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Israel Crump, Sr., United States Colored Troops, Civil War

Headstone of Civil War Veteran Unveiled as American Legion Post #235 Celebrates Veterans Day 2011

African-Americans have participated in every American war since this nation was founded. On Friday, Nov. 11, the members of the William Francis Smith American Legion Post #235 gathered in the sanctuary of Queen's Chapel United Methodist Church for their annual Veterans Day Celebration. In this year's celebration, Post #235 paid tribute to the Vansville community's earliest known veteran, Israel Crump, Sr., a Civil War veteran and member of the U.S. Colored Troops.

Born a slave in Prince William County, Va., Crump escaped from a farm about four miles east of

Bull Run in July 1862, at the time of the second battle of Bull Run. He escaped bringing with him his mother Adaline Crump and came with the Union Army to Alexandria, Va. Prior to their escape, his father, John Crump had been sold south. The story of his participation in the Civil War had been passed by word of mouth through his family for generations, but was only documented in recent years. Search of pension records at the National Archives discovered the sworn deposition he gave Dec. 20, 1900, to obtain a pension for his Civil War service. In his deposition, he provides a detailed

account of his life from his slavery beginning to his enlistment and assignment to Company E 1st U.S. Colored Infantry.

The document also includes the names and locations of all the battles in which he participated. Interestingly, he was, at first, denied enlistment because of an injury to his left leg. Because he expressed a strong desire to fight, the doctors allowed him to enlist. Also, in detailing his experiences, he indicates that his father enlisted in the USCT in New Orleans,

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December 21

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December 30

On the Agenda

**BY PRESIDENT
KAREN M. COAKLEY**

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to Beltsville!!! The Citizen's Association will not meet in Dec. See you in Jan.



Karen Coakley

I would like to thank all of the businesses that contributed to Police National Night Out at District 6. Their continued support is the reason this community event is so successful every year. Through their donations National Night Out is a Free Community Event too. Please remember the businesses that help and show your support to them whether you are going out for a bite to eat or shop. Carrollton Enterprises (owners of Calverton Shopping Center), Lions Club of Beltsville, Beltsville Rotary Club, Adirondack Tree Experts, Sports Zone of Beltsville, Famous Dave's of Laurel, Behnke's Nurseries, Coca-Cola, TJ's of Calverton, Spicknall's Farm Market, RJ's Café of Beltsville, Mandarin Delight, Sardi's of Beltsville, Laurel Meat Market, Harmony Memorial, Buffalo Wild Wings of College Park, Remington's, Bottom Dollar of Laurel, Sanijohn, Crystal Springs Water, Chic-fil-a of Laurel, Borgwardt Funeral Home, Ledo's Pizza of Lanham, Sapphires Indians & Thai Restaurant, Bestbuy of Laurel, Starbucks of Laurel, Jersey Mike's

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Live Nativity and Open House at First Baptist Church

You're invited to the Live Nativity and open house at FBC Beltsville, 4700 Odell Road, on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 3 and 4 from 6 to 8 p.m. each evening. Come see the story that has changed the world for centuries. Games, crafts and treats will also be available at no cost to you. Please come and enjoy the celebration of the real meaning of Christmas!

For further information, please contact the church at 301-937-7771 or e-mail at churchoffice@fbcbeltsville.org. The rain or inclement weather date is the following weekend, Dec. 10 and 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. each evening.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School's Winter Concert

The Winter Concert at Eleanor Roosevelt High School is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 8 at 7:30pm. The concert will feature: the Symphony Orchestra and the Concert Orchestra and Roosevelt Strings directed by Dr. David Yarbrough (David.Yarbrough@pgcps.org); the Roosevelt and Symphonic Bands directed by Sally Wag-

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Students at the High Road Upper School Participate in Community Service

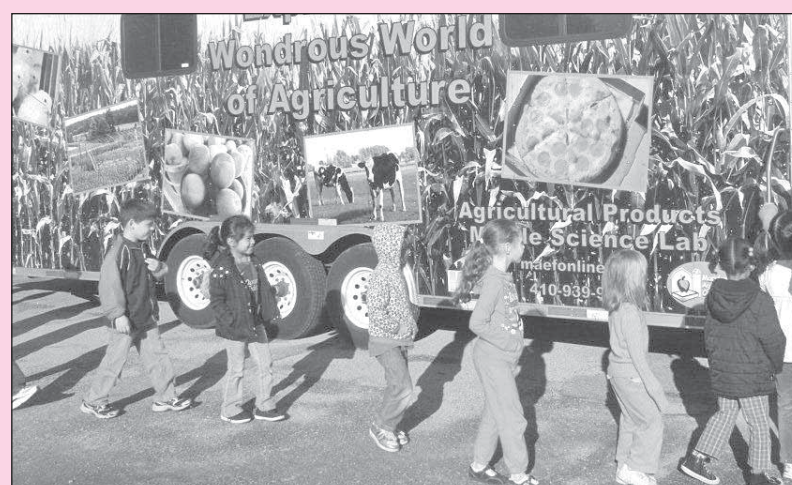
The High Road Upper School recently began to increase participation in community service activities and work experience opportunities with local businesses and organizations. Working with staff at Prince George's County Parks and Recreation Department and staff at Shepard's Cove, students have the opportunity to earn 10 hours per month toward their graduation requirement. According to Kevin Mattison, Transition Coordinator, these opportunities not only provide a service to the community but also assist our students

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Students at High Road Upper School cleaned up the hiking trail at Shepard's Cove.

The Beltsville Academy, with underlying financial and hands-on voluntary help from the Friends of Agricultural Research, Beltsville, and the school Parent Teachers Association, hosted a weeklong visit by the Agricultural Products Mobile Science Lab, Oct. 24-28. Each day, students visited the lab to complete hands-on scientific investigations related to the vital role agriculture plays in their daily lives. To assure



linked educational value, each investigation is carefully matched to the Maryland Voluntary State Curriculum. Each investigation takes 30 to 40 minutes per class to complete. Five to six classes can visit the lab during the course of the school day. In an above photo, kindergarteners check out images of ripening corn, scrumptious-looking pepperoni pizza and more as they prepare to enter the mobile science lab.

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25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

*Extracted from the
December 1986 issue*

New Sign in Town

A historic marker was placed on Gunpowder Road, near Powder Mill Road, to mark the site of the **Ebenezer Meeting House**, built in 1836.

25th Wedding Anniversary

Dr. and Mrs. Francis A. Uecker celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Nov. 25, 1986.

St. Joseph's Boys Are Soccer Champs

The St. Joseph's Boys (5-6 and 7-8 grade) soccer teams swept the Washington Catholic Youth Organization soccer finals on Nov. 15, 1986.

New Arrivals

Dustin Abbott Peterson was

born Nov. 11, 1986, to parents **Don and Patty Peterson** of Springfield, Va.

Jamie Lynn Hiner was born Nov. 12, 1986, to parents **Linda and Robert Hiner**.

