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Beltsville Briefs

Holiday Shopping for Seniors

On Wednesday, December 9th, the Emmanuel van will take seniors to Orchard Center Mall on Cherry Hill Road for shopping. The Center includes Target, Kohl's, Super Fresh, and other stores and restaurants. The first ten seniors who sign up will be picked up and returned to home. The van is not handicapped equipped. To make a reservation, call Emmanuel United Methodist Church at 301.937.7114.

Choral Society Annual Christmas Concert

The Prince George's Choral Society will be presenting its annual Christmas concert on Saturday, December 12, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. The performance will be at Price George's Publick Playhouse, located at 5445 Landover Road in Cheverly, MD. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors and children. A reception and a silent auction will follow the concert. For further information, please call 301.336.8539 or 301.937.7480.

Beltsville Recreation Council

The Beltsville Recreation Council is sponsoring a Holiday Concert on December 14 at 7:30 p.m. The Greenbelt Concert Band will perform traditional holiday music at the Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Road. The Greenbelt Concert Band is a volunteer adult musical organization of approximately 40 musicians dedicated to providing quality musical entertainment for the citizens of our area. This is a family event and children and adults are all invited. Lite refreshments will be served.

Beltsville Lutheran Church Conducts Holiday "Virtual Food Drive"

The Lutheran Church of the Abiding Presence on Montgom-

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Help for Homeless Animals

Homeless cats and dogs in area shelters will be more comfortable this winter, with the donation of over 1,600 pet care items donated by pet owners in Beltsville and surrounding Prince George's County communities.

Terrapin Pets, LLC, a professional in-home pet care service based in Beltsville, recently participated in the Presents4Pets Campaign. For the third year in a row, The National Association of Professional Pet Sitters (NAPPS) has asked member pet sitters across the county to participate



Christi Fries, owner of Terrapin Pets, collecting donations of new and gently used pet care supplies.

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Scouts Excel in Orienteering Competition

The 33rd annual Maryland Scout Orienteering Competition took place on Saturday, November 7 at Broadcreek Boy Scout Reservation, north of Baltimore. Orienteering consists of being able to read contour maps and use a compass to find their way around hill and forest, swamp and field, and river and valleys to locate orienteering markers. In the morning individual pairs competition, the scouts are



Sean Halper and Robbie Stewart obtain 5th place in orienteering competition.

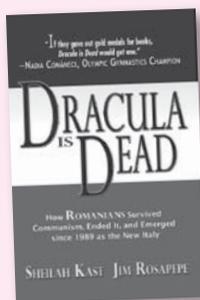
guided along a blazed path and along the path they have to locate six orienteering markers and place a dot on their maps as to the exact location of the marker. Points are awarded based upon how close they are to the correct location of each marker. Sean Halper and Robbie Stewart placed 5th in

the state wide pairs competition. In the afternoon troop competition all of the troops are given the same topographical map with 50 locations marked on the map. They have to divide up the troop into pairs and locate as many of the 50 orienteering markers as they can in 90 minutes. Each marker has a unique paper punch that must be punched onto the corresponding box number and return to the starting point within 90 minutes. Some of the markers are more than 1.5 miles from the starting point. Our troop obtained 693 points and placed 13th out of 64 participating troops. This is the 6th year where Troop 1033 has finished in the top 15. The scouts can't wait to compete again next year.

Rosapepe, Kast Launch Book at Behnke's Nursery on Halloween

Senator Jim Rosapepe who represents Beltsville and his wife, journalist Sheila Kast who hosts AARP's weekly public affairs TV show *Inside E Street*, launched their new book, *Dracula Is Dead: How Romanians Survived Communism, Ended It, and Emerged Since 1989 as the New Italy*, at Behnke's Nursery on Route One on Saturday afternoon, October 31.

They signed more than seventy books for local residents who came to hear about how Romania, where they lived from 1998-01 while Rosapepe was U.S. Ambassador there, has made the transition from Communism. Details about the book and how to order an autographed copy can be found at: www.DraculaisDead.com.



NEXT ISSUE:
Submissions Due
No Later
Than:
December 16
Paper Out:
January 2

On the Agenda

By Karen M. Coakley

Happy Holidays to All!!!!!! The Citizen's Association will not meet in December. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 20th.



Karen Coakley

The **Beltsville Women's Club** will be accepting donations for **Christmas Holiday Baskets** beginning December 14th at Emmanuel Methodist Church.

They are collecting canned goods and dry goods. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated.

COAT COLLECTION AND TOYS FOR TOT'S: District 6 Police are collecting used coats that are clean and in good condition for the needy and Toys for Tot's. You can drop off your donation at the District 6 Station located on Sellman Road.

CHRISTMAS IN APRIL: District 6 Police are searching for a home to renovate for Christmas in April 2010. Please let me know if you know of a Beltsville resident who needs help with renovating their home. Perhaps they need to make the home handicap adaptable, or clearing out overgrown shrubs, painting...We are looking for a Beltsville resident who owns their own home and is on a limited income. Please contact me for an application.

LEAF COLLECTION: BAG THEM!!! The county will not collect them unless they are bagged and the will send you a Fine notice if you rake them to the curb!!!

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Share Your News!
Send your neighborhood news items
to tedladd02@aol.com.

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25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

*Extracted from the
December 1984 Issue*

Konterra Zoning Approved

The County Council voted to permit development of a 488-acre parcel as a minicity.

K-Company Wins Grand Trophy

K-Company Majorettes, Color Guard and Drum Corps, sponsored by College Park American Legion Post 217, won over 50 trophies in the supper of 1984.

Wells Selected

Michelle Alyse Wells was selected for Who's Who among American High School Students, 1983-84.

MLK Art Teacher on Panel

Mrs. Grace Daniels, an art teacher at Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School, was appointed

a panel expert for the Maryland Validation Study of the National Teacher's Examination.

Betty Dorman Elected

The Greater Laurel Beltsville Hospital Foundation began its sixth year with the election of Betty Jean Dorman as president.

Service News

2nd Lieutenant Mark D. Behnke graduated from U.S. Air Force pilot training at Laughlin AFB, Del Rio, TX.

Welcome Back

Alice Conkey returned to the community as Northern Area Superintendent for MNPPC Parks Department.

Beltsville Man Killed

Lance Derrick Leak, 21, was killed in an automobile collision on November 27, 1984.

Scientist of the Year

Animal parasitologist K. Dar-

win Murrell was named "Scientist of the Year" for the Northwest Region of USDA.

Sixth Crop Walk a Success

For the second consecutive year, Scott Brannan was the first person to cover the route around Beltsville & Calverton neighborhoods.

Seven Students Commended

Seven High Point seniors were cited as Commended Students in the National Merit Scholarship program: Nancy Beard, Thomas Breen, Fawzi Emad, Frank Fisanich, Nihar Mohanty, Pamela Nicholson and Debra Peterson.

Obituaries

La Vern Alvin Smith died on November 11, 1984 at age 65.

Phyllis Jean Crossley, 59, a polltaker for Arbitron, died on November 20, 1984.

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Speeding

By Jeannine Carter

It had rained for three days. Finally, blue skies came to Beltsville. The warm sun was a welcomed change and I went outside to sit on the front step. The light shining through the trees illuminated the oranges and reds of the changing leaves and made for a seemingly peaceful little neighborhood.

After a few minutes of enjoying God's earth and the quiet of a Sunday afternoon I was reminded of why I don't sit on my front step very often. Every minute or so a car careened around the sharp corner where my house sits. Once the car rounds the corner it accelerates to 40 MPH or faster in an area that calls for 25 MPH. Other cars traveling in the opposite direction completely ignore the stop sign. There is no half-hearted attempt to even tap the brake, and the stop sign has magically morphed itself

into a yield sign despite oncoming cars, pedestrians, dogs and small children on bicycles.

As I sat down to write this article, I heard the roar of a motor with an equally loud exhaust somewhere in the distance. Being the nosey person I am, I looked out of the window to figure out where the sound was coming from and who was responsible for it. I saw a black SUV sitting still and revving the engine. The truck jerked forward and the driver laid rubber for 50 feet in front of my house. As an added macho bonus he turned around, repeated the action and parked in my neighbor's driveway. Apparently, he was a visitor.

I have talked to the Prince George's police and went so far as to contact the county Department of Transportation to have a speed bump study done. I was told that my block is too short for speed

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Neighbors in the News

Scouting for Food Collection a Success!

By Adrian Villarroel, Troop Scribe

The Boy Scouts from Troop 1033 and Cub Scouts from Pack 1031 of the Beltsville area collected 1362 cans and non-perishable food items totaling 1408 pounds. That's almost three quarters of a TON of food. The scouts distributed 5000 bags to the Beltsville residents on the weekend of November 7 & 8 and picked up the food on Saturday, November 14. All of the food was donated to St. Joseph's Catholic Church food pantry. The scouts and parents contributed 264 volunteer hours to distribute the bags and pick up the food. Great job Scouts! We especially want to thank the people



Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts collected food for the needy in the Beltsville area.

of Beltsville for contributing the labor during the upcoming holiday season. I'm sure that the needy in the area will enjoy the fruits of our

Morale Booster for Troops in Afghanistan

Michael Cotter of Boy Scout Troop 1033 is initiating a project intended to support our troops stationed in Afghanistan. The project's aim is to collect new, unopened DVDs with ratings G through R, microwave popcorn or gift certificates to local stores where the DVDs may be purchased. The collections will take place at Emmanuel United Methodist Church on Cedar Lane and at St. Josephs Catholic Church on Montgomery Road in Beltsville, from Saturday, December 5 through Sunday,



December 13. There will be drop off boxes at both churches for donations. When the collection is completed, the DVDs and popcorn will be mailed to an Army officer recently deployed to Afghanistan who has agreed to distribute them among the 3000 soldiers in his unit. The Major mentions that, "The average Soldier is in his/her early twenties and likes action oriented products," but also that they are a large group that covers all genre.

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He suggests the following tips when shipping luggage:

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Neighbors in the News

Scouts Make a Difference



Scouts and friends help make a difference by planting bulbs.

By Adrian Villarroel, Troop Scribe

On a drizzly Saturday, October 24th, Boy Scouts Patrick Deery, Evan Carr, Chris Walker, Tyis Robinson, Al Diagne, Elborz Mazanderan and Cub Scout Nickolas Walker planted 80 daffodils at the Beltsville Recreation Center. The

scouts were supervised by Doris Wray, Beltsville's Make a Difference Day coordinator, Scoutmaster Gary Bauchan, Assistant Scoutmaster Rick Deery and Scout dad Bob Walker. The scouts spent two hours digging holes, applying bone meal for nutrients, and plant-

ing bulbs along a path leading to a bridge. Hopefully in the spring the residents of Beltsville they will appreciate the beauty of the daffodils planted in the woods along the path. Just another example of how Boy Scouting Makes a Difference in the Beltsville Area.

Nicole Frush Munro Appointed Vice Chair of Consumer Financial Services Committee

Hudson Cook LLP, a nationwide provider of legal compliance services for the financial services industry, announced that Nicole Frush Munro, partner from its Maryland office, has been appointed by the Business Law Section of the American Bar Association as Vice Chair of the Consumer Financial Services Committee.

The Consumer Financial Services Committee has over 1,100 members who practice in the area of consumer financial services law. Committee membership rep-



Nicole Frush Munro

experience with consumer finance law will allow her to provide meaningful leadership to the committee."

Nikki Munro's practice at Hudson Cook focuses on assisting federal and state chartered financial institutions, mortgage bankers, other licensed lenders, sales finance companies, and motor vehicle dealers in the development of nationwide consumer mortgage and automobile finance programs. Nikki represents several forms companies in connection the creation and maintenance of multi-state automobile finance transaction documents.

Nikki holds a J.D. from the University of Maryland, School of Law, Baltimore, Maryland and B.A. in Psychology from the University of Maryland at College Park, College Park. Her mother is Maryland State Delegate Barbara Frush (D-21) of Beltsville.

resents industry interests and consumers, with practitioners from private practice, government, the non-profit sector, and educational institutions.

Tom Hudson, partner at the Hanover Maryland office, said "I'm very pleased that the American Bar Association has selected Nikki for this responsibility. Her

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Neighbors in the News

Santa Tour 2009

Santa Claus has confirmed his route with the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department! Santa will begin his routes around 6:30 to 7:00 pm. Santa wanted to pass on a few tips so his trip to Beltsville can be enjoyable for everyone involved.

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

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

Sometimes Santa runs behind schedule by a couple of minutes, so be patient. He will follow the schedule as close as possible.

Have Fun and make sure you know what you want for Christmas!

Wednesday December 9

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 @ Cherryvake Terr.

Friday December 11

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.
Chapel View Dr. @ Craiglawn Rd.
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Briggs Chaney Rd. @ Greenmount
Briggs Chaney Rd. @ Dunnington Rd.
Briggs Chaney Rd. @ Castle Pines Dr.

Old Gunpowder Rd. Spur
Bayhill Drive and River Creek Area

Sunday December 13

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

Tuesday December 15

Snowden Wood Dr. @ Loch Lynn Ct.
Snowden Wood Dr. @ Meadow Fields Way
Snowden Wood Dr. @ Summerville Ct.
Old Muirkirk @ Muirkirk Rd.
Old Muirkirk @ Longwood Dr.
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Thursday December 17

Garove @ Hennessey Dr.
Indigo @ Barbara Dr.
Longhorn @ West View Ct.
Montgomery Place @ Montgomery Ct.
Montgomery Rd. @ Kenny St.
Kenny St. @ 34th Place
35th Pl. @ Yates Rd.
35th Pl. @ Sarasota Pl.
Montgomery Rd. @ Forreton Rd.
Forreton Rd. @ Stephen Ln.

Cedar Ln. @ Cedar Ct.
Howard Rd. @ Home Acres Terr.
Stoconga Dr. @ Dresden Dr.
Sellman Rd. @ Weymouth Ave.
Ulster Rd. @ Woodbine Rd.

Saturday December 19

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.
Chesnut Grove @ Heartwood Rd.
Knott St. @ Wandering Oak Way
Roby Ave @ Macon Ave
Caverly Ave @ Caverly Pl.
Pines St. @ Maple Pl.
Caverly @ Greenwood Rd.
Greenwood Rd. @ Emack Rd.

Sunday December 20

Ammendale Way @ Long Feather Ct.
Ammendale Way @ Clear Brooke Ct.
Ammendale Way @ Narrow Trail Terr.
Ammendale Way @ Horse Soldier Pl.
Ammendale Way @ Ammendale Rd.
Ammendale Rd. @ Hawk Ridge Ct.
Saquoia Ln. @ Saquoia Terr.
Saquoia Ln. @ Saquoia Pl.
Ammendale Rd. @ Hidden Brooke Ct.

Monday December 21

Cedar Ln. @ Yates Rd.
Brandon Ln. @ Francis Dr.
Emack Rd. @ Dorset Ln.
Montgomery Rd. @ Cedar Ln.
Yates Rd. @ Garrett Ave.
Howard Rd. @ Cardinal Ave.
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Montgomery Rd. @ 43rd Ave.
Usange St. @ 45th Ave.
Tonquil Pl. @ 44th Ave.
Tonquil St. @ 45th Ave.
45th Ave. @ Samar St.
Romlin St. @ 44th Ave.

1033 Scouts Trail Blaze at Greenbelt National Park

By Gary Bauchan, Scoutmaster
Troop 1033

Scouts from Troop 1033 in Beltsville teamed up with REI in College Park, MD and the National Parks Service to renovate a trail within the park on a Saturday morning in late September. David Timus II, Mick Cotter, Grant Sowers and Danny Moreno along with Scoutmaster Gary Bauchan and Activities Chair Paula Crowley gave up a Saturday morning to provide service by "Doing a Good Turn" in a National Park. They leveled a trail with river wash consisting of gravel and sand (provided by the Parks Service) to repair an eroded trail. The Scouts worked for three hours using shovels and



Scouts repair trail in Greenbelt National Park

rakes to level and restore the trail. The cable network, Travel Channel, was doing a documentary on volunteerism on Public Land's Day at Greenbelt National Park

so look for interviews of Senior Patrol Leader David Timus II and Scoutmaster Gary Bauchan sometime in November.

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Obituaries

Fisher, Betty C.

Betty C. Fisher passed away on November 19, 2009. She was the beloved wife of John H. Fisher, Jr., loving mother of Erin E. Holland (Keith), sister of Shirley Feathers, Millie Piper Carroll Conard and Faye Snyder. Grandmother of Selah and Micah Holland. Also survived by nine nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends called at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville on Sunday, November 22. Funeral service was held at First Baptist Church of Crofton, 1690 Crofton Parkway, Crofton on Monday, November 23 at 11:00 a.m. Interment private. Memorial contribution may be made to First Baptist Church of Crofton.

Scheidel, Mary Margaret

Mary Margaret (Black) Scheidel, formerly of Beltsville and a resident of Heron Point since 1991, departed this life on November 10, 2009 at Heron Point. She was 90.

She was born in Toledo, Ohio on October 15, 1919, the daughter of Robert Harry and Blanche (Slye) Black. At three years of age her mother died and her father relocated to Pittsburg, PA where they took up residence with other family members. After a subsequent move to Cannonsburg, PA she completed her high school education in 1938. Miss Black then entered Grove City College, PA where she graduated in 1942 with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Biology together with a teaching certificate. While at the college she met Julius E. Scheidel whom she later married in 1943.

On June 6, 1944 together with her husband she was commissioned by the mission board of the Presbyterian denomination to work in its

mission in the French Cameroon. With the appointment of her husband as director of the mission's Pastoral Training School, Mary's teaching skills were employed to their fullest as she taught both the male students and their wives English as a second language. This was done in order to open to them the riches of Bible commentaries, dictionaries, and works in theology available in English. Perhaps her greater accomplishment was the creation of a graded three-year Sunday School in the Bulu language. The curriculum was complete with Scripture lessons, hymn selections, stories and appropriate handwork which the wives of the pastor-to-be could initiate in the churches and villages to which they would soon be assigned to work. During their early years in Cameroon the Scheidels were blessed by the birth of a daughter, Susan V. (Scheidel) Woodcock, in 1946.

After a short adjustment to life in America, Mary became a most valuable helper to her husband in getting the new Presbyterian Church in Beltsville, MD operational, contributing significantly in the Sunday School's program with children. In 1964 she became employed as "aide-librarian" at the Tacoma Park campus of Montgomery Junior College where she labored happily for 18 years. Upon retirement in 1982, Mary joined the community Meals-on-Wheels operation. After moving to Chestertown, MD in 1991, she became a "reader" to those stricken with macular degeneration, until she herself became a victim of the same disease. Reading, walking, knitting and playing board games were her favorite hobbies, but she endured sailing with her husband.

In addition to her husband, Julius E. Scheidel, her daughter, Susan S. Woodcock of Waynes-

ville, NC; grandchildren, Edith Lillian Brady of High Point, NC, Joy Lynn Laughlin of Tampa, FL and Sharon Esther Robinson of Charlotte, NC; and two great grandchildren survive her.

Services were held on Monday November 16, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church of Chestertown. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Roslyn, PA on Tuesday November 17, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Community Food Pantry, PO Box 262, Chestertown, MD 21620.

Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 130 Speer Rd. Chestertown, MD 21620. www.fhnfuneralhome.com

Sommerkamp, Teresa R.

Teresa R. Sommerkamp passed away on Thursday, November 12, 2009. She was the beloved wife of Charles H. Sommerkamp, Sr., mother of Charles H. Sommerkamp, Jr. (Nelly), MaryAnn Boyle (David) and John E. Sommerkamp (Adina). She was the sister of Katherine McIntyre, Michael Cavallaro, Carmela Fishel (David) and the late James Cavallaro. She was the grandmother of Ashley, Samantha, Rachael, Sophia, Phillip, Cristina and Anna Sommerkamp, and William and Derek Boyle.

Relatives and friends called at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville on November 16. Funeral services were conducted at St. John's Episcopal Church, 11040 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville on Tuesday, November 17 at 11:00 a.m. Interment was in the church cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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in the donation drive in support of the Humane Society of the United States, "National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week," during the first week of November.

Launching the Presents4Pets Campaign in June of 2009, Christi Fries, owner of Terrapin Pets, began collecting donations of new and gently used pet care supplies. Mighty Healthy Pet, an organic, holistic, and eco-friendly pet food and supply retailer in College Park donated floor space for a collection bin. By October 15, 2009, clients and staff of both business, as well as generous pet lovers in the community, had donated 1681 pet care items including pet beds, blankets, toys, leashes, collars, crates, carriers, food and treats. Terrapin Pets staff cleaned, logged, organized, and stored the supplies, filling up

a better portion of the Fries' 650 square foot garage; the items carried a Salvation Army valuation of \$3,618.

November 6 was an exciting day, as the empty delivery truck arrived at the Terrapin Pets office. The K. C. Company, Inc, the area's Pella Window and Door distributor with headquarters in Beltsville, was generous in supplying the truck and driver Joe Alexander for the afternoon. John Fries, also of the K.C. Company, and Lynn Wexler, a Terrapin Pets staff member assisted with loading and delivery of the supplies.

Donations were delivered to Alley Cat Rescue (ACR), of Mt. Rainier. ACR works to protect cats locally and nationally through rescue, rehabilitation and adoption. Maggie Funkhouser, Director of Communications and Public Relations for ACR, stated, "We were speechless to see how large of a

donation we would be receiving!"

In addition, College Park Animal Control Officer Abigail Lightning met the KC Company delivery van at a College Park facility. ACO Lightning, transporting four kittens at the time of the donation, made room in her van for supplies that would be immediately welcomed at the College Park shelter, as well as at the Prince George's County animal shelter in Forestville.

Although the Present4Pets campaign has ended for 2009, the needs of homeless dogs and cats in our community never cease. Terrapin Pets will continue to pick up any gently used or new pet care supplies from area residents, for direct distribution to our need county and non-profit animal welfare organizations. Please contact Christi Fries at terrapinpets@gmail.com or mobile 202.528.3271.

Beltsville Briefs (Cont. from page 1)

ery Road in Beltsville is conducting a unique Holiday Food Drive in partnership with the Maryland Food Bank.

It's a "Virtual Food Drive" conducted completely online at the Maryland Food Bank web site. Those interested in participating can make monetary donations to purchase a Holiday Box from the Maryland Food Bank. The Food Bank then buys the food at cost from a consortium and includes a turkey with each box purchased.

It's an easy and efficient way to help others, and the Food Bank can stretch your dollars by buying in bulk. In many cases, they can buy over four times as much for the money as we could by buying from a grocery store.

If you would like to participate and help Abiding Presence Lutheran Church feed hungry Marylanders for the holiday season, go to www.mdfoodbank.com/abiding presence and purchase a Holiday Box for \$17.50. The Maryland

Food Bank will include one turkey for each holiday box purchased. The Holiday Box contains side dishes for the meal. You can see the list of its contents online. The goal for the Maryland Food Bank is to distribute 4,800 holiday boxes to those in need.

The Lutheran church hopes others will pitch in and help them do this! It's easy and it's a very worthwhile project that will improve the lives of a lot of hungry Marylanders during this holiday season.

Growing Mums, A Beautiful Hobby

By Robert Howell

Beltsville is a great place to grow mums. I have been practicing the art for over thirty years at my present address. During this time I have won many awards for my exhibits in both local or national chrysanthemum shows in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Arkansas, Ohio, and several venues in California. Chrysanthemum shows occur in October and November.



I specialize in producing disbudded or large flowered types. What is a disbud? These are mums that are selected to produce potentially large blooms. Small plants are planted near the first of May. Growth is encouraged with timely applications of fertilizer and water. About the first of July plants are cut down to about 8". New shoots emerge and one or two shoots are selected to produce blooms. Extra shoots are removed. The blooming of mums is regulated by "short" day treatments. At an appropriate time stems are covered for 12 hours each night for about

two weeks with a black fabric to encourage bud formation. Several buds develop per stem; all but one is removed, thus the term disbud. Disbuds are not desirable for general garden use and garden mums are not improved by disbudding.

In addition to growing plants that may grow 4-5 feet in height, I grow some plants that have large blooms on plants 16" or less. Such plants are called Fukuskes. In Japanese Fukuske means a "large flower on a small plant." The extra shoots that were removed when the disbuds were trimmed to eight inches, can be rooted and placed

in small pots, sprayed with several applications of a chemical to keep them short, and then given the black fabric treatment. Fukuskes yield beautiful blooms in 60-80 days while the larger plants have to be cared for 5-6 months to obtain the same blooms. Fukuskes can also be cultivated on tables so that to disbud I don't have to bend my back, as for taller plants.

Growing chrysanthemums for show is a great hobby and it provides for exercise, an array of beautiful flowers, and an opportunity to meet interesting and appreciative people.

Children's Corner

By Denita Johnson

Sometimes in life we can get so busy that we forget to slow down and enjoy the little things in life, like spending that extra time with our children. Our children grow so quickly that sometimes we miss those little handprints and special little giggles around the house. Now is a good time of the year to spend some quality time with our children while they are still young and make some precious memories to look back on as they grow. This would be a great time to make some ornaments with your children and enjoy their laughter and your time together.

Christmas Ornament Ideas

There are so many ways you can make Christmas ornaments, so I will give you some ideas, and I'm sure you know a few too.

Have fun.

■ Make a handprint of your child. Cut out a circle in the middle. Place a small photo of your child behind the circle. Have your child decorate the handprint with glitter, buttons, color, etc. Punch a hole, pull yarn through it, and hang.

■ Make simple play dough (2 cups flour, 1 cup salt, 1 cup water, food coloring is optional). Mix and roll out dough. Use cookie cutters to cut out different shapes. Make a small hole at the top. Bake on low heat until the clay dries hard. String yarn through the top and hang.

■ Use different size Styrofoam balls. Rip up old wrapping paper or tissue paper. Have a photocopy picture of your child. Use a water and glue mixture to attach the ripped paper to cover the entire

ball. Attach your child's picture with the water/glue combo and let dry. You can tape or staple a loop of yarn to the ball and hang.

Always remember to write your child's name, age and date on the finished pieces.



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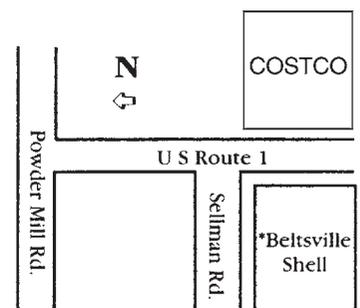


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Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

By Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-21)

Do you have ideas for better laws?

Many of the bills we propose in the legislature come from ideas we get from citizens like you. For example the law we passed to prohibit pan handling in Prince George's came from local citizens concerned about public safety and community values. Because of the national recession and resulting reduction in state revenue, there will not be the opportunity this year to increase state investment in public services. But there is no reason we can't improve existing services and change laws that would improve our community. If you have suggestions, please let us know! Our contact information is at the bottom of this column.

Toll break on ICC for Beltsville residents?

This fall a constituent of ours asked if the Maryland Transportation Authority was considering giving a discount on tolls pro-



Senator Jim Rosapepe

posed to use the Inter County Connector (ICC), which is being built through Beltsville. Since the new road will end at Route 1 and many of the impacts, environmental and otherwise are felt by Beltsville residents, Delegates Barbara Frush, Joseline Peña-Melnyk, Ben Barnes and I asked the Maryland Secretary of Transportation to consider this suggestion.

We wrote: "We write to share with you a suggestion coming from our constituents -- giving a discount on ICC tolls to residents of neighborhoods near the road and therefore most affected by its construction.

"As you know, there has been vigorous debate over many years about the project. But whatever one's views on it, there can be little doubt that some communities, particularly those in and close to

its path, have and will carry much of the environmental and other costs of the road.

"Thus, the concept of giving their residents, many of whom we represent, some compensation in the form of lower tolls seems worthy of consideration. We write to ask what consideration you have given it and what you see as the pros and cons of such a policy."

We'll let you know the response when we get it.

Federal stimulus money to improve Route 212

In November, the State Highway Administration began work on widening Powder Mill Road between Evans Trail Way and Beltsville Drive. The plan is to add a new auxiliary lane in the center of the road and to create a left turn lane at Evans Trail Way/Allview Drive. They will also be improving drainage and updating the traffic signals and signs. The funds for this project come from the federal government's economic stimulus package focused on "shovel ready" projects that create jobs.

Contact Us

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

College Park Unit 217 Honors Our Youth

By Ivy Christoffers

A beautiful Veteran's Day program that was held indoors at the Post Home because of the rainy weather was well attended and well conducted. The University of Maryland AFROTC Choir under the direction of Meghan MacNamara sang the National Anthem and America the Beautiful. Our speakers, including Mayor Brayman and our special guest speaker, Lt. Col Ranelle A. Manois from Maryland University, were inspired and inspiring. Our own Legionnaire, Bill Bladen was honored with a key to the City, which, according to Mayor Brayman, is one of very few that have been presented over the years.

One of the most inspiring programs held each year by College Park Post and Unit 217 is our "Youth Recognition Day" where we pay tribute to those young citizens who have made a difference by striving for and attaining set goals. We invite our Americanism Essay winners, our Girl and Boy State citizens, our scholastic and general military excellence winners, our Eagle Scouts and Girl Scouts who have made the

Gold Award, the NJROTC and Miss College Pak, a scholarship winner as well. We feel more focus should be placed on these young people for the constructive way they are living their lives. Honored this 26th year of this program were Americanism winners in Group 2: Danielle Hatchett, Marcus Rindal, Angelique Medley, Marco Martinez, Lena Dullnig and Jazmine Beatty. In Group 3 the winners were: Annalina Pirovic (who also took 2nd place in Southern Maryland District), Marco Pittarelli, Kevin Flores, Jamal Browne, Elliott Watson and Taylor Witte. Our Eagle Scouts were Michael Clifford and Charleston Laymon. The Girl's State citizens were Elizabeth David, Niya Garner, Kimberly Morales, (who was 1st runner up to Girl's Nation) Jessica Perez, Martha-Reyes-Benavides and Nancy Ramos. The Boys State citizens were Charles Carillo, Nelson Deras-Penate, Ludwin Romero and Josue Valesquez. Miss College Park is Elise Marie Pitman. A prior Miss College Park and a member of College Park

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District 1 Digest

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

Holiday Greetings from Upper Marlboro! I am happy to announce the County Council completed its 2009 Legislative Session a couple weeks ago. I introduced and co-sponsored a number of important bills this year that will help protect citizens and continue economic development in Prince George's County.

One very important bill that passed concerned the issue of towing in the County. Towing is a necessary service in certain circumstances, such as if your vehicle is inoperable and needs to be taken to a garage (consensual towing), or if an abandoned vehicle is in the public right-of-way or on private property and needs to be removed. However, Council members get many complaints about towing companies that either illegally tow private vehicles or "predatory towing" tactics to generate revenue for their business (non-consensual towing). In some cases, the vehicles were being towed out of the county to relatively distant storage facilities, and the towing companies were neither accepting standard credit cards as payment nor were they open at convenient hours so the owners could retrieve their vehicles. The recently passed legislation establishes license fees and penalties and sets strict limits on the amount towing businesses can charge for certain services. The bill prohibits non-consensual towing of a vehicle outside of the County. The new law also provides a hearing process for aggrieved vehicle owners. Please call our office if you have any questions about this new legislation, especially if you feel you have been towed illegally or by predatory means.

I also co-sponsored legislation concerning check cashing busi-



Councilman Tom Dernoga

nesses. Although these types of business can provide an important service to County residents, based on discussions with the police department, community leaders, and citizens it seemed that zoning legislation could help regulate the location of these establishments. This legislation defines what a check cashing business is, requires a special exception in most cases to open a new check cashing operation, and provides for a number of requirements that to enhance the safety of the facility. It also requires clear posting of fee schedules and charges for the cashing of checks. The majority of the Council believes these changes will benefit not only clients, but also the adjacent communities where check-cashing operations are located.

One of the many initiatives I have worked on for several years includes creating economic development within the county to build up our tax base, including activities in our Rural Tier to encourage Agricultural Preservation. A tax base supported by local businesses helps reduce the tax burden on residents to provide the many services we enjoy here in Prince George's County. Also, preserving our agricultural lands encourages developers to focus their attention

on redevelopment of older communities, thus supporting smart growth. Two bills that I succeeded in getting passed create incentives for entrepreneurs to establish small businesses within our rural and historic areas. The first bill permits the establishment of farm wineries subject to certain limitations to minimize adverse impacts. It is my hope that this new law will spur economic development and provide for agri-tourism opportunities. Local wineries have been very successful in rural parts of Virginia and in Montgomery and Frederick Counties. These wineries provide employment, produce a product for both local and out-of-state consumers, and bring tourists to areas that in the past have had little economic activity. The second bill provides for agri-tourism activities on working farms and defines "bed-and-breakfast inns". Existing law was vague at best (or non-existent) both for agri-tourism activities (e.g., corn mazes and farm tours) and for bed-and-breakfast inns. In a county that has so much beauty and natural resources and opportunities for tourism, I wanted to ensure that the law clearly allows such uses in appropriate locations. We have a couple of new vineyards and we have one notable corn maze. So, I hope that over time, the new legislation will serve as an impetus to create additional small businesses in rural and historic areas to draw tourists regionally.

Finally, it was my pleasure to recently deliver a grant of \$1,500 to support Beltsville Boy Scout Troop 1033 from Emmanuel United Methodist Church. This Troop regularly performs community service projects throughout the area, and has helped countless citizens in their hard work and efforts. The grant will assist with their camping program. Thanks to all the great things Troop 1033 does, and happy camping!

Club News

Beltsville Young at Heart Club

By Barbara Schofield

We had a trip on November 4 to the American Music Theater in Lancaster PA to see a Christmas Show. Lunch was at the Willow Inn and was very delicious. November 19 was our annual Savage Mill Thanksgiving dinner in the great room. There were door prizes, raffles and fifty-fifty. We wish to thank Behnke's Nursery and TJs Restaurant for their generous gifts. I wish everyone a Happy New Year.

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Christmas Eve—December 24th
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Emmanuel United Methodist Church Brings a Holiday Classic to Life

By Rick Bergmann

"Christmas time is here, happiness and cheer, fun for all that children call their favorite time of year." These are the opening lines to the classic animated special "A Charlie Brown Christmas." This December, Emmanuel United Methodist Church will be bringing the holiday classic to life on stage. The holiday special, which first aired in December of 1965, celebrates its 44th birthday this year.

The story is a simple and powerful one. When Charlie Brown complains about the overwhelming materialism that he sees amongst everyone during the Christmas season, Lucy suggests that he become director of the school Christmas pageant. Charlie Brown accepts, but it proves to be a frustrating struggle. When an attempt to restore the proper spirit with a help to learn what the real meaning of Christmas is.

Although the special has been loved by millions for so many years, it wasn't always so. In time (CBS was the first network to air the special) mas special with such a blatant Christian message. Bill Melendez (the director) and Lee Mendelson a flop on their hands. They were very happily surprised when it was a hit and did well in the ratings. The show broke many of the rules that were common for animated holiday specials during the 1960s: it used for the character voices instead of adult actors were used to illustrate the true meaning of Christmas. standing Children's Program and a Peabody Award for

There is a lot of Beltsville talent bringing this The show is being directed by Rick Bergmann and the Lucy, Hannah Butcher as Snoopy, Bryant Davis as Schroeder, DeeDee Musachio as Frieda, Doug Kresge Brