Riderwood Honors the Stars and Stripes During Flag Day Celebrations

Residents and staff of Riderwood, an Erickson Living community, honored the Stars and Stripes with two Flag Day celebrations. Commemorating the 232nd anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777, Riderwood held ceremonies at its Renaissance Gardens and Village Square neighborhoods on its 120-acre campus.

At each ceremony, Riderwood resident Julius Balog, CDR, USN lead the “Attention to Colors,” as fellow residents Jim Henry, PHM2C, USN, Robert Helm, LCDR, USN and Esko Hallila, Master Gunnery Sergeant, USMC, raised the thirteen-star American flag on community flag poles.

Beltsville Briefs

Greek Studies at Paint Branch Montessori School

After a fascinating unit on Ancient Greece spanning mythology to democracy, the fourth and fifth graders at Paint Branch Montessori School invited their schoolmates and parents to a day of epic proportions.

Greek Day started with amusements and games. The great Paint Branch athletes, in their togas, competed in the traditional Olympic games of standing jump, thumb wrestling, javelin and shot put and a relay race. After the competitions were done, the fourth and fifth graders presented their projects about Greek Civilization. The students and parents learned about Greek architecture, religion, art and more. In great Greek fashion, the day ended in a massive feast that had been prepared by the fourth and fifth graders.

Basket Bingo

St. Joseph’s Parish will conduct a Basket Bingo on Friday evening, July 24 in the Parish Hall at 11011 Montgomery Road 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 accessories. 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.

Girl Scout Cadette Troop 2751 Donates Cookies to the Troops

By Teresa Johnson

For the past seven years, Beltsville Girl Scout troops in the area have been sending donations of Girl Scout cookies to the troops overseas. This year Girl Scout Troop 2751 sent twelve cases of Girl Scout cookies to the troops in Iraq. In return they received a thank you letter and special gift from the United States Armed Forces.

Cadette Troop 2751 holding a flag that was flown in their honor at a military base overseas.
25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitten
Extracted from the July 1984 Issue

Intercounty Connector
The final route of the Intercounty Connector was announced on June 27, 1984.

Award Received
Dale Morris, agronomist with the Maryland Department of Agriculture, was honored for outstanding contributions to the seed industry.

President of Hospital Elected
Dennis Schumer, MD was elected president of Greater Laurel Beltsville Hospital on June 13, 1984. Dr. Schumer joined the staff in 1978.

Gould Received Honorary Doctorate
Kingdom Gould, Jr. was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Science from Capitol Tech on June 16, 1984.

Toastermaster of the Year
Gilbert Wright, Jr. was awarded District Outstanding Toastmaster for the second year in a row at the District 36 Toastmaster’s Spring Conference.

Braatz Named Valedictorian
James A. Braatz, III of Yates Road, Beltsville was named Valedictorian of the 1984 graduating class of High Point High School.

Lions Club President
Timothy Fenlon was installed as President of the Beltsville Lions Club at the Holiday Inn, Laurel on June 23, 1984.

University of Chicago Graduate
Stuart I Feldstein of Beltsville graduated with both general and special honors in a convocation on June 8, 1984.

Vansville Senior Center Dedicated
Dedication ceremonies were held for the new Vansville Neighborhood Recreation/Senior Citizen’s Addition at 11733 Old Baltimore Pike in Vansville.

Outstanding President
Darlene Payne, President of the Beltsville Memorial Ladies Auxiliary, VFW Post 9490, was named “Outstanding President of the Year” for 1983-84.

Obituaries
John James Fenchak of Beltsville, a retired Metro bus driver, died on June 11 at the Greater Laurel Beltsville Hospital.

Helen Roby Green of Washington, D.C. and formerly of Beltsville died on June 27 at the Greater Laurel Nursing Home.

BELTSVILLE BRIEFS
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Diabetes Support Group
The Diabetes Support Group is meeting at a new location and time. Attendance is free of charge. Meetings will be on the 3rd Monday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Road, Beltsville, Maryland. The next meeting will be on July 20th. The Diabetes Education Team of the Prince George’s County Health Department sponsors this program. For more information please call 301.883.3526, TTY 301.883.3100.

By Rick Bergmann

In a time when we don’t always have the money to take the family out to see the latest movies, Emmanuel United Methodist Church (11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705) is offering families an alternative. For the second year, Emmanuel will be offering a free movie series outdoors on Fridays beginning July 10th and running through Aug. 14th. The movies begin at dusk (around 8:00 p.m.) and are free. If it rains, movies will be shown indoors on our big screen in the sanctuary. You are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner (no alcoholic beverages or glass bottles please) and enjoy an evening of fun with your neighbors. The schedule is:

July 10-The Muppet Movie
July 17-Charlotte’s Web
July 24-The Wizard of Oz
July 31-Shrek
Aug. 7-The Princess Bride
Aug. 14-The Goonies

If you have questions, contact us at 301.937.7114 or e-mail us at emuchurch@earthlink.net.
Beltsville Boys Win Championship

The BABGC Boys U-12 soccer team went undefeated during the spring season to win the county championship for their age group. Winning five of six games, the boys played to one tie when they were undermanned during one game early in the season. What makes their accomplishment special is that the team is comprised mostly of 10 and 11 year olds, with only three 12 year olds anchoring the team and the majority of the team playing together for the first time. The boys made up for their lack of size with passion and team spirit on the field, showcasing individual ball skills and accurate passing. Given their enthusiasm for the game of soccer and their eagerness to practice, the boys will surely do well again in the fall. Congratulations to the team!

A Busy Year for GS Troop 4129

By Sara Mast and Layo Olojo

Girl Scout Troop 4129 in Beltsville, Maryland has wrapped up their 8th year as a troop by having a movie night and awards ceremony. The troop has done a lot in community service this year, like helping to serve the homeless, baking holiday cookies for the Community Café, and picking up litter/recyclables at the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington D.C.

We have also finished the prerequisites for the Silver Award, completing the Silver Leadership award, the Silver Career award, and the 4B’s challenge. However, we still have to complete a 40-hour service project of our design.

Despite all of the hard work, the troop had time for fun. As a troop we went to see Legally Blonde at the Kennedy Center, went dog sledding in Monkton, camping at Brighton Woods, completed the Capital Currency interest project at Capital One in Virginia, and sold GS cookies. In smaller groups, girls also enjoyed Program Aid training, the Increase the Peace workshop, helping at the GS retreat, and earning religious awards.

