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Cub Pack 1031: A Scout Is Helpful

In December, Cub Pack 1031 has been working on our advancements and participating in the annual district toy drive for Children's Medical Center. For our holiday party, we made ornaments and picked up Pinewood Derby car kits. In early January, we will meet to cut the Pinewood Derby cars and prepare them for the pack's annual Pinewood Derby at the end of January.

In 2019, Cub Pack 1031 did 140 hours of service and has achieved Gold Level status as a quality unit. Congratulations to all our scouts and families who made this possible. For 2020, we will have a new Cubmaster, Spence Spencer, who has two children in the pack. We thank our former Cubmaster, Kevin D., who will be stepping up to

Beltsville

Briefs

Country meets the blues! Daryl

Davis will be tickling the ivories

and sharing the stage with Patsy

Stephens and the Hall Brothers at

the College Park American Legion

217 (9218 Baltimore Avenue, Col-

lege Park, MD 20740). The dance

will take place on Saturday, Janu-

ary 4, from 8-11 pm. Admission is

just \$15 (cash only) and is open to

the public. The doors will open at

7:30. Your feet won't stay still to

Daryl Davis & Patsy

Stephens...Kissin'

Cousins!



P1031 scouts singing "Jingle Bells" at their Christmas party

head BSA Troop 1033.

Some of the dens have been working on our Duty to God achievements as we get ready for Christmas. Others have been working on Running with the Pack and Games Tigers Play. The Arrow den is working on Scouting Adventure: learning knots and going over the meaning of the oath and law in preparation for Boy Scouts.

Again, this month, I have a request: if you have uniforms that you can part with, please contact Regina Halper at the email below so we can pass on "experienced uniforms" to our scouts. The cost of Cub Scouting has been going up, and sharing your uniforms will help cover the cost of participating.

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By President Karen M. Coakley



There is a special meeting in January. Come find out the detailed site plans for the new University of Maryland Medical Center in Laurel

on Saturday, January 4, from 10 am-noon at Martin Luther King Middle School, 4545 Ammendale Road. This meeting is being hosted by the Beltsville, Calverton, and Vansville Heights Citizens Associations as well as the Greater Beltsville Business Association and the Women's Community Club of Beltsville. If you have a community concern, I can be reached at 301.937.3490

Another Beltsville Champion and Hero

elcome to the Bowie State ROTC

By Catherine Ajenifuja

Beltsville has produced another champion and hero, Oluwaleke "Leke" Ajenifuja! He was commissioned on December 12, 2019, by the Bowie Bulldog ROTC Battalion as 2LT in the Army Corps of Engineers! He graduated on December 13, 2019, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Communications and a 3.3 GPA. He is also a member of the CIAA Championship title winners for the 2^{nd} year in a row after an undefeated season.

So how did he get here, you might ask? In 2002,

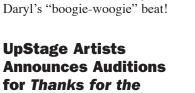


Oluwaleke "Leke" Ajenifuja at his commissioning ceremony

after moving their family from Olney, MD, Abraham and Catherine Ajenifuja enrolled "Leke" in Ms. Mangum's kindergarten class, which he successfully completed. He then attended Forcey Christian School for grades 1 & 2. For grades 4 &5, he attended Fuja Academy, where he was home educated. Then he transitioned back to Beltsville Academy in time to be a part of one of the only K-8 public schools in PG County. His class was the first 8th grade class to graduate before he moved

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HERO



Laughter: A Tribute to The Carol Burnett Show

Upstage Artists, a local, nonprofit theater group, is excited to announce auditions for its winter show *Thanks for the Laughter: A Tribute to The Carol Burnett Show*. Auditions will be on Friday, January 10, at 7pm at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD

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A Note from the Staff of The Beltsville News

The staff of *The Beltsville News* hopes that your holidays were filled with laughter and joy and wishes you a very happy 2020! *The Beltsville News* has been a staple in Beltsville since 1952, and we would like to keep it going long into the future. Over the years, we have been entirely funded by two things: (1) our advertising sales and (2) donations from the community. Over the last few years, both of these things have gone down due to numerous reasons. Even though we have seen a dip in both streams of revenue,

we are still publishing and putting out an edition every month. Over the last few years, we have kicked ourselves into the current century by adding features such as a website and social media.

After much discussion, we have now added a chance for our patrons to donate to *The Beltsville News* online. The generosity of the community is one of the many things that has kept *The Beltsville News* going strong for the last 68 years. If you feel the spirit of generosity and would like to help us to con-

tinue to keep you informed about all of the local events that are happening, you can now do so through our website. Go to www.beltsvillenewstoday.com and click on the donate button on the upper right corner of the site. Every donor will be listed in *The Beltsville News* annually as well as on our website. Thank you for all the support you have given us over the last 68 years. We hope that we can keep going for another 68!



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Neighbors in the News

I Can See Clearly Now

By Rev. Dr. Jalene Chase

The version of "I Can See Clearly Now" that I am most familiar with was released in 1972 by Johnny Nash. It was released again in 1993 by Jimmy Cliff. It's one of those songs that sticks with you because of its simple logic and catchy tune:

I can see clearly now the rain is gone. I can see all obstacles in my way. Gone are the dark clouds that had me blind. It's going to be a bright, sunshiny day. Oh, yes, I can make it now the pain is gone. All of the bad feelings have disappeared. Here is that rainbow I've been praying for. It's going to be a bright, sunshiny day.

Simply put, things change when things change. Or is it when things change, things change? Either way, we must pay attention to the direction our lives are going. We may not know what the future holds, but we must live

in the present or be blindsided. There will be times when situations hinder us, hurt us, hamper us, but we can't let them halt us. Life's journeys will always have twists and turns, hills and valleys, stops and starts. And there will be times when situations seem to come down on us like a downpour. That's life. When the rain stops, we must acknowledge where we are, access the damage, and move forward. We must use wisdom to make sound decisions and our gifts and talents to reach our full potential.

This is a song of hope, action, and a happy ending. I love the idea of praying for a rainbow. A rainbow, in my faith tradition, is a symbol of a covenant with God. God promised to not flood the earth again like in the time of Noah. When the rains of life stop, obstacles can be identified, pain ceases, and bad feelings disappear.

That's what we hope for. That makes for a bright, sunshiny day.