Charles Lee Reed was born Nov. 7, 1986, to parents **Pat and Walter Reed**.

Joseph Mathew, Jr. was born June 29, 1986, to parents **Susan Adele and Joseph Mathew Reising**.

Ryan Christopher O'Neill was born Aug. 7, 1986, to parents **Cynthia Jones O'Neill and Timothy James O'Neill**.

Robert William Morris was born Aug. 15 1986, to parents **Kimberly Ann and Christopher Dennis Morris**.

John Marshall Hurley was

born Aug. 20, 1986, to parents **Bonnie Elizabeth and Charles Kirkwood Hurley**.

Tara Alex Dubinski was born Aug. 31, 1986, to parents **Tammy Alice and Richard Dubinski**.

Jamie Lee Sheffer was born Sept. 11, 1986, to parents **Elizabeth Grace and David Lee Sheffer**.

Obituaries

Thomas Krisman died on Dec. 3, 1986.

Dennis C. Rogers, 41, died Dec. 2, 1986.

Hazel M. Wooster died Dec. 2, 1986.

Edna A. Harrison, 83, died Nov. 29, 1986.

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in developing basic employment skills that will go a long way in supporting their post-high school plans.

As the students made their way through the trail, it was evident they realized just how important it is to have a sense of pride for their community. Despite the chill

in the air, all the students actively participated and assisted with trash collection. Students came up with work groups, determined who would collect recyclables, which team would bag and who would actually spot and collect the debris.

Nancy, a tenth-grader, stated, "I like to help keep things clean."

Demetria Lucas, a teaching assistant at the Beltsville, Md., school, commented, "It was a

rewarding experience that truly engaged the students."

Recently, at Sheppard's Cove, the students were assigned the project to design bulletin boards for the residential program. The supplies were limited but the students were able to use their creativity to complete the project on time.

"The students were able to demonstrate their creativity while contributing to the welfare of the community," said Darren Stewart, another teaching assistant at the school.

Michael, a twelfth-grader, stated, "The opportunity to work on the board project was fun and I am glad I was able to help."

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Neighbors in the News

Greater Beltsville Business Association Elects Six Directors

The Greater Beltsville Business Association (GBBA) held its 2011 election Nov. 16 with the election of six directors to an enlarged 12-member board of directors.

Three directors were elected to three-year terms including:

- **Paul G. Zurkowski**, Ready Real Estate, WMA, LLC, Beltsville, GBBA's founding president

- **Diane Brown**, Vice President, Business/Commercial Services, Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union, elected to succeed Cindy Prestandrea

- **Laura Moore**, Pancha Enterprises, LLC, a consultant to Sun Services and former Prince George's County employee, succeeds Fran Smith

Directors elected to staggered terms to fill the three new Board positions are:

- **Marshall A. Bays**, General Manager, Ackerman Security Systems, Beltsville (3 year term)

- **Reverend Kermit Netteburg**, Pastor, Beltsville Seventh-day Adventist Church (2 year term)

- **Femi Dada**, owner, Smarthost Design Technologies, LLC, Beltsville (1 year term)

The board will elect its 2012 officers in January.

Two founding directors did not stand for reelection. They are Cindy Prestandrea, CEO, Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union, and Fran Smith, co-owner of Uphoto, Beltsville. Both made major contributions to GBBA growth during 2011.

The other founding directors are: Thomas Aylward, Jackson Shaw; Henry "Buddy" Clark, IV, Joseph W. McCartin Insurance, Inc.; Peg Duchesne, Duchess Enterprise, LLC.; Bob Mignon, Minuteman Press; Keith B. White, High Road Upper School of Prince George's County; and Jay Williams, Jay Williams Design Company. Kalpesh Desai, accountant, is an *ex officio* member of the board.

In its first ten months, GBBA provided business support for Beltsville and its community organizations and grew to over 50 members. GBBA has monthly meetings, open to the public on the third Wednesday of each month from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Cross Creek Golf Club house.

Konterra Plans Opening as Early as June 2015

By Paul G. Zurkowski, GBBA President

The long-term vision of the Gould family, accompanied by resources equal to the grand design of the Konterra project, exploded in the minds of GBBA's Nov. 16 meeting attendees, as a timetable provided a grand opening of the commercial portion of the project as early as June 2015.

Konterra is the most prominently figured project anywhere in the I-95 corridor's Mid-Atlantic region. Konterra Town Center East is an almost-500 acre development that will add 4,500 residential units and 5.9 million square feet of commercial, retail and office space, both on the I-95 corridor and at the eastern end of the Inter-County Connector (ICC),

right at Beltsville's door step.

Pastor Kermit Netteberg, newly elected member of the board of the Greater Beltsville Business Association and Pastor at the Beltsville Seventh-Day Adventist Church, shared his thinking that the Konterra Project will create a mega community comprised of Beltsville, Konterra and Laurel, drawing business and customers from up and down the I-95 corridor within the next few years, as well as many more being fed into this mega-community at the eastern terminus of the ICC.

The recognition of the real physical and business growth in this huge enterprise is bound to dominate business and community planning in these three communities for the foreseeable future.

Memories of a Special Friendship







By Kathy Mellott, Au.D.

Seventy years ago, Charlotte Eccard lived in Baltimore. She had left her small hometown of Clear Spring, Md., to become the first student to graduate from the University of Maryland School of X-ray in the late 1930s.

In 1941, Eccard was working as an X-ray technician at Mercy Hospital in Baltimore, but kept in touch with her hometown friends and family through letters. One

of the friends with whom Eccard communicated was Joseph C. Herbert, a schoolmate and friend of her brother's. Herbert grew up about a mile outside of Clear Spring, Md., and used to visit Eccard regularly when they both lived there. In 1941, Herbert was in the U.S. Army, stationed at Pearl Harbor. He was killed in the Japanese attack on December 7,

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<p>send sparkle.</p>  <p>Celebrations by Radko Glitter & Shine Ornament by Teleflora</p>	<p>let it glow.</p>  <p>Faith Hill - Colors of Christmas Centerpiece</p>
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Holiday Entertaining

As the Holidays are thrust upon us, whether we are ready or not, it is time to get into the holiday entertaining mode. The owners of Will's Home Decorating (www.decoratmaryland.com), Michael Richards and Valerie Kabelac, have many suggestions as to how you can make this holiday season more enjoyable and less stressful. Michael recommends, "Make a list of all the tasks that need to be done in preparation of your guests arriving. Do as much as you can in advance, especially the decorating, cooking and cleaning. Declutter the entry level of your home. The quickest way to do this is to pack the non-essentials into a clearly labeled box and temporarily place it in a storage area."



Michael and Valerie will help you.

