Beltsville Briefs

St. John’s Episcopal Hosts Community Fair and Yard Sale

Spring has sprung, and it’s time to clean out your closets, garages, and sheds. St. John’s Episcopal Church is currently looking for donations for its Community Fair and Yard Sale. The church needs household items, clothing (men, women, young adults, children, toddlers, and infants), toys, books, jewelry, etc., which are clean, in good condition, and ready for sale.

The church will also be collecting gently used suits for men and women that can be sold or donated to individuals looking to return to the workforce.

The Community Fair and Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, June 2, from 8 am to 2 pm at St. John’s Episcopal Church, 11040 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20704. For more information, please contact Laurel Hillocks at 301.937.4292.

The Little Paint Branch Trail Extension Project

The Prince George’s Department of Parks and Recreation (M-NCPPC) is holding a public information meeting about the Little Paint Branch Trail Extension Project. The meeting will be Wednesday, June 6, 2018, at the Beltsville Community Center from 7–8 pm. DPR staff will describe the project, which is currently under construction. Come to the crossover at Beltsville Community Center.

House Fire on Howard Court Claims One

By Rick Bergmann

Around 3:30 am on Saturday, May 12, fire crews responded to a house fire at 11405 Howard Court in Beltsville. According to the PG County Fire Department, when crews arrived, the majority of the 2-story house was in flames. The fire was intense enough to prevent firefighters from entering the residence right away.

A neighbor, Kathy Melnot, told NBC 4 they were “devastated because they didn’t know anyone was in there.” When the firefighters were finally able to go into the home, they found certain areas were unreachable because of the damage. They did find one person, 35-year-old Sally Ann Quesenberry, deceased inside the residence. Her three children were not home at the time.

Fire crews did not find any smoke alarms in the house, according to Mark Brady, spokesman for the Prince George’s County Fire and EMS Department. Although the cause is still being investigated, the common denominator between this and other fatal house fires this year seems to be the lack of a working smoke detector.

Firefighters work to put out the house fire on Howard Court.

Photo courtesy of Kathy Melnot.

Police, Church, and Community Reach Out to Beltsville Teens and Tweens

By Jason Inanga

On Saturday, May 10, the Beltsville Seventh-day Adventist Church was the venue of a very informative session on cyber safety for teenagers and adults. This information session saw Captain Susan Smith, assistant commissioner of District IV of the Prince George’s County Police Department, as the main facilitator supported by Lt. Matt Barber (PG Police Department and the Family Justice Center) and Mignon Brown Anderson of The Lakeshia Brown Foundation. Also in attendance were members of the Faith Advisory Council as well as other partners of the Family Justice Center, which is an initiative of the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County. (The Family Justice Center [FJC] was created to provide services for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and elder abuse).

According to Captain Smith, there is a need to educate teenagers and other young people on issues that could potentially be problems in their lives. She continues on page 8

Cub Pack 1031 Arrow of Light Scouts Bridge over to Troop 1033

Arrow scouts Paul G., Kevin K., Justin G. and Oliver S. bridged over to Boy Scout Troop 1033 on April 30 at a “campfire at the new fireplace at Beltsville Community Center. To earn the Arrow of Light, the scouts learned about citizenship, scouting, and duty to God. Due to dry conditions and high winds, we couldn’t have a lit fire, but we made do with a mock-up of a fire. The new site was wonderful thanks to the hard work put in by the Boy Scouts.

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Next Issue: Submissions Due No Later Than: June 20 Paper Out: June 30

By President Karen M. Coakley

The May June meeting of the Citizens' Association will be on Tuesday, June 5, at 7 pm at Beltsville Academy, 4300 Wicomico Ave, Beltsville, MD 20705. We will have a presentation for a proposed medical marijuana facility. The proposed site is in the shopping center on the northbound side of Route 1 just after Powder Mill Road and across from the CVS shopping center.

We will also have updates on a proposed hotel located on Rhode Island Avenue next to Twin Chimneys Office Park. Behnkes will share the final plans that have been submitted to MNCPPC for approval.

Theft from autos continues to be a problem in Beltsville. PLEASE lock your cars and remove valuables!!! Have you signed up for Nextdoor to receive community updates? Go to www.nextdoor.com and then enter your address to find your neighborhood.

If you have a question or concern, I can be reached at 301.937.3490 or karenmcoakley@mson.com. 2018 is an election year; please take the time to learn about the candidates! The primary is June 26. Early voting begins June 14.
Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my disappointment in the conduct of some individuals during this election campaign. The Democratic primary is very important this year as we have a free Delegate seat that is up for grabs. I understand that feelings run strongly, but I also think it is very wrong to try and suppress anyone’s freedom of speech. I researched the candidates for both the House of Delegates and the County Council and decided on my choices. I contacted the campaigns and put up campaign signs in my yard supporting Mary Lehman for Delegate and Craig Moe for County Council. Several days later, both of my signs were stolen in the dark of night. I reached out again and got replacement signs. Three days later, those signs were stolen as well. This is shameful behavior on the part of whoever is stealing the signs. I have put my own sign to replace them and will continue to put up replacement signs as they are stolen. No one should try to silence someone else’s political speech. This is completely contrary to the principles upon which this country was founded. If you did this, shame on you!

Krista Donnelly

CYBERSECURITY

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focused on cybersecurity and safety, cyberbullying, and dating. Many useful tips were shared in her presentation. Ultimately, she said the choice to be safe is at the discretion of the individual. She said, “You must learn to conceal your personal details online, never agree to meet an internet acquaintance in person, block your apps from using your location, and sexting may be a criminal act that borders on child pornography.”

Captain Smith further cautioned young persons to avoid doing things online that they would not do in person. She went on to advise young people that potential employers and colleges have the ability to research people online, so be wary of what one posts. Parents were also advised to be very involved in setting up privacy settings for their children and make friends with them online to monitor what is being said and done. She also revealed the reality of Internet Addiction Disorder (IAD), which now gives people trouble sleeping, among other things.

On the issue of cyberbullying, she highlighted the different dangers online and the classification of bullies that exist. The example of sharing pictures online was brought up. Persons in attendance were reminded that what is posted online stays on forever. People can use pictures to bully and blackmaill others. “When one is confronted by a potential bully, stop responding to the person. Tell a trusted adult. Save any evidence and notify the app administrator,” said Captain Smith.

Parents were encouraged to regularly talk to your children about the topic with their children. “Talk regularly to your children about what they do online.”

