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Cub Pack's Getting Ready for Scouting for Food 2022!!

By Regina Halper

Cub Pack 1031 is getting ready for Scouting for Food along with Troop 1033!! We will be collecting cans and boxed food with unexpired dates on November 12th here in Beltsville. The donations will go to the food pantries at St. Joseph's Catholic Church and Emmanuel United Methodist Church. We will be putting out the sticky notes on November 5th. If you don't get one just let me know your address and we will be sure to pick up your donation.

This month we did a small fall cleanup at Little Paint Branch Trail Park. We collected 5 bags of trash. Many thanks to Gar-



New scout Garvey and his dad did a fantastic job at the fall cleanup!

vey's family, Rowan's family, David's family and Juan and Rosa's family. We also are meeting in back in Beltsville Academy! All the dens have started their achievements.

It is not too late to join just contact Regina Halper at Pack-1031cubscouting@gmail.com for information. We are a family scouting unit. We learn outdoor skills, citizenship, STEM, nature and do service. We look forward to having another fantastic year!! We are back in Beltsville Academy for our den meetings. And happy to be meeting in our usual place and camping, doing service and hiking in the outdoors. We are mask optional and still cautiously progressing toward regular meetings.

**NEXT ISSUE:
Submissions Due
No Later Than:
November 16
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November 25**

On the Agenda



Karen Coakley

By President Karen M. Coakley

Auto thefts are on the rise, please remove valuables from your car and lock it. Also, park in a well-lighted area. As I drive around Beltsville at night, I am amazed at the number of homes that do not have any outside lights on. Lights are a deterrent. There are a variety of flood lights, dusk to dawn or motion sensitive. Battery operated and solar lights are easy to install if you cannot afford to pay an electrician.

Just a reminder that it is the time of year to check your smoke alarms and carbon Monoxide detectors. You should update to the newer 10-year combination alarms because they have a 10-year sealed battery.

If possible, avoid Powder Mill Road and use Ammendale and Cherry Hill Roads to and from Route 1. Milling and paving began October 3rd. The first phase of paving occurred between Pine Street and Garrett Avenue, the second phase will be between Route 1 and Rhode Island Avenue, and the



UpStage Artists to Present a Comedy Classic to Kick Off Its 2023 Season!

By Rick Bergmann

UpStage Artists has been presenting theater in Beltsville since 2019 but didn't have a full season [due to Covid] until this year. They are grateful to the patrons and artists from Beltsville and its surrounding areas who have performed in and come out to see their productions. For those waiting for their 2023 season, they have some good news and some bad news.

First, the bad news: UpStage Artists had intended to kick off its season with the classic Neil Simon comedy The Odd Couple. However, due to issues with obtaining the performance rights, they are unable to do so. But the good news is that they still intend to bring a classic comedy to the stage this winter. They have chosen the hysterical "Arsenic and Old Lace" by Joseph Kesselring. Also, the Beltsville News own Rick Berg-

Riderwood Celebrates Each Member in its Unique and Diverse Community



Riderwood's Prides at the Riderwood Pride Parade

Silver Spring, MD - According to The Movement Advancement Project (MAP), an independent think tank providing research, insight, and analysis in support of the LGBTQ+ community, "there are more than 2.7 million LGBTQ+ adults aged 50 or older. Many have faced a lifetime of discrimination and/or a lack of legal and social recognition."

At Riderwood, an Erickson Senior Living community in Silver Spring, Md., people come together to foster a spirit of

acceptance among everyone in the diverse community.

Brian Koen, a resident services coordinator at Riderwood, understands first-hand the importance of this acceptance. He serves as cochair of the Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging's (DIB) subcommittee for LGBTQ+ and Allies, known as PRiderwood. The DIB committee, made up of both residents and staff, works together to organize and host events and programs designed to increase awareness, evoke unity, and

demonstrate support.

"I enjoy being a part of a diverse and welcoming community," Koen says. "I feel very comfortable being myself at Riderwood. I am able to express myself for who I am. This was not the same growing up in Texas - high school was very difficult. For a long time, I was not comfortable being who I am. I've come a long way since then; I've now been married to a wonderful man for eight years.

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Beltsville News: Blast from the Past

(From the Beltsville News issue of March 1988)

By Ted Ladd

Bound for Germany

Junior Alan St. John of High Point High School has been nominated for a summer stipend to study in West Germany supported by the Federal Government of Germany and the American Association of Teach-

ers of German. St. John received this nomination by scoring at the 90th percentile on the National German Examination taken by students of German throughout the United States. Last year High Point senior, Justin Glotfelty, accepted by M.I.T. for the fall of 1988, was also nominated by his exam achievement and won the sole scholarship in the state of Maryland for the summer study grant to Nuremberg, West Germany.

Neighbors in the News

Hair + Space to Open at The Spa at The Hotel at the University of Maryland

College Park blow-dry and beauty bar relocates, expands services at The Hotel

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (October 18, 2022) – The Spa at The Hotel at the University of Maryland announced today that Hair + Space Blow-dry and Beauty Bar will open this month within The Spa. The three-year-old College Park beauty hub will relocate from its existing location in The College Park Shopping Center on Baltimore Avenue to a new space inside The Spa. This relocation will allow Hair + Space to expand its menu of services and styles to help clients elevate their look between cuts and color.

Founded by Regina Holbert, a raduate of the University of Maryland and beauty connoisseur, Hair + Space delivers an out-of-this-world beauty experience for the modern woman, offering the perfect chemistry of speed and service, luxury and inclusion. Serving all women of every ethnicity and every hair type, Hair + Space provides stellar service from professionals who know how to care for women's hair.

Designed by Green Owl Design of Hyattsville, the new Hair + Space setting at The Spa delivers

an abstract, earthy, dreamy celestial feel with room for nine stylist stations. Hair + Space will offer its signature blowout service that includes shampoo, scalp massage, blow-dry and styling, natural curl styling, and select braided and protective styles. Clients can choose from among four classic Hair + Space blowout styles: Milky Waves, Beam Me Up Body, Cosmic Curls and Supernova Straight. Additional hair TLC treatments include a Scalp Detox, Strength, Moisture and Shine Masks and Solar Steam Treatments.

"Regina and her talented team at Hair + Space have truly transcended the art of hair styling and beauty services," said Shanna Wisniewski, general manager of The Spa. "We are excited for this opportunity to partner with these professionals to complement our recently expanded spa services and offer a truly personalized pampering and beauty experience for all guests of The Spa."

