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Beltsville Briefs

Annual Valentine Concert

"Around the World with Love," is the theme of the annual Valentine concert to be presented by the Prince George's Choral Society on Sunday, February 13, 2010 in The Publick Playhouse for the



Performing Arts, starting at 8:00 p.m. The Playhouse is located at 5445

Landover Road, Cheverly, MD. Tickets: \$12; \$10/seniors & students. For further information, call 301.277.1710 or 301.277.0312 tty. Please come and enjoy a romantic musical treat at this popular concert featuring special selections of favorite love songs. You will tap your feet, lift your spirits and experience that wonderful feeling of love. PLUS: Enjoy a post-concert reception with friends and chorus members as you indulge in our decadent desserts.

Prince George's Summer Teen Theatre Sponsors Spaghetti Dinner

The Prince George's Summer Teen Theatre, a staple in the Beltsville Community since 1967, will be sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, February 21, 2009 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Beltsville Boys and Girls Club located at 11705 Roby Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705. There will be a 50/50

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Making Scarves for the Homeless

By Teresa Johnson

Girl Scout Cadettes from troops 2751 and 4129 helped make 50 scarves for the homeless on the beautiful Saturday morning of January 10th, 2010. The scarves were cut from different patterns of fleece ranging from stripes to polka dots. The gorgeous fabrics were very warm and comfortable. When the girls cut the fleece, one held the fabric down while the other used scissors to make a straight cut resulting in a long strip used to make into a scarf. Later they fringed the ends after they cut all the scarves. It was a fun activity and they were helping the community at the



same time. The activity was for the D.C. Homeless Ministry and was sponsored by the Emmanuel Methodist Church. The Girl Scouts hope that their donation will contribute to all

who need warmth in this cold time of year. Thank you troops 2751 and 4129! The community appreciates your consideration!

Boy Scouts of America Celebrates 100th Anniversary

By Gary Bauman,
Scoutmaster, Troop 1033

The Boy Scouts officially turns 100 years old on Feb. 8, 2010. The theme for the year is: Celebrating the Adventure – Continuing the Journey. The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations. The BSA provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness. For nearly a century, the BSA has helped build the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun. The Boy Scouts of America believes — and, through nearly a cen-



Scouting on Parade.

tury of experience, knows — that helping youth is a key to building

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Mindcore at Beltsville Academy is Coming Soon

Beltsville Academy (formerly Beltsville Elementary) is gearing up for their 10th annual Mindcore @ Beltsville on Tuesday, February 9, 2010. This is a fundraiser that reinforces what the children are learning in school and teaches them the value of studying while raising money at the same time, all without asking students to sell a product. Each student studies 100 age-appropriate questions over a period of several weeks and asks for pledges from family and friends. On February 9th, each student will be tested individually on their knowledge of the questions by visiting adults, moms, dads, grandparents, and local officials and community members. All money collected in this fundraiser goes directly back to the school to benefit all students. This year we are beginning a multi-year campaign to upgrade our school in the area of technology, with the goal this first year to provide at least one new piece of technology for each grade level. The school needs help from the community on February 9th from 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to test the students to make this day a success. So come on over to the school on Wicomico Avenue and be amazed at the students' abilities. For further information, please contact Mrs. Leslie Lowe, Assistant Principal, at 301.572.0630 or Leslie.Lowe@gpcps.org.

Beltsville Business Breakfast Series Off and Running

Next Meeting, Feb 17, 7:30-9:00 a.m., 14th Floor, National Agriculture Library



By Paul G. Zurkowski

"Off and running," are familiar words to the District 21 Legislative Team headed by Senator Jim Rosapepe. But they also describe the first Beltsville Business Breakfast that brought nearly fifty business women and men together on January 13 at

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Beltsville Business gathered at tables January 13 for the first Beltsville Business Breakfast held at the National Agriculture Library. The meeting was of special interest to Acting Director of the Library, Eleanor Frierson (right) and three executives from the Prince George's Community Credit Union looking to open a branch office in Beltsville this spring, including Charles Deegan, Vice Chairman (far left), Charles M. Curtis, Chairman (turning to face camera) and Michael Dougherty, Director of Finance Prince George's County (with back turned). The two women at the table were not identified for this picture.

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25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

*Extracted from the
February 1985 Issue*

Borgwardt Funeral Home Opens

The formal opening of the Borgwardt Funeral Home was Saturday and Sunday, March 2nd and 3rd, 1985.

New Arrival

David Johnson Einstein was born on December 7, 1984 to Deborah & Theodore Einstein of Beltsville.

Congratulations

Mary Moltrup sang the National Anthem at the inauguration of President Reagan on January 19, 1985. Because of her performance, Channel 9 visited Calverton Elementary School.

High Point Art Awards

Mrs. Payne, High Point art instructor, announced the following winners at the Washington Metropolitan Art Exhibition: Don Ebel, Amy Pruszenski, Leah Hutchinson and Robert Fox, who

would have their work displayed at the Corcoran Gallery of Art.

Lions Provide Food Baskets

During the 1985 Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays the Beltsville Lions provided food baskets for 35 families.

High Point Singers Join Concert Tour

Timothy Day, Amy Pruszenski and Dona Schmidt accepted invitations to tour Europe while performing with the Sound of America Honor Band & Chorus.

Eagle Scout Award

William Terry, 18, of Beltsville was awarded Eagle rank on December 23, 1984.

Community Service Award Winner

Dr. Paul H. Terry of Beltsville won a 1984 Community Service Award for his involvement with the Toastmasters Club.

Service News

On February 1, 1985, Tim Johnson completed the prescribed course of instruction for the Hospital Corps at the Naval Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes, IL.

NRPA Board Election

Connie Romanello of Beltsville was elected to the National Recreation & Park Association Board of Trustees in October 1984.

Obituaries

Howard M. Fleck, 43, owner of the area's largest funeral home, died on February 1, 1985.

Clayton Maddox Tyler, 73, of Beltsville died on January 6, 1985.

Lorraine L. Springmann of Beltsville, died on January 18, 1985.

Nina Mae Hagee, 72, of Beltsville, died on January 16, 1985.

Emma Helen Takle, 66, formerly of Beltsville, died on January 8, 1985.

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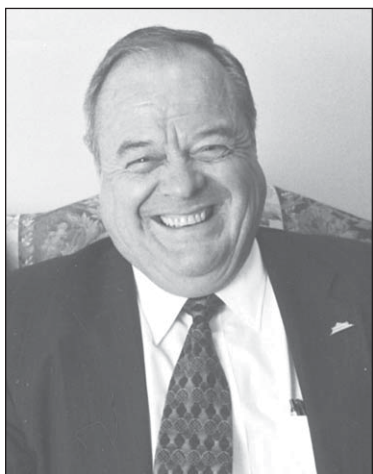
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Neighbors in the News

Borgwardt Funeral Home Noted for 25 Years of Exemplary Service

The Borgwardt Funeral Home opened 25 years ago. Since that time, the entire staff has provided exemplary service to local families in their times of greatest need. This is due to the great leadership and humanitarian perspectives of the founder and owner, Donald V. Borgwardt.

Donald V. Borgwardt was born and raised in Beltsville. A graduate of High Point High School in 1961, he further pursued a degree from American Academy McAllister Institute of Funeral Service, graduating in 1966. Don served his apprenticeship for his Maryland funeral license at Ritchie Brothers Funeral Home in Upper Marlboro, and his apprenticeship for his D.C. funeral license at Huntemann Funeral Home. He worked for several area funeral homes before buying Beall Funeral Home in Port Republic, MD in 1978. In 1984, construction began for the present facility located at 4400 Powder Mill Road and concluded with Don hosting an open house for the Beltsville community in March 1985. The original funeral home in Port Republic was sold to the Rausch family in 1989. A lifelong member of First Lutheran Church of Bowie, Don serves as the congregation's current president and is a member of the Board of Elders. Don has been deeply committed to the local community through active involvement in the



Donald V. Borgwardt

local Jaycees, Rotary Club, Birmingham Masonic Lodge #188, and Prince George's County Crime Solvers. Some of his professional accomplishments include past president of the International Con-

ference of Funeral Service Examining Boards, past president of the State Board of Morticians, and board member of the Maryland State Funeral Directors Association. As a current and longtime member of the State Board of Morticians, his dedication to the funeral service profession has been acknowledged by a Governor's Citation for Distinguished Career and State Service, a Maryland State Senate and House of Delegates Citation for Dedicated Service to the State Board of Morticians, as well as numerous awards from funeral industry associations. Don attributes his success to honest and dedicated service to every family in their time of need.

(This material and more information on the Borgwardt Funeral Home is available at Web site www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com)

Emmanuel United Methodist Church Prepares for Lent

The church season of Lent is a wonderful time to start weekly devotions. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday (this year February 17) and lasts forty days (not including the Sundays). Sundays are excluded because that is the day we remember Jesus' resurrection. Every Sunday is a little celebration of Easter and thus a time of joy. Historically during Lent, the Christian church has recognized this as a time to deliberately become closer to God. Individuals and groups have engaged in Bible study, in mission, and in fasting to prepare themselves for Easter.

The forty days of Lent are symbolic of Jesus' time in the wilderness before he began his ministry. During that time, he was tempted but he stayed true to God.

Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD is preparing for Lent. The pre-Lent Pancake Supper/Dinner Theater will be held on Saturday, February 13th. Supper will be served at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. with a theatrical performance at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for all-you-can-eat pancakes and

sausage, and the show. Contact the church office at 301.937.7538 for tickets.

Ash Wednesday Worship at Emmanuel is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on February 17th. Everyone is invited to join us and the congregation of Queens Chapel United Methodist Church for Worship and the placing of a forehead ashen cross to begin the season of reflection, self-examination, and spiritual redirection.

The Lenten Sermon Series by Pastor Daniel Mejia is entitled, "The Jesus Tour 2010." An adult Lenten Bible Study begins February 21st at 10:15 a.m. and the Sunday school will be learning about the life of Jesus Christ. During February, the Sunday school will be collecting new socks and underwear for "Undy Sunday" to benefit Emmanuel UMC's Homeless Ministry and will be making Valentines for Beltsville shut-ins.

