of the Brave, Land that I Love," she details the "treasures" that we all have and share. She will receive a certificate and a monetary award for her depiction

of America.

Valery Gutierrez was honored by the College Park Rotary for her outstanding academic achievement and citizenship. Valery is an excellent student who excels in all subjects. She maintained a 4.0 grade point average for the entire 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. She not only excels academically but is also an active member in many MLK clubs and has completed more than 36 hours of service learning

required for graduation.

The last day of school for students is June 9<sup>th</sup>. The annual awards assembly will be held on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. This assembly recognizes the many accomplishments of the student body for the 2007-2008 school year. Parents are invited to attend the ceremony beginning at 9:45 a.m. in the gymnasium.

Students and staff, have a great summer!

## Beltsville Elementary Students Enjoy Shakespeare

Students at Beltsville E.S. experienced the action and energy of a live theater performance by Bill's Buddies, an acting troupe, from the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington D.C.

The Shakespeare sampler consisted of a collection of scenes from several different plays that focused on trickery. Students enjoyed scenes from *A Midsummer Nights Dream*, *Hamlet*,



Cam Magee with three students (L-r) Cierra Bolding, Katherine Mendez, and Amaka Ajene.

*Much Ado About Nothing*, *Romeo and Juliet*, and *Twelfth Night*.

After the show the actors conducted a motivating workshop for sixth grade students. The students really enjoyed the experience and many displayed their acting abilities.

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## Augsburg Academy Announces Opening of High School

The Augsburg Academy, an independent Christian school in the Lutheran tradition, will expand to include high school students beginning with the 2009-10 school year. The announcement was made as part of the festivities at the 2008 Beltsville Day, held May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Beltsville Community Center.

In making the announcement, the Rev. Arthur Hebbeler, the Academy's head of schools, also announced an opportunity for parents to save thousands of dollars by choosing to enroll their children in Augsburg's first freshman class in August 2009.

"We are pleased to announce the Board of Directors of Augs-

burg Academy will allow parents of the inaugural freshman class to lock in tuition at just \$11,200 per year for all four years. This will save parents thousands of dollars, especially when one realizes that private and parochial school tuitions typically increase eight to ten percent per year," said Pastor Hebbeler. "This four-year tuition guarantee is available to students in the Class of 2013—those entering ninth grade in August 2009."

To be eligible for the four-year locked-in rate, families must apply no later than August 1, 2008. Parents have the option of enrolling their children in this year's eighth grade class, or

deferring admission to the 2009-10 school year. Complete details are available by contacting the Academy at 240.786.0283 or logging into the Academy web site, [www.AugsburgAcademy.net](http://www.AugsburgAcademy.net).

"We do want parents to know that we have a limited number of openings for the 2008-09 school year for kindergarten through eighth grade that have not been filled. Financial aid is available as well," said Hebbeler.

The Augsburg Academy was founded in 2005. It is co-located with the Gardens Ice House, 13800 Old Gunpowder Road, Laurel, MD.



## Going the Extra Mile

By Michael J. O'Loughlin, Principal, St. Joseph's Catholic School

Any visitor to the environs of the main office can see these displays, study them and read about the process that produced them, and they are an incredibly insightful window into creativity. "They" are pieces of art from Cheryl

Dyer's classes, and, of course, they're special outcomes of little minds and fingers at work. However, what separates them from a million similar displays at thousands of schools nationwide, are the carefully crafted commentaries fashioned as analyses by Cheryl.

Thanks also to Technology Coordinator, Loretta Dhana-gom, readers of our school news-

letters can now gain those same insights, into the finished products that art classes facilitate. However, those who read carefully also see deep into the phenomenal detail of planning and resource use, and the intricacies of line, shadow, color, depth and motion which all artists – maestros, as well as students, seek to finesse as they create.

Best of all, we are not the only recipients into these special

vantage points on the "flowing of creative juices" in art classes. As "front row" participants, the terminologies and perspectives to which we have access as a result of Cheryl's posting of her students' work, are also part and parcel of your children's critical thinking growth, because those are the terms, pro-



cesses and insights with which our students "grapple" as they create.

Neat! We have a scientist, philosopher, and vocabulary teacher wrapped up in the same bundle in which we received an art teacher at St. Joseph's School so many years ago! Thanks, Cheryl, for going the "extra mile" for your students and our entire learning community!

