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Norma Nashed with President Ziad Sabra at the Arab American Association of Engineers and Architects annual gala dinner.

Local Beltsville Resident Receives Humanitarian Award

Norma Nashed, founder and president of Restore a Child, received the Humanitarian Award from the Arab American Association of Engineers and Architects. President Ziad Sabra, principal of Sabra & Wang Engineering, delivered the award. This event took place on October 29 at the association's annual gala dinner held at the Greenbelt Marriott. Restore a Child provides for the basic needs of orphans and underprivi-

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Beltsville Briefs

Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration

Join First Baptist Church of Beltsville, 4700 Odell Road, Beltsville, MD 20705, for its first annual Christmas tree lighting celebration on Friday, December 2, at 7:00 pm. There will be fun for the whole family. Cookies and hot cocoa will follow the tree lighting.

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Fourth-grade Students Seek Ways to Make a Difference in Their Community

By Judith L. Pollock, Professional School Counselor

After viewing a Discovery Education newsclip on natural disasters and seeing the devastation they can cause to families, Mrs. Richmond's fourth-grade class came to the conclusion that they wanted somehow to get involved. The question they wanted to answer was not if they wanted to help but how they could help. Mrs. Richard suggested that the class begin with a brainstorming session in which students were asked to identify potential projects. Several ideas

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Mrs. Richmond's fourth-grade class

Santa Tour 2016

Santa Claus has confirmed his route with the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department! Santa will begin his routes around 6:30 to 7 pm. Santa wanted to pass on a few tips so his trip to Beltsville can be enjoyable for everyone involved:

- If you meet Santa at the intersections listed below on the schedule, he will be able to meet more children and see more of Beltsville.

- Always use caution when visiting Santa. Please pay attention to the fire apparatus and stay out of the street.
- Sometimes Santa runs behind schedule by a couple of minutes, so be patient. He will follow the schedule as close as possible.
- Have fun and make sure you know what you want for Christmas!

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Thursday December 8, 2016

Calverton Elementary (3400 Beltsville Rd)
Fullerton St. @ Blairmore Street
Fullerton St. @ Ivy Ln.
Chase Terr. @ Dunnington Rd.

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Cub Scout Outdoor Fun

Cub Pack 1031 had a busy month with 15 Scouts camping on October 22 at Greenbelt National Park. They learned about knife safety, developed outdoors skills, and went on a hike. The Scouts cooked hot dogs for dinner followed by a big campfire where they told stories and had s'mores. Before the trip, they had made 1st aid kits and learned about poisonous plants and animals to watch out for on their hike.

Two dens went to Fairland's Paint Branch Trail to enjoy hiking adventures. In late October, the Wolves saw woolly bears, birds, squirrels, and lots of fish in the creek. The Webelos went for a 3-mile hike along the trail



Cub Scouts collecting food for their canned food drive!

on Election Day and saw lots of squirrels and learned how to identify trees by looking at their leaves and bark.

For both dens, this completed their hiking adventure

requirements.

The pack worked hard on November 5 and 12 for its

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On the Agenda



Karen Coakley

By President Karen M. Coakley

Merry Christmas and happy holidays to all!!! The Citizen's Association will not meet in December.

Here are some holiday safety tips. Lock your doors to your home and car!! Get an "RFID" wallet or envelope for your driver's license, passport, credit, and debit cards. Thieves have found an easier way to pick your pocket and your identity at the same time. Do not leave gifts visible from your windows. If you are going out of town for the holidays, have timers on your lights and stop your mail and newspaper. Thefts from cars are on the rise. Do not leave valuables in your car!

Solicitors and salespeople going door to door are required to have a license. Prince George's County verifies they are legitimate and licensed. Ask to see their license from the county. Some door-to-door solicitors are legitimate....others are scouting out homes to break into.

If you have a community concern, I can be reached at 301-937-3490 or karenmcoakley@msn.com.

Holiday Cheer

With holiday music in the air and the festivities beginning, family and friends will be arriving before long. Now is the time to get your home looking its best for holiday entertaining. There are several things that you can do to quickly update your interiors that is sure to evoke a "WOW" from your guests. Wallpapering with a neutral tone on tone pattern or with a simple geometric design above the chair rail in the dining room will create warmth and interest. A large novelty mirror with an unusual shape will accentuate the wallpaper while brightening the room. There is still time to order new drapery panels, sheers and blinds for the windows that will give a finished look to any room. Will's Home Decorating (www.decoratmaryland.com) in Beltsville has a great selection of inexpensive in-stock wallpapers, special order wallpapers, draperies and Hunter Douglas blinds and novelty mirrors and lamps. Will's also does reupholstery and has lots of beautiful fabrics to choose from.



Michael Richards & Valerie Kabelac

Michael Richards, the owner of Will's Decorating, recommends taking a good look at your dining room, kitchen and family room chairs. You don't want your guests taking notice of stained or tattered chairs. Freshen it up with a new fabric. Six dining room chair seats only takes three to four yards of fabric. If the seat is caving in you probably just need new padding. Your chairs can look like new in no time. Will's does expert upholstery work and can do the makeover quickly. For more expert advice on what you can do to spruce up your home this holiday season call for your FREE design consultation at Will's Home Decorating with Michael.

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A Note from the Editor

Hello, everyone, *The Beltsville News* tries very hard to not involve politics in its content (other than ads purchased by outside parties), and I pride myself on this. Having said that, I know it has been a rough few weeks since the election and our politics and emotions have been on full display. One of the reasons I took the job as news director was because I love the people of Beltsville. I love that each month I get to read and listen to all that is going on in this town. I am proud to say that I am from Beltsville. As we begin this holiday season, please let us remember the good that surrounds us and use that good to combat the bad.

Do not resort to hate or violence, and do not judge someone based on their race, ethnicity, religion, or any other difference they possess. We are all different; that's what makes us wonderful. Please take this holiday time and spend it with friends and families but also with strangers. Show them the kindness that you would like someone to show to you and your family. I am going to leave you with one of my favorite quotations from Mother Theresa: "Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."

Have a warm and generous holiday season,
Rick

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Scouting for Food drive. On the drive, 439 pounds of food were collected and donated to the St Joseph's food pantry and Emmanuel UMC's food pantry. The Scouts also learned how to sort the cans and performed 177 hours of service.

The Scouts worked hard all fall to sell popcorn, and the pack has earned enough money to meet its expenses. We would like to thank everyone who bought popcorn from the Cub Scouts. Many thanks also go out to the Elk Lodge of

Laurel, which donated \$100 to Cub Pack 1031.