"When I opened Hair + Space, I wanted to provide an affordable, convenient, on-trend, and luxurious hair styling experience for all women and all hair types," Holbert said. "While the past three years have presented a fair share of operational challenges for businesses of all types, I am truly grateful to my clients and the College Park community for their support. I look forward to opening Hair + Space in our new home and working with The Spa at The Hotel at the University of Maryland to help every woman look and feel her best."

The Spa is located on the fourth floor of The Hotel at the University of Maryland, which is celebrating its fifth anniversary of service to the College Park community in 2022. For more information about The Spa, visit www.thehotelumd.com/the-spa or contact The Spa at 301-699-4295.

Learn more about Hair + Space by visiting www.hairandspace.com.

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Kitty Post

By Michele Touchet

Why I Volunteer for Beltsville Community Cats: Testimonials by BCC Volunteers

Many of you may wonder why people volunteer for an organization dedicated to improving the health and welfare of feral cats. Beltsville Community Cats (BCC) asked a few volunteers to briefly explain why they do what they do.

One volunteer who fosters responded, "My daughter suffers from severe depression and anxiety. We started fostering for BCC in 2019 when she was at her worst. Fostering saved her life. Caring for cats and kittens brought her joy and gave her something positive to focus on every day."

A colony feeder said, "I started feeding when a friend asked me to substitute feed for a few weeks. As I got to know each cat's mannerisms and personalities, I found myself looking forward to seeing them run up to me and greet me by swirling around my ankles. For three years I have been feeding these kitties voluntarily because each of them has touched my heart and brightened tough days. They offered me a perspective of gratitude for having food, water and shelter available while feral cats don't have such luxuries unless someone takes the time to care for them. Even one or two nights a week feeding at one location can make an incredible difference in the cats' lives and in your life!"

Another BCC volunteer responded, "My love for cats extends to feral cats in the same fashion it encompasses feral dogs,



distressed animals, and humans (particularly children) who are sick, lonely, hungry or in pain! Feeding feral cats is simply an extension of my love and compassion for those in need."

Another colony feeder said, "I feed feral cats because it makes me happy. It is amazing to see their response. They come out to greet me, rubbing my legs and demanding (in a loving way) that I take a moment to pet them. While the more vocal kitties require more attention, it is a comforting feeling to know that in their own ways they all show their appreciation for my time and effort. It makes my heart smile knowing how much they appreciate what I do. I also enjoy my uninterrupted time outdoors with nature and these little four-legged heart-throbs. The bottom line is that feeding feral cats for BCC is a labor of love for me. I encourage you take a moment to consider volunteering for BCC. I guarantee you will not regret it!"

Using Family Volunteer Day to Deepen Children's Civic Engagement

(StatePoint) November 19, 2022, is Family Volunteer Day, a global day of service that empowers families to work together to support their communities. Increasingly, parents of young children are placing a larger focus on civic engagement and giving back, and this annual event is a great way for your family to get started or strengthen your involvement.

Need some guidance? The following actions draw upon Points of Light's Civic Circle, a framework that helps people understand the many facets of civic engagement and provides an opportunity to show children the variety of ways they can support causes they care about this Family Volunteer Day. Combine these ideas to engage your whole family, strengthen your community and amplify your efforts:



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nization or use one of Points of Light's DIY project guides, there are plenty of options for families of all ages and abilities. Consider projects that focus on issue areas that children can easily understand and get involved with, such as food insecurity, animal welfare and climate change.

2. Donate. Most organizations need financial support to continue their operations and deliver on their missions. Having a family

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Riderwood Names Fiona Divecha, 20 Year Campus Veteran, as Director of Resident Life

Senior Living Professional and Innovator Joins Riderwood's Leadership Team

Silver Spring, Md. —Riderwood, an Erickson Senior Living-managed community in Silver Spring, Md., is proud to announce the promotion of Fiona Divecha to director of resident life. Divecha brings more than 20 years of senior living experience to this leadership position.

Divecha began her career at Riderwood as a communications specialist when the community first opened its doors in 2000. She then joined the community resources team as a coordinator and in 2007 was named philanthropy manager. The past ten years, Divecha honed her leadership and team building skills as resident life manager, overseeing community resources, philanthropy, and the campus television studio.

"The Riderwood community is thrilled to welcome Fiona into her new leadership role," says Dee Dee Gray-Weaver, executive director at Riderwood. "Fiona's tenure with the community, engaging personality and love of our mission has her well-positioned for continued success, especially in helping residents live their best lives."



Riderwood's new Director of Resident Life, Fiona Divecha.

Divecha holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the College of Notre Dame.

Divecha's career success reflects how Riderwood is an exciting and rewarding workplace for today's professionals. The campus offers a wide variety of careers from dining and resident life to marketing, health care and more. As an award-winning place of work, the campus offers generous employee benefits, ample career growth and promotion opportunities. Its diverse, inclusive community of employees is its greatest strength and what truly differentiates it in the marketplace.

From the Office of Council Member Tom Dernoga

Medicare Policy Review

Time to review your Medicare supplemental policies. Will it be a Medicare Advantage program or independent Medicare additional policies? Which is best for you? Or is this the first time you are signing up for Medicare?

Here's the low down. Approximately 64 million Americans will receive Medicare in 2023 nationally. Annual deductibles for Medicare Parts A, B, and D are increasing from \$20 to \$60. You must take the time to review your premiums or visit Maryland's webpage for information about the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) by visiting <https://bit.ly/seniorsmdSHIP>. Help is available at the Prince George's County's SHIP office and can be reached by calling 301-265-8471 or the federal office, Medicare, at 1-800-633-4227 - calls are taken 24 hours a day, including weekends. Contact them to learn more about Medicare, coverage gaps, financial help with co-pays, or out-of-pocket expenses.

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Councilmember Tom Dernoga, Delegates Joseline Peña-Melnyk and Mary Lehman, and Chief of Staff, Michelle García at the annual Division VI Police, Faith and Blue Weekend. (Left to right.)

your loan balances before June 30, 2022. Any new loans disbursed on or after July 1, 2022, aren't eligible for debt relief.

Once an application is submitted, the United States Department of Education will send an email confirmation and review your application to determine eligibility. The Department may follow up for additional information. However, if there is no follow-up, no further action is needed following the application submission. Visit <https://bit.ly/FSAStudentAid> for more details.

General Election Day – Tuesday, November 8, 2022

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Early Voting begins Thursday, October 27, and continues through Thursday, November 3 - hours are 7:00

AM to 8:00 PM. The deadline to apply for a mail-in ballot for the upcoming Maryland Gubernatorial General Election is Tuesday, November 1. You will still be able to register during Early Voting and on Election Day if you meet the same-day registration criteria – you must have a Maryland driver's license or an MVA- issued identification card.