We are at the beginning of a new month, a new year, and a new decade. Having 2020 vision is the ideal. If we are facing challenges in life, every time we write those numbers, we must remember that we will see clear days ahead. It's a promise. If you have been living without hope and feel like life has drenched you with difficult things, come join us. We can't change your situations, but we can journey with you until they do change. If you don't know about Noah and the rainbow, we can tell you about that too. We have a nontraditional worship time, 9:45am Sundays. We are intentional about including the cultures that worship with us. We have a nursery and a sign language interpreter available during worship. You can learn about us on our webpage www.eumcbeltsville.com or Facebook www.facebook.com/groups/ EUMCBeltsville/. Until next time.

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BELTSVILLE BRIEFS

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20705. They are looking for several actors and actresses for a variety of roles. Rehearsals will take place at Emmanuel on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays, and show dates will take place on February 21 and 22 at 7 pm and February 23 at 3 pm. Auditioners should bring a headshot and resume if you have one and be prepared to do cold readings from the script. If you do not have a headshot or resume, that is not a problem. If you have any questions, contact them at auditions@upstageartists.com.

City Tribute to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Join us for the 29th Annual City Tribute to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on Saturday, January 11, 2020, from 2–3:30 pm at The Clarice located on the University of Maryland campus. This inspirational and educational event is free and for all ages.

The city's annual event honors Dr. King's legacy through speakers, performances, art, and a city proclamation. Every year, a new theme is selected, showcasing how his work still impacts our community and our country and what we can do to continue his efforts in our current era. This year's theme is "Is His Dream Your Dream Too?"

Bring a nonperishable food item with you to donate at the event. For event details, go to www.collegeparkmd.gov/mlktribute.

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Neighbors in the News

International Student Exchange Program

The ASSE International Student Exchange Program is seeking families interested in hosting an exchange student from Europe, North or South America, Asia, New Zealand, or South Africa. Students are well-screened, fluent in English, and 15-18 years of age. They are arriving for the upcoming school year. Each young person has expressed a desire in learning about our country by living with a family, attending high school, and sharing information about their countries. Although you may have children of the same age, ASSE does not require host families to have children living at home. **Outbound Students: ASSE**

Hosts for Inbound Students: the opportunity to spend a school year, semester, or shorter term or summer with a host family in another country.

ASSE Overview: ASSE is a nonprofit organization officially designated an exchange visitor program by the U.S. Department of State. ASSE was founded by the Swedish Ministry of Education 31 years ago and hosts thousands of exchanges each year involving as many as 65 countries. ASSE's purpose is to promote a world of understanding through crosscultural education.

Contact: If you are interested in this program, call Richard Ziegfeld at 240.441.6277 or email him at richardziegfeld@hotmail.com.

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also offers qualified local students

We have a full year of "fun with a purpose" planned. We also have fun adventures we will complete over the next year including outdoor adventures, citizenship, and service projects. Pack 1031 is a family pack open to boys and girls K to 5th grade. The pack has activities including camping, hik-

ing, our annual Pinewood Derby, and campfires. We also do participatory citizenship along Little Paint Branch Trail, our toy drive, and Scouting for Food. Along the way, we learn responsibility, practice citizenship, play games, and have tons of fun. If you are interested in discovering the fun of Cub Scouts, please contact Regina Halper at Pack1031cubscouting@ gmail.com for more information.

HERO

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on to High Point High School, where he distinguished himself in band as a first-chair trumpet player, an AVID scholar, and a basketball and a football star. He had the opportunity to attend a private school to play football but opted to stay committed to High Point. He graduated in 2015 and joined the Bowie Bulldog family on a football scholarship. After a challenging first year, he considered joining the Army ROTC. But it wasn't until after he attended summer basic camp after his

sophomore year that he caught the vision of leadership training that the Army offered, and he knew it was what God had created him for.

Today we, Abraham, Catherine, and 5 siblings, are proud to announce his assignment to Fort Leonardwood, MO, as his first duty station where he will be in charge of a platoon of 20-30 soldiers and the care of their families.

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Obituaries

Fern, Betty C.

On Sunday, November 17, 2019, of Beltsville, MD. Beloved wife of 60 years to the late Edward M. Fern; loving mother of David E. (Margarita) Fern and Lisa A. (Bryan) Thrush; grandmother of Alexandra Fern, Nicole Fern, Dylan E. Fern, Morgan N. Thrush, and Garrett B. Thrush; sister of Maxine Jones, Janice Urbanek, and the late Joan Barnett; funeral service was held at the Borgwardt Funeral Home 4400 Powder Mill Road Beltsville, MD, on Saturday, November 23, at 12 noon; Interment Union Cemetery; memorial contributions may be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation: www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com.

Lapelosa, Vergie Marie

Vergie Marie Lapelosa

On Friday, November 29, 2019, Vergie Marie Lapelosa passed away just shy of her 101st birthday while enjoying the company of her loving family. She was born December 14, 1918, in Mt. Sidney, VA, to Ausborn and Bessie DePoy and was a longtime resident of Beltsville, MD. She was the wife of the late Richard D. Lapelosa and mother of Philip (Mary) Lapelosa, Donna Lapelosa, John (Janet) Lapelosa, Thomas Lapelosa, Rose (Michael) Eugene, Theresa (George) Perantonakis, Margaret (Earl) Driscoll, and the late Joseph (Vicki) Lapelosa; also survived by numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. Interment Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Silver Spring, MD. Arrangements by Borgwardt Funeral Home: www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com.

McAdams, John Robert

John Robert McAdams, 56, passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 30, 2019, at the University Medical Center in Baltimore after he succumbed to complications from a massive stroke he had in August.

John was born August 26, 1963, in Washington, DC, to John and Peggy (Connolly) McAdams. He graduated from High Point High School in 1981 and attended the University of Maryland majoring in journalism. In 2001 he married and moved to Prince Frederick, MD. He worked in the real estate industry for over twenty years and enjoyed the successes of his career. He was an avid sports fan and especially loved Maryland basketball and the Washington Capitals. John also was an animal lover and gave many unwanted pets a loving home throughout his life. His favorite pastime was spending time with his family and helping his children achieve their goals in academics and sports.

John was preceded in death by his mother, Peggy, and his father, John. He is survived by his former wife and lifelong friend of 26 years, Debbie McAdams; son Owen, daughters Lauren and Paige; brothers Steven McAdams and Michael McAdams; nephews Conor McAdams, Sean McAdams, and Gary Kisner; nieces Rachel McAdams, Megan Kisner, and Aunt Vicki Connolly. Additionally, he is survived by many loving cousins, in-laws, and a host of longtime friends. Arrangements by Borgwardt Funeral Home: www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com.

