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UpStage Artists Presents Driving Miss Daisy

By Rick Bergmann

UpStage Artists is proud to present its next production, Alfred Uhry's Pulitzer prize winning play *Driving Miss Daisy*, this February. *Driving Miss Daisy* is a play about the growing respect and friendship between an elderly Jewish widow and her African American chauffeur. This heartwarming story is set in Atlanta and spans twenty-five years, 1948 to 1973.

Driving Miss Daisy was inspired by playwright Alfred Uhry's grandmother, Lena Fox, her chauffeur, Will Coleman, and his father. His grandmother, a Jewish woman who lived in Atlanta during the 1960s, had to give up driving after a car accident, and hired Coleman, who drove her for 25 years. In 2013, Uhry stated in an interview "They're so vivid because I grew up with them in Atlanta. Lena Fox, my grandmother, was 72 when she smashed her car and the family hired her a chauffeur. His name was Will Coleman, and he drove her around for 25 years. His grandson and I still meet now and then to talk."

In 1989, Uhry transformed his stage show into an Academy Award winning screenplay. The movie starring Jessica Tandy, Morgan Freeman, and Dan Ackroyd was a huge success. It was nominated for 9 academy awards including all three main performances, best director, best adapted screenplay and best picture. It won 4 including best picture.

UpStage Artists production will feature Anne Hull from Laurel as Daisy Werthan, Carlos Jordan from Clinton as Hoke Coleburn



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Anne Hull, Carlos Jordan and Rick Bergmann rehearsing for UpStage Artists production of *Driving Miss Daisy* at Emmanuel United Methodist Church.

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Submissions Due
No Later Than:
February 16
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February 26

On the Agenda



Karen Coakley

By President Karen M. Coakley

February 16th Beltsville Citizen's Association Meeting

Beltsville Neighborhood Park located at 11540 Montgomery Road needs a facelift. The park is owned by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC). The Department of Parks and Recreation's Park Planning and Development Division will hold a public listening session to discuss the desired conditions for the Beltsville Neighborhood Park located at 11540 Montgomery Road. Laura Connelly will be our guest speaker from MNCPPC. All interested parties are welcome to attend and all park, recreation, and open space ideas are welcome. Currently the park has a small, covered pavilion, a tot lot (that seems like it has been there forever), a multi-purpose ballfield and a basketball court. There is a hiker biker trail that also connects the park to the Beltsville Community Center located on Sellman Road. This is our opportunity to revital-

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Cub Pack 1031 Working Hard on Our Advancements!

By Regina Halper

Scouts in Cub Pack 1031 are working hard on their advancements. We have completed most of our outdoor requirements in November and are now finishing our Duty to God and Citizenship requirements. We had to go virtual with the variant and the cold making meeting in person hard. To keep it fun we are also working on fun electives.

The Bear den is learning about Beltsville history and completing a fun Roaring Laughter elective. The Wolf den is looking at Germs Alive and Hometown Heroes.

The Webelos are working on



Webelos leader Jennifer K. talking about nature on their three-mile hike in November.

Game Design elective.

If you are interested in discovering the fun of Cub Scouts, please contact Regina Halper at Pack1031cubscouting@gmail.com for more information. We are a family scouting unit. We hike, bike, go interesting places and learn about nature and do service. 95% of our scouts earned their rank this year! We are still being cautious, we meet weekly (either virtually or in person in the outdoors), stay arm's length apart and wear our masks and we keep it fun! Our active den leaders are 100% vaccinated and most of our scouts too!