Valerie adds, "If you are having some of the same guests as last year, consider some quick decorating changes to give your home a different look." Try one of Benjamin Moore's fresh paint colors, such as October Mist, Desert Gold or Creekbed in the powder room. It is amazing how much one gallon of paint can change the feel of a room. Don't stop there though. This is the one time of the year that you will be spending quite a bit of time in your dining room. Add interest and texture to the lower half of your dining room with one of Will's outrageously stylish in-stock designer wallpapers. Also, reupholster any worn dining room seats. Will's has a great selection of reupholstery fabrics and an expert upholsterer to do the work. To complete the room, hang a new piece of artwork. For help with your holiday entertaining projects during this crunch time, see Michael or Valerie at Will's Home Decorating.

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Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

By Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-21)

New police substation in Calverton

Last month a new satellite station for the District VI Police opened in the Calverton shopping center. It's part of Prince George's Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program. Eventually they will have a large doublewide trailer in the parking lot. Delegates Barbara Frush, Joseline Peña-Melnyk, Ben Barnes and I are extremely pleased about this development. It is our hope this new presence will make our community safer and help reduce crime. Corporal Knight welcomes you to contact him with any questions, concerns or recommendations about how our community can be better served. His email is gbknight@co.pg.md.us and the District VI line is 301-937-0910.

Do you have ideas for better laws?

As you may know, many of the



Senator Jim Rosapepe

state bills we propose come from ideas we get from citizens like you; for example, the laws we passed cracking down on absentee landlords illegally claiming homestead tax credits and requiring banks to report foreclosures to the county. We always want to improve existing services and change laws that to improve our community. Let us know what suggestions you have. Our contact information is at the bottom of this column.

Dec. 14 - Answering your insurance questions

Do you have questions about insurance coverage? Do you want to know how to file a complaint against your insurance company? Are you interested in consumer education materials, including comprehensive consumer guides to automobile insurance and information on Medicare? The Maryland

Insurance Administration will be hosting a public event on Dec. 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center. The Senior Center is located at 7120 Contee Road, Laurel, Md. Citizens are invited to visit with agency representatives to learn more about insurance issues or to get help with insurance problems. You may contact their offices at 410-468-2000 for more information.

Call now to claim your seat at Dec. 9 Senior Appreciation Breakfast

Councilwoman Mary Lehman is sponsoring a Senior Appreciation Breakfast at the new Laurel-Beltsville Senior Center on Friday, Dec. 9 at 8:30 a.m. The first 200 seniors to RSVP to her office will be treated to breakfast at the Senior Center, which is located on Contee Road next to Laurel Hospital. Just call her office at 301-952-3887.

Merry Christmas!

My wife Sheilah joins me in wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and better New Year!

Contact us

As always, please let Delegates Barbara Frush, Joseline Peña-Melnyk or Ben Barnes 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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ner (swagner@pgcps.org); and the Women's, Chamber and Gospel Choirs directed by Michele Fowlin (michele.fowlin@pgcps.org). The ERHS band, orchestra and choir programs draw students from all over northern Prince George's County.

The concert is open to the public and admission is free. It will be held at Eleanor Roosevelt High School Auditorium: 7601 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, Md., 20770. The Press Contact is Jim Coppess (jcoppess@afclcio.org) and the phone number is 301-345-5393.

Lunch with Santa Claus

Santa Claus is coming to the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department at 4911 Prince George's Ave., on Sunday, Dec. 18 from noon to 3 p.m. Come out and enjoy a pizza lunch, crafts, games and much more. Cost is \$7 ages 13+; \$5 per child ages 4-12; children 3 and younger are free.

If you have a letter for Santa, bring it with you — we have a special mailbox and will be mailing them to the North Pole!

Eleanor Roosevelt High School's Fruit Sale

The annual Florida Citrus Fruit Sale is in full swing. The proceeds of the fruit sale are used to provide quality instruments and music for the band and orchestra program. To order fruit, contact a member of one of the Eleanor Roosevelt bands or orchestras, or call the fruit line at 301-345-5393.

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church Workshops

Balance can bring you vitality, a restored sense of purpose and improve your quality of life. Use the Spirit of Life Center at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church to renew yourself with one-, two- or half-day retreats of classes and workshops on Saturdays between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. at 3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi, Md. Choose from Zumba, Laughter Yoga, Dance, Meditation, Simplicity Circle, and Quality of Life workshops. For schedules and more information, contact Raman Pathik at solcc@pbuuc.org or 301-890-9072. You can also visit the Paint Branch Church website at www.pbuuc.org.

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

Always use caution when visiting Santa. Please pay attention to the fire apparatus and stay out of the street.

Sometimes Santa runs behind schedule by a couple of minutes, so be patient. He will follow the schedule as closely as possible. Have fun and make sure you know what you want for Christmas!

Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011

James Duckworth Special Center
(11201 Evans Trail)
Blueridge @ Pocono Place
Shenandoah @ Blueridge
Cherry Hill Rd. (in front)
Major Denton @ Cherry Hill Court

Townley Apartments
Cherry Mill Drive @ Cherry Tree Ct.
Collier @ Powder Mill Rd.
Cherryvale @ Weeping Willow
Cherryvale @ Cherryvale Terr.

Saturday Dec. 10, 2011

Calverton Elementary (3400 Beltsville Rd)
Fullerton St. @ Blairmore Street
Fullerton St. @ Ivy Ln.
Chase Terr. @ Dunnington Rd.
Stone Hall @ Castleleigh Rd.
Ingleside Dr. @ Dunnington Rd.
Greenmont @ Elkridge St.
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Briggs Chaney Rd. @ Greenmount
Briggs Chaney Rd. @ Dunnington Rd.

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Monday Dec. 12, 2011

Indian Creek St. @ Lime Tree Way
Hockberry Way @ Hammett St.
Old Baltimore Pike @ Brewer Rd.
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Boulder Dr. @ Trade Wind Terr.
Summer Grove Dr. @ Hickory Grove Ct.
Summer Grove Dr. @ Poplar Grove Ct.

Wednesday Dec. 14, 2011

Snowden Wood Dr. @ Loch Lynn Ct.

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The Comfort Inn Capital Beltway Welcomes New General Manager and Director of Sales

The Comfort Inn Capital Beltway is a proud member of the Beltsville business community and is honored to announce the addition of Johnetta Jordan, General Manager, and Gagan Dada, Director of Sales, who are here to serve the needs of the Beltsville business, government and residential community. In total, Johnetta Jordan and Gagan Dada bring to you 25 years of hospitality and hotel management experience to ensure your corporate meeting, social banquet and visiting group's total satisfaction. We pride ourselves on providing our guests with the greatest customer service experience, coupled with incredible rates designed to fit any budget. We invite you to enjoy our special discounted rates and complimentary hot breakfast for the holiday season and the coming year.

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Cub Scouts Busy in Beltsville

Cub Scout Pack 1031 has been very busy helping with Scouting for Food and preparing to attend a fall camporee called the Battle of Zekiah Swamp.

The Cubs, along with their parents and leaders, spread out around the eastern half of Beltsville, Md., collecting your canned and boxed donations for the St Joseph's Food Pantry and the new pantry at Emmanuel United Methodist Church. We collected almost 1100 lbs. of food with 18 of our Cubs helping distribute or pick up bags. If you ever get missed on our pickup, please take your donations to any food pantry. It will be most welcome. Thank you so much, Beltsville, for your wonderful donations!