The troop is planning on saving their cookie money, starting fundraisers, and budgeting for an end of the year trip to New York City in 2010 to celebrate the end of their Cadette years. We really enjoyed Girl Scouts this year. Thank you, leaders, for all your help and support.
Obituaries

Bohorfoush, Robert L.
Robert L. Bohorfoush, 44, formerly of Beltsville, died suddenly on May 4, 2009. He was the beloved husband of Debra Bohor- foush, father of Sara and Rachael Bohorfoush, and the son of Walter L., Sr. & Barbara Bohorfoush. He was the brother of Walter L., Jr., John L., and Ada L. Bohorfoush. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 11007 Montgomery Rd. Beltsville, MD. on Friday, May 8 at 11:00 a.m. with The Reverend J. Michael Quill officiating. Intermont Gate of Heaven Cem- etery. Shiva service was held at the home of Debra Bohorfoush on Saturday, May 9 and Sunday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Dollymore, John Edward
John Edward Dollymore, 80, of Silver Spring, MD passed away on Wednesday, May 6, 2009. He was the beloved husband of Kathleen N. Dollymore, father of Maura Dollymore, Kathryn (John F.) Flah- erty and John James (Christy) Dollymore. He was the grandfa- ther of Bridget, Caitlin, and Col- leen. Also survived by two sisters, Kathleen and Nora Dollymore; and one sister-in-law Mary Lou Dollymore. Mass of Christian Burial was observed at 11 a.m. at Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Mr. Dollymore retired from the National Cryptologic School in 1987 with 39 years of service.

Holman, Daniel H., Jr.
Daniel H. Holman, Jr., 81, died at his Beltsville residence on May 18, 2009. He was the beloved husband of Terry Holman, father of Sharon (Robert) Lowe, Juliet (Charles) Pavelka and Lenora (Paul) Painter. He was the brother of Delores (Anthony) Angelini, grandfather of Christopher, Jason, Daniel, Glenn Pavelka, Saman- tha, Sabrina and Salem Painter and great-grandfather of Dakota and Hunter Pavelka. Funeral ser- vice was held at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Ln., Beltsville, MD on Tuesday, May 26 at 11:00 a.m. with the Reverend Phil Van Wart officiat- ing. Intermont Fort Lincoln Cem- etery. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer’s Foundation, National Capital Area, 11240 Maple Mill Road #402, Fairfax, VA 22030.

Schiavone, Ethel C.
Ethel C. Schiavone, 94, of Beltsville, passed away on Sun- day, May 24, 2009. She was the beloved wife of the late John J. Schiavone, Sr., loving mother of John J. Jr. (Susan), Richard F. (Kathleen) Schiavone, Susan L. (Robert) McGinley, Dennis J. (Nancy) Schiavone and the late officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Conserving Resources

By Jeannine Carter

As money tightens by the day I have begun to realize what we can live without. What once was so very necessary to our existence now seems frivolous and selfish. Our family recently changed cable providers to accom- modate our computers as well as our home phone service at a great savings per month. As horrifying as it was to my fam- ily, I opted to not order any movie channels. After two weeks no one missed the doz- ens of movie choices we could possibly have watched, but rarely did.

My local landscaper is minus one customer, too. There is something cathartic about releasing aggression while pulling weeds and treating insect bites with Cortisone cream on your arms after you clean the dirt from under your finger- nails. However, Ben-Gay has been added to my gro- cery list.

On the rare occasion that we dined out I would fret about the fifty dol- lars spent on a few single meals that could have translated into two family din- ners including the cre- ativity I could have used for the leftovers.

Summer shorts and shorts from last year are indistinguish- able from items that could have been purchased recently. Drug- store cosmetics do not appear any different on a lady’s face versus the make-up sold at cosmetic counters at high-end department stores.

I still fill my backyard bird feeder with plenty of seed but choose a bargain brand. The birds don’t care. I faithfully water my Japanese Maple but depend on Mother Nature to keep my grass green. Store brands fill my pantry and my cats have lost the weight they have been lumping around with for years…so have the humans in our family. Gym member- ships are a thing of the past and pounding the pavement in last years Nike works just fine.

Simplifying life can be a good thing and often serves to bring everyone together because so many of us seem to be in the same boat.
Neighbors in the News

Junior Girl Scouts Go for the Bronze

By Frances Runyon Cruz

Four Junior Girl Scouts from Troop 6064 were awarded the Bronze Award on Tuesday, May 19th at their Association’s Spring Meeting for their work helping the College Park Animal Shelter. Madison Cruz, Charlotte Gill, Kira Myers, and Alyssa Russell wanted to help animals as part of their service project so the shelter which houses cats and also fosters dogs was the perfect choice.

The College Park Animal Shelter is a no kill shelter and uses donations to help with the feeding and care of the animals there.

Over the last two months, the girls held a cat and dog canned food drive at the Giant Food Store in the Greenbelt Plaza and placed food donation boxes at several locations in and around the Beltsville and College Park community. They collected over 350 canned and packaged foods and 11 bags of kitty litter.

The girls also learned that the shelter was in need of a paint job and a bench where potential adoptive parents could sit and watch the cats play. Through their efforts, they were able to secure six gallons of donated paint from Sherwin Williams in College Park and a garden bench donated from a life-long Girl Scout.

In addition, they spent a few days cleaning, weeding, and landscaping the shelter grounds with donated plants from generous members of the Beltsville Garden Club.

The girls worked hard and enjoyed this project. They also know how important it is to have the support of their community.

They would like to thank all the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, individuals, organizations, churches, schools, and businesses who helped make this project a success, including, Costco, Behnke’s, and the Aktion Club at the Duckworth School.

New Library Catalog for the Beltsville Library

By Bridget Warren

In mid-April, the Prince George’s County Memorial Library System launched a new user-friendly catalog. We think you will enjoy the many new features, including printable screens and receipts at check-in and check-out.

Searching for books and other materials is much easier to do, with the new Spell Check and Did you mean? features. Searching can be as simple or as sophisticated as you wish. You can simply type a word or phrase and click go, or you can search by author, title, location, format, or other characteristics and combine search terms. Customers may save their searches and run them automatically either weekly or monthly.