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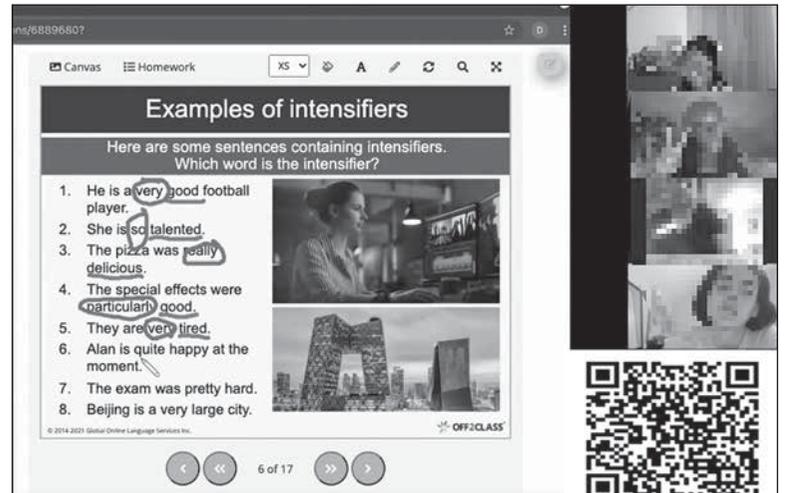
Virtual ESL Classes at Emmanuel United Methodist Church/ Clases virtuales de ESL en la Iglesia Metodista Unida Emmanuel

By Dela Martin

The ESL Ministry at Emmanuel United Methodist Church is a community of language learners from many different countries. We come together to learn, improve and practice English. We are offering an 8 week online English course. These are group classes with an online curriculum that meets once a week.

The "beginner class" meets on Mondays at 7 pm. In this class, we cover English basics, vocabulary, grammar, and useful phrases. The "advanced class" meets on Fridays at 7 pm. In this class, we cover conversation and difficult grammar topics. You will need access to the Internet and a computer/mobile device in order to participate in the class.

Please sign up for our mailing list to get more information about joining the free English classes. We are also looking for people to volunteer and teach in the ministry using the online curriculum. Please contact Dela Martin at delamartin@eumcbeltsville.com or (202) 417-7303 if this is something that interests you.



Virtual ESL classes at EUMC begin Feb. 4. Scan the QR code or go to <https://www.subscribepage.com/1601x4> to get updates/ Las clases virtuales de ESL en EUMC comienzan el 4 de febrero. Escanee el código QR o vaya a <https://www.subscribepage.com/1601x4> para obtener actualizaciones.

El ministerio de Ingles Como Segundo Idioma de la iglesia United Methodist es una comunidad de estudiantes de diferentes paises del mundo. Nos juntamos una ves a la semana para aprender, mejorar, y practicar el Ingles. La Iglesia de United Methodist de Beltsville le ofrecen a la comunidad de estudiantes internacionales este curso de Ingles Como Segundo Idioma

en linea para los que pueden utilizar una computadora. Nos reunimos en linea cada semana por ocho semanas usando un plan de aprendizaje en linea.

El curso basico para los estudiantes principiantes se encuentran cada lunes a las siete de la noche en linea. En este curso, cubrimos lo basico de Ingles; vocabulario y gramatica basica y frases utiles. El curso avanzado se encuentra cada viernes a las siete. En esta clase practicamos mas en conversacion y estudiamos la gramatica y vocabulario mas avanzado. Necesitan acceso a una computadora o un telefono movil con internet para poder participar.

Por favor, entre su nombre en nuestra lista de correo para que les mandemos mas información sobre como pueden participar en nuestras clases de Ingles que seran gratis. Tambien estamos solicitando voluntarios con conocimiento en la enseñanza en linea que quisieran asistir en este ministerio usando el plan de estudios en linea. Contactarse con Sra. Dela Martin at delamartin@eumcbeltsville.com o (202) 417-7303 para mas informacion o si quieren asistir como maestros voluntarios con la enseñanza en linea.

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Cats: From Mills to Media

By Lyla Ashburn

For 12,000 years, domestic cats have been a part of human society. They rose as figures of worship with the Egyptians and fell as symbols of witchcraft and superstition during the Salem Witch trials. But through it all, cats have always been an important symbol for humanity.

When humans first began settling and farming, stored grains attracted rodents. Small, local wild cats quickly associated human towns with plenty of prey. This migration into towns resulted in what we now call *Felis catus*, the domestic cat.

The image of the cat has been embraced in the last century, especially in the area of entertainment! In 1919, Felix the Cat made his debut in the early days of animation and became an instant sensation! Shortly after that, Felix appeared in his own comic strip printed in 250 newspapers around the world. The image of a cat was recognizable and relatable, and brought people together with the magic of humor.

Through the 20th century, many other cartoon cats gained their own fame. One would be hard-pressed to find someone who had not heard of at least one! Garfield, Hello Kitty, Cat

in the Hat, and Puss in Boots are just a few names that can be recognized by people of all ages.

As the internet began to take off, one of the most popular forms of entertainment that emerged was sharing pictures of funny cats. This produced such feline celebrities as Grumpy Cat, Maru, and Colonel Meow. If you haven't heard of them, no worries, a quick search online will have you laughing in no time!

Sharing cat pictures and cartoons on the internet has become a national pastime that has helped shelters and rescue organizations advertise cats and kittens available for adoption. The Garfield and Felix comic strips encourage people to adopt their own kitties, though hopefully with less trouble than these two felines cause!

Our furry feline companions have become an important symbol not just in our lives, but for the world as a whole. Cats have inspired people all around the world to love them. Hopefully, popular images of cats will remind us that we do not live alone in this world, and that we can and should strive to make the world a better place for cats and other animals as well.

Burned Out from Lingering Pandemic, Some on Frontlines Find Faith an Antidote

Damon and Irene Stone, a married couple who are registered nurses, remember being reassigned to the frontlines of the COVID pandemic to test, screen, triage, and care for patients. They describe the angst from the sheer volume of COVID positive patients, the scarcity of supplies and personal protective equipment, the fear of contracting the virus, as well as the emotional toll of having to console, not just patients, but colleagues.

Many medical workers like



them are exhausted from working through the pandemic. With variants, like the recent omicron, straining short-staffed facilities across the country, some on the frontlines are experiencing added physical, mental and emotional stress.

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At left: Damon and Irene Stone, front line workers, have found faith has helped get them through this difficult time.



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Welcome Captain Tyson

Captain Calvin L. Tyson has served as a police officer for the Prince George's County Police Department since May of 2004. His career began as a patrol officer in Landover, Division III. Through his nearly 18 years of service, Captain Tyson has held several positions in all four bureaus of the department, including detective, police academy instructor, police department spokesperson, and commander of the Evidence Unit. He previously served at Patrol Divisions III, IV and II, Training and Education Division, Domestic Violence Unit, Robbery Suppression Team, Media Relations Division, and Crime Scene Investigation Division.



Captain Calvin L. Tyson

Captain Tyson also served as an Advisor to Law Enforcement Explorer Post 301. Many of his former Explorers are now serving as police officers and sheriff's deputies throughout Prince George's County. Captain Tyson is also an active in Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 89.

Captain Tyson is a life-long County resident, educated in the Prince George's County Public Schools system. He graduated from Frederick Douglass High School in Upper Marlboro in

1998. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Government and Politics from the University of Maryland College Park and a Master of Public Administration from Bowie State University. Captain Tyson is a 2020 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fellow. He is also a member of Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated.

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Female pioneers to remember during Black History Month

By Dr. Kandis Boyd

Black History Month is celebrated in February to commemorate and celebrate the achievements of African Americans throughout American history. During this month, I am often reminded of the African American pioneers who led the way and made it possible for so many that followed. There are so many notable accomplishments of African Americans that need to be commended not just during Black History Month, but all year long. African American achievements have helped advance to society

and span various areas, including science, activism, and literature.

African American Females Also Deserve Tribute During Black History Month

During Black History Month, equal tribute should be paid to not only African American men, but also African American women as well. Here are some little-known facts about some female African Americans and their contributions to society (in alphabetical order):

- Stacey Abrams is a political activist and was the first Black woman to become the gubernatorial nominee for a major party

in the United States. In addition, she was the first Black woman and the first Georgian to deliver a Response to the State of the Union.

- Tyra Banks became a global supermodel. She was the first African American woman to appear on the cover of GQ, Sports Illustrated (swimsuit edition) and the Victoria's Secret catalog.
- Ludmya "Mia" Bourdeau Love won her race in Utah in the 2014 midterm elections. She was the first African American Republican to serve in the House of Representatives.
- Gwendolyn Brooks was the first African American female to win the Pulitzer Prize for poetry in 1950.
- Alexa Canady was the first black female neurosurgeon in the U.S. and specializes in pediatric neurosurgery.
- Shirley Chisholm became the first black female U.S. Representative and served as the Congresswoman from New York from 1969-1983.
- Bessie Coleman became the first African American pilot in 1921.
- Kamala Harris, elected with President Joe Biden, became the first woman, the first African American, and the first Asian American to hold the office of Vice President.
- Dorothy I. Height was the co-organizer of the March on

Washington in 1963. She was also the first leader in the civil rights movement to recognize inequality for women and African Americans as problems. Height was the president of the National Council of Negro Women for 40 years.