There are 13 early voting centers located throughout the County. In addition, county residents can request a mail-in ballot online or text "VBM" to 77788. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/2022generalelection> or call Prince George's County Board of Elections at 301-341-7300.

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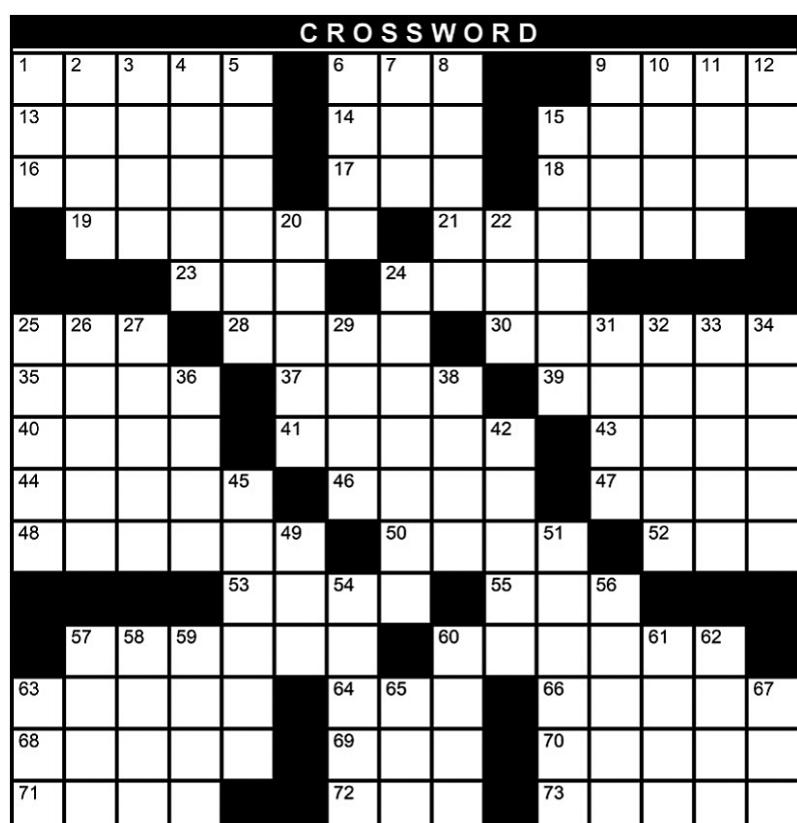
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- Miss America's accessory
- Wear away
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- Enter password (2 words)
- Poetic "even"
- Misbehave (2 words)
- *"Carpool Karaoke" James
- *"The Tonight Show" longest-serving host
- Negative conjunction
- One of Five Ws
- Communications regulator, acr.
- Australian palm
- Branch of traditional medicine, adj.
- Monet's water flower
- Succotash ingredient
- Indian side dish
- Like dental exam
- Administer
- Frequenter
- Town news announcer
- Do like eagle
- Recipe command
- *Not Fallon
- Like a "Vogue" ad
- "Is it ___ wonder?"

DOWN

- Onion's kin
- Am is to I as ___ is to we
- *Certain Barbarian's namesake
- *"Last Week Tonight with John ____"
- Indifferent to emotions
- Tokyo, in the olden days
- Type of car
- Not upright
- Floor cleaner
- Not mainstream
- Gallup's inquiry
- Word for a nod
- Particular manner
- Electric swimmer
- Gator's kin
- NBC's peacock, e.g.
- Deck out
- Muscle to bone connector
- Balanced
- *"Full Frontal" Samantha
- *Judge Wapner and Judge Judy "hosted" from it
- 1/60th of min, pl.
- Palo ___, CA
- Like nonlethal gun
- Accident
- Squirrel or hummingbird, moving-wise
- Kane of soap opera
- Remnant of the past
- *Regis and Kathie
- Critical situation
- Hostile force
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Obituaries

Brown, Brenda Mae (Hindmarsh)

June 6, 1943 was the birth day of Brenda Mae (Hindmarsh) Brown. She was born in Hastings, a small mountainous, coal mining town in western Pennsylvania, where she shared many happy years with her parents, John & Genevieve (Shutty) Hindmarsh and younger sister, Nancy Hindmarsh. The cold, icy winters were spent sled riding and having snowball battles. The spring and summer brought the blooming of backyard fruit trees, the planting of vegetable and flower gardens with mom and dad, and berry picking for fresh pies and homemade ice cream. Brenda had a very close-knit family who enjoyed weekly dinners and memorable year-round events with extended family.

During Brenda's school years at St. Bernard's Catholic School, she was blessed to have the privilege of taking piano lessons from Sister Mary Patrick, which sparked a lifelong love for music- especially the classics. Brenda was selected to be the accompanist in the Cambria Heights High School band (state level), choir, two local dance bands and the town's Rotary Club. In addition to the piano, Brenda learned to play the pipe organ and was also selected to be the organist for masses at St. Bernard's Church. Music was her passion, and her achievements were reached through perseverance, hard work and love for music. Throughout high school, Brenda spent her summers working in a clothing boutique in Michigan for her Aunt Mary. This must surely have been the time when she developed her zest for fashion and her signature style.

Brenda's senior year, 1961, was a hallmark year in her life when she chose to leave her small town of Pennsylvania to embrace the big city life of Washington, D.C. She did so with unbridled enthusiasm and determination, as she accepted a position at the Federal Aviation Administration as a Secretary for Air Traffic Services. She worked diligently, with commitment and perseverance, earning top secret clearance, many awards, and several promotions- reaching management level as a Program Analyst for Airway Facilities. For Brenda, it was a "privilege and a pleasure" to have worked alongside numerous dedicated associates and directors, many of which remained dear friends and close to her heart. She embraced and enjoyed the professional challenges, felt "truly blessed" and was so "proud" to have been able to serve the FAA for 38 years.

After moving to the D.C. area, Brenda met and married her husband of 54 years, Kenneth E. Brown. They resided in Greenbelt, MD for 25 years with their

three children, Robert, Kristine, and Rachelle. Brenda was very involved in her children's activities and community events. She volunteered with the Boy Scouts, Spring Hill Lake swimming and baseball teams, PTA, and the College Park Polish Dance Group. She was a devout Catholic and a parishioner of St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church. Her faith was a true anchor in her life providing strength and guidance each day. Upon retirement, Brenda and Ken moved to Beltsville, Maryland where Brenda enjoyed swimming, reading, taking educational courses, attending operas, and visiting with her grandchildren.