## Looking Beautiful at Beltsville Elementary School

By Sevasti Nagel

On Saturday April 26, 2008 a group of approximately 45 volunteers participated in the annual "BES Beautification and Clean-up Day." Members of Boy Scout Troop 1033, Girl's Junior Troop 6064, Cub Scout Troop 1031, and members of the BES PTA family (teachers, students, staff and members of the community) worked all morning weeding, mulching, trimming back bushes, and picking up debris at the school.

This year we received a generous discount on mulch from Behnke Nurseries, located in Beltsville, Md. Holland Gardens of Beltsville donated the beautiful flowers planted by the entrance to the gym. Thank you Behnke Nurseries and Holland Gardens! We would also like to thank Mr.

Steve Ray and his crew for adding their landscaping expertise.

In addition, the PTA would like to thank the following volunteers for donating their time and effort in making this event a success: Regina Halper, Melissa Gill, Kris Smith, Khari Washington, Allen Nash, C. J. Williams, Curtis Gill, Patrick Deery, Rick Deery, Limpert Reyes, Jimmy Reyes, Nicholas Nagel, Michael Nagel, Kevin Nagel, Sevasti Nagel, Olamide Ojo, Henry Saathoff, Daniel Saathoff, Teresa Saathoff, Daniel Williams, Austin Visk, Andrew Visk, Tony Visk, Louanne Myers, Kira Myers, Frances Cruz, Madison Cruz, Aiden Cruz, Dasha Williams, Charlotte Gill, Ed Pulik, Kathy Pulik, Tim Pulik, Tyler Pulik, Lisa Sweeney, Samantha Sweeney, Shane Sweeney, Mr. Guiswhite, Mary Johnson, Steve

Ray and his crew, and anyone else I forgot to mention. This job could not have been done with out our wonderful volunteers! Thank you!

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# Big Things Happening for Students at Beltsville Elementary School

By Teresa Johnson

On May 17, 2008, the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual "Kids for Science" Fair was held at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Every year grades 4-6 participate in the Kids for Science county science fair. Out of 130,000 students, 240 are invited to the fair. Three students from Beltsville Elementary School won a ribbon for their experiment. Samantha Sweeney, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader, won third place for her experiment, "Wash 'N Grow." Rebecca Bell, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader, won second place, for her experiment "Algae Boosters." Another 6<sup>th</sup> grader, Teresa Johnson, won first place for her experiment, "Getting Down to the Roots." Each student was evaluated by three judges who included current and retired teachers from Prince George's County Public Schools, local individuals associated with science organizations, and other community members from related professions. The Master of Ceremonies was David Zahren, a local weatherman, who also hosts The Science Bowl, a weekly game show in which middle and high school students from different schools compete against each other to test their science I.Q. The guest speakers included Kenneth S. Reightler, Jr., a former astronaut, who now works for NASA and is a native of Maryland, and Ms. Gwendolyn Boyd. She was the first African American female to earn a Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Yale University. She spoke to the participants and inspired them to pursue their dreams and not to let anyone tell them they can't do what they want to do. The



(L-r) Samantha Sweeney, Rebecca Bell and Teresa Johnson.

participants also received a signed autographed picture of the retired astronaut and a book, "Teacher at Sea," autographed by Linda Armwood, a high school science teacher and co-author of the book.

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual "Be Kind to Animals" Poster Award Contest, sponsored by the Prince George's County Department of Environmental Recourses Animal Management, was held on Wednesday, May 14, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #89, in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Out of 1800 applicants, 21 students from Prince George's county won either grand, first, second, or third prize. Beltsville Elementary had a strong showing with 7 students who won prizes. They were: Grade 1, Second and Third Place, Veronica Urquilla

and Urian Essem; Grade 2, Third Place, Kimberly Brooks; Grade 4, Third Place, Izuchi Ubani; and Grade 6 (all from Mr. Fowler's class) First Place, Teresa Johnson, Second Place, Joanna Bell and Third Place, Monique Brooks. The students won a bag of goodies with a gift card to Target. Third place winners received a \$50 gift card, second place winners received a \$75 gift card, and first place winners received a \$100 gift card. That's not all. The grand prizewinner, Jaian T. Cuttari, from Calverton Elementary, received a first place bag along with a digital camera. How exciting! Mrs. Kirkland, a Pre-K teacher at BES, was there to show support and cheer for the students. At the end of the ceremony participants got to have some refreshments, yum!