- Shirley Ann Jackson is the first African American woman to earn a Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in 1964. She also served as the first African American female chair of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
- Mae Jemison became the first black woman to travel into space in 1992. She served as a mission specialist astronaut aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavor.
- Marie Maynard Daly became the first woman to receive a Ph.D. in Chemistry from Columbia University in 1921.
- Hattie McDaniel became the first African American female to speak on the radio. Later, she later became the first African American to win an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress in "Gone with the Wind."
- Toni Morrison is the first African American to win a Nobel Prize for literature in 1993.
- Carol Mosely Braun became the first Black woman Senator, serving from 1992-1998 for the state of Illinois.

- Michelle Obama became the nation's first Black First Lady when her husband, Barack Obama, defeated Sen. John McCain in the general election on November 4, 2008.
- Charlotte Ray graduated from Howard University School of Law in 1872 and became the first African American lawyer.
- Condoleezza Rice became the first Black female Secretary of State from 2005-2009.
- Patricia Roberts Harris became the first Black female ambassador to Luxembourg in 1965 and the first Black female cabinet minister in 1977. She served as the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development under Jimmy Carter.
- Madame C. J. Walker became America's first African American millionaire by creating a complete range of haircare products for Black women.
- Maxine Waters has served for 15 terms as the House of Representatives member from California. Congresswoman Waters made history as the first woman and first African American Chair of the House Financial Services Committee.
- Oprah Winfrey became the first African American female billionaire and the first woman to own her own cable TV network.
- Phillis Wheatley was the first African American poet who published "Poems on Various Subjects, Religious and Moral" in 1773. She is considered the founder of African American literature.

One thing is unforgettable – this list represents passionate African American *women* who made society better in their own way. In summary, it's important during Black History Month to provide accolades to notable African American women who are pioneers in their own right. However, accolades are just the beginning. We need to do more than just recognize the contributions of women and especially African American women. We need to make it easier for others to follow in their footsteps to enable the next generation of pioneers.

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- Horror movie franchise
- Varieties
- Mozart's "Die Zauberflöte"
- Road crew supply
- Moron
- Workman's cotton, once
- Exclamation of surprise
- Monte Cristo's title, in French
- *Olympic Athletes from _____, 2018 hockey winners
- *Figure skating jump (2 words)
- Capone's ilk, e.g.
- Attention-getting sound
- Eminem's genre
- Cashier's call
- Hit-or-miss
- It will
- *Triple one in figure skating
- Hustle and bustle
- German Mrs.
- A mile racer
- a.k.a. horse mackerel
- Jargon
- Workbench holding device
- Health club offering
- Diner, e.g.
- Latin for "and others"
- ____ Aviv

DOWN

- Ill-mannered one
- Curiosity's victim?
- *2022 Winter Olympics location
- *Torch Relay starting point
- "____ the Family" TV series
- Refrigerator sound
- Poppy seed derivative
- Bitterly regretting
- Egyptian cobra
- Part of a stair
- Seedy source of Omega-3s
- More, in Madrid
- Changes to a manuscript
- Cape _____, MA
- Copycat
- Carte du jour
- Spectrum maker
- Delilah's lover
- Roofed colonnade
- Expression of satisfaction
- Angry
- Fancy ride
- Japanese zither
- Pas in ballet
- "Freezing" Marvel character
- Letter-shaped girder

- ____ the land of the free..."
- Designer's studio
- *Biathlon gear
- Skylit lobbies
- Manufacturing site
- *2022 Winter Olympics number
- Like Curious George
- Monocot's alternative
- "Killers of the Flower Moon" Oklahoma location
- *Olympic award
- *Olympic sled
- For fear that
- Respond
- Circling
- Far, old-fashioned
- Capital of Punjab
- Early Irish alphabet
- Sort of warm
- Vomit
- Twelfth month of Jewish year
- Pelvic bones
- Put a hex on
- Concert units
- Not yet final
- Edible fat
- *Miracle on Ice winner
- Not Miss or Ms.