Customers who access their accounts online will note dramatic changes. A few highlights include:
- Prolific readers will enjoy the nifty option of a reading history
- Students and scholars can sort lists in different citation styles
- Customers can view and print account information, renew items, check on fines, and more

Readers can track holds request- ed, where they are on the list, and number of items requested. If you are on vacation, you may cancel or suspend your place in the queue to prevent the request from being filled; reactivate it when ready.

Your check-out receipt now includes the due date for all items that you have checked out — take it home and post it on the fridge or a bulletin board. Beginning in July, we will no longer stamp the due date on each item. Future months will bring even more features. Behind the scenes, this new system should allow for greater efficiency and speedier service. We hope this flexible, responsive catalog will fit your busy lifestyle.

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Flooding in Beltsville

The heavy rains of recent weeks have affected many people in our community. On Memorial Day, I was caught in a downpour on Route 1 just north of Powder Mill that easily convinced me to pull over ‘til it passed. Business owners in the industrial park contacted us to see what could be done to minimize flooding in future rains. We asked Councilman Tom Dernoga to get the county public works staff out to look at the problems and propose solutions. In early June, he led county staff on a walking tour that identified part of the problem — drains that were 85% blocked by trash of all kinds. The county cleaned it out, which should help for now. But we need more permanent solutions. The county is looking at them. If you have ideas, please let us and Tom know.

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Rosapepe’s Report to Beltsville

Protecting Our Children and Neighborhoods from Speeding

For the last few years, Delegates Frush, Peña-Melnyk, Barnes, and I have fought for Prince George’s police to have the same tools. Montgomery County has to fight speeding on our local roads — speed cameras. Nobody likes getting a ticket, but it saves taxpayers’ dollars and protects our homes and businesses if police can go after the burglars and the car thieves, rather than sit by sides of the roads looking out for speeders. Experience in Montgomery County and around the nation show that speed cameras are a cost effective way to make our streets safer.

Finally this year, we were able to pass a bill giving Prince George’s the power to place speed cameras in highway work zones and within 1/2 mile of schools. Let Councilman Dernoga know if you want this option in our county. And work with the Beltsville, Vansville, Cross Creek, North Creek, and other civic associations to let the police know where you’d like such cameras in your community.

Be in Touch

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.

Neighbors in the News

Scouts Learn to Survive in the Wilderness

By Gary Bauchan, Scoutmaster, Troop 1033

The scouts have been working on their wilderness survival merit badge the months of May and June so they can survive and thrive in the woods if they ever get lost. Each of the scouts had to develop their own survival kit that would fit into a sandwich bag. The skills they learned included: first aid, fire starting without matches, purification of water, signaling, identifying directions without a compass, dressing in layers and shelter building. The most important lesson they learned was to stay cool, look good and have a positive attitude about being found.

The skills the scouts learned were put into practice as they slept out in the woods at Camp Snyder in Haymarket, VA without a tent the weekend of July 12-14. The scouts who survived the weekend were: David Timus SPL, Jaden Freeze, ASPL, Adrian Villarreal, Sean Halper, Patrick Deery, Danny Moreno, Chaim Johnson, Chris Walker, Eduardo Orellana, Kon- ner Davis, Assistant Scoutmaster Rick Deery and Scoutmaster Gary Bauchan. The scouts learned that starting and keeping a fire going in rainy damp conditions was difficult and making a shelter out of logs, branches, and leaves was hard work. One of the highlights of the campout was the “wild dinner” of venison chili made in a Dutch oven.

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Kathryn L. Kotula, Ph.D.: IFT Dr. Carl R. Fellers Achievement Award Recipient

Kathryn L. Kotula, Ph.D. was the 2009 recipient of Dr. Carl R. Fellers Achievement Award of the Institute of Food Technologists during their annual meeting in June. Founded in 1939, the Institute of Food Technologists is a nonprofit scientific society with more than 20,000 national and international members working in food science, food technology, and related professions in industry, academia, and government. IFT serves as a conduit for multidisciplinary science through leadership, championing the use of sound science through knowledge sharing, education, and advocacy.

The Carl R. Fellers award is bestowed for “service to the field of food science and technology; and for bringing honor and recognition to the profession of food science and technology through a distinguished career displaying exemplary leadership, service, and communication skills that enhance the effectiveness of all food scientists in serving society.” Additionally “In considering the further qualifications of nominees, priority shall be given to a record of achievement in communicating to the profession, to governmental and international agencies and/or to the public scientific information relative to the quality, wholesomeness, safety, nutritive value and other aspects of food and the food supply; in bringing individuals into the profession through knowledge of the importance of the profession to the public, governmental agencies, and scientific and academic communities.” This award includes election into the Phi Tau Sigma Honorary Society (the national honor society of Food Science).

As a result of receiving this award, Dr. Kotula was chosen to give a presentation at the 2009 annual meeting of the Institute of Food Technologists describing what she does and why she is so successful in her endeavors. Kathy was one of only three people chosen for the honor of describing her work to the IFT annual meeting participants. Between 14,500 and 26,000 food science and technology professionals attend the annual IFT meetings.

Kathy was raised in Beltsville, and attended Crescent Kindergarten, St. Joseph’s Elementary School, Beltsville Junior High School, and High Point High School. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Animal Science and Master of Science in Food Science from the University of Maryland. She earned her Doctorate in Food Science and Technology from Cornell University, with minors in Human Nutrition and microbiology. Dr. Kotula then became a professor at the University of Delaware.

In 1996, Dr. Kotula moved to Storrs Connecticut to be near family and to create her own consultancy, Investigative Food Sciences, through which she advises companies involved in litigation and arbitration cases centered on food borne illness outbreaks and product spoilage. Her science-based investigations and advice have provided an extremely valuable service to food producers and processors, and have allowed them to successfully defend lawsuits against them, and protect their reputations. Kathy also serves as a processing authority in matters of regulatory compliance and processing innovations.

Dr. Kotula has also presented science-based food safety and handling concepts to consumers nationwide, and in Canada, through numerous TV and radio appearances, and in popular print. Elementary and middle school students, adults and senior citizens, have benefited from Kathy’s knowledge through her community outreach program, in which she gives presentations on basic food safety, microbiology, and food science.