Emmanuel United Methodist Church exists to meet the needs of its members, and to help those members in times of hardship. We worship together as a community of believers. We support one

another's values and beliefs. We nurture the faith of our members in a variety of ways including adult education programs, a Sunday school, and missions throughout the community and the world. We welcome everyone to join us in our endeavors to see church in a way that is more aligned to scripture, and to be faithful to the tradition of John Wesley who believed the world was his parish.

ESOL classes began again in January and will continue through April 20th, with a celebration on April 27th. A game night is scheduled for sometime in March. Classes meet on Tuesdays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and are designed to build students' English skills so that they can meet their needs and aspirations in the wide variety of life circumstances that they may encounter. Childcare is provided for children above the age of one year at a cost of \$1 per child per session. The series of classes is \$20. Contact the church office at 301.937.7114 to enroll or to volunteer to help.

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Girl Scouts

Friday December 11 was a night of holiday activities, food, and a sleepover for a small but fun-loving group of Beltsville Girl Scouts from several troops. Girls ranging in age from 6 to 16 spent the night at St. John's Episcopal Church making gingerbread houses and holiday crafts, munching on some yummy snacks, and winding down with a Christmas DVD before lights out. In the midst of this fun-filled evening a "white-bearded mystery guest" stopped by riding on a fire engine. Okay, it was Santa, and what a special treat it was!

Thank you to the Branchville Volunteer Fire Department for



sharing their holiday spirit with us; the girls loved their visit with Santa. Thanks also to Girl Scout Senior Troop 3988 (Emily Baker, Meghan Costello, Chelsey McLaughlin, Lynn Patterson and Treva Rowley) for planning the event, buying the supplies and

organizing such a wonderful event for all the girls. And thank you to all the amazing Girl Scout leaders who stayed to have tons of fun and spent the night on the church floor, you all are great! May the New Year bring much happiness and loads of fun to all.



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Kitchen Garden Tips for February 2010 *Grow Your Own Popcorn*

By Elizabeth Olson

Popcorn plants are shorter than regular corn, usually only 4 to 6 feet tall. They are sturdy, productive, and are easy to grow. Two recommended cultivars are the tried and true Strawberry popcorn and Japanese Hulless popcorn. Both cultivars mature in about 100 days. The corncobs are small, about 2½ inches long for Strawberry popcorn, and 3 to 4 inches long for Japanese Hulless popcorn.

Strawberry popcorn is naturally resistant to corn earworm. It is available at many garden centers and from seed companies including Nichols Garden Nursery. See www.NicholsGardenNursery.com. Japanese Hulless popcorn definitely has very little hull mass when it is popped. It is available from Seeds of Change. See www.SeedsofChange.com.

Homegrown popcorn has many advantages. It is: tasty, fun to grow, easy to harvest, stores very well at room temperature, and

makes wonderful gifts. Most seed packages recommend planting corn seeds in the ground after the soil has completely warmed in spring. However, if vermin or birds have a habit of eating seeds that are directly planted in your garden, consider another option. Try starting corn seeds in small pots and move them to your garden after the plants are about 4 inches tall. Two-inch plastic pots will work if the corn plants are very carefully transplanted. Otherwise, use peat pots and plant the pots directly into the soil, being careful to remove any portions of the peat that remain above the soil line.

Planting time must be carefully coordinated. Popcorn cultivars can cross-pollinate each other as well as any other types of corn that you may grow. Harvest the ears when they turn a light tan color late in summer. Air cure the ears for several weeks in a cool, dry location before removing the kernels. Store the kernels in an airtight glass jar.

Obituaries

Behnke, Roland F.

In what is a loss for the Behnke family, we are sad to report that Roland Behnke passed away on January 16th, 2010 after a long illness. Roland, eldest son of Behnke Nursery founders Albert and Rose Behnke, was President of Behnke Nurseries following his career in the Air Force.

The family will be holding a memorial service for Roland Behnke on Thursday, February 4th at 3:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Greenbelt, MD, to remember a life well lived.

Roland was born in Washington D.C. and raised in Beltsville, Maryland. His parents Albert and Rose Behnke founded Behnke Nurseries, a nursery and garden center in Beltsville. In his early years he helped with the business.

He entered the US Air Force through the Aviation Cadet Program in 1953 and graduated with the class 55-Q. His first assignment was with the Strategic Air Command as a B-47 co-pilot in Lincoln, NE. He flew many planes during the course of his years in the Air Force including the C-119, T-39, T-6, C-130, B-25, and the C-47. He was awarded the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medals for flights while in Vietnam. He continued his Air Force career until he retired in 1976.

He returned to Beltsville and in 1980 became President of Behnke Nurseries Company. In years following, he was active in Rotary, the Maryland Agriculture Commission, and the Maryland Nursery and Landscapers Association. In 1995, he was named Distinguished Alumnus of the University of Maryland University College. In 1985 he found property in southern MD and, in 1988, subsequently built his dream log-home to which he retired in 1995. He enjoyed many years of fishing, traveling and visiting with family. Friends and family will remember Roland as a generous, principled man, a strong leader, devoted husband, and proud father and grandfather. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Eleanor Behnke of St. Inigo, MD; daughter and son-in-law Jeanne and Jim Byrnes of Glenn Dale, MD; his son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Charlene Behnke of Perry Hall, MD; his son and daughter-in-law Carl and Sara Behnke of W. Lafayette, IN; and seven grandchildren, Ian and Christian Byrnes, Timothy and Benjamin Behnke, and Emily, Nicholas, and Michael Behnke. He is also survived by his sister, Sonja Festerling of W. Friendship, MD, two brothers, William Behnke of Riverside, CA and Albert Behnke of Arlington, VA, and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Ciffolilli, Maria Guiseppina

Maria Guiseppina Cif-

folilli, 77, a long time resident of the Beltsville/Adelphi area, died on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at Adelphi House. Born on January 10, 1932 in Italy, Maria came to the United States as a young woman and met her beloved husband, the late Nicholas Frank Ciffolilli. Maria was an excellent seamstress, enjoyed good food and socializing with her family and friends. She had a wonderful sense of humor accompanied by a smile that would light up the room.

Her son, Michael, his wife Margaret, her daughter Maria, and three grandchildren, Annie, Sarah and David, survive her. Three sisters, Theresa, Maria Pia and Lidia and two brothers, Antonio and Alberto, all of whom reside in Italy, also survive her.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 11007 Montgomery Road, Beltsville, MD on Friday, December 18 at 1:00 p.m. with Father J. Michael Quill officiating. Interment was held at Arlington National Cemetery on Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Joseph Catholic Church Building Fund. Arrangements made by Borgwardt Funeral Home.

Clubb, Ruth Estelle

Ruth Estelle Clubb died on Tuesday, January 5, 2010. She was the beloved wife of the late Wallace A. Clubb, loving mother of Carole L. Ward, Janie L. (Ronnie) Filloramo and Donna L. Fiel, grandmother of Robin, Debra, Bryan, Scott, Stacy and Spencer. Seventeen grandchildren and three great grandchildren also survive her. She was predeceased by a grandson, Donovan. Memorial service was held at Berwyn Baptist Church, 4720 Cherokee Street, College Park, MD, 20740, on Saturday, January 9, at 11:00 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Berwyn Baptist Church. Arrangements by Borgwardt Funeral Home.

Angela Maria DiCamillo

Angela Maria DiCamillo, 87, who was a long time resident of the Washington area died at Arden Courts Assisted Living Facility in Silver Spring, Maryland on December 21 of complications from Alzheimer's. Prior to moving to assisted living she resided on Sellman Road in Beltsville, MD.

Angela Maria DiCamillo immigrated from Villamagna, Italy to Ellis Island, NY in July 1930 and resided in the Washington area the remainder of her life. After raising a family, she retired from a second career as a cafeteria worker with the Prince Georges County Board of Education in 1988 after 20 years.

Beloved wife of the late Camillo DiCamillo, Sr., she is survived

her sister Lucy Hudgins, five sons, Camillo Jr., Dante, Anthony, Rico, and Vincent, and one daughter Rosanna, all of the Washington Area. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, and many other relatives and devoted friends.

Lagrone, Jerry Don

Jerry Don Lagrone died on Sunday, January 10, 2010. Beloved husband of 42 years to Rose M. Lagrone; loving father of Brigitte (Jamie) Snyder and Christa (Justin) Speigle; brother of James (Sherry) and Larry (Karene) Lagrone; grandfather of Shelby Snyder, Mitchell Snyder, Ashley Snyder, Taylor Speigle, McKenzie Snyder and Jacob Speigle. Also survived by many loving family members, especially Terrie Powell. Funeral service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD, on Thursday, January 14, at 10:00 a.m. with The Deacon Finis Thompson officiating. Interment Evergreen Memorial Gardens, Finksburg, MD. Memorial contributions may be made to Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins, 401 North Broadway, Baltimore, MD, 21231-2410.

Lewis, Hazel Lee

Hazel Lee Lewis of Beltsville died on Friday, December 25, 2009. She was the beloved wife of John O. Lewis; mother of Johalee (Paul) Blankenship, Daniel Lewis and Kenneth (Cathy) Lewis; sister of Thelma (Keith) Davison; grandmother of Alison, Ryan, Samantha, Ashley, Rebecca and Daniel, Jr. Funeral service was held at First Lutheran Church of Bowie, 12710 Duckettown Road, Bowie, MD on Wednesday, December 30 at 11:00 a.m. with The Reverend Kenneth Schwengel officiating. Interment church cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to HEROES, the American Cancer Society or the above named church. Arrangements by Borgwardt Funeral Home.

Mandelman, Blanche

On December 30, 2009, Blanche Mandelman of Beltsville; beloved wife of the late Samuel A. Mandelman; loving mother of Paula Mandelman and the late Carol Richard; dear sister of Jack Silverstein and his wife Carol and the late Irvin Steele and sister-in-law of Lucille Steele, Lillian Werfel and her husband Harold.