We would also like to thank the Alpha Phi Omega fraternity from the University of Maryland College Park for helping sort the donations. APO is a service organization that is looking for service opportunities in our area. It originally began as



Cub Scout James M. and his older scout brothers with some of their collected donations

a fraternity of Eagle Scouts but has broadened its membership to include anyone who is interested in service. If you have any service ideas for them, please contact them at the University of Maryland.

The Cubs will be going to our fall camporee, The Battle of Zekiah

Swamp, at the Dr. Samuel Mudd Farm in Waldorf, Md. on Nov. 19. There they will learn about military strategy of the Civil War, the weapons used in the Civil War,

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TESST College of Technology Celebrates its Veterans

**By Deborah D. Howard,
Directorates College Criminal
Justice Program**

On Monday, Nov. 14, TESST College of Technology held its annual Veterans Day reception at 4600 Powder Mill Road, on the grounds of the Beltsville, Md. campus.

Approximately 35 day and evening students, staff and faculty assembled to dine on local fare and forge new friendships. At a certain point in the program, the 2011 Presidential Veterans Day Proclamation and the history of Veterans Day were read into the record. Additionally, a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the fallen heroes along with the prisoners of war (POWs) and the missing in action (MIA). The veterans were then treated to a video tribute, created by an Information Technology student.

Students and staff were given the option to wear their military uniforms to campus for this event.

Individual and group photographs were taken in front of replicated seals for each branch of service represented at the luncheon.

"We are grateful for any opportunity to recognize our military members," said Shartoyea Scott Dixon, Executive Director of the campus. "We are proud of the men and women of TESST College. We are equally proud of their service to our country."

For the first time, two military relatives were recognized at the reception. Warren Murphy, III, an Electrical Technician student and his brother Warner Murphy, a Criminal Justice student, both served in the United Marine Corps at different times.

Each guest was asked to identify himself or herself by name, branch, duty station and Military Occupational Specialty (MOS), Air Force Specialty Code (AFSC) or Navy Enlisted Classification (NEC). After the introductions, the honorees were asked to share

their funniest military story, the one place they will always remember and the most important thing he or she gleaned from his or her individual military experience.

Each student was given a commemorative placard bearing the seal of their respective branch and inscribed on the reverse side with a poem entitled, "Veterans Day," by Cheryl Dyson.

As part of an ensuing round table discussion, the guests were asked what advice they would give to young men and women contemplating enlistment in today's military. The answers were fairly consistent, "Be prepared, stay focused, take advantage of the training, etc."

However, one student, Peter Blackwell, stated it best, "Make a plan and think beyond the military." He continued, "When possible, try to choose an MOS that will put you on the road to achieving your ultimate professional goal in civilian life."

Erica Belshay Earns a Silver Award

Erica Belshay, a Cadette Girl Scout from Troop 2751 earned her Silver Award late this summer. Unit leader Kathleen Garrison, Karen Patterson, and Troop Leaders Mary Ann Vaughn and Gail Belshay presented the award to Erica Belshay at the Juliette Lowe party last month.

Cadette Belshay's Silver Award Project had two parts. She planned and conducted a two-day soccer clinic on Labor Day weekend for the College Park Boys' and Girls' Club soccer players, ages 5 to 11, who play on teams during the fall and spring. While planning this event, she also helped with registration for the fall season and input names and addresses into the database. The second part of her project was becoming a member of the Pass Back Program where you become a Pass Back Star and work to collect donations of soccer

equipment and uniforms to distribute to local and/or distance members. These members are affiliated with children who don't have funding for soccer and don't have any equipment or uniforms. The Cadette collected many uniforms, soccer balls, soccer cleats and miscellaneous pairs of shin guards and socks to donate to a school in the inner city of Baltimore, Dr. Carter Woodson Elementary/Middle School.

Cadette Belshay chose to earn her Silver Award using her experience and knowledge playing soccer for 10 years for the College Park Boys' and Girls' Club, MSI Classic, WAGS, BBSL and Takoma Park Soccer. She also played for her Middle School, Beltsville Academy, for two years, and she is on High Point High School's varsity squad as a freshman this year. The Cadette is in her tenth year of Girl

Scouts and has become a Senior Girl Scout following her Silver Award. She would like to thank and acknowledge the people who helped her. Donations from: College Park Boys' and Girls' Club, Renee Milligan, Michelle Cavanaugh, and Mary Lintner; Gary Stewart of Trippe Sports; Mariam Alami of Takoma Park Soccer; Rockville Sports Store; Carleigh Williams; Mike and Gail Belshay; and Frances Cruz. Appreciation and thank you to the individuals who helped her with the Career Award leading to the Silver Award: Sue Pleyo, Mary Giorgis, Leila Wassom, Michael Belshay, Jr., and Gail Belshay. And, finally a thank you to Debbie Mast for all of her guidance and assistance. Cadette Belshay spent 44 hours on this project and has received thank you notes and messages from the children in Baltimore.

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Maryland Farms Embraces Beautification

On Oct. 22, Maryland Farms' residents participated in the Prince George's County sponsored *Clean Up, Green Up* event. Greenskeeper Landscaping assisted residents with planting four crepe myrtle trees, 45 perennial plants (purple cornflower, black-eyed susan and flag iris) and perennial flower bulbs. The trees, plants and bulbs were provided by the county through an application process. The results of these labors, and previous years' participation in the program, will be obvious to all next spring.

Several weeks prior, Mary Washington, Chairperson of the Beautification Committee, led a group of residents on a tour of the property to view the various plants and flowers the residents planted and cultivated. Refreshments were served in the Community Center afterward.



From left to right: Saul Castaneda, Saul Arellano, Mary Washington, Rebecca Churchman, Lydia Davis, Michele Carsrud and Mark Moses

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1941. Unknown to Eccard, he had already mailed his Christmas gifts to get to Maryland by Christmas. Eccard received the gifts from Herbert a couple weeks after he died.

Eccard is gone now, too, but in December 2010, although her memory was fading, she remem-

bered her friend, Herbert. She treasured the Christmas gifts: two pieces of carved Hawaiian wood vanity accessories, which were sent to her years ago.

"She repeated the story of how they arrived after Joe's death many times," said Kathy Mellott, Eccard's daughter. "I heard the story all my life," she reported.

It was not until Eccard's 90th birthday party, March 2010, that the letter she wrote to her parents upon hearing of Herbert's death resurfaced. The paper was faded, not only from the many years that had passed, but from tears that filled her eyes while writing the letter on Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1941. The letter expressed her sad-

ness at losing her dear friend, and expressed anger at Japan, which was the pervading sentiment after Pearl Harbor. At that time, Eccard did not know that she would be receiving gifts from her friend a few weeks later.

In the letter she wrote, "They aren't sending his body home are they?... Don't blame me if you can't read this because my eyes are all blinded with tears."