McPherson, Lisa Marie

Lisa Marie McPherson, age 37, passed away in Odenton, MD, on December 9, 2019. Lisa was born on March 2, 1982, in Silver Spring, MD to Clyde and Deborah McPherson. She was raised in Beltsville, MD, and graduated from High Point High School before attending higher education. Lisa had an associate's degree and worked as a cyber security specialist until her death.

She was a part of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and was very dedicated to her religion. She was also very dedicated to her family and friends, who will all miss her tremendously. She always made sure to attend any and all family gatherings and made sure those she loved knew that in her they would always have a warm heart to turn to and a friendly smile to brighten their day. Those who were blessed to have her in their lives will forever remember the caring person she was and will always be. Her passing has left a hole in many people's hearts and lives, but her memory will forever live on in all the lives she has touched.

Her mother Deborah McPherson preceded her in death in February 2019. Lisa is survived by Clyde (father), and Constance (sister), along with her aunts, uncles, and many cousins.

A Celebration of Life was held in December. Following that, a memorial will be held in January at her church. For information on both, please contact Connie McPherson (her sister) via email at cmcphe20705@yahoo.com, or via Facebook.

Parks, Evelyn Mae

Evelyn Mae Parks, 87, of Greencastle, PA, and formerly of Beltsville, MD, passed away

peacefully on December 8, 2019, surrounded by family after a brief illness.

Born May 25, 1932 in Washington, DC, she was the daughter of John Gustave and Lunette Elizabeth Hornig.

While residing in Beltsville, Evelyn devoted time to the Beltsville Majorette Core as seamstress, creating uniforms for several years. She was an avid member of the Beltsville Bowling League. Christmas was one of her favorite holidays, and she was a huge country music fan.

She was the loving wife of Clarence Woodrow Parks, Sr., for over 64 years. Evelyn is survived by sons Randle E. Parks and wife Norma; C. Woodrow Parks, Jr., and wife Cheryl; and daughter Patricia Tharp and husband Henry, Sr. She is survived by 15 grandchildren; 29 great grandchildren; and 2 great-great grandchildren; 4 sisters Shirley Farquhar, Joyce McDonald, Mary Lou Schwier, Joann Hawkins; and brother Stanley Hornig; numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Woody, Sr.; infant son Thomas; and daughter Evelyn "Sissy" M. Wignall; brothers Richard Davies and Donald Hornig; and sister Lois Bailey.

A viewing was held at J.L. Davis Funeral Home in Smithsburg, MD, Wednesday, December 11, 6–8 pm with internment Thursday, December 12, at 10 am, Ft. Lincoln Cemetery, Brentwood, MD. A Celebration of Life to be scheduled at a later date.

Wang, John

John Wang passed away on December 11, 2019. He was the beloved husband of Rosa Jenny; father of Sophia, Maria (and her husband Ping), Nina (and her husband Jim), and Amy (and her husband John). He was also the proud grandfather of Jocelyn, Jeremy, Bella, Mei Mei, and Sebastian. His dear sister, Mary, resides in Connecticut.

John retired in 2010 after dedicating 40 years to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) as an electrical engineer. One of his daughters was sad to one day learn this is not the same kind of engineer who drives a train. He published dozens of technical papers in various professional journals and developed a highly respected sky-wave propagation model. In November 2010, he was presented with the E. Noel Luddy Award by the Association of Federal Communications Consulting Engineers for his service and contributions to the communications community. He was also a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE).

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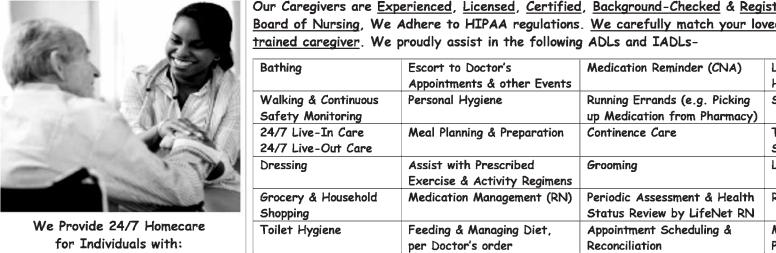
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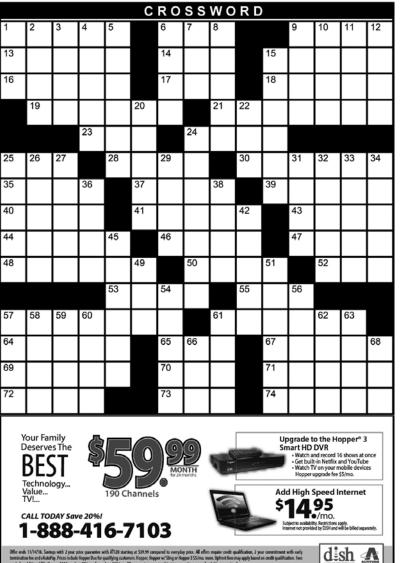
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ACROSS



1. Pin location

- 6. BBQ sauce alternative 9. *Volodymyr Zelensky's capital
- 13. 0103 food poison
- 14. Between sea and shining
- sea, abbr.
- 15. Native of American Great Plains
- 16. Famous fabulist
- 17. Band performance
- 18. Prefix with national and pol
- 19. *The Mueller
- 21. *European country declared
- to be no longer free
- 23. Ostrich-like bird
- 24. Fix a horse
- 25. Old Spice: "Smell Like a Man,
- 28. Diva's delivery
- 30. Opposite of underdog
- 35. Seed covering
- 37. Share a boundary
- 39. Miller's product
- 40. Leave behind
- 41. *Flute playing rapper
- 43. Pot contribution
- 44. Make corrections
- 46. Days in Havana
- 47. Nomad's round house
- 48. Caesar derivative
- 50. "Fifteen Miles on the
- Canal"
- 52. Mad Hatter's drink

- 53. Hofbräuhaus offering 55. Bard's before 57. *He got life plus 30
- 61. *Eurosceptics vs. pro-Europe-
- anists point of debate
- 64. Sweeney Todd's weapon
- 65. Seek damages
- 67. *Archie was one before he
- was born
- 69. *Bran, Lord of the Six Kingdoms, e.g.
- 70. " _ Now or Never"
- 71. *What Jeffrey Epstein had in
- store
- 72. Seaside bird
- 73. Volleyball divider
- 74. Set in motion

DOWN

- 1. Grazing ground
- 2. Maple tree or laptop brand
- 3. Downward dog, e.g.
- 4. Skip the big wedding
- 5. Benign fatty tumor
- 6. Pipe problem
- 7. *Europe voted to ban sin-
- gle-____ plastics
- 8. Take a tubby 9. *Best Actress in Supporting
- Role Oscar-winner
- 10. Tiny bit
- 11. Pitcher
- 12. Subject to change
- 15. To some extent, two words

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68. Summer sandwich?