Graveside services were held on Monday, January 4, 2010, 11:00 a.m. at the George Washington Cemetery, Adelphi, MD. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Fairland Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, www.adventisthealthcare.com. In Mourning at the family's residence. Arrangements were entrusted to FLECK FUNERAL HOME, INC., Laurel, MD, www.fleck-funeralhome.com

Salute, Joseph R.

Joseph R. Salute died on Sunday, December 13, 2009 at his residence in Beltsville. Beloved husband of Donna J. Salute; loving father of Patrick M., Kelly L., and Brian W. (Allison) Hardy; son of Chester J. and the late Joann Salute; brother of Christina J. Traini, Chester J. Salute, and the late Gregory M. Salute; grandfather of Christopher, Stephanie, Kimberly, Lindsay, and Ethan; great-grandfather of Aiden; uncle of Heather, Jessica, Cecilia, Sara and Cheyenne; great-uncle of Collin. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 11007 Montgomery Road, Beltsville, MD, on Wednesday, December 16, at 10:00 a.m. with Father J. Michael Quill officiating. Interment Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Silver Spring, MD. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society

or Hospice of the Chesapeake. Arrangements by Borgwardt Funeral Home.

Stefanelli, Pete

Pete Stefanelli (Age 84) formerly of Beltsville, passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 31, 2009. He was the father of Trina (Coyle), Crissy (Reid), Sam and Pete. He was also a wonderful grandfather to Nicholas, Brennan, Lucy, Steven, Tony, Eric, Sammy "Gue" and Kevin. He was a true giver, a wonderful father and will be dearly missed by his family, friends, and anyone who was fortunate enough to meet Pete. Services were held at Evans Funeral Home and a full Catholic Mass was performed at St. Edwards Catholic Church in Bowie, MD. Memorial contributions can be made to CancerCare.Org and/or Maryland SPCA.

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program for all students, provides instruction and knowledge in the various standards and skills of various theatrical arts for the teen-aged group. Students engaged with PGSTT return to the troupe season after season. Many have gone on to college theater programs, including those under the aegis of the Boston Conservatory, the University of Maryland, New York University, Marymount, Manhat-

tan, and Shenandoah University. So come on out and support the arts on February 21st! For more information about PGSTT go to its website at www.pgstt.org.

High Point High School Class of 1960 50th Reunion

We will be holding our 50th reunion for the class of 1960, High Point High School, on June 11-12, 2010 at two hotels in Beltsville. Mailings went out to classmates on January 15. If you know the whereabouts of anyone in the class or would like information about the reunion, please contact Peggy Wood Hall at delgal99@aol.com or call 302.339.0645.

Beltsville Gymnast Wins All-Around & Vault Championship

Beltsville gymnast Giovanni Rossoni was the level 8, age 12-13 all-around and vault champion at the 15th Annual Baltimore Washington Invitational Meet. The Fairland Sports and Aquatics Complex, owned by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning

Commission, Prince George's County, is the home of the Fairland Boys' Gymnastics team. The team is coached by Zhi Cheng Liu, Ernesto Mejia-Moreno, David Quattlebaum, Ernesto Juba Ra'Akbar, and Matthew Morgan.

Patuxent Research Refuge Public Programs for February 2010

Registration: All programs are FREE, however, donations to The Friends of Patuxent are greatly appreciated! Programs DO require advance reservations; call 301.497.5887. Please advise us of any special needs so that we may accommodate you. Visit us on the web: www.fws.gov/northeast/patuxent.

National Wildlife Visitor Center

The Visitor Center is located on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore - Washington Parkway and Rt. 197.

Winter Bird Walks

Wednesdays, February 10 and 24 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Ages 16 and up. Come in search of wintering birds on the refuge. Field guides and binoculars are recommended.

Wake Up!

Saturday, February 13 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Ages 5 - 7. Come learn who is waking up from a long winter's nap in the forest. Take a hike to discover who or what is

stirring by looking for signs of animals and little green shoots. Please dress for the weather. Perfect for homeschoolers!

Nature Tots: Owls Outside

Thursday, February 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Ages 3 - 4. Introduce your pre-schooler to the wonderful world of owls through songs, stories, and crafts in this interactive program. It's a hoot!

Explore Your World

Sunday, February 21 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Ages 16 and up. Explore the transient nature of all living things with phenology journals and observations. Discover cycles such as flowering, breeding, and migration within your own special natural space.

North Tract

The North Tract is located on Rt. 198 between the Baltimore - Washington Parkway and Rt. 32.

Winter Trees

Saturday, February 6 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. All Ages. Learn to identify trees and their weedy counterparts. Discover the winter roles trees and weeds play and search for any sign of spring!

Bird Walk

Sunday, February 7 from 8:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. All Ages. Search for birds in several refuge habitats on this guided hike. Field guides and binoculars recommended.

Owl Prowl

Sunday, February 7 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Ages 5 and up. Explore the refuge at night while looking and listening for owls.

Signs of Spring

Sunday, February 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. All Ages. Come and search for the first signs of spring sprouts such as skunk cabbage and spice bush on this guided walk. Field guides recommended.

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District 1 Digest

**By Councilman Tom Dernoga,
Vice Chair, Prince George's
County Council (District 1)**

The unusual snowstorm barely a week before Christmas certainly caught a lot of people off guard, and set a record in the Washington area for being the snowiest December ever. On average, Beltsville and Prince George's County received over 20 inches of snow, which created havoc for drivers and pedestrians alike. The event was so pronounced that both Governor O'Malley and County Executive Johnson declared a State of Emergency due to the foreseen costs and effects of the blizzard. In fact, the County spent over \$2 million for the entire effort of snowplowing, salting and de-icing, and snow removal.

Although the heaviest snowfall occurred on a Saturday, my staff and I were available, responding to emails, calls, and putting out updates on which roads had been cleared, and coordinating with the Department of Public Works & Transportation in getting many of the streets passable as soon as possible. I was also driving through certain communities myself and reporting conditions as I saw them. Despite our efforts, there were still many concerns by residents of Beltsville and throughout the District One area that their street, even one or two



Councilman Tom Dernoga

days after the snow had stopped, still had considerable snow and ice on it. Just a few things to remember: this was an historic storm by any proportion, and as a general guideline, the more inches of snow that accumulate, especially in a limited period of time like we experienced, the longer it takes to remove and make roads passable. Public Works' own Winter Travel Guideline chart indicates that with any snow accumulate of 18-24 inches it may take 36-48 hours to clear primary roads, and between 48-96 hours to clear secondary roads (which includes most) residential roads. This is with a full workforce, around the clock plowing and de-icing.

There were some irregularities with this event that didn't help things: several major pieces of equipment (plows, etc.) did break

down during operations. Many of these were older vehicles and components that should have been replaced years ago, but with fiscal constraints we often utilize equipment past its recommended shelf-life. In addition, the day after the storm temperatures rose, creating considerable melting and, as temperatures dropped again, freezing occurred, creating large patches of ice on many roadways. Salt and other de-icing materials were in short supply at times due to high demand, which lengthened making some roads safe and passable.

Although both Public Works and I felt certain things could have been done better to clear the roads quicker and more thoroughly, I believe the Department did a very good job considering the circumstances of the storm, varying temperatures, and age of the equipment. In fact, I received several compliments on Public Works' effort and effectiveness, some coming from the Beltsville community. Of course, we received some complaints as well, and we did our best to direct Public Works to get to those areas as quickly as possible. As I told Haitham Hijazi, the Director of Public Works, after he gave a full report of the Department's storm clean-up to the Council, taking everything into consideration, they received a B+.

Given we will have more cold weather, ice, and even the possibility of another blizzard before spring comes to our area, please keep these things in mind for you, your family, and your neighbors' safety: during or shortly after a storm event, use your vehicles and the roadways only if absolutely necessary, and if you are on the roads, pay particular attention to pedestrians who may have to walk along the street due to sidewalks or pedestrian paths being covered. In addition, keep all your vehicles in your garage or driveway if possible- this makes it easier for the plows to come through and clear the streets more efficiently. If it has been over 12 hours since the snow has stopped (barring extreme conditions) and your street has still not been plowed, call the Snow Information Center at 301.350.0500 and report the condition; they may also be able to give you an update on your street and an estimated time of plowing. If you have a scheduled medical appointment and the streets are still hazardous or you feel unsafe driving, please call the Office of Emergency Preparedness at 301.583.1899: they can assist in providing you transportation with a four-wheel drive vehicle. In addition, my staff and I check

messages at the office on a regular basis during storm events, and provide additional information on the recorded message as needed. If you call and leave your name and number and your question or concern, we will try to respond as soon as possible: our main office number is 301.952.3887.

Finally, if possible, take the time to help your neighbors and community members during severe weather conditions. Check on neighbors or friends who are elderly or may be ill to ensure they are doing ok and ask if they need anything. If you are able, offer to shovel their driveway, sidewalk, and/or a path to their mailbox. Remember that shoveling is a very strenuous activity and those with heart and other medical conditions are very vulnerable while engaged in this, especially during cold weather. Neighbors helping neighbors make for good, strong communities, whether it's during a storm event, looking out for crime, assisting with the elderly or less fortunate, or just keeping good company with those that live around us. Together we can get through an extreme event like December's snow, and make Beltsville, District One, and Prince George's County a better place to live.

College Park Arts Exchange

College Park Arts Exchange is a 501(c)(3) sponsored in part by the Prince George's Arts Council, Target, and the City of College Park. Contact info@cpae.org or 301.927.3013 for more information on any of the following programs.

Middle Eastern Dance:

February 12, Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park. Local dancers treat you to a fantastic concert of Raq Sharki, Tribal Bellydance, and Tribal Fusion Dance. The CPAE Cultural Connections series offers free lectures and performances focused on cultural exploration, music, art, literature, and history.

