A Review of Beltsville History

By Jay Williams

Here is the 2nd part provided by Mr. Ted Ladd, Beltsville resident since 1962.

Muirkirk Iron Works

The Muirkirk Iron Works was established in 1847 when Andrew and Elias Ellicott purchased property next to the B&O Railroad tracks in Beltsville from the Snowden family and erected a furnace that was 38 feet high and 8 and ½ feet in diameter at the base. Iron ore was noticed in the area as early as 1800, but it was not mined until 1847. Pig iron produced at the Muirkirk Iron Works was used in the manufacture of guns, shot, and shell supplied to Union forces during the Civil War. Annual production of the facility was some 7,000 tons of high-grade pig iron with exceptional tensile strength, resistant to breaking under pressure.

In 1860, William E. Coffin, one of Boston’s leading iron manufacturers, purchased the furnace from the Ellicotts and operated the facility until his death, about 1867. His son Charles took over management of the furnace, and it was he who named the facility Muirkirk Furnace, probably because the furnace was modeled from one in Muirkirk, Scotland. The Muirkirk settlement was

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Scouting News

Boy Scout Lawn and Garden Fundraiser

By Gary Bauchan, Assistant Scoutmaster

Spring must be right around the corner because Troop 1033 will hold its 30th annual Spring Lawn and Garden Fundraiser on Saturday, April 9th. Look for order forms in your doorways the weekend of March 19th and 20th. The scouts are selling top-quality mulch, potting mix, top-soil, and LeafGro. Again this year, Behnke’s Nursery products will be sold. There are several advantages to purchasing from the Boy Scouts including first—we deliver to your home, saving you time, energy and gasoline and keeping your opinions.

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Missionary Sun Lae Kim Planning a Visit to the Beltsville Community

By Pastor Jacob Young, Ph.D.

At 12:00 PM on Wednesday, April 13th, The United Methodist Women of Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Beltsville will host missionary Sun Lae Kim at the church, and she will give a presentation about her ministry. Missionary Kim has been serving in Mongolia since 2002. Her ministry includes working with children, a prison ministry at 2 missions to purchasing from the Boy Scouts including first—we deliver to your home, saving you time, energy and gasoline and keeping

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On the Agenda

The Jain Society will give a presentation on its plans for the property it owns at the corner of North Lincoln and Ammendale Road at our next meeting on April 20th at 7pm in the cafeteria of Beltsville Academy. I have received several calls from residents about the organization’s plans. I strongly encourage you to hear firsthand, and you opinions.

Safety Tips from Officer Demin

(who presented at our March Meeting)

1. Trash barrels are out—days before pickup. If your trashcans are out on Thursday and trash day is Monday. That tells burglars that you’re gone for the weekend. Also be wary of leaving boxes from that new flat-screen TV or gaming system at the curb—they make the home seem like a more enticing prospect. Plus, they reveal that you have money to spend and perhaps other expensive items in the home.

2. There are windows on your garage doors. Obviously, if you’re away or that you’re a negligent homeowner more likely to have faulty windows or doors.

3. There are windows on your garage doors. Obviously, if you leave your garage door open, it offers burglars easy access to your home, but garage windows might also lead to trouble. According to

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Neighbors in the News

Restoration House International Celebrates 7 Years of Ministry

Restoration House International, the multicultural, contemporary church located in the heart of the Beltsville community, will celebrate its seven-year anniversary on Sunday, April 3rd, from 12:00 PM–2:00 PM. Founded by Pastor Kenneth W. Chism, Restoration House marks this milestone in its ministry since its inaugural service on Sunday, April 5th, 2009. The community-oriented church has blossomed in 7 years to include a number of ministries designed to strengthen families, heal broken lives, and restore the hope of people who at times search for faith. As a ministry committed to serving and empowering its neighbors, Restoration House has offered free HIV-AIDS awareness programs, cancer-awareness initiatives, job-and resume-building workshops, and prison and homeless outreach projects. Most recently, Restoration House International has partnered with Beltsville’s Martin Luther King, Jr., Middle School to offer free tutoring services to students through its Excel Maryland Program. After 7 years of ministry, the opportunities to serve its community continues to broaden and expand. Though serving the Silver Spring and Hyattsville community since 2009, Restoration House officially opened its doors to the Beltsville community in July of 2012 as the ministry acquired and renovated its current facility to host its services and ministry outreach. Restoration House cordially invites the Beltsville community to attend the service, which will highlight the many programs offered to the community, detail the history of the church, and showcase contemporary and traditional worship music and the arts. Also, there will be an anniversary reunion choir comprised of current and past members of the church. There will be light refreshments served to all visitors after the service and an opportunity to meet and greet as well. This service and all services are free to the public with ample parking. Restoration House is located at 4600 Powder Mill Road, Suite 300, Beltsville MD 20705.

For more information, please contact Imhotep Newsome, assistant pastor, at 877.315.4267 or by email at imhotep@restorationhouseintl.org.

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established about 1870 and consisted of the Coffin family mansion, a post office, company store, and some 30 multi-family houses rented to the ironworkers. Charles later was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates, then to the Maryland Senate, and finally to the US House of Representatives. He died in 1912 in Muirkirk and was buried in St. Johns cemetery. Upon the death of Charles Coffin, his son Ellery took over management of the Muirkirk Iron Works and ran it until 1920, when it was closed. A Coffin family home still stands at 4931 Powder Mill Road, not far from St. Johns Cemetery. The home was built in 1885 by Dr. Charles Fox, the village doctor for Beltsville until his death in November 1915.

After the Civil War, many of the workers at Muirkirk Iron Works were freedmen. In 1868, three-tenths of an acre of land was purchased by Thomas Queen, Thomas Matthews, Ferdinand Key, James Powell, Knotley Johnson, and Henry Edwards for the purpose of building a place of worship and school for the “colored people” of Muirkirk on land that was the site of a pre-Civil War war cemetery. The chapel was named after Thomas Queen. Some 20 years later, Augustus Ross, a Muirkirk ironworker, purchased land one mile east of the furnace and built a two-story home. Other ironworkers did the same, and a community was established around the focal point of Queen’s Chapel. The community was named Rossville. Queen’s Chapel lies between the original village of Muirkirk and Rossville.

Today, the actual site of the furnace is obscured by a complex of buildings and the Muirkirk MARC Train Station. The iron pits became a treasure trove of dinosaur fossils, including one from a dinosaur named Astrodon johnstoni, discovered in 1858. It was named the Maryland State Dinosaur in 1998. Visit Dinosaur Park, in the 13200 block of Mid-Atlantic Avenue, Laurel, for more information on dinosaurs that roamed this area 115 million years ago.

Most of the information presented in this article was taken from items available on the Internet. To know more about Mr. Ted Ladd, go to www.jwdc.com/ladd.
your car clean; second—we provide competitive prices because of the substantial discount given to us by Behnke’s Nursery, which allows us to offer the products at a good price; and third—33% of your purchase can be deducted from your taxes as a gift to the Boy Scout Troop. The deadline for placing your order is Thursday, March 31st. Our goal this year is to send every scout in our troop to summer camp. A week-long Boy Scout camp is what most boys remember their entire life, and we want each boy to have the opportunity to attend camp this year. Your support of our fundraiser will allow this to happen. In addition, this year’s fundraiser will provide for other activities including overnight camping trips where the scouts will go hiking, biking, kayaking, canoeing, and swimming. Please note that all efforts to organize and operate this sale are 100% volunteered by supporters of scouting in Beltsville. See our web page at www.bsabeltsville@hotmail.com for additional information.

Scouts Hit the Wall Climbing

The Boy Scouts in Troop 1033 traveled to Columbia, MD, to Earth Trek, which is an indoor climbing facility. The scouts learned from the Earth Trek instructors and the watchful eyes of Scoutmaster Rick Deery, Assistant Scoutmasters Eric Saathoff and Kevin Deustachio, and Troop Committee Member Bob Thomas the proper way to put on a harness and helmet, the correct way to tie themselves in with a proper figure 8 knot, and the correct commands for belaying. The scouts practiced their skills in the one-story instructional area before they applied their skills on the 3-story-tall climbing walls. Boy Scouts Mike, Kyle, James, Sam, Henry, Daniel, Abel, Vlad, Brian, Ryan, Brandon, Kasey, Trevor, and Walker all achieved new heights in learning climbing skills and the thrill of reaching the top of the building.

Scouts Have Fun in the Snow

Remember the Snowzilla we had at the end of January? Do you ever wonder what the Boy Scouts do with that much snow? Well, after helping to dig out from their driveways, they gathered for their usual meeting at the Methodist church and created snow forts out of the huge snowbanks made by the plows along the edge of the parking lot. Scouts dug holes into the snowbanks to make their forts and built snowmen along the edge to stand as guards for their forts. They warmed themselves at a fire in a grill while spending a couple of hours playing in the snow. Ahh: to be a kid again and enjoy the white, fluffy stuff! If you have a son who is interested in joining the Boy Scouts, come to our meetings on Thursdays at 7:00 PM at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705 or contact Troop 1033 at bsabeltsville@hotmail.com.

Cub Scout News

Cub Pack 1031 celebrated its blue and gold dinner on February 29th with dishes from all over the world to celebrate our diverse culture here in Beltsville. Philippine spring rolls, chicken curry, lasagna, tamales, and Biryanis along with fried chicken and other tasty delights were on the menu. We ended with cake and tea along with fried chicken and other tasty delights were on the menu. We ended with cake and tea. We ended with cake and tea!•

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Rosapepe’s Report to Beltsville

Reminder: Scholarships to College

Each senator and delegate is allocated funds for scholarships to students in their district who attend Maryland colleges. There are more deserving students in Beltsville. With college tuition a struggle for many families, we need to do everything we can to help hardworking students get a good education. We can’t help everyone with Senatorial Scholarships, but we can certainly help some.

To apply online for a 2016-2017 senate scholarship, students should visit www.21stDistrictDelegation.com/collage-scholarships. The deadline to apply is July 15th.

The call to service is more accessible now than ever. Local DAR chapters nationwide are organizing service projects in their communities.

National Society DAR Commemorates 125 Years of Service

Local Colonel Tench Tilghman Chapter Celebrates by Encouraging Prospective Members to Join!

The Colonel Tench Tilghman Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is conducting a membership drive as part of a nationwide celebration to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the founding of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. All women who can document descent from a Revolutionary War patriot are encouraged to consider the many benefits of joining the vibrant service organization, which has promoted historic preservation, education, and patriotism since its formation in 1890.

“Our chapter, which was organized in 1922, carries out the important mission of the National Society here on the local level,” said Chapter Regent Kathy Mellott. “We are eager to welcome new members to our chapter, and we have volunteers available to help with the research and completing their genealogy in order to apply for membership.”

Due to the ability to exchange and obtain genealogical information over the Internet, interest in joining the DAR is at an all-time high, with six of the highest years of application submissions occurring in the last decade. The Genealogical Research System (GRS), which is a free, online resource provided by the DAR to aid general genealogical research and to assist with the DAR membership process, has made joining the DAR even more accessible to many women. Explore these resources for free at www.dar.org/grs.

“Truly, there has never been a more exciting time to join the DAR. We offer today’s busy women an opportunity to celebrate the joys of American citizenship in a meaningful way, and we are enthusiastic about the future of our society,” said National Society DAR President General Lynn Forney Young, who noted that there are currently nearly 180,000 members of the DAR serving in nearly 3,000 chapters across the nation and in several foreign countries. “We extend a warm invitation to become a member of the DAR and to assist with the DAR Day of Service and the challenges we face.”

Since the DAR’s founding 125 years ago, more than 940,000 women have been inducted into membership. During the current three-year-anniversary celebration with the DAR, the organization issued a challenge to complete 10 million hours of service to America. Local DAR chapters nationwide are coordinating service projects in honor of DAR’s 125th anniversary throughout the year, and members from coast to coast have offered to support the DAR in its mission.

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.

National Society DAR Volunteers Assisting with Preparation for Taxes

Volunteers are helping the residents of Beltsville prepare for their taxes and follow the instructions included in the resident tax booklet for 2015. The tax credit exempts the first $10,000 of a military pension from Maryland taxes.

For help preparing your tax return, learn about the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs. If you make $52,000 or less, IRS-certified volunteers can inform you about tax credits for which you may qualify and prepare a basic tax return with electronic filing.

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Middle School Students Are “Misunderstood”

By Rick Bergmann

As I walked into the stage area of Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School (MLK), I heard the familiar sounds of technical difficulties that often seem to accompany school productions. The situation turned out OK, though: the technical snafus were soon fixed, and the cast and crew worked on getting ready for the evening’s performance of “Misunderstood,” an original drama by Jason Cook. Cook is the guiding director of the Colours program, an ensemble arts leadership program designed to strengthen students academically, artistically, socially, and interpersonally.

This year, Colours partnered with Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School and launched the New Musical Project effort. Their first show was “Misunderstood,” which is set in an after school program for high school students. These students, who are honor roll students, are seemingly handling everything very well in school. However, as they share more and more throughout their sessions, they begin to realize that even the “good kids who never cause issues” have been misunderstood.

I had a chance to speak to the ensemble before the show, and they seemed very excited about their performance. The actors were all 6th grade girls who showed a lot of energy and spirit. I asked them about their experience, and they agreed it was unique and rewarding. However, they were not the only students who participated in the program, for the show was double cast. The 6 girls I spoke to were performing opening night, and a new ensemble would perform on Friday. Even though the show was written by Cook, the girls said they were allowed to give input on some of the dialogue and characters as well as the choreography. The girls worked with Cook after school and through Google Classroom. Google Classroom is a program provided to schools where each student gets their own Google account and can access assignments given by their teachers. The actors did work on character insight and development through the classroom. They also had a preview at the University of MD, College Park. They performed for UMD’s School of Theater, Dance, and Performance Studies, and they were given feedback from the KREATIVITY student theater group.

The show was a unique collection of vignettes, each relaying a different session of the after school program. Throughout the sessions, the audience learns about the students and their teacher. Topics such as parental loss and abandonment, loneliness, and parental pressure are discussed. The student actors portray characters ranging from 9th-grade freshman to 12th-grade seniors. They performed the characters flawlessly.

The performance was live streamed over the Internet and recorded. The goal is that the students will take the recordings and learn to edit them into a short film to be given to PG County schools. At the end, there was a question and answer session with characters of the show. This allowed the young performers to remain in character and ad lib as members of the audience asked them questions about their lives. The performers handled it immaculately. At the end of the night, Mr. Cook explained that the characters were each based on students he had encountered in his 24 years of teaching. He is working on putting the show on the road with the students by presenting it at local high schools in the county. If you would like to learn more about the show or the Colours program, you can go to www.coloursprogram.org.

The next production for the staff and students at MLK will be “The King Revue” on May 19. It will be a community-inspired event showcasing talent and works by MLK students, students from feeder schools, former MLK students, and staff.

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Del-Mar-Va Depression Glass Club

LANHAM, MD – The Del-Mar-Va Depression Glass Club’s Show and Sale will be held Saturday, April 23rd, 10am-5pm and Sunday, April 24, 10am-3pm at Duval High School, 9880 Good Luck Road, Lanham MD 20706 near the NASA Visitor Center. Depression glass, elegant glass art deco, books and linens will be sold. The special exhibit this year is “Shades of Pink and Green” featuring pink and green glass. A free glass identification service is also offered. Admission $4.00. For more information, phone (202) 544-2333 or (202) 445-4208 or (410) 263-4192, or Greg.Vass76@icloud.com

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Neighborhood in the News

Make-A-Wish® Mid-Atlantic Sends Three Local Wish Kids to WrestleMania®

On Sunday, April 3rd, WWE® fans around the world will watch their favorite WWE superstars and divas during WrestleMania® 32, taking place at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, TX, and live on WWE Network. In the midst of all the excitement, Ayden, age four from Princess Anne, MD; Thomas, age 16 from Fort Washington, MD; Davonte, age 16 from Waldorf, MD; and their families will experience the annual event in VIP style. Make-A-Wish® Mid-Atlantic through the help of WWE has planned a weekend packed with activities guaranteed to amaze the young fans.

