College Park Unit #217 Loves Our Veterans

By Ivy Christoffers

What a show of love and respect for our veterans throughout the entire month of February! It began with the beautiful service held at the Memorial Chapel at Maryland University on Feb. 7th, the 27th annual Day For God And Country in the Southern Maryland District of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Maryland.

This is the largest program of its kind held by the ALA in Maryland each year and requires many, many volunteers to be successful. The program was planned by the chairman, Evelyn Johnson, a past SMD President and myself, the current SMD President, along with the assistance of a large committee. The chapel was being renovated and it was completed on the last day before the service was to be held. The construction crew took a week longer than they were supposed to but did a fabulous job. The place was beautiful. The representatives of the chapel, Megan and Janice, were delightful to work with and the organist, Elizabeth Schneider, played as though the angels came down from heaven and guided her hands. The participants in the service performed beautifully and the young poppy princesses lifted our hearts as they placed their poppy crosses and the chain on the poppy board. The five service representatives, the POW/MIA flag presentation, several ERHS students from Eleanor Roosevelt High School presented portrayals of Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, Gandhi, St. Francis of Assisi and Blessed Mother Teresa in a celebration of Social Justice day on February 12.

St. Joseph’s Catholic School Celebrates Service

Although Catholic Schools Week was interrupted by a couple of “wintry mix” days, students at St. Joseph’s School celebrated service in a variety of capacities including the tremendous corps of parent volunteers who help make the school a rich learning environment as well as those who serve humanitarian needs. Students learned valuable social justice lessons and examined the lives of people who devoted themselves to serving mankind. Catholic Schools Week events included Volunteer Appreciation Day.

SADD: Students Against Destructive Decisions

Students Against Destructive Decisions is a community based organization that strives to prevent young people from doing dangerous things. These students from Eleanor Roosevelt High School meet every Monday to plan and discuss various activities and upcoming events. Officers include our President Natasha Lawson, Vice President, Theresa Villa, Co-Secretary, Bernadette Abad-Jos, Co-Secretary, Jordan Veney, Treasurer, Neima Rahim, Historian, Precious Williams, Publicity Director, Lea Claye, and Art Director, Kara Robinson. SADD’s advisor, Joanna De Rosa Read, along with Lea Claye and new member Terry Basile are Beltsville natives.

This organization is well established (under Mrs. Read’s direction since 2002) and over the past seven years has participated in many events. SADD recently inducted 45 new members on December 11, 2008. SADD is currently applying for the Washington Regional Alcohol Program’s (WRAP) GEICO Award, an honor that the ERHS SADD chapter has won four years in a row. In addition, several ERHS students from the SADD...
By Phil Whitman

Extracted from the March 1984 Issue

Miller Ordained

Connie A. Miller of Beltsville was ordained into the Holy Ministry of Word and Sacrament at the University Lutheran Church at East Lansing, MI on February 12, 1984.

Church Celebration

The Good Tidings Assembly of God held a 25th anniversary celebration on March 25, 1984. Evangelist Dene Sargener from Marine City, MI was guest speaker.

Duncan Moves to New Post

Kenneth V. Duncan, a former chief administrator for Prince George’s County joined John Hanson Savings and Loan as a Senior Vice President.

Lions Help Beltsville Families

The Beltsville Lions Club provided food baskets for 18 needy families during the past holiday season.

Voight Named to Maryland Hall of Fame

John Voight, a physical education instructor for 30 years, was inducted into the Maryland State Athletic Hall of Fame on February 20, 1984.

Dr. Beasley Addressed AAUW

Dr. Maureen Beasley was the speaker on March 12, 1984 at the College Park Branch of the American Association of University Women held at the Auditorium of Marie Mount Hall on the University of Maryland campus.

Gymnast Wins International Meet

Local gymnastics superstar Patti Kieckerle won the 1984 Snowball Invitational in Virginia Beach.

Jenkins to Run for School Board

Mary Ellen Jenkins, long-time Prince George’s County civic activist, announced her candidacy for the Prince George’s County Board of Education.

New Arrivals

Allison A. Marcus was born to Rick & Ellen Marcus on December 30, 1983. Kristina Lee was born on January 12, 1984 to Jamie & Cara Catoz. Wayne William was born on February 21, 1984 to Steve & Michelle Baldwin.

Obituaries

J. Reginald Arrington died of a heart attack at his home in Beltsville on February 25, 1984.

Zalley P. Thompson, 67, of Beltsville, died February 5, 1984 at the Greater Laurel Beltsville Hospital. He was a sergeant in WW II.

Chloris P. Sullivan, 81, of Beltsville, died at Leland Memorial Hospital in Riverdale on January 31, 1984. She served in the U.S. Navy from 1918-20 as a Yeoman 3rd Class.

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in the 1st Teen Driving Safety contest. The winners of this contest will be announced soon. SADD sponsors events like Red Ribbon Week, “Dances and Hugs” Homecoming pledge, Prom Promise, and The Great American Smokeout, to name a few. Every year since 2006, SADD has given a memorial award to outstanding seniors who show a large dedication to SADD and make a difference in the lives of their fellow students by participating in this important service organization. The award is in memory of Mary De Rosa, the sister of advisor Joanne De Rosa Read. Ms. De Rosa was a phenomenal woman who came up with the slogan “Dances and Hugs are Better than Alcohol and Drugs.” For ten years before her death, she overcame her battle with alcohol and drugs and continues to be an inspiration to all SADD members. Every May, at the Senior Awards Assembly, SADD continues to remember Ms. De Rosa by honoring SADD recipients through her award. Every year, SADD tries to implement something new into the club. This year, SADD started its first newsletter that is published for the entire staff and student body. The newsletter gives a brief summary of upcoming events in order to keep the ERHS community informed. Most of the published newsletters include alcohol and driving statistics, pictures of SADD members and events, and the names of all officers. New members are always welcome. ERHS SADD’s slogan to fellow students is: “Be there to make a difference!” which SADD members continue to do.
Neighbors in the News

By Gary Bauchan, Scoutmaster

Scouts Enjoy Busy Month

The end of January and early February were particularly busy for the Boy Scouts and their families traveled to the Verizon Center in Washington, DC to attend the Monster Truck Jam at the end of January. Scouts Curtis Gill, Eric Matthews, Chaim Johnson, Adrian Villarroel, and Chris Walker accompanied by Scoutmaster Gary Bauchan, Assistant Scoutmasters, Gregory Bauchan and Paul Villarroel, parents Betsy Matthews and Bob Walker and family were able to go down into the Monster Truck pit to see the trucks up close and personal. The scouts obtained autographs of the drivers of the trucks and had their pictures taken next to the gigantic machines. After the pit show the scouts found their seats in the upper deck to watch the Monster Trucks jump over cars smashing them as they landed. They popped wheelies and made donuts all to the thrill of the crowds. The scouts cheered on the 4x4 quad cars as they raced each other around the track. The scouts were amazed as the motorcyclists did handstands and other tricks on their bikes while flying through the air. The boys especially enjoyed watching Superman flip over while doing a donut in the mud. The highlight of the day was watching the crowd’s favorite Monster Truck, Grave Digger, perform jumps, spins and tricks. Everyone had a great time.