Blue Sky Puppet Theater

Blue Sky Puppet Theater presents "RUFUS" on Sunday, February 14 at 3:00 p.m. at Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park. Maybe Rufus the dog looks a little different, but our differences make us special. Based in University Park, Blue Sky has brought the highest level of children's theatre to our

area since 1974 – a great time for the whole family! Spend time with your kids at our high-quality free events that are ideal for ages 3 and up. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is suggested for these popular events, as space is limited.

Read Across America

Sunday, Feb 28, 2-4 pm, Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park.

Celebrate reading with Dr. Seuss characters and other paper bag puppets with Arts Specialist Aaron Springer. Spend time with your kids at our high-quality free events that are ideal for ages 3 and up. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is suggested for these popular events, as space is limited.

Learn Basics of Swing and Latin Dance

Saturdays, Feb. 6, Feb. 13, 3:30-5:00 p.m., Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park. Back by popular demand, dancers from Ballroom at Maryland will intro-

duce you to Swing and Latin Dance. Bring a friend for lots of fun! Drop-ins are \$5 per class.

CPAE Book Club

Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park. Friday nights, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Discuss Literary Non-fiction by Women: Feb. 19, *Unspeakeable: The Story of Junius Wilson*, by Susan Burch; Mar. 19, *A Mighty Long Way*, by Carlotta Walls Lanier, Lisa Frazier Page, and Bill Clinton; Apr. 9, *My Stroke of Insight*, by Jill Bolte Taylor; May 21, *A House in Fez*, by Suzanna Clark; Jun. 18, *First Darling of the Morning*, by Thrity Umrigar.

College Park Youth Choir and Vocetti

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Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

By Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-21)

Join us in Annapolis March 1

Delegates Barbara Frush, Ben Barnes, Joseline Peña-Melnik and I work hard to keep in touch with Beltsville residents and help you understand what Maryland's state government is doing and how it can help you and your family. We attend the Beltsville Civic Association and other community meetings, visit local churches and schools, and host "mobile office hours" at local grocery stores. Now we'd like you to visit us in Annapolis at our annual reception for 21st District residents.

It's Monday evening, March 1, from 6:00-8:00 pm in Room 170 of the Lowe House Building, near the State House. We'll have food, fellowship, and information on legislative issues of concern to our communities. Email 21stDistrict-Delegation@gmail.com or call 301 858 3141 to RSVP and for details, questions, and information on parking. We'll also have



Senator Jim Rosapepe

buses going from College Park and Laurel — contact our office; we'll give you the information on it, and ride, don't drive!

Share this invitation with friends and neighbors. We look forward to seeing you!

Your legislators join other state employees in furloughs

Almost everyone (except the Wall Street wheeler dealers who keep raking in outrageous bonuses) has tightened their belts to

survive the Great Recession. Governor O'Malley and the legislature have cut the state budget repeatedly. For the second year in a row, state employees are taking furlough days to help balance the budget without tax increases on working and retired families. As we did last year, the Delegates and I are taking similar furlough days. It's not a lot of money, but it's the right thing to do. We'll get through these tough times -- together.

40 Beltsville Businesses Met in January – Join Us Wednesday Morning, February 17

The 21st District Delegation's first Beltsville Business Breakfast drew 40 local business owners to the top floor of the Agricultural Library on Route 1 for networking and idea sharing with each other and with speaker Peg Duchesne, an expert on how businesses can use social media to grow sales.

Join us for the next monthly business breakfast, February 17,

7:30-9:00 a.m. at the Agricultural Library. The topic will be "**Things you can do to build your business in a down economy**," presented by Michael Richards and Valerie Kabelac, owners of Will's Home Decorating in Beltsville. Share your ideas, meet potential customers, and build your network. To RSVP and sign up for the Beltsville Business Breakfasts, email 21stDistrictDelegation@gmail.com or call 301.858.3141. Join the Beltsville Business Breakfast group on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=209914213860&ref=mf>

Governor O'Malley balances state budget, protects schools, no new taxes

Like families and businesses, the state needs to balance its budget while doing its work every day. Governor Martin O'Malley has submitted to the legislature a budget for next year that is balanced by cutting spending which can be eliminated or delayed while

protecting important priorities including aid to our local schools, keeping police on the streets, holding down college tuition hikes, and investing in job creation and public transit.

His budget keeps the state's "rainy day" fund full so that if the economy gets worse, there will still be resources to keep teachers in local classrooms and police in Beltsville.

As always, the Delegates and I welcome your suggestions on ways to cut the budget and on the priorities you believe are important to protect.

Contact Us

As always, please let us know if there are other issues you have questions or thoughts about. And, of course, feel free to be in touch if we can be of help to you. Just email 21stDistrictDelegation@gmail.com or call 301.858.3141.

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Club News

Women's Community Club of Beltsville Thanks Contributors And Volunteers 2009

The Women's Community Club of Beltsville wishes to thank the following for their support with their donations of monies, food and volunteering so that we were able to assist 40 Beltsville families at Thanksgiving and 45 Beltsville families at Christmas with not only food but gifts for everyone in the family.

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The Beltsville Rotary Club Happenings

By Ivy Christoffers

It was such a pleasure to welcome back to our Tuesday luncheon meeting on Jan. 5th a former Rotarian and stalwart supporter, Bob Gawne, owner of Stromberg Sheet Metal Works of Beltsville. Although Bob has been too busy to continue as a member, he sponsored one of his loyal employees, David Fitzgerald, who was inducted into the club in December. Bob's daughter, Kathy, will soon be joining us as well. Another prospective Rotarian who joined us that day was Frank Cockrill. Rotarian Howard Poebus was happy to announce that his daughter, a recent college graduate, was selected as one of three to interview for Folger's Shakespeare Theater. That was happy news for which he gladly paid a "happy dollar." It is our custom that when we share happy news with our peers, we donate to the "happy dollar fund."

On Jan. 12th, Our speaker was Wendy Pega, Principle of Beltsville Seventh Day Adventist School. Wendy was the guest of Rotarian, Joyce Malin, a long time friend.

Wendy graduated from Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, with a major in Education and received her MA from the University of Maryland. She has been in education for 37 years and has served as the principle of BSDA School for 22 years. Wendy first spoke of Rotary and our four-way test and how it relates to every day life and is the pinnacle to which everyone should strive. She then related some of the history of her school and its beginnings 57 years ago by a group who wanted to move their students out of the city and into the country. Dr. Lawrence Malin was the coordinator of the move. The school currently has 220 students enrolled in K-8 grades and employees 20 staff members, which includes 14 full time teachers. Her school is one of a group of 960 elementary schools across the United States that



From left: Joyce Malin, Wendy Pega, Principal of the Beltsville Seventh-day Adventist School, and Rick Salamy

educates 52,000 students yearly. Wendy spoke of her negotiations with the county planners when the widening of Ammendale Road presented a safety hazard to her students, which resulted in the county altering its plans to accommodate the school. The school has recently received permits for an expansion and renovation, which is unique in these times of declining enrollment. The students at BSDA School are actively involved in several community projects. They recently provided great assistance to The Women's Club of Beltsville by donating 1,200 pieces to the food pantry for holiday distribution, and returning the next day to help box up the foodstuffs for the needy families. Another program is the "Coin Project" which provided \$1,000 to help build a school in Africa and last year, their coin collection enabled them to purchase 2 camels, at a cost of \$600 each, for Nomadic families, while yet another time they purchased goats for a family in Africa to provide milk and hopefully to breed and provide financial independence. These young students

are living proof that we are here to serve one another and do so happily. Wendy also spoke of the happiness the third grade students have experienced with the dictionaries that were provided by our Rotary Club and she thanked us for them. Twenty-three of twenty-five eighth grade students are involved in the after-school peer-tutoring program. This school is extremely successful without any taxpayer's dollars entering into the mix and the cost per student is less than public schools.

Another guest speaker was the guest of Past President, Nancy Randall. He is Ryan McNeil, General Manager for Buffalo Wild Wings who came to Camden Yards for their \$1.5 million dollar construction and has brought in \$4.5 million in profit in their first year. His work experience has been in hospital work, other food service operations and as an inspector for the Health Department. Ryan also holds a BS in Culinary Arts. He has made great efforts to create a family atmosphere at BW. The original owner's 23-year-old daughter was killed in an accident

and her father focused on his loss by founding a restaurant based on his daughter's favorite food. The parent company fosters a feeling of support for their staff and has a motto of "On Time, On Task, and On a Mission". This franchise currently has 97 employees to whom they offer stock options. BW has a great community spirit. They have been working with High Point High School on fundraisers to defray the costs of "Prom Night" for the students. Ryan also enjoyed serving as a judge at our recent Rotary Club "Chili Cook-off" held at Behnke's. The restaurant theme is a "Sports Bar" with 72 TV's. There is electronic game equipment at each table. The

make up of sales is 80% food and 20% bar and is a great draw for the college crowd in the evening. Ryan has been so successful that he has been promoted to Regional Director beginning in June.

As you can see, we continue to get to know those who are contributing to the success of our community. Beltsville is a great place to live, work and play. We are also continuously looking for those professionals in the area to join us for lunch on Tuesdays and learn a little more about us, the oldest civic organization in the United States, whose mission is only to serve mankind. Inquiries on Rotary can be directed to 301.595.5225.



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Beltsville Young at Heart Club

By Barbara Schofield

Happy 2010 to all our members. Our new president, Blanch Howell, opened the January 8 meeting. We welcome Blanch and all our new executive committee members. This was a business meeting and all old and new business was taken care of. There are still spots to be filled in the club, so see Blanch if you can help out. Here is some trivia for you: This is national blood donor month, hobby, soup, oatmeal and hot tea month. I wonder how these got to be? And remember that no one's head aches when he is comforting another.



From left, Beltsville Young at Heart Club's new President, Blanch Howell, and outgoing President Marge Koebeke.