Kathy is the daughter of Dr. Anthony and Mrs. Joan Kotula, also long time residents of Beltsville. [Dr. Carl R. Fellers was one of the founding members of the University of Massachusetts Food Science Department, and also, coincidentally, the major advisor for Tony Kotula’s Master of Science program.]
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Princes George’s Summer Teen Theatre Returns for 42nd Year

By Rick Bergmann

A staple in the Beltsville community, The Prince George’s Summer Teen Theatre, is returning this summer for its 42nd year with Thoroughly Modern Millie, a high-spirited musical romp set in the 1920’s that has taken the musical theatre world by storm. Set in 1922, Thoroughly Modern Millie tells the story of young Milly Dilmount who has just moved to New York City in search of a new life for herself. It’s a New York full of intrigue and jazz, a time when women were entering the workforce, and the rules of love and social behavior were changing forever. The show is based on the popular 1967 movie starring Julie Andrews and Mary Tyler Moore. The show is filled with frisky flappers, dashing leading men and a dragon lady of a villainess that audiences will love to hate. This is an evening at the theatre that should not be missed. Many Beltsville residents are a part of the cast and crew including cast members Moriah Brown- ing, Zoe Kilbourne, and Jake Rayburn as well as production team members Chris Pressau (costumer) and Rick Bergmann (producer). Performances are July 25 and Aug. 1 at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. and July 26 and Aug. 2 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets prices are $12.00 for adults and $10.00 for children under 12 and seniors 62 and over. All performances will take place at High Point High School, 3601 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD 20705. Visit Prince George’s Summer Teen Theatre on the web at www.PGSTT.org or e-mail them at PGSTT@hotmail.com.

Nathan Na Graduates with Honors

Nathan Na, longtime member of Beltsville’s Abiding Presence Lutheran Church on Montgomery Road, graduated with honors from St. John’s College High School this June. Among his academic accomplishments, Nathan is a member of the National Honor Society and has received recognition for excellence in learning modern Spanish. His GPA of 4.1 demonstrates his overall excellence in academics. Athletics and the arts have also been a big part of Nathan’s High School career. While at St. John’s he participated in track, the photography club and the yearbook committee. His interest in photography led him to enter and place in multiple photography contests, most notably at the Nora School and for the D.C. School Garden photo contest. Nathan has a talent for playing classical guitar and St. John’s a capella group, Grace Notes, was pleased to have him as a member. Nathan has an altruistic side, which you can see from his extra-curricular activities. Grace Notes performed at nursing homes several times this year, and he helps out at the Abiding Presence Korean School where he teaches and performs guitar for them and for the church. He volunteers at Milal/American Wheat Mission helping disabled children, and is an active church member at Beltsville’s Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, where his father, the Rev- erend Jongil Na, is the pastor.

Nathan will attend Catholic University on a full scholarship this fall, where he will pursue a degree in Philosophy. His family, friends, and all the members of Beltsville’s Abiding Presence Lutheran Church are all proud of him and wish him the very best as he makes his transition from High School to College.

lia sophia Names Top Sales Advisor in Beltsville

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lia sophia recently announced top honors for its Excellent Beginnings Program Achievers for their outstanding sales accomplishments and professionalism. Having just joined the fashion jewelry business, Kimberly Thomas has earned this prestigious accomplishment in the first 15 weeks by attaining certain sales levels and by sharing lia sophia with other new Advisors. According to Bonni Davis, vice president of lia sophia, “This immediate success is a result of Kimberly’s hard work and dedication. lia sophia is fortunate to have this individual as part of our team and we look forward to celebrating future successes.”

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American Legion Baseball is Back in College Park

By Ivy Christoffers

Yes, we are once again actively supporting a young American Legion baseball team at College Park Post and Unit #217. Because of the difficulty of signing up enough players from the College Park area, we partnered with Greenbelt Post #136 and put together a team of young men whose passion is playing baseball. Their home field is at Laurel High School. Thus far they have had several away games as well as several home games. The team is struggling to come together as they had no practice before the season began due to the many days of rainfall we have had in the past two months. We have every hope that their indoctrination under fire will result in a cohesive team that will be a threat to all their rivals. The support of the coaches, sponsors, and spectators will go a long way to bolster their confidence. K. C. Christoffers, Post #217 Baseball Chairman, has produced quite a number of schedules and flyers for parents, players and spectators alike. He is at every game cheering the players on. American Legion Baseball began in 1925 and holds its first National Tournament the following year. 5,200 teams served about 95,000 youngsters participating in all states and Puerto Rico. American Legion Baseball strives to teach practical lessons in sportsmanship and citizenship. Such qualities as loyalty, respect for the rules, fair play, and physical fitness are emphasized in the activity. The support of this program by the Major Leagues has returned great dividends, with more than half of the players who have entered the Major Leagues, having played on American Legion Baseball Diamonds. K.C. is quite a busy fellow as he is also involved with Special Olympics. This past month Post & Unit #217 hosted the runners from the combined police departments as they arrived in College Park during the leg of the Special Olympics Torch Run. Special athletes and life coaches joined them. Several of our volunteers provided a lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, cookies, power bars, sodas and water to replenish the energy lost in the run and to stoke their muscles for the continuing lap to Laurel. This is an annual event we are proud to help sponsor.

Another event that took place was the presentation of the Americanism Essay Awards to the students at Beltsville Elementary and Martin Luther King Middle School in Beltsville and to Holy Redeemer School in Berwyn. It is a great treat to be able to recognize these students for their writing abilities, and to read their thoughts on Americanism and Patriotism.

I must also report on the celebration of the Army’s Birthday. We recognize and celebrate the birthdays of the five different Armed Forces. This year we were privileged to honor a member of the Post who gave over 40 years of his life to the Army. Sergeant First Class Alfred “Fred” Pepin, Mechanical Engineering Technician, is a recent transferee from Vermont where he was a proud member of the 172nd Regiment of the Vermont National Guard. Fred’s tours of duty included deployments to Vietnam, Bosnia, Macedonia, Iraq and Afghanistan. Having been drafted into the Army right out of high school in 1968, Fred was sent to Vietnam for a 13-month tour following his boot camp and basic training. Here he was assigned to the Armored Cavally Division and the 10th Special Forces Group among others. Fred returned to Vermont after his tour and assumed a variety of duties over the years, too numerous to mention. His earned decorations include the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross, a Presidential Citation, the Bronze Star, the Combat Action Badge, Army Commendation Medal, (3rd Award) Joint service Commendation (2nd Award) and the United Nations Service Medal. We are very proud to have Fred as one of our own at Post # 217. He now volunteers in a number of positions and programs sponsored by the Post and Unit.

