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## Out on the Trail with Cub Pack 1031



Cub Pack 1031 has been out on the trail on Little Paint Branch Creek Trail doing a nature scavenger hunt and biking. We are keeping the "outing" in scouting.

when many of the Scouts received their rank advancement and we cooked s'mores. Then, some of us went out to the Baysox Scout night to watch the game and fireworks.

week of June and had loads of fun doing crafts, archery, BB shooting, and sling shots. They also did STEMS projects with using water rockets and floating pennies in tinfoil boats.

In addition, we had a nature scavenger hunt and hike the last Monday in June and biked on the path on Monday, July 11. We learned

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## **Beltsville** Briefs

#### **Mother's Morning Out Program**

You can register your two or three year old for two mornings a week of learning, Bible stories, crafts, and playtime in a loving, Christian environment. Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30-11:30 a.m., at First Baptist Church of Beltsville, 4700 Odell Road, Beltsville, MD 20705. A child must be two or three years old by September 1. Potty training is not required. Registration fees are \$80.00 per child with low monthly tuition costs for September-May. We are accepting fall 2016 registrations now. For more information, call the church at 301.937.7771 or email the director, Joan Allman, at mmodirector@fbcbeltsville.org.

#### **Vacation Bible School** at the Seventh-day Adventist Church

The Beltsville Seventh-day Adventist Church hosts a vacation Bible school mornings from Monday, August 1, through Saturday, August 6. All the trappings that come with a VBS are featured, such as Bible stories, crafts, games, snacks, songs, and more.

The theme for this year's pro-

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## College Park Unit #217 Receives Accolades

By Ivy Christoffers

American Legion Auxiliary members from across the state of Maryland are winding their way homeward from our annual convention in Ocean City as I write this column with enthusiasm, excitement and joy as their companions. Excitement and enthusiasm for the coming year as laid out by our newly elected Department President, Paulette Caron, whose theme is "Celebrating Our Veterans". Joy that we have suc-

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We began in June with a pack meeting

Six scouts attended Cub day camp the last

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August 27

By President Karen M. Coakley

The dog days of summer have arrived! The Citizen's Association is on vacation. Our next meeting will be on Sept. 21st. Speaking of Vacation before you go away make arrangements to have your mail and newspapers picked up. While at home in Beltsville lock your cars and remove valuables!

Police National Night Out is Tue., Aug. 2nd at the Beltsville District 6 Police Station 4321 Sellman Road from 6-8 p.m.

Welcome Nicole Isley McClure to the Beltsville Community! She was recently appointed the New Principal at High Point High School.

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

## The Only Kenyan Restaurant in The DVM Area is Finally Open in Beltsville

**By Jay Williams** 

The new Swahili Village Restaurant & Bar opened on July 13 after multiple and continuous delays due to the process of clearing all the requirements from various county inspection agencies. Earlier on June 26th, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held with the UN Ambassador to the African Union attending, as well as Robbinson Githae, the Kenyan Ambassador to the US and the ambassadors of the African countries of Namibia and Tanzania as well as other African diplomats. PG county officials also attended, including Joseline Peña-Melnyk, MD State Delegate. The wonderful delicious buffet was provided by the catering service of Swahili Village Restaurant.

The owner, Kevin Onyona, and his wife Lynn, have made Beltsville their home and in 2009, they started the original Swahili Restaurant at the intersection of US 1 and Rhode Island Avenue. Now, seven years later, they completely rebuilt the interior of what was the Korean grocery store at 10800 Rhode Island Avenue, just a short walk away, in the Sunshine Plaza, across the street from the Beltsville Post Office.

Above the entrance is a nicely carved wooden sign that reads "Karibu" — Swahili for "Welcome". Your first view as you enter is the beautiful environment with the entire wonderful wood interior wall throughout. It is covered with many art pieces of Kenyan and other African artists. Two very large and beautiful photographic murals, depicting some of the incredible wildlife in the country of Kenya, adorn the walls of the dining and bar areas. They were displayed in the July issue of The Beltsville News and were

**RESTAURANT** 



Kevin Onyona, owner of the Swahili Village Restaurant and Bar, welcomes everyone to his new Beltsville restaurant. Photo By Jay Williams Design.

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#### **Neighbors in the News**



Students are putting finishing touches on their websites in Create Summer's Coding Class.

#### COLOURS Redefines Summer Camp for the 21st Century

By Rick Bergmann

Many of us in the Beltsville area grew up attending summer day camps at local schools. These were often run by The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC). The camps had several different names, but the one I remember was Summer Playground. Not only did many of us enjoy our summers at these day camps, but as we got older, a number of us found our first jobs there when we turned 16. We spent our days playing kickball, learning arts and crafts, and taking field trips to the Beltsville pool (yes, there was a

Beltsville pool at one time). But, oh, how times have changed: for this generation, the COLOURS Program has redefined summer camp.

Twenty-four years ago, back in 1992, COLOURS was founded. The Colours Program, under the direction of Jason Cook, is now based at Paint Branch Elementary School (ES) in College Park and at Martin Luther King (MLK) Jr. Middle School (MS). Colours has partnered with many schools throughout the county over the years. Its website (www. coloursprogram.org) describes the program as "an ensemble arts leadership program designed

to strengthen students academically, artistically, socially, and interpersonally." Earlier this year, the program worked with several students at Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School (MLK) to put together *Misunderstood*, an original drama about how students are seen by their peers and how they see themselves.

This summer, COLOURS again partnered with MLK for the Create Summer Program. The Stars Foundation (http://thestarsfoundation.org/) and Martin Luther King Jr. MS worked together to find a new home for the program due to construction at Paint Branch ES. The program was made possible through the 21st Century Grant Program obtained by The Stars Foundation. The Stars Foundation hired high school interns from Bowie High School (HS), High Point HS, and Fairmont HS to work directly with Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) educators and students in dance, poetry, fitness, soccer, and coding. The goal of the summer program was to get back to creating on all levels with students to ultimately challenge them physically, academically, and socially each day.

Students who were eligible for the program took daily classes in computer coding, health and fitness, and spoken word and communication. The students came from either MLK or Paint Branch Elementary. We've come a long way from the days of kickball and arts and crafts.

I spent some time talking with the staff and students involved, and everyone raved about the program. The coding teacher, Steve Cottington from Fairmont High School, said there were about "40 kids in the program, and it's great because it strives to expose the kids to different types of skills." In

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#### **BARC Public Field Day Returns**

By Jim Butcher

After an extended absence, Public Field Day at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center returns for 2016! Have BARC's annual Field Days been missed? Many a Beltsville resident undoubtedly would answer that question with a loud and certain, "Yes." For instance, a Beltsville Mom that I was chatting with just the other day reminisced, "Why every year I took my kids and their friends to BARC Field Day. They loved it." Never mind, she went on, that those kids have long since graduated from college and now are out and about in the world. When the kids come home to Beltsville for a visit they still laugh and talk about the fun and joys and things learned at BARC Field Days long-past.

The event this year will be on Saturday, September 10, from 10am – 2pm. You won't want to miss it. No hayrides this year. But there will be face painting for the kids and the Beltsville Lions Club will be on hand to sell their famous hot dogs and cold drinks. The Lions also will have their vision screening machines to offer free screening for vision acuity.

The event will be at the same location as in past years; that is, in front of the landmark clocktower building across Route 1 from

the 14-story National Agricultural Library. If you are a student at the Beltsville Academy, or the parent of such a student, you might want to stop by the booth of the Friends of Agricultural Research-Beltsville to check out a collage of BAC student posters carried over from the most recent FAR-B co-sponsored Mobile Science Laboratory visit to the school.

BARC's world-renowned agricultural scientists will display over 18 exciting research exhibits put together just for this special event. The exhibits are far too many to list here, but just these few topics may stimulate your curiosity: an observation bee hive; plants and climate change research; agricultural pest control--naturally; sensing our world; sustainable tropical plants; how insects impact our food; and fungi and agriculture: the good, the bad, and the weird.