Each year, the pack has activities such as camping, hiking, stomp rockets, its annual pinewood derby, and campfires. The Scouts will also do participatory citizenship along Little Paint Branch Trail, hold a toy drive and participate in Scouting for Food. In addition, Scouts learn responsibility, play games, and have tons of fun,

If you interested in discovering the fun of Cub Scouts with your son, please contact Regina Halper through www.BeAScout.org—just put in our zip code and look for Cub Pack 1031.

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Annual Red Flag Conference Promotes Domestic Violence Awareness

By Deborah D. Howard

The 5th Annual Red Flag Conference was held on the grounds of the First Baptist Church of Glenarden, Maryland. The conference traditionally brings together legislators, service providers, criminal justice practitioners, members of the legal and faith-based communities, and survivors of intimate partner violence and their advocates—all tasked with addressing the issues of domestic violence/intimate partner violence, childhood sexual abuse, and human trafficking.

This year's theme was "Not in My Backyard." The theme was associated with scripture from Joel 2:25-27, which speaks to restoration, a major component of each conference. The keynote speaker was Dr. Kesslyn Brade Stennis, associate professor and chair of the Department of Social Work at Coppin State University. The featured survivor speaker was Bettina Hodges, a resident of Prince George's County who shared her own personal triumph over domestic violence and generational child sexual abuse.

The inspiration and the driving force behind the Red Flag Conference is Reverend Linda J. Thomas, an associate pastor at the First Baptist Church of Glenarden and the director of the church's Domestic Violence Ministry (www.domesticviolence@fbclgenarden.org).

For her, the mission to eradi-



Reverend Linda Thomas

cate domestic violence is both critical and personal.

Reverend Thomas has been very transparent about the abuse she suffered in her first marriage while pregnant. In a recent interview, she was quoted as saying, "I wish I could tell you that the cycle of violence ended with me, but my pivotal point, and the most painful part of my experience, was when I took my daughter to the Family Justice Center in Montgomery County," Thomas said. "We weren't visiting; she was a victim, and that for me was the most difficult part. The passion to do this work stems out of that."

Reverend Thomas' vision of providing several outlets within Prince George's County where people who were hurting could receive "wrap around" services

led to the creation of the Red Flag Conference. She is also largely credited with the long-awaited opening of the Family Justice Center of Prince George's County.

The Family Justice Center—the third such center in the entire state of Maryland—will serve county residents who are survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and elder abuse. It will be a one-stop shop for victim services (co-located), including counseling, protective order processing, legal assistance, financial assistance, and a variety of other emergency services.

The opening of the center, or the FJC, as it is called, could not have come at a better time. Prince George's County has the second highest number of domestic-related deaths in Maryland. As this article is being written, a man is being arraigned for the sexual assault of his estranged wife and the attempted murder (by stabbing) of his two sons.

According to Reverend Thomas, "In an effort to prevent domestic violence, we must engage and educate our youth about the behaviors associated with intimate partner violence as well involve men in the efforts to end violence against women or men. While the vast majority of victims are women, there is some evidence men are also abused. In addition, we must have programs that not only foster healing for survivors but also for those who abuse."

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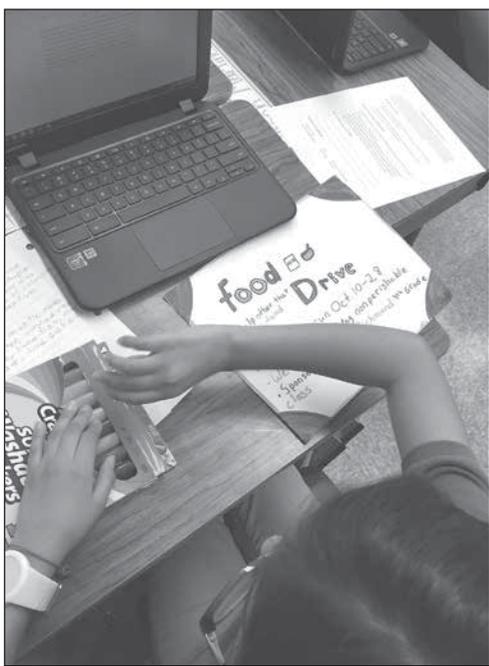
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were explored, and after an engaging discussion, the students agreed upon a food pantry that would serve as a resource in the community.

While the food pantry is a lofty goal, there were obstacles that would make this project nearly impossible for the students to implement and maintain. But as fate would have it, their idea came just about the same time as the Maryland Food Bank Kids Helping Kids Food Campaign would be launched. Mrs. Richmond's class was offered the project, and they accepted the challenge!

The curriculum encourages project-based learning, a teaching method in which students gain knowledge and skills by working over time to investigate and respond to an authentic problem or challenge.

During the planning phase, the students learned about food inse-



A student creates posters for Calverton Elementary's food drive.

curity in the nation, in the state of Maryland, and in the community. They learned that, despite the fact that Maryland is one of the wealthiest states in the nation, its communities are deeply impacted by food insecurity and the need

for food is rising among children, seniors, and working families. Armed with this new information, students began the task of outlining steps needed to move forward with the plan. They started by writing speeches to inform students that they were collecting food and discussing why it is important. Posters were also designed to advertise and serve as visual reminders of what the class hoped to accomplish.

Two by two, the fourth-grade students went into classrooms sharing their message of hope. They wanted to ensure that all those in their community would have a place to get food if needed.

The food drive project was a huge success with more than 18 boxes of food collected. Students would not have been able to complete their project without the support of the generous donations of the families at Calverton Elementary School... Home of the SOARing Eagles!



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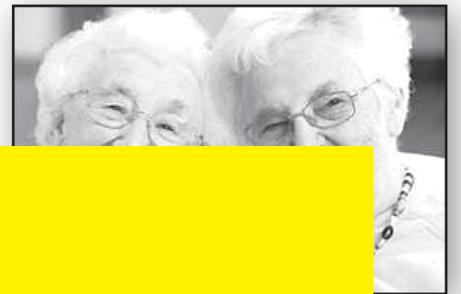


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Obituaries

Erika M. Buck, Age 85

Erika M. Buck of Beltsville, Maryland, formerly of Brooklyn, New York, passed away on Tuesday, November 8, after a long illness. She was the wife of the late George Theodore Buck; beloved mother of Stephen (Sallie Eubank), Kenneth (Maureen Brogan), and the late Martin Buck; sister of twin Wilma Baisch and the late Eleanor Krachenfels; loving grandmother of Helen Paige and Eleanor Grace.