Brenda Mae Brown, devoted wife, mother, and sister, passed away on Monday, September 26, 2022, in Solomons, Maryland. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, caring parents and brother, Robert. She is survived by her sister, three children, six grandchildren, Kevin, Tyler, Bryan, Dylan, Jenavieve, William, and her great grandchild, Archer.

Brenda was a faith filled, strong, independent woman with a zest for the arts, music, culture, people, and life. She was an extremely dedicated, giving, passionate person who based her life on her Catholic faith, and love for her family and friends. Her life touched each of us dearly and her love and lessons will live on for generations.

Collins, Thomas Pennington

Thomas Pennington Collins was born August 26, 1926 and was welcomed into the arms of our Lord on October 3, 2022. Known as Penny Collins, he was born and raised in Beltsville, MD and graduated from Hyattsville High School. As a WWII Veteran he served in the US Navy in 1944-45. He married Anne Florence (Flo) Snyder in July of 1947 and resided in Beltsville for another 40 years. He retired from the USDA in 1986 and moved to Ocean City, MD in 1987.

Known professionally as Tom Collins, he devoted over 75 years to the Fire Service. He joined the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department in 1948, giving him the distinction of being the first member to join the department after it was chartered. Throughout the years he has held various positions at Beltsville, serving in line officer roles, Fire Marshal, and Chairman of the Board of Directors. Tom served as President from 1967 to 1970 and was the first delegate sent to represent Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department at the Maryland State Fireman's Association (MSFA) Convention in 1951. He continued to attend the annual conventions every year since.

Tom also became heavily involved with the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire and Res-

cue Association (PGCVFRA) where he served as President from 1970-71. After receiving numerous awards, he was inducted into the Association's Hall of Fame in 1984. Tom had remained active with the MSFA for much of his fire service career. He served the MSFA in various capacities, including Fire Prevention, Life Safety, and Convention Steering Committees. He was inducted into the MSFA Hall of Fame in 1984. He was also a Life Member of the Maryland Fire Chief's Association and served on several Committees.

After Tom retired and relocated from Beltsville to Ocean City, he joined the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Department and remained an active member.

He was a Life Member of the American Legion and the Disabled American Veterans. He was a member of the Albert Pike, St. Alban-Birmingham, and St. Florian 911 Masonic Lodges. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite of Washington, DC.

Tom was very active in the Beltsville Community with the Boys Club, Junior and Senior Teen Clubs, Assistant Scout Master, and Merit Badge Counselor. He was the Safety Chairman for the Beltsville Junior and High Point Senior High Schools. Tom was an instructor for the American Red Cross for CPR and First Aid. He was a Civil Defense Coordinator and Past President of the Beltsville Citizens Association. He was an active member of the Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Beltsville and Sound United Methodist Church in Selbyville, DE.

Tom is survived by his two sons Wayne G Collins and Kerry P Collins (Starla) and nieces June Presti and Claudette Hoover. He was also cherished by many grand, great, and great-great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of over 71 years, Anne Florence (Flo) Collins, his parents William G. and Rosetta G. Collins, his son Steven J Collins, and his two sisters Elizabeth Oldenberg and Dollie Edwards.

Donations may be made in memory of Tom Collins to:

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Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

Federal Student Loan Forgiveness - November Deadline

President Biden has announced \$10,000 (and \$20,000 for recipients of Pell Grants) in student loan debt forgiveness for all borrowers making less than \$125,000 a year. A simple application will need to be completed by November 15th. Visit StudentAid.gov/DebtRelief to learn more. COVID-19 emergency relief measures pausing payments on student loans were extended on ED-owned federal student loans through December 31, 2022.

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Happy Thanksgiving!

My wife Sheilah joins me in wishing you and your family a very happy Thanksgiving.

Contact us

Please let me know if there are other issues you have questions or thoughts about. And, of course, feel free to be in touch if I can be of help to you. Just email 21stDistrictDelegation@gmail.com.

Bill was eventually inducted into the USA Deaf Basketball Hall of Fame in 1978.

During his time playing for the Chicago Club of the Deaf Bill met and married his wife Helen, the love of his life. They are now survived by their 3 children Albert, Arlene, and Deborah. Together they lived in Beltsville, MD while Bill worked as a PE teacher in Prince George's County Public Schools. In 1965 Bill purchased 44 acres in the Pocono Mountains of PA where he established Pine Lake Camp, a summer camp for various sports and activities that ran for 25 years. He lived out the rest of his years in the Poconos, where he owned and operated Pine Lake Steel Homes.

Bill had a personality that filled the room. He was an avid reader and enjoyed spending time surrounded by his family overlooking his beloved Pine Lake with a cigar in his hand.

There will be a private gathering of family on Friday, July 8, 2022. Details on a formal service will be released at a later date.

Whitcraft, Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen Whitcraft passed away on Tuesday, September 27, 2022. She was born on December 11, 1930, in Annapolis, Md; preceded in death by her beloved husband, Carl V. Whitcraft; mother of Carl V. Whitcraft, Jr., Mary Elaine Ervin (Dennis), Tina W. Meegan (Michael), extended family, Marty Brosnan and Nathan Omansky; grandmother of eight and great-grandmother of nine. Mary Ellen and Carl owned and operated the College Park Cabinet and Millwork Company for thirty-five years. A graveside service was held on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at 11a.m. at Fort Lincoln Cemetery, 3401 Bladensburg Road, Brentwood, Md. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Guiding Eyes for the Blind or American Heart Association. www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com

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fundraiser can be a great way to support an organization or cause. Whether you run a lemonade stand, plan a virtual fundraiser, sell friendship bracelets or do something else creative, activities like these help youth learn planning skills and the value of supporting organizations financially.

3. Purchase Power. With the holiday season quickly approaching, gift giving is on many people's minds. Have young people help you select gifts from small local businesses or BIPOC- or women-owned businesses. You can also find and support companies that give back – either with a percentage of proceeds or by working sustainably.

4. Listen and Learn. A critical element of civic engagement is listening to and learning from the community you hope to serve. Before taking action, learn about what's really needed. If you can't talk to those directly impacted, ask a local nonprofit organization

if they have suggestions or more information. You can also read books, listen to podcasts or watch documentaries about the causes you wish to support.

5. Use Your Voice. Helping kids find their voice is important because they can use it to harness their power in bringing awareness to important causes. Kids can share information by telling friends and family what they learned over a dinner, sharing a report at school, or providing information for others with an action item to take.