20. Not urban

22. Final, abbr.

winner

grants

24. More gossamer

26. Wafting pleasantness

31. Performance with acts

33. Grossly unconventional

49. Tombstone acronym

54. Fluorescent red dye

56. Make an effort

57. Formerly, formerly

58. Better than never

59. #38 Down, alt. sp.

Picture

62. Hip bones

63. Salty drop

66. Shoshonean

60. Some blow their own

61. *"Green Book," winner of

34. *Swedish environmentalist

38. Nicholas II was the last one

29. Footnote acronym

32. Holey confection

36. Eye contact

42. Willow twig

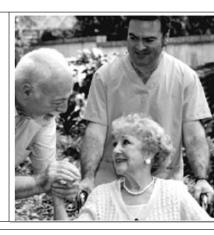
45. Go ashore

51. Builds

25. *Actor in Leading Role Oscar-

27. One born to Japanese immi-

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Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

Join Me, My Wife, Sheilah, and Our Neighbors for Tastes of Laurel, a Touch of Opera, and More! Sunday, January 12, to Welcome 2020

I hope you can join my wife, Sheilah, and me for our Welcome 2020 Celebration on Sunday, January 12, from 11 am to 1:30 pm, at St. Vincent Pallotti High School (113 St. Mary's Place, Laurel). Maryland Senate President Mike Miller is our special guest. We'll have treats from some of Laurel's great restaurants as well as some great music from the Maryland Lyric Opera. Families are welcome. Please RSVP soon at www. SenatorJimRosapepe.com. We look forward to seeing you!

Join Us in Annapolis on February 24

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Senator Jim Rosapepe

ily. We attend the Beltsville Civic Association and other community meetings, visit local churches and schools, and host "mobile office hours" at local grocery stores. Now we'd like you to visit us in Annapolis at our annual reception for 21st District residents.

It's Monday evening, February 24, from 6–8 pm in the Miller Senate Building, near the State House. We'll have food, fellowship, and information on legislative issues of concern to our communities.

RSVP online at www. 21stdistrictdelegation.com or call 301.858.3141 for details, questions, and information on parking. We'll also have buses going from College Park and Laurel—contact our office, and we'll give you the information on it, and ride, don't drive! Share this invitation with friends and neighbors. We look forward to seeing you!

State Legislative Session Starts January 8

Delegates Joseline Peña-Melnyk, Ben Barnes, Mary Lehman, and I will be back in Annapolis representing you in the 2020 Maryland legislative session starting on January 8.

Please let us know your opinions on issues of concern and contact us with any questions. And, of course, feel free to be in touch if the Delegates or I can help you. Just email 21stDistrict-Delegation@gmail.com or call 301.858.3141.

OBITUARIES

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He received his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Maryland, College Park. He enrolled in graduate courses at The George Washington University before completing his Master of Science in Electrical Engineering degree from the University of Pittsburgh. He continued to take pride in his alma mater by avidly rooting for the Terps' men's basketball team every year. We would like to believe he was particularly proud that some of his daughters also graduated from UMCP.

His interests included astronomy, Chinese history, and contract bridge. He enjoyed playing this card game so much that he even-

tually achieved the coveted rank of Life Master with the American Contract Bridge League. Another of his daughters mistakenly assumed this important hobby was actually building bridges on Friday nights. John also had a love of travel. He would often find a way to build a family vacation around business trips, which fostered a love of traveling among the entire family. He managed to visit over 20 countries. He regularly visited Geneva, Switzerland where he acquired an appreciation of fine chocolate, cuckoo clocks, and cheese fondue.

John was a devoted parishioner of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Beltsville for 50 years. During this time, he served as an usher, Eucharistic Minister, and a member of the Parish Council. He was proud to be a "Cradle Catholic" and attended daily Mass as often as he could (including in many of those countries mentioned above). He was also a believer in Catholic education. All four of his daughters and two of his grandchildren matriculated through St. Joseph's School.

We are so grateful for the time we have been able to spend with our beloved husband and father. While these last few weeks have been difficult, we have also been blessed with so much. Our family gives God thanks every day for these abundant blessings. We all believe that John has found his eternal peace. We would like to express our gratitude for your thoughts, prayers and kindness during this time.





The Crescent Nursery

From the Office of Councilmember Tom Dernoga

Snow Removal

When a snow emergency is declared, the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation is responsible for providing "passable" conditions on a network of more than 1,900 miles of countymaintained roadways to ensure the safety of residents, citizens, and travelers.

To assist crews, citizens and residents are requested to:

- · Move and keep vehicles off snow emergency routes
- · Park in driveways or other offroad locations
- · Park only on the even-numbered side of roads/streets

During snow and ice events, residents and citizens are asked to wait 24 hours after the precipitation has ended to call 311 or 301.883.4748 to report emergencies or concerns about roadway conditions/snow removal.

Having Street Parking Issues?

The Residential Parking Permit Program empowers residents to set parking restriction days and times to control non-resident street parking in their communities. The parking program is a petitiondriven initiative that requires the support of 60% of residents in a proposed parking zone. A parking permit area can be any residential area located on a public roadway in Prince George's County. The program is free, for residential use, and not available for implementation on private property or in commercial and industrial areas.

The petition must be certified



Council Member Dernoga and volunteers at the inaugural D1 Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway

and meet program guidelines, and the proposed area for program implementation is inspected. Next, a public hearing is held. Once the program is approved, signs are installed. The personal vehicles of area residents are registered. Visitor and guest vehicles may be registered as well. Under the program, parking permits are renewed every two years. Call the help desk service line at 1.866.794.8663 for information and assistance.

If you would like more information about this residential parking permit program, our very own Residents for a Better Beltsville are having Dianne Harris, public information officer, Revenue Authority of Prince George's County speak Wednesday, January 15, from 7-8:30 pm for a meeting on How to Start a County Residential Parking Program (Permitted Parking) on Your Street. The meeting will be held at Beltsville Community Center.