Erika was born on January 23, 1931, in Brooklyn, New York, to parents, Eric and Meta Reichenbach Meyer, who emigrated from Germany. Her parents worked in a delicatessen in the Ridgewood neighborhood in Queens, New York. She graduated from Grover Cleveland High School in 1949 and delighted in drawing and pastels. Erika also enjoyed vacationing at her mother's home

in Elizaville, New York, with her sisters and cousins.

She worked for Bayer in Manhattan. After moving to Beltsville in 1964, she worked for C&P Telephone and Verizon for 17 years. The family joined the Abiding Presence Lutheran Church in 1965. In 1967, the family drove to Montreal, Canada, to camp and visit the world exposition, Expo 67. She loved cats and had cats as pets since 1960. In 1972, Stephen brought home a puppy named Linda that became his mom's closest pal.

Mrs. Buck was a fantastic den mother when her sons were in Cub Scouts. She was also a wonderful cook who made many German specialties and an outstanding baker known for her lemon meringue pie (Stephen's favorite) and her Christmas cookies, of which she made nearly 10 different types each holiday.

The graveside service and interment were held at Fort Lincoln Cemetery in Brentwood, Maryland, on Monday, November 14, at 10 am with Pastor Na officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Prince George's County.

Pilkerton, Shirley Ann, Age 78

On Thursday, November 10, Shirley Ann Pilkerton of Beltsville, MD, passed away. She was the beloved wife of David S. Pilkerton, was the mother of Sandi Holderbaum and Cindy Decinti, and is survived by 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Funeral service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, Beltsville, MD, on Tuesday, November 15, at 10 am with the Monsignor Balbago officiating; Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery, Brentwood, MD. www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com

Neighbors in the News

Beltsville Hosts Christmas Dinner for 50 Homeless Women; Adventist Church Continues 25-year Tradition

Every year for more than 25 years about 50 homeless women have experienced Christmas at a special Friday evening dinner with all the trimmings of the season: turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, candied yams, cranberry sauce, salad, and vegetables, plus pies of multiple varieties, all in the church's fellowship hall decorated with a dozen Christmas trees and lights creating a canopy below the vaulted ceiling.

There are different women each year, but there's always a fire in the fireplace. "It's like a Norman Rockwell picture," said Kermit Netteburg, former pastor of the church.

The dinner this year is Friday evening, December 2. Church



Youth from the Adventist church's Pathfinder Club, a scouting-style organization, serve the food and help the women feel welcomed to the church's Fellowship Hall.

buses and vans pick up the women from the Bethany House shelter in downtown Washington, D.C. "The women dress up in their finest because they're coming to a special Christmas banquet," Netteburg added.

The dinner is more than just food, Netteburg explained. Church members attend the meal as well, sitting with the women and sharing conversation as well as food. Children from the church serve the food. A program features a Christmas carol sing-a-long, a puppet show performed by the church's children's puppet theater group, stories about the meaning of Christmas, and often some songs from a chorus made up of the homeless women.

The dinner ends with the church giving each woman a rolling suitcase filled with necessities for surviving a winter in Washington. "We want to be practical in the help we give," Netteburg explained. "We ask people to

fill the suitcases with basics that aren't glamour gifts for Christmas but are essential for a woman who will live much of the winter on the streets."

Each suitcase contains a new winter coat, warm socks, new underwear, toiletries, mittens, scarves, hats, and other items. "Plus, there's some snacks in the suitcase!" Netteburg said, smiling.

Beltsville residents who would like to help with the suitcases—either by picking up a suitcase and filling it or by donating to the church to help cover costs—can contact the church office at 301.937.8118.

"The annual Christmas dinner was started by an associate pastor back in the 1990s, Pastor Alice Rich. She and all of her assistants have moved from the Beltsville Church, but the tradition continues. It truly is one of our church's great ministries," said Tim Madding, the lead pastor at the church of almost 1,000 members.

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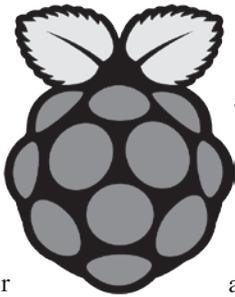
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All I Want for Christmas...

It's that time of year again where the nontechnical spouse, sibling, or friend is stumped about what gift to buy for the techno-geeks in their lives. Always wanting to help, we are here this year with our holiday gifts edition. Let's jump right in!

Raspberry Pi

I have written about the \$35 Raspberry Pi computer several times in this column. The current version of the Raspberry Pi is the Pi 3. It is a quad core computer with 1 gigabyte of RAM, built-in Ethernet, Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, and four USB ports. This computer is all about learning, and



plating, and having fun. It has become very popular with hobbyist because of the power it contains in such a small device. This allows it to be used for robots or remote cameras or as a learning platform to master the Linux operating system and the Python programming. The Pi plugs into the HDMI port of your television. To build a complete system, you will also need, a phone charger with a micro USB output to provide power, an HDMI cable to connect to a TV or monitor, a case for the Pi, a keyboard and mouse, and a micro SD memory card. The total cost for a fully functioning computer assuming you have to purchase everything is about \$80. You can purchase an add-on camera for between \$15-\$25 more.

Last December, the Raspberry Pi Foundation released the Raspberry Pi Zero. This little computer sells for \$5, and while it is not as powerful as the Pi 3, the basic computer is very inexpensive. The Pi Zero will require an OTG cable (about \$3) to connect to the single USB port. You will still need many of the same items required for the Pi 3, but you may also want a USB hub (\$3) and a Wi-Fi USB dongle (\$10).

3D Printers

Prices have dropped significantly on 3D printers this year with several complete printers and a number of kits available in the under \$250 price range. I wouldn't be surprised to see under \$200 kits available on Black Friday.

Most home-oriented 3D printers use ABS plastic or PLA as the printing material. The best printers will support using both materials. It is a good idea to purchase one or more spools of material when you purchase your printer. Also, be aware that some manufacturers of prebuilt printers use proprietary spools so that you must purchase the printing materials from the manufacturer at an inflated price.

Kits provide all of the components required to build your own printer. It usually takes about 6 to 8 hours for assembly. There is an advantage to building your own printer in that if it breaks you can generally repair it yourself and you can also add new features like a heated printing bed yourself. Even with a fully assembled model, 3D printing can be a finicky process. Those that assemble their own printers are often better prepared to deal with issues as they occur. The kits are typically based on published, open-source designs and use open-source software, but you may need to access the assembly instructions on the Internet.