On the last Saturday of January the Boy Scouts traveled to Columbia, MD to Earth Trek that is an indoor climbing facility. The scouts learned the proper way to put on a harness and helmet, tie themselves in with a proper figure 8 knot and the correct commands for belaying (controlling the safety line of a climber). The scouts practiced their skills in the one story instructional area before they applied their skills in the 3 story tall climbing walls. Boy Scouts Mick Cotter, Patrick Deery, Jaden Freece, Jamie Garcia, Chaim Johnson, Eric Matthews, Limbert Reyes, Chris Walker and Cub Scout Nicholas Walker all reached new heights in learning climbing skills and the thrill of reaching the top of the building. Chaim (Spiderman) Johnson was particularly good at climbing tall walls in a very short period of time. February 8th was the 99th anniversary of Boy Scouting and the scouts celebrated by serving a pancake, sausage, juice and coffee breakfast to parishioners at Emmanuel United Church and family members of the scouts. Following the pancake breakfast the scouts participated in Scout Sunday at Emmanuel United Methodist Church or St. Joseph’s Catholic Church. A Scout is Reverent and so the scouts showed their duty to God by attending the church service of their choice.

A special note: The Boy Scout spring fund raiser will be delayed one month this year. Look for announcements in March with a delivery day in April.

Dr. Kathy Mellott Recognized for Academic Pursuits

The Continuing Education Board of the American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) granted Dr. Kathleen (Kathy) Mellott a 6th Award for Continuing Education (ACE) on September 17, 2008. Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists may meet the requirements of ACE by earning seven ASHA Continuing Education Units in a thirty-six month period. Dr. Mellott joins a select group of individuals who have made a concerted personal effort to continue professional learning beyond an academic degree.
Neighbors in the News

My Valentine’s Evolution

By Jeannine Carter

Valentine’s Day — 28 years into a marriage. Gone are the days of disappointment, when a dozen roses didn’t arrive at the front door before noon on February 14. Getting dressed up to go out for a steak dinner and ordering a bottle of Korbel champagne are long gone. There is a surrendered sweetness about being excited about a Valentine’s Day dance at the American Legion.

Through the years, creativity became the mother of invention. One year, I cut out red and white hearts from construction paper and wrote titles of our favorite songs — the soundtrack of memories. They peppered the floor of the foyer and the carpeting of the front stairs as my husband hung our house after work. “You’re My Everything” or “My Guy” written on those hearts was a greater gift than a store-bought card. The heart that read “Gangster of Love” was my hubby’s favorite.

The next year I cut out the same red and white hearts and wrote, “I love you” on each one and hung nearly 20 of them from every light fixture in the house. One of those hearts survives on the overhead light directly in front of the powder room. My sons regularly beg me to remove it, but I refuse.

The following year I bought a large poster board and glued red and white hearts hugging or having fun and hung it from the ceiling at the entrance to our dining room. To his surprise and delight, the opposite side consisted of pictures of our two wonderful sons doing the same — hugging and having fun.

Marriage should be celebrated in the real world. Conquering finances, family issues and day-to-day struggles will always be a part of our lives. Maybe we should just take one day out of the quagmire of life and rejoice in love.

Connors, David R.

David R. Connors of Beltsville died Thursday, January 22, 2009. He was the beloved husband of Joy I. Connors and the father of Craig (Teresa), Kevin, Patrick, Timothy (Audrey) Connors and Corrine (Frank) Harris. He was the stepfather of Helen (Don) Garvey, Patricia and Melissa Marsden, grandfather of Law- rence, Christian, Courtney, Shane, David, Donald, Ryan, Nicholas, Frankie and Devin. Funeral service was held at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 11007 Montgomery Road, Beltsville, MD on Tuesday, January 27 at 10:00 a.m. Interment George Washington Cemetery. Borgwardt Funeral Home made the arrangements.

Milnor, Marie A.

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Povlishock, Mary

Mary Povlishock, 86, formerly of Beltsville, died in her home in Vienna, VA on Wednesday, January 28, 2009. Her parents, Alex- ander and Mary Spock, and her husband, Theodore Povlishock, preceded her in death. Her son, Dr. John Povlishock and wife Debo- rah, a daughter, Mary Ann Martell, and husband James, and a brother, Dr. Alexander Spock, survive her. Four grandchildren, Jay Martell, Michele Pekron, Alexandra and Marsha Povlishock also survive her, as do two great grandchildren, Paige and Reid Pekron. Also sur- viving her are sisters-in-law, Dian- na Spock, Shona Chowka, and Catherine Slodysko, and multiple nieces and nephews. Mrs. Pov- lishock was a retired employee for the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, MD. The family received friends on Sunday, February 1, at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road in Beltsville. The funeral service was held on Monday, February 2 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 11007 Montgomery Road, Belts- ville. Interment followed at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Silver Spring, MD. Memorial contribu- tions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church.

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Umberger, Thelma R.

Thelma R. Umberger, 102, for- merly of Beltsville, passed away on Friday, January 23, 2009. She was the beloved wife of the late Kelly M. Umberger, mother of Lorraine U. (John) Garofolo and the late John Umberger. She was the sister of Mayme Umberg- er, grandmother of Diane Kuster, Wayne Umberger, John Garofo- lo, Tina A. (James) Nowokowski and the late Donnie Umberger, Jr. Nine great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren also survive her. Funeral service was held at the Wildwood Baptist Church, 10200 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD on Wednes- day, January 28 at 11:00 a.m. with the Reverend David Sayne offici- ating. Interment George Washington Cemetery, Gaithersburg, MD. Funeral Home made the arrangements. Memorial contribu- tions may be made to Wildwood Baptist Church.

Weaver, Peggy L.

Peggy L. Weaver, 92, passed away on Thursday, February 12, 2009. She was the beloved wife of the late Willis Weaver, and loving mother of William E. (Char- lotte) Weaver, Linda C. (Marvin) Woodring and Robert A. (Karen) Weaver. She was the grandmother of Charles, Tracey, Brett, Kel- lye, Michael, Shannon, Kristin, Kevin and Megan. Twenty-three great grandchildren, three great great grandchildren, and numer- ous nieces, nephews and lifelong friends Shelia Carberry and Marge Tyler also survive her. Her funeral serv- ice was held at Borgwardt Funer- al Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville on Monday, February 16 at 1:00 p.m. with the Reverend Jack Fitzgerald officiating. Memo- rial contributions may be made to Hospice of the Chesapeake.
from 7:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. (non-smoking). Come join us for this fun-filled event. Bingo winners will receive specialty baskets, pottery and home accesso-
sories. There will be door prizes and raffles too! 
Tickets are available for $10.00 (in advance) daily 
at the school and parish offices, or for $12.00 at the 
door. Refreshments are available.

Computer Classes

The Beltsville Community Center is offering 
class for seniors, adults and teens begin-
in March. Classes meet for 1 hour a week for 4 
weeks for a fee of $35 for residents and $42 for non-
residents. The following courses are being offered:

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Spring Camps Offered to All Girls

Spend your spring break at camp with us. All girls grades K–12 are invited to join us for a fun 
filled week. All Spring Camps offer Supervised Fun, Hands-on Activities, Games, Songs, Crafts, 
Adventure and Excitement for all girls! Join us for an amazing spring break! Bus Transportation Available for 
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Prince George’s County

Camp Wonderland, April 6 - 10, 2009 at Southern 
Maryland District Youth Camp, Cheltenham, MD

Charles County

It’s a Girl’s Life, April 6 – 9, 2009 at William B. 
Wade Elementary, Waldorf, MD

Charles, Calvert and St. Mary’s Counties

Get in the Picture, April 6 – 9, 2009 at Camp Win-
ona, Hughesville, MD

Volunteers always welcomed! Registration is Lim-
ited So Register Soon!! Visit www.gscnc.org or contact Lori Davis at 1.800.834.1702 or 301.638.5373 
or lldavis@gscnc.org for more information. For more camp options, please visit www.gscnc.org.