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Maryland Native Rides Across the Country with Capitol Pooch to Honor His Mother Who Passed Away from Lung Disease

Breathe for Mom: A Mother’s Day Ride

CROFTON, MD (May 7, 2018) — Will Tucker has never ridden a motorcycle before, but he’s now making a long ride on one during a cross-country trip from Minneapolis to Crofton, MD — with his dog McKenzie — to honor his mother, Julie Gray/Tucker, who passed away at age 53 on March 14 of acute interstitial pneumonitis (AIP). All proceeds from the ride are going towards research for interstitial lung diseases in hopes of preventing other people, friends, and families from having to go through this lung disease.

Tucker lives in Minneapolis but grew up in Crofton, MD. “When I made the snap decision to take my motorcycle permit test while at the DMV last week, I quickly shifted gears to try to find a bike suitable to take myself and McKenzie back home for Mother’s Day as it’s the first Mother’s Day my family and I will have to endure without my mom,” said Tucker.

Tucker has created a fundraising page on Facebook, and proceeds will benefit the American Lung Association in Maryland’s mission: to save lives, help those who are working toward recovery, and provide guidance and resources for their families.

Tucker’s initial fundraising goal of $5,000 was hit in less than 24 hours before he ever sat on the bike.

“Yes — it’s true that I have never sat on a motorcycle prior to attempting to purchase one. Yes — it’s true that I’ve been told this may be the dumbest thing I’ve ever attempted to do. But in honor of my relationship with my mom, I knew that I needed to make it back to Maryland with my best friend, adorable Chesapeake, and mom’s granddogger, McKenzie, in the most defiant way I possibly could think of. Because that was our relationship — she’d always give me advice, and I’d never be able to take it and have to learn the hard way,” said Will Tucker, whose journey is called, Breathe for Mom: A Mother’s Day Ride.

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The signs and symptoms of AIP generally develop and progress rapidly. In the early stages of the condition, affected people may experience upper respiratory and/or viral-like symptoms such as a cough, shortness of breath, and fever. This is followed by the rapid onset of respiratory failure and the need for mechanical ventilation in the majority of cases. The underlying cause of AIP is unknown. Most cases occur sporadically in people with no family history of the condition. There is, unfortunately, no proven treatment for AIP. Supportive care is generally recommended to address the signs and symptoms of the condition. Glucocorticoid therapy and other immunosuppressive therapies are often used; however, the benefits of these treatments remain unclear, according to the NIH (National Institutes of Health).
**Neighbors in the News**

**#StandUp Event at the Mark at Brickyard**

With the release of her new book, *Lela My Splintered Life*, Victoria G. will be speaking out to the public for the first time on child sexual abuse issues and why she chose to speak on this particular topic. As a first-time author, she will open up about her past and how she managed to survive day-to-day after suffering sexual abuse as a child and into her early adulthood. The author hopes to help other victims of abuse (#STAND-UP) and live a better quality of life after being physically and mentally stripped of their worth. The #STAND-UP event will be held at The Mark at Brickyard on Saturday, June 30 at 2 pm. The address is 12401 Brickyard Blvd, Beltsville, MD 20705.

Victoria G. will elaborate on how it felt for her to become a victim of a predator. She will touch on how you can get through each day and help you find some peace to move forward with all that you have left inside of you. She will be speaking about how the #MeToo movement has played a big part in her speaking out and how it ties into her childhood sexual abuse.

Also, Victoria G. will tell how grateful she is to the women and men who have decided to speak out and speak about the little children who are afraid to speak out or who have no voice. How can we help bring them to the forefront to speak out?

She would like to put together a volunteer group of professional therapists that specializes in child sexual abuse who can help children seek the mental treatment and not worry about the cost of getting the help they desperately need.

Victoria G.’s book *Lela My Splintered Life* tells all. What’s next for Victoria G.? She has already started a sequel to her book.

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We had a busy month with an Earth Day cleanup around the community center with a local community group and a fun cast-away day learning how to purify water, make a shelter, and cook over a campfire with tinfoil cooking. The Bear scouts learned knife safety, carved with soap, and made a walking stick.

In May, the pack is finishing up our ranks and getting ready for a fun summer. The pack will begin spring recruiting at Beltsville Day. New scouts who are going into 1st grade to 5th grade can join on June 1 to participate in our summertime activities along the trails and outdoors. We will be hiking on local trails, going fishing, playing games, and having lots of fun!

We are reaching out to families with both boys and girls, grade 1st to 5th, who want to do family scouting. Lions (rising kindergarteners) can join at the beginning of the school year in September. All year, the pack has activities including camping, hiking, our annual Pinewood Derby, and campfires. We also do participatory citizenship along Little Paint Branch Trail, our toy drive, and Scouting for Food. Along the way, we learn responsibility, play games, and have tons of fun.

If you are interested in discovering the fun of Cub Scouts with your child, please contact Regina Halper at Pack1031CubScouting@gmail.com for more information.
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1. Dog show outcasts
6. Pose a question
9. Mr. Potato Head, e.g.
13. _____ tower
14. Holstein sound
15. Liable to cry
16. Was rebroadcasted
17. Pilot’s deadline
18. Packers QB
19. *Where ATMs have instructions in Latin*
21. Army bathroom
23. Surf turf
24. "At _____, soldier!"
25. Pat
26. University head
27. Surf turf
28. "At _____, soldier!"
29. Pat
30. Pre-wedding agreement
31. *Middle name of Shakespeare’s hometown*
32. *Popular all-inclusive location, pl.*
33. *Where to visit “the happiest place on Earth”*
34. *Where to see Taj Mahal*
35. #17 Across, pl.
36. *Party in Maui*
37. *Sydney Harbour is one of first to ring in the new one*
38. *Ancient fishing tool*
39. *Modus operandi*
40. Female pronoun
41. In working order
42. Flipside of pros
43. *Home to Christ the Redeemer*
44. *Where AtMs have instructions in Latin*
45. *Oriental Express, e.g.*
46. *Taking the ____, or going to Baden-Baden*
47. *Down Under marsupial*
48. *Chunnel ride from London to Paris*
49. Female pronoun
50. Unit of force
51. *Location of world’s tallest building*
52. *Vegas light*
53. Floppy storage
54. Run-of-the-mill
55. *Popular all-inclusive location, pl.*
56. Native New Zealander
57. *Popular all-inclusive location, pl.*
58. Nobleman’s title
59. Throat-clearing sound
60. Flipside of pros
61. Unrivaled
62. Female pronoun
63. Floppy storage
64. Change for a five
65. Yokel’s holler
66. Crematorium jar
67. Dip a _____ _____ the water
68. Dormitory, e.g.
69. General direction
70. Be indisposed
71. Jagged
72. Trees on Freddy Krueger’s street
73. Spade for stony ground
74. Roller derby turf, pl.
75. *Middle name of Shakespeare’s hometown*
76. *Medieval warhorse*
77. *Where to visit “the happiest place on Earth”*
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139. In working order
140. Run-of-the-mill