Beltsville Development to Watch

We will keep you updated on upcoming District 1 projects as our community continues to grow. Please note, once a zoning application has been filed, State Public Ethics law prohibits the council member from discussing the case. You can, however, contact Chief of Staff Michelle García at mjgarcia@co.pg.md.us with your questions or to request a current list of current Beltsville development projects.

Please keep in touch! Email us at councildistrict1@co.pg.md.us or call 301.952.3887. Se habla Español. For invitations and community events you would like to share with us, please email district1scheduling@co.pg.md.us with details. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram: @ TomDernogaD1

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THE RACE OF TIME

Why do the moments of our lives Seem if they're in a race? We all remember youthful days When hours slowed their pace. Like butterflies life's beauty flits Out of our sight too soon; To capture meaning and the wealth God gives we must make room. "Be still", He says, "Take minutes back By choosing to let die Whate'er keeps heart, and mind, and soul From knowing I'm alive." "My plans are simpler than you know, This gift I've given you Is not for gain, but godliness; Allow yourself this view." "Surrender ev'ry thing to Me,

Then listen for My voice; Let Jesus' words of wisdom guide You through all earthly noise."

"Should death come knocking at the door All terror will be gone, Regret will fade, for those I've saved Will finally be home."

"Where ends of time will disappear Before Eternity's Vast realm of love which will complete Each one who has believed."

> Beckie Hutchings 12/05/2019



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Tech Sense By John Bell

MHIC #99715

Who Is Watching Us?

Anybody who has read this column over the years probably recognizes that I am an advocate for both security and privacy. As much as possible, I believe we should take responsibility for protecting our information, but with the current state of technology and laws that fail to protect us, protecting ourselves can be a challenge. So I had a thought with the goal of helping my neighbors better understand some of the issues. I thought I would write a series of articles for the column that covers various aspects of security and privacy from a technology perspective and discusses what we can do to reduce our own vulnerability and visibility and encourage our representatives to create and enforce laws that limit those that want to spy on us. I am expecting this series to go on for three to six columns.

To make the series complete, I will probably cover some ground that I have already covered, like how to create and manage secure passwords and how to configure Windows 10 to maximize privacy. That is OK because I will also be covering a lot of new things as well. With a limited number of words each month, I also know that the series will not be comprehensive, but if the topic interests you, I will try and give references to spark your own research. The discussions will all be technology based because many of these concerns exist because of the pervasiveness of technology that has grown for the past 50 years. These technologies include the Internet, mobile phones, cable television, facial recognition, AI, and others. But to really understand the issues, we need to look at society, how it has changed, and how our legal system has lagged behind. We will also need to look at existing and proposed local, national, and international laws and how they impact us. Many of the topics I present will try to provide background on things you may have heard about in the news, topics like net neutrality, the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA), and the European General Data Protection Regulation. better known as GDPR. I will also be discussing the technologies that are used to help protect us.

So let's kick this off by looking

at some of the large organizations that are spying on us often with our help. This month I will simply call them out, but in future columns, I will explain how the spying technologies work and how the companies use them.

Mobile Phone Service Providers

It doesn't matter if you use Verizon, Sprint, AT&T, or T-Mobile: every one of these providers has been caught selling your real-time location data to third parties. The FCC is expected to complete its current investigation next month, but these providers failed to honor the commitment they made to stop the practice after the first time they were caught. The FCC has shown little desire to reign in bad industry behavior since the current FCC chair Ajit Pai took the position.

Your Mobile Phones and Computers

I woke up one Sunday morning and my phone announced exactly how long it should take me to drive to church that morning. Your

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Neighbors in the News

Wild Bird Strikes Eliminated at the Local Patuxent Wildlife Visitor's Center

Local Beltsville graphic designer Jay Williams finalized the full front window display at the Patuxent National Wildlife Visitor's Center on 5/19 to eliminate our wild birds from perishing by hitting large, clear glass windows. Birds cannot see clear glass and strike it. Inside you can still see outside, but the birds now avoid all the "perforated" window images and fly off safely elsewhere, especially during their all-important migration travels through our area. Enjoy all that the center offers you and those of all ages. See www.fws.gov/ refuge/patuxent or visit 10901

Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708-4027. The phone number is 301.497.5763. The ribbon cutting dedication was held on 9/28/19 to celebrate the completion of this project.



Ribbon Cutting held 9/28/19 for the completion of project. 4th from left, Lynne Parks, Artist for the bird strike display, 5th, Jay Williams, President, Jay Williams Design Co., creator of the bird strike window display, 6th, Brad Knudsen, retired 12/3/19 after 39 years with U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, spending last 19 years as the manager of the Patuxent Research Refuge. 7th, Lindsay Jacks, Director of Lights Out Baltimore.

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phone not only tracks where you are, but it also remembers where you have been. Google noticed that I traveled to the same address most Sunday mornings, realized the address was that of a church. and inferred the rest. I immediately deleted all of the information Google had collected and then gave it an ambiguous location for my home and work addresses. The point of all of this is that your phones and the applications on your phones collect a lot of information about you and then share the information with the phone and application providers.

Windows also spies on you and regularly sends Microsoft information gathered from what you do on your computer and how it is configured.

Cable TV and Internet Providers

Did you know your cable box tracks what you watch and sends the information to the cable company? Many modern smart TVs do this as well. The smart TVs will sometimes determine what you are watching by listening to the sound from the TV and matching the sound track.

Your cable company is often your Internet service provider (ISP) as well. A few years ago, Congress passed a law allowing the ISP to track you on the Internet. If you use HTTPS, the secure version of HTTP, the ISP can't see or change the content sent to you, but it can still see what sites you have visited through their Domain Name Service (DNS). The Internet industry wants to implement new, open standards for secure DNS, but the cable companies have been lobbying Congress against allowing these standards. These companies claim falsely that the new standards give large companies like Google that also provide DNS services an advantage in monitoring DNS traffic.

Search Engines and Social Networks

Have you ever noticed that once you search a topic on Google or Bing you start to see ads for the topic of your search? Your search topics are being tracked by the search engines and used to target ads sent to you across multiple websites. If you don't want Google or Bing to find the latest health issue you are researching (for example), give DuckDuckGo.com a try. This search engine promises not to track you or your search results. For social networks like Facebook, you are the product not the customer. These networks collect your information and frequently hand it over to others. Facebook has also been found to ignore your privacy settings and was recently fined 5 billion dollars by the FTC for failing to conform to an earlier agreement to protect user privacy.