Our Sunday dinners continue to be a big success and our fifth Friday spaghetti dinners are becoming a legend. Are you eligible for membership in the largest patriotic organization in the world? Call us at the post 301.441.2783 and let us know you are interested in joining us in all the good times we share as we work together for our veterans and active military, our youth and our community.

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Another Milestone for the Beltsville Rotary

By Ivy Christoffers

On June 15th, Dr. Dave Depnner, co-founder with his wife Grace of “Trees For The Future,” was the guest of the Rotary Club of Beltsville. This marked the twentieth year of our partnership and support for their work. Dr. Depnner shared with us the trials and tribulations as well as the triumphs of their many years of serving mankind through planting trees in third world countries where trees are sometimes non-existent. Their mission is “to assist people living on the world’s most degraded lands to improve their living standards and the quality of their lives through development projects that also bring important ecological improvement”. Thus far, approximately ninety million trees have been planted by this group, helping to turn degraded lands into sustainable, highly productive lands while assisting the return of past diversity. This helps to rebuild worn soils. Among other benefits of these trees are high sustainable food production, animal forage for the dry season, replenishment of groundwater aquifers, windbreaks and living fences, soil humus and organic fertilizer, habitat for threatened wildlife and a cooler and cleaner community. An additional benefit is the removal each year of over a million tons of CO2 from the atmosphere. A typical American family would need to plant about 3,200 trees to annually offset their carbon emissions. In the Trees For The Future Program, this can be done at a cost of $300.00. There are 12,000 active members in Depnner’s program with Celestial Teas having recently signed on as a big corporate sponsor. There will be 11 million trees planted in Ethiopia this year alone. Thanks to their generous members, they find a way to assist all the countries that seek them out for the help they so desperately need. This is truly a “people-to-people” program, made possible by the thousands of concerned families here, put into action by the people of faraway villages, all working together to give all our children a future. This is a man who is passionate about giving all our children a future. This is a man who is passionate about the state of the world and the air we breathe. Thank goodness he is here to do what he does.

June is always the month when we render our financial support of the many charities we undertake in the community and elsewhere. Along with the continued scholar-ships in our midst, the partnering students annually, this continues to demand several fundraisers, and to this end, the Beltsville Rotary will be holding their annual Golf Tournament on July 14, 2009. We are actively seeking players and sponsors to join us in our endeavor. Feel free to call 301.595.5225 to join us.

Another chance is coming your way to check out the Beltsville Rotary and to find out if you are perhaps missing out on a golden opportunity to have a hand in the betterment of your community. Come visit and enjoy lunch on us any Tuesday at noon. We meet at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Beltsville. We’ll keep the light on for you.

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Beltsville Young at Heart Club

By Barbara Schofield

Rain, rain, rain put a damper on Beltsville Day this year. We need some new ideas to make money for the club. Thinking caps are in order now, so do your best. As usual the first meeting was about business. At the second meeting we had guest speakers Senator Jim Rosapepe and Delegate Joselina Pena-Melnyk. Delegates Ben Barnes and Barbara Frush couldn’t make it. They are from the 21st District Delegation. We were told about a lot of the bills that have been passed and a few that didn’t make it in this session. Both Jim and Joselina were very interesting speakers and it made a very pleasant change to the meeting. Questions were taken after they talked. The picnic luncheon committee has not picked anyone to head it yet so I will name them next time. Marge met with the committee has not picked anyone to head it yet so I will name them next time.

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Band and Choir Perform at St. Joseph’s Catholic School

Students, parents, family and friends were treated to a combined concert at St. Joseph’s Catholic School. The Choir, directed by Mr. Peter Nguyen, sang *I Could Sing of Your Love Forever*, *Pie Jesu* by Maryann Lightfoot & *We Are the World* by Michael Jackson and Lionel Richie. Representing grades 1st - 8th, the students sang with spirit and grace. Mr. "N" is an inspirational teacher. The Band program led by Mr. Paul Martens rounded out the event. The beginning band played *The Crusaders* by Frank Erickson, and *Power Rock* by Queen, arranged by Michael Sweeney. In the true tradition at St. Joseph’s, the beginning band ended their 1st year status with a rousing rendition of *Let’s Go Band* arranged by Andrew Balent. The award winning advance band played several songs including *Quantum* and the *Battle Hymn of the Republic*. The percussionists were featured in *The Locomotion*, *Cybalism*, *Siyahamba* (South African Tune) and *Homework Blues*. The audience all recognized *Star Wars* by John Williams, arranged by Carl Strommen and the *Radetzky March* by Johann Strauss, arranged by Victor Lopez. This concert was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to benefit from the hard work of the band and choir members.

Charlotte Duckett is St. Joseph’s Catholic School Teacher of the Year

In recognition of outstanding service as a teacher, Mrs. Charlotte Duckett was awarded the “Teacher of the Year” prize for St. Joseph’s Catholic School. Mrs. Duckett goes above and beyond the normal expectations for her position as first grade teacher. Her efforts have deeply enriched the school community especially in considering “Multi-Cultural Night”, the annual Talent Show, and in preparing her students to perform in song and dance. Mrs. Duckett’s students experience a tremendous amount of growth and self-discovery in her classroom each year. Her former students well remember both the fun and the learning in Mrs. Duckett’s first grade class. Each student is well cared for and Mrs. Duckett works tirelessly to ensure that each student feels like a member. We must also acknowledge Mrs. Duckett as being an effective disciplinarian as each student is well aware of the behavioral expectations under her guidance. The entire school community honors Mrs. Duckett’s many years of service to St. Joseph’s School and looks forward to many more. Mrs. Duckett received a check for $500.00, which was donated by local businesses.