In other words, come out to BARC Public Field Day to discover how agricultural research affects our daily lives. Learn about, among other things, the impacts of a changing climate, plant genetic diversity for the future of agriculture, and how insects affect our food. Most of all come to have good family fun and consider trying one of those delicious Lions Club hot dogs. It's all for a good cause



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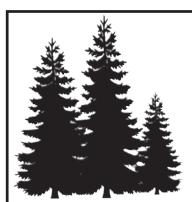
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## Summertime Blues

The summer of 2016 will be best remembered for the heated discussions on the upcoming election and the sweltering heat. In the design world though, wellknown local designers, Michael Richards and Valerie Kabelac of Will's Home Decorating in Beltsville, are exuberantly celebrating the sudden industrywide rejuvenation of cool shades of blues, injected into the newest selections of wallpaper and fabric patterns. According to Michael, "exciting shades of blues have been ever present in Benjamin Moore's fabulous paint palette, but you could not find any coordinating blues in bedding, wall coverings or drapery fabrics over the last two years, until recently. As a result, my clients were unable to update their rooms if they were using blue tones." Not anymore though. Over the last three months, many fresh, vibrant shades of not only blues, but also striking introductions of greens and yellows can easily be found.

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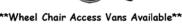


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#### **Neighbors in the News**

#### Local Pastor Consecrated as Bishop

Restoration House International's senior pastor was consecrated as a bishop by One Way Churches International in Baltimore, Maryland. Bishop Kenneth Chism founded the multicultural ministry Restoration House International nearly eight years ago in Silver Spring, MD, and in 2012 relocated the ministry to its current address. Bishop Chism later founded Restoration House South in Bowling Green, VA, in 2014.

One Way Churches International, a fellowship of churches based in the United States with locations abroad, appointed Bishop Chism as general secretary in 2011. Bishop Chism provides spiritual guidance, direction, and oversight to churches in the states of Maryland, New York, North Carolina, and Virginia.

Recognizing his pastoral tenure and consecration to the bishopric, Restoration House International



Bishop Kenneth Chism

will celebrate Bishop Chism's 7<sup>th</sup> pastoral anniversary on Sunday, August 21, at 10 am. There will be contemporary worship music with a live group, guest presentations, and free giveaways for first-time visitors. The celebration will be at Restoration House International, 4600 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD.



Olivia Carter, a college student member of Beltsville Adventist Church, works alongside Joe Sloan, the chairman of the church's board of trustees. Digging out grass and leveling the dirt was a tougher task than organizers had imagined, but the members and the other volunteers stayed with the task until the "peaceful oasis for the patrol officers" was done.

## Volunteers Help Create "Peaceful Oasis" for Beltsville Police

The Beltsville police station has a peaceful patio where the Prince George's County officers stationed there can catch a break from the hectic pace of patrol thanks to the efforts of the Beltsville Seventh-day Adventist Church and other community groups.

"We wanted to show our support for our local police officers in a tangible way," said Pastor Tim Madding of the church. "We asked what would be best, and the public safety officers said a patio would be a terrific way to show our support."

The patio wasn't completed until July, even though the project began in April. "It was more complex than we thought it would be." Pastor Madding said. "I'm proud of our members and the other volunteers who stuck with the task

to create this expression of our gratitude and support."

The church invited the police officers to come to its worship service on Saturday, April 2. The pastor thanked the officers for their service and then invited the officers to the platform and prayed for their safety.

At that point, the pastor announced the building project to help police have a place to focus their thoughts and rebuild their energies. "And maybe grill a burger or two!" Madding added with a smile.

The project took a longer than expected. Church members arrived with pickaxes, rakes, shovels, and other gear needed to tame the

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#### Officials Announce New Vision For Laurel Regional Hospital

City of Laurel Mayor Craig A. Moe, Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker, and President and CEO of the University of Maryland Medical System Robert Chrencik today announced a new path forward for Laurel Regional Hospital (LRH).

The agreement will keep in place all inpatient services currently offered at LRH through December 31, 2017 and will chart a course for enhanced health care options at the LRH campus after that.

The plan is contingent on Dimensions Health Corporation being awarded a Certificate of Need (CON) to build a new regional medical center in Largo. Once the certificate is approved, current Dimensions facilities, including Laurel Regional Hospital, would become affiliates of the University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS).

"Over the course of several months, we have agreed on a vision and plan for the transformation and modernization of Laurel Regional Hospital and we look forward, pending all necessary regulatory approvals, to make the vision a reality," Mr. Chrencik says.

This announcement is the culmination of a yearlong effort, spearheaded by Mayor Moe and other County elected officials, after the Dimensions Board of Directors voted on July 30, 2015

to transition Laurel Regional Hospital into an ambulatory care cen-

Mayor Moe will co-chair a Strategic Planning Work Group along with UMMS Surgeon-in-Chief Stephen Bartlett, M.D.to get community input and make recommendations on how to improve the delivery of healthcare in Laurel and Northern Prince George's county. The SPWG will also make recommendations about whether a new facility should be built or if Laurel Regional Hospital's existing campus will be renovated.

"We appreciate UMMS' commitment to move forward and focus on continuity of service and modernization of the current facility, "Mayor Moe says. "And just as important, we appreciate the opportunity to have the community involved in shaping the future of healthcare here."

At a community forum attended by dozens of LRH supporters Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker pledged to get input from residents as the plan to build the regional medical center and change health care delivery in the area progressed.

"With the establishment of the strategic working group, the community will play an important role in crafting the type of medical service the area would like and will utilize." County Executive Baker says.

Prince George's County Coun-

cilwoman Mary Lehman was heavily involved over the last year to see this plan come to light, along State Senator Jim Rosapepe of the 21st District.

"If UMMS takes over LRH, I look forward to working with them and local residents, employees, and others to redesign it as a high tech, 21st Century community healthcare facility for the Laurel area," Rosapepe says.

Many employees at Laurel Regional Hospital are represented by SEIU Local 1199. The SPWG will review opportunities for alternate placement and re-training for current LRH employees as the facility transitions.

"Our union is proud to have joined with the Laurel community and elected officials in advocating for continued quality care in Prince Georges County. As caregivers, we are pleased that we have created this working group that will ensure that patients and employees are considered as we design how health care is provided in Maryland," Registered Nurse Cynthia Medavarpu says. The Maryland Health Care Commission is expected to make a final decision on the Certificate of Need for the regional medical center by the end of the year. Additional appointments to the Strategic Planning Work Group are expected within the next few weeks.



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gram is Egypt and the experiences of Joseph in Egypt. Joseph is a biblical character from the Old Testament whose life includes being sold as a slave to a powerful family in Egypt, then getting thrown in a dungeon, and afterwards rising to become the second most powerful person in the kingdom. It closes with Joseph being reunited with-and reconciled to-the very brothers who sold him into slavery.

"The story shows how forgiveness is the most powerful human emotion," said Sonia Perez, associate pastor of the church and leader of VBS. "The programs all help children learn the joy of being forgiven, and of forgiving

A secondary theme is bullying. Joseph was bullied by his older brothers and by being sold into slavery. Lessons will help children who may face bullying.

The church often has more than 150 people attend its VBS programs, and there's room for more. The program starts at 8:45 each morning and runs until 12:15 p.m. The final program is an hourlong family celebration, starting at noon on Saturday, August 6.

Any child between kindergarten and 6th grade may attend. Parents or guardians may register children at the door on Monday morning, August 1. Or parents can preregister children online at https:// mychurchconnect.ccbchurch.com/ form\_response.php?id=39.

The church is located at 4200 Ammendale Road at the corner of Ammendale, Old Gunpowder, and Powder Mill roads.

#### Fall 2016 English classes at Emmanuel UMC

The beginning of another Fall semester of ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) classes at Emmanuel UMC begins August 30 at 7 pm and run until November 15. Classes are on Tuesdays from 7-9pm and cost \$20. Fees will be refunded if you achieve perfect attendance. Child care is available. Listed below are the classes that are offered. You may choose which one to attend.

Beginning: In this class, students will learn basics of conversation, important words, days of the week, months of the year, and other information to help them start or continue to learn English. Students will learn English by speaking, writing, and acting out what they are studying in class.

**Intermediate A**: In this class, students will read short stories relating to activities with the family, at home, at work, or on holiday that will serve as bases for improving reading, comprehension, expanding vocabulary, and discussions about everyday life.

**Intermediate B:** Short articles from the Washington Post or from the "News You Can Use" newspapers will provide the foundations for exercises in reading, pronunciation, and comprehension, and will afford students great ways to increase vocabulary useful in everyday conversations and casual reading. Additionally, lessons will be supplemented with phonics drills that focus on difficult English vowel and consonant sounds.

Advanced: This level is for persons who know some English and want to practice speaking it. In current events, American culture, and traditions in their native countries. These conversations will help students expand their vocabulary, become more familiar with English grammar usage and help students feel more at ease speaking or talking to anyone in English.