Herbert's body was returned to his hometown in 1943. A proclamation by the Governor was proposed to honor the first boy from Maryland killed in World War II.

The American Legion Post in Clear Spring, Md., was named in Herbert's memory.



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Obituaries

Rockwell, Todd L.

On Oct. 22, 2011, Todd L. Rockwell, formerly of Beltsville, Md., passed away at age 48. He was the son of Wallace and Kathy

Rockwell; father of Jessica, Nicholas and Sarah Rockwell; brother of Vance and Keith Rockwell; nephew of Salvatore and Yvonne Balsamo; six grandchildren. Ser-

vices were held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29 at Myers-Durbo-raw Funeral Home, 210 W. Main St., Emmitsburg, Md. Interment Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery.

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Friday Dec. 16, 2011

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Indigo @ Barbara Dr.
Longhorn @ West View Ct.

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Kenny St. @ 34th Place
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Forrester Rd. @ Stephen Ln.
Cedar Ln. @ Cedar Ct.
Howard Rd. @ Home Acres Terr.
Stoconga Dr. @ Dresden Dr.
Sellman Rd. @ Weymouth Ave.
Ulster Rd. @ Woodbine Rd.

Sunday Dec. 18, 2011

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

Tuesday Dec. 20, 2011

Ammendale Way @ Long Feather Ct.
Ammendale Way @ Clear Brooke Ct.
Ammendale Way @ Narrow Trail Terr.
Ammendale Way @ Horse Sol-dier Pl.
Ammendale Way @ Ammendale Rd.
Ammendale Rd. @ Hawk Ridge Ct.
Squoia Ln. @ Squoia Terr.
Squoia Ln. @ Squoia Pl.
Ammendale Rd. @ Hidden Brooke Ct.

Thursday Dec. 22, 2011

Cedar Ln. @ Yates Rd.
Brandon Ln. @ Francis Dr.
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Club News

Beltsville Young at Heart

By Barbara Schofield

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17. It was our annual feast.
The Golden Aires played and
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lot of door prizes, as well as
raffle baskets and gift cer-
tificates. We all had a lovely
time. Our next meeting will
be the first of December.

Here's wishing everyone
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Neighbors in the News

The ARC Honors Robert Ziepol of Beltsville

On Oct. 20, The ARC honored Robert Ziepol of Beltsville, Md., with a Lifetime Achievement Award as part of its Countywide Awards Program. The first president of the ARC Prince George's County, Ziepol has been a stalwart advocate for the rights of people with developmental disabilities for almost 60 years, which he began doing when his own daughter Elsie was about to enter public school.

Speaking at the awards luncheon, Ziepol reminisced about The ARC's 1952 beginnings in the basement of St. Luke's Church in Bladensburg, Md., where concerned parents gathered. The county did not provide educational resources for children with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

Ziepol noted, "Our primary goal was to get special education started in the schools."

The members' efforts paid off two years later with the opening of the first special education program at the Calvert School in Riverdale,

Md.

Other early advocacy efforts included helping establish both a teacher training program at the University of Maryland, as well as Vocational Services Industries (VSI), now known as New Horizons.

So much has changed over the past 60 years. Ziepol hopes his life-long efforts will inspire the next generation of parents and people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to fight for expanded rights and opportunities.

Eight additional people and organizations were honored for promoting positive change. Family advocate, Michael McLaughlin received the Award of Excellence, Advocacy. After his citation was read, McLaughlin's daughter, Erin, who has Down's Syndrome and has been his inspiration, handed her father the award. Johnny's Auto Service, and its owner John Harrison, were recognized with the Award of Excellence, Corporate Involvement. Executive Director Joyce Sims accepted the

Award of Excellence, Employment, for Resource Connections, Inc. Prince George's County Public School teacher, Angela Calado, was presented the Award of Excellence, Education. The Award of Excellence, Government Service, went to Janice Stallworth, Acting Director, DDA, Southern Maryland Regional Office. For the Archdiocese of Washington, Executive Director Mary O'Meara accepted the Award of Excellence, Worship. Dottie Sheldon was honored with the Award of Excellence, Recreation, for her nurturing work with the Family, Friends and Fun Bowling League; and Donald Gallimore, an ardent public speaker and advocate for people with developmental disabilities, was presented the Outstanding Citizen Award.

The ARC congratulates Ziepol and our other eight winners for their hard work and success. They are truly champions for change.

(Information provided by the ARC of Prince George's County)

Club News

Riderwood Lions Club Delivers Clothing and Toiletries to Shepherd's Table

SILVER SPRING, MD (November 7, 2011) – During the week of Nov. 7, the Riderwood Lions Club delivered 95 large 55-gallon bags and five large boxes of donated clothing and toiletries to Shepherd's Table to help people in need. The items will help more than 100 people weekly who visit Shepherd's Table's clothes closet and more than 100 people daily who receive assistance from the organization's resource center.

The donations resulted from the two-week *Care Packages for the Homeless* drive held among residents and employees at Riderwood, a continuing care retirement community.

"We are here and serving



because of your generosity and your deep caring for others," said Jackie Coyle, the Executive Director of Shepherd's Table, in a letter to Riderwood's residents and staff. She continued, "Without you people would not receive the basic necessities of life."

Members of the Riderwood Lions Club, a branch of the Col-

lege Park Lions Club, are affiliated with The International Association of Lions Clubs, the largest service organization in the world. Lions Club members create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people by providing an array of voluntary community and international services.

Among its numerous charitable fundraising projects, the Riderwood Lions Club sponsors an annual community clothing drive for the Vietnam Veterans, collects toiletries and special items for the homeless, and maintains collection recycling containers for used eye glasses and hearing aids, and for soda can tabs for Ronald McDonald House Charities.

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Women's Community Club of Beltsville

On Saturday, Nov. 12, as part of the Adopt-a-Road program, we cleaned up Montgomery Road between Sellman Road and the shopping center near Route 1. On Nov. 30, we hope to have planted bulbs at the MLK, Jr. Middle School for Make a Difference Day.

Our next evening meeting will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. at Three Brothers Restaurant in Beltsville, Md. Please join us. Our membership dues are only \$15 per year.

This year's regular daytime meetings will be held, as usual, on the second Monday of most months. Dec. 12, Feb. 13, March 12, April 9, May 14 and June 11 at 12:30 p.m. at Emmanuel United Methodist Church on Cedar Lane in Beltsville, Md.

We are also gearing up for our Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday food and gifts-giving program for those Beltsville families in need. At our December daytime meeting, we will be starting to prepare for this program by sorting gifts.

Our mission is to serve the Beltsville community. Please remember we are a 501(c)3 organization and all donations are tax deductible. If you would like more information about our club, please contact Elaine Chabot, President, at ecchabot@aol.com.