Others...

There are others that I will cover as we go through this journey. My next column will be about how we can help protect ourselves by changing our passwords, creating secure passwords, using 2 factor auth, using credential management tools, and watching out for sites that are not secure. In February, I expect to write about what you should expect from online privacy policies and how to discover a site's published policies. Your thoughts, comments, and feedback are appreciated.

Have happy, safe, and secure holidays!





Church News

Dunamis Worship Chapel

Setting goals for the new year out Jesus at the core rather than is an important sign that we're intentional about glorifying God in our callings at work, business, home, and church. When we work and plan, even in seemingly insignificant endeavors, we're fulfilling God's mandate to be fruitful, multiply, replenish, and subdue the earth (Genesis: 1:28).

Many Christians often find themselves making plans withallowing him to form in them the desires and motivations to do His work.

Join us at Dunamis Worship Chapel, 4715 Sellman Road, Unit G, Beltsville, MD 20705, where people learn to operate under their God-ordained purpose and obtain key principles to fulfilling their new year's goals. Feel free to join us for any of our services! Contact

us at 301.937.1101. Find us on the web at www.dunamischapel.com. Sundays: 1st Service 8 am,

2nd Service 10 am Tuesdays: Word Encounter

and Communion Service 7 pm Fridays: Prophetic and Miracle Service 7 pm

Last Friday of Every Month: Night of Dunamis 9pm

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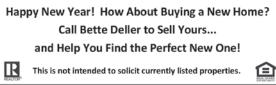
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Did you know cats in Maryland go into heat and can mate twice a year? A single litter often has 46 kittens, and even 4monthold kittens can get pregnant. Today, about 70 million stray cats roam in the United States despite their high mortality and predation rates. The biggest issue is finding loving homes for all of them, so it is vital to have them spayed or neutered to prevent uncontrollable numbers.

Beltsville Community Cats (BCC) is committed to humanely controlling the feral cat population with a trap, neuter, and return

(TNR) program and vaccinating for rabies and other communicable diseases. In just nine months of operation, Beltsville Community Cats has neutered and vaccinated over 100 local cats and, therefore, depends on significant financial support and volunteers from residents and business groups for surgeries, supplies, vaccines, food, and other medical expenses. Without TNR programs, communities are at greater risk for epidemic disease among cats, animal cruelty, and euthanasia as a means of population control.

Everyone is welcomed to visit BCC meetings and to team up with an all-volunteer group to help end the suffering caused by an overpopulation of unwanted cats. Taxdeductible donations may be sent to Beltsville Community Cats at P.O. Box 942, Beltsville MD 20704. Please visit Instagram @ Beltsville_Cats to view adoptable cats and kittens while the website is under construction. To report stray cats or request support for feral colonies, leave a message at 240.444.8353 or email hello@ beltsvillecats.net.



AREA EVENTS

Please contact the individual facilities regarding late changes or updates to hours of operations, especially during holidays and inclement weather.

MONTPELIER MANSION

9650 Muirkirk Rd., Laurel, MD 20708. Phone: 301.377.7817. TTY: 301.699.2544. E-mail: montpeliermansion@pgparks.com. Self-guided tours of the mansion: Thur. - Tue. from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost: \$5/adults, \$4/ seniors, 2/children ages 5 - 18, free/ ages 4 and under. The mansion is closed on Wednesdays and some holidays. The grounds are open from dawn until dusk every day of the year and access is free of charge.

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NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR

Special hours of operation: The

building will close at 2 p.m. on Tue.,

Dec. 31, 2019 and Fri., Jan. 17, 2020

and will be closed all day on Wed., Jan.

1 and Mon., Jan. 20, 2020. Address:

10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel,

MD 20708. The entrance is accessed

from Powder Mill Rd. between the Bal-

timore–Washington Pkwy. and Rt. 197.

the Visitor Center for information about

programs and other events for January.

Join our e-mail list by contacting

Visitor Center are: Fri. - Wed. from 9

a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closed Thursdays

and federal holidays. Regular hours of

are: Open daily from sunrise to sunset,

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• Operating the bookstore, and

· Participating in wildlife surveys.

HOLLINGSWORTH ART GALLERY

The featured artist for January is Bla-

dine Broomfield of Hanover, Maryland.

Center is open. All ages are invited; no

Saturdays in January from 12:15 p.m.

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TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS

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operation for the trails and grounds

timothy_parker@fws.gov.

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Main phone: 301.497.5772. Contact

start this month. Contact the center for

COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM

Address: 1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Dr., College Park, MD 20740. Phone: 301.864.6029. TTY: 301.699.2544. Regular hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, except for most major holidays and some special events. Cost: \$5/adults, \$4/seniors, \$2/children, free/age 1 and under.

LAUREL-BELTSVILLE SENIOR **ACTIVITY CENTER**

Closed Wed., Jan. 1 and Mon., Jan. 20. Regular hours of operation: Mon. -Thur. from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fri. from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat. from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., closed Sunday and most major holidays. Address: 7120 Contee Rd., Laurel, MD 20707, around the corner from the University of Maryland Medical Center. Phone: 301.206.3350. Fax: 301.206.3387. TTY: 301.446.3402. Contact the center regarding events for January. Membership is free for Beltsville residents who are age 60 or older.

SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Friendship Club regular office hours are Mon. - Fri. from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Phone: 301.206.3380. The monthly meetings and luncheons take place on the second Wednesday of each month. The meeting for January is scheduled for Wed., Jan 8 at 10:30 a.m. Sign-up and pay for our catered luncheon by Thur., Jan. 2. Our 2020 travel listing will be coming out soon. Interested people can contact our office for more details.

MOVIE MATINEES

The featured movie for Thur., Jan. 9 is *I, Robot.* The featured movie for Thur., Jan. 23 is Good Will Hunting. Start time is 9:30 a.m. and the end time is about 11:30 a.m. Cost: free.