The last exciting event occurred at Eleanor Roosevelt High School once again. This time it was the Write-a-book ceremony, sponsored by the Office of Library Media Services and the Educational Media Association of Prince George's County. The Write-A-Book competition encourages creative writing for students. It was held on May 4, 2008 from 5:00-7:00pm. Beltsville Elementary had 14 students in grades 4-6 who participated. In Grade 4, Anne-Marie Proctor, Gina Clifford and Abigail Legarda won first place in the Illustrated Fiction as a Group for their story, "The Mean Kid Next Door." In Grade 5, Nicole Jackson and Xolani Roberts won second place in the Illustrated Fiction as a Group for their story, "Murphy's Project." In Grade 6, Ede Ashton-Scott, Paula Bonilla, Nadine Roberts and Alondra Flores won honorable mention in the Illustrated Fiction as a Group for their story, "Diary of a Stranger." In the Poetry as a Group, two 6<sup>th</sup> graders, Cristeen Anyanwu and Monique Brooks, won second place for their poetry book, "Especially Made to Express (Seasons)." In the Non-Fiction as a Group, two 6<sup>th</sup> graders, Ebin E. Quijada and Salmineo Sherman Jr. II, received second place for their book, "Champs 4 Life John Cena and Dave Batista." Finally, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader, Teresa Johnson, received third place in the Individual Poetry for her book "A World Worth Saving." Way to go Beltsville!

Author Teresa Johnson is a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student at Beltsville Elementary School.

## High Point PTSA

By Vicki Murphy-Wauschek, PTSA President

On behalf of the High Point High School PTSA, I am pleased to announce that Kelsey Raley and Zachary Thomas have won the Essay Contest Scholarship. Both students received their \$500.00 checks at the Senior Awards Night. The PTSA also provided the refreshments for the Awards Night.

Our Hospitality Chair, Debbie Cheney (and her husband Jim), set up a spectacular dessert spread for the Sports Award Banquet. Coach Diggs was presented with a \$2,000.00 check from the PTSA to purchase a digital electronic sign for the sports department. Everyone enjoyed the evening!

Earlier in the month, the High Point staff was treated to a fabulous Teacher Appreciation luncheon provided by the PTSA and many parent volunteers. Thanks to all who contributed to the effort.

The community Truancy Task force has met twice so far, and the discussions are intense. More information will be provided next month.

Our May General Membership meeting was attended by Delegates Joseline Pena-Melnyk and Barbara Frush, and Senator Rosapepe's legislative aide, Margaret Bauman. They informed us of the new bills that passed, and we discussed some of the bills that fell through the cracks.

We really appreciate them taking their time to attend our meeting and share their wealth of information.

Please mark your calendar for the last PTSA meeting of this school year, Tuesday, June 3rd in room 108. You will be able to meet and greet the new Executive Board. Light refreshments will be served.

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## School News

By Michael J. O'Loughlin, Principal,  
St. Joseph's Catholic School

Lest you think that I'm teasing, truer words were never spoken ... I had the chance to watch Helen Russo's use of Power Point technology with her "wunderkind" wee ones recently, and enjoyed an Epiphany moment while doing so. The topic was an extension of work they had been doing with caterpillars, and the title of her slide show, "The Life Cycle of a Butterfly," only scratches the surface of what she shared. Don't get me wrong – the animated caterpillar chasing a leaf, and growing larger was VERY entertaining (as anyone could tell by the chorus of squeals, though two girls said, "He's getting too fat." Moreover, the real life color photography put viewers practically inside the egg and cocoon, and Helen used every chance she had to review words in the accompanying text that she and Lila had already taught their pupils. By any educational barometer, it was a fabulous experience for students lucky enough to be there. However, it was what she did with the cocoon experience that separates good teachers from

## PreK Profundity



Mrs. Russo offering her Power-Point presentation to the PreK class at St. Joseph's School.

great ones.