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College Park Unit #217 Honors our Heroes

By Ivy Christoffers

Several of the members of College Park Unit # 217 were on hand to "Welcome Home our Troops" on December 23rd at BWI Airport when 190 soldiers arrived back in the states from Iraq. Accompanying our members was Miss College Park, Elise Pittman and several

other scholarship pageant winners. Everyone who attended this homecoming was moved by the joy and love that permeated the area. There was another "Homecoming" held at Riverdale Park Armory on Jan. 15th when a Unit from the 450th CA BN National Guard arrived from Ft. Dix where they had been for a few

days after arriving stateside from Iraq. I was honored to be amongst those welcoming our heroes home. Lt. Col. Lawler, Commander of the 450th CA BN was on hand to lead us in cheering and waving our flags and, in general, showing our support for these brave men and women. It was so wonderful to experience the reuniting of these families. There is something magical in the moment a child sees their parent for the first time in months. Five soldiers did not make this plane because of foul-ups in paperwork and would be arriving a few days later. We hope that all of our soldiers come home soon. Another good note is that there were no fatalities during this deployment; although some did suffer minor wounds, they were healing nicely.

Plans are underway to organize a baking crew to provide home baked goodies for the 354th who deployed in December. We hope



College Park Unit # 217 American Legion Auxiliary President, Diana Nix, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Chairman, Ivy Christoffers, and Ways & Means member, Eleanor Peacock, present a Maryland Flag to Lt. Col. John Lawlor, Commander of the 450th CA BN (A) in Riverdale for display at the National Guard Armory. Col. Lawlor thanked the Unit and said, "With the addition of this Maryland flag, our battalion colors are now complete."

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to get this going soon so we can have our first batch of sumptuous mouth-watering cookies and other delicacies in their hands by Valentine's Day. Any aspiring bakers out there who would like to weigh in on this one?

The families of the 354th will be our guests at our next Spaghetti Dinner being held on Jan. 29th at 5:00 p.m.

Two large boxes of homemade baked goods have gone to Holy Joe's Coffee Cafe and we hear they are being devoured with gusto. I have not heard from our troops in Afghanistan since we sent them their 25 cases (225 lbs.) of coffee, a case of tea and a box of baked goods. We know they must be enjoying this bounty from home. Hopefully, we will have some news soon.

It is coming time for our annual Day For God And Country, which will be held on Feb. 13th at The Memorial Chapel at Maryland University. This is an awe inspiring program where the members of The Southern Maryland District American Legion Auxiliary pay honor to all veterans of the Armed Forces, past and present, and pay a special tribute to the four chaplains who went down on the U.S.S. Dorchester in February of 1943 when they gave their life jackets to four young soldiers so they would not perish. The public is welcome to attend this program. If you choose to attend, you will be glad you did.

Another upcoming event is the annual Girl's State Program. It will soon be time to interview the young ladies chosen to attend this year's program being held at Salisbury University in June. This is a leadership program that is held by the ALA in every state of the union and teaches the rudiments of government from the grass roots level, up to and including state government, with the election of a governor and also the two state

senators who will attend Girl's Nation. There will be a mandatory orientation course held at College Park Post # 217 for these young ladies. This will occur in April. The Boy's State Program is held at the same time and officiated by the American Legion.

There are a few upcoming events that warrant a mention here. A "Coach Bag" bingo may be of interest for those bingo players within sight of this column. This is planned for April, and the public is welcome to attend. Watch for the announcement when the date is finalized.

The Americanism Essays will be picked up from the participating area schools and judged this month, with the winning essays being sent on to the Southern Maryland District President for further consideration. We wish them all well. For the past two years Unit # 217 has had a district winner. Let us hope this streak continues.

We continue to entertain the veteran residents at the Community Living Center every month at Washington VAMC. This is always an enjoyable time. We also continue to hold Sunday dinners, Thursday and Friday night dinners and dances on Friday nights. We believe in enjoying good fun, good food and good company.

On another note, how many folks had to make a change in their insurance policies this past month? It wasn't so easy, was it? Did you know there were so many out there to choose from, and how each one differs from the others is mind-boggling. I was forced to make this change and it took me two months of research to choose a company that I hope will provide what I need. Only time will tell. Is it any wonder that "health care reform" is such a political issue?

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Fire Poster Award Winners

The Officers and Members of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank Beltsville Elementary School, St. Joseph's

School, Beltsville Seventh Day Adventist School, Vansville Elementary School and the Calverton Elementary School for their participation in our annual Fire Preven-

tion Poster Contest held during Fire Prevention Week in October. Awards were presented to the local elementary school children, grades K-6. The posters will

subsequently be entered in a separate County contest. The award winners present to receive their award are shown in a group picture for each school.



Vansville Elementary School: Darrell Woodruff, Jestina Rogers, Zaire Gilmore, and Kavya Sri Gouda



Beltsville Elementary School: (1st Row) Samantha Finazzo, Luisa Gutierrez, Gracie Bell, Anna Devore, Annaliese Hammond (2nd Row) Oliver Masangcay, Asiya Scott, Chinonye Ajene, Valeria Elizabeth Salcedo-Barragan, Simone Olubo



St. Joseph's School: (1st Row) Christopher Kaelin, Kelsey Afoakwa, Zoe Joanna Babb, Adrienne Yamsom, Victoria Simmoms (2nd Row) Kristina Bustamante, Thomas Eyer, Mark Barnes, Gabrielle Hernandez, Jamal Gay (3rd Row) Victoria Langway, Chanelle Bonsu, Kayla Argente, Tatiana Crawl



Beltsville Adventist School: (1st Row) Kayla Kingston, Semhar Hailu, Johnny Welch, Whitney Blumenschein, Erin Beers (2nd Row) Andre Canubas, Rhymiel Prudente, Jane Yoon, Nicholas Toscano, Brittany Murillo (3rd Row) Andrew Pakkianathan, Nicholas Ashman, Jordan Carter, Hannah Sloan, Alayna Hebert (4th Row) Shania Foster, Alaxandra Paige Toscano, Mabel Mabena, Sara Hebert, Rachel Manuel, Anagabriela Varga

Club News

Beltsville Garden Club

By Louise DeJames

The Beltsville Garden Club will hold a general meeting on Wednesday, February 24th 2010, at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville, Maryland. Our guest speaker for this month is BETH BISHOP with a hands-on session about "GROWING ORCHIDS IN THE HOME." Besides giving hints on buying good quality healthy plants, Ms. Bishop invites members and guests to bring orchids in need of TLC for problem analysis and repotting. She has graciously agreed to repot up to twenty plants. Members will be given priority and are asked to limit themselves to one plant. If

too few plants are available, then the one-only limit may be relaxed. She will bring potting medium, and members are asked to bring their own pots. Ms. Bishop will also be bringing several types of orchids for sale.

Beth Bishop is a professional grower who has been with Arbec Orchids since 1997 and exhibited at the National Capital Orchid Society shows.

Please join us to hear this informative speaker. As always, we have plants for our door prize table and refreshments after the meeting. The public is welcomed and admission is free. For more information, contact Louise DeJames at 301.890.4733 or visit our website at: www.beltsvillegardenclub.org.

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Club News

Women's Community Club of Beltsville

By Mae Whitehead

The Women's Community Club of Beltsville (WCCB) is back from our winter break and looking toward our next meeting. It may be chilly now and sometimes downright cold but the dawning of spring is near and you don't want to miss some informative tips on taking care of your garden and taking care of you too. Please join us at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, February 8 at 12:30 p.m. in the Lounge.

Refreshments will be served.

The WCCB is a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization. Our activities are open to all in the Community. Your participation is welcomed. Canned food donations are accepted toward our food assistance projects.

For more information about WCCB please visit us on the Internet: www.beltsvillerec.org or contact Mae Whitehead, president wccb@yahoo.com or phone 301.572.7464. "Spreading a little sunshine year round."

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Beltsville Lions Club News

By Ted Ladd

Beltsville Lions participated in the NBC4 Health EXPO at the Washington Convention Center on January 16th and 17th where they provided screenings for visual acuity and glaucoma. Many other Lions from around the District participated, as usual, this time with professionals from the Washington Hospital Center. A total of 1,009 persons were screened over the two-day period.

The Club donated \$1,000 to Haitian Relief in January through the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), joining with

other Lions Clubs around the world.

The annual Melvin Jones luncheon, attended by 104 Lions, was held on Saturday, January 23 at the Argyle Country Club in Silver Spring. Melvin Jones was the founder of Lions Clubs International. Clubs may honor a selected member by contributing \$1,000 to LCIF which then uses these funds to provide relief to areas hit by hurricanes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes and other natural disasters. This Lions District, encompassing five counties in Maryland and Washington, D.C. has 958 Melvin Jones Fellows.

Last year, the District contributed \$58,000 to LCIF.

Club members are saddened by the death on January 18th of Charter Member Clyde Burt. Lion Clyde's wife, Anna, preceded him in death on September 26, 2009. Clyde was a member of the Club for over 51 years, and during that period did his best to help those in need. He served as President in 1962-63 and was a permanent member of the Board of Directors. In recent years he would call members on their birthdays and sing happy birthday to them. He was a Melvin Jones Fellow and a Life Member of the club.

College Park Moose Lodge #453

Chase away those winter blues by coming to the "Comedy Blast" for some good laughs and fun on Saturday, February 13, at College Park Moose Lodge #453. Two professional comedians will entertain you. Homemade lasagna dinner and dessert is included in the ticket price. Dinner 6:00-7:30 p.m. Entertainment 8:00 p.m. with DJ music after the Show until 11:00 p.m. Open to the public.

The **Snowflake Charity Ball** will be held at the Lodge on Saturday, February 27. It is a benefit for Mooseheart and Moosehaven, and will feature The Shades of Blue Orchestra, a 22-piece big band orchestra with a male and female vocalist who will perform for your listening and dancing pleasure. Ballroom dancers will perform and you will think you are watching, "Dancing with the

Stars," live! A delicious, served, home cooked meal is included in ticket price. Dinner 6:00-7:30 p.m. Dancing 8:00-11:00 p.m.

The Lodge is located at 3700 Metzerott Road, College Park and is open to the public.