Augsburg Academy Opens Summer Program Registration

The Augsburg Academy, 13800 Old Gunpowder 
Road, Laurel, has opened registration for the 2009 Augsburg Summer Program. Five one-week sessions 
will be held beginning June 29, 2009. The program 
is open for students from kindergarten through 9th 
grade.

The Summer Program costs $195 per week, but 
early bird registration (now through April 14th) is 
$150 per week. The program runs from 9:00 am to 
3:00 pm, and both before and after-program care are 
available for an additional fee.

Summer campers have the opportunity to par-
cipate in an academic enrichment program to keep 
reading, mathematics, and language arts skills fresh, 
a mini-Vacation Bible School, and a sports and activi-
ties program.

“We know that parents are interested in having 
their children maintain or improve their academic 
skills during the summer months,” said program 
director Carl Rossov. “So we have designed the 
Augsburg Summer Program to do just that in a safe 
and fun environment.”

For more information on the Augsburg Summer 
Program, visit the Augsburg Academy web site (www. 
AugsburgAcademy.net) or call 240.786.0283. The 
Augsburg Summer Program is sponsored by Augs-
burg Academy, an independent, private school for 
students from pre-kindergarten through 9th grade.

Get Fit and Embrace Life

Berwyn Baptist Church is hosting FIRST PLACE 
4 HEALTH, the Christian weight-loss program that 
invites Christ into your life. The orientation is on 
Tuesday, April 14 and meetings are held Tuesdays at 
7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Berwyn Baptist 
Church, located at 4720 Cherokee Street, College 
Park. For further information, contact Sandy at 
240.601.1640.

Wood’s Flowers and Gifts

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Don’t Raise the Property Tax

Home owners have been rightly 
concerned when they read recent 
reports that the County Executive 
and the County Council (Council-
man Tom Demoga abstained) pro-
sed raising property taxes for 
homeowners whose assessments 
have gone up more than the home-
stead tax credit cap. I am strongly 
opposed to this proposal. Working 
and retired families are strug-
gling in this recession. Now is 
not the time to raise our property 
taxes. And, since the Congress has 
passed President Obama’s eco-
nomic stimulus plan, the county 
will be getting millions of dollars 
from the federal government to 
help keep police on the streets and 
teachers in the classrooms. Times 
will remain tough for all of us for 
a while, but there is no justifica-
tion for raising property taxes on 
homeowners.

Rosapepe’s Report to Beltsville

Powder Mill Beer and Wine License Revoked

As a result of the continuing 
efforts of the Beltsville Civic 
Association led by Karen Coak-
ley, the Prince George’s liquor 
board revoked the store’s license 
in January. The Delegates and I 
urged the board to do this, given 
all the problems at this store, par-
cifically the selling of liquor to 
minors. The store is just down 
the street from High Point High 
School. This action shows how 
effective the community can be in 
keeping Beltsville a good place to 
live if we work together and are 
persistent.

Opposing Liquor 
License for Sweet 
Moon Grill on Rt. 197

The liquor board will soon be 
considering a liquor license for the 
Sweet Moon Grill that wants 
to open up at the site of the old
Beltsville Industrial Park & Proposed Bills to Raise Property Taxes

By Councilman Tom Dernoga

Many residents in the community are aware of the Beltsville Industrial Park, an area that roughly borders Muirkirk Road to the south, Old Baltimore Pike to the west and north, and Route 1 to the east. Like many industrial parks, this area contains an array of businesses including towing company storage facilities, vehicle wreck, dismantling, and used part lots, auto painting shops, graphic artist and printing companies, and other enterprises, many that provide heavy or industrial-related products or services. While many of the businesses in this park are legitimate enterprises and provide for an increased tax base in Prince George’s County as well as offer goods and services to the community, my office has had its share of concerns from citizens about unsightliness, land-use violations, environmental degradation, and negative infringement of this area on the adjacent residential communities.

This past August, I organized a broad inspection of the Beltsville Industrial Park. We had a large team from the Department of Environmental Resources (DER), DPWT, the Health Department, the Fire Department and the Police and we swept through a large area. The state of the industrial park that we viewed was appalling. DER cited around 34 properties for violations, most being cited with multiple violations. This included properties that did not conform to an approved site plan, non-permitted buildings, enterprises operating without a use and occupancy permit, and numerous parcels with unlicensed or unauthorized wrecked vehicles, and trash, debris, or rubbish on their premises. The County sent the violations to the appropriate property owners, giving them a reasonable period of time to bring their parcel up to standards, or obtain the necessary permits. Presently, 25 of the violations have been brought into compliance or near compliance, and nine violations were not corrected and have been sent to the District Court where the sustained violation will be heard by a judge.

In addition to property standards and permit issues, my office is also investigating environmental concerns within the industrial park, including water and air quality issues, and noise pollution. We have been working with the Anacostia Watershed Society and other non-profit groups to monitor and enforce stormwater management concerns, as well as chemical and oil leaks, and dumping that may contaminate Indian Creek, which flows through the industrial park. Furthermore, we are monitoring certain businesses that have the potential to contaminate the surrounding properties with dust and air particulates, and may operate in a manner where the noise level exceeds reasonable limits.

Finally, we are also working with the police department to ensure more patrols and monitoring take place within this park. In the past, certain areas were a haven for individuals to dump trash, strip vehicles, and engage in other illegal activities. Working with the police and the business owners, these activities have declined considerably, which is a further deterrent to other related crime in the Beltsville area.

I am confident that working with the County agencies and continued cooperation from the business community, we can have a safer, more environmentally-friendly, and an esthetically nicer looking industrial park that operates in Beltsville. If you have any concerns or comments regarding the Beltsville Industrial Park, please contact my office at 301.952.3887 and ask to speak with Laura Moore or Alex Hittle. They are familiar with our improvement strategy of this area, and will be happy to assist you with your concerns.

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10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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Breakfast sandwiches and hot drinks available starting at 9:15 a.m.

Hot-off-the-grill hamburgers and hot dogs for lunch

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Not Your Mother’s Peanut Butter

By Louise Moody, M.D.,
Secure Medical Care

With the news that Peanut Corporation of America had knowingly supplied Salmonella-contaminated peanut products to its buyers, even President Obama is pondering whether it is safe to let his daughters eat their weekly ration of PB & J. Prior to this recent breaking news, few people would have associated peanut butter with Salmonella food poisoning. Salmonella infections have traditionally been associated with raw eggs, chicken, undercooked meat, and pet turtles. Now that we have peanut butter to worry about, it is time to review the symptoms of a Salmonella infection.

Salmonella typhimurium was the strain of bacteria found in the recently recalled peanut products and is one of the most common causes of food poisoning, or gastroenteritis. This microscopic organism lives in the intestines of animals and is passed via feces from other animals or people. The initial symptoms of a Salmonella infection are nausea and vomiting, then abdominal cramps and diarrhea. The diarrhea can be bloody, and fever and chills, as well as muscle pains, can be present. These symptoms may appear from about twelve hours to four days from the time of ingestion of the contaminated food and usually resolve spontaneously without any specific antibiotic treatment within a few days to a week. Often the symptoms are mild enough that the infected person doesn’t even know Salmonella was the cause of his “stomach bug.” Problems arise when this bacteria infects an infant, elderly person, or someone with a compromised immune system. Unable to contain the bacteria, these individuals become sicker as the bacteria passes into the bloodstream, causing bacteremia, sepsis, and possible death.