Phones

This Santa does not purchase his phones with phone service. Instead, he purchases phones that are unlocked and not tied to a specific carrier. You can, of course, purchase an iPhone from the Apple Store, but you don't need my help to do that. Instead, try looking at some of the unlocked Android phones.

Maybe you didn't know this, but Google sells phones. The Google phones can be moved to any US phone network: Verizon, AT&T, T-Mobile, Sprint, and so on. Google even offers Google Fi, its own phone network that uses a special SIM card to blend the Sprint and T-Mobile services with Wi-Fi to provide great coverage starting at \$30 per month for unlimited voice, text, and 1 gigabyte of data. Additional data is available for \$10 per gigabyte, and Google rebates back the money for unused data. The current Google phones are the Pixel and Pixel XL starting at \$649 for a basic 32-gigabyte Pixel. While this is interesting, it is in the same price range as the iPhone. For this holiday, the better phones to look at are the Nexus phones that the Pixel models replace. A Nexus 5x with 32 gigabytes of memory is currently selling new for \$280 on *Amazon*. The Nexus 6P is selling as low as \$440. These phones compete very favorably with every other phone on the market at a much lower price point. Plus, the Nexus and Pixel phones have the pure version of Google Android, and Google updates these phones directly, so there is no wait for the carrier to update the version of Android you are running.

The next best thing to a Nexus or a Pixel is a Motorola phone, the Moto X Pure (\$292 on *Amazon*) or the Moto 4G (as low as \$180 for 32 gigabytes of memory). These phones are nearly pure Android, and Lenovo (the owner of the

Motorola brand) has stated that the phones will be updated quarterly while the model is supported. Both models should work with any carrier.

Some other phones to look at include the Asus ZenFone 3 (\$199) and the HTC One M8 (\$270).

Television

A few years ago, the big television upgrade was for HD and 1080P. HD stands for "high definition," and 1080P is the number of horizontal pixels that can be shown. Smaller TVs were only 720P, and standard definition (SD) is only 480i. The primary big decision was the size of the TV screen, diagonal in inches, with bigger normally being better and more expensive.

This year the prices have really dropped on the latest ultra-

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Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

Long lines on Election Day

Many thanks to everyone who notified Delegates Barbara Frush, Joseline Peña-Melnyk, Ben Barnes, and me about the long lines at various polling places in Beltsville because many locations were only equipped with one scanner. We're following up with the Board of Elections for better planning in future years.

Help paying your electric and gas bills

With the arrival of winter, just a reminder that you may be eligible

for the Maryland Energy Assistance Program (MEAP), which provides assistance with home heating bills. Payments are made to your utility company on your behalf. Under this program, there is limited assistance available to replace broken or inefficient refrigerators and furnaces. Apply online at mydhrbenefits.dhr.state.md.us or call 1-800-332-6347.

Do you have ideas for better laws?

As you may know, many of the state bills we propose come from ideas we get from citizens like you. For example, the laws we

passed to crack down on absentee landlords illegally claiming homestead tax credits and to require banks to report foreclosures to the county. We always want to improve existing services and change laws that would improve our community. Let us know what suggestions you have. Our contact information is below.

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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 help you. Just email 21stDistrict-Delegation@gmail.com or call 301.858.3141.

Riderwood Opens The Glen at Orchard Point

Expansion project enhances community's person-centered care approach, offers largest assisted living apartment homes in area

With the cheers of an enthusiastic audience, residents and employees of Riderwood cut the ribbon on The Glen at Orchard Point (The Glen), the new assisted living expansion at the Erickson Living retirement community.

The Glen features the largest assisted living apartments in the area with 41 private residences ranging from studio to two-bedroom styles. All include a full bath, kitchen, ample closet space and abundant natural light, with enclosed balconies available.

Gary Hibbs, Executive Director of Riderwood, offered opening remarks during the reception held on November 1.

"The Glen at Orchard Point is an important component of our long-term strategic plan to meet the needs of residents at Riderwood," stated Mr. Hibbs. "Every detail of the design, from the cheerful common spaces to the bistro, enhances our philosophy of a person-centered approach to care."



Riderwood, the Erickson Living retirement community, held a ribbon cutting ceremony on November 1 to open The Glen at Orchard Point, the new assisted living expansion. Pictured from left to right are Myra Clary-Peterson (Assisted Living Manager), Gary Hibbs (Executive Director), Mr. Tobias Sultan (first resident of The Glen), Peace Oke (Director of Nursing), Eunice Jallah, (Marketing Liaison), Lori Hamilton (Director of Extended Care) and Susan Barber-Richards, RN (Wellness Manager).

"Regardless of the neighborhood in which a resident lives or the level of support he or she requires, this completed project shows that we are all in this together at Riderwood," said Mr. Hibbs.

"Collectively, we live our mission of celebrating life by empowering residents to continue to embrace a future filled with possibilities.

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American Legion Auxiliary Fall Conference—A Time to Learn and Grow

By Ivy Christoffers

On October 13, American Legion Auxiliary members from all across the state of Maryland converged on Frederick, Maryland, to begin their 3-day fall conference held at American Legion Post Francis Scott Key 11. This is the time when the chairmen of the American Legion Auxiliary programs present their plan of work for the year to the attendees. The weekend began with a fun-filled ice cream social on Friday evening and a short message from our state president, Paulette Caron, who introduced our Eastern Division National Vice President Patti Lach, herself a member of Francis Scott Key Unit 11. This was followed by a truly social time of food, drinks, and music in the post lounge. The chairmen had set up very colorful and interesting tables of information. There was also a poppy hat contest and a district president's corsage contest (there are 7 district presidents), a sales table, a Chinese raffle, and a 50/50. All these were set up on Friday night to be ready when the 225 attendees arrived on Saturday morning.

At 9 am on Saturday morning, the conference began. Chairmen were called upon to present their programs: each had 5 minutes to do so except for Girls State and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, which always take about 20 minutes because these programs are so large. Our music chairman, yours truly, designed and produced 250 song books for the occasion. These song books had 21 pages of songs that included many original membership and fun songs as well as old favorites and all the armed forces songs, holiday songs, patriotic songs, and hymns. There were many breaks for music throughout the weekend.



Pictured at the "21 Gun Salute" of MCVET in Baltimore are Stan Seidel, a long time supporter of MCVET, Bill Matoska, Past National Commander of the Sons of the American Legion and MCVET board member along with Sandi Dutton, Beltsville resident, MCVET Board President and past National President of The American Legion Auxiliary.