The fun-filled weekend begins Thursday, March 31st, when Ayden, Thomas, Davonte, and their families will travel together to Dallas on a flight out of Washington Dulles International Airport. In addition to attending Sunday’s event, Ayden, Thomas, and Davonte will have opportunities to meet WWE superstars and divas, attend a private autograph session at Dave & Buster’s, and receive tickets to the biggest fan event of the year, WrestleMania Axxess. Ayden, Thomas, Davonte, and their families will also have free time to explore Dallas and attend a private pizza party for wish kids at the Dallas World Aquarium.

The three will join 28 other wish kids from around the country whose one true wish is to go to WrestleMania. With 31 wish kids attending this year, WrestleMania is one of the largest single wish-granting endeavors, though support from WWE year-round. WWE regularly helps grant wishes by donating tickets to WWE events nationwide and coordinating meet and greets with WWE talent.

“Wish kids like Ayden, Thomas, and Davonte often find inspiration in the courage the superstars bring to their matches each week, which helps them face their own battles with fighting serious illnesses,” said Laura Caldwell, president and CEO of Make-A-Wish Mid-Atlantic. “WWE consistently grants high quality wishes, and after WrestleMania 32, 31 more wish children will come away with not only a renewed sense of hope and strength, but also the joy in knowing that wishes really do come true.”

WWE has been involved in wish granting since the early 1980s, beginning shortly after the founding of Make-A-Wish. The popularity of WWE has endured throughout the years with a total wish count numbering in the thousands. Since 2001, more than 45 superstars and divas have individually been requested, and subsequently, granted a wish.
**Obituaries**

**Mary Lou Wolfe**

Mary Lou Wolfe passed away on Saturday, February 20th. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Wolfe. She is survived by two children, Greg Wolfe and Sue Burton, son-in-law Lee Burton, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held on Thursday, February 25th at 11:00 AM at Emmanuel Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705. A private ceremony followed at the grave site in Union Cemetery, Burtonsville, Maryland. Donations may be made to Hospice of the Chesapeake, Prince George’s County, 9500 Arena Dr. #250, Largo, Maryland 20774 in memory of Kenneth Wolfe.

**Kitty Lou Schneider, 71**

On Monday, February 22nd of Beltsville, Maryland; beloved wife of Ludwig Schneider and the late Carl Masters; mother of Vicki (Thom) Mignardi and Brian Masters; stepmother of Sharon Bexley and Jeffrey Schneider; sister of Dan Dolan, Russell Dolan, and the late Shirley Milne; grandmother of Samantha. Funeral service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, Maryland, on Friday, February 26th, at 10:00 AM; Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the National Parkinson Foundation.

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**Wishes for Spring**

Oh, Sun, leave your cloud cover!
Warm the earth and the hearts of the hurting!
Make buds bloom, and let us enjoy Nature!  
*(c) Ingeborg Carsten-Miller February 28, 2016*

**Translation from the German:**

Frühlingswünsche

Oh, Sonne, verlasse Deine Wolkenhülle!  
Erwärme die Erde, die Herzen der Schmerzenden!  
Bringe Knospen zum Blühen & erfreue uns mit der Natur!

Translation from the German:

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**New Raspberry Pi**

The Raspberry Pi Foundation at the beginning of the month released the Raspberry Pi 3. We discussed the Raspberry Pi last summer. The Pi 3 is a quad core computer based on the ARM architecture that runs about 35% faster than the Pi 2. Like the Pi 2, it uses microSD memory for storage and has a gigabyte of RAM, 4 USB ports, and an Ethernet connector. It connects to the television using an HDMI port. The new Pi 3 adds wireless and Bluetooth support for the first time. All of this is available for the same $35.00 price as the Pi 2. The Raspberry Pi is available locally from Microcenter and can be purchased online from many outlets. If $35.00 is too much, last December the Pi Foundation released the Pi Zero for $5.00—yes that’s right—$5.00. This tiny computer is comparable to the original Raspberry Pi A, using the same ARM processor and still supports the full Debian Linux-based operating system as all of its Pi siblings. The Zero sold out immediately when it was released in December and is still difficult to find in stores, but I expect this will change soon as supply catches up with demand.

**Time to Change your Passwords**

I like to use Daylight Savings Time as a reminder to update my passwords. Remember that the best way to create memorable and secure passwords is to use a phrase, selecting a letter from each word of the phrase, select a number that changes periodically, and use a different application or website to make the password for each unique site. To change the password, typically you want to select a new phrase. In my example from last year I used the phrase “we all live in a yellow submarine,” so to show a new example, I might change that to “in an octopus’s garden in the shade.” I used the number of years that have passed since Columbus sailed the ocean blue (2016-1492 = 524) and the first 2 and last letters from the site name Amazon would be “amn.” Because the last digit is a 4, I will uppercase every 4th letter and use the special characters above the 2 and the 4 to get “amn@24SiaoGintS.” Of course you should mix up the rules and pick your own phrases, but this should provide you with a reasonably secure password until the next time you need to change. Oh, and don’t forget to change the batteries in your smoke alarms.

**Watching TV on Your Computer**

The company SiliconDust creates devices that allow you to watch television on your computer by streaming the channels over your network. It even has a model that uses a cable card and delivers all of the cable channels to which you subscribe. Comcast (Xfinity) currently provides the cable card free, and Verizon charges $5.00 per month for the card. You can also record the channels and create your own personal video recorder (PVR) to time-shift your viewing. There are other devices from companies such as Hauppauge that allow you to stream video from the air or from cable to an individual computer, but with the HDHomeRun series from SiliconDust, you can stream to any computer on the network. I have even used a Raspberry Pi (with the MPEG-2 license installed) to stream cable to a TV so I could avoid using a cable box for an extra TV. If there is interest in this topic, I may do a future column covering the PVR and TV space.

**BELTSTONE BRIEFS**

If you are interested in displaying your art, we are accepting entries for this non-juried show from those 16 years of age and older. The entry deadline is April 8th. All those interested in providing artwork for the show should contact the church office at stjosarts@gmail.com or visit www.stjos.org/Community_Art_Show to download an entry form. This show is for artists of all skill levels, and we invite all members of the community to show their work.

**Christmas in April**

The Prince George’s County Christmas in April program will be repairing houses of 83 disadvantaged homeowners on Saturday April 30th with the help of approximately $3,000 volunteers. In order to better help those homeowners, Christmas in April desperately needs skilled tradesmen (plumbers, roofers, carpenters, contractors, electricians etc.). If you are able to help, please contact Mary Kucharski, the deputy director of Christmas in April, at 301.866.0937 or by email at cmapp@aol.com.

**VBS Is Coming To First Baptist Church Beltsville**

Come join the First Baptist Church of Beltsville 4700 Odell Rd, Beltsville for Vacation Bible School 2016 as they swim to find the truth about Jesus below the surface. Your children will learn that Jesus sees, Jesus knows, and Jesus saves. They will be diving into bible studies, crafts, recreation, music and missions. VBS is open to every child ages 3 years old to 6th grade. The dates are June 26-30 and the times are Sunday, June 26, 6-9pm and Monday-Thursday 9AM-12PM. Family night will be on Thursday June 30. The cost is free! You can register online by going to our website at www.FBCHBELTSVILLE.org.
Meet Your Local Representatives from the 21st District Delegation at Cross Creek Golf Club!

Join the Greater Beltsville Business Association (GBBA), an all-volunteer organization, on May 18th, from 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM, as we welcome Jim Rosapepe, Barbara Frush, Jocelyn Pena Melnyk, and Ben Barnes from the 21st District Delegation. You’ll hear about our most recent legislation and interact with the delegation as we mingle with local business owners, residents, and community members.

Everyone interested is encouraged to attend this free event at Cross Creek Golf Club and take advantage of our monthly breakfast meetings held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 7:30 AM until 9:00 AM at the Cross Creek Golf Club, located at 12900 Bay Hill Dr. (off Old Gunpowder Rd.), Beltsville, MD 20705. For more details about GBBA and to register, please visit our website at http://beltsvillebusiness.com, contact us by phone at 240.391.8001, or send us an email at beltsvillebusiness@gmail.com.

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“Can a Car Accident Have a Divine and Holy Purpose?” Part 2: The Aftermath

Part 1 was published in last month’s Beltsville News

By Crystal Joy Webb

Welcome back to part 2 of my personal saga sharing the details of my disastrous, yet inspiring car accident in 2004. Sound backwards? You’ll see, my car flipped over many times and bunged my head up so bad I was unconscious. Most of my resulting medical problems were related to head trauma. I had a grade-3 concussion, and I went into shock. Broken bones? NONE! Long-term problems? NONE! God had His hands of protection on me! But that’s not the best part.

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The Lord used my car accident to save the life of a child, and because of that, I will always praise my Savior for letting me be a part of it. Like I said in part 1, I would do it again in a heartbeat! But back to the main question: can a car accident have a Divine and Holy purpose?

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Our Motto is: We Work for You!
Riderwood, the Erickson Living retirement community, named Gary D. Hibbs as its executive director.

With Erickson Living since 1995, Hibbs has most recently served as the executive director of Oak Crest, a sister community located in northeastern Baltimore County.

In his new leadership position at Riderwood, Hibbs will oversee daily operations at the 120-acre community whose 2,600 residents are served by 1,400 employees.

“This is a homecoming for Gary as he was raised in nearby Greenbelt and his parents, Ray and Shirley, lived at Riderwood,” stated Chip Warner, vice president of regional operations for Erickson Living. “His professional life has been dedicated to not only serving the residents of Erickson Living but also advocating for older adults across the nation. Riderwood will continue to thrive as a place where our residents live better lives, in part because of Gary’s dedication to our mission.”

At Erickson Living, Hibbs has also been a regional executive director and executive director of communities in Michigan and New Jersey. Previously, he served as administrator of Wellington Manor, a long-term care facility in Clinton.

Hibbs has worked with older adults in both local and national arenas, having served with the Area Agency on Aging in Montgomery and Prince George’s counties and the Senior Citizens Law Project. He also worked with Congressman Claude Pepper as a staff member for the House Aging Committee’s Subcommittee on Health and Long-Term Care.

Hibbs, who holds M.S.W. and J.D. degrees from the University of Maryland at Baltimore, has been a certified L.G.S.W. and a member of the Maryland Bar. He received his nursing home administrator’s license while with Global Health Management and has been licensed in the states of Maryland and Michigan. Additionally, Hibbs maintained membership in the American College of Health-care Administrators.

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that if you have a cat you’ll leave windows open so it can come and
go during the day. And on the flip side, don’t assume that a big
dog will keep you safe: experts say that little “yappy” dogs are
actually best at preventing theft because they bark and make the most
noise.

5. Your name is on the mailbox. Sometimes burglars will simply
call your home phone to see if anyone answers, and putting your name
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Club News

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April: A Month of Events for the American Legion Auxiliary

By Ivy Christoffers

April is proving to be a very important month for American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary functions at our College Park American Legion Post and elsewhere in our local community. On April 2nd, we will hold our Maryland Veterans Creative Arts Festival at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts, located on Rte. 450 in Bowie. The doors open at 1:00 PM with the Veterans Art Exhibit followed at 2:00 PM with a 2-hour, live performance. All this is the work of disabled veterans. The public is invited and encouraged to attend this awe-some event. The cost of admission in only $10.00. All active military and hospitalized veterans who attend are admitted free of charge. We expect several important guests, and our M.C. is Maryland Secretary of Veterans Affairs George Owens. That says a lot about this program. Last year, our oldest participant was 108 years young.

On April 9th, there is a Bingo fundraiser at Henderson-Smith-Eddmons American Legion Post #86 at 2013 Viers Mill Road, Rockville. This is a fundraiser for children and youth, particularly for children suffering the ravages of lung and respiratory diseases: asthma, cystic fibrosis, etc. The doors open at 12:00 noon, early bird admission is at 1:00 PM, and regular play starts at 1:30 PM. This is the second year for this popular fundraiser. We would like to fill the hall with caring Bingo players whose mission is “to help children breathe.” Food will be available for purchase.

On April 16th, there are several events planned. First, there is a Girls State orientation being held at College Park Post #217 for young ladies who have been chosen among their peers to attend the Maryland Girls State session in June at Salisbury University. This is a leadership program where young ladies who have just completed their junior year in high school are instructed in local, city, and state government. At the end of the week, a governor, lieutenant governor, and two senators are elected by their peers. The governor then has duties during the year, and the two senators attend Girls Nation, where national government is taught. This is a very educational and worthwhile program.

Another event scheduled for this day is the American Legion Auxiliary Department of MD Inc., drawdown, which will be held at the Steadman-Keenoo Post #96 in Brunswick, MD. There are still some tickets available, so if you are interested in being in the drawing for several cash prizes (the top one is $2,500), call 240.421.9580.

On April 23rd, the Southern Maryland District Meeting of The American Legion Auxiliary will be held at American Legion Post #175 in Severna Park.

All of this is happening in one month along with our usual events of Bingo every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at noon, our Friday Night dinner dances, and the Blob’s Park Saturday night dances in the hall. Yes, the College Park post and unit keeps busy. Perhaps you would like to stop by and see how you could become involved in the finest American Legion Post in Maryland. Until our troops all come home, let us keep them in our hearts and prayers. May God continue to bless the United States of America.

Beltsville Boys and Girls Club Seeks New Soccer Commissioner

Longtime Beltsville Boys and Girls Club Athletic Director and Soccer Commissioner Gary Stewart is hanging up his whistle and retiring from the club and its highly successful soccer program. Gary has devoted 25+ years of service to the Beltsville community and has assembled countless PG County Boys and Girls Club soccer championship teams at various age levels. Under Gary’s guidance, the Beltsville Boys and Girls Club currently holds the county record for most consecutive years with a soccer team in the county playoffs and championship games. Gary is also the founder of a premier Prince George’s County soccer tournament The Harvest Classic hosting over 1,000 local and nationwide soccer teams over its 20+ year span.

We want to congratulate Gary for his service. BABGC is currently looking for a new soccer commissioner. The soccer commissioner will report directly to the athletic director and also to the Beltsville board of directors. The responsibilities of the commissioner include, but are not limited to, the following:

• Serving as the principal rules enforcement officer for the sport-specific program
• Recruiting and coordinating head coaches and staffs
• Developing and assisting in practice plans and playing schedules
• Responsible for program fund-raiser initiatives

The commissioner must be a self-starter, have experience coaching or in a higher position within an organized setting, and have experience recruiting new members for the program and undertaking other duties essential to the successful operation of a sports program. Candidates for this position should display strong leadership and motivational qualities with proven oral and written communication skills. All interested individuals must have a passion for working with youth to help them succeed on and off the field.

If you’re interested, please contact Athletic Director Rian Jackson at AthleticDirector@beltsvilledealphi.com or 301.693.6395.

April Events at the College Park Moose Lodge

On April 9th, the Women of the Moose will be sponsoring a large community yard sale from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Come for the bargains and bake sale. Tables can be rented for $20.00 to sell your items. Call the lodge at 301.935.5525 for table rental or more information. The rain date for this event is April 16th.

The Women of the Moose will also be sponsoring a quarter auction on April 23rd. The doors open at 5:00 PM, and the auction begins at 6:00 PM. If you don’t know what a quarter auction is, that’s OK: come on out, and the ladies will show you. It’s easy and fun. Several vendors will be there auctioning off their products. Just purchase a pad-dle for $5.00, and you will be able to bid on 1 quarter, 2 quarters, or 3 quarters, etc., depending on the value of the prize. YOU COULD BE A PROUD WINNER FOR ONLY 25 CENTS. Food will be available to purchase.