If you're looking for tactical ideas, Points of Light's website has family-friendly toolkits for youth of all ages that incorporates some of these elements. Visit www.pointsoflight.org/familyvolunteerday/ to find a project that's right for you.

Family Volunteer Day can be just a starting point. Taking action and understanding the impact of your work can lead to a lifetime of civic engagement and service.

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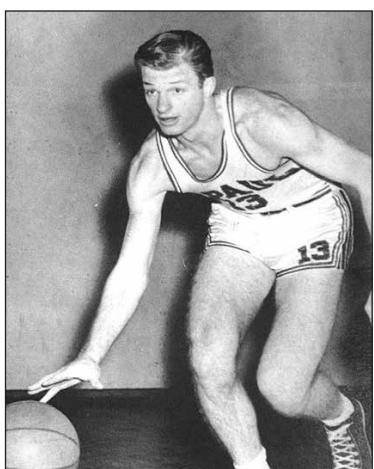
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Pennefeather Alexander, Joann Louise

Joann Louise Pennefeather Alexander passed away October 11, 2022. She was born November 18, 1929, in Syracuse, NY to Joseph and Mildred Pennefeather. Joann was known as Penny in high school and early adulthood. She graduated from Hyattsville High School and the University of Maryland. She loved the natural world and was most at home in the outdoors where she could garden, study insects and the cycles of nature. Highlights of her USDA career included rearing cockroaches for a Smithsonian exhibit, being published in The Explorer Magazine, and participating in a NASA project on cockroach reproduction in weightlessness. Joann was a member of the Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, the Goddard Space Flight Center Music, and Drama Club, and volunteered with Patuxent Wildlife Research Center. She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters Ellen P. Hadder and Mildred G. Pennefeather. She leaves behind her children Scott (Elizabeth) Alexander of Billings, MT, Karen (Tom) Schmitt of Concord, NC, and Lynn (Jim) Dorsey of Severna Park, MD, her sister Jane (Bill) Lifsey of Denver, NC, 4 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. A memorial service celebrating her life will be held on November 14th at the UU Church of Silver Spring. Joann would be honored by a donation to either the Patuxent Wildlife Research Refuge, Friends of Patuxent - Donate, or her church, Give to Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church (breezechms.com)

Schyman Jr., William

William Schyman Jr., 92, passed away on Sunday July 3, 2022, at home in Stroudsburg,



William Schyman Jr.

PA. He was born on February 14, 1930, in Chicago, Illinois as the only son of William and Mabel Schyman. Despite being hard-of-hearing since birth, Bill attended hearing schools growing up and was an avid basketball player among the public courts on the north side of Chicago. He graduated from Lane Tech High School and went on to play his collegiate career at DePaul University under legendary coach Ray Meyers. Bill was a key member of the DePaul roster and was inducted into the DePaul University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2006. Upon graduation in 1953 Bill was the first deaf person to be drafted into the NBA, being selected by the Baltimore Bullets. He continued his career with the Boston Whirlwinds and Washington Generals, traveling the country playing against the Globetrotters for 3 years. When he retired from his professional career, he returned to Chicago to play for the Chicago Club of the Deaf basketball team for a few more years. In 1965 he led the Deaf Olympic team to a gold medal in the games in Washington DC. After retiring from playing, Bill moved into a new role as a coach. He spent multiple years as the head basketball coach at Gallaudet University and returned to the Deaf Olympic games in Germany in 1981 to claim a second gold medal.

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Let me start with this so that it does not get lost in the body of this piece. An interesting job opportunity has arisen in Dallas, Texas. The CEO of the Dallas Arboretum is set to retire in 2023, after 27 years of service in that position. If you know anyone in your circle of friends or family who might be interested, go to their website for more details. Apparently, the search is on for her replacement.

Speaking of jobs, I am excited that in my short time here in Dallas, since moving from Beltsville in 2019, I have been able to help a few people get jobs. Yes, the job market is interesting right now, but these are complete strangers whom I have been able to come into contact with on my day-to-day activities at work.

On October 18, I saw a per-

son at my job whom I had tried to get hired since November last year. He is finally on board and is excited to get a full-time career job with benefits. I say this to say, it does not hurt to help others. I am just excited to be able to make a change in the life of a person.

Finally overcame my fear of dentists and went to see one a week ago, the first time in a loooong time. I had a bad experience as a 13-year-old where I was used as a guinea pig, to have braces put in. This was in 1983 and the technology was new to Nigeria, and I was used as a case study. Dentist and I did not get along well, as a few times he was rough, and I would nip at him. Things got so bad that an 8 o'clock appointment would not happen till close to 11 am or midday. He wanted to get as much

done before dealing with me and my drama. Remember back in the day, the technology was totally different. Not to bore you, but last week, the dentist gave me a clean bill – no cavities, which she said was remarkable, since I had not been inside a dentist's office in many years. Here is a tip from Texas Health and Human Services: "As we get older, our gums can recede and expose the roots of our teeth ... and can easily develop decay. They can also be harder to treat. Things to consider for a healthy mouth: Brush, twice a day, floss daily, eat healthy, drink water for a dry mouth and do not delay --- if you have a tooth that is bothering you, don't delay getting it examined. Putting off treatment can worsen the issue and treatment can be more expensive." I

hope that pushes one of you readers to get up and go see the dentist. Also check your blood pressure regularly and exercise. We are not getting younger.

As I write this, our temperatures have started to drop and now it is not unusual to have 40- and 50-degree weather in the evenings. Makes me think of you in Beltsville and the rest of Maryland. Please start stocking up on winter supplies, so that one is not caught up in last minute purchases before a storm. Check expiry dates on food items so you are picking up items with a long shelf life. Get your car tires checked out, do your oil changes and also fix any lingering issues around the house.

As we get into the season of thanksgiving, remember to grab your turkeys early enough and

season them well in advance of cooking them. Also, now is a good time to start Christmas shopping and with supply chain lines going through challenges this year, it would not hurt to start to buy your presents and hide them...just remember where you hid them, so you are not like me, wondering where you put this or that. Also, I know some of the schools in Beltsville do a shoe box gift for children in other parts of the world. It would not hurt to do a family project and bring cheer to a child in another part of the world. Spread the joy of Christmas.

That's the Jive for this month. Have a great day.

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It is great to be able to share that here, to display my photos and talk about my life openly."

Making a difference

The PRiderwood subcommittee began their efforts in earnest at the beginning of 2020 at a happy hour, designed to introduce the greater Riderwood community to their intent and purpose.

One of the first to volunteer, resident Marilyn Gerhard, met Koen prior to her July 2019 move to Riderwood.