**DOWN**

1. Type of nuclear missile
2. Eye layer
3. Legal wrong
4. *Oriental Express, e.g.*
5. On the same page
6. Echoed by the flock
7. Chronic drinker
8. *Down Under marsupial*
9. Scorch
10. _____ wig or _____ winkle
11. *Middle name of Shakespeare’s hometown*
12. Unit of force
13. *Taking the ____, or going to Baden-Baden*
14. ____ wig or ____ winkle
15. *Middle name of Shakespeare’s hometown*
16. *Oriental Express, e.g.*
17. *Down Under marsupial*
18. *Down Under marsupial*
19. *Oriental Express, e.g.*
20. Consumed

See Solution on page 6
The Family Justice Center (FJC), on Saturday, May 12, in collaboration with the Beltsville Seventh-day Adventist Church, reached out to residents in an open forum presentation and discussion on domestic violence. The FJC was supported in the initiative by representatives of the Faith Advisory Council, District IV of the Prince George’s County Police Department, and some of the partners of the FJC.

Introducing the FJC to those present, the head of that agency, Lt. Matt Barba, described it as a one-stop shop for victim services. It was established as an initiative of the Circuit Court of Prince George’s County as a multiagency and multidisciplinary organization to enhance the provision of services for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking, among other things.

Lt. Barba indicated that, in 2018, one of the objectives of the establishment is teen empowerment and education because there is a lot of victimization in schools in PG County.

Following his brief but informative presentation, Ashley Grier at the FJC introduced Mignon Brown Anderson as a featured speaker for the day. Ms. Anderson is the president of The Lakeisha Brown Foundation in Washington, DC. In a very detailed presentation, she spoke about how she lost her 18-year-old daughter to a perpetrator of domestic violence. Herself a survivor of domestic violence for a long time, she advised those present that it is imperative to talk to our young people and gain their trust so when signs of domestic violence are detected help can be sought immediately. She went on to explain how she also lost a niece to domestic violence. She encouraged that it is important for persons to know that there are vast resources in the community to help deal with such situations and that human life does not have to be lost.

The audience was reminded that part of the remedial action that can be taken in domestic violence situations is to talk to a trusted person; learn about one’s legal rights and legal protection; make a safety plan (whether or not one wants to stay); and, otherproof of abuse.

Captain Susan Smith, assistant police commissioner for PG County District IV, reminded people that law enforcement would always need some form of proof to work with to effect successful prosecution of any perpetrator(s).

Other partners who were present were members of the local Faith Advisory Council: Reverend Oswen and Lady Cameron; Juanita Cameron of the Lighthouse Ministries; Jewel Eugene, who runs a nongovernmental organization; and Deb Stefanofy of St. John’s Episcopal Church. The Beltsville Seventh-day Adventist Church was represented by Pastor Sifa Potauaine and Nescoe Lettsome, deputy director of the Beltsville Broncos Pathfinder Club.

The Family Justice Center is based in Upper Marlboro. More information can be obtained from its website: https://princegeorges-counts.org/358.
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-Frank Cockrell, Calverton

“Tom Dernoga truly cares about young people like me. As a high school student, he served as a mentor to me and other students. He taught me how to lead, the importance of volunteering and how to be a changemaker.” -Ola Ojeewumi, Class of 2008, High Point High School

“Tom has delivered for Beltsville over and over. Tom has always stood up to developers that threaten community interests. He saved the Gunpowder golf course from Konterra development, fought to protect the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center from development encroachment, and even after leaving office, he worked with Beltsville residents to halt development of a huge apartment complex in our neighborhood. Tom will be our voice once again.”

-Marcia Van Horn, Beltsville

“Tom Dernoga has served our area as County Councilman with diligence and integrity. We are confident that when elected he will continue to serve with the utmost consideration for the citizens and communities of District One.”

-JD and Dee Perkins, Vansville Heights

“Tom Dernoga has been a big part of our Beltsville community for many years. He has stood up for us in Upper Marlboro, and will continue to be a strong advocate for the Beltsville community’s interests. He fought for renovations to High Point High School, and he worked directly with the Student Government Association to provide real-world experience about how government and politics work.”

-Linda Diasgranados, Beltsville

“I’ve been fortunate to have Tom as a mentor since I was a high school student at Eleanor Roosevelt. Today, as your elected school board member, I know I could not have done it without Tom’s support, guidance and friendship. He’s good for our schools and for our community.”

-David Murray, Board of Education

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Neighbours in the News

Fire Incident at Swahili Village Bar and Grill

In the early morning hours of Monday, May 7, 2018, a fire broke out in the kitchen of Swahili Village Bar and Grill. The fire was put out shortly after, and there were no injuries. Due to the damage to the interior of the restaurant, however, Swahili Village Bar and Grill located at 10800 Rhode Island Avenue, Beltsville, MD, will be closed until further notice.

Swahili Village Bar and Grill owner/CEO Kevin Onyona stated that “We hope to be up and running in the next two to three months. This is due to some substantial damages that will need to be repaired. Please continue to check on our social media pages for updates and news regarding the reopening.”

Swahili Village has been providing a much-needed fine dining experience of Kenyan cuisine in Beltsville. The town is a hub of major industry pioneers and government agencies like NASA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture among others. Swahili Village’s clientele has grown to include a broad spectrum of ethnic cuisine enthusiasts from the African diaspora, and the general public with bookings for birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, and graduations celebrated in the mahogany wood-finished interior with an elegant ambiance. This year, Swahili Village is celebrating its nine-year anniversary since its inception in 2009. The new Swahili Village location, now in its second year, has been highly rated and positively reviewed on Yelp, Foursquare, the Yellow Pages, and a multitude of foodie sites.

Swahili Village’s interior after the fire

The Swahili Village team is looking forward to once again serving its customers and offering them the true taste of Kenya that our loyal clients have grown to love. We appreciate the prompt response by the Prince George’s County emergency team, which includes the Prince George’s County Police Department and the Beltsville Fire Department. A huge thank you goes to our well-wishers for your support as we work towards reopening.

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Swahili Village Bar and Grill owner/CEO Kevin Onyona stated that “We hope to be up and running in the next two to three months. This is due to some substantial damages that will need to be repaired. Please continue to check on our social media pages for updates and news regarding the reopening.”

Swahili Village has been providing a much-needed fine dining experience of Kenyan cuisine in Beltsville. The town is a hub of major industry pioneers and government agencies like NASA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture among others. Swahili Village’s clientele has grown to include a broad spectrum of ethnic cuisine enthusiasts from the African diaspora, and the general public with bookings for birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, and graduations celebrated in the mahogany wood-finished interior with an elegant ambiance. This year, Swahili Village is celebrating its nine-year anniversary since its inception in 2009. The new Swahili Village location, now in its second year, has been highly rated and positively reviewed on Yelp, Foursquare, the Yellow Pages, and a multitude of foodie sites.

Swahili Village’s interior after the fire

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Thank You Delegate Joseline Peña-Melnyk!

Thank you, Delegate Joseline Peña-Melnyk for your leadership on health care during the 2018 Session of the Maryland General Assembly.

Delegate Peña-Melnyk’s successful sponsorship of legislation to shore up the individual group market for health insurance in Maryland will go a long way towards keeping down health insurance premiums caused by the sabotage of the Affordable Care Act in Washington. She also authored legislation to keep down the price of prescription drugs and provide a down payment for health insurance for those who are not covered. That’s why Maryland Matters, the State’s leading political website, proclaimed Delegate Peña-Melnyk as one of the “Winners” of the 2018 General Assembly, stating that “Her tenacity wins her status as the go-to person in the House on health care.”
 Corporal Kenneth Hibbert Receives “Top Cop Award”

On Monday May 14, our very own Corporal Kenneth Hibbert of District VI COPS was honored at the National Association of Police Organizations ceremony in DC. He was honored with a Top Cops Award for “Outstanding Achievement in Law Enforcement.” Cpl. Hibbert has been with the department for 11 years, nine of which he has been assigned to the District VI COPS unit where he is the coordinator of the Explorers Program and the Junior Investigator Program. Cpl. Hibbert also helps organize summer camps for youth, mentors teens and helps run a Coffee for Seniors program. Please join us in congratulating Cpl. Hibbert on his dedicated service to the community.

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Rosapepe’s Report to Beltsville

Vote Now—or June 26!

Because of laws passed by the Maryland legislature, you don’t have to wait until June 26 to vote. You can vote by absentee ballot NOW (you don’t need an excuse anymore) or go to an early voting place from Thursday, June 14, through Thursday, June 21, from 10 am–8 pm in College Park or Laurel. For details, go to www.SenatorJimRosapepe.com.

Free Health Fair—June 30

Brightwood College, at 4600 Power Mill Road, will be hosting a community health fair at its campus to provide free health screenings for the community. Drop by from 10 am–2 pm on Saturday, June 30, for a variety of health-related checks and activities for all ages including first aid demos and classes, campus tours and refreshments, and goodie bug giveaways.

Obituaries

Bell, Nancy Lee

Nancy Lee Bell of Beltsville, MD, formerly of San Antonio, TX, beloved aunt and sister, teacher, soldier, healer, and leader, passed away on May 5, 2018, at the age of 74. After a long illness, she is at rest and peace.

Nancy was born on April 4, 1944, in Syracuse, NY, to McDuff and Leila Bertha (Johnson) Bell. Nancy graduated from Winthrop College in 1966 and began her teaching career at Page County High School in Luray, VA. In 1978, Nancy felt the call to service and enlisted in the United States Army, where she served as a medic and trained others to save lives. Her last posting in the Army was at Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio, and after being honorably discharged in 1981, she called San Antonio home until 2010. Nancy was a science teacher at Harlandale Middle School, where she ultimately rose to the position of vice principal.

She leaves a legacy of hundreds of lives she touched as a teacher, coach, and leader of her students, her family, her friends, and her fellow educators. Nancy was preceded in death by her brothers, Joseph (1945) and William (2016) Bell, and her sister, Mary Lou (Bell) Galloway (2015). Those wishing to commemorate Nancy’s life are encouraged to do so in the form of donations to the San Antonio Historical and Educational Foundation (saheg.org).

Cadet Quavon Blackwood at Fork Union Military Academy Honored by the Alumni Association

Fork Union, VA—Each year during Fork Union Military Academy’s annual Alumni Weekend, the Alumni Association recognizes cadets for special awards, honoring their exceptional performance within the Academy’s Corps of Cadets.

Cadet Quavon Blackwood was honored as a Distinguished Cadet during this past weekend’s Alumni Day Parade in a presentation by George Anas, the president of the Alumni Association, and RADM J. Scott Burhoe, the president of Fork Union Military Academy. This award from the Alumni Association is one of the highest honors to be received by a cadet and recognizes his outstanding contributions as a member of the Corps of Cadets. Cadet Blackwood, a postgraduate, is the son of Charmaine and Dean Blackwood of Laurel, MD. He has attended Fork Union Military Academy since August 2017 when he enrolled as a postgraduate.

Fork Union Military Academy in Fork Union, VA, is a college preparatory military boarding school for young men in grades 7–12 and postgraduates. Affiliated with the Baptist General Association of Virginia and open to those of all religious denominations, Fork Union was founded in 1898 and has a rich tradition promoting character, leadership, and scholarship.
Linux

According to Wired magazine, 67% of the computers running the Internet are powered by Linux. So what is Linux, and is it only for servers or can it be useful for personal computers? I will try to answer these questions in this month’s column.

What is Linux

Linux is an operating system created in the early 90’s by a Finnish computer science student name Linus Torvalds. We will get back to Linux’s origins in a moment; first, let’s explain “operating system.” The operating system is the software that supports a computer’s basic functions, Windows, Android, MacOS, and iOS are all examples of operating systems that you may have encountered. Android, in fact, is a derivative of Linux designed for phones and other devices.

Linux History

When Linus Torvalds started to create Linux in 1991, he didn’t need to start from scratch but rather was able to stand on the shoulders of others. The idea for Linux came from Minix, a small, UNIX-like operating system designed to teach students about operating system design that was published in a book in 1987 and released on a floppy disk. Linus was also able to leverage programs that had already been developed by Mr. Stallman, but this call to arms got a number of people interested in helping. His reason for doing this was UNIX had up to this time been available to universities for a very low cost making it a great month.

The GNU Project

GNU stands for Gnu’s Not Unix. In 1985, Richard Stallman published an article in the Dr. Dobbs Journal calling for people to join and create an open-source, UNIX-like operating system, replicating all of the tools that currently existed in the UNIX operating system of the time. A number of these tools had already been developed by Mr. Stallman, but this call to arms got a number of people interested in helping. His reason for doing this was UNIX had up to this time been available to universities for a very low cost making it a good learning tool. But AT&T had announced that the cost for a UNIX source-code license was going to increase significantly, putting it out of reach of most universities. He felt that software should be free so people could read the code and make changes if desired, so he created the Free Software Foundation (FSF) and the Gnu Public License (GPL) to support the creation of software that would forever remain free. As Stallman says: “Free as in Freedom not as in beer.” By 1991, most of the support needed to build an operating system was there including programming languages and other required tools thanks to the GNU project and the FSF. Linus built his new Linux operating system using these tools and provided the missing component from GNU: the operating system kernel. Linus is still supporting and guiding the development of the Linux kernel to this very day.

Linux Distributions

Linux is both free and open-source software (FOSS) allowing different people and organizations to create their own versions of Linux. Normally, a specific type of Linux is called a Linux Distribution. Debian, Fedora, Raspbian, Arch, and Ubuntu are all examples of the most popular Linux distributions. Linux distributions are created to serve different needs to use Linux in different ways and by different people. Linux runs on standard desktop PC’s (replacing Windows for example) and on small computers like the Raspberry Pi. It is also popular for using in the Internet of Things running in home routers and TV set-top boxes for example, and you are running a derivative of Linux if you are using an Android phone or other device. Linux is also the operating system used for most cloud computing environments. Some examples of how distributions are used include:

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A good place to learn about more Linux distributions is https://distrowatch.com. The site tracks more than 100 different Linux distributions, tracking those that are most popular and notifying when distributions are updated.

Try Linux Out

It is easy to try out Linux on your Windows PC. All you need to do is download a copy (I suggest the Ubuntu distributions) and create an Ubuntu Live DVD or Bootable USB drive. Ubuntu 18.04 was recently released and can be found here: https://www.ubuntu.com/ along with the instructions for how to create the DVD or USB drive. When you are ready to try Linux, just boot the computer from the DVD or USB, and it will run Linux without changing your Windows hard drive at all. I often use this to securely access my financial account since I know the DVD can’t be compromised.

Another fun and easy way to play with Linux is to get and set up the $35 Raspberry Pi computer; even less expensive $10 Raspberry Pi Zero W.

Next Month

Next month maybe I will cover how to use Linux to salvage old computers and some of the software that runs on Linux. Until then, have a great month.

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Striped bass season began on May 16 with new regulations pertaining to the use of bait, gear, and hooks.

**Neighbours in the News**

**New Striped Bass Regulations Effective May 16**

**Enhanced Conservation Rules on Use of Bait and Hooks; Minimum Size Reduced to 19 Inches**

The opening of regular striped bass season, May 16, begins with new conservation-minded regulations pertaining to the use of bait, gear, and hooks. The Maryland General Assembly Joint Committee Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review Committee recently approved Maryland Department of Natural Resources regulations, which are effective now through Oct. 12, 2018. Beginning May 16, 2018, in the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries:

1. Anglers must use non-offset circle hooks when live-lining or chumming;
2. Anglers must use circle hooks or “J” hooks when using fish, crabs, or worms as bait or when using processed baits; and
3. The minimum size for striped bass is 19 inches.

“The new rockfish regulations seek to address the shared concerns of anglers, charters, and conservationists who have reported high mortality rates of sub-legal rockfish,” Fishing and Boating Service Director David Blazer said. “The new rules aim to increase fishing opportunity and success while reducing unnecessary mortality in the bay.”

While the emergency regulations are in effect, the department is also moving forward with regulations aimed at making them permanent through the remainder of the 2018 and 2019 fishing seasons. Public comment is being accepted through May 29, 2018, with a public hearing scheduled for 6 pm May 17 at the Annapolis Friends Meeting House.

Staff have begun a proactive education and public relations campaign to ensure that anglers, bait-and-tackle shops, charter boat captains, and the Maryland Natural Resources Police understand the new striped bass minimum size and corresponding gear requirements.

After the regulations sunset in 2019, the department will use new stock assessment data to determine if the new conservation actions were preventing mortality as designed and intended.

**The Clean Water Project**

Prince George’s County, in alliance with the Clean Water Partnership (CWP) program, has been working on the planning and design of a water quality improvement project in the Birmingham Estates Community. The CWP program has identified 11 locations in the Birmingham Estates neighborhood where stormwater filtration structures could be installed. The project will install tree box filters in various locations within the community. **Construction is projected to start in summer 2018.**

To better inform the community about this project, we are hosting a meeting to share project information, discuss potential roadway closures and detours, and answer questions from community members. The meeting will be on Tuesday, May 29 at 6 p.m. at Beltsville Academy, 4300 Wicomico Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705. Please visit thecleanwaterpartnership.com to learn more about this innovative partnership. Questions? Please call 202-255-6530 or email Kristina.Bigby@thecleanwaterpartnership.com.
Senator Jim Rosapepe & Delegate Barbara Frush’s
Beltsville Voter Guide for the June 26 Democratic Primary

Our Democratic Delegates

Ben Barnes
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Democratic Central Committee

With Trump in the White House, we need experienced, stand up Democrats leading our party on the Central Committee. They are the official governing body of the state Democratic Party organizing campaign activities, filling vacancies in the legislature, and taking positions on ballot issues.

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Vote Early June 14-21

Early voting centers will be open 10am-8pm from Thursday, June 14 - Thursday, June 21.

Vote in Prince George’s at:
Laurel - Beltsville Senior Activity Center
7120 Contee Road, Laurel
College Park Community Center
5051 Pierce Avenue, College Park

For more information, visit: www.21stDistrictDemocraticTeam.com
Another Year of Service Winds Down
For College Park Unit #217

By Ivy Christoffers

Before we review the past month, let us first visit “turning points” because we will soon begin a new year of service. “To embrace a turning point” is to see someone or something differently and then to take action on what you have seen. What you gain by embracing a “turning point,” in spite of the fear of being judged or criticized, in spite of the fear of change, is one of life’s most important questions. These moments, where insight and action intersect, are the training ground of living a life of personal courage. These words, from Puanani Burgess, whose work is in the arena of conflict transformation, are the training of the fear of change, is one of coming into account reality -- too often bypassed by dreamers.

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Night on the Wild Side was the National Wildlife Visitor Center’s annual fundraiser event. It was full of great wildlife information about what the Patuxent Research Refuge has been doing throughout many years in our area. The first thing all saw as they approached the visitor center on this beautiful spring day was a family of timber wolves located a short distance from the entrance. The male and female wolves were there with their four pups playing around their feet, much like the human families who visit here year after year. These intriguing wild wolves, of course, are depicted in the beautifully bronzed sculpture Timber Wolf Family created by sculptor William H. Turner and were very generously donated by Dorothy R. Blair to the wildlife center in 1997.

The attendees then entered the visitor center through its double-door entrances with recently installed, exciting window graphics across the doors and all the large, glass front windows with many forms of wildlife displayed on them. These were all done for a very important purpose: to protect our beautiful and treasured wildlife birds from colliding into the clear glass, which the birds cannot see as glass, and dying from their injuries. Artist Lynne Parks along with artist Chris Siron had designed the silhouette images, and the Beltsville visual communications firm of Jay Williams Design Company had them printed and installed. For more about this, see the article at the very informative The Beltsville News Archives (www.beltsvillenewstoday.com/archives). Select the 2017 September issue and go to page two.

Inside the spacious exhibit hall, among all the many intriguing wildlife displays and demonstrations, live music by the band Chuggalug could be heard emanating from the lakeside, open-air, outdoor patio. Attendees enjoyed the many tables, attended by informative, knowledgeable, and friendly staff and The Friends of Patuxent volunteers. Those tables were interspersed with many types of great, delicious foods and desserts. There were also a fundraising auction, outdoor 30-minute tram rides, door prizes, and the more permanent exhibits to see. Maryland Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford as well as former Maryland Governor Parris Glendening were there to enjoy all there was to see and learn along with everyone else and met scientists, wildlife researchers, wildlife staffers, and other attendees.

Enjoying a Night on the Wild Side continues on page 22
**A Nutshell History of the Bowie-Vansville Association**

The Bowie-Vansville Association (BVA) was begun in 1921 as part of a special University of Maryland project through a grant to disabled WWI veterans. The original coordinator was Agricultural Extension Agent Eugene Jenkins, who did extensive work with various types of clubs and who became a prominent state 4-H agent. In the days immediately following WWI, the Department of Agriculture recognized a need to disseminate knowledge, especially about such things as food conservation and productive daily living, to the general public. Without television or much radio available, a means of doing this was through the formation of clubs under the guidance of the Extension Service.

One such club formed by local farmers from the Bowie and Vansville (Beltsville) voting districts was the Bowie-Vansville Association, founded in 1921 and incorporated with a state charter in 1932. The purpose of this organization was “to further the interests of the community, to discuss the affairs of the community, and to promote the members’ welfare.” As stated in the original bylaws, some of the objectives were “to discuss the economic problems confronting the members with regards both to production and to marketing, and, to make country life less monotonous, less irksome, better rewarded, and more attractive.” Early meetings were held in tents and in members’ homes. Land for club use was donated in what is now the City of Greenbelt, but a lack of roads made that “garden spot of the world” inaccessible. A more suitable location in what is now the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center was donated by Lena Knauer, “The Mother of the Community,” in 1929; it was deeded to the BVA in 1932 when the clubhouse was started being built. The original plot in Greenbelt was exchanged for help with the building of the clubhouse at the new location.

When the U.S. Government came into the area and began purchasing farms for a national research center, more and more people sold their property and moved away. During the Great Depression years of the early 1930’s, almost everyone succumbed to the lure of more urban living, as well as to the need for cash. The BVA clubhouse and the association remained intact, however, even though the members then had to come from miles away to attend meetings and functions. The club has been serving the community for almost 100 years, although that community is now more spread out than in the early days. Original civic activities included cooperative buying of lime, fertilizer, and other supplies, fighting with the county commissioners about roads, and holding farm produce festivals complete with blue ribbons and prizes. The first committees formed were the Roads Committee and the Schools Committee, with the Committee on Entertainment following soon afterward. The roads and the schools committees are now defunct, but the present Ways and Means Committee is still alive. The club sponsored many drives and activities for such groups as Martha’s Closet and other local food pantries and was for many years an avid supporter of the now-closed Great Oaks Home for the Developmentally Disabled. It now supports the Beltsville Women’s Club in its efforts to provide Christmas gifts for needy children. The BVA Minutes Books contain a history of almost ten decades of fellowship among varying groups of people. The fun and camaraderie shared over the years continue, and even though the annual crab feast held every year on the Saturday after the Fourth of July. For more information, you may contact Bobbi Benfield at bobbi.benfield@gmail.com.

In 1921, one of the founding members composed our club hymn; the words are still true today:

In union there is strength; we’ve joined our hands. For mutual aid we’ve formed fraternal bands. Not one for one alone, but all for all, Each ready to respond to duty’s call.

May Justice hold her lamp to light our way; May Wisdom put her stamp on all we say. And may our usefulness be deep and wide, An influence for good throughout the countryside.

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**The Beltsville Young at Heart Club**

By Barbara Schofield

The Beltsville Young at Heart Club celebrated its 52nd anniversary with a potluck luncheon. The members cooked lots of delicious food, both new and old recipes. A wide variety of desserts, cakes, pies, and cookies were also made.

A speaker from the University of Maryland, Carol Gorham, discussed a hearing study being done. She said they needed volunteers and left leaflets for the club members.

At the June 21 meeting, the Seasoned Players will perform at 12:30 after refreshments. Anyone over 55 is welcome to join this fun-loving group. “If a friend is in trouble, don’t annoy him by asking him if there is anything you can do. Think up something appropriate and do it” (E.W. Howe).