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#### **Laurel Hospital won't** close; UMMS plans takeover by 2017

Last month the University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS) announced that it will:

- · take over Laurel Regional Hospital (LRH) soon after it gets approval for its new hospital in Largo (expected by early 2017)
- keep the hospital open and modernize it
- continue all current services at least through 2017
- work with Laurel and neighboring communities to plan modernization of LRH as a 21st Century community hospital

At a press conference, County Executive Rushern Baker, Council Member Mary Lehman, Laurel Mayor Craig Moe, several others and I endorsed UMMS' plan. Visit www.youtube.com/user/LaurelT-VOfficial to hear our comments.

#### Join the Delegates and me August 2 at the **Beltsville Police Station**

Delegates Barbara Frush, Joseline Peña-Melnyk, Ben Barnes, and I hope to see you Tuesday night August 2nd, 6:00-8:00 PM, for the 33rd Annual National Night Out. It will be held at the police station at Sellman and Montgomery Roads. Everything is free, including food, drinks, and



Senator Jim Rosapepe

fun activities for families. It's a great opportunity to strengthen the relationship between the police department and the community as well as see friends and neighbors and display Beltsville's commitment to keep crime out of our neighborhoods.

#### **Tax-Free Shopping Week August 14-20**

Just in time for back-to-school shopping, Maryland is helping working families by having a week of tax-free shopping. Clothing and footwear priced at \$100 or less per item will be exempt from Maryland's sales tax. A more detailed list of eligible items is available on the Comptroller's website at www. marylandtaxes.com.

#### **Powder Mill Road (MD** 212A) Project Update

Progress is underway for the Maryland State Highway Administration's (SHA) project to establish a consistent roadway width for vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians traveling along Powder Mill Road between Route 1 and Pine Street. The improved stretch of road will ensure two travel lanes (one in each direction), 4 feet wide shoulders, curb, and 5 feet wide sidewalks. The upgrades will enhance pedestrian safety, as well as improve traffic flow and safety. The design of the project is nearly complete; residents may see SHA surveyors this summer collecting topographic surveys. Right-of-way plats were issued in September 2015 and coordination with the affected property owners is ongoing. The earliest start for the construction phase is late summer 2017 and would last approximately 2 to 3 years.

#### **Contact us**

Please let us know if there are other issues you have questions or thoughts about. And, of course, feel free to be in touch if we can be of help to you. Just email 21stDistrictDelegation@gmail.com or call 301.858.3141.

## Restoration House International Announces **New Sunday Service Times**

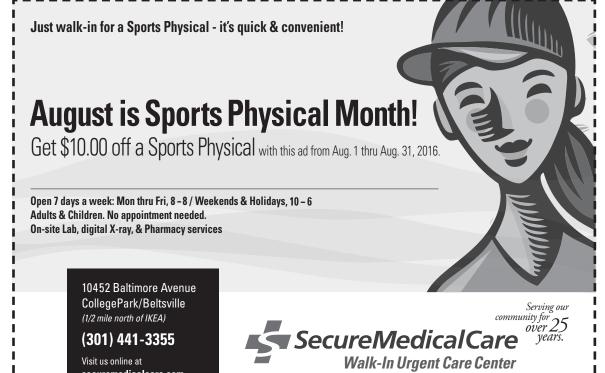
Restoration House International, the multicultural, contemporary church located in the heart of the Beltsville community, has officially changed its Sunday service time from 12:00 noon to 10:00 am. The change became effective on Sunday, July 3, 2016, part of several modifications as the church

enters its eighth year of serving the community.

Restoration House remains committed to serving and empowering its neighbors and will continue offering free HIV and AIDS awareness programs, cancer-awareness initiatives job- and resume-building workshops, and prison and homeless outreach projects. Through a partnership with Beltsville's Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School, Restoration House International will continue providing free tutoring services in its Excel Maryland

Visitors and members alike have described Restoration House's Sunday services as "empowering, lively, and refreshing." In addition to contemporary worship songs, the services feature a relevant, inspirational message from the senior pastor or member of the pastoral staff. Families with small children can enjoy specialized children's church services held during the main service.

Restoration House cordially invites the Beltsville community to attend Sunday service each week at 10:00 am. Restoration House is located at 4600 Powder Mill Road, Suite 300, Beltsville, MD 20705. There is ample free parking. For more information, please contact Imhotep Newsome, assistant pastor, at 877.315.4267 or email imhotep@restorationhouseintl.org.



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backyard patio area of the police station. They laid patio block in the shape of a cross, installed a grill and a picnic table, and created flower beds.

Church member Claudio Consuegra is a chaplain with Prince George's Police, and he suggested the idea of the patio. "Our law

enforcement officers need a place that's safe and away from the crowds they serve. I'm thrilled my church was willing to lead this project," he said

The Filipino-American Capital Seventh-day Adventist Church joined Beltsville Adventist Church, as did the Explorers, a youth group led by the Beltsville

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Members of the Women's Club of Beltsville with this year's scholarship winner, Linda Kuo

### Local Student Awarded Scholarship

The Women's Community Club of Beltsville is proud to announce the winner of this year's scholarship, Linda Kuo. Linda is a graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt

High School. She will be majoring in public health science at the University of Maryland in the fall. The Women's Club has been active in Beltsville since 1922.

The club has many projects in addition to the annual scholarship program and welcomes new members interested in community service.

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about the trees and insects along the trail.

We are now recruiting for new scouts. If you interested in discovering the fun of Cub Scouts with your son, please contact Regina Halper through www.BeAScout. org—just put in our zip code and look for Cub Pack 1031. New, rising 1st graders and older can join now, and beginning this year, kindergarteners can join a new Lion Den with their parent partner in September. Pack 1031 is always looking for parents who want to be involved in leading the Cub Scouts.

## Summer Fun at Scout Camp

By Rick Deery, Scoutmaster Troop 1033

Boy Scout Troop 1033 once again went to summer camp during the week of July 10 to 16 at the Delmarva Council's Camp Rodney Scout. Camp Rodney has more than 900 acres of land and a mile or more of waterfront on the Chesapeake Bay. The week the Troop went there were 550 or more scouts in the camp. Troop 1033 shared the Cheekacoo campsite with a troop from the Cradle of Liberty in Philadelphia. The troops shared flag raising, fire warden and various clean-

ing duties with scouts from two troops in the Beachcomber campsite right next door. The campsites are located just off the parade field making the trip to the retreat ceremonies merely a short walk. However not so short a walk were two times during the week a half-mile trek to the swimming pool in the early mornings for the "Polar Bear Swim" which preceded breakfast. Of course the dining hall was located near the campsite which means everyone walked a mile before breakfast. In the early part of the week, there was some rain, but dried up mid-week so that by the time the scouts left for home

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## TV Part 3: Tuners

## Streaming Boxes that Are Not Streaming Boxes

Last month we looked at streaming boxes. These devices connect directly to the television and allow you to watch Internet media without using a computer. Streaming Boxes are actually small computers that are programmed for a specific purpose. This capability is also built into many consumer products. Game machines like XBox and Playstation can be used as Media Centers and many Blu-ray players also provide the ability to view streaming services like Netflix and Vudu. Even some televisions (known as Smart TVs) have the ability built in. One problem with using these devices is many of them have the features built-in as a buying incentive, but the manufacturer never updates the device firmware to keep up with the current capabilities of the streaming services.

#### **Tuners**

A Tuner is used to receive a broadcast television signal. A television station is selected by tuning into the frequencies used to broadcast the signal for the specific channel. The Signal is decoded into a video signal or stream. A

tuner is built into every television (otherwise it is a monitor and not a television) but tuners are not built into most computers.

There are tuner accessories that Hauppauge tuner

can be added or connected to your computer or network. In general there are three ways to connect a tuner to the computer; use an internal card that connects to the computers bus, an external device that uses an USB connection, or a network device that connects through a local area network connection.

A tuner must also be connected to an antenna or to a cable provider in order to receive a signal. If you connect to a cable provider it is best to select a tuner that supports cable-card technology. Without cable-card the device will only be able to decode stations that are not encrypted by the cable company. Comcast currently supports one cable card without additional cost; Verizon charges \$5 per month for a cable card.

The standard for modern over the air (OTA) broadcasts is ATSC (Advance Television Systems Committee). This standard allows for High Definition (HD) or Standard Definition (SD) TV signals to be sent using radio signals. A different standard QAM (Quadrature Amplitude Modulation) is used by cable systems. I have

not included satellite TV in this discussion because it is complex enough to merit its own separate article.

A quick search online will show a number of TV tuners available, however two brands are well supported by third party software; Hauppauge, and Silicon Dust.