The only way to know with certainty if Salmonella is the causative agent of this illness is to see a doctor and have a stool culture sent to a laboratory. Treatment of a Salmonella infection includes adequate hydration, as well as temporarily eating bland foods and avoiding milk products. The time to see a doctor is when the symptoms last more than a week, or when persistent vomiting or bloody diarrhea occurs. In severe cases when the infection has traveled outside the intestines, a doctor will prescribe antibiotics. The simple measure of frequent hand washing, particularly after using the bathroom, can prevent the spread of the infection from person to person. Unfortunately, just as important a preventive measure for now is reading food labels and discerning the source of peanut products.

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sentation, the AFROTC and the NROTC added so much to the program. The assembly, lifting their voices in the patriotic songs accompanied by Elizabeth on the piano, was magnificent. This is a tradition that everyone should experience at least once in their or her lives. It leaves such a great feeling in your heart and soul. After the service, everyone was invited to a reception hosted by The Southern Maryland District ALA and held at College Park Post # 217. Mary Keller was in charge of the reception and did a magnificent job in preparing and presenting the food. There were some donations from others, such as T.J.’s Restaurant in Calverton who sent a tremendous cheese cake and a tray of croissant sandwich, Patsy Davis brought a fruit tray and other goodies came from other donors, including two large cheese balls from Nancy Burke and all the paper goods from Stallings-Williams Unit # 206. The room was beautifully decorated by Dianana Nix and Eleanor Peacock in red, white and blue; a most appropriate theme for the day. There were many others who participated in this function, such as the color bearers from Post & Unit #217 and other Units in the SMD as well as others who assisted Mary with the reception. I thank any and all who contributed to the success of this program. We truly are a Legion Family and pull together when we need to get a job done. I feel honored to serve with such dedicated people.

The day following the Day For God And Country program, we immediately went into rehearsal for the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans that began on Feb. 8th and ran until the 14th. We made several trips to Washington VAMC to plan and prepare to salute our hospitalized veterans. On Friday, the 13th, we were honored to be a small part of the hospital’s annual day of celebration of these special veterans. I was asked to provide entertainment and brought in my friends, Mark Beard and Wayne Miller, two entertainers who perform under the name of “Brothers Of The Same Heart”. They were well received and had the room tapping their toes and singing along. Later we all visited every patient in the hospital, delivering flowers and valentines to every one, while other patients, who were ambulatory, enjoyed the casino set up for their pleasure, winning many gifts and having a feast as well. The next evening there was a Valentine’s Day dance held at Post #217 and everyone had a ball.

Did you know we now have a WII bowling league at Post #217 and new carpet? You might like to visit the post and have a look see. It will soon be time to make plans to put our new bar-b-que grill to use on a regular basis. Tripp recently used it to make bar-b-que chicken on one of those mild days in February. It was delicious. Until next time, May God bless our Troops and bring them all home soon.

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Birthday Greetings
By Linda Clem

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Club News
Beltsville Garden Club

By Louise DeJames

The Beltsville Garden Club will hold a general meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville, MD. The speaker for this month is Lisa E. Delplace and in her topic, “GREEN ROOFS and GREENWALLS,” she will discuss current trends and innovations.

Lisa E. Delplace is a Principal and CEO of Oehme, van Sweden (OvS) in Washington, DC. Her work increasingly focuses on roof terraces, green roofs, and vertical green screens for urban developments. Under her direction work continues at the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Illinois. She recently completed two US Embassy sites in Southern Asia.

Ms. Delplace is a registered landscape architect, a member of the American Society of Landscape Architects, and past president of the society’s Potomac Chapter.

Please join us to hear this informative speaker. As always, we have plants for our door prize table and refreshments after the meeting. The public is welcome and admission is free. For more information, contact Louise DeJames at 301.890.4733 or visit our website at www.beltsvillegardenclub.org.

Beltsville Rotary News

By Ivy Christoffers

February was an interesting month, with temperatures in the 70’s. Who would have thought that? And right after a snow and ice storm. February was a time to focus on the loved ones in your life and to take the time to show them they matter to you.

We had several very interesting speakers share their time with our Rotary members and speak of the things that mattered to them. We heard from one of our newest members, Michael Brooks, the Principal of High Point High School, who expounded on his early years and the path that led him to this important position. Brooks came from North Carolina where he attended college, majoring in Education. After completing his college education, he accepted a position in elementary education for a few years, moving on to counseling in a middle school and then on to administration. Brooks is very content in his role of guiding and developing the education of our youth and feels High Point is one of the top schools in the nation. He has a definite plan to improve the school even further than he already has since he assumed the role of Principal. Brooks is still completing his own educational path as he is currently writing a dissertation for his doctoral degree. His wife is a teacher in the Virginia school system.

Another interesting speaker was the guest of Rotarian Tracy Gross, manager of Beltsville PNC Bank. Her name is Jeanne Kelly-Rieken, PNC Bank Senior Vice President-Regional Manager. Kelly-Rieken is the Regional Manager of 11 full service branches in D.C., Prince George’s, Montgomery and Anne Arundel counties with the objective of maximizing sales and delivering quality customer service in a creative and cost-effective manner. She coordinates business development activities to include small business, commercial and non-profit lending. PNC’s mission is Service - Confidence - Education and to establish a strong network within the community they serve. We found her remarks very interesting and enlightening. The PNC bank is very solvent and now one of the largest banks in our area, while enjoying the position of the 5th largest bank in the nation. They have the most “green” buildings of any company in the United States, and have 26 thousand branches in 13 states.

As you can see, we do have very interesting meetings. Individual members continue to work on many and varied projects in the community and bring their reports of their activities to the meetings. Rotary Nancy Randell reported on the RYLA program. She has headed this project, the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conference for several years. Students are chosen from High Point High School to attend this conference that was held at Camp Letts in Edgewater on February 13th. It is a great program for our youth. Rotary is a way of life that succeeds. Those of us who believe in and live the 4-Way test know this to be true.

We invite you to come have lunch with us some Tuesday at the Holiday Inn Hotel in College Park at 12:00 noon and check us out. You may be pleasantly surprised to find there are other folks out here that think like you do. Service above self is our motto.

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From left: Tracy Gross, Jeanne Kelly-Rieken, and John Moynihan.
Beltsville Young at Heart

By Barbara Schofield

Our regular business meeting was held on February 5. There were 88 members in attendance and two new members, Mary Smith and Theresa Sefick, joined us. President Marie Koebeke gave certificate of appreciation to Joan Lewis, Thelma Forte and Mary Midkiff. Margaret Downey was sworn in as treasurer for 2009. New membership cards were made and donated by Paul Greathouse. Director James Bell of the Community Center came to speak to us on why we may no longer have potluck lunches. At the February 19 meeting we had Rosa Rivera and Shipley Akinjibola, RN to speak to us on the many services available for seniors from Home Instead Senior Care. Marge read a cancer update from Johns Hopkins. Pat and Pearl have new trips ready to sign up and pay for. Our ways and means committee set out themselves by making $30. Great job, ladies. Take care. See you at the next meeting.

Women’s Community Club of Beltsville

The March meeting of the Women’s Community Club of Beltsville will be held on Monday, March 9, 2009 at 12:30 p.m. at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville. Our guest speakers will be Stan and Jacinta Marshall. Stan Marshall, a former resident of Beltsville, is a kidney recipient with a great story to tell about his experience. Stan and his wife Jacinta are volunteers with the Washington Regional Transplant Community (WRTC) The WRTC is an organization dedicated to recovering organs and tissues by preserving every donation, excelling in recovery and providing and family counseling. Their focus is to encourage others to consider organ donation by increasing their awareness. Please join us for refreshments and this touching and informative presentation.