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**The Prince George’s County Genealogical Society**

The Prince George’s County Genealogical Society will meet on Wednesday, June 6, at 7 pm at its genealogy society library located at 12219 Tulip Grove Drive, Bowie, MD. Guest speaker will be Leigh Ryan, founder of the University of Maryland Writing Center. Ms. Ryan will speak about In Slavery and Freedom. The event is free and open to the public.

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ASCA Announces Calverton Elementary School as a 2017-2018 RAMP School

(ALEXANDRIA, VA.)—The American School Counselor Association (ASCA) is pleased to announce Calverton Elementary School in Beltsville, MD, as a Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP).

The RAMP designation, awarded for aligning with the criteria in the ASCA National Model, recognizes schools that are committed to delivering a comprehensive, data-driven school counseling program and an exemplary educational environment. Since the program’s inception, more than 800 schools have been designated as RAMP recipients.

“This year’s RAMP honorees have shown their commitment to students and the school counseling profession,” said Jill Cook, ASCA assistant director. “These schools used data to drive their program development and implementation so all students can achieve success. RAMP designation distinguishes these schools and encourages school counselors nationwide to strive for excellence.”

Calverton ES will be honored at a recognition ceremony at ASCA’s annual conference in Los Angeles, CA, on Monday, July 16, 2018, for making an exemplary commitment to comprehensive school counseling programs. RAMP applications are reviewed once a year by a panel of school counseling professionals who assess the programs in 12 different areas of expertise. The next submission deadline is Oct. 15, 2018. For more information on the program, visit www.schoolcounselor.org/ramp.

Tips to Prevent Summer Brain Drain

(StatePoint) Studies show that summer brain drain can be formidable force, setting kids’ progress back over the long break from the classroom. But you can help kids avoid losing their academic mojo. Here’s how.

• Take a Hike: Not all learning has to happen indoors or while sitting still. Take a family nature walk and ask kids to pay special attention to the plant and animal species you encounter on your journey, as well as any special rock formations or other geological features you see, taking notes and photographs as you go. Once back home, do some research about the most interesting things that you saw.

• Make Music: Music education is important for budding minds, and learning music at home in summer can be easy and affordable. Stock your household with a portable keyboard designed for students in mind. For example, the CT-X700 boasts a high-quality sound system, as well as features that are perfect for student musicians, like a six-track recorder, a library of 100 built-in songs, and the Step-Up Lesson system, which allows students to learn the songs with the display showing proper fingering and notation. Its USB-MIDI port connects to any Mac, PC, Android or iOS device with no drivers or installation needed. The included music rest is designed to support tablets.

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EVIDENCE OF GOODNESS

Evidence of goodness surrounds us ev’ry moment;
Beauty bursts as bloomers arise no longer dormant.
Colors leap from branches like little flags unfurling,
Riding springtime breezes in dizzy whirlwind swirlings.
Symphonies and chatters fill balconies of forests;
Newborns of its creatures find rest amidst this chorus.
Waters rush with vigor unhindered in their streaming;
Bubbles catch the sunlight above the hidden teeming.
Humbly earth keeps growing and furnishing a living
By an Unseen Power Who’s generous and giving.
Gratitude will open our eyes to note the essence, Awesome and sustaining, of an Eternal Presence.
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Rebecca Hutchings
4/20/2018

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weekend bird walk
Wed., June 6 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Ages 10-16. All ages will stop by the Maryland Bonsai Association. Members will give a talk on all kinds of bonsai plants and materials. We will have a competition of completed bonsai for sale. Explanations of the different techniques are for sale.

summer tram tours
Tours take place at 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2 p.m. on weekends. Enjoy a half-hour guided tour through forest, meadows, and woods around the National Wildlife Visitor Center. The all-electric, open-air vehicle provides a unique opportunity to see wildlife and their habitats. Tickets are free and available at the front desk on a first come, first served basis. Tram tours are weather-dependent. We do not operate during thunderstorms, heavy rains, or when the heat index is above 100 degrees. Children need to be accompanied by adults. Registration is not required. For updates and more information, call the front desk at 301.497.5772.

macro-hike (BILINGUAL)
SAT., June 3 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. All ages. Explore the wetlands at Patuxent on this short hike. Let’s look for salamanders, frogs, fish, and all the other creatures that call the wetlands home while we learn some Spanish words. Bring boots, water, bug repellent, and appropriate clothes to get dirty.

Sorech & kestrel
SATURDAYS IN JUNE from 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. each day. Ages 4 and up. No registration required. Meet on the Maryland Avenue sidewalk at the harbor and learn about the local nesting kestrels and Eastern Kingbirds. Bring binoculars to get a close look at the feathers and behavior of these birds.

VANNSVILLE HEIGHTS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
MON., JUNE 12 at 7 p.m. Meetings are held at the Patuxent Observation Community Center, 1773 Old Baltimore Pike, Beltsville, MD 20705 (located in the Van’sville Park). The association meets on the second Monday of each month, at 7 p.m.

behke nurseries garden center
115 DALLMAYRE AVE. Please call 301.937.1100, ext. 0 or see Behkrees.com for more information and events for June.

Good bugs & bad bugs
SAT., JUNE 2 at 11 a.m. What is a bug? Why are some considered good while others are called bad? Join Christopher Lewis as he investigates the world of bugs in our gardens. Learn about beneficial bugs and those that are bad (really bad) and how to control the bad bugs without hurting the good bugs. Cost: free. Registration required.

Beginner hands-on bonsai class
SAT., JUNE 2 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Discover what the art of bonsai is all about as you create your very own tree to take home. This is a fully inclusive class. Registration required. Fee: $65. All materials provided.

Bonsai auction
SAT., JUNE 16. Bid on all kinds of bonsai plants and materials. No need to say, this event will be full of bonsai enthusiasts from beginners to experts, so step by step, fun, and bring your questions. Open to the public. Free admission.

Georgia peach truck: Road trip 2018
FRI., JUNE 29 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Stop by for a wonderful selection of fresh Georgia peaches. Atlanta’s farm-to-street peach experience is offering sweet Georgia peaches at road stops along the East Coast. Peakes by the crate from our Peach State!

Honey Bees & Beekeeping All Year Long
SAT., SAT., JUNE 30 at 11 a.m. What do honey bees do in the winter? In the spring? During the whole year? And what do beekeepers do to keep honey bees thriving while periodically harvesting their honey? Join Christopher Lewis, an experienced beekeeper, as he answers these questions and more about the daily lives of honey bees. Cost: free. Registration required.