The Saturday business meeting ended at 12:30 pm, and there was free time until the banquet held from 5:30 pm to 9 pm. We had several guests join us: the state American Legion Commander, Pat McCoy, and the Sons of the American Legion Detachment Commander, Ray Edwards. We also had Honorary Junior American Legion Auxiliary President Kayori Forseyth. After the meal, we were honored and privileged to have The Message of Hope Choir from MCVET (Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training), led by choir director Gary Maynor, entertain us. They were phenomenal!! After this, there was much merrymaking in the post lounge.

Sunday morning started with a prayer meeting held by Chaplain Linda Green; then it was back to business as usual learning about the programs. There was positive energy throughout the weekend. Many national awards were presented, prizes awarded, and tons of candy consumed. Our Eastern Division National Vice President, Patti Lach, delivered an inspiring speech, and much membership

was turned in. Our fall conference chairmen did a wonderful job making sure our people had a fun-filled and informative weekend.

On Nov. 7, I was pleased to attend the 21-gun salute held by MCVET in Baltimore to honor the founders of this great facility and its many supporters. There were over 250 in attendance. Many elected officials and a large contingent of the American Legion family along with others enjoyed the evening. Several people received plaques for their service over the years. Beltsville resident Sandi Dutton, the president of the board of MCVET, was especially honored. The standing ovation she received was outstanding. We all enjoyed The Message of Hope Choir, directed by Gary Maynor. Jeff Kendricks, executive director of MCVET, served as master of ceremonies, and the guest speaker was Wes Moore, an Army veteran, author, Rhodes Scholar, and host of WYPR radio. Moore's speech was spellbinding. The food was fabulous, and the standing room only crowd overwhelmed. All in

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Indian Creek St. @ Lime Tree Way
Hockberry Way @ Hammett St.
Old Baltimore Pike @ Brewer Rd.
Brewer Rd. @ Cordwall Dr.
Odell Rd. @ Old Baltimore Pike
Odell Farms Ct. @ Barkwood Ct.
Odell Rd. @ Ellington Dr.
Lighthouse Dr. @ Ashcroft Dr.
Clocktower Ln. @ Admiral Dr.
Boulder Dr. @ Cap Ct.
Boulder Dr. @ Tradewind Terr.
Summer Grove Dr. @ Hickory Grove Ct.
Summer Grove Dr. @ Poplar Grove Ct.

Monday December 12, 2016

Snowden Wood Dr. @ Loch Lynn

Ct.
Snowden Wood Dr. @ Meadow Fields Way
Snowden Wood Dr. @ Summer-ville Ct.
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Old Muirkirk @ Longwood Dr.
Longwood Dr. @ Cailen Ct.
Longwood Dr. @ Belmar Ct.
Stanmore Dr. @ Breyers Pl.
Stanmore Dr. @ Blue Pond Terr.
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Longwood Dr. @ Pawling Way
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Northampton Dr. @ Crossfield Dr.
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Franklin St. @ Flash St.
Franklin St. @ Franklin Terr.
Franklin St. @ Ammendale Rd.
Ammendale Rd. @ Holly Tree
North Lincoln @ Virgie St.

Wednesday December 14, 2016

Garove @ Hennessey Dr.
Indigo @ Barbara Dr.
Longhorn @ West View Ct.
Montgomery Pl. @ Montgomery Ct.
Montgomery Rd. @ Kenny St.
Kenny St. @ 34th Place
35th Pl. @ Yates Rd.
35th Pl. @ Sarasota Pl.
Montgomery Rd. @ Foreston Rd.
Foreston Rd. @ Stephen Ln.
Cedar Ln. @ Cedar Ct.
Howard Rd. @ Home Acres Terr.
Stoconga Dr. @ Dresden Dr.
Sellman Rd. @ Weymouth Ave.

Ulster Rd. @ Woodbine Rd.

Friday December 16, 2016

Prince Georges Ave. @ Wicomico Ave.
Howard Rd. @ Queen Anne Ave.
Rhode Island Ave. @ Garrett Rd.
Odell Rd. @ Lexington Ave.
Manheim Ave. @ Caroline Ave.
Queen Anne Ave. @ Naples Ave.
Olympia Ave. @ Carroll Ave.
Lincoln Ave. @ Theresa St.
Quimby Ave. @ Carroll St.
Amelia St. @ Apex Ln.
Chestnut Grove @ Heartwood Rd.
Knott St. @ Wandering Oak Way
Roby Ave. @ Macon Ave
Caverly Ave. @ Caverly Pl.
Pines St. @ Maple Pl.

Caverly Ave. @ Greenwood Rd.
Greenwood Rd. @ Emack Rd.

Sunday December 18, 2016

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Ammendale Way @ Clearbrooke Ct.
Ammendale Way @ Narrow Trail Terr.
Ammendale Way @ Horse Soldier Pl.
Ammendale Way @ Ammendale Rd.
Ammendale Rd. @ Hawk Ridge Ct.
Sequoia Ln. @ Sequoia Terr.
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Ammendale Rd. @ Hidden Brook Ct.

Tuesday December 20, 2016

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Brandon Ln. @ Francis Dr.
Emack Rd. @ Dorset Ln.
Montgomery Rd. @ Cedar Ln.
Yates Rd. @ Garrett Ave.
Howard Rd. @ Cardinal Ave.
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The College Park Moose Lodge

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Johnny Seaton and the Bad Behavior Band will be performing a Christmas show December 10 from 7-10 pm. There will also be dinner served from 5:30-7 pm before the show. The cost for dinner is \$10, and the cost for the show is \$20. Get your tickets early before they sell out.

There will be a New Year's Eve celebration on December 31. Dinner will be served from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, which will be followed by live music from The Fabulous

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Club News

Women's Community Club of Beltsville Activities

The Women's Community Club (WCCB) of Beltsville is again coordinating its holiday food and gift programs as well as fundraising for other important projects. Members are asking Beltsville businesses, schools, service organizations, social clubs, churches, and individuals to help us provide food and gifts to needy families within our community for the holidays as well as funds for our other important projects. Those other projects include a college scholarship, the Adopt-A-Road Program, the Beltsville Beautification Project, and teachers' appreciation events. Also, there are times during the year when a family has reached out to the organization in a crisis situation. The club would like to be in a position to help them as well. Members hope you can assist in these worthwhile endeavors. WCCB provides a Thanksgiving meal for the entire family. At Christmas, the organization not only provides a holiday meal but also provides presents for children. We accept nonperishable food and new toys and new clothes for children. Monetary contributions, store gift cards, and Visa Debit cards are also appreciated. You or your organizations

are welcome to sponsor a family. Because WCCB is a certified 501(c)3 organization, all contributions are tax deductible. A list of donors will be publicized in the January *Beltsville News* unless they prefer to remain anonymous.