Hauppauge makes several different tuners designed to be directly connected to the com-

plug into the PCI or PCI Express bus in the computer and expose antenna connectors. USB devices connect to a USB port on one side and

puter. Internal cards

an antenna on the other. All of these devices support both ATSC for over the air broadcasts and QAM for unencrypted cable channels. Most devices support multiple tuners so one channel can be watched while a different channel is recorded by the computer. Hauppauge currently makes two cable cards devices, one requires a PC and the other connects directly to the local area network, allowing any computer on the network with the correct software to view TV programs.

Silicon Dust creates a cablecard tuner that works only with a cable provider (like Comcast or Verizon) and two different noncable card tuners that support ATSC or QAM signals for overthe-air or unencrypted cable. All Silicon Dust consumer products connect through the local network allowing the tuners to be shared by multiple computers.

This wraps up the column for this month, next month we will take a break from this topic and discuss "Back to School" and look at computer choices for the school year.





#### **UNIT 217**

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cessfully completed another year of service. The members of our unit are especially grateful for the 13 Certificates we earned in our size category. There are 119 American Legion Auxiliary Units in the state of Maryland and we are divided up into different size categories so competition is equitable. We are extremely pleased that the efforts of the members of Unit 217 to serve our Veterans, our Youth and our Community were deemed award worthy. Our Unit may be small but our hearts are big. We are truly dedicated to the mission of the American Legion

Auxiliary.

We must brag a bit about one of Unit 217's junior members, Olivia Antigua, who attended Girls State in June. Girls State is a Leadership Program that only which teaches government on City, County and State levels. Girls who have just completed their junior year of high school are the only ones who may attend. The girls campaign and elections are held for all elected offices and at the end of the week the Governor and Lieutenant Governor as well as Senior and Junior Senators are elected by their peers. Olivia was elected Junior Senator

**UNIT 217** 

#### **Obituaries**

All obituary notices unless otherwise noted come to us from Borgwardt Funeral Home, www. borgwardtfuneralhome.com

#### Bragg, Charles "Charlie"

On Sunday, July 3, the beloved husband of Georgia Bragg for 55 years; loving father of Charles Bragg, Jr., and Deborah Bragg; grandfather of Michael, Brandy, Kenneth, Robert, and Laura Bragg, Tyler, Amber, and Austin Robey; great-grandfather of 9; passed away. The memorial service was held at the University Park Church of Christ, 6420 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782 on Saturday, July 9 at 10 am.

#### **Emery, Billie JoAnn**

On Saturday, June 18, the beloved wife of the late Francis Q. Emery passed away. She was the loving mother of Sharon M. (Chuck) Walker, Arthur C. Emery, and the late Lisa A. McCloskey; sister of Sara Owings and the late David Kirchner; grandmother of Charles William "CW" Emery, Jonathan R. Emery, Alyssa M. Walker, and Shelby L. Walker; great-grandmother of 3. The Funeral service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD, on Wednesday, June 22, at 11:00 am with the Reverend Keith Holland officiating. Interment was held at Maryland Veteran's Cemetery, Cheltenham, MD, on Tuesday, June 28, at 2:30 pm.

#### Chotiner, Ann B

On Tuesday, July 19, the beloved wife of 70 years to the late Allan I. Chotiner; mother of Barbara Ann Chotiner, Kathleen Chotiner (B. Thomas) Harter and Nancy Chotiner (James A.) Schretter, sister of John Bat; grandmother of John (Heather) Harter, Michael Harter, Emily (Patrick) Ball, Jennifer Schretter and Catherine Schretter; great grandmother of Maxwell and Walker passed away. The Funeral mass was held at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church 135 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD on Tuesday, July 26. Interment Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Ann B. and Allan I. Chotiner Endowed Undergraduate Fund sent to College of Arts and Sciences, University of Alabama, Box 870268, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0268.

### Turek, Sr., Raymond, USMC, Ret.

On Tuesday, July 19, the beloved husband of Loretta A. Turek (nee King); father of Raelene (Ronald) Bauer, Raymond J. Turek Jr. and Michael G. Turek; grandfather of Ben Turek and Marla Bauer; also survived by many siblings, nieces and nephews passed away. Funeral mass was held at St. Mary of the Mills

Catholic Church 114 St. Mary's Place, Laurel, MD on Saturday, July 23 at 11 a.m. Interment Gate of Heaven Cemetery.



Michael Yung-An Yu in Chinese Air Force military uniform while serving in the Chinese Air Force and U.S. Air Force.

#### Yu, Michael Yung-An: Senior Gold Medalist Olympian and Aeronautical Import-Export Entrepreneur

Michael Yung-An Yu, 94, of Highland, MD, passed away at home on June 24, surrounded by family. He had suffered from heart disease and cancer.

A longtime Beltsville resident, Yu was born in a small farming community in Hangzhou, China, and, coming from a poor Chinese village, never had an opportunity to complete his secondary education. Yet, later he was enrolled and commissioned into the Chinese Air Force where he grew through the ranks to captain. He served and provided technical support to the famous Flying Tigers during World War II.

In 1946, he came to the U.S. and worked in conjunction with the U.S. Air Force. He never forgot his roots and decades later financially supported building a footbridge and rest stop in Hangzhou to aid weary travelers.

Yu was a successful importerexporter of military, aerospace, and aeronautical hardware and supplies, co-founding Beltsvillebased Tomike Corporation in 1958 as well as Universal Manufacturing and Supply Corporation in 1952. He also held two jointly owned United States patents for a method of treating solar cells and traffic detection and control. He was listed in Who's Who in the East and Who's Who in Aviation.

An avid fisherman who could play a mean harmonica, Yu also dedicated his senior years to athletic competition at the state Senior Olympics held in Towson, MD. For 10 years straight, he competed in basketball, the triple and long jumps, table tennis, the shot put, and the 100-meter run. He took the games seriously and began training months in advance with his son-in-law at Beltsville Community Center. He

walked away proudly with 70 medals all told—the majority were gold—as well as with friendships and fellowship.

Said his family in an email, "Even though he grew up very poor without the opportunity for an education, he was the smartest man we ever knew. He was determined and succeeded in seeing his six children go on to receive undergraduate and graduate degrees. He was extremely patriotic and proud to be an American."

For more than 50, years he resided in Beltsville, MD, where he was the first Chinese American inducted as a member of the Knights of Columbus. Further, he was an active parishioner at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Beltsville. Five years ago, Yu moved to Highland, MD, to be closer to family members in Howard County.

Yu was preceded in death by two sons: Dr. Gerard V. Yu of Strongsville, OH, and John F. Yu of Knoxville, TN. Yu leaves his wife of 63 years, Maria Chang Yu of Highland, MD; son and daughter-in-law James V. and Roberta (Bobbie) Yu of Avon, CT; daughter Pattie Yu of Potomac, MD; daughter and son-in-law Bernadette Yu Kaiser and Richard Kaiser of Highland, MD; daughter and sonin-law Dr. Angelita Yu-Crowley and Jim Crowley Jr. of Abingdon, MD; daughter-in-law Barbara Yu of Strongsville, OH; and 15 loving grandchildren including Christina Yu of CT; Jason, Ashley, Nicole, Cheryl, and Sandra Yu of OH; Wesley Yu of TN; Tarek and Yasmina Hussein of Potomac, MD; Matthew, David, and Danny Kaiser of Highland, MD; and Brit-



Michael Yung-An Yu proudly wears his gold medals after participating in the Maryland Senior Olympics in Towson, MD.

tany, Jimmy, and Hunter Crowley of Abingdon, MD. He also leaves an older brother, Dr. Yu ShanDe, a famous Chinese medicine doctor in Hangzhou.

He also leaves behind an additional legacy, built of the more

than 20 Chinese friends and relatives whom he sponsored to enter the United States to seek a better education and quality of life.

He was laid to rest at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, 13081 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20906. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) c/o 13201 Deanmar Drive, Highland, MD 20777.

Donations will go towards the Beltsville Community Center, where Yu had worked out daily training for the Maryland Senior Olympics.

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#### Riderwood Says Thank You to Calverton Fire/EMS Station 841 through Kitchen Renovation

When it comes to answering the call of duty, residents and employees of Riderwood retirement community have always been able to count on the Prince George's County Fire Department.

Specifically, Calverton Fire/EMS Station 841 located on nearby Powder Mill Road has partnered with the Riderwood security team to provide emergency services when needed at the Erickson Living retirement community's 120-acre campus.

To show appreciation for that long-standing relationship, employees and vendors associated with Riderwood took on a project of their own.

They shared their creativity, expertise, labor, and supplies to renovate the kitchen and lounge area of Calverton Station 841. Starting in early June, the group did demolition work, painted walls, hooked up appliances, and installed drop ceiling tiles, lighting, and flooring.

Eddie Bharucha, the customer service and communications manager at Riderwood, coordinated the project with employee volunteers and the staff from three area vendors: Business Flooring, Inc.; Cypress Contracting; and Hacker Painting. The estimated worth of the project is \$20,000.

On July 8, a celebratory reveal took place at the fire station. Project leaders and the Calverton Station crew were joined by Prince



SAYING THANK YOU: Riderwood employees and three of its vendors partnered to renovate the kitchen and lounge area at Calverton Fire/ **EMS Station** 841 on Powder Mill Road. A celebratory reveal was held at the station on July 8 with those involved in the project.

George's County Fire Department Chief Marc S. Bashoor for a brief ceremony and refreshments.

Gary Hibbs is the executive director of Riderwood. He attended the event and talked about the value of having the dedicated team of firefighters and EMS personnel from Station 841 so close.

"The safety and well-being of our residents is at the top of our list in creating the foundation for a great community and a great life for each resident," said Mr. Hibbs. "This partnership with our neighbors goes a long way in cementing this foundation firmly in place."

Riderwood employees are encouraged to seek volunteer opportunities that serve the surrounding community.

"Our dedicated team recognizes the dedication of our neighbors at Station 841. The generosity of our employees and vendors demonstrates a genuine, heartfelt appreciation for all they do to help us in our mission to create a vibrant life for those we mutually serve," noted Mr. Hibbs.



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## District 6 Police Explorers

The District 6 Police Explorer's just returned from the 2016 National Explorer Convention in Flagstaff Arizona. They placed 4th in Driving Skills and 3rd in Physical Fitness. Below are comments from several of the Police Explorers who attended the convention.

To start off I'd like to say this trip was nothing short of amazing. This was my second conference and I went in with the mindset that it would be my last and I would do everything in my power to make sure 600 would not leave empty handed. We trained so hard to be able to feel prepared for conference and I think we did an amazing job.

We were all very emotional after the Closing ceremony knowing this was our last conference as explorers but we gave it our all and were the only post in PG County to walk away with awards.

It was the best experience of my life. This was my first and sadly my last conference as an explorer. I learned and gained so much from this trip from PGPD as well as the other organizations that attended the conference. I only regret one thing and that is that I didn't join the explorers earlier.

I am extremely proud of my

post, post 600. We gave it our all, gained a bigger bond with our new recruits and other posts from all around. I cannot express how thankful I am of our advisors for

helping us get through this and giving us the chance to once again

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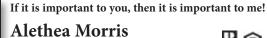
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#### **Neighbors in the News**

## Top African Restaurant in the USA Opens its Doors in Beltsville

July 13, 2016 marked a new era for Swahili Village Bar and Grill and the residents in the historic City of Beltsville. Known for its innovations and being home to one of the largest federal research centers in the world, Beltsville will now claim its place in the history books as host to the finest African restaurant globally with the opening of Swahili Village Bar and Grill's new location. The new location is the result of hardworking, vision and dedication and has been inspected by Maryland Prince George's County agents to ensure every single detail is according to the strict code and guidelines for restaurants.

The official opening of Swahili Village Bar and Grill's new location at 10800N Rhode Island Ave, Beltsville, Maryland; is set to revolutionize the concept of African restaurants both nationally and internationally. A jewel in the works from the groundbreaking in late 2014, the restaurant has been developed with customer satisfaction top on the agenda. It is a topnotch experience from the moment one walks in and views the details that have been captured in the rich wooden finishing, lighting and interior décor that is a reflection of the bold authentic Kenyan cuisine that will be served. Billed to carve a place on the national wine and dining arena, Swahili Village has maintained a steady growth since its inception back in 2009. The new location has expanded seating and parking



Kenyan Ambassador to the United States His Excellency Robinson Githae (Right) is welcomed to the Tape-cutting ceremony by Kevin Onyona and his Wife Lynn accompanied by their two daughters who presented a boutique of flowers.

in response to the popularity of its Kenyan cuisine that mirrors a Kenyan family's dining table.

The Kenyan Ambassador to the United States His Excellency Robinson Githae kicked off the grand opening with a tape cutting ceremony. The unveiling at the ceremony in June 2016 was a showcase of what Swahili Village Bar and Grill had to offer in fine dining, carryout and catering services. It was attended by African Union Mission in DC Mr. Tarek Ben Yousef, Tanzanian Ambassador H.E Wilson Mashilingi, Namibian Ambassador H.E Martin Andjaba, Maryland State Delegate Joseline A Pena-Melnyk, Vice President Dr Or Prince George's County

Economic Development Corporation Dr. Ganguly among other Stakeholders to share in the major accomplishment of the owner, Kevin Onyona.

Based on family values and a desire to follow the love of his life, Kevin Onyona's packed his bags back in Kenya August 1999 to come visit Lynn Senda, then an undergraduate student pursuing her degree at Howard University, Washington DC. "Lynn would not let me go back to Kenya without a promise" Kevin narrating his experience back then. Returning home, he knew one day he would return to marry Lynn.

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## This Side of Mercy...

"Peaceful Submission" - C.J.

I admit I have nothing admirable to offer You Lord... At least none worthy of Your excruciating plan of

My spirit suffers in tangled knots demanding Answers from within...

How can I possibly bring You glory? No answer seems to suffice. I am distraught because of my limitations, Collecting only broken dreams, And feeling as if I will only fail You...time and again.

I am only left to speculate, Lord, did You create me wrong?

Sometimes I regrettably get distracted, And resist Your plans for my life. I occasionally question or ignore Your voice Until I am finally a sheep led astray.

But You, dear Jesus, are faithful! You search for me like the Good Shepherd. I discover I am blameless in Your sight Because of Your sacrifice, not mine.

Although it hurts to give up certain dreams, I cast out *all* beliefs that my own plans are superior! You humble me in Your presence... Who am I to judge Your Holy purpose for my life?

I painfully surrender all my broken dreams, The dreams that I can sadly never fulfill... But as I submit my will to You, O Lord, I am faithful You will soon be my peace...

Jesus, I know You have exciting plans for me... More awesome than I can ever imagine! Center my dreams around You, Lord, And I will always be a conqueror!

I just have an irresistible passion to serve You! Let Your will be done, not mine. I refuse to believe I have nothing to bring You! Because You have already equipped me for the race.

And thank You, Jesus, I know it is *faith* that brings righteousness, And You tell me, I am not a mistake...

Psalm 139:14 "I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

## Happenings at the College Park Moose Lodge

Sunday, August 21, there will be an all-you-can-eat shrimp feast with all the trimmings from 2:00–5:00 pm. Tickets are \$22 and must be purchased in advance. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets can be purchased at the lodge located at 3700 Metzerott Road, College Park, Maryland. For information, please call 301.935.5525.

Here is a list of other upcoming events at the lodge so that you can mark your calendar. All events are open to the public.

Sunday, September 18 - Bull & Oyster Roast

Saturday, October 15 - Nashville Star, Chad Reinhart

Saturday, October 29 - Tommy Edward & His Great Band Performing Rod Stewart Music

Saturday, November 19 - Country & Western Night

Saturday, December 10 - Johnny Seaton's Christmas Show

Saturday, December 31 - New Year's Eve Celebration with The Fabulous Bel Airs

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Emotions are a faulty guide and often lead astray.
Circumstances dictate terms which frail hearts fear to pay,
As evil's raging appetite lays eagerly in wait.

All throughout the Holy Book invaluable are lines
That map for lowly seeking ones where treasure they may find.
"Fear the Lord, and turn from sin so that the foolish bend
Of man's corrupted nature can be severed from its end".

Who is He that draws the heart with buckets full of grace? The One Who perfectly obeyed that He might take man's place. He has feared His Father, God, and turned His wrath away So man could drink from wisdom's well for understandings' sake.

Jesus is where all is found, He makes men's pathways bright; Dispelling with His righteousness all shadows of the night. Shining stars are those who walk like Him in humble tread, Not looking to themselves, but Him for how they should be led.

Rebecca Hutchings 10/27/08

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and will be attending, along with the Senior Senator, Girls Nation in July where Federal Government is taught. Olivia has stated she will be campaigning for the office of President, look out Obama!