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School News

St. Joseph's Catholic School Regionalizes

St. Joseph's Catholic School on Montgomery Road in Beltsville is pleased to announce its plans to regionalize beginning in the fall academic quarter in 2010. St. Joseph's Regional School will host students from St. Hugh of Grenoble School in Greenbelt as well as the students currently attending St. Joseph's. The plan to regionalize is a long-term plan that ensures the stability of Catholic education in Beltsville for many years to come. The regional school will now be supported by three parishes including St. Hugh's Greenbelt, St. Joseph's Beltsville, and St. Nicholas in Laurel.

The regionalization will see an increase in enrollment and a continuation of academic excellence in grades Pre-K through 8. The benefits of the regional school are many including a greater pool of resources, lower tuition, increased enrollment and more creative minds to educate. As a result of the regionalization, tuition charges have decreased with the guaranteed financial support of the three parishes. Father Quill has been appointed Canonical Administrator and Andrew Currier will continue to serve as the school's prin-



Geography Bee and Toastmasters International Competition

icipal. Anyone interested in having their children attend St. Joseph's Regional School are invited to come and visit during normal school hours. Please simply call a day or two in advance to arrange a time to meet with the principal.

"Saguaro National Park is in which state?" Our class champions took the stage in our annual National Geographic Geography Bee on Friday, January 15th and had to answer such difficult questions as the aforementioned. The students competed heroically, but in the end, we crowned a single school champion, Matt Bielec (7th Grade), who will take the state level written test to vie for a spot

in the State Geography Championship. Fifth Grade student Jimmy Butler finished a close second in the school competition.

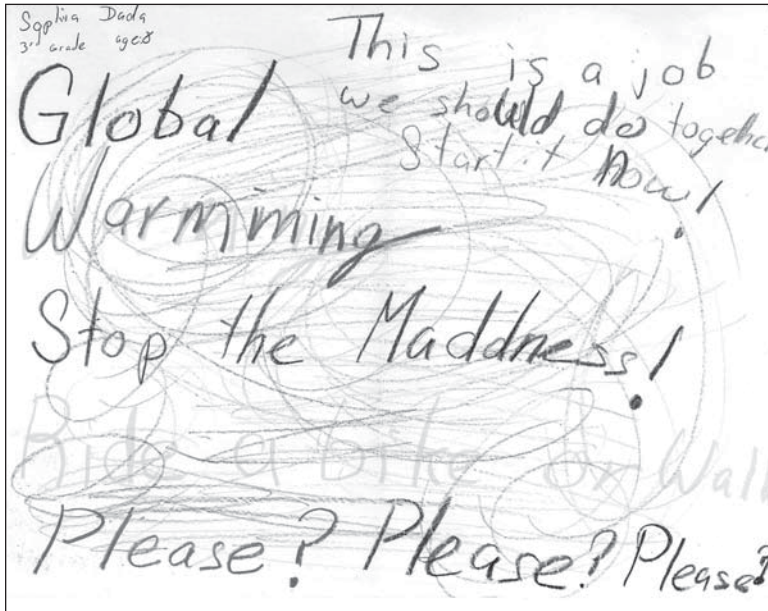
Immediately following the Geography Bee, six of our middle school students competed in a Toastmaster's International Oratorical competition. Each student performed magnificently and delivered heartfelt, moving speeches on Patriotism. We are extremely proud of our student competitors and wish them all the best as they compete on Sunday's Knights of Columbus Annual Oratorical Competition in College Park.

School News

Calverton Student Cited by United Nations as an Example for the World's Leaders!

By Katie Swanson, 350 Project Sponsor

On December 15, 2009, Yvo de Boer, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, addressed the world's leaders. In part of his brief speech, he said: "Thousands of young people care about the outcome of this conference. I have received hundreds of paper footprints from children in Germany. I have received 1000 folded paper butterflies from children in Australia. And I have received 350 drawings from children in the United States. They all want their future to be safer. One drawing captures what you, as the leaders of the world's nations, need to do particularly well. It is a drawing by 8-year old Sophia Dada."



Those 350 drawings he discussed were a Calverton Elementary School project. We decided that the climate change conference

was too important to us and to our futures to go by without our input. Students at Calverton drew 350 drawings about global warming to symbolize our commitment to the need to reduce atmospheric carbon to 350 parts per million.

I wasn't sure to whom to send the drawings when we finished, so I sent them right to the top: to the Executive Secretary of the Convention, expecting no reply from someone so remote and important. I was amazed when I received this email:

"Dear Ms Swanson, I will be projecting Sophia Dada's drawing during the opening of the High Level Segment on Wednesday. Close to 100 Heads of State and possibly as many as 45,000 participants will see

it. Thank you for all the other wonderful drawings as well! Kind regards

Yvo de Boer"

Sophia is a third grader here at Calverton. She is someone who questions things she thinks are wrong. She is a hard worker, an extremely responsible straight-A student, a Save the World! Environmental Club member, and a passionate advocate for our planet. Secretary de Boer is correct in his analysis: Sophia does provide a glowing example for our world's leaders - so do our other students and staff. We can only hope that our leaders listened and will make an effort to follow the example of Sophia and so many of our other amazing and dedicated children.

Martin Luther King Middle School News

By Michelle Mariani Williams

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday on January 18th, MLK recognized eight King Scholars for being outstanding role models in the school community. These students possess the following qualities: principles of non-violence in social interactions, a scholarly attitude toward learning, respect and appreciation for the contributions and rights of others, and respect and practice of basic values which lead to full participation in a democracy. Congratulations to the following students: Alexander Taylor, Kenni Patrick, Walter Little, Amanda McDona, Regina Okogun, Anna Bieganowska, Destiny Talley, Megan Brown, Mayra Espinoza-Ruiz, and Dorian Lopez.

MLK is planning its Higher Education Day on Wednesday, February 10, 2010. They are seeking speakers from various fields who can share their educational

experiences with the students. Students look forward to the day and previous speakers have thought their participation was worthwhile. The Higher Education Day Schedule is from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. As speakers rotate to different classes, they can expect to meet with four groups of 25-35 students for 60 minutes per session. Please plan on a 40-minute presentation with 10-15 minutes allowed to respond to student questions. Some presenters need to stay in one location due to their need to have special equipment. If you are able to participate, please complete the form included in the January 8th edition of the Martin Luther King Middle School newsletter found through the following link http://www1.pgcps.org/martinlutherkingjr/index.aspx?id=27374&ekmense=c580fa7b_668_0_27374_3

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or fax to 301.572.0668. MLK will confirm your participation and finalize information by email or phone as the date draws close.

The Eighth Grade Culminating Activity 2010 plans are underway. 8th grade students will enjoy an elegant educational dinner cruise on the *Odyssey* on May 19th. This special occasion will include round trip motor coach transportation, a buffet dinner, a souvenir glass, highlights and views of the many historical sites of the Potomac River. In order for students to attend, they must meet the following criteria: *no student* who had incurred a PS74, ISSC, or SUSPENSION from school during the second semester (effective Tuesday, January 26th) may attend this event. Administrators reserve the right to revoke the invitation should behavior occur which is in conflict with expectations as outlined in the *Student Code of Conduct*.

Cold-Weather Skin Care: Take Extra-Care

Taking extra care to protect your skin during the colder months could help you put your best face forward year-round.

Experts say low humidity and frigid temperatures can cause serious damage to the skin's protective lipid barrier, leaving people vulnerable to painful cracking, flaking and breakouts, in addition to eczema, flare-ups, sensitive skin and other issues.

Fortunately, simple things, such as using a humidifier to add moisture to indoor air, keeping skin covered when you head outdoors and using the right types of moisturizers and balms, can help.

Here are a few extra skin care

tips from Annet King, director of global education at The International Dermal Institute, which provides postgraduate education in skin care and body therapy.

Watch What You Wear

If you get dry skin, winter itch or eczema, avoid wearing nylons, wool sweaters and synthetic clothing that could cause added irritation. Instead, opt for layers of soft, breathable cottons or other natural fibers.

Better Baths

Try to avoid shower and bath products that have artificial fragrances, as well as high-foam products, as many of these could

dehydrate the skin. Alternatively, you might add a few pumps of oil to your bath.

King says you can protect your face from the elements by using a heavier-weight cream. Also, if it's very cold, apply healing balms on exposed areas such as lips, the nose and cheekbones for extra protection and healing.

Alcohol, caffeine and high-sodium foods could worsen some skin care issues. You might help your skin — and waistline — by drinking plenty of water and adding healthy oils from fish, seeds and nuts to your diet. (NAPS)

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a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society. You will notice several activities surrounding the 100th anniversary such as a new silver dollar being minted in honor of the Boy Scouts (Feb. 2010), a new postal service postage stamp (July 2010), Scouts meeting on the Mall is Washington DC (July 2010), and a grand parade of thousands of Boy Scouts down Constitution Ave. scheduled for July 25th. Locally you will see our Boy Scout Troop more visible, planting trees, helping recycle and picking up litter in our community, hiking, biking, camping and having fun.

Is your son sitting home watching too much TV? Spending too much time playing video games? Bored and has nothing to do? Involved with sports but want more? Bring them to scouting and you and your son will find an adventure of a lifetime. Here you can make some of the best friends you'll ever have in your life! Boy Scouting is about doing – getting hands on experience, having fun outdoors and learning skills that you'd never learn in any other youth group. Sure you learn how to tie knots but you also learn first aid, citizenship, environmental

awareness, emergency preparedness, personal finances, as well as camping and outdoor skills. It's all about learning how to survive, not just in the woods but in the real world as well. One out of 100 boys who join Boy Scouting will save someone's life and another one in 100 will save his own life from skills learned in Boy Scouting. Want to canoe, climb rocks, snow ski, hike, bike, fish or swim? You get a chance to do all these things in scouts inexpensively. You will go on camping trips to some of the best places like Assateague Island, Valley Forge, Harpers Ferry, Blackwater Wildlife Refuge on the Eastern Shore, and summer camp on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay.