NUTRITION LUNCH PROGRAM

Lunch is offered Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., featuring a healthy, hot, wellbalanced meal by the Prince George's County, Department of Family Services. Seniors who are at least 60 years old can reserve a meal by contacting the Nutrition Manager, Rene Marshall at 301.206.3368, or by stopping by the

JANUARY 2020

Calendar of Events

to 12:45 p.m. each day. All ages. No kitchen. The suggested donation is \$3. If you need to cancel your meal, please registration required. Meet two of North America's smallest birds of prey: the do so at least two (2) days in advance. American kestrel and eastern screech Please note: There will be no lunch owl. Both are expert hunters. The program when Prince George's County American kestrel uses its acrobatic schools have a two-hour delayed openprowess, while the eastern screech owl ing or are closed due to inclement is a stealthy silent hunter.

INTRO TO WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY

Sat., Jan. 11 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Ages 16+. Registration limited to five people. This is a beginner's workshop for those using a DSLR camera.

TINY TOTS

Sun., Jan. 12 and Mon., Jan. 13 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. each day. Ages 16 mo. - 48 mo.; parent participation required. Learn about wildlife at the refuge through fun and interactive songs, stories, and activities.

FAMILY FUN

Fri., Jan. 17 and Sat., Jan. 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Who was here? It is a great time to look for animal tracks in the snow or mud. All ages. No registration required.

PUPPET SHOW

Sun., Jan. 26 from 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Ages 3 to 10. Who is out at night and searching for food? It is fox and several of his friends in a fun journey of forest exploration.

BELTSVILLE EVENTS

Please contact the individual facilities regarding late changes or updates to hours of operations, especially during holidays and inclement weather.

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)

Free and open to the public. Regular hours of operation are Mon. - Fri. from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for federal holidays. The library is located at 10301 Baltimore Ave., near Sunnyside Ave. Parking is free. Main phone number: 301.504.5755. NAL is on Twitter at http://twitter.com/#!/ National_Ag_Lib. See NAL.USDA.gov/ visit-library for more information.

VANSVILLE HEIGHTS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Mon., Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. Meetings are held at the Franklin Brown Recreation Community Center, 1733 Old Baltimore Pike, Beltsville, MD 20705 (located in the Vansville Park). The association meets on the second Monday of each month.

BELTSVILLE LIBRARY

Special hours of operation: The library will be closed on Tue., Dec. 31, 2019; Wed., Jan. 1, 2020; and Mon., Jan. 20, 2020. Address: 4319 Sellman Rd., Beltsville, next to the

police station. Main phone number: 301.937.0294. Regular hours of operation are Mon. – Tue. from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., Wed. - Fri. from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sat. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sun. from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Visit our library system website at www.pgcmls. info to use our online library services. Contact the library about other activities in January.

PROGRAM FOR ALL AGES

CHESS CLUB

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

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN **AND FAMILIES**

READY 2 READ STORYTIMES

PRESCHOOL - Wednesdays, except Jan. 1, at 10:30 a.m. Ages 3 – 5. TODDLER - Wednesdays, except Jan. 1, at 11:30 a.m. for ages 2 - 3 years old.

BABY - Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Ages birth - 2 years old.

SPANISH-ENGLISH - Thursdays at 11:15 a.m. Ages 3 – 5.

KIDS ACHIEVE CLUB

Mondays, except Jan. 20, from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. each day. Reading practice for grades 1 to 6. Niños entre los grados de 1 al 6 practicarán leyendo con un mentor.

STEM FOR FAMILIES

Wed., Jan. 15 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Join us as we explore science, technology, engineering, and math. Drop in for hands-on experiments and activities. Ages 5 – 12.

TAIL WAGGIN' TUTORS

Sat., Jan. 18 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. and Tue., Jan. 21 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Ages 5 - 12. Children read to dog and gain confidence reading. For more information, call or visit the branch.

CRAFTERNOON

Wed., Jan. 8 at 4 p.m. Join us for an afternoon of crafting. Families welcome!

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

BOOK CLUB

Mon., Jan. 6 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Join us for a lively discussion! This month we are reading Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann, Find a copy at your library branch today!

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLUB

Thursdays from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Learning to speak English? Join our club and practice speaking English in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds.

MY LIBRARIAN

This is a free 60-minute appointment with a librarian to learn about our library's online resources or to learn about computers. Requests for appointments can be made on our website at www.pgcmls.info, under Services and Help One-on-One. Bilingual staff are available.

BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CEN-TER

Address: 3900 Sellman Rd., Beltsville, Phone: 301.937.6613. Spanish line: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512. Regular hours of operation are: Mon. – Thur. from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fri. from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sat. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed on Sunday and selected major holidays. Hours of operation for Xtreme Teens and Pre-teens: Fri. – Sat. from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Contact the center regarding events for January.

BELTSVILLE YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

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

WOMEN'S CLUB

Thur., Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. The club meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month, except for July, August, and February.

STRATEGY GAME CLUB

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

XTREME TEENS AND PRE-TEENS REGULAR EVENTS

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

VANSVILLE COMMUNITY CEN-TER

Address: 6813 Ammendale Rd., Vansville. Phone: 301.937.6621. Fax: 301.937.6623. Spanish line: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512. Regular hours of operation: Mon. -Thur. from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fri. from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (except for Xtreme Teens), Sat. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sun. from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Hours of operation for Xtreme Teens: Fri. - Sat. from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Contact the center regarding events for January.

XTREME TEENS AND PRE-TEENS REGULAR EVENTS

Fridays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Ages 10 – 17. Free with valid Center ID card

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Club News

A Local Teen with a Global Reach

By Ivy Christoffers

I met this young lady five years ago and have been continually impressed with her huge heart. Rachel "Hannah" Zozobrado is a student at Winston Churchill High School in Potomac, MD, who, as a sophomore, decided to start a club at her school and came up with Operation Smile. Hannah says that what intrigued her was that this club was on a global scale, helped people from all over the world, and required fundraising, which was something she enjoyed partaking in. When she later learned that the Philippines was the first country Operation Smile had conducted a surgery in, she became even more persistent in getting the club established.

At the beginning of Hannah's junior year, the club was established with her as president, and fundraising began with growing support from the club's surprising number of active members. Fundraisers consisted of partnering with multiple restaurants like Baskin Robbins and Shake Shack; conducting a gift-wrapping event at Barnes & Noble during the winter season; selling Operation Smile T-shirts; having a David Pomeranz concert at Shady Grove Conference Center in November of 2019 where Hannah and her sister, Kelly, also performed; and selling handmade wreaths and



Pictured above are Kelly and Hannah Zozobrado performing at the concert held at Shady Grove Conference Center to benefit "Operation Smile"

Christmas trees. The goal was to raise enough to fund 10 surgeries at a cost of \$240 each to change the lives of children born with a cleft lip and/or cleft palate. These children are shunned by society and cannot attend school without corrective surgery.