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School News

Everyone Loves a Parade at Frances Fuchs

Last summer teachers from Frances Fuchs Early Childhood Center attended the Maryland Artist Teacher Institute (MATI) for a third consecutive year. MATI is a week long training session in which artists share their expertise with teachers, in all the elements of art (theater, music, dance, poetry, puppetry, and visual arts). During this session, teachers are given the tools of how to integrate the arts in the classroom instruction. As a long-term goal this year, our team decided to focus on nursery rhymes. Throughout the year, the MATI team developed lessons that incorporated nursery rhymes such as: “Twinkle Twinkle Little Star”, “Jack & Jill” and “Hickory Dickory Dock.” The children had the opportunity to role play, recite, and produce a shadow puppetry presentation featuring the nursery rhymes. Since we attended a parade workshop at MATI, the team decided a parade would be a great culmination of the students' learning, while incorporating the nursery rhymes. The children helped with the preparations of masks and parade floats. For our final activity on June 5th, we held two school-wide parades, alternating the participants and audience. While parading, the children outfitted in their costumes and carrying props, recited their designated nursery rhyme as they passed cheering bystanders. This was an exciting educational event for our students and teachers. Our MATI team is already planning for next year’s production!

The 2009 graduating class of 8th grade students at St. Joseph’s Catholic School completed their studies and celebrated during the last week of school. After taking final exams in English, History, Science, and Math, the eighth grade students took an all day field trip to Pennsylvania’s Hershey Park where they went on roller coasters, went down the water slides, ate all kinds of candy bars including “Whatchamacallits,” and enjoyed the nice weather. Later that week, the students were clapped out in the annual tradition whereby 8th grade students walk down the long hallway lined with students from each of the lower grades who clap as the graduating students make their way out of school for the last time as students. The following day our 8th grade students enjoyed a picnic hosted by the 7th grade. They ate hamburgers and hot dogs and played games almost the entire day – it was a great way for them to enjoy each other’s company before they head in different high school directions. Our 8th grade class is going to be attending high school in wide range of different schools including: DeMatha, Good Counsel, St. John’s, Gonzaga, Holton Arms, Mount de Sales, Mount St. Joseph’s, St. Vincent Pallotti, Seton, Holy Cross, Eleanor Roosevelt, and several others. The class had their graduation and awards ceremonies on Saturday, June 6th and were graced with a wonderful commencement speaker in Joann Donnellan, a distinguished graduate of St. Joseph’s who graduated in 1979. Ms. Donnellan is building a wonderful career in public relations having worked as a Senior Producer at “America’s Most Wanted” and now owning a private PR firm called JD Media, LLC. Ms. Donnellan had wonderful things to say to our graduates and encouraged them to succeed through her “ten lessons” for life.

St. Joseph’s Catholic School Graduates Celebrate

The Jennings family is proud to announce that Timothy D. Jennings, Beltsville resident, graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He was a 4-year member of the Army Black Knight football team. Tim will attend Field Artillery School before being stationed in Oahu, Hawaii. Tim attended Beltsville Academic and St. Joseph’s Catholic School and graduated from St. Vincent Pallotti High School in Laurel. Congratulations Tim. Go Army!
School News

Stories from the Third Grade

Anna Olsson and Robert Shipley are students in the 3rd grade at Augsburg Academy, where both study language arts under the tutelage of teacher, Mr. Michael Helling. Augsburg Academy provided the following stories as examples of their work.

Ellen’s Lion
By Ann Olsson

Ellen’s Lion is a story written by Crockett Johnson. Recently I read the story Ellen’s Lion during Mr. Helling’s class. Here is my summary of “Ellen’s Lion.”

There are only two main characters “Ellen and the Lion.” Ellen is a girl. She’s maybe around seven years old. She sings with the lion, she plays with him, and she talks to him too. The lion is very nice; the lion isn’t real though. The lion is sort of big compared to Ellen. The lion does not talk a lot. When Ellen and the lion sing they cannot sing together at the same time with Ellen.

The story takes place in Ellen’s home, bathroom, playroom, and bedroom. It takes place during day and night time. We don’t know what day of the week it is, if she goes to school, or what season it is because she never leaves her house.

In the story Ellen sings with her lion when she’s reading. He gets mad at him. But she really can’t read without any pictures. Ellen is mad at the lion because he wasn’t being quiet in a nice way and then she gets mad but finally she tells him that she can’t read without pictures. In the beginning when they’re singing together they can’t sing together. Later I understand they can’t sing together because they have the same voices!

It was nice reading Ellen’s Lion because it is a good book that is fun to read a couple times even though it is a short book. I am glad I read it because I know what to write about from reading [pretty much how to read and write]. It’s a cute story because Ellen talks to her stuffed animal the lion and carries him around.

My Gratitude List
By Robert Shipley

I am grateful for my Mom and Dad.
I am grateful for God watching over my Dad and Mom.
I am grateful for Jesus and God for giving me food and toys, my Mom, my dog, my Dad, and Momaw.
I am grateful for my friends. Why? When I go to Heaven I will have someone to play with.
I am grateful for my family and Justin and Kimberly.
I am grateful for Mr. Helling. Why? Because he helps me a lot.
I am grateful for jobs because they give people a lot of money.
I am grateful for me. Why? Because if I am not here today my Mom will be sad.
I am grateful for my Dad. Why? Because if my Dad is not here I will be so sad.

St. Joseph’s School Obstacle Challenge 2009

The 8th graders are ready; lets start the race.
The teachers believe they will end in 1st place.
The crowd is set; time for the show.
The Obstacle Challenge is waiting - Ready, Set, Go!
First comes basketball, two points for each,
The teachers surprised us, who knew their reach?
Next we all listened to Jenaya sing.
We had Ashley on violin and Kristine tapped,
And Chanelle on piano was quite a delight.
The singing and dancing were quite a treat,
The talent at St. Joe’s seems to never end.

Contestants on the ready at St. Joseph’s Obstacle Challenge Day

It came down to the wire, the ball relay,
The teachers showed their skills on this Field Day.
The current 7th grade said, “Enjoy your victory;
Next year it will be a different story.”

Talent Show Held at St. Joseph’s Catholic School

Thanks to Mrs. Duckett and Mr. “N”,
The talent at St. Joe’s seems to never end.
The singing and dancing were quite a treat,
And music was played without missing a beat.

4th grade started the show with the Saints marching in,
3rd grade followed, directed by Mr. Nguyen.
Kayla, Megan, Shelby, and JoAnne had a go,
They each put on an amazing show.

Tori sang with all her might,
And Chanelle on piano was quite a delight.
Kayla sang Carrie; Tiffany and Dalena sang too,
The 1st grade girls danced it was quite a coup

Katherine was up next followed by Sam,
Kelly sang and hit a Grand Slam!
The 2nd grade students sang about worship,
Followed by Jasmine who was also quite hip.