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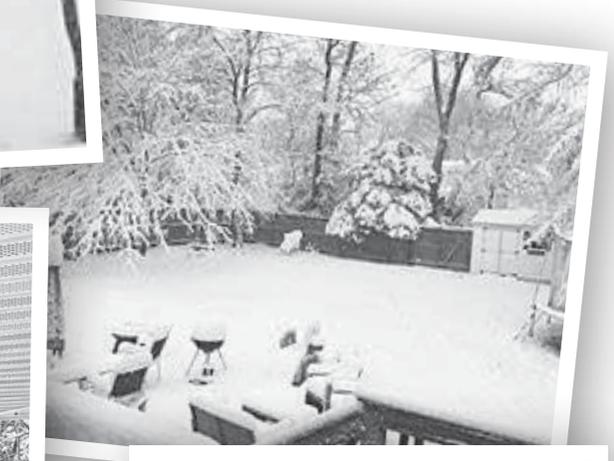
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Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

At-home tests for Beltsville

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Booster shots for Beltsville residents

Eligible Beltsville residents can sign up to get the COVID 19 Booster shot today. Locations include the CVS and Walgreens Pharmacy on Route 1 in Beltsville. To sign up for an appointment, visit mypgc.us/COVIDVaccine.

Scholarships to College

Each Senator and Delegate is allocated funds for scholarships to students in our district who attend Maryland colleges. With college tuition a struggle for many families, we need to do everything we can to help hardworking students get a good education. To apply online for a 2020-2021 Senate scholarship, students should visit www.21stDistrictDelegation.com/college-scholarships, and the deadline to apply is Friday, July 9. A separate Delegate scholarship



Senator Jim Rosapepe

application from Delegates Ben Barnes, Joseline Peña-Melnyk, and Mary Lehman is on that page as well.

More help paying for college

Saving for college is a challenge for many families. That's why the State of Maryland and Maryland 529 want to help Maryland families through the Save4College State Contribution Program. The program is designed to help lower to middle-income

families in Maryland save money for higher education. Individuals may receive a \$250 or \$500 contribution by the State. Applications must be submitted by 11:59pm on May 31, 2022. Learn more at maryland529.com/MDMatch250, or call 888.4MD.GRAD (888.463.4723) and select option 1, or email info@marylandcollegeinvestmentplan.org.

Do you need health insurance?

This tax season, get connected with free or low-cost health insurance! The Easy Enrollment program for uninsured Marylanders is part of the Maryland income tax form. Answer the new questions on your Maryland state tax return by April 15 to find out your health insurance options at the Maryland Health Connection. Learn more at www.MarylandHealthConnection.gov/EasyEnrollment

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.



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COAKLEY

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ize our neighborhood park. This will be a virtual Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89019689595?pwd=by91TmptVWNUeFEzdDZCNEJINEJOUT09>

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Changes in Bulky Trash Collection

Starting February 14th, Prince George's County curbside bulky trash collection will change. This

change allows residents to set out two bulky items or two trash bags with smaller items each week with their regular trash. All items need to be too large to fit in a County-issued or regular trash cart and need to be placed next to the trash cart for collection. Bulky items placed in other areas at the curb will not be collected. To better prepare for the change, the County will stop scheduling its current bulky trash collection process on Friday, January 21st. For more information PGC311 : <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/592/Acceptable-Unaccept->

able-Materials

Final Thoughts

I know I must sound like a broken record but *please* remove valuables from your cars! Lock your Cars! Park in well lighted areas! Turn your front porch lights on! *Do not* leave your car running while you run back in the house or a store! When you are getting gas take your keys out of the car with you and *lock you car!* If you have a community concern I can be reached at 301-741-7672 or karenmcoakley@gmail.com



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Obituaries



Stanley Marshall Jr.