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The deadline for receiving your Thanksgiving donation is Thursday, November 17. The Christmas donation deadline is Monday, December 12. There is no deadline for donations for the other important projects. Contact Karen Coakley with questions and/or to schedule a pickup or delivery time of your donation. Karenmcoakley@gmail.com or 301-937-3490. We all know there are Beltsville families who are less fortunate. Thank you for helping us "spread a little sunshine" during the holidays and throughout the year.

If you would like become a WCCB member, please email us at WCCBeltsville@gmail.com. To see a list of activities visit our Facebook page: [facebook.com/womenscommunityclubofbeltsville](https://www.facebook.com/womenscommunityclubofbeltsville).

Beltsville Young at Heart

By Barbara Schofield

I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. At the first monthly meeting, everyone was reminded to be sure they had signed up for the Thanksgiving luncheon and selected ham or turkey, and bingo was played after the meeting. The trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, to see *Samson* was wonderful. The show was spectacular with a

musical, spoofy take on a wonderful Bible story. The stage settings were fantastic with live animals and great performances. Sight and Sound Theater, where *Samson* is performed, is very large, and it was packed. Beltsville Young at Heart wishes everyone a very warm and blessed Christmas. The world is more beautiful when you hold hands and walk together.

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Club News

News from the YOO Club!

Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department Open House Review: A Student Review of the BVFD Open House Event (October 30, 2016)

By Ava Valentine

Every year, the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department hosts an open house, welcoming families in the Beltsville area to learn more about emergency safety, view firetrucks, and participate in various activities. The Youth Opportunity Outreach Club (YOO Club) journalists and photographers visited the open house to interview the firefighters and photograph the event. The following is a review of the event by one of the club's members:

"Not only did I interview firemen at the event, but I had a lot of fun! There is much in store for attendees, especially if you like lollipops and face paint! According to one of the firemen, it is important for the community to attend because you get to see your local fire department. 'It's very nice to see all the kids come



Photo by Nemiah Morris, YOO Club Photographer

down,' he said. Another fireman told me that the most important thing to remember after attending the open house is what to do in an emergency. The Beltsville Fire Department Open House is fun, entertaining, and interesting. It's great for the community to meet their responders as well as learning what the firefighters do from day to day.

If you didn't attend this year, I definitely recommend you go next year. There are many activities and attractions open to the

public, such as a moon bounce, face painting, a firetruck, a horse, prizes, and much more."

Ring the Alarm: An Interview with Two of the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department's Finest

By Everett Price

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Closed Mon. Dec. 26 Regular hours of operation: Mon. – Thur. from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fri. from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat. from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., closed Sunday. Address: 7120 Contee Rd., Laurel, MD 20707, around the corner from the Laurel Regional Hospital. Phone: 301.206.3350. Fax: 301.206.3387. TTY: 301.446.3402. Contact the center regarding classes and events for November. Membership is free for Beltsville residents who are age 60 or older.

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Will meet on Wed., Dec. 14 at 10:30 am. A special holiday musical program will be provided by The Seasoned Players. Sign up for lunch by Wed., Dec. 7.

THURSDAY MOVIE MATINEE

The featured movie for Thur., Dec. 8 is *My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2* and on Dec. 22 is *Miracles from Heaven*. Start time is 10 a.m. and the end time is about 12 noon. Popcorn will be provided.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER

10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. Main phone: 301.497.5772. See fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent/visit/NWVC.html. The entrance is accessed from Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore–Washington Pkwy. and Rt. 197. Regular hours of operation for the Visitor Center are: Fri. – Wed. from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closed Thursdays and federal holidays. **The National Wildlife Visitor Center will close at 1:00 PM on Dec. 24 and will reopen on Dec. 27 and at 1:00 PM on Dec. 31 and will reopen on Jan. 3.** Regular hours of operation for the trails and grounds are: Open daily from sunrise to sunset, except for

federal holidays.

Free admission to the Visitor Center and its exhibits, grounds, and trails. **Space in public programs is limited. Registration is by phone only and is required unless otherwise specified** — call 301.497.5887. Note: These public programs are designed for individuals/families. Programs are subject to changes or cancellation due to weather or low participation. Activities and events are free of charge if not noted, but donations to the Friends of Patuxent are always appreciated. Please advise us of any special needs so that we may accommodate you. Contact the Visitor Center regarding events for December.

WINTER WONDERLAND AT FAIRLAND SPORTS AND AQUATIC CENTER

Saturday, December 17 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Fairland Sports and Aquatics Complex. It is a fun event where children ages 2-12 years old come to enjoy an afternoon of holiday music, making gifts, get a treat, have a winter themed portrait taken, and go swimming. The event cost is \$10 residents / \$13 non-residents (one adult admission is included in the price of a child's admission). The first 25 pre-registered will get a free pass for a future visit to Fairland's pool (up to a \$6 value).

BELTSVILLE EVENTS

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THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)

Free and open to the public Mon. – Fri. from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for federal holidays. The library is located at

10301 Baltimore Ave., near Sunnyside Ave. Parking is free. Main phone number: 301.504.5755. NAL is on Twitter at http://twitter.com/#!/National_Ag_Lib. See NAL. USDA.gov for more information.

BEHNKE NURSERIES GARDEN CENTER

11300 Baltimore Ave. Admission to the Open House is free. Please call 301.937.1100, ext. 0 or see Behnkes.com for more information and events.

ORCHID DIAGNOSTIC & REPOTTING CLINIC

Dec. 3 and 4 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Questions about orchids? Visit with The Orchid Lady, Carol Allen. If you have questions about a specific orchid, bring it in, and let her take a look. If you need your orchid repotted, for a fee, she will take care of that, also, and show you how.

BELTSVILLE LIBRARY

The Beltsville Library will be closed on December 23, 24 and 25 in observance of Christmas holidays. The library will be closed December 31, January 1 and 2 for the New Years' holiday. The library is located at 4319 Sellman Rd., Beltsville, next to the police station. Main phone number: 301.937.0294. Regular hours of operation are Mon. – Tue. from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., Wed. – Fri. from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sat. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Sunday. Visit our library system website at www.pgcmis.info to use our online library services and to check for weather-related closings.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

READY 2 READ PRESCHOOL STORYTIMES

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.; and, Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., for ages 3 to 5. The Wednesday 10:30 a.m. storytime is a

repeat of the Tuesday evening program.