Santa was represented by Michelle on piano,
Singing about the Lord was our sweet Layo.
Gabriella danced, she can do anything,
Next we all listened to Jenaya sing.

We had Ashley on violin and Kristine tapped,
After Laura performed the audience clapped.
Syanne sang Amazing Grace,
And then Jodi put a smile on everyone’s face.

Gabbi, Elena, Nikki, Emily and Grace were on fire,
Alisa brought us down to the wire.
The 1st grade boys led the YMCA,
It’s a tradition that continues. Hooray! Hooray!
The 8th grade boys and Mr. “N” formed a band,
Their Beatles song was really grand.
Eventually the show had to end
So we can prepare for Talent Show 2010
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Riderwood Performing Arts Council
Contributes to Class Acts Arts
Appreciation of the Arts Bridges the Generations

Spreading the appreciation of the arts to all generations, the Riderwood Performing Arts Council has made a financial contribution this week to Class Acts Arts, Inc., a nonprofit organization that serves children in Maryland, the District of Columbia and Northern Virginia.

A resident of Riderwood for five years, David Rogers is Chairman of the Riderwood Performing Arts Council. He discussed the reasons for contributing to Class Acts Arts: “While the association with Class Acts Arts is a new one for us, we recognize the importance of assisting to bridge the gap between government funding and the needs of youth artists and performers.”

“We are very interested in developing relationships that will enhance the programs offered by the Performing Arts Council,” stated Mr. Rogers. But there is another important motivation for these residents of Riderwood to get involved. “The more exposure that young people receive to the performing arts, the greater their appreciation for it is,” noted Mr. Rogers. “Even in music from different eras, we see first-hand how the performing arts serve to convey the view of the world. Class Acts Arts serves children, youth and families in Maryland, the District of Columbia and Northern Virginia. For more information, please visit www.classactsarts.org.

About Riderwood: More than 2700 people live at Riderwood, an Erickson full-service retirement community that promotes a vibrant lifestyle. Erickson Retirement Communities is one of the leading national developers of full-service retirement communities. Headquartered near Baltimore, MD, Erickson has built an innovative network of 21 communities that combine a maintenance-free active lifestyle with an ever-expanding host of amenities, social activities, and wellness and medical centers, proven to improve both physical and mental health. Erickson was named by FORTUNE as being one of the Top 100 “2009 Best Companies to Work For.”

Paxton Research Refuge
Public Programs for July

Programs Held at the North Tract, located on Rt. 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 32.

Wildflower Wanderers!
Sunday, July 12th, 8:30-11:00 a.m. All Ages Discover the role that wildflowers play in the ecosystem and learn to identify some common species on this guided walk. Field guide, water, and hat recommended.

Butterflies: Nature’s Festival of Colours
Saturday, July 18th, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Ages 10+ Discover the role that butterflies play in the ecosystem and learn to identify several common to Maryland on this guided 2.5 mile hike. Field guide recommended. Bring water and dress for the outdoors.

Heron Search
Saturday, July 18th, 2:00-3:30 p.m. All Ages Join a refuge naturalist on this guided search for reptiles and amphibians. Wear good walking shoes!

Night Hike
Saturday, July 18th, 8:00-9:30 p.m. All Ages Discover the nighttime world of the refuge as you look and listen for owls, frogs, and other nocturnal animals on this guided walk.

Bird Walk
Sunday, July 19th, 8:15-10:00 a.m. All Ages Search for birds in several refuge habitats on this guided hike. Field guides and binoculars are recommended.

Weed Warriors!
Wednesday, July 22nd, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ages 13+ Non-native invasive plants are threatening our wildlife habitat. We need YOU to help stop them! Bring gloves and water (and hand tools if available).

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Nature Hike
Sunday, July 26th, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Ages 5-7 Explore the woods using your senses in this fun, hands-on program.

Little Whooper’s Excellent Adventure
Puppet Show
Tuesday, July 28th, 11:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. National Wildlife Visitor Center All Ages Welcome! NO REGISTRATION NECESSARY. Join us on this excellent adventure to watch life unfold for Little Whooper.

Twillight Tram Tours
Tuesday, July 14th, 7:15-8:00 p.m. All Ages Enjoy a 45 minute guided tour through the habitats of Paxton Research Refuge on an all-electric, open-air tram. View wildlife and their habitats while discovering the story of how the land has changed over time and how Paxton is managing habitats for wildlife. Tickets are $4 for adults, $3 for seniors over 55, and $2 for children under 12. Please bring exact change. Space is limited.

Nature Tots:
In the Treetop
Monday, July 13th, 10:00-11:00 a.m. & 2:30-3:30 p.m. Ages 3-4 It is summer and our Refuge trees are bustling with activity! Introduce your toddler to the many animals that make their homes in trees through stories and a nature hike.

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**Upcoming Exhibits at the John Hollingsworth Art Gallery of the National Wildlife Center**

**July Artists**

Photographs by James and Pamela Shores will be on display in the John Hollingsworth Art Gallery of the Patuxent National Wildlife Visitor Center throughout the month of July 2009. Both James and Pamela take time during their family outings to practice their skills and teach their son about wildlife photography. Their favorite places to visit include National Wildlife Refuges at Blackwater, Prime Hook, Bombay Hook, and Patuxent. One of their most popular prints, a landscape shot of Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, was actually taken by Pamela. They believe that wildlife photography is a good way to educate the public about what is really around them—not just the obvious animals such as sparrows and squirrels, but also those that are also more difficult to find, such as Great Blue Herons and Wood Ducks.

**August Artists**

An assortment of artwork created by Patuxent Research Refuge volunteers will be on display in the John Hollingsworth Art Gallery of the National Wildlife Visitor Center throughout the month of August 2009. The range of art pieces put on display in the gallery will showcase the diversified talents of these volunteers. Themes portrayed in the artwork include wildlife and the natural environment. From painting and photographs, to needlework and carvings, there will be something for everyone to enjoy and appreciate.

All are encouraged to come view the capabilities and expertise of these skillful members who generously donate their time each month to help the refuge run smoothly. Every year, more than 300 people contribute more than 40,000 hours of their time to help the staff at the Patuxent National Wildlife Refuge manage its activities. The volunteers range in age and experience, but all share a concern and love for the natural environment.

**September Artists**

Photographers Joan Anne Dubbs and Donna Neal will display their work in the John Hollingsworth Art Gallery of the Patuxent National Wildlife Visitor Center throughout the month of September 2009. Joan Anne focuses on nature and wildlife photography. She has studied at such places as the National Association of PHOTO- shop Professionals and Nikon School of Photography for Digital Photography. Her photographs have been published in various media, including the Department of Natural Resources, and in the Baltimore Sun and the Bowie Blade. Some of her local exhibits include Brookside Gardens, Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens, Bowie City Hall, and more. Joan Anne’s favorite places for photography include Vermont, Kentucky, and South Dakota, but particularly her local neighborhood in Bowie, Maryland. She has also traveled to London, Paris, Amsterdam, and Mexico. Joan Anne has now taken her love for photography and turned it into a teaching tool.

Donna Neal has a love for nature and fine art photography. She has always enjoyed photography, and received her first camera, a Brownie, from her parents at the age of ten. For the last twelve years, Donna has been capturing images in Maryland. Currently, she freelances for a New Jersey newspaper.

Donna belongs to two camera clubs and has won numerous awards from these clubs. Birds and Blooms and the Annapolis Home Town Newspaper have published some of her photographs. She has also had photographs placed on the DC Marathon’s home page.

Don’t miss this opportunity to see the creative artwork of Pam and Patsy Shores in July, Patsy’s own volunteers in August, and Joan Anne Dubbs and Donna Neal in September at the John Hollingsworth Art Gallery in the National Wildlife Visitor Center.


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**Twilight Tuesdays**

Patuxent Research Refuge will have grounds open to visitors until 7:30 p.m. during the summer as follows: The Refuge North Trail (first Tuesday of the month) June 2, July 7, August 4. National Wildlife Visitor Center grounds (second Tuesday of the month) June 9, July 14, and August 11.

The Refuge North Trail entrance is located off of MD Rt. 198 between the Baltimore/Washington Parkway and MD Rt. 32, east of Laurel. (Normal closing time is 4:00 p.m. daily.)

The National Wildlife Visitor Center is located off of Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore/Washington Parkway and MD Rt. 197, south of Laurel. (Normal closing time is 4:30 p.m. daily.)

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**MD Public High Schools Tops in the Nation**

Maryland public schools rank first in the nation in the percentage of high schools offering — and students taking — college-level courses. Newsweek magazine on Tuesday released its own analysis of its annual “America’s Top High Schools” issue. The article, “Mid-Atlantic Excellence,” found that Maryland has the highest percentage of high schools on the list (29.5 percent), more than five points better than the second place state, Virginia. (The article is available at http://www.newsweek.com/id/202022).

When the magazine’s editors looked at the percentage of students attending one of the top 1,500 schools, Maryland did even better. The State has 31.6 percent of its students attending one of the top schools.

The Newsweek list, known as the Challenge Index, looks at student enrollment in Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate, and Cambridge courses and tests, which have been shown to be good preparation for higher education.

“This is tremendous news for the State of Maryland. Maryland is ranked No. 1 in the nation because our test scores are up in every county, in every grade, in every subject and across every single demographic line. White students, black students, high income and low income students of all ages are all testing higher today than they did five years ago,” said Governor Martin O’Malley.

The Maryland State Department of Education has worked closely with the College Board to bring more college-level AP courses to schools across the State. Maryland has 83 schools among the top schools on the Challenge Index.
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TEEN SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Express, explore, expand and expand your world through reading this summer! Win a small prize and become eligible to win a gift card by reading and attending special events. Fill in your reading log and turn it in to win prizes. Drop by the library for more details.

GAME DAZE FOR TEENS

Ages 13-18 Thursdays, July 2, 9, 16 and 23 at 2:00 p.m. Play video games @ your library. See description above.

EXPRESSION EXPRESS

Thursday, July 23 at 2:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 25 at 2:00 p.m. Participants will have the opportunity to express themselves creatively, by decorating cupcakes, making their own manga strips, designing jewelry and getting henna tattoos. All supplies will be provided. Permission required for henna tattoos. Free and open to teens 13 – 18.

BELTSVILLE TEEN ADVISORY BOARD
Saturday, July 11 at 2:00 p.m. Join us for snacks, brainstorming, discussion and more! Bring your friends and ideas. Suggest books, magazines, CDs and movies for the library. Plan programs, become involved in your community and earn service hours.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

ESCAPE TO READING
Join us for a summer of reading, relaxation and rewards at the library. Register online or pick up an Escape to Reading registration brochure/reading log. Contact us for more details of this exciting program.

CREATIVE BOOK DISCUSSION
Wednesday, July 8 at 7:30 p.m. All welcome! The group will discuss “Tales from the Teacher’s Lounge” by Robert Witter. Drop by the library to pick up a copy.
I purchased a copy of Microsoft Office. It was more expensive than I thought it would be, but worth every penny. I tried a cheaper one, but it's nothing like the original.

I have made up my mind; I will try not to purchase anything online again. The fraud department of Visa is working on getting me a refund. This reminds me of a subject I wrote about a couple of years ago. Beware if you sign up for any refund. This is a scam. Reason being; as you know reading my stuff, I write a lot about advertising, pro and con. The best ad I have seen in the past year or so is the one where people are sitting in bathtubs on the oceanfront. This in no way is about the product they’re advertising, but you’ll remember it, whatever it is.

I have a recipe that’s very good for deep-dish apple pie. From the store buy 5 of the cheapest apples and two readymade pie shells. Or make your own. For the recipe drop me a line. Now slice and peel all the apples. In a large bowl place the apples and combine sugar and cinnamon to taste. A pinch of salt helps; even a pinch of Mace. Make enough to cover all the slices. After coating the apples place all of them, an even 2 inches high, in the pie shell. Cover with the other pie shell and cut openings in the top layer to let the steam out. The baker secret is to wash the edge with egg or water to seal it and place in oven at 425 degrees for 15 minutes or so, then turn back the heat to 300 degrees and bake an hour. This helps the bottom to be nice and brown. Pies like to bake on the down heat. There’s no need for sweet filling. The apples will bake down and make there own filling. I use Splenda instead of sugar. If you have questions, write me at bakerbill1@verizon.net or my web site Bakerbill.net.
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- 9:30 a.m. – Service in English
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