Honeybee Day And Kitchen Garden Day

By Elizabeth Olson

Two special garden events will take place at Behnke’s this month. Honeybee Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 14, and will feature seminars focusing on Colony Collapse Disorder and home garden beekeeping. Kitchen Garden Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 14, and will feature seminars focusing on home mechanics for kitchen gardeners and vegetable gardening for children. The events are free and open to the public, but pre-registration is requested for each seminar. Space is limited, and seating will be allotted first to those who have pre-registered. Please call 301.937.1100. No refreshments will be served, but you are welcome to bring your own coffee.

Honeybee Day

Saturday, March 7
10:00 a.m. Honeybees and Colony Collapse Disorder, by Dr. Jay Evans, Research Entomologist with the USDA – ARS Beltsville Bee Research Laboratory in Beltsville.

Honeybees are essential for pollinating the flowers that produce many of the crops that we eat. However, honeybees and other pollinators face threats from viruses to bulldozers. Currently, 30% to 40% of managed honeybee colonies die each winter from a diversity of causes. Most alarming are the declines of Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD), an unexplained sudden decline of adult worker honeybees. This is a honey-hour seminar in which you can learn more about CCD and what you can do to create a friendlier environment for honeybees.

Dr. Evans has his Bachelor’s Degree from Princeton University and his PhD from the University of Utah. In addition to his professional expertise in honeybees, Dr. Evans has personal experience in raising backyard solitary bees, and he will also discuss current thinking on how to maintain native bees in our local area.

12:00 p.m. Home Garden Beekeeping, by the Bowie – Upper Marlboro Beekeepers Association (BUMBA)

It’s easy and affordable to raise honeybees in your own garden, and raising honeybees can be done in a surprisingly small amount of space. Representatives from BUMBA will discuss the importance of home garden beekeeping and will demonstrate beekeeping equipment and answer your questions. A demonstration bee hive may be available for viewing if the weather is warm enough, and local honey will be for sale.

In addition to this hour-long seminar, BUMBA will be offering a more in-depth short course in beekeeping from March 12 to April 18, 2009 at selected BUMBA meeting locations. See www.bumbabees.com/shortcourse.html for more details.

Kitchen Garden Day

Saturday, March 14

10:00 a.m. Body Mechanics for Kitchen Gardeners by Lauren Rusin, DPT and Paula Tuttle, DPT of Physiotherapy Associates. Learn the best way to perform basic activities in your kitchen garden. Whether you are physically fit or have arthritis, you can get more out of your kitchen garden experience with correct body mechanics. Tools that are especially designed for ease of use will also be discussed in this hour-long seminar.

Laren Rusin received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Creative Writing and English from Oberlin College and her Doctorate in Physical Therapy from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

Paula Tuttle received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Development, Sports and Athletic Training from Sacred Heart University and her Doctorate in Physiotherapy from Regis University.

12:00 noon Vegetable Gardening for Children, by Elizabeth Olson

Vegetables come in a rainbow of colors and can be easy and fun for children to learn to grow their own vegetables this year, from radishes planted in a container to a Three Sisters garden planted in a large plot. Explore the wonderful possibilities of vegetable gardening for children in this hour-long seminar.

Elizabeth Olson is an avid kitchen gardener who has won multiple blue ribbons and three Best of Show awards for vegetables at the Prince George’s County Fair. She is also a certified judge in vegetables for the Maryland Association of Agricultural Fairs & Shows.

Patuxent Research Refuge Announces Spring Wild Turkey Hunt

The Patuxent Research Refuge, located in Laurel, Maryland, will be hosting a spring wild turkey hunting season in April and May of 2009. The refuge is partnering with the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) and Meade Natural Heritage Association (MNHA) to offer this hunting season to youth, disabled, mobility-impaired, and general-public hunters. Hunters will be selected by lottery. Lottery application forms are available on the Internet at http://patuxent.fws.gov or by calling 301-776-3090. Applications must be submitted in person at the North Tract Visitor Contact Station by 4:00 p.m. on February 28, 2009. Dates for Spring 2009 wild turkey hunts are as follows: Selected youth will be allowed to hunt on Saturdays from April 11 through May 23. Selected adults (disabled, mobility-impaired, and other adults) will be allowed to hunt on Mondays from April 20 through May 18.

“This is a great opportunity for Patuxent Research Refuge and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to partner with local and national hunting organizations,” says Refuge Manager Brad Knudsen about the improved hunting opportunities.

Prospective hunters must have a Maryland hunting license, MNHA hunting permit, and a hunter safety card to be eligible. Disabled and mobility-impaired hunters must show a physician’s certification of disability eligibility form from their doctor when entering the lottery. Additionally, all selected hunters must pattern their weapon and attend a NWTF clinic prior to the day of the hunt, unless they have proof of previous attendance at a clinic. Hunters may contact the refuge to pre-arrange the assistance of NWTF volunteers to call in turkeys and choose hunting sites for the hunt day.

For more information on Patuxent’s hunting program, call 301.776.3090 or visit http://patuxent.fws.gov. Patuxent Research Refuge’s North Tract Visitor Contact Station is located on Bald Eagle Drive off of MD Rt. 198, 1.4 miles east of the Baltimore/ Washington Parkway.

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Augsburg Academy Announces Stimulus Plan

St. Joseph’s Catholic School placed 3rd Runner-Up in the Annual Academic Challenge sponsored by DeMatha Catholic High School. The “It’s Academic” type contest gave the five 7th and 8th grade students an opportunity to exhibit their knowledge of a wide variety of topics in fast paced matches. Sponsored by the DeMatha Quiz Bowl team, the questions ranged from Geography and the Saints to Literature and Sports. Congratulations to R. Martin, J. Butler, A. Thomas, K. Weaver, and K. Bielec for successfully representing St. Joseph’s. Mr. Peter Brock, faculty director for this event, was pleased with their outstanding performance.

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Beltsville Elementary School’s gymnasium was buzzing on Thursday, February 5th during the annual Mindcore Day at Beltsville. This was the 9th year that students participated in the program. Students were required to learn 100 facts relating to all areas of the curriculum during a five-week period leading up to Mindcore Day. They were tested individually on questions, which ranged from, “What are parallel lines?” to “What family of instruments does the trumpet belong?” Most students scored high enough to receive the coveted ‘homework pass’ and were very excited. Sixth grader Jose Del Cid Gonzales said, “I really liked having our parents participate and help us. We get to use the money for the things we need in the school.” Students obtained pledges from family and friends, either a certain amount per question or a straight donation. All monies collected will be used to purchase instructional materials for the school, such as updated software for the Computer Lab and classrooms. Parents, former staff members, friends, and community members volunteered their time to quiz the students. “The USDA and Army Research Lab sent many volunteers who enabled us to test all of our 700 students on that one day,” said assistant principal Leslie Lowe. Many local businesses donated food for the volunteers. TJ’s Restaurant of Calverton, Jersey’s Subs of Beltsville, and Potbelly Sandwich Works of College Park provided sandwiches. Briggs Chaney Deli provided a platter of breakfast foods. Costco of Beltsville, Sam’s Club of Laurel, Safeway, and Shopper’s Food warehouse all donated gift cards that were used to purchase food, drinks, and paper products. Beltsville Elementary School would like to thank all of our community supporters.