When several children correctly identified the picture of a cocoon, Mrs. Russo asked them what happens inside each cocoon. As students replied that the caterpillar falls asleep, Helen related that sleep to the end of a life stage just before an enhanced stage after "the cocoon nap." Her pupils were quick to grasp the far better experience "on the other side as a but-

terfly," and Helen had thus set the stage for relating the short nap and fabulous flight of the butterfly to what happens in human existence too. The transition to a reiteration of the Easter message was smooth and nearly seamless (interrupted by only a couple of sidebar comments about "waving wet wings in the sun" with accompanying motions)... Wow! I was impressed by the parallels, and especially by Helen's skill in constructing the corollary images for such young children.

As Charlotte Danielson claims in her book, "Enhancing Professional Practice," it is what gifted individual teachers "...do with ordinary resources that creates the optimum learning environment for children." The ability to create metaphor comparisons between simple and complex examples is a feat too often reserved for older children. However, there are elementary schools in which risk-taking teachers dare to challenge children to master critical thinking skills, even at very early ages...Thanks, Helen, your PreK show was well worth the "price of admission."

## Spring Stars Make Their Marks at St. Joseph's Catholic School

By Michael J. O'Loughlin, Principal

Among the "bright lights in the firmament" in the 1st half of 08 are these all-stars: Bandleader, Paul Martens, having replaced 16 band members who graduated last June, once again led our incredible St. Joseph's Band to a "Superior" rating at the annual band competition. He (and we) will miss these 8th grade band stand-outs, scheduled to graduate on June 7th: Angelica Cabiles, Mary Cravens, Nick Guthrie, Eva Mallay, Katie Petralia, Judy Onyegbado, and Megan Waller.

Cheryl Dyer, Art teacher, whose students exceed all expectations in a wide variety of media, con-



Mr. Paul Martens, St. Joseph's Catholic School's Band Teacher, and the prize-winning St. Joseph's Band.

sistently unveils incredibly gifted products from these youngsters: Caleb Ziegler (K), Jasmine Robinson (1), Taylor Thomas (1), Reyamar Balbago (2), David Trinh (3), Kathryn Finnblade (4), Dalena Trinh (5), Jocelyn Ko (6), Shelby Carl (7), Angelica Cabiles (8) and Therese Renzi (8) Kathy Pappas, Teacher of the Month for March, led these Science Fair standouts to new plateaus of excellence as 1st place prizewinners: Elena Bonilla (7), Mary Cravens\* (8), Kelly Konar (7), Ryan Martin (7)\*, Judy Onyegbado (8), Jodie Rohrer (6), Ashley Thomas (7) \* Grand Prize

winners.

Also winning 1st place recognition were Andrew Robinson (1), Jacqueline Bielec (2), Kayla Argente (3), Jasmine McConnell (4), and Christine Mesnard (5).

Inductees into our fledgling branch of the National Junior Honor Society included these winners in Character, Leadership, Service and Scholarship:

8th graders: Erica Bianchini, Mary Cravens, Nick Guthrie,

Katie Petralia, Therese Renzi, Megan Waller 7th graders: Emily Barbour, Kaitlin Bielec, Shelby Carl, John Butler, Alex Davis, Kevin Argente, Ryan Martin, Gracie Shewell, Ashley Thomas

Finally, after 4 years of leading our school as our National Geographic winner, John Butler (7) earned some richly-deserved recognition at the state-wide level by finishing 2nd in Maryland's contest in Annapolis in April!

Congratulations to all of these amazing young people, their parents and teachers for their hard work and just desserts!



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**BELTSVILLE EVENTS**

**WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CLUB OF BELTSVILLE**

Monday, June 9 at 12:30 p.m. at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane. Beltsville.

**VANVILLE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION**

Monday, June 9 at 7:00 p.m. at Franklin Brown Building, Vansville Recreation Park, 11733 Old Baltimore Pike, Vansville.

**BELTSVILLE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION**

Wednesday, June 18 at 7:00 p.m. at Beltsville Elementary School located at 4300 Wicomico Avenue.

**BELTSVILLE RECREATION COUNCIL**

Monday, June 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Beltsville Community Center.

**DIGITAL SATURDAYS**

Digital Saturdays will take place each Saturday in June from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the CVS store at 11100 Baltimore Ave., on the corner of Powder Mill Rd. Take your digital camera and a CVS technician will demonstrate how to use it. Demonstrations are free and open to the public. No reservation necessary. Call 301.572.9681 for info.