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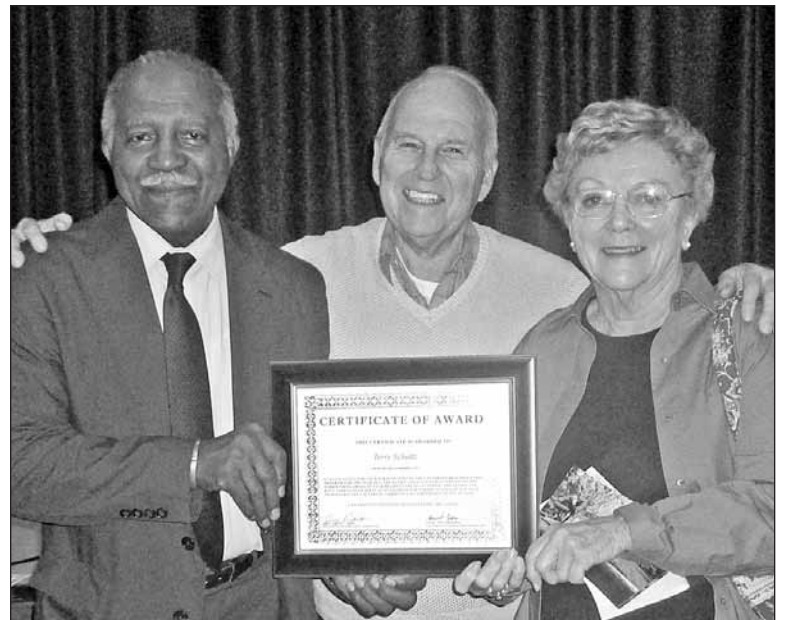
Club News

Calverton Citizens Association's Annual Membership Meeting

The annual membership meeting of the Calverton Citizens Association was held on Wednesday, Nov. 9 at Calverton Elementary School. President Daniel Epps, Jr., welcomed approximately 60 members and guests, including Maryland State Delegates Josefine A. Pena-Melnyk and Barbara Frush, and Prince George's County District 1 Council Member Mary Lehman.

Members of the Prince George's County District VI Community Response Team attended the meeting. District VI had recently established an emergency response team in the Calverton shopping center, headed by Captain Tyler, Assistant Chief of District VI.

Highlight of the evening was recognizing Terry Schultze as first place winner of the Calver-



(From left) Calverton Citizens Association President, Daniel Epps, Jr.; Calverton Beautification Committee Chairman, Jerry Rupert; and Calverton Beautification first place winner, Terry Schultze

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ton Beautification Program. Jerry Rupert, Chairman of the Calverton Beautification Committee, explained the rules of the contest before the highlight of the evening when he announced the first place winner of the Calverton Beauti-

fication Program, Terry Schultze, who maintained the most beautiful grounds surrounding her home. Rupert and President Epps congratulated Schultze on her accomplishments to the applause of attendees.

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Chapter 1122 Northern Prince Georges County

The monthly meeting will be a Christmas luncheon on Dec. 14 at noon at the Teppanyaki Grill & Buffet, 14150 Baltimore Avenue, Laurel, Md. Cost is \$13 per person, including tax and gratuity. Open buffet. Reservations must be made by Dec. 5. Make check payable to: NARFE Chapter 1122 and send to treasurer, Warren Wilcox, 41 Mandan Terrace, Greenbelt, Md., 20770.



Club News

College Park Unit #217 Honors Veterans

By Ivy Christoffers

This has been a month of honors paid to our veterans, living and dead, who have served our country; many who made the supreme sacrifice. We, the members of College Park Unit #217, were instrumental in the success of the *Day of Remembrance* held annually in November at Washington VAMC. Approximately 200 veterans and family members of deceased veterans who were treated at Washington VA hospital came together for a beautiful two-hour ceremony of remembrance followed by a reception in the hospital atrium.

Elizabeth Rice and I arrived at the hospital with five very large trays of cheese and crackers, grapes, cookies, chocolate covered pretzels, fresh fruit, brownies, cupcakes and punch. This made a great spread that all attendees enjoyed. We were pleased to participate.

Next, it was time for the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of the 11th year to remember veterans from all wars at the Veterans' Day observance at the Veterans' Memorial in College Park, Md. This is always a meaningful and poignant ceremony, and this year was no exception. The ceremony included singers; speakers; the College Park American Legion Color Guard led by Sergeant-at-Arms, Mark Beard; the placers of the wreaths, led by College Park Mayor Andrew Fellows; the College Park Youth Choir; and all of the attendees. This was a great recipe for success even though it was a cold, windy day.

Following the ceremony, every-



Photo by Jim Robertson

The Color Guard of College Park American Legion Post #217 presenting colors at the start of the Veterans Day observance held at College Park Veterans Memorial at the junction of Route 1 and Greenbelt Road

one was invited to a repast at the American Legion Post Home at 9218 Baltimore Blvd. We had a great time of fellowship; several prospective members expressed interest in joining our great organization. It was a very successful day all around.

On another note, Elizabeth Rice and I attended the American Legion Auxiliary Senior Fall Conference in Ocean City the last weekend in October. It was a good time all around. There was a leadership forum on Friday night and sessions that began at 8 a.m. Saturday morning. The department chairmen presented their programs for the year, after which we had some free time until the Halloween costume ball Saturday evening. After a terrific breakfast on Sunday, the final presentations were made, including my own, which

was membership. Then we held prize drawings; I brought home several very nice items from the drawing. The Junior Fall Conference for members younger than 18 was held in Hurluck, Md., on Nov. 13, where I once again presented membership, then left at noon to attend a Veterans' Day observance in Mt. Airy, Md. This is another annual event that is very well done and attended by many Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of The Legion members from across the state.

Our veterans deserve our thanks, love and gratitude everyday, not just on patriotic holidays. When you encounter a veteran, step up, shake his or her hand and simply say, "Thank you." It goes a long way. May God continue to bless America and watch over our Troops who remain in harm's way.

District Governor Visits Beltsville Rotary

By Ivy Christoffers

Fall, in all her splendor, seemed to arrive overnight. One day it is a green world and you awaken the next day to a colorful fall palette of gold, rust, orange and crimson as far as the eye can see. What a glorious display Mother Nature had gifted us! The only regret is this beauty is so short-lived. By the time you read this column, the trees will be shivering in their nakedness, having been divested of all their finery. This month, we, as a nation, feel compelled to dress other trees, our evergreens, with artificial finery, but no matter how they are dressed, these trees cannot compete with the natural beauty we have been blessed to enjoy this fall.

No matter what the weather brings, we at the Rotary Club of Beltsville continue to meet weekly at the Holiday Inn Hotel in College Park, Md., every Tuesday to share, fellowship and learn of the needs of our community and how we may assist in helping the less fortunate. To this end, we invite speakers each week who are experts in their fields of endeavor to bring us their messages. The past few weeks, several such individuals have visited us.