Scouts can get opportunities not available to other boys because adults know that scouts have committed themselves to developing their character. Since 1910, these principles have been taught in an atmosphere of recreation and fun, which allow young boys to develop self-confidence, leadership and moral character. You will learn to be self-reliant, plan ahead, deal with difficult circumstances, be responsible, reverent to God and show integrity.

Scouting also teaches you to give back to the community in monthly service projects and Eagle

Scout projects like collecting food for the needy, visiting nursing homes, gardening around schools, picking up trash at County Parks, and helping a needy family in Christmas in April. Scouts always do a good turn!

More and more men, trained as Scouts, are taking their places in today's world as responsible adult leaders. Two percent of all boys who join scouting will become Eagle Scouts, the highest rank in Boy Scouting. There have been 78 boys who have become Eagle Scouts in the 49-year history of Troop 1033. Men who became Eagle Scouts have become President of the United States, sit on the Supreme Court and in the chambers of Congress, occupy leadership positions in our military, fire and police departments, and others hold important offices in our business and industry.

Boys in grade 1-5 can join Cub Scouts and grades 6-12 can join Boy Scouts even if they were not Cub Scouts. Boy Scout Troop 1031 meets every Thursday, 7:00 p.m. at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD.

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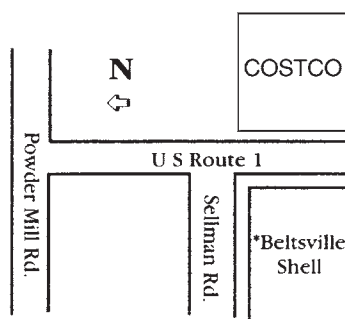


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BREAKFAST

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the National Agriculture Library's 14th floor, Beltsville Overlook Conference Room.

With Senator Rosapepe presiding the meeting took on an "old settlers" atmosphere as everyone related his or her connections to Beltsville. Many had histories covering more than one lifetime and some extended over 50 years. Many were family businesses. The energy level was high as everyone realized the strength of Beltsville based on the commitment of these local business people.

The breakfast took place on the morning of the first day of the 2010 Legislative session in Annapolis. Three of the four legislative team members participated in the "once around the room" business highlights including Barbara Frush and Joseline A. Peña-Melnyk, both members of the House of Delegates and Senator Rosapepe. Delegate Ben Barnes was unable to attend.

Peg Duchesne of Laurel, a very engaged expert in the art of networking, gave a spirited demonstration and explanation of Linked In and other social media and urged attendees to get involved and to

be not only a go-getter but also a Go-Giver by adding business strength to serving the needs of the community. She was a moving podium circulating through the room dispensing tid-bits of advice and recommendations.

The Acting Director of the Library, Eleanor Frierson, welcomed the community to the Library, highlighted the depth of the library's involvement in the economic life of the country and offered to provide tours following the next breakfast. As an example she said the library houses a unique and extensive collection on horse breeding, among its extremely valuable collections.

Attendees were excited to have a meeting place for Beltsville business people and unanimously endorsed a program of monthly breakfasts, same time, same place. Businesses are invited to the next Beltsville Business Breakfast at 7:30 -9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 17. The breakfast will feature discussion of "Things you can do to build your business in a down economy."

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motto, "Service Above Self". Do you qualify? Call 301.595.5225 to inquire. College Park Post and Unit # 217 is a very warm and welcoming post and unit.

God Bless our Troops and may God continue to bless America.

Local News

Horizon Forest Products Announces New Larger Facility for Beltsville Location

Horizon Forest Products (HFP) and Long Floor have announced the relocation of their Beltsville branch to a new 36,000 square foot building. The facility is located at 10549 Tucker Street in Beltsville and will allow the branch to expand in the coming months.

Phil Kearney manages the companies' Beltsville location and says that the move is the largest undertaking of his career and adds that the new location will allow for greater company efficiency and will improve overall customer service and satisfaction.

"In our new space, we're able to provide inside truck loading, which is ideal during inclement weather," explains Kearney. "We also have more showroom space and the capacity to set up the product store that our other branches have been able to do and have

been able to bring together our inside and counter salespeople, who were previously located in two separate locations in the building. Overall, we now have a larger, cleaner, more sales friendly, and more convenient location."

The Beltsville branch employs 15 employees and recently occupied a 27,000 square foot facility. Kearney adds that the new location also provides a much larger parking area, allowing the branch to set aside priority spaces for customer parking.

"I am extremely pleased and proud of the effort that every one of my teammates put forth to enable us to get the job done," adds Kearney. "Our customers will benefit from a much easier buying experience in the new flooring store, and we can now expose them to products they may not have real-

ized we carried."

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Horizon Forest Products is a top distributor of products for hardwood flooring contractors and custom cabinetmakers in the southeast. The company currently

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State News

Governor Proposes Budget To Close \$2 Billion Deficit

Governor Martin O'Malley on Tuesday outlined the FY 2011 budget for the State of Maryland, maintaining fiscal responsibility by remaining within spending affordability guidelines for the fourth straight year. The FY11 budget brings total reductions under the O'Malley-Brown Administration to \$5.6 billion and more than 3,500 state positions.

"These have not been easy times for our country, our State, nor for the hardworking people that we represent, but in the face of some very big challenges we've been able to make very important progress," said Governor O'Malley. "By nearly every objective criteria, Maryland is in a stronger position than other States to recover from this recession even stronger - for an economic renewal that will get us back once again to prosperity."

Every year since taking office, Governor O'Malley has submitted — and the General Assembly has passed — a balanced budget under the spending affordability guidelines, and for the first time in at least 40 years, state General Fund spending is lower now than it was four years ago. In fact, the O'Malley-Brown Administration is the first ever to propose negative affordability growth, and has done so in the last two years.

The FY11 budget proposes total spending to decline by \$249 million, representing the first time in at least 39 years that total operating

budget spending has declined since the previous year.

The proposed FY11 budget protects funding for key priority areas, including public education, job creation, public safety, and environmental protection.

- Continues record funding for the nation's number one public schools, bringing total funding to a record \$5.7 billion;

- \$20 million dedicated to the Job Creation and Recovery Tax Credit, encouraging businesses to hire unemployed Marylanders this year;

- \$3.2 billion in the capital budget will support more than 20,000 construction jobs during next fiscal year;

- Funding for the Chesapeake Bay 2010 Trust Fund will double over FY10;

- Continue funding for health care coverage for low-income children and adults. Since Governor O'Malley took office, health care coverage has been expanded to more than 200,000 additional Marylanders.

Maryland remains one of only seven states in the nation to maintain a Triple A bond rating, certified by all three credit rating agencies. Maryland's unemployment rate remains 25 percent lower than the national average, and last year Maryland's rate of job growth was better than all but two other states. The state continues to gain jobs in key sectors of our economy, includ-

ing Computer Systems Design where Maryland experienced the best growth in America last year.

The FY11 budget proposes more than \$1 billion in budget reductions, including level funding of most local aid programs, additional state employee compensation actions, and state agency reorganization. More than 3,500 state positions have been eliminated during the O'Malley-Brown Administration, representing a savings of more than \$150 million in this budget alone. Maryland state and local governments collectively rank tenth in terms of fewest government employees per capita.

Funding for K-12 public education has increased 27 percent under the O'Malley-Brown Administration to a FY11 proposed total of \$5.7 billion. School construction funding has increased 52 percent compared to the previous administration.

The FY11 budget increases direct K-12 funding by \$99 million; fully funds teacher and librarian pensions; includes a \$2.7 million increase for the SEED School; brings total in-state tuition increases to three percent since FY07, compared to increases of more than 30 percent under the last administration; as a result, USM tuition rates decline from sixth highest in the nation to an estimated 21st in FY11.

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Calendar of Events

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9650 Muirkirk Rd., Laurel. Call 301.377.7817 for reservations and information on events and classes, including those at the art center; TTY: 301.454.1472; Fax: 301.377.7818, e-mail: montpeliermansion@pgparks.com. Regular tours are on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. Fee: \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for seniors, \$1.00 for children 5 – 18. Children under 5 admitted free.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CONCERT

Saturday, January 30, 2:00 p.m. Snow Date: Saturday, February 6 at 2:00 p.m. **Sponsored by the Society for the Preservation of African American Arts.** The Society was formed to teach the public about the rich African American history through re-enactments, song, and theater based on plantation life in the 1800s. Reservations required. Ages 12 and up. Fee: \$10 for FoM members, \$15 for non-members.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MUSICALE WITH PRO MUSICA RARA

Sunday, February 14 at 3:00 p.m. Snow Date: Sunday, February 28 at 3:00 p.m. Pro Musica Rara will perform music for string quartet, featuring the music of Haydn, Mozart, and others. Pro Musica Rara consists of members of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. The group is now in its 24th season, and has performed all kinds of music, from the Renaissance to the early 19th Century. Reservations required. Ages 12 and up. Fee: \$10 for FoM members, \$15 for non-members.

COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM

1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Dr., College Park. Call 301.864.6029 for information on special events and the Hollywood Flyers film series. TTY: 301.864.4765. Museum admission is \$4.00 for adults, \$3.00 for seniors, and \$2.00 for children. Children under 2 admitted free. Tours for groups of 10 or more are available by appointment.

HOLLYWOOD FLYERS FILM SERIES

Sunday, February 7 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The movie is **Catch Me If You Can**, based on the life of Frank Abagnale, Jr. who, before his 19th birthday, successfully conned millions of dollars worth of checks as a Pan Am pilot, doctor, and legal prosecutor. Spend an afternoon at the movies. Lemonade and popcorn are included. FREE with museum admission.

BELTSVILLE EVENTS

VANSVILLE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

Monday, February 8 at 7:00 p.m. at Franklin Brown Building, Vansville Recreation Park, 11733 Old Baltimore Pike, Vansville.

BELTSVILLE RECREATION COUNCIL

Monday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the Beltsville Community Center.

YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

1st and 3rd Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. at the Beltsville Community Center.

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CLUB OF BELTSVILLE

Monday, February 8, 12:30 p.m. at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane.