"My sister Laura [Winters] has lived at Riderwood for 16 years," Marilyn says. "She believed I would feel welcome and comfortable living here as a lesbian woman. As I was considering my move, she made a point of introducing me to Brian. We continued our friendship following my move, and when he told me that the subcommittee was forming, I was interested in being a part of it right away. I've found Riderwood to be supportive from the beginning, and I was

eager to help others feel as comfortable being who they are - as I am."

Community member Pam McGhee joined Brian and Marilyn in their efforts.

"Riderwood is a lovely and inclusive community," Pam says. "I learned that the subcommittee was looking for people from all different backgrounds. Although I am not part of the LGBTQ+ community personally, I have gay, lesbian, and transgender family members and friends. I love and accept them all. It is important to me to show my support by volunteering on the subcommittee."

Start of something special

One of PRiderwood's first efforts was decorating a golf cart for the community's LGBTQ+ vets in the Riderwood Memorial Day parade. The group then went to work planning and implementing a variety of activities in recognition of Pride Month last June.

"PRiderwood ran ten LGBTQ+ themed movies, hosted lobby outreach events, painted the crosswalk at Riderwood's main entrance in rainbow colors, displayed the rainbow flag at entrances, and kicked off a Safe Space initiative," says Koen.

The Safe Space initiative provides a wonderful way for community members to demonstrate their support of LGBTQ+ residents, staff, and visitors. Those who wish to participate place a laminated progress pride flag on the door of their apartment home or office.

"It's amazing how many people on campus have the Safe Space pride flag on their doors," says Pam. "That effort spread quickly. Residents saw the flags and wanted

one for themselves."

In addition, Koen and Marilyn appeared on Riderwood TV during Pride Month to talk about their personal coming out experiences.

"I received only positive feedback. I'm fully out and open in the Riderwood community," says Marilyn. "I did not come out to my family until I was in my 40s. I felt it was important to do so, in case any of my ten nieces or nephews was part of the LGBTQ+ community. As it turned out, I later learned that I have a gay nephew, a bisexual niece, and a transgender grandnephew."

A show of pride

At Riderwood, the culmination of Pride Month celebration is the Pride Parade. "This year, PRiderwood booked its very first drag queen to walk in the parade and perform to a medley of songs at the end," says Koen.

The local Rita's Italian Ice came to serve ice cream, and various other Riderwood clubs and groups set up tables, sharing materials and providing treats and giveaways. In addition, Riderwood's human resources department gave out "Love is Love" bags to participants and guests.

"The Pride Parade - like all of our efforts - create meaningful experiences and provide opportunities for people to share, ask questions, and get information," says Koen.

"Last year, one of the participants shared that they recently came out, and it was their first time walking in a pride parade. It was so heartwarming to see that happen - to know that they were completely comfortable sharing this with their Riderwood family."

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Classic Theatre of Maryland Celebrates a Decade of Professional Theatre in Annapolis

Classic Theatre of Maryland, a premier Maryland theatre company, formerly known as Annapolis Shakespeare Company, celebrates their 10-year anniversary with a packed 2022-2023 lineup including Twelfth Night.

Annapolis, MD (October 19, 2022) -- The Classic Theatre of Maryland (CTM) was founded by Sally Boyett in 2013 as a professional theatre company with a commitment to promoting the highest level of artistic excellence. CTM cultivates the widest possible audience and contributes to the economic and cultural growth of our community, state, and region through core experiences and programs.

As the theatre celebrates a decade of providing a courageous and invigorating experience for audiences, CTM invites those throughout the region to attend the bold, re-imagined, and vibrant shows that will make up their 10th Anniversary season.



To kick off the season, audiences can enjoy an exclusive night out at the theatre starting with Twelfth Night, which runs through October 30, 2022. Tickets start at \$55.00 and can be purchased by visiting CTM's website.

Twelfth Night is already a critically acclaimed show, by both professional critics and patrons alike. "Set... in the 1920s Golden Age of Hollywood, the Bard's story of shipwrecked twins Viola

and Sebastian (Teddy Wright and Ethan Graham-Horowitz), complete with cross-dressing, mistaken identities, comes to life very effectively in its adopted setting," said Chesapeake Bay Weekly's Jim Reiter. "Such a great show! Don't miss it!" said a CTM patron.

The 10th season will feature over 170 shows planned in celebration of this exciting milestone, including interpretations of Shakespeare classics, two family-friendly holiday favorites, a Pulitzer Prize-winning drama, and some beloved comedies with a twist.

"I am so excited for Classic Theatre of Maryland's 10th Anniversary season," said Founder and Producing Artistic Director Sally Boyett. "CTM is Anne Arundel County's only year-round professional regional theatre company. Our creative team along with resident and guest artists bring Broadway, Broadway National and International Tour, and London's West End credentials to CTM.

This is reflected in the outstanding quality of the work at CTM and is unparalleled in the region."

Prominent actors and directors who have contributed their award-winning skill and talent at CTM over the last ten years include Sally Boyett, Donald Hicken, Mario Ramos, Angie Schworer, Mike Noonan, Ian Knauer, Marc Irwin, and William D'Eugenio. Awards and accolades among this group of professionals include Helen Hayes Awards, Tony Award finalists, Emmy Awards, and involvement on stage on Broadway, national tours, and international tours.

Attending premier classical theatre performance no longer requires a trip to the big city, thanks to CTM. With an easy drive down West Street in Annapolis, attending shows and cabarets at CTM means you can have the long sought-after 'night at the theatre' experience right around the corner.

"CTM weathered the pandemic

by making films for streaming and is now roaring back with a full season of in-person performances to celebrate ten years of professional live classic theatre," said CTM Board Chair and Resident Director Donald Hicken.

Filming of productions continues at CTM for streaming and digital distribution. These are also used to enhance the pre-show and post-show workshops which accompany all student matinees and educational outreach programs.

CTM would like to thank the Maryland State Arts Council, ACAAC, as well as this season's partners including Reynold's Tavern, Smashing Grapes Restaurant, Historic London Town, and the Annapolis Symphony.

For more information on CTM's 10th Anniversary season, or to purchase tickets, please visit classictheatremaryland.org.

Club News

Women's Club of Beltsville's (WCCB) Holiday Food, Gift & Fund-Raising Program 2022

By Karen Coakley, WCCB Fund-raising Chairperson

We are coordinating our holiday food and gift programs as well as fund raising for our other important projects. We 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. Our projects include Scholarships for school and/or youth enrichment programs, the Adopt-A-Road Program, the Beltsville Beautification Project and the Teachers' Appreciation Events to name a few. There are times during the year when a family has reached out to us in a crisis situation. We



The Women's Community Club of Beltsville 100th Anniversary Luncheon at Mama Lucia's. Councilmember Tom Dernoga presented the Club with a proclamation from Prince George's County Council

would like to be in a position to help them as well. We hope you can assist us in these worthwhile endeavors.

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Whether you are looking for a local advocacy group to join or are a member of our various

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ment, smart growth, geographical environmental impact, neighborhood safety, nearby resources, and much more.

Please go to our website, BetterBeltsville.org, for more information and when we next meet. You may also connect by emailing betterbeltsville@gmail.com or by following us on Facebook and Twitter @ BetterBeltsville

The Beltsville Young at Heart

By Lois Hamilton

Our September meeting brought us 5 new members to join the club. We were afraid that after not meeting in July and August, we would be too few to meet. But along with our new members, we've lost two of our older members. Richard Moore was our secretary for the last 11 years, and Lois Knabel was a sweet and lovely lady who was a joy to know. We will miss both of them greatly.

We are looking forward to our

November 17 Thanksgiving Gala in Laurel at the United Methodist Church on Main Street. With a delicious menu (no turkey), entertainment by "Having Fun", drawings for 50/50 and 7 raffle items, among all the fellowship we have together, it should be a blessed gathering. Anyone who would like information about the luncheon, or our club should call me at 301-498-9736, so I can provide you with what you would like to know. Remember, good friends leave footprints on our hearts.

Calendar of Events

Remember that all venues may change or cancel events based on the current health situation in Maryland. It's always a good idea to call ahead before going to an event.

AREA EVENTS

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Main phone: 301.497.5772. Address: 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. The entrance is accessed from Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore-Washington Pkwy. and Rt. 197. Free admission and free parking. Current social distancing and face covering requirements match those of Prince George's County. All dogs must be kept on a leash (no longer than 6 feet) for their own safety as well as that of other visitors and wildlife. Regular hours of operation for the trails and grounds are: Open daily from sunrise to sunset, *except for federal holidays*. See the Friends of Patuxent website for more information at <https://friendsofpatuxent.org/>.

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Contact the Visitor Center for updates. Main phone: 301.497.5772. Join our e-mail list by contacting timothy_parker@fws.gov. More information can be found at www.fws.gov/refuge/patuxent. The Visitor Center and the art gallery are open Tuesday – Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; closed on Sunday, Monday, and federal holidays. The art gallery is adjacent to the bookstore.

The featured artists for November are the Southern Comforters Quilt Guild of Bowie, Maryland.

The bookstore is open Wednesday – Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Sat., Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **The holiday bazaar returns to Patuxent!** This is a great event to find the unusual holiday gift. In addition to the shopping there will be live animals, door prizes, story time, and there will be a café for lunch plus home-made treats at the bake sale. All ages: free admission, no registration required.

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Tuesday through Saturday: *Pre-registered parent/child teams* are invited into the Center on the hour, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon for a 35-minute, fun-filled session. **The theme for November is Gobble, gobble! It that a turkey?** Join us to learn about the Wild Turkey that you might see running around Patuxent. Activities are age-appropriate for children ages 3 – 8 (no children under the age of 3 years old). Call our front desk at 301.497.5760 to make your reservation.

YOUR DOG & BARK RANGER TRAINING

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FAMILY FUN: HOT DIGGETY DIRT!

Fri., Nov 18 and Sat., Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. All ages, no registration required. Dirt does more than just hold us up and keep the trees from falling over. We take dirt for granted, but without it there would be no food, no animals, and no people. Where does it come from? What is it for? Who lives in it? Come find out! Enjoy hands-on activities, crafts and games for all ages. *This is a drop-in program—come when you wish and leave when you're ready.*

JUNIOR WILDLIFE RANGER

Sat., Nov. 19 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Ages 6 – 10, registration required. Join a Refuge Ranger to explore five nature-related activities. Complete your Junior Wildlife Ranger (JWR) activity booklet and earn a JWR badge!

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Tech Sense By John Bell

Shopping for Holiday Tech 2022



In some ways I am feeling the way Costco must feel when they start to put Christmas merchandise out in October before Halloween. But if I want to give you technology shopping advice before Black Friday then I have to write in October to meet my deadline. This Holiday Season seems to be full of uncertainty as we are still feeling the economic impacts of the COVID virus. But things are better in that now seems to be safer to go out into public and shop. Even if the shelves are empty and prices are going through the roof.

The sales season may be extended this year. Amazon already had big sale in October this year with some great prices on Amazon hardware. Amazon has released newer versions of their eReader, TV Streaming, and Voice Assistant devices. This usually means that the older versions will often be available at extremely good prices if any are left by Black Friday.

Home Voice Assistants

Google, Apple, and Amazon all make and sell home voice assistants. These devices wait for your command and respond with hopefully an appropriate answer. If you have an Apple household, that is; you own multiple Apple phones, computers, tablets and AppleTV, then you may get value for Apple's Siri based assistant. Otherwise, I can only recommend the Amazon series of devices that answer to the start word "Alexa." The reasons are as follows; both Google and Alexa have many more devices sold and operation-

al than Apple. Google and Alexa tend to follow standards making it more likely that the devices you want to control will work with the assistant. But Google has now earned a reputation of abandoning devices and applications leaving consumers without solutions. The Stadia gaming platform is a good very recent example. Also, Amazon usually discounts their devices during the holiday season.

Mobile Phones

Of course, mobile phones always make a good practical gift. Apple has released the 14 series of iPhones priced at \$1000 and more. From what I hear, most people are better off waiting until the next series from Apple. Google has just released their Pixel 7 series and it is getting excellent reviews. Priced from \$600 to \$900 and with cameras that rival Apples the phone is less expensive and gets all of the power of the most recent versions of Android with Android updates for at least 3 years and security updates for 5 years. The Pixel 6a is also still available for less than \$500 but is expected to be replaced early next year by the Pixel 7a. Last year I purchased

a Pixel 5, and I am very happy with it.

Motorola is being recognized this year for its series of value phones, particularly the G series. These phones are priced as low as \$169 many with 5G support. There are also some great bargains on last year's models. Most Motorola phones have excellent battery life but the primary downside I have found is the slowness with deploying updates and lack of NFC.

Last year I said there was no need to move to 5G because the technology is not yet ready. Well, the technology is here now, so if you get a 5G phone it should work with the three major carriers. But if you choose to wait longer that will be OK too.

Computer Shopping

Home computers basically come in two forms, laptops and desktops. Laptops are portable devices that are easily carried around. Desktops are typically larger and tend to be stationary. In general Desktops are better for high end gaming and working with video and artwork. Desktops are often upgradable to add more storage, faster video cards, and add other expansion devices. Laptops are great for portability but have limited ability to be updated. It is possible to buy laptops for specific purposes such as gaming but if you do make certain that the laptop supports the specifications required to play the games you want.

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† Worship Sundays at 10 am (in-person & virtual)

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† ESL Classes Thursdays at 7 pm (virtual)

† Food Distribution Saturday, November 19: 8:00 - 9:30 am for
seniors and 9:30 to 11:00 am for the general public.

† UpStage Artists presents Agatha Christie's "And
Then There Were None" Nov. 4-6



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mann will be directing it!

The show is a master class in comedy. Drama critic Mortimer Brewster's engagement announcement is upended when he discovers a corpse in his elderly aunts' window seat. Mortimer rushes to tell Abby and Martha before they stumble upon the body themselves, only to learn that the two old women aren't just aware of the dead man in their parlor, they killed him! Between his aunts' penchant for poisoning wine, a brother who thinks he's Teddy Roosevelt, and another brother using plastic surgery to hide from the police—not to mention Mortimer's own hesitancy about marriage—it'll be a miracle if Mortimer makes it to his wedding. Arsenic and Old Lace is a classic black comedy about the only thing more deadly than poison: family.

As always, UpStage Artists works with new and seasoned performers. Don't let lack of experience stop you from auditioning for them. Auditions for the show will take place at Emmanuel United Methodist Church on Friday, December 2 and Saturday, December 3 from 7-9 pm. If you are interested you can visit their website, www.upstageartists.com. If you have any questions, contact them at info@upstageartists.com. Come out and support community theater!

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third phase will be between Rhode Island and Garrett Avenue. Paving will take place between 11:00 am and 10:00 pm. In addition to the paving, there are still ongoing drainage improvements and sidewalks are being installed between Garrett and Rhode Island Avenue daily between 8 am and 4 pm.

Our next Virtual meeting will be Wednesday, November 16th at 7:00 pm. Look for details on the Beltsville News Facebook page and Nextdoor.com.

If you have a community concern, I can be reached at 301-741-7672 or karenmcoakley@gmail.com

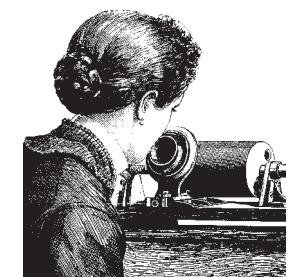
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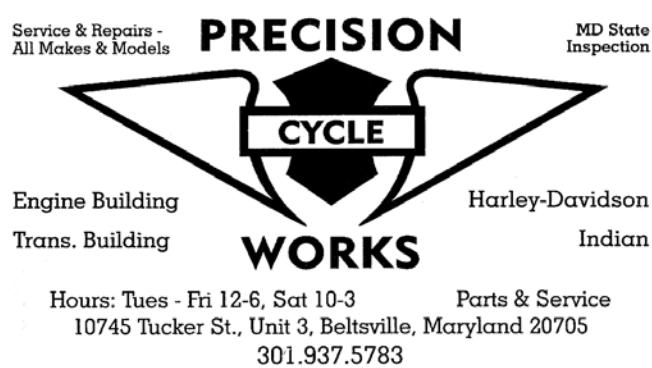
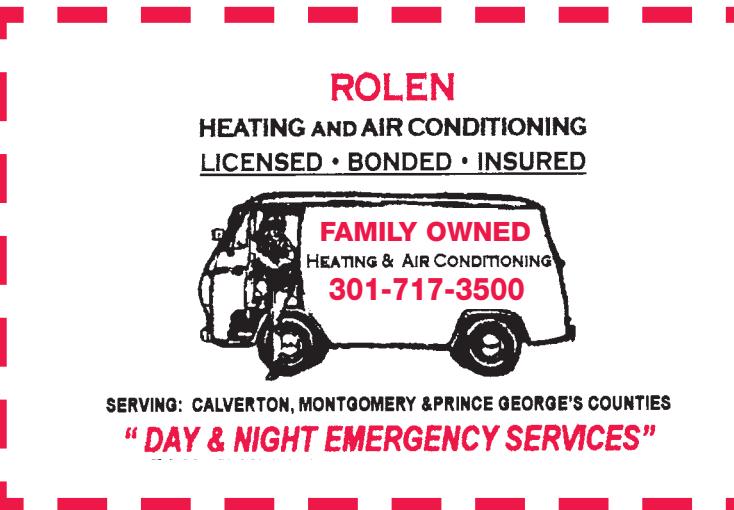


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Most computers sold today should come with Windows 11. A Windows 11 computer has hardware requirements that many Windows 10 computers cannot meet. So, a Windows 10 computer is likely to be obsolete in the next 3 or so years.

There is a series of computers that use Chrome OS. Chrome OS computers tend to be less expensive and easier to use. They load their software from the Internet and have limited local storage capability. Many are incapable of playing modern games. But that is changing as new technologies allow remote rendering. Chrome OS is a good choice for those that primarily use their computers to access email and use the Internet.

TVs and Streaming

If you plan to purchase a new TV for the holidays, make sure it is at least an Ultra High Definition (4K UHD) High Dynamic Range (HDR) television with resolutions of 3840 by 2160 pixels. Not much has changed since last year, but some big bargains are back this year.

Most streaming devices have now been updated to support 4K UHD/HDR and service like Disney+ and HBOMax are now delivering 4K streams.

Home and Auto Security Cameras

Doorbell cameras, indoor, outdoor, and driving cameras have all become very popular as gifts over the past couple of years. Remember that most monitoring cameras for the house also require a subscription service to capture and archive the video. This also means that your home views may be viewable by strangers if the company has a security breach.

Car cameras normally record a loop while the vehicle is being driven and will store data on the camera when an accident occurs. They are not Internet connected and do not pose much of a risk.

Wrap Up

Well, I am out of space so I guess that this will wrap up my list for this year. It is great to see our community open up again. The couple of years have been challenging for many of us. Let's all remember the things we have to be thankful for this Holiday season. May all your gifts bring joy to those that receive them!

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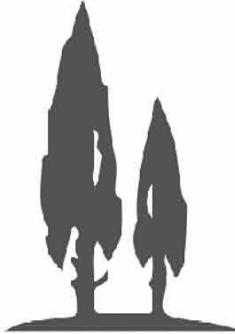
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