Fundraisers continue, and by the end of Hannah's senior year, in May of 2020, the club will have far surpassed her original vision. The American Legion Auxiliary has supported Hannah's Operation Smile club. This is one of many charitable events this young lady has lent her energy and talents to in her desire to improve the lives of the less fortunate.

If you did not make it to the Ronnie Dove Christmas Show, you really missed a great event. The Doug Lester Band and very

energetic Camron Robinson rounded out the show very nicely.

We are ending the year on a good note with the usual holiday parties and New Year's Eve dance and beginning the year 2020 with high spirits. I am told there will be a change that pertains to our weekly bingo games. In 2020, there will be bingo only on Tuesdays. Our Friday night dinner dances will continue as usual.

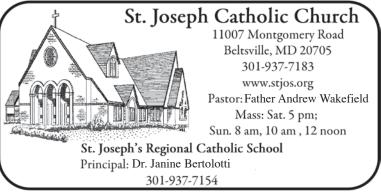
We hope your holidays were blessed and you approach the new year with light and happy hearts.

We remember our troops around the world and seek God's blessing on them and their families here at home. May God continue to bless our great land. annah serving as President and fundraising began

Beltsville News CHURCH DIRECTORY







Behnke's and Beyond

Please join the Beltsville Garden Club for a monthly meeting at the Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville, on Wednesday, January 22 at 7:30 pm. We are pleased to welcome speaker Stephanie Fleming, who will share a brief history of the Behnke Nursery, the journey of her grandparents Albert and Rose Behnke as they created a muchloved local garden center, and Ms. Fleming's pursuits beyond Behnke's.

Stephanie Fleming says she was raised at the Behnke Nursery

in Beltsville under the watchful eyes of her mother, Sonja Behnke Festerling, and the doting eyes of her grandparents Albert and Rose Behnke. She was weeding from the moment she was old enough to walk and hiding as soon as she was old enough to run. So many weeds, so little time.

Stephanie and her husband Jon ran their own wholesale greenhouse, Hillside Nursery, for 27 years, after which she came to work full-time as vice-president of the Behnke Nursery in 2017.

Ms. Fleming is now focused

on running the website, email, and Beyond Behnke's online gift shop. She creates an e-newsletter each week that includes great information about seasonal gardening topics and news about family and Behnke Nursery staff as their own journeys continue.

Meetings are open to the public; there is no fee. Refreshments are served after the speaker's program. We thank all attendees who contribute to the refreshment table and who bring a plant or plantrelated item for the door prize drawing.

The Beltsville Young at Heart (BYaH) Club

wishes everyone great health and happiness for 2020. The Thanks Luncheon was a success. Good food and good friends were had by all. The new officers were sworn at the Christmas Pot Luck Party. Please note that the first

Happy New Year! BYaH meeting in January has been Grumpy Old Men in Lancaster, canceled; there will only be one meeting on January 16. There will be a speaker from the new Adventist Hospital for the meeting. A trip to the Dutch Apple Theatre on March 12, 2020, will be ready for sign up at the next meeting. The show will be

PA. The price is \$97 per person. Contact Shirley Denell at 301.937.5342. Day trips MUST be paid for when you sign up.

Why put yourself down when you can lift yourself up? Tell yourself good things about you, have faith in yourself.

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Beltsville News Church Directory



Christian Science Church

8300 Adelphi Rd., Hyattsville, MD (301) 422-1822

Sunday church services: 10:30-11:30 a.m. (doors open at 10 am.) Sunday school for youth up thru. age 19 (same time)

Wednesdays: 7:30 - 8:30 pm. testimonies of healing, sharing gratitude, and fellowship service (doors open at 7 pm)

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7:45 a.m. – Quiet Service/Holy Eucharist
9:15 a.m. - Family Service/Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. – Sunday School
11:15 a.m.- Full Service/Holy Eucharist
Sunday Nursery Care 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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Sundays:

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*Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.			
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.			
Adult Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.			
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Adult Bible Study & Prayer	7:00 p.m.	
RA's, GA's, Mission Friends	7:00 p.m.	
Youth Fellowship	7:00 p.m.	
*Nursery provided for infants to 2 years old.		

Now Hear This: The Message to Improve Access to Hearing and Balance Healthcare Services for Medicare Beneficiaries Is Received—and Well Received in Congress

On November 14, local audiologist Dr. Kathy Mellott traveled with 175 advocates and health policy experts from across the country to Capitol Hill to advocate for legislation that will improve access to hearing and balance healthcare services for millions of Medicare beneficiaries.

"Medicare Part B requisites for coverage have not kept pace with best practices in the provision of audiological and vestibular care, leading to delayed treatment and increased costs," said Dr. Mellott. "These programmatic deficiencies pose public health risks for aging Americans by placing arbitrary restrictions on coverage for hearing and balance care at the time when that care is most needed."

In a rare display of bipartisanship, Republicans and Democrats from the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate recently introduced the Medicare Audiologist Access and Services Act (H.R. 4056 and S. 2446) to better deploy audiologists within the Medicare system, to allow patients their choice of qualified Medicare-recognized provider, and to eliminate the requirement for patients to obtain a physician order prior to seeking care from an audiologist. Provisions in the bill will bring Medicare Part B policies in line with private insurers and other federal agencies and programs including the Veterans Health Administration, the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program, and Medicare Advantage.

"For Medicare beneficiaries, enactment of the Medicare Audiologist Access and Services Act cannot come soon enough," said Dr. Mellott. "Untreated hearing and balance conditions reduce quality of life and carry tremendous societal and financial costs. H.R. 4056 and S. 2446 will make much-needed improvements to Medicare policies that will make it easier for seniors to get the help that they need, and I applaud Maryland Representatives C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger and David J. Trone for agreeing to cosponsor this landmark legislation and for working to advance it through Congress."

Ten thousand Americans turn 65 years of age and become Medicare-eligible every day in the United States, and 25% of them have a disabling hearing loss. Hearing loss is the third-most common chronic condition for adults over 65 years of age, behind arthritis and hypertension. Individuals with mild hearing loss are three times more likely to experience a fall, and falls are the leading cause of injury and death for Americans over 65 years of age.

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