MLK Middle School News

By Michelle Mariam Williams

Parent volunteers are essential at MLK. Volunteers are needed to assist in the classroom, mentor and/or tutor students and help with administrative tasks. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Kennie Ford, Parent Liaison.

Prince George’s County Public Schools, and MLK, are encouraging parents to support their children’s academic success by: observing your child’s classroom, attend a non-sports related event, visit your child’s school website for information, join and participate in a PTA/PTO, volunteer in your child’s school, attend a school board meeting, assisting your child with homework assignments, review and understand the expectations of the next grade your child will be promoted to, and participate in at least one Parent Teacher Conference and/or Individual Learning Plan Meeting.

Maryland received the best grades in Education Week’s annual “Quality Counts” report. The ranking is based on student performance, graduation rates and statewide accountability standards, among other factors. Last year Maryland ranked third, but for the first time, Maryland has reached the top of the rankings. Maryland students were recognized for their high scores on Advanced Placement exams. Prince George’s County Public Schools contributed to the state’s success with rising MSA scores and their success in the areas of ESOL and special education subgroups.
School News

Calverton Starts the YES WE CAN Reading Club

By JoAnn Price and Carolyn Berngart

The newly established YES WE CAN reading club is up and running at Calverton Elementary. The idea behind the club is to get more students interested in reading and writing. For January, students in kindergarten completed their monthly reading log and drew pictures of two of their favorite books. The other grade levels completed reading logs, but in addition, wrote book reviews about two of their favorite books. We hope to get more members into the club in February.

We have a YES WE CAN reading rap in honor of our new man in town who was the impetus for the name of the club. Students are learning that education is important and through hard work and perseverance we can all achieve our dreams.

The new kindergarten members are Athen Richardson, Breanna Riddick in Ms. Bosler’s class; and Jaymomar Anderson, Noah Gomes, Zynthia Quino- nez, Avery Richardson, Daniel Saathoff, and Anani Cabrere-Espinal in Mrs. Hart’s class. First grade members come from Mrs. McCollum’s class and they are Marcello Crockett, Isis Estwick, Michael Hernandez, Mi Kye Jackson, Mariana Jallow, Miracle Kanu, Alwyrn Manal, Dequan Miller, J’Vore Morris, Chidimma Oliauva, Colleen Powell, Keylee Umanzor, and Samaa Zaman. Second graders are Yenifer Alvarez Nunez, Emely Hernandez, Evan Jones, Tania Lemus, Brian Medina, Jean Rodiquizne, Arriana Smith, Sahil Talati, Nuniyat Tefera, Jada Willis, Maria Medrano and Reema Teweshe all from Mrs. Russell’s class. Finally, two fourth graders took the challenge and they are Brett Douglass and Angela Sierra both from Mrs. Upchurch’s class. All students will celebrate with a special ice cream party.

Finally, we are seeking people in the community who will donate new or almost new books to the school so that we can put more books in the hands of our students. Please call Calverton Elementary at 301-572-064 and ask for the reading specialists if you are interested in getting involved.

Calverton Announces Winners of 2009 STEM Science Fair

Calverton Elementary held its STEM Science Fair February 11-13. Judging took place on February 12. The school is proud to announce its 2009 STEM Fair Winners.

The following students are moving on to the Prince George’s County Public School System STEM Fair: Grand Prize: Pedro Aguilar (5th Grade), 1st Place: Nana Agyegang (4th Grade), Jaian Cuttari (6th Grade), and Matthew Burge (6th Grade) alternate.

4th Grade Winners

1st Place: Nana Agyegang and Nicholas O’Conner
2nd Place: Jairo Rodriguez, Kamila Gomez, Saloni Talati, Eber Hernandez, Kevin Rojas, Cameron Jenkins, Joel Annan, Onyinie Obiefunna, Kimberly Canales, Jameela Rogers, Allain Naing, Caleb John, and Brett Douglas
3rd Place: Terrell Bush, Lynn-Marie Vaughan, Sofia Molina, Regina Medrano, George Martin, and Franklin Mendoza
Honorable Mention: Alfredo Rodriguez, Jamare Brown, Ar- eyona Boyette, Jonathan Agailar, Shane’ Harris, Chiemiziem Oguyo, and Irlanda Luz-Aguilar

5th Grade Winners

1st Place: Pedro Aguilar, Shania Hickman, and Shagun Sharma
3rd Place: Leah Moreno, Ariel Gutierrez, Katherine Bollanos, Kristopher Nelson, Christopher Ceballos, Michael Soreng, and Akua Appiah
Honorable Mention: Julissa Arias, Shai Stokes, Da’zel Whitmore, Andre Dickerson, Andrea Aguilar, Jasmin Hernandez, Rachel Martinez, Daniela Lopez, Rachel Borchaz, Yousouf Barry, Ellington Amaya, Arianna Brown, Jason Morales, and Tyson Quales

6th Grade Winners

1st Place: Matthew Burge, Thaddeus Owens, Jaian Cuttari, and Jerry Desy.
2nd Place: Jessica Udeh, Faith Martin, Wulisi Trominio, Devon Watkins, Eduardo Orellana, Larissa Fon Tendo, and Saribel Morales.
3rd Place: Jordan Williams, Nina Johnson, Taylor Turner, LonDon Wilson, and Edgar Guerra.
4th Place: Erika Contreras, Natasha Wynter, Valene Montepremier, Milagro Molina, Thomas Odinibi, and Christie Ho.
Honorable Mention: Victor Olufade, Tyra Molina, and Robey Rowe.

March Madness

Nature will start BREAKING LOOSE any day now and Behnke’s is READY!!

This month we will start receiving shipments of Beautiful Flowering Shrubs New Evergreens • Bright Pansies • Fresh Herb, Vegetable and Fruit Plants.

Behnke’s Public Education Forum presents
Senior Expo: “Healthy, Smart, Green & Growing”
Friday, March 27, 10am to 2pm
Are you over 55 or do you know someone who is? Then you’ll want to stop by and get the low down on activities, classes, healthcare and businesses in and around the area that may enhance your life. Sponsored by the Maryland Department of Aging. For more information visit our website (www.Behnkes.com) or call (301) 937-1100.

Watch for — Behnke Signature Easter Lilies Coming in April
Calverton Elementary School celebrated Black History Month in February with a variety of activities including daily intercom trivia with all grades participating and two assemblies (Feb. 24 for K-3rd grades and Feb. 26 for upper grades). The assembly program featured some of our African American students re-enacting our history with a portrayal of slaves. The influence and contribution of African Americans to the musical and performing arts were also highlighted. Some of the faculty and staff members sang gospel and spiritual numbers and there was a jazz band made up of faculty members. “Wade in the Water” (taken from Alvin Ailey’s group) will be danced by 4, 5 and 6 grad-
ers. The 4, 5 and 6 grade students will dance to the Temptations, Pointer Sisters and Supremes.

Calverton Elementary School was thrilled to host 17 students and one teacher from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire who made a winter term trip to intern for a week at our school and experience our multi-ethnic student body. The students quickly made themselves a vital part of the school, endearing themselves to the children and staff.

Mrs. Freeman’s kindergarten class enjoyed having their Wisconsin intern, Tess Kerr, who helped with a cooking lesson for the letter “G”—a green flower garden made with graham crackers. The students spread “dirt” (chocolate frosting) and made flowers with pretzel stems, chocolate chip centers, and orange and red jelly bean flower petals. Green sprinkles were added to represent green grass.