**CAPITAL BELTWAY PERENNIAL SHOW**

Friday, June 20 through Sunday, June 22, 2008, rain or shine. The event is sponsored by *Washington Gardener* magazine to benefit Earth Share, and will be hosted by Behnke Nursery at its Beltsville location.

Special features scheduled to take place include a perennial container making demonstration and a plant propagation demonstration. See [www.washingtongardener.com](http://www.washingtongardener.com) or call 301.937.1100 for info. The show is free and open to the public.

**GARDEN SPEAKER SERIES AT BEHNKE NURSERY**

Sunday Mornings with John Peter will continue until the end of June. The meetings will take place at 11:00 a.m. They are free and open to the public. No reservation is required. Call 301.937.1100 for info. The Saturday *Garden Speaker Series* at Behnke Nursery is on hiatus for the summer.

**BELTSVILLE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTER (BARC) BLOOD DRIVE AND CALL FOR VOLUNTEER ASSISTANTS**

Friday, June 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. American Red Cross Beltsville Area Blood Drive. Bldg. 003, Room 020, BARC-West, on Circle Drive. This building is the clock

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**USDA FARMER'S MARKET**

Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., starting June 19 until October 2, at the George Washington Carver Center, 5601 Sunnyside Ave., Parking Lot B. Contact Carletha McGriff at 301.504.1776 for info. WIC and Senior FMNP checks accepted.

**NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)**

NAL is currently hosting two special exhibits. The first special exhibit is *Theme Gardening*, a display of fine prints illustrating three themes: *Gardening for Native Wildlife*, *Growing Heirloom Fruits & Vegetables*, and *Thomas Jefferson, the Gardener*. The second special exhibit is *Floral Expressions in Stone & Print*, which features stone botanical sculptures paired with companion prints from NAL's Rare Book Collection. The exhibits are free and open to the public, and run until August 29, 2008. NAL is open Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for federal holidays. It is located at 10301 Baltimore Ave. just south of Sunnyside Ave. Parking is free in the visitor's lot accessed via the Rhode Island Ave. driveway entrance. See [www.nal.usda.gov](http://www.nal.usda.gov) or call 301.504.5876 for info.

**BELTSVILLE LIBRARY**

Call 301-937-0294 for more information regarding the following events.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Tuesday, June 3 at 7:00 p.m. Summer Reading Program kickoff, sponsored by the Friends of the Beltsville Library. Get Summer Reading Program facts, ice cream, sprinkles, and chocolate fudge. There will be an appearance by a special mystery guest. All ages welcome.

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION**

Wednesday, June 11 at 7:30 p.m. Rachel Carson's *Last Woods*.

**BOOK DISCUSSION**

Tuesday, June 17 at 10:30 a.m. E.L. Doctorow's *The March*.

**CHESS CLUB**

Tuesdays, June 10 and June 24 at 7:00 p.m. All ages and levels. Everyone welcome!

**SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR ADULTS**

**ESCAPE TO READING**  
Drop by and pick up your reading log and earn prizes throughout the summer!

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS**

**STORYTIME**  
Wednesdays, June 4, 11, 18, and 25 at 10:30 a.m. Ages 3 – 5.

**DADDY AND ME**

Tuesday, June 10 at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, June 12 at 10:30 a.m. Ages 6 and under. Join us for a collection of stories celebrating dads.

**TODDLER TIME**

Mondays, June 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 at 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs, and fingerplays for toddlers ages 18 – 36 months with caregiver.

**SUMMER READING PROGRAM**

Catch the Reading Bug. Stop in to register. Get your reading log and earn prizes along the way through August 31. For newborns – 18 years.

**SUMMER READING PROGRAM SPECIAL EVENTS FOR CHILDREN AGES 6 – 12**

Monday, June 16 at 2:00 p.m. Goombay's *The Caribbean Experience*. Monday, June 23 at 2:00 p.m. Blue Sky Puppet Theater's *Rufus*.

**PROGRAMS FOR TEENS**

**BELTSVILLE TEEN ADVISORY BOARD**  
Saturday, June 14 at 2:00 p.m. Make a difference at your library! Ages 13 – 18.

**GAMING DAYS, PART II**

Thursdays, June 19 and 26 at 2:00 p.m. Play video games at your library. Teens will have the opportunity to play video games on a Nintendo Wii and Playstation 2. Sponsored by the Friends of the Beltsville Library. Ages 13 – 18.

**BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER**

Call 301.937.6613 for more information and to pre-register.

**WOODWORKING WITH DAD**

Saturday, June 7 at 12:00 p.m. Dads and kids can come out and work with tools and wood to build a kite! All ages. Fee: \$2.00 for residents, \$3.00 for non-residents. Pre-register by June 2. After June 2, please call to check on availability.

**CAMPFIRE FUN**

Thursday, June 19 at 6:30 p.m. Come out and roast a hot dog for dinner and a s'more for dessert! All ages. No fee. Pre-register by June 16.

**TEENS SUMMER FUN COOKOUT**

Friday, June 20 at 7:00 p.m. Start the summer with a cookout and some fun! Ages: 13 – 17. No fee. No registration is necessary, but you must have an Xtreme Teens I.D. card, which is free and available at the center.

**SUMMER CAMPS BEGIN**

The first two-week sessions begin Monday, June 23 and run Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. Take part in Explorers, Computer, or Teen Camp. Fees vary. Before care and after care are available for additional costs. Ages 6 – 14. Pre-register by June 16.

**COMPUTER COURSES**

Each course consists of four one-hour sessions and costs \$35.00. Cash, check, and MasterCard and Visa payments are accepted. Call 301.937.6613 for info. Word, starting Tuesday, June 3 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Access, starting Tuesday, June 3 from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Excel, starting Thursday, June 5 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. PowerPoint, starting Thursday, July 10 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



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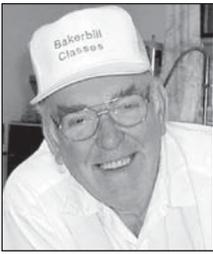
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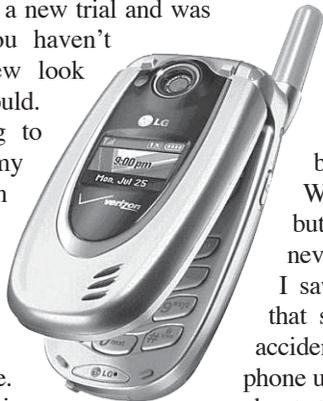


# Baker Bill

STUFF 'N THINGS

I have had some nice mail lately. A gentleman wrote about the Bakery that still bears my name. He said he gave it a new trial and was pleased. If you haven't given it a new look maybe you should.

I am going to climb onto my soapbox again this month. I hate cell phones. It's not my generation. But I do have one. If you are driv-



ing while on your phone you are not fully concentrating on driving.

Why you ask? This morning I went to Mac's for a griddlecake with sausage and coffee. Coming out, a lady came around the corner and I had to jump back to keep from being hit. Well it wasn't all that close, but she was on the phone and never saw me, as large as I am. I saw a stat a few weeks ago that stated as many as 80% of accidents lately were due to cell phone use. Remember what I wrote about stats.

Have you fallen into the insurance trap? All five of the larger companies are advertising they will save you \$350 if you switch. I just think it's strange they all use the same words and the same \$350. Maybe we should check around more. In the food business you might deal with the same wholesaler for years. It's wise to check out the competition from time to time. You see, they will start you out on the 15% book, their lowest prices. After a few months prices may go to the 20% book, and after a year the 25% book. See what I mean? This is true. Maybe the insurance companies do the same thing.

My wife is visiting her sister in Wales, England and is due back in a few days, so today I am house cleaning. Writing this article and house cleaning is all I intend to do today. This afternoon I will finish a book I have been reading.

This month I want you to try an easy cheesecake. Go to the store

and get two 8-ounce packages of cream cheese and a tub of sour cream. You can use fat free. You'll need eggs as well. Warm the cream cheese in a microwave for 15 seconds or so. Mix in the cup of sour cream, one and one-half tablespoons of cornstarch, and three-fourths cup of sugar. Cream well and then add 3 egg yolks, stir and flavor with vanilla or a few drops of lemon juice only. Other flavors bake out. Prepare the pan. I use an 8" cake pan. Butter the pan well thick,



crush up 5 graham crackers and spread around the pan bottom and sides. Any cookie will do. Place in the oven @ 350 degrees on a cookie sheet (important). Put a cup of water on the pan under the cake, this will keep it flat. It's called a water bath. Bake 1 hour 15 minutes until light brown on top. Let it cook then chill cut and serve.

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