Marshall Jr., Stanley E. (Age 81)

Stanley E. Marshall Jr., a faithful and beloved husband and father, transitioned peacefully with his wife by his side to be with his Lord and Savior on Sunday, December 26, 2021 after a brave fight with chronic kidney disease. He is survived by his devoted wife of 51 years, Jacinta A. Marshall; one daughter, Dr. Alycia Marshall (fiancé, Arnold Keith Adkins Jr.); one son, Brian E. Marshall (wife, Adriana); two grandsons, Lucas and Justin Marshall, and a host

of relatives and friends. Due to the pandemic, a private celebration of life for close family and friends was held on January 10, 2022 at 1:00pm and can be viewed virtually through the link provided below. Donations in Stan's memory may be made to the Riderwood Benevolent Care Fund, 3110 Gracefield Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904.

<https://sites.google.com/view/stanley-marshall-jr-funeral/home>
<https://www.borgwardtfuneral-home.com/>

From the Office of Councilmember Tom Dernoga

Snow Plan: One Plan - Five Operations

Blizzard Operation

Snow accumulation that must be removed from the roadway with heavy equipment

Full Operation

Multiple day plowing operation Greater than 4 inches of snow predicted

Modified Operation

Plowing operation of 2-4 inches of snow

Partner Operation

Salting operation, less than 2 inches of snow

Snowflake Operation

Salting operation of icy spots, hilly areas and bridges

The Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T) is responsible for providing "passable" conditions on a network of more than 1,900 miles of county-maintained roadways to ensure the safety of residents.

COVID-19 Updates

The County continues its weekly distribution of COVID-19 at-home rapid tests through community centers and libraries. Distributions will generally take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays; however, sometimes and locations may change. For the most current information, visit the Health Department's testing webpage: health.mypgc.us/COVIDTesting. The webpage also includes a link for a Test Kit Distribution Tracker to get real-time updates on the supply of test kits at each distribution site before you leave home.

Have you signed up to get your free at-home COVID-19 tests? With help from the White House, every home in the United States is now eligible to order four free at-home COVID-19 tests. The tests are completely free, and orders will usually ship in seven to twelve days. Order your tests now so you have them when you need them: www.covidtests.gov

Snow and Ice News

Please allow for 48 hours after snowfall concludes before calling

311. Crews work as long as necessary to clear roadways, which consists of salting, sanding, and/or plowing. Snow emergency routes and primary roads are treated first, followed by secondary streets, and finally residential streets including dead-ends and cul-de-sacs. If it has been 48 hours and your situation has not changed, call County-Click 311 or 301-883-4748, open 7AM to 7PM to notify the County.

Please go to this link for more information and an interactive snowplow map <https://bit.ly/3trb6km> or this link to view the latest Snow Summit: <https://bit.ly/PGSnowSummit>.

New Beltsville Sports Facility Development

The Sports Performance and Recovery Center (SPARC) team has recently purchased the vacant 3.3-acre lot at 10801 Rhode Island Avenue. They are working on plans to build an approximately 16,000 sq. ft. facility, which will consist of 2 basketball courts (~11,000 sq. ft.) along with speed, strength, and agility areas (~3,500 sq. ft.). The remaining space will

be used for locker rooms, a recovery room, and a classroom. They are also examining the prospect of including turf for indoor sports.

SPARC was founded by Ethan Leder, a Maryland native, businessman and philanthropist. Ethan has a passion for improving outcomes through education and athletics. SPARC will be home to multiple high-level trainers to help athletes of all skill levels reach peak performance. SPARC will also use the opportunity to mentor and provide guidance on the careers available to mentees beyond playing professionally.

Their goal is to open the SPARC facility by mid-2023. For more information on this project, please contact info@sparcdmv.com.

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Calendar of Events

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AREA EVENTS

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 sometime in February.** *Masks
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 updates.* Membership is free for Belts-
 ville residents who are 60 years old
 or older. Address: 7120 Contee Rd.,
 Laurel, MD 20707, around the corner
 from the University of Maryland Medi-
 cal Center. Phone: 301.206.3350. Fax:
 301.206.3387. TTY: 301.446.3402.

LAUREL SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB (LSFC)

Tentatively scheduled: The LSFC will
 meet on Wed., Feb. 9 at 10:30 a.m.
 The meeting room doors open at 9:30
 a.m. We will have a business meeting,
 installation of the officers for 2022, and
 musical entertainment. After Feb. 1,
 interested people can contact the LSFC
 office for more details on Monday,
 Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to
 12:30 p.m. at 301.206.3380.

COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM

Contact the museum or check its web-
 site for current status. Address: 1985
 Cpl. Frank Scott Dr., College Park, MD
 20740. Phone: 301.864.6029. TTY:
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 tionMuseum.com](http://CollegeParkAviationMuseum.com) for more information.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER

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The Visitor Center building is open
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 and federal holidays. The bookstore
 is located inside; it is open Wednes-
 day – Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

DRIVING MISS DAISY

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and the Beltsville News' own Rick
 Bergmann as Boolie Werthan. It
 is directed by John Cusamano of
 Laurel. There will be six per-
 formances, February 18, 19, 25,

and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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Sat., Feb. 12 from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.
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Sat., Feb. 12 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30
 p.m. All ages. **Registration required;
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 Owl. Both are expert hunters: The
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 Owl is a stealthy hunter. The program
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Sat., Feb. 19 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
 Ages 6 – 12. **Registration required;
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WHO WAS HERE?

Tue. – Sat. from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 each day throughout February. All
 ages, no registration required. Be a
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 freshly fallen snow tell a story. Can you
 identify who made the tracks? Can you
 figure out what they were doing? Learn
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BELTSVILLE EVENTS

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Club News

The Beltsville Young at Heart Club

By Lois Hamilton

We had to cancel our January 20 meeting due to covid fears among our older members, and the closing of the community center. However, our February 17 meeting will be a late Valentine get-together with Johnny Seaton, Beltsville's local Elvis impersonator. We will have the 50/50 chances, light refreshments,

and you can sign up for planned upcoming trips. Bring your checkbook; you pay when you sign up. Our first trip will be in April. We will have our entertainment from January in March with Dan & Cheryl. Masks and social distancing is still required. If you have questions call me at 301-498-9736. Stay safe & healthy and hope to see you in February.

UpStage Artists Announces Auditions for it's Spring Show, One and Dunne!

By Rick Bergmann

UpStage Artists is happy to announce auditions for it's spring show, "One and Dunne: An Evening of One Act Comedies" by local, award-winning playwright Jeff Dunne. Auditions will be held at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane Beltsville, MD 20705 on

Friday, March 11 from 7-9 pm and Saturday, March 12 from 3-5 pm. Rehearsals begin March 21 and are held on Monday, Thursday, and Friday evenings. You will not have to be at every rehearsal. There will be 4 mandatory rehearsals from May 2 to May 5. There are 6 show dates, May 6-8, and May 13-15. If you are interested go to www.upstageartists.com/auditions and fill out the online audition form.

One of the missions of UpStage Artists is to create theater for anyone who wants to try. If you have ever wanted to try theater but were worried about the time com-

mitment or the amount of work needed, this may be the show for you to make the leap into acting. Since it is a show comprised of 9 ten-minute one act comedies, the time commitment is significantly less than a normal show. UpStage Artists loves working with new performers and teaching them about theater. So, if you have ever wanted to act before, come out and audition. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the scripts. There are 26 roles throughout the 9 scripts for men and women. Auditioners should be 16 years of age or older. If you have any questions, contact UpStage Artists by email at info@upstageartists.com.

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- **A Change in Nature:** Can we change the nature of who we are? Do we really want to?
- **Crazy is the New Normal:** Sometimes people get confused over the distinction of accepting the unusual vs. shunning the lack thereof.

AUDITIONS
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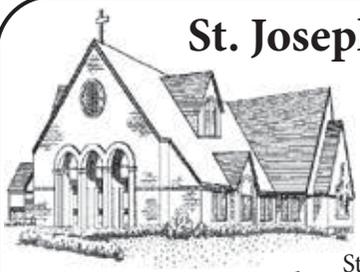
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God will give you the strength you need at this most difficult times.

ANTIDOTE

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Damon and Irene worked in a healthcare facility in Largo, Maryland. "It was rough," said Damon, referring to patients' pleas to not let them die. Irene sadly recalls the heartbreaking stories of couples who had COVID where one survived but the other spouse did not. Adding to their emotional trauma, both Damon and Irene contracted COVID-19 and became sick. They both recovered without the need for hospitalization.