There will be two fundraisers held at the end of July. On July 29 there is a Spaghetti dinner complete with meat sauce, salad, garlic bread and dessert from 5:30 PM until 7. The cost is a mere \$8. On July 31 there will be a "Battle

of the Bands" from 1 PM until 7 all to benefit the Schwinn Family who lost their home in a fire. One of their children is still being treated at Johns Hopkins Burn Unit. A donation of \$15 will give you the pleasure of listening and dancing all day while supporting a very good cause. We are here for our community when someone reaches out to us.

May God continue to bless America and keep our troops safe around the world as they strive for Peace amongst nations.



The Beltsville Young At Heart celebrated their 50th anniversary! Pictured (from left to right) Rosa Stiggers, Gladys Brown, Marlene Adams, Mary Dove and Peggy Dee

## New Club for Beltsville Youth Coming Soon

Are you interested in photography, journalism, graphic design, or arts & crafts? If so, the Yoo Club might be perfect for you! Yoo Club (which stands for Youth Opportunity Outreach Club) is a program designed for kids ages 9-13 to become more involved in their community while growing their skills in any of the four activities listed above. Sponsored

by the Beltsville Lions Club, the Yoo Club was created to provide youth with opportunities to serve, lead, and work as a team, while encouraging the integration of different cultures and demographics.

Members of the Yoo Club will participate in hand-on creative projects, work with local college students as their mentors, and even go on field trips related to marketing and communications. The Yoo Club staff will be at the National Night Out in Beltsville on August 2 from 6-8pm to answer any questions you might have. We are very excited to get this program launched this fall! If you want to learn a little more about the Yoo Club, visit our Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/theYooClub



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#### **AREA EVENTS**

Please contact the individual facilities regarding late changes or updates to hours of operations.

#### **MONTPELIER MANSION & ART** CENTER

9650 Muirkirk Rd., Laurel, MD 20708. Phone: 301.377.7817. TTY: 301.699.2544. E-mail: montpeliermansion@pgparks.com. Contact the Art Center at 301.377.7800 regarding art and photography classes. 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. The grounds are open from dawn until dusk every day of the year and access is free of charge.

#### **BLAST-IN-THE-PAST: A HANDS-ON HISTORY PLAYGROUND**

The playground event continues through August 6 (closed Wednesdays) from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Montpelier's grounds will be transformed into a kid-sized colonial village! Young visitors can camp out on the frontier, design a hat at the milliners, harvest crops at the farm, and participate in other fun activities. Come for an hour or stay for the day. Cost: Residents \$2; Non-residents \$3. Dinosaur Activity Room included in fee. All ages welcome.

#### **COLLEGE PARK AVIATION** MUSEUM

1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Dr., College Park, MD 20740. Phone: 301.864.6029. TTY: 301.699.2544. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, except for most major holidays. Cost: \$4/adults, \$3/ seniors, \$2/children, free/age 1 and under. See CollegeParkAviationMuseum. com for more information and events.

#### **ENGINEERING CHALLENGE SERIES: BALSA FLYERS**

Sat., Aug. 20 at 2 p.m. Modify a balsa Jetstream motor plane to fly as many laps as possible around a pylon. Planes will be tethered to the pylon by a 5-foot line. More information and a complete set of rules can be found at www. FieldofFirsts.com. Ages for contestants: 8 years old and up; no cost for participating. Non-participants may attend, but must pay the regular cost of admission to the museum.

#### LAUREL-BELTSVILLE SENIOR **ACTIVITY CENTER**

Address: 7120 Contee Rd., Laurel, MD 20707, around the corner from the Laurel Regional Hospital. Phone: 301.206.3350. Fax: 301.206.3387. TTY: 301.446.3402. 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. Contact the center regarding classes and events for August. 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 meeting will take place on Wed., Aug. 10 at 10:30 a.m. An update of our currently scheduled trips for 2016, as well as our 50th anniversary celebrations, will be given and a special program for seniors will be provided by Partners in Care. Sign-up & pay for the luncheon by Wed., Aug. 3.

#### THURSDAY MOVIE MATINEES

Thur., Aug. 11 see Creed. Thur., Aug. 25 see War Room. Movie time is 10 a.m. We'll supply the popcorn and you enjoy the movie. Free.

#### **NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER**

10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. Main phone: 301.497.5772. See fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent/visit/NWVC.html. The entrance is accessed from Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore-Washington Pkwy. and Rt. 197. Regular hours of operation for the Visitor Center are: Fri. – Wed. from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closed Thursdays and federal holidays. Regular hours of operation for the trails and grounds are: Open daily from sunrise to sunset, except for federal holidays. Free admission to the Visitor Center and its exhibits, grounds, and trails, Space in public programs is limited. Registration is by phone only and is required unless otherwise specified — call 301.497.5887. Note: These public programs are designed for individuals/families. Programs are subject to changes or cancellation due to weather or low participation. Activities and events are free of charge if not noted, but donations to the Friends of Patuxent are always appreciated. Please advise us of any special needs so that we may accommodate you. Contact the Visitor Center regarding events for August

#### **DAILY TRAM TOURS**

The tram will run daily at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. (except for Thursdays and federal holidays) until Aug. 30.

#### **LEARN TO FISH**

Thursdays, Aug. 4 and 11 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Ages 15 and under. Learn how to cast a rod, identify types of fish and enjoy the experience of fishing in this hands-on program for children. All fishing equipment will be provided and registered participants will meet at the Visitor Center. Space is limited; participants may select a single date.

#### **BELTSVILLE EVENTS**

Please contact the individual facilities

regarding late changes or updates to hours of operation.

**AUGUST 2015** 

Calendar of Events

#### THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)

The library is free and open to the public and parking is free. Hours of operation: 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. Main phone number: 301.504. 5755. NAL is on Twitter at http://twitter.com/#!/National\_Ag\_Lib. See NAL.USDA.gov for more information.

#### **BEHNKE NURSERIES GARDEN** CENTER

11300 Baltimore Ave. Admission to the Garden Party is free. Please call 301.937.1100, ext. 0 or see Behnkes. com for more information and specific times of various events.

#### YOUR LAWN CARE PROGRAM STARTS NOW!

Sat., Aug. 13 at 11 a.m. Tall fescue lawns are not naturally occurring, native plantings. For the best results, they do need a little help from people. Some choose to use a lawn company, but, with the right program, you can have a beautiful green lawn the DIY way for less money. Carol Allen will show you how to have a healthy, green lawn.

#### **BEST ALL-AROUND LANDSCAPE SHRUBS**

Sat., Aug. 27 at 11 a.m. Having worked with shrubs for many years, Christopher Lewis has a definite list of favorites. Join him today as he shares this list with specific emphasis on color, form, hardiness, and ease of care.

#### **BELTSVILLE LIBRARY**

The library is located at 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., and Sat. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Sunday. Visit our library system website at www.pgcmls. info to use our online library services and to check for weather-related closings.

#### PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND **FAMILIES**

#### **SUMMER MEAL SERVICE**

Summer meals are provided to children ages birth through age 18 years Monday through Friday from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. This program ends Fri., Aug. 5.

#### **CHESS CLUB**

Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Drop in to learn to play or improve your game.

All ages.

#### PRESCHOOL STORYTIMES

Tuesdays at 7 p.m., repeated on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Ages 3 - 5.

#### **READY TO READ TODDLER STORYTIME**

Wednesday mornings at 11:30 a.m. for ages 2-3.

#### **SUMMER@YOUR LIBRARY**

The Summer Reading Program is in full swing! Drop by the library or go online to register for reading fun and activities, both at home and at the library, and collect your prizes (while supplies last). All ages. This program ends Mon., Aug. 15.

#### **STEM FOR FAMILIES**

Wed., Aug. 3 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The movie Inside Out will be shown. Ages

#### **MOVIE SCREENING**

Thur., Aug. 4 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The movie is Creed. Ages 13 - 18

#### **SCIENCE IN THE SUMMER**

Wed., Aug. 10 and Thur., Aug. 11 from 12 noon to 4:30 p.m. There will be two levels each day. Level 1 will take place from 12 noon to 2 p.m. and Level 2 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please call 301-937-0294 for more information and to register.

#### **FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

Mon., Aug. 15 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. T D Bank will present WOW! Zone, a free one-of-a-kind program that helps kids K-12 develop strong financial skills.

#### **WACKY WEATHER**

Thur., Aug. 18 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Join NBC 4's Doug Kammerer who will talk about his experiences and our wacky weather! All ages.