READY 2 READ TODDLER STORYTIME

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

CHESS CLUB

Tuesdays, 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Drop in to learn to play or improve your game. All ages welcome!

STEM FOR FAMILIES

Wednesday, December 7 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Come join us to explore static electricity and participate in other "hair-raising activities." Ages 5 to 12 years.

BALLET @ THE LIBRARY!

Thursday, December 8 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Join us for an interactive performance by Connect the Dots ballet company. See excerpts from The Nutcracker with beautiful costumes and music. All welcome!

PEARL HARBOR

75 Years Later Saturday, December 10 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Brian Belanger, Curator, National Capital Radio and Television Museum will describe the role of radio news in the lives of Americans with sound clips from Roosevelt's "Day of Infamy" speech. All welcome!

TAIL WAGGIN' TUTOR

Saturday December 17 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Children read to a dog. Ages 5 to 12. For information, call or visit the Branch.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Monday, December 19 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Come decorate gingerbread houses while listening to holiday stories. Limit 20, call the branch to register.

BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

3900 Sellman Rd., Beltsville. Phone:

301.937.6613. Spanish line: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512. Regular hours of operation are: Mon. – Thur. from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fri. from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sat. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed on Sunday. Hours of operation for Xtreme Teens and Pre-teens: Fri. – Sat. from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Contact the Center regarding events for November.

YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

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

STRATEGY GAME CLUB

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

XTREME TEENS AND PRE-TEENS REGULAR EVENTS

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

VANSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

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XTREME TEENS AND PRE-TEENS REGULAR EVENTS

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

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Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) opened its doors to the community. There were tables with information about fire safety, finger printing for kids, face painting and fun giveaways. The BVFD set up a bouncy house and fire hose that kids could use. There were many firefighters there to answer questions about fire safety and the job of a firefighter. I had an opportunity to interview Michael Schaffer, vice president of the BVFD.

Good Afternoon! My name is Everett. I'm in the journalism program with the Y.O.O. Club, which is sponsored by the Beltsville Lions Club. Do you mind if I ask you a couple of questions?

Michael Schaffer: Yes.

I have a cousin that was a firefighter in Montgomery County. He started volunteering at the fire department when he was a teenager and retired when he was 48 years old. I have another cousin that attended the University of Maryland and joined the Prince George's County Fire Department in his late 20's. When did you decide to join the Fire Department?

VP Michael Schaffer: That's a good question! It started when all my buddies were going to Vietnam fighting in the war. I had diabetes, and they wouldn't take me. I was upset that they were going and I couldn't. *Emergency* was a weekly TV show at the time. It was about paramedics, and I said that might be something I might want to do. So, I came down to this station, and one of the men was on truck. He talked to me for a little bit and asked me if I was interested in joining the fire department. I told him that I was interested in joining the fire department. I told him how I saw the TV show *Emergency* and wondered if they had a program like that. He told me that they were just starting the Emergency Medical Technician Program here in Prince George's County and the class would be starting 2-3 days later I took classes for about a year. I've been here for 40 years, and now I'm the vice president.

How long have you been doing this type of work?

VP Michael Schaffer: I've been doing this work for 40 years, and I've enjoyed every minute of it.

Would you recommend this job to young men and women?

VP Michael Schaffer: Yes, I would. We teach you skills that you achieve being a volunteer that you can take to another organization and get paid jobs. A lot of our volunteers work in Prince George's, Montgomery, and Howard counties as well as the District of Columbia. If I need anything, there are easily 5-6 men that will do what I want or need. I was moving one time, and I hurt my back so wasn't able to lift anything. These guys jumped in, loaded up the truck, and got me where I was going. There are great friendships you build that will last you a lifetime. These are the kinds of relationships you want in your life.

Thank you for your time. I appreciate the interview. Enjoy the rest of your day!

I enjoyed the BVFD's Open House. I would recommend attending an open house at your local volunteer fire department so you can get to know the volunteer firefighters, donate to the volunteer firehouse, or become a volunteer. Again, Vice-President Schaffer (and Lieutenant McCall), I thank you for your time during this interview and for serving our community.

BELTSVILLE BRIEFS

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Return of the Magi: A Christmas Play

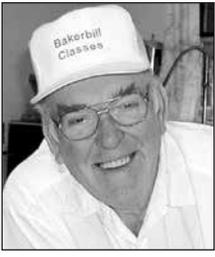
Please join us for the premiere of this thrilling Star Wars-themed Christmas play featuring special effects on Friday, December 16 at 7 pm at St. Joseph's Regional Catholic School! Come along for the journey as the Magi see a bright new star in the East & decide to investigate. Follow them as they run into the Empire as "Darth Herod" attacks them to maintain his grip on the galaxy. What will the Magi discover when they find the star? Will "Darth Herod" stop them? Come walk the red carpet & have your picture taken with Darth Vader. Doors open at 6 pm for ticket/concession sales (Adults \$5.00, children Free). Visit our website www.stjosrcs.org for an exciting trailer in the weeks to come!

Emmanuel UMC Wants to Invite You to Join the Family This Holiday Season!

Emmanuel United Methodist Church wants to invite you to join our family as we celebrate advent

this December. We will have a family dinner on December 10 at 5 pm with lasagna, salad, deserts, and drinks. There will be some fun and games for the family as well as a Christmas song sing-along and even a special visit by Santa himself. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 10 and under. You can buy tickets in our hallway on Sunday mornings or contact our church office to reserve them at office@eumcbeltsville.com or 301.937.7114.

Our holiday service schedule will include services both on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day as well as our annual Christmas Cantata. On Dec. 18 at 10 am our choir and band will help celebrate the season through music with our annual Christmas Cantata. On Saturday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, we will have our family service at 6:30 pm and our candlelight service at 11:00 pm. If you have never experienced a Christmas Eve service lit only by candles, then you are missing out. Join us for this unique experience. Finally, after all the gifts are opened and breakfast is over, you can join us for the celebration of Christmas at 10 am Christmas morning. Visit www.eumcbeltsville.com or www.facebook.com/groups/EUMCBeltsville/ for more info. Our address is 11416 Cedar Lane in Beltsville!



Baker Bill

I will start by writing Merry Christmas to all my friends here and there. I forgot to say it last year. In the past 3 months, I have had good comments on my recipes; some have even tried them. In September, I wrote about pumpkin pie, then in October I wrote about fruit cake, and then in November I wrote about no spread Christmas cookies. Now in December I don't know what to write about. If you missed any and would like one or more, write me at bill@bakerbill.net.