As always, these events are free and open to the public. The College Park Moose Lodge is located at 3700 Metzerott Road, College Park, Maryland. Call the lodge for more information at 301.935.5525.
From the Hilltop: High Point News

High Point High School was full of action during the month of March as Class Night, a blood drive, and parent activities kept the school bustling with activity. High Point’s Student Government Association (SGA) was busy in March with its Rock Your Conscience initiative. SGA chose the issue of suicide prevention as the focus of this fundraising effort this year. The SGA general assembly invited Mrs. Linda Diaz and Ms. Susan Rosenstock, parents from the area who have suffered the tragic loss of a child, to inspire the general assembly and help attendees learn to recognize the five signs of depression and suicide. Diaz and Rosenstock also gave the students tools to use to identify the needs of their friends. In addition, SGA partnered with Hope to host its annual blood drive, giving students and staff an opportunity to donate blood to help save lives. March also brought much enjoyment with the annual Class Night when school spirit filled the gymnasium while students competed in a number of fun games. Finally, March will always be remembered by students of the Civil War Museum presented vignettes of the time of Abraham Lincoln and early public education in the United States. The evening was a roaring success enjoyed by all.

High Point’s winter sports ended their successful seasons with good news. High Point Wrestler Tyler Whitlock finished the season as the regional champion in his weight class. Whitlock’s championship makes him High Point’s first regional champion in at least 20 years. It was also his 100th career win, making him only the second wrestler in High Point history to meet this milestone. The wrestling team placed third at the county tournament. Finally, three wrestlers qualified for the state wrestling tournament: Tyler Whitlock, Nebiu Gebrehana, and Troy Hamilton. Also, the swim team was awarded the Doug Sutherland Spirit Award at the county championship, bringing home a team trophy. The school’s bocey ball team ended its season with a fourth-place finish at the state tournament. Now, High Point’s spring sports have begun their season and are deep into their regular season competitions.

This year, High Point’s drama club performed the musical Beauty and the Beast. The performers showcased High Point’s students’ dramatic, musical, and dancing skills. The audience experienced an entertaining show. High Point’s PTSA continues to provide opportunities for our parents and community members. In February, PTSA hosted an advanced placement information program and a registration information night for parents to provide essential information on High Point’s Advanced Placement Program as well as registration information for next school year’s courses. In March, the PTSA held a meeting about the school’s annual budget for the upcoming school year. The PTSA will have its next general meeting on Tuesday, April 19th, at 7:00 PM. Parents and students are invited to attend. In addition, High Point hosted events for parents of both ESOL students and Title I students. Please continue to check the school’s website (http://www1.pgcps.org/highpoint) for upcoming events and programs.

High Road Reads!

As March seems to be going out like a lion, High Road Upper School (HRUS) students have been roaring through books during National Reading Month. Each year at the beginning of March, school children kick off National Reading Month to help celebrate the birthday of the beloved Dr. Seuss. Motivating children to read is important in influencing student achievement and creating lifelong, successful readers. Research has shown that children who are motivated and spend more time reading will be more successful. Educational experts unanimously agree that there is a direct correlation between one’s ability to read and his or her scholastic aptitude; the better one’s reading skills, the higher that student will likely advance through school and into postsecondary education. In contrast, the student who struggles to read is far less likely to achieve academic success, and, in many instances, will not complete high school. For these reasons, it is imperative that students cultivate an intrinsic love for reading at an early age as possible. While our students at HRUS have already reached their teenage years, many of them have not been exposed to or have not participated in an educational environment that creatively encourages recreational reading and comprehension skills. For this reason, HRUS Director Michelle Anderson has initiated a school-wide reading incentive program called #HighRoadReads. According to Mrs. Anderson, “This program will use a variety of individual and group activities to motivate students to read books in exchange for monetary-based incentives while repeatedly reinforcing the many long-term benefits of reading (e.g. having a better chance of attending college, receiving rewarding employment opportunities, personal fulfillment, etc.). Through these collective actions, we hope to ignite the desire to read in each of our students so that their lives can be enriched academically, socially, and professionally.”

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WOMEN’S CLUB
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BELTSVILLE CITIZENS ASSOC. MEETING
April 20th at 7pm
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SPRING OPEN HOUSE
Sat., Apr. 2: Scheduled speakers and special events include: The Prince George’s County Master Gardeners from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Christopher Lewis will discuss the life and times of our honey bees at 11 a.m. Kelly Fleming will be here to help you with questions about rain gardens and the Prince George’s County Rain Check Rebate Program.

WHPING CRANE OBSERVATORY TOUR
Sun., Apr. 3 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Ages 14+. Take a guided tour of the Whooping Crane Observatory at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center to observe a pair of graceful and endangered adult whooping cranes. Find out more about the Whooping Crane popula tion recovery program. Arrive early, as tour will leave on time. Space is very limited.

TINY TOTS: NATURE AND MUSIC
Sun. April 17 and Mon., Apr. 18 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Ages 16 – 42 mos. Come learn about the wildlife at the refuge through songs and rhyming. Parental participation is required.

REDUCE, REUSE, AND RECYCLE
Wed., Apr. 20 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Ages 5 – 7. Celebrate Earth Day by learning how it is so important to reduce waste, reuse, and recycle what you can. Follow the 3Rs’ so we can make our environment cleaner and healthier for people and wildlife!

BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER
Regular hours of operation are: Mon. – Thur. from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fri. from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sat. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed on Sunday. Hours of opera tion for Xtreme Teens and Pre-teens: Fri. – Sat. from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Con tact the Center regarding other events for April.

SPRING NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP
Wed., Apr. 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join us in our efforts to clean the neighbor hood by picking up trash and litter. Afterwards, come inside and enjoy a nice treat. All ages welcome. Free.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT
Wed. Apr. 13 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Enjoy a few hours to yourself and drop your children here at the center, where your children will enjoy lots of fun activities. Reservations required by Wed., Apr. 6. Cost: $10/parent, $2/non-resident.