What pulled them out of despair in the early phases of the pandemic continues to keep them afloat. They credit their faith as Jehovah's Witnesses for helping them endure the ongoing toll of the pandemic.

"Keeping a good spiritual routine, prayer, and a sense of humor is important," Damon said. "It is what helps us push through."

They lean on fellow Witnesses' for support, regularly meeting together for spiritual activities via Zoom. This interchange of encouragement energizes them. "It's refreshing," Irene said. "It really helps to rejuvenate you to face the next week."

American psychological and psychiatric associations, while not advocating or endorsing any specific religion, acknowledge the role spirituality and religious faith can play in coping with distress and trauma.

Lawrence Onoda, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist in Mission Hills, California, noted some ways spirituality can help, including giving people "a positive hope and meaning toward life, comfort by looking for answers and strength from a higher power, and a collective shared experience of support and community."

Damon and Irene find joy in sharing with others what has helped them. They join friends online to write or call people in the community with a message of hope from the Scriptures. "That keeps me balanced and it keeps the anxiety at bay," Irene said.

One favorite resource for them is jw.org, the official website of Jehovah's Witnesses, with its collection of practical articles like "How to Beat Pandemic Fatigue" and short comforting videos such as "The Resurrection - Soon a Reality."

"The website proved itself to be beneficial, encouraging, and faith strengthening," Damon said. "It's been right on time with what we needed."

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 Take hold of the hearts that have let you come near;
 Take hold with grace gently all those you hold dear;
 Take hold of the knowledge of God Who is King;
 Take hold of His Son, He's the key to all things;
 Take hold of the One, Who's eternal and great;
 Take hold of His wisdom, on this meditate;
 Take hold of the love which He offers to you,
 Who holds you forever, is faithful and true.

Beckie Hutchings
1/08/2022

VOLUNTEERING

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- **One's Cup of Tea:** When a pair of friends try out a new restaurant, they learn a little something about the value of frivolity from an eccentric waiter.
- **The Present:** Jesse is attempting to give a present to James, who seems unable or unwilling to accept it. But, for some strange reason he won't.
- **A Lively Outfit:** Theo gets hired by Frank, who believes he has discovered the secret of bestowing life upon inanimate clothing.
- **Zero Hour:** What's it like for the Turkey's in the coop right before Thanksgiving? Are they prepared for the inevitable?
- **Sudden Death:** Cheese has finished interviewing for the job of Death, but now it turns out that there's a competitor for the position, and they are tied for first place. How will Bruunhilde decide who gets the job?

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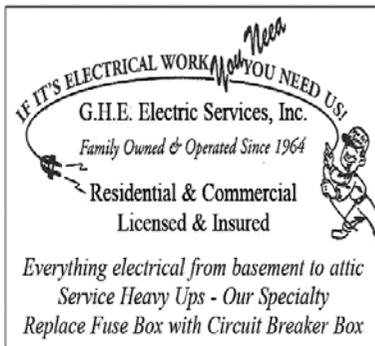
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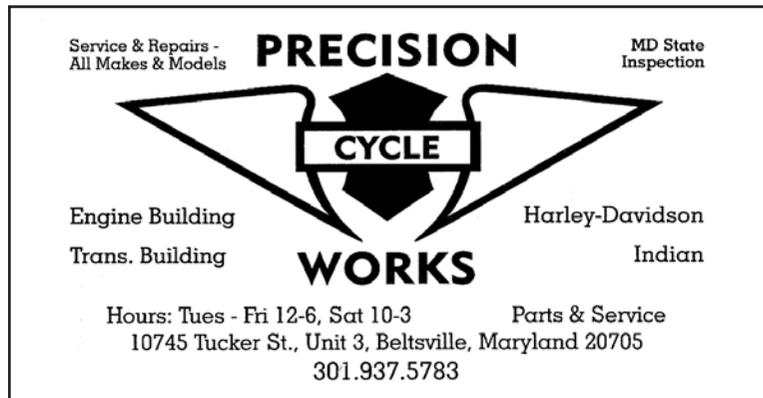
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