Margie Dickey, president of the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department, gave us a summary of the department structure and its relationship to the career firefighters. They are separate but obviously related. Dickey



Karl Norris, Charter Member and acting President of the Beltsville Rotary Club, welcomes Rotary District Governor, Claude Morissette, to our Tuesday meeting held at The Holiday Inn Hotel in College Park

gave an update on the proposed legislative changes to the structure of the organization that the volunteers oppose. The legislation was tabled but is expected to be brought up again next year. The proposal would significantly reduce the control of the volunteers' input by changing the commissioner's role to advisory, even

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School News

High Point High School's College and Career Day

By Linda Diasgranados, High Point High School PTSA President

As High Point High School's staff welcomed community professionals to speak about their careers on Oct. 20, everyone involved had high expectations. The College and Career Day was a collaborative effort of the school's administration, teachers, PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) and guidance department.

In an effort to prepare students for the ever-changing workforce, approximately 30 professionals of diverse backgrounds spoke about their specific fields with students in their classes and the cafeteria. The speakers also talked about characteristics of a successful professional.

The speakers invited students to participate in internships and apply for scholarships. Additionally, teachers joined the effort by

wearing their college paraphernalia and speaking about their post-high school experiences. This joint effort is a series of strategies to help create a college- and career-ready culture at the school. The PTSA would like to thank High Point's Spanish/French teacher, Jasmine Brann, and the faculty members of High Point High School for arranging this successful College and Career Day.

Poems from Calverton's Young Authors

Calverton's Young Authors are in full swing. Students meet every Monday after school in Mrs. Wood's room to share the love of writing with each other. Calverton's Young Authors are supported by \$2,000 from Target.

The following are some of their original poems:

Peace

Written by the poet Vera Akum

Peace looks like everyone get-

ting along and playing together.

Peace smells like cupcakes fresh out of the oven with extra fudge.

Peace feels like a hug from a giant teddy bear.

Peace sounds like birds chirping and voices as smooth as silk singing lullabies to precious little babies.

Peace tastes like chocolate cake with fudge in the middle

Peace

Summer Days

Written by the poet Raynice Caudle

I love summer days.

Oh how I love summer days!

Children enjoying themselves playing with each other.

Parents watching their children having blissful fun

While filling their heart's desire

Summer Days

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though most of the physical assets belong to the volunteer organization.

Our next guests were John Kolm and Dave Barr from the Rotary Club of Potomac who brought us an update on the Haitian School Project. This is a project that came about after the devastation that Haiti endured recently and the destruction of their schools, leaving the country with no means to recoup. A few Rotary Clubs joined together to build a school, furnish it with books and other supplies, hire teachers, provide for student uniforms and other needed

items. A modest stipend of \$25 per month enables a student to attend school, have one hot meal a day, provide a uniform and all needed supplies. At the present time, there are 86 children enrolled who have found sponsors, and room for an additional 64 if sponsors can be found for the children. A waiting list of children is growing every day and the Rotary's hope is to be able to expand the school in the near future. Beltsville Rotary is a co-sponsor of this school.

Next we were honored to have a visit from our District Rotary Governor, Claude Morissette, from the Rockville Club. The core of his message dealt with less rigidity in interpreting Rotary edicts. Finding things that work, even if it is not

the customary way, will get his support. Membership was a major concern and especially retention of new members who join but leave us in the first or second year. We must involve them more and find ways to keep their interest alive.

Morissette urged, "Look to the future, not just remember the past." That is good advice.

We wish all in the Beltsville community and anyone else who reads our message a most delightful holiday season. The New Year will bring us a completely new set of delights and challenges and we look forward to meeting each one head on with cheerful hearts and optimistic attitudes. Life is beautiful. Just consider the alternative and be glad.

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Baker Bill

STUFF 'N THINGS

Ah, the happy time is here - Christmas! I hope all had a good Thanksgiving. It is great to have a day with family.

I have asked for comments about my drivel; and I received some. The guys say they like my view point on consumer stuff; the ladies suggest I write more about Baking.

So let's talk about fruit cake. Most people will put up with it but do not like it so much. They eat it because it came from family. I admit, me, too. But the recipe to follow will change all that. This fruitcake is great. You'll need to go and buy a one-pound tub of diced candied fruit sold in the produce aisle, and pecans, at least an ounce or two. Here we go.

Dump the diced fruit into a bowl and soak in hot water until you make the cake side of recipe. In a fairly large size bowl, place ½ cup sugar, one cup all purpose flour, one teaspoon baking powder and a pinch of salt. Now add an egg and ¼ cup milk. With a hand mixer, beat well at high speed about two minutes. Now stir in ¼ cup of oil. Now write this recipe down on a pad.

Let's get back to the soaked fruit. Drain well and add to it the pecans and ½ cup raisins; mix well. Side note: we soak the

diced fruit to remove what looks like sugar, but it's sulfur coating, which makes the cake taste badly. Along the same lines, do not add real rum; it just bakes out, leaving a nasty flavor. You can add imitation rum, about ½ ounce to taste. If you have gone this far, you are thinking that doesn't look like enough cake compared to the amount of fruit and nut I have ready. But it is good. Now, by hand, mix the fruit mixture in the cake batter until it is all coated.

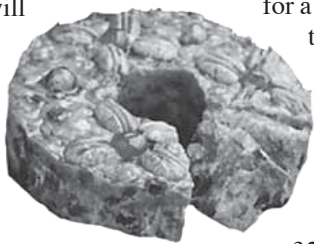
This recipe will be just enough for a bread size pan. Spray the pan and add mixture. Smooth out.

You can decorate the top with pecan pieces or other fruit if you like.

Bake three hours at 320 degrees making sure there are no wet spots on the loaf. By all means, let it cool all day. Do not try to cut hot. Side note again—now you can add real rum (if you must)! and let it soak in.

What makes this fruitcake different from all the others is the bakers secret - soaking off the coating from the diced fruit. You look at it thinking the coating will improve the cake, but no. Be sure to wash it well before adding it to the cake.

I agree I need to get back to baking but I will still add comments about consumer subjects



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and that his uncle Morris Crump also served. Discharged in 1865, he resided in Alexandria, Va., for a year, later settling here in Beltsville, Md., near Ammendale Road in 1867. At the time of the deposition, he was a farm laborer living near Muirkirk Road. An early member of the community's church, Queen's Chapel, he was a prominent member of the congregation, serving as a class leader, church schoolteacher and trustee. The home where he lived and raised his family still stands and is located on Old Muirkirk Road near the church. Descendants of his family remain part of the membership of Queen's Chapel United Methodist Church, including his granddaughter Madeline Smith and his great-granddaughter Mary Elizabeth Smith, as well as numerous great-great-grandchildren.

Israel Crump, Sr., died in 1927 and is buried in the Queen's Chapel cemetery. The headstone that marked his grave eroded over the years and it was difficult to read

his name. Through the efforts of his great-great-grandson, Samuel C. Smith, Jr., the Veterans Administration honored his service with a new headstone indicating his Civil War service. During the ceremony, he shared a portion of his great-great-grandfather's war experiences with those present. Following the end of the Veterans Day Celebration ceremony, the group proceeded to the cemetery for the unveiling. In attendance at the celebration were a number of his descendants, as well as members of the church and community.