BELTSVILLE BUSINESS BREAKFAST

The Feb 17, 2010 Beltsville Business Breakfast will address "Things you can do to build your business during a down economy." The speakers are Michael Richards and Valerie Kabelac, owners of Will's Home Decorating in Beltsville. People in business in Beltsville are invited to attend the Breakfast held at 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. on Wed., February 17, 2010 at the National Agriculture Library on Route 1. The event takes place in the Beltsville Overlook Conference Room on the 14th floor. Security at Library requires attendees to pre-register by calling 301.858.314 or by email 21stDistrictDelegation@gmail.com. The Breakfast was created by the 21st District legislative team to help create a voice for the Beltsville Business community.

FREESTATE HAPPY WANDERERS WALK

Saturday, February 20, 2010. Start between 9:00

a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and finish by 4:00 p.m. 5 km and 10 km trails. Sponsored by Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Start at Vansville Community Center, 11733 Old Baltimore Pike, Beltsville. Trails travel through communities that included Snowden Iron Works and the development of Rossville where African Americans employed by the Muirkirk Iron Furnace lived, socialized, attended school and church and were buried. Info: 301.572.5574, donjoy5@verizon.net or 410.437.2164.

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)

NAL is open Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for federal holidays. 10301 Baltimore Ave. Parking is free in the visitor's lot accessed via the Rhode Island Ave. driveway entrance. See www.nal.usda.gov or call 301.504.5876 for information on basic services and special events. The library is free and open to the public.

FOOD SAFETY INFORMATION CENTER

The Center is located at NAL and provides food safety information to educators, industry, researchers, and the general public. Food safety information is also available online at http://foodsafety.nal.usda.gov and on Twitter at http://twitter.com/FoodSafety.

BELTSVILLE LIBRARY

Regular hours of operation are: Monday and Tuesday from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Wednesday – Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., closed on Sunday. Contact the Beltsville Branch by phone at 301.937.0294. Visit us at 4319 Sellman Road, Beltsville, next door to the police station. Visit our library system web site at www.pgcmis.info.

PROGRAMS FOR EVERYONE

CHESS CLUB

Tuesdays, February 9 and 23 at 5:30 p.m. Chess for all ages and levels. Everyone welcome. Come to learn or just to play with other players and have fun.

ANNUAL POETRY CONTEST

Start writing your poems now! Applications will be available March 1 and the deadline for entry is April 10 at 5:00 p.m. Submit your original poetry for a chance to win. Winners will be asked to read their winning poems. Contact the Beltsville Library for more information. Sponsored by the Friends of the Beltsville Library. Ages 6 and over.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

WRITE NOW!

Mondays, February 1, 8, and 22 (the library is closed February 15) at 4:00 p.m. If you love to write and want to have fun doing it, this is the program for you! Ages 8 – 12 years.

STORYTIME

Wednesdays, February 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 10:30 a.m. Songs, fingerplays, and stories. Ages 3 – 5.

TODDLER TIME

Wednesdays, February 3, 10, 17 and 24 at 11:30 a.m. Songs, fingerplays and stories. For children ages 18 months to 36 months with caregiver.

FAMILY GAMING DAZE

Monday, February 22 at 6:00 p.m. Play video games at your library. Participants will have the opportunity to play games on a Nintendo Wii, Xbox 360, including Mario Kart, Super Smash Bros. Brawl, and Madden and multiple board games.

DR. SEUSS BIRTHDAY STORYTIME

Thursday, February 25 at 10:30 a.m. Join the Cat in the Hat to hear stories about Thing 1, Thing 2, and Horton too. Ages 4 – 7.

PROGRAM FOR TEENS

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Saturday, February 6 at 2:00 p.m. Make a difference @ your library. Ages 13 – 18.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

FRIENDS OF THE BELTSVILLE LIBRARY MEETING

Tuesday, February 2 at 6:30 p.m.

EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION

Monday, February 8 at 7:00 p.m. Geraldine Brooks's **People of the Book**. Pick up a copy at

the library. All are welcome.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesday, February 16 at 2:00 p.m. Vicky Myron's **Dewey: the Small Town Library Cat Who Changed the World**. All welcome. Drop by the library to pick up a copy.

INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT WORD

Thursday, February 18 at 9:10 a.m. Don't be intimidated by computers! Learn to identify basic terminology and how to create a document. Leave the library feeling confident using Microsoft Word. Limit 24 per class. Registration required, please contact the Beltsville Library for more information. Adults only.

BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

3900 Sellman Rd., Beltsville. The Program Specialist is Tarik Brown. Call 301.937.6613 for information. TTY: 301.445.4512. Hours of operation are: Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

CLASSES

Contact the center for information regarding classes, times, and fees.

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Saturday, February 6 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Test your skills on the virtual lanes. Can you beat your friends for bragging rights? Ages 10 – 17. FREE with Xtreme Teens ID card.

VALENTINE'S DAY SCRAPBOOKING WORKSHOP

Friday, February 12 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Join us as we create a Valentine's Day scrapbook to give to our loved ones. We will provide all of the materials needed. Just bring your creative ideas and pictures. Ages 6 – 12. Fee: \$10 resident, \$12 non-resident.

VALENTINE'S CABARET

Friday, February 12 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The event will take place at the Prince George's Ballroom in Landover. Call the community center at 301.937.6613 for more information. Ages 13 – 17. FREE w/valid center ID.

ORDINARY PEOPLE LIVING THEIR EXTRAORDINARY DREAMS

Friday, February 19 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. In celebration of Black History Month, local artist Elnora Wilson will display her artwork and tell a story about living her dreams. Discussion and reception at 6:00 p.m. All ages welcome. FREE.

NATIONAL PANCAKE DAY

Thursday, February 25 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Who loves pancakes? We do! Join us as we celebrate Pancake Day. After we make our pancakes, we will have a pancake feast. All ages welcome. FREE.

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Fridays and Saturdays from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Ages 13 – 17. FREE with Xtreme Teens ID card.

VANSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

6813 Ammendale Rd., Vansville. The Vansville Community Center offers programs in Fitness & Health and for people with disabilities. Call 301.937.6621 for more information. FAX: 301.937.6623. TTY: 301.445.4512. Hours of operation are: Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. when the fitness area closes to make room for the Xtreme Teens events, and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

NADA BRAHMA'S WORLD MUSIC CONCERT

Friday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m. Join us for an energetic, interactive performance that explores the vital core that music plays in many world cultures. Experience a variety of musical styles and instruments from the Caribbean, the Andes mountains, central and southern Asia, and sub-Saharan Africa. All ages welcome. FREE.

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MT. RAINIER PUPPET THEATRE

Tuesday, February 16 at 2:30 p.m. Learn what animals do in the winter. Children will make a simple craft following the show. All ages welcome. FREE.

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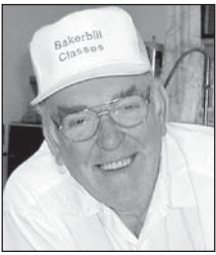
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STUFF 'N THINGS

Look at it this way. Winter is half over, but I remember March is our worst month for snow. Man, has it been cold!

I just had a senior moment. I filled up at the Sunoco station near Target and asked for a car wash. I paid and went to the car wash entrance but I could not get it to work. So I went to get my money back. The young man there explained how it works and said I was using the wrong code. But that's not the senior part. A pretty young lady came out to help me and noticed I had not closed the gas tank door. Not only that, the cap was still off. My point is that not everything is going to go right the first time. I have learned to be patient. Everything happens for the best. Sometimes I feel I have an angel on my shoulder. Today was one of the days.

I am writing this on a new computer. I wrote a few months ago that I think they build in a self-destruct chip that takes effect any time after 36 months of use. Mine went out the start of my 40th month. Setting up a new computer takes the most patience of all and takes all day. But my angel (daughter), who does this for a living, came and said, "Don't ask questions, go and watch TV.

I am in my element and love it." She still has a few things to work out. Say what you want. I liked Windows XP better than Windows 7. The pages are all new and it will not let you install any of your old items. You'll need to buy new stuff. The whole point of the last 200 words is, be ready, it will happen to you! If you depend on the junk you buy on line to protect your computer, other than MacAfee, it is a waste of money. I had two to scan for cookies etc., a waste of money, trust me. I even had a scan someone else put on my computer with a Trojan horse and I thought it was great. Windows suggests this as well. They write their security, and their firewall is better than anything else you can buy.

I just got through shoveling four inches of "partly cloudy" off my driveway. A dusting they said? Anyway, this is the time for baking. Kids in your hair? This will keep them busy.

In a medium size bowl place 2 cups flour and slowly mix in 1-cup warm water, 1 tsp salt. Now mix in one-half cup oil or shortening, 1 Tbsp yeast if you have any. Use oil if you want pizza dough, shortening if you want to make bread. Well something that



looks like bread! Here's where the fun comes in. Work it with a spoon until dough forms, then dump onto a table and start kneading with your hand. It will get smoother and less sticky in just a bit. My only reminder is do not use fingers digging into the dough, work it with the flat hand back and forth. Get the kids involved. They love it. So they make a little mess. That's what the kitchen is for, right? Yes they can pound on it, slam it down. If it's clean and you want to make pizza out of it, you'll need to let it rest about an hour. This comes with a warning! If you used yeast, you must bake it no matter what it looks like or the yeast will grow and grow until it fills the trashcan. If you would like a proper recipe go to bakerbill.net and look under recipes. I have a lot of stuff in there.

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Beltsville News

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February 6
*What on Earth Is Jesus
Waiting For?*

A look at Matthew 24 and the signs of Jesus' coming. Is there anything that hasn't happened yet?

February 13
A Wedding Is a Party
A look at the parable of the 10 virgins. Sometimes we worry so much about having enough oil that we forget about the party.

February 20
If God Gave You a Million
A look at the parable of the talents. Some people in our congregation will get a million—but you have to be present.

February 27
Shepherds and Goatherds
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Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School
4545 Ammendale Road, Beltsville, MD 20705

Sunday School: (all ages) 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.
Sign language interpreting (1st Sunday)

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