#### **TAIL WAGGIN' TUTOR**

Sat., Aug. 20 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Children read to a dog. Ages 5 - 12. For information, call or visit the Branch.

#### **PROGRAM FOR ADULTS**

#### **JOB INTERVIEWING SEMINAR**

Mon., Aug. 29 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Seminar 2 in Beltsville's Workforce Development Series. Job interviewing strategies. Call 301-937-0294 to register.

#### **BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER**

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. 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 August.

#### WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM

Tue., Aug. 9 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Come one, come all to our ice cream social. There will be various flavors and toppings available. Reservation required by Aug. 1; call the center to see if late reservations are possible. All ages welcome. Free.

#### **CAMP FIRE AND S'MORES**

Fri., Aug 12 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Celebrate S'mores Day around a camp fire. Teens will help make a camp fire while learning about fire safety. Then everyone will enjoy a tasty treat. Reservation required by Aug. 4. Ages 10 - 17. Free.

#### **OUTDOOR FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

Wed., Aug. 24 at 6 p.m. In honor of Family Fun Month come and spend time together while playing fun outdoor games. Families are invited out to compete in fun games such as kickball, capture the flag, and bocceball. Reservation required by Aug. 17. All ages welcome. Free.

#### YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

The Beltsville Young at Heart Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 12 noon. Members must be at least 55 years old. If you visit us three times you can become a member. We have speakers, entertainment, trips, 50/50, bingo, plus light refreshments. Call Jean at 301.879.4304 with any questions.

#### 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. Free. All ages.

#### XTREME TEENS AND PRE-TEENS REGU-LAR EVENTS

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

#### **VANSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER**

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 August.

#### XTREME TEENS AND PRE-TEENS REGU-LAR EVENTS

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

#### **COLOURS**

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his class, he and two senior interns from PGCPS spent time teaching the kids how to build websites. According to Keith Coutreyor, an incoming 6th grader at MLK, the coding was fun because he got to build two websites, one about himself and one about "tweens and fitness and healthy eating habits." All of the students created

and one of their choosing. Most of the dance classes were fun. Parthe kids I spoke to chose to build a site about teens and issues that affect them. For instance, Ester Sekatawa, an MLK 8th grader, built a site on peer pressure and different reactions to it.

The health and fitness portion of the program involved many topics such as health and nutrition classes, soccer classes, and dance classes. According to Akun-

two sites, one about themselves na Okonkwo, a rising 6th grader, ticipants learned different styles of dance ranging from the 1940's to now. Sometimes they would dress up in costumes of the period when doing the dances. Dancing isn't the only physical activity the students learned, however. According to 7th grader Justin Brent, participants learned soccer "skills and got to play tournaments, which was fun."

When people think about combeing a teenager, and constructing munication, most people don't recall poetry, but that is exactly what the students at Create Summer learned. The spoken word and communication portion of camp dealt with students learning to read, write, and perform their own poetry. They were allowed to create poems on several different topics according to 6th grader Sheldon Jones. These topics included writing on themselves, writing on

poetry about an inanimate object. They learned what it was like to be a teenager in different time periods and compared and contrasted them. They also did work in grammar to help their speaking and writing. After working on and refining the poems, the students performed them while

#### **COLOURS**



District 6 Police Explorers

#### **POLICE**

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be a part of this wonderful experience. I am thankful to all the businesses that helped to fund raise for us. Also thankful for Corporal Hibbert and for everything that

he has done and continues to do. He is a man with an enormous heart, who always puts us before himself. I hope that we didn't let anyone from our community, businesses and post down and that everyone is as proud as we are.

#### **RESTAURANT**

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created by the Beltsville firm of Jay Williams Design Company.

The overall new interior structure is a customized design by Kenyan architect Mark Kibutu of New York, who specializes in restaurants and spas. The "Open Kitchen" is a specially customized state of the art kitchen by PJD Design. It was created for the special menu that is offered. All the fantastic wooden interior workings and the wooden signs mentioned above the front door were created by local wood craftsman Alan Roberts of Maryland CNC. His wood decor creates a warm, soothing and restful atmosphere throughout the bar and dining areas.

The attractive booths and banquettes seating areas were custom designed by Linwood Williams of Alton Antiques & Interiors in Beltsville. Ten flat screen TVs are mounted in the sports bar area and throughout the dining areas. Happy hours are from 5 to 8PM.

Kevin Onyona stated that they are still currently focusing on hiring from Beltsville residents as well as creating a special menu for local businesses. The 150 person seating allows for a great facility for large meetings for most businesses and organizations and for special parties and events for the local Beltsville families to enjoy.

As you leave the wooden sign above the door reads "Asante" — Swahili for "Thank You".

#### **School News**

## **Emmanuel UMC Is Preparing for School**

By Rick Bergmann

It's hard to believe, but in a little over a month we will be talking about going back to school again. Emmanuel United Methodist Church (11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705) is preparing for this special time with a few activities on Aug. 21. First, Pastor Jacob Young will bless all student backpacks during the 9:00 am and 11:15 am services. If you or your student would like their backpack blessed, please attend one of the 2 services that day. There is no need for advanced notice. Also on that morning at 10:15, the Sun-

day School and Christian Education Department will be hosting a "Sundae Sunday" and open house in the fellowship hall. During this time, you can enjoy a free ice cream sundae as well as meet the teachers of our Sunday School and Bible Study classes for both adults and children. You will also be able to browse the curriculum for the fall sessions. Everyone in the community is invited to participate in this wonderful day, so if you are looking for a church home, join the people of Emmanuel and their community. You won't regret it!

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#### National Night Out - Tuesday, Aug 2, 5 - 8 pm

Enjoy music, games, prizes, police and fire-rescue demonstrations, pizza, barbecue, hot dogs, popcorn, climbing wall, moon bounce, skateboarding demonstration, raffle prizes and much, much more! Rear Parking Lot



#### Ping Pong & Pizza Thursday - Aug 11, 6 - 9pm

Enjoy 3 Brothers Pizza and Drink specials while you and your family enjoy playing Ping Pong, Monopoly, Chess, Checkers and more! Lots of giveaways for everyone!



#### Back-to-School Fashion Show - Sat, Aug 13, 2 pm

Come see the latest fall fashions with great savings from our merchants. Raffle prizes, give-aways, music and more!

#### Community Family Day - Sat, Aug 27, 2 - 6pm

Celebrate the Greenbelt Community Foundation's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! WKYS Radio, Prizes, and our Balloon Clown! Enter our drawing to WIN an Ocean City T, TJ Maxx Gift Cards and more!





#### Summer Music Series – Sun, Aug 28, 2-4pm

Latin band, salsa, merengue, cumbia, bachata and more. Come and enjoy the wonderful Latin rhythms of Grupo QUIMBAO, one of DC's Great Latin Bands!

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Joel Urshan Senior Pastor First Apostolic Church Cincinatti, OH

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#### **SWAHILI VILLAGE**

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Initially trained as a priest, Mr. Onyona opted to pursue a Sales career with Associated Motors back in Kenya, followed by General Motors in Kenya, then Uganda and eventually relocating to Maryland to join Home Depot. His award winning performance endeared him to various entities while his entrepreneurial gene drove him as a self taught chef to open a restaurant. Nineteen years later as the President and CEO and now husband to Lynn, he has maintained a steady growth of his original concept for the last seven years to develop the best in African cuisine and World Class service.

Mr. Onyona felt a masterpiece was in the making when he conceptualized the restaurant back in 2013. Mark Kibutu, an architecture born in Kenya possessing over 15 years of General Architecture and Interior Design with an emphasis on Hospitality, Educational facilities, Retail design and Residential housing, was approached by Mr Onyona to carry out his concept. Mr. Kibutu's firm, 2KI ARCHITECTS, LLC is based in Jersey, and has an impressive reputation and is renowned for its work. Kibutu has completed projects nationally and internationally with a clientele list of hotel chains, spas, restaurants and schools to name a few. The finish is a testament to his meticulous eye for detail clearly visible in the wooden paneling, lighting and fixtures infused into the design to create the perfect ambiance for a dinner with friends or to transport clientele across continents to "nyumbani" or home in Kenya. Divided into four sections with a hostess in the reception area to usher you in for a true taste of Kenya whether you choose to host an intimate party in the VIP dining area, share a meal among friends in the general dining area, enjoyed bottled services in an elegant lounge setting or savor a drink at the Bar stocked with the famous Kenyan Tusker Premium Larger, finest South African Wines and a wide selection of liquor and beers.