Established following World War II, the membership of William F. Smith American Legion Post #235 includes members from World War II to participants in the current conflict in Afghanistan. Special recognition was also given to James H. McCleary, a 92-year-old veteran of the World War II all-black regiment of Buffalo Soldiers, as well as the Korean War and Vietnam Wars. Held in the new sanctuary of the church, the celebration then moved to the Post #235 location on Muirkirk Road for a reception.

from time to time. Please do not try to make this cake from the newspaper please copy it all down and go over it twice. You will not be disappointed. If a problem comes up call me at 301-572-4180 any time. I want no tears at Christmas time. Come on sign up for my winter basic baking class. I have room for six as of now. It starts on Monday night Jan. 9. bakerbill2010@hotmail.com. Merry Christmas, Baker Bill.



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HOLIDAY CANDLELIGHT TOURS

Friday, Dec. 9 and Saturday, Dec. 10 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday is Teacher Appreciation Night -- teachers get in FREE. Saturday is Public Safety and Active Military Appreciation Night -- police, fire fighters, EMTs and active military get in FREE. Warm up your winter evenings with festive music, lovely candlelight, and traditional holiday greens. Local garden clubs decorate the mansion's rooms in 18th century style. Area performers entertain. Light refreshments served. Kids can learn about the history of Christmas by doing crafts and other hands-on activities.

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Thursday and Friday, Dec. 15 and 16 at 3:30 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 17 at 1:30 p.m. Treat yourself and someone special to an English tea in the relaxing atmosphere of the elegant South Wing. Indulge in a prix fixe menu of fine finger sandwiches, scrumptious cakes and pastries, buttery scones, and your choice of two quality loose leaf teas. **Advanced reservations and payment required.** Fee: \$27.50/person includes gratuity and self-guided tour. Call 301.377.7817; TTY 301-699-2544.

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Thursday, Dec. 15. There are two sessions: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. Where did everyone go? Find out what animals are doing during the wintertime through songs, stories, and crafts in this fun, interactive program. Ages 3 - 4. FREE.

BELTSVILLE EVENTS

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)

NAL is open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for federal holidays. 10301 Baltimore Ave., Beltsville, Md. Parking is free in the visitor's lot accessed via the Rhode Island Avenue driveway entrance. See NAL en Español at www.nal.usda.gov/about/spanfly.pdf or in English at www.nal.usda.gov. NAL on Twitter. See http://twitter.com/#!/National_Ag_Lib. Call 301-504-5876 for information on basic services, resources, and special events. FREE and open to the public.

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day, Dec. 24 to 26, Saturday to Monday, Dec. 31 to Jan. 2. Regular operating hours are Monday to Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed on Sunday. Contact the Beltsville Library by phone at 301-937-0294 for more information regarding these and other programs. Visit us at 4319 Sellman Rd., Beltsville, adjacent to the police station. Visit our library system website at www.pgcmils.info.

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PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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Saturday, Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. Join Voices in the Glen for an afternoon of storytelling with a winter theme. Ages 7+.

WINTER HOLIDAY STORIES

Monday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. and Thursday, Dec. 8 at 10:30 a.m. Please note that regular storytime for children 3 – 5 years resumes Jan. 4. Toddler-time begins Jan. 4.

FAMILY GAME ON!

Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. Families are invited to join the library for a night of video games and board games.

TAIL WAGGIN' TUTORS

Saturday, Dec. 10 at 10:15 a.m. Build your child's confidence in reading. Bring a favorite book or choose one from the library. Read to Bou or Oscar, specially trained therapy dogs who will be glad to listen. Each child will read for 15 minutes. *Registration is required.* Please contact the Beltsville Library for more information. Ages 6 – 12.

POLAR EXPRESS FAMILY NIGHT

Monday, Dec. 12 at 6:30 p.m. Families will watch a movie *The Polar Express* starring Tom Hanks, and enjoy cocoa and snacks.

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SCRAPBOOKING FOR KIDS

Tuesdays Dec. 6 and 20 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Be creative by building priceless memories for you and your family with the help of an expert. Bring in your favorite pictures, decorations, stickers, and a scrapbook page (12" x 12" sheet) to generate a personalized piece. Ages 6 – 12. *Reservation required; call the Center to check on availability.* Fee: \$3 for Residents, and \$5 for Non Residents.

TRIP TO THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 6:30 p.m. Join us as we travel to Watkins Park to see the annual festival of lights. We will be departing from the Beltsville Community Center at 7 p.m. and returning by 9 p.m. Ages 60+. *Reservation required by Tuesday, Dec. 6.* FREE.

HOLIDAY CONCERT

Monday, Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m. Come join us as the Greenbelt Concert Band hosts a holiday concert here at the community center. Enjoy holiday music as we start the holiday season. All ages welcome. FREE.

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SCOUTS

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how they used signaling (wig wag) and what camp life was like. In the afternoon, they will take part in a re-enactment battle using wooden rifles made by our committee chair, Eric Saathoff. The Scouts would like to thank Saathoff for his hours of work making the rifles. On Saturday night of the camporee, the Webelos Scouts will camp with the scouts from Troop 1033 as part of their outdoorsman requirement. We look forward to a wonderful, exciting weekend.

If you are interested in joining our Cub Scout pack come to Beltsville Academy cafeteria most Monday evenings at 7 p.m.

COAKLEY

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No events on Saturday, Dec. 24 and Saturday, Dec. 31. Events for other Fridays and Saturdays in December are from 7 to 10 p.m. Ages 13 – 17. FREE with valid Center ID card.

VANSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

6813 Ammendale Rd., Vansville, Md. Note: Closed Sunday, Dec. 25. Please contact the center for any other changes in the hours of operation due to the holidays. Regular hours of operation are: Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (except for Xtreme Teen events), and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. The Director is Jeremy Weiss. Contact him at 301-937-6621 or Jeremy.Weiss@pgparks.com for information regarding events and classes scheduled for Dec. Spanish line: 301-445-4509. TTY: 301-445-4512.

HOLIDAY ARTS AND CRAFTS WORKSHOP

Saturday, Dec. 17 at 1 p.m. Continue in the spirit of the winter holidays with cookie decorating and a fun craft. Ages 4 – 12. FREE.

HOLIDAY YULE LOG

Tuesday, Dec. 27 at 5 p.m. Join us at the Vansville Community Park for a fun family evening of fellowship, songs, and tasty treats. This annual event has been brought to you by the Vansville Citizen's Association since 1976. For more information please call Joseph Briscoe at 301-937-5417. All ages welcome. FREE.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Thursday, Dec. 29 at 7 p.m. The kids are out of school for winter break, so enjoy Family Fun Night and come out and play. We're playing table tennis, volleyball, board games, Wii, and more. All ages welcome. FREE.

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Christmas Time

By Ingeborg Carsten-Miller

Where are the bells
I hear ringing,
children singing

HOLY NIGHT?

Oh,
listen and see:
there are lights
ashining
in windows,
on bush and tree.

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