Beltsville library
ADDRESS: 4319 SELLMAN Rd., Beltsville, MD 20705. Phone: 301.937.6613. Spanish line: 301.445.4509. 301.445.4512. Regular hours of operation are Mon.–Thur. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Fri. from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sat. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sun. from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Closed on holidays. Please call the library system website at www.pgc.gov to check for weather-related closings and to use our online library services.

program for all ages
summer @ your library
THE PROGRAM CONTINUES through Sat., Aug. 18. The theme for 2018 is Libraries Rock! All Ages. Join your community in exploring great books and activities. Programs and prizes will be available starting Sat., June 16.

beltsville events
Please contact the individual facilities regarding late changes or updates to hours of operations, especially during holidays or inclement weather.

Outdoor events
6/1-6/2 — American kestrel uses its acrobatic prowess: the Western Meadowlark is 16 in. and the end time is about 12 noon. Poopon is too long. End time.

national wildlife visitor center
ADDRESS: 10901 SCARLET Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. The entrance is accessible from Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore—Washington Parkway (I-95) and the American kestrel phone. Main phone: 301.497.5772. For directions and more information, see https://www.fws.gov/ refuge/Patuxent/visitor/directions.html. 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. Regular hours of operation for the trails and grounds are: Open daily from sunrise to sunset, except for federal holidays. Cost: Free admission to the Visitor Center and its exhibits, grounds, and trails; other activities and events are free of charge if not noted. Space in public programs is limited. Registration is by phone only and is required unless otherwise specified. Call 301.497.5867. Note: These public programs are designed for individuals/families. Programs are subject to cancelation or cancella-
dation due to weather or low participation.

Hollingers art gallery
THE GALLERY is open when the Visitor Center is open. All ages are invited. The featured artists for June are the Laurel Aviary Group. Wildlife images bookstore & Blue goose passport
THE BOOKSTORE is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. when the Visitor Center is open. Free stamps for the Blue Goose Passport for the National Wildlife Refuge System are available. Extra copies of the passports are for sale.

summer hike (BILINGUAL)
SAT., JUNE 23 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. All ages. Learn about the different types of species you may find on the refuge while having Equipment. Bring your own sunscreen, hat, and water bottle.

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Theater in your Backyard

By Rick Bergmann

Looking for something to do on a Friday or Saturday night? Tired of doing the same old thing? Why not try one of our area’s best theaters, the Laurel Mill Playhouse? According to their website, laurelmillplayhouse.org, they were “originally organized 35 years ago as the Burtonsville Players, Inc.; the Laurel Mill Playhouse produces community-driven productions in our completely renovated, 100-year-old home in the middle of historic Laurel, Maryland.” They are one of the few community theater organizations that own their facility. Their mission is to provide the community with the opportunity to expand the cultural base of the quad-county area through theatre arts, combining music, art, dance, youth, and senior activities. They have shows running on their stage all year long. Their most recent production, Joseph, and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat was fantastic. For their summer schedule, there is something for everyone. On Friday, June 8 through Sunday, June 17 they will be presenting “5 Courses of Funny Farce,” by award-winning local playwright Jim Wise. This show is a collection of 5 scenes directed by five different directors. One of those directors is the Laurel Mill News own Rick Bergmann who will be making both his Laurel Mill directing and acting debut in this show. That will be followed by the show Laughing Stock by Charles Morey. They will also have a summer youth program that will produce Disney’s Aladdin Jr! Laurel Mill is one of the area’s best-kept secrets. Come out and join them for one of their many shows. You can keep up to date on all the happenings at www.laurelmillplayhouse.org. They are located at 508 Main Street in Laurel.

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- **Read Outdoor:** Summer is the perfect opportunity for students to delve deep into what interests them most. Make a day of it. First stop: the library or bookstore, where kids can find reading materials dealing with their favorite topics. Then, pack a picnic lunch and find a shady spot in a local park or your own backyard, to read outdoors. At the end of the day, everyone can discuss what he or she read.

- **Math Fun:** Make math more fun with a free, all-in-one web-based mathematics resource like Classpad.net, that allows users to draw geometry figures freehand and input calculations as they would on real scratch paper. Geared for K-12+ mathematics students, the app is designed to be equally usable by keyboard/mouse and touchscreen-based platforms, so that students can keep up their math skills wherever their summer adventures take them.

- **Take a Vacation:** Going somewhere new and interesting? In advance of your trip, have kids spend some time learning about the history and culture of your destination. If you’re going abroad, they can even learn some basics of a foreign language.

To keep minds active all summer long, be sure to combine learning and fun.
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* Lynne Parks is also a writer, freelance curator, and the outreach coordinator for Lights Out Baltimore (www.lightsoutbaltimore.org). She helps to monitor downtown Baltimore for bird and building collisions and transports injured birds to a wildlife rehabilitator. Her advocacy encourages community involvement in her projects with an emphasis on education and solutions.


*** The Friends of Patuxent. Check out all their programs throughout the year at 301.497.5789 or www.friendsofpatuxent.org.

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Brad Knudsen, the refuge manager stated, “I really appreciate the wonderful work The Friends of Patuxent did to put on this event by setting up great informational tables about all sorts of wildlife categories and about our amazing research efforts throughout the Patuxent Research Refuge, and I look forward to encouraging more visitors to spend more time in our great outdoors and make it become a habit.”

Upon leaving the event, the attendees received generous goody bags and a potted milkweed or coneflower plant to help attract butterflies and bees to their gardens. Many businesses generously donated services, auction items, and products. A great time was had by all.

Be on the lookout for this great annual fundraiser next spring and for all their other programs and major events happening throughout the year at the Visitor Center**. You can help their efforts by joining The Friends of Patuxent*** for a full year for only $25 or $35 for a family. You can also lend a hand by purchasing great wildlife items at the visitor center’s store. Your purchases help to support the activities of The Friends of Patuxent with their missions to provide programs of the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center and Patuxent Research Refuge.

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BELTSVILLE neighbors with a low-cost classified ad in The Beltsville News
Call 301-937-6796
Looking to relax on a beach, trek across the globe or enjoy the perfect “staycation”. Whatever your summer getaway needs, check out our vacation loan. With our affordable rate, we have the perfect loan to take away your worries.

Take advantage of:

- An affordable rate
- 12–Month repayment plan
- Quick and easy application process

**Sample Payments Based on 12 months at 10.00% APR**

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Apply Now! Offer ends August 31st.