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

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

XTREME TEEN REGULAR EVENTS
Fridays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Free with valid Center ID card. Ages 13 – 17.

VANSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER
6813 Amundale Rd, Vanvorcele Phone: 301.937.6621. Fax: 301.937.6623. Spanish line: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512. Regular hours of operation are: Mon. – Thur. from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fri. – Sat. from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (except for Xtreme Teens, Sun. from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Hours of operation for Xtreme Teens: Fri. – Sat. from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Contact the Center regarding other events for April.

CREATE A KITE DAY
Thu., Apr. 14 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Join us as we create kites to welcome spring. Reservation required by Mon., Apr. 11, Free.

FAMILY MOVIE DAY
Mon. May, 25 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Watch a classic children’s movie. Popcorn will be served. Reservation required by Fri., Apr. 22, Free.

XTREME TEENS REGULAR EVENTS
Fridays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Ages 13 – 17. Free with valid Center ID card.
"Ah, Spring!"—when a young man thinks of cutting the grass, and a young lady thinks of what she will wear at Easter. I was looking back in the archives, and of the last 5 years I wrote a recipe for biscuits. But as I wrote last year, maybe if you keep reading it, you’ll try it, and when you do, you’ll make it often: it’s a winner. A few men took my baking class and all jumped on this recipe because it’s simple and good, easy to make.

**Baking Powder Biscuits.**

First, set your oven to 400 degrees.

In a medium size bowl, place a stick of butter (room temp).

Add
- 1 1/4 cup flour
- 1 TEASPOON SALT
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 full teaspoon baking powder

Now, stir with a spoon (wooden works best) until all is mixed well.

Next, stir in 1/2 a cup of cold milk, make a dough, mix well, dump it on a floured table, and knead it like bread dough until smooth. Cover and let it rest.

Prepare a small pan coated with butter so the biscuits won’t stick to the pan.

This is most important. This mix will make 4 biscuits only. Each should be 3/4 inches thick. Place them close but not touching in the pan along with any scraps. Bake for approximately 12 minutes. The bottoms should be tan.

They are calling for snow tonight. It brought back memories of my children that many of you have today: that is after a small snowstorm the kids can’t wait to go out and play in it. You will bundle them in their small parkas, mittens, and boots, and out they go. Now, you will stand there by the door because within 10 minutes they are back dropping all that paraphernalia on the floor so they can get warm.

My wife, Betty, would leave it all there because she knew they would do it again.

You’ll note no soap box this month, I’m not for or against anything. I’m at peace here at Riderwood. I want to thank Ted Ladd for leaving more copies of the paper here. I did find out why they told Ted not to leave them about a year ago. The Gazette newspaper owned the paper rack and would fill it up. The other rack belonged to the other company The Beacon that also filled it up. Now there’s an empty rack to put the Beltsville News in. The Gazette went out of print.

I will leave you with my thought of the month. Pi are squared—no, no, Pie are round— corn bread are square.

Baker Bill, AKA Bill Raulin

**SCHOOL NEWS**

competitions that will culminate at the end of the first and third weeks. The individual activity will be "I Caught You Reading," and the two class competitions will be reading projects and participation in book report presentations. The month of events will include "Stop, Drop, and Read," a spontaneous, 10-minute reading activity; a pep rally; a book club meeting; the “Battle of the Books” competition; and finally, the annual HRUS Book Fair.

When asked about the impact the reading program has on the students, Jalecia Jefferson, a special education teacher at the school, says, “The reading program gives students an opportunity to expand their horizons and travel outside the realms of their reality.”

One student says this about the reading program: “This program and with the help of the teachers have encouraged me to read outside of school and not just for school...” Sean Hicks, book fair coordinator, sums it up: “As Thomas Jefferson said, ‘I cannot live without books!’”

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Youth Ministry 7 pm
Kids Power Hour 7 pm
Discipleship Class 7 pm
Search for Truth 7 pm

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the Korean Community United Methodist Church of Englewood, New Jersey, in the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference. She worked and studied in the Philippines in 1982. She speaks and reads Korean, Mongolian, Russian, and English.

Her contacts with missionaries led to the conviction that she, too, could enter mission service to use her skills on behalf of the Gospel and serve people in the name of Jesus. She directed her education toward such service, receiving a Master of Theology degree from the East Asia Graduate School of Theology in the Philippines, a Master of Arts degree from Scarritt Graduate School (Nashville, Tennessee), and a Master’s Degree in Biblical literature from Faith Theological Seminary, New York.

In Mongolia, she focuses on congregational development and outreach ministries in the thriving United Methodist Mission based around the city of Ulaanbaatar. The mission includes a literacy program, Christian education, and worship at the detention center, a community outreach program and church development. Missionary Kim usually say this: “As Jesus Christ became a human being to serve the people in the world, I’d like to be in solidarity with people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I feel a sense of urgency to serve in mission to bring God’s love and peace in the world today.”

You are invited to hear her powerful message about her ministry in Mongolia. To do so, please come to Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Beltsville on Wednesday, April 13th, at 12 PM. The church is located at 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, Maryland 20705. The church telephone number is 301.937.7114. The meeting will be held in fellowship hall.

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Professor for the Erickson School of Aging at the University of Maryland Baltimore County in Catonsville with a focus on management and policy within the master’s program.

Hibbs is married to Jennifer “Jenne” Bauhofer of Goldsboro, North Carolina, and the couple is active at Crossroads Community Church. Residents of Sykesville, they have four children: Anneliese, Taylor, Garlyn and Nathanael.

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