Mrs. Freeman and her kindergartners also have students from High Point who are interning in their classroom. Cynthia Crider, once a Calverton student herself, and now a senior in high school, has been doing a creative dramatic unit with the children. They are working on a puppet play called “Stop that Pancake”. Laura Prudencio, a High Point junior, created a science bulletin board about “matter”.

This month we would like to share two more poems written by students and staff at Calverton as we start a new year and a new presidential administration.

My Words
Written by the poet Mrs. Wood

Because of You
The smile of mankind reaches out
To me
With me
In me
New energy lifts my spirit
Varied complexions blend into the color of unity
Everyday routines take on more purpose
I care more
I give more
I want to be more
I vow to take personal responsibility
I will make a difference
For America
For myself
For humanity
Because of you

Great Things are Happening at Calverton Elementary
School News

Eleanor Roosevelt High School Band & Orchestra Festivals

The Band Festival Concert at Eleanor Roosevelt High School is scheduled for Friday, March 6th and the Orchestra Festival Concert is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11th. Both concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. The Band Concert will feature the four award winning bands: Concert Bands I & II, the Symphonic Band and the Wind Ensemble, all under the direction of Mrs. Sally Wagner. The Orchestra Concert will include the four outstanding orchestras, conducted by Dr. David Yarbrough. Students in the Eleanor Roosevelt instrumental music program are from all over the northern Prince George’s County. The musicians from Beltsville include: Emily Romani, Monica Cunanan, Brandon Cusack, Natalie Herder, Brian Cusack, Markus Brown, Becky Sowers, Patrick Deery, Calvin DeSilva, Robert Shafer and Lynita Tarley. All concerts at Eleanor Roosevelt High School are free and open to the public. The school is located at 7601 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

The annual Florida Citrus Fruit Sale is winding down for the year. The March fruit order will be the last of the school year. Temple Oranges and Pink Grapefruits will be available for pick up or delivery on March 12th. The proceeds of the fruit sale are used to supplement the dwindling funds for music education from the Prince George’s County school board. The money is used to purchase items for the band and orchestra program and to repair school instruments. To order fruit, contact a member of one of the Eleanor Roosevelt bands or orchestras, or call the fruit line at 301.345.5933.

Area Events

**GIRL SCOUT CAMPS**

Girls Scout spring camps are coming. Visit www.girlscoutsdc.org or call Lori Davis at 1.800.834.1702 for more information.

**MONTPELIER MANSION**

Regular Tours: Sundays at 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. See the mansion as it was in 1830. Free: $3.00 for adults, $2.00 for seniors, $1.00 for children 5 – 18. Children under 5 admitted free.

**COLLEGE PARK AERONAUTICAL MUSEUM**

1945 Cpl. Frank Scott Dr., College Park. Call 301.864.4700 for information on special events and classes, including those at the art center that is located on site; TTY: 301.347.1472; Fax: 301.377.7918; e-mail: montpeliermansion@bgcnps.org.

**HOLLYWOOD FLYERS FILM SERIES**

Spend a Sunday afternoon at the movies. The Hollywood Flyers film series features blockbusters, classics, and documentaries. All movies start at 1:00 p.m. Free with museum admission. Lemonade and popcorn are included. Sunday, March 1. The Incredibles, rated G. This is a Disney computer-animated film that follows the lives of a family of superheroes.

**EXHIBIT**


**BELTSVILLE EVENTS**

**VANSVILLE CITIZENS’ ASSOCIATION**

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

**BELTSVILLE RECREATION COUNCIL**

Monday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Beltsville Community Center

**BELTSVILLE CITIZENS’ ASSOCIATION**

Wednesday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m. at Beltsville Elementary School, 4300 Wicomico Ave.

**WOMEN’S COMMUNITY CLUB OF BELTSVILLE**

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

**YOUNG AT HEART CLUB**

1ST AND 3RD Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane.

**HERALD EAGLE EVENTS**

**ARMS NATIONAL VISITOR CENTER**

Located in the Log Lodge just off of Powder Mill Rd. and Center Rd., Bldg. 302, BPAR- East. For information and reservations for Thursday Free Programs for the Public call 301.504.9403 or e-mail NVC@ars.usda.gov. Space is limited; programs fill quickly. Please include in your message a phone number where you can be reached. Regular Center hours are Monday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Closed federal holidays. Explore how ARS research affects your everyday life by visiting the ARS National Visitor Center exhibits. No reservations are required during regular weekday tours.

**NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)**

NAL is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for federal holidays. It is located at 10301 Baltimore Ave., just south of Sundays Line. Parking is free in the Visitor’s lot accessed via the Rhode Island Ave. drive-way entrance. See www.nal.usda.gov or call 301.504.5911 for more information on basic services and special events. The library is free and open to the public.

**CALENDAR**

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**Emmanuel United Methodist Church**

Rev. Daniel Mejia

11146 Cedar Lane • Beltsville, Maryland 20705
(301) 937-7114 • www.emmanuelumcbeltsville.net

**COME AND WORSHIP!**

9:00 AM Sunday

Contemporary Worship:

- Ignite praise band
- Children’s moment
- Interactive worship
- Communion every week

11:00 AM Sunday

Traditional Worship:

- Choir & organist
- Traditional hymns
- Sign language interpreter
- Communion on the first Sunday of the month

* Nursery care provided at all services

**COME AND STUDY!**

- Sunday School for all ages, including adult
- Bible studies (10:10 AM)
- English classes during the week
BELTSVILLE LIBRARY
Contact the Beltsville Library by phone at 301.937.0294. Visit us at 4319 Setlman Rd., Beltsville, next to the police station. Visit our web site at www.gpmls.info. Hours are Monday-Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Thursday-Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., closed on Sunday.

FRIENDS OF THE BELTSVILLE LIBRARY MEETING
Tuesday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m. Get involved with your library and give your input.

PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES
CHESS CLUB
Tuesdays, March 10 and 24 at 7:00 p.m. Come to learn or just to play with other players and have fun. For all ages and levels.

STORYTIME WITH THE PIGEON
Monday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m. Featuring the picture books of Ms Wibber and her lovable characters, Pigeon, Elephant, Piggle, and Leonardo! Families welcome.

POETRY CONTEST
BELTSVILLE’S ANNUAL POETRY CONTEST
Sponsored by the Friends of the Beltsville Library. Submit your original poetry for a chance to win. Winners will be posted to read their winning poems. Contact the Beltsville Library for more information. Applications available starting March 2. Deadline for entry is April 11 at 5:00 p.m.

COMPUTERS FOR EVERYONE
INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS
Thursday, March 12 at 10:30 a.m. Join us to learn basic computer skills, terminology and how to use the library’s computers. Registration required.

INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT WORD
Thursday, March 19 at 10:30 a.m. Don’t be intimidated by computers! Learn terminology and how to create a document. Registration required.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN
JAPAN NIGHT
Tuesday, March 31 at 6:00 p.m. Have a Japanese cultural experience through pottery, paper folding, calligraphy, games, and stories. Ages 5-12

STORYTIME
Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs, and fingerplays. Ages 3-5.

GOOSEY LOOSEY
Mondays, March 23 and 30. Call the library for the time of the meetings. Ages newborn to 18 months.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS
MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION
Tuesday, March 17 at 10:30 a.m. Khaled Hosseini’s The Kite Runner.

BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER
9300 Setlman Rd., Beltsville. The Beltsville Community Center offers a wide variety of programs, services, and courses in the areas of: Visual Arts, Sports, Performing Arts, Martial Arts, Lifestyle & Learning, Fitness & Health, Crafts & Hobbies, and Computer Skills. Please call 301.937.6613 for information on other March programs, services, and courses. TTY: 301.445.4512. The current scheduled general hours of operation are: Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Friday-Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please call the center for more information on these and other programs and to confirm dates and times.

FITNESS ROOM
Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Friday-Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Membership required. Call 301.937.6621 for details.

OPEN GYM HOURS
Tuesdays from 8:00 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. for ages 16 and up; Thursdays from 8:00 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. for ages 16 and up; Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Membership required. Call 301.937.6621 for details.

XTREME TEENS EVENTS
Mondays from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Xtreme Teens only, Friday-Saturday from 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Fee: $35.00 residents, $40.00 non-residents. Please call 301.937.6621 for more information.

COSTS FOR THE BELTSVILLE AND VANNSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTERS
Fees for programs, services, and courses can be paid by cash, check, and MasterCard and Visa credit cards. However, the inability to pay for programs, services, or classes does not exclude participation. Full payment is required. For more information, or to receive an application, please contact either the Beltsville Community Center or the Vanssville Community Center.

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XTREME PRE-TEENS EVENTS
Fridays from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Ages 10-12. Free with Xtreme Teens ID card.

XTREME TEENS EVENTS
Fridays and Saturdays from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Ages 13-17. Free with Xtreme Teens ID card.

VANNSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER
6813 Annandale Rd., Vanssville. The Vanssville Community Center offers programs in Fitness & Health and for people with disabilities. Call 301.937.6621 for more information. FAX: 301.937.6623. TTY: 301.445.4512. The current scheduled general hours of operation are: Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please call the center for more information on these and other programs and to confirm dates and times.

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School News
Math Lessons at Paint Branch Montessori
During a math lesson on the Geometric Solids, the two and three year olds at Paint Branch Montessori School sat quietly focussed on the lesson. It was the initial lesson and the children found it interesting to see shapes in the form of a sphere, a cube, and a cone in the color blue. From the quiet of the lesson there emerged an excited outcry from a young boy who purposely headed towards the pink tower cubes, picked up one of these cubes, and enthusiastically matched it with the newly learned blue cube. He so enjoyed making this connection on his own!

This spontaneous application of a new lesson to a preceding one is a large part of what Montessori is all about. Each material increases in difficulty from the previous lessons, and the skills learned become a part of the student. By the time the child moves up to the Elementary grades, he/she has a strong foundation, and is ready for the higher level of abstraction.
I have been doing some research of late, looking into the meaning of antioxidants. Is this the same as free radicals? I think advertisers made both up. I have asked doctors, nurses, and visited Internet Web sites looking for the answer. None have been able to tell me what antioxidants or free radicals are. Remember about a year ago when I wrote that the carob craze would not last and of late that trans fat would pass as well. I also wrote that we would never see two-dollar gas again. Well, I am not complaining about the advertising. I just get a laugh out of it. I wonder what is next. You made a batch of my corn muffins. And they turned out great. To make them you need cornmeal and a can of cream corn. In a med size bowl place ¼ cup sugar, 1 cup flour, 1 tsp baking powder, and a pinch of salt. Stir together. And add 2 eggs, and stir in. add ¼ cup milk, and ½ cup Crisco oil. And mix well. So far so good. Now add 5 heaping tablespoons corn meal and 3 tbsp cream corn. Bake in 6x6 pans filled full or in 4x6 pan at 425 degrees. After about 15 minutes turn back temp and bake until brown with no wet spots in the cracks. It could take 30 minutes or so. They’re done. Put the balance of the cream corn mix into pancake batter and make corn fritters for breakfast. Make the batter as you always do, then add the corn. Follow the recipe as written and yours will turn out good as well.

Ladies, what is sexy about the unshaved look on most TV shows? OK. I am done.

Bakerbill@verizon.net, also Bill Raulin 301.572.4180
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11301 Rhode Island Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705
Le invita a sus poderosos
Cultos de Alabanza y adoración
Martes Oración 7:30–9:00 p.m.
Sabado Evangelico 7:00–9:00 p.m.
Domingo Alabanza y adoracion de 2:00–5:00 p.m.
El Pastor Elvin Moscoso y la congregacion te dan la bienvenida ven y
gozate con nosotros
301-379-3945

St. John's Episcopal/Anglican Church
at the corner of Route 1 & Powder Mill Road in Beltsville
(301) 937-4292
The Rev. Paula Clark Green, Priest-in-Charge

Weekly Sabbath Services
Worship 10:50 am
Adult Bible Classes 9:30 am
Children’s Classes 9:45 am

March 14, 2pm
Three Simple Tests for Your Money
March 21, 2pm
Three Simple Tips to Control Your Spending

Lost a job? Worried that your “Retirement Account” looks more like a “Work Forever” account? Trouble paying the bills? Pastor Kermit Netteburg tackles the tough questions in this series that will give you hope for the future. Come to either the 11am worship services, or the 2pm seminars—or both!

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United Methodist Church
7410 Old Muirkirk Road
Beltsville, MD 20705
Temporarily worshipping at:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School
4545 Ammendale Road, Beltsville, MD 20705
Sunday School: (all ages) 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.
Sign language interpreting (1st Sunday)
Reverend B. Kevin Smalls, Pastor
(301) 937-7122
Pastor email: pastorquocum@verizon.net
Administrative Assistant email: seoxquocum@verizon.net
www.gbqm-umc.org/qcumc

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of Beltsville (SBC)
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301-937-7771
www.fbcbeltsville.org
Keith Holland, Pastor

The Boomerang Express is coming to FBCB
Vacation Bible School 2009 June 22 -26

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

Wednesdays:
*Adult Bible Study & Prayer 7:00pm
Team Kids (4 yr. old - 6th grade) 7:00pm
Youth Fellowship (7th - 12th grade) 7:00pm
*Childcare available for children up to 4 years old

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During the week of February 16th, 2009, the Primary class at Paint Branch Montessori School had a science week. Each day the students, ages three through six years old, had the opportunity to work with a new science experiment. The experiments were designed to introduce basic concepts and scientific terminology, such as hypothesis, surface tension and volume. In keeping with the Montessori philosophy, each new experiment was introduced in the morning, and the children used the materials independently throughout the day.

Science Lessons for Primary Students

Youth Conservation Corps at Patuxent Research Refuge

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Patuxent Research Refuge in Laurel, MD will be hosting a Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program on the Refuge this summer. The YCC is a summer employment program for young men and women from all segments of society, who work, earn, and learn together doing outdoor conservation projects. The program is open to young men and women ages 15 through 18 years of age, who are citizens or legal residents of the United States. Enrollees work full time for 8 weeks (Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.) and earn minimum wage. The program runs from June 22 through August 14, 2009. Enrollees are expected to be available for the entire program. A strong interest in outdoor work and natural resources is recommended.

Applicants will also need a Social Security card prior to the first day of work, and must be able to provide their own transportation to and from work. Public transportation is not available. Previous work projects on the Refuge have included repairing fencing, clearing vegetation, building and improving trails, cleaning water control structures, removing invasive plants and contributing to wildlife management programs. Participants also participate in educational activities.

Interested youth should visit http://patuxent.fws.gov for a YCC application form or for additional information on the refuge and the YCC program. Youth may also call 301.776.3090 for information. Applications must be postmarked by April 13, 2009, and sent to:

YCC Coordinator, Patuxent Research Refuge, 12100 Bosich Forest Road, Laurel, Maryland 20708. Selection will be by lottery.