Come and enjoy riveting ambiance, diverse conversation and unrivaled service while you dine on "A Bold Authentic Kenyan Cuisine."

#### Share Your News!



Send your article submissions to News Director Rick Bergmann at editorbvnews@gmail.com



## Baker Bill

Get out the pans! I'm in the mood for Shortbread.

In a medium bowl, place, in this order:

- 1 & 1/2 sticks of butter (room temp.)
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/8 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1/8 teaspoon baking powder
- CREAM these well.

Add a shot of vanilla (I like almond layor)

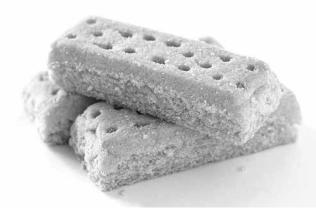
Blend in 1& 1/2 cup flour (any—there's that word again.)

Press into a buttered tart pan about 3/4 inch thick

Bake in a preheated oven @ 325 degrees about 30 minutes until brown

Let cool!

Cut into squares for great summertime eating



Yes, I know you'll need to go shopping. Yes, I know measuring 1/8 teaspoon of stuff is strange. I could have said micrometers, but!

I used this recipe in my bakery and in class many times. I also made biscotti, also called the double baked cookie. Here, too, you will need almond flavor. I can't put the entire recipe in this article because the instructions would take all my lines.

At Riderwood, I'm working to get more copies of *The Beltsville News*. They go so fast because people like the local items. And more people get to read my drive!

It is heartwarming. A lot of Riderwood residents are starting to recognize me in hallways. I need to get the people that deliver the paper here to take a large number to Montgomery Station rather than Village Square where the paper rack there is off the beaten path, I have a friend here that will distribute the paper to all locations, But here at Montgomery Station, we go through 50 papers in two days. I'm asking the powers that be to help me get

more papers to the right places. I know if you complain about the delivery of the paper you'll get put on that committee, but I want there to be more here at Riderwood! So come on Rick, or Ted, help me get this done. Let me hear from you at bill@bakerbill.net.Thanks for your time,

Baker Bill

## 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)

All are welcome • Free literature available



## Join Us This Week For Worship & Fellowship at Lighthouse Ministries International

- Bread of Life Distribution (Pantry Program) Saturday, 10am -1pm
- L.I.F.E Hour (Learning Is For Everyone) Sunday, 8:30am 9:30am
- A Lighthouse Moment (Sunday Worship) Sunday, 10am
   Light Through The Word (Person & Pible Study), Wordson
- Light Through The Word (Prayer & Bible Study) Wednesday, 7:30pm
- · Little Beacons of Light (Kids Fellowship) Friday, 7:30pm
- Shining Lights Youth Ministry (Youth Fellowship) Friday, 7:30pm
   Vistage Legion of Light (Manager Fellowship) Friday, 7:30pm
- Virtuous Ladies of Light (Women's Fellowship) Friday, 7:30pm
- Titus Men of Light (Men's Fellowship) Friday, 7:30pm

My Wife and I pray that your territories will be enlarged and out of your homes and lives will shine the salvation of Jesus to others. We pronounce blessings upon your household, your business, and may everything you put your hands to be fruitful. We declare life in your marriage, your career and your mission.

Rev. Dr. Osnen F. Cameron, PhD & Lady Cora-Dian Cameron



#### **Emmanuel United Methodist Church**

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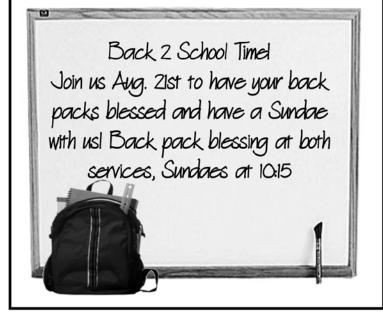
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Sunday Services:
9:00 am Contemporary Service
11:15 Traditional Service
10:15 am Bible Study & Sunday School for adults & children
Nursery Care is available for both services
Sign Language Interpretation at 11:15 service



## Beltsville News Church Directory

#### St. Joseph Catholic Church



11007 Montgomery Road Beltsville, MD 20705 301-937-7183 www.stjos.org

Pastor: Msgr. Karl Chimiak Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon

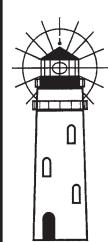
St. Joseph's Regional Catholic School Principal: Mr. Zachary Hooker 301-937-7154

# A Mission Parish of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia Located in Twin Chimneys Office Park 10760 Baltimore Ave, Beltsville, MD Evening Vigil: Sat. 5:00 PM Hours & Divine Liturgy: Sun. 9:40 AM All Services in English Fr. George Johnson, Rector 301-572-5738 www.holyapostlesorthodoxchurch.org

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

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

The Reverend Joseph M. Constant, Rector



#### Sunday Worship Schedule

Quiet service: 8:00 a.m. Family-oriented service: 10:00 a.m.

> Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Between September and June

Sunday Nursery - during our 10 a.m. service Wednesday Evenings Bible Study 6-9 p.m.

We are a beacon of Christ's love offering hospitality and sustenance to all on their spiritual way. www.saintjohnsbeltsville.org

#### Abiding Presence Lutheran Church

10774 Rhode Island Avenue 301-937-7646



Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. in English 10:30 Coffee and Social Hour 11:00 a.m. in Korean Rev. Jongkil Na www.APLChurch.org

Come and Join Us

Located in the Beltsville Professional Center

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

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

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**Keith Holland, Pastor** 

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#### **Sundays:**

*Sunday School for all ages	9:45 a.m.
*Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.

#### **Wednesdays:**

\*Adult Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 p.m. RA's, GA's, Mission Friends 7:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship 7:00 p.m.

#### **Mother's Morning Out Program** For 2 & 3 year olds

Tues/Thurs mornings (Sept-May) 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. For more info email us at: mmodirector@fbcbeltsville.org

\*Childcare available for children up to 3 years old

#### **New Bethany Church** of Christ Ministries Inc.

10729 Tucker Street, Beltsville, MD 20705 Church Contact: 443-307-6084 e-mail: newbethanycoc@yahoo.com A Caring Church, Walking in Faith and Love

#### **Service Schedule**

- Christian Education 9:30am
- Sunday Morning Worship 11:00am
- Disciple Bible Class/Ministers in Training 3:00pm
- Sunday Evening Worship 5:00pm
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## **Upcoming Announcements**

On September 9,10,11 we will be having our back to school revival. Please come out and fellowship with us.

Also we are collecting School supplies for the children to go back to school.

All Donations are greatly appreciated.

#### SCOUTING NEWS

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on Saturday their socks were dry and dirty.

Troop 1033 took 15 scouts and 6 scout leaders (Scoutmaster. Rick Deery; Assistant masters, Eric Saathoff and Kevin d'Eustachio; Troop Committee Members Robert Thomas and David Timus II) to Camp Rodney. We are most grateful to these leaders because without their dedication and willingness to take vacation time off from work the scouts would not be able to attend summer camp. The Scouts worked on 18 merit badges such as camping, engineering, environmental science, fishing, lifesaving, jet skiing, kayaking, lifesaving, motor boating, movie making, photography, rifle shooting, safety, shotgun shooting, small boat sailing, snorkeling, swimming, and water sports. First year scouts, Justin F., Ryan G., Kacey T. & Justin T. participated in Camp Rodney's nationally recognized Brownsea program which prepared them for becoming 1st Class scouts. The "Brownsea Scouts" completed the requirements for their Firem'n Chit and Totin' Chip which allows them to safely carry and use knives, hatches and saws and to safely build and maintain camp fires. The Scouts decided to return once again to Camp Rodney next year 2017. Troop 1033 once again extends a huge thank you and congratulations to the staff and directors of the Rodney Scout Reservation for a job well done and especially to the Beltsville Community for supporting our fund raisers to allow our Scouts to attend summer camp.

#### **COLOURS**

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being recorded. The recordings were then integrated into the student's websites that they had created about themselves.

When I asked the students what they thought the best part of Create Summer was, many pointed out that they were able to be creative, make new friends, try new things, and learn a lot. But I was struck by what 7th grader Justin Brent said. He felt that Mr. (Jason) Cook treated them like "adults. We learned to clean up behind ourselves so the janitors didn't have to, we learned to socialize with people outside of our normal groups and not be on our electronic devices all the time." I can't think of a better thing to teach our kids than that.

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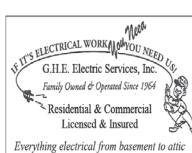
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