As for Thanksgiving, that's in an uproar; they don't know what

to do with me. The last couple of years we all have gone to the Annapolis Yacht Club, but as you know that's burned down. Because I am wheelchair bound, there can't be any steps, and many places claim to be wheelchair friendly, but are not. I have told my family go and do your thing, I'll be just fine here at Riderwood with the many friends I have made here. I have invited any family to join Betty and me here, but we'll see.

One of the great social workers here posts a daily thought. A few days ago she posted when you are old enough to think your

dad right, you have a son that thinks you're wrong. This is me! We draw names for Christmas, so we only need buy one family gift. I'm easy: a gift card does me just fine. My oldest granddaughter got the word she is no longer on the child's list, so she will only get one gift like the rest.

I want to thank Anita Whitlock for an email, but she did not leave a return address, so I could not reply. I love to get mail, so drop me a line, and I will do the same. No recipe this month. I'm reciped out for now.

Bakerbill@Riderwood

TECH SENSE

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high definition (UHD) TV and high definition range (HDR) TV. UHDTV simply has more pixels than HDTV. Pixels are the little dots that are used to create an image. An HDTV in 1920 by 1080 format has over 2 million pixels on the image. Each pixel can typically be one of almost 17 million colors. The 4K UHDTV screen now available for homes is 3,840 pixels wide by 2,160 pixels tall. On the same size screen, each pixel is smaller, allowing more detail on the screen. The prices for these TV's have dropped a lot this year with some comfortable living room models selling for under \$500 on sale.

The other TV trend is for HDR television. As stated earlier, most televisions can represent about 17 million colors for any pixel. An HDR television has two additional features over a standard HDTV: it has a larger range of brightness, and it can show 30 bits of color or over 1 billion colors per pixel. This can make a TV image look better without the need for more pixels. Of course, the best of both worlds is to have both UHD and HDR in a TV. While these have started to appear on the market, you may want to wait for prices to drop.

The major problem with both of these new TV/video formats is content. Netflix has started to offer streaming options for both UHD and HDR content, but it will use a lot of Internet bandwidth. Specialty Blu-ray disks are also becoming available, but a new player is required to play these.

Conclusions

There are many other fun toys out there, but we are out of room. I wish everyone the best for the holidays.

RIDERWOOD

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I am proud of the staff of Riderwood and Erickson Living who made The Glen a reality and grateful for the first 'pioneer' residents who have moved to The Glen."

Located on the second and third floors of the Orchard Point independent living building, amenities at The Glen include private meeting areas for family and friends, a library nook, a billiards game room, a fitness room and living room with a water feature. The Bistro at Orchard Point features cooked to order food from menus developed in consultation with residents and culinary professionals of Riderwood.

The lifestyle offered at The Glen is ideal for people who value their independence but require extra support with daily activities like bathing, medication management, light housekeeping and meal preparation. All assisted living residents at Riderwood benefit from a personalized care plan tailored to their specific needs, an array of activities, clubs, classes and trips, and 24/7 on-campus nursing care for peace of mind.

To learn more information about the assisted living program at Riderwood and available apartments, please call 301.572.8420.

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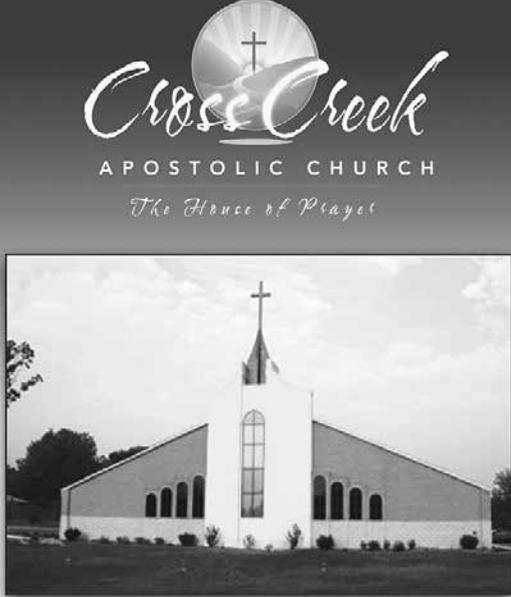
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11:15 Traditional Service
10:15 am Bible Study & Sunday School for adults & children
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Upcoming Events in December
Dec 10 5pm Family Dinner with a visit from Santa Claus!
Dec. 18 10am Christmas Cantata Performed by the choir and Praise band
Dec. 24th Christmas Eve!
6:30 Interactive Family Service
11:00 Candlelight Service
December 25: Christmas Day Service at 10 am

*May the peace and hope of
Christ's birth
be with you now and in the days ahead...*

HUMANITARIAN

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leged children. The organization accomplishes this by providing protection, nutrition, education, and healthcare. The goal is to help children develop into productive adults.

Born in very humble beginnings in Ramallah, Palestine, Norma was raised in Jordan. Throughout her childhood, she experienced extreme poverty as an orphan. This prepared her heart to be sensitive to the needs of economically disadvantaged children and those orphaned and living on the streets in cities around the world. Working alone in a small home office in Beltsville, Maryland, she started Restore a Child in 1999. Today she has 22 projects in 15 countries helping children to regain their dignity by providing shelter, food, healthcare, and education.

Norma states, "Nothing is more important to a displaced child than a stable environment, which is the reason I am determined to see such children sheltered, protected, and cared for in homes that provide for their physical and emotional needs." Restore a Child also ensures access to basic education, which provides the country with responsible leadership as the children mature.

For more information on the organization, go to www.restoreachild.org and Facebook. Restore a Child is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) humanitarian organization registered in the state of Maryland.

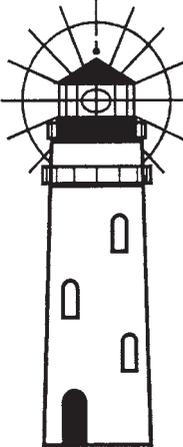
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LEGION

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all, the evening was very uplifting and positive.

Remember BIG Bingo on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at noon, our Friday night dinner dances with live bands, our Sunday football games, and our welcoming atmosphere, which makes visiting our post, #217, a pleasure.

The December 18 concert with Ronnie Dove and his special guest, Camron Robertson, is quickly filling up. To reserve your tickets, call Tina Zook at 301.935.5380 or 301.580.6134. For the nominal price of \$30, you will have great entertainment and the chance to win fabulous prizes.

We hope all took time in November to remember and honor our Veterans. We seek God's blessings on our troops around the world and wish for you and yours a blessed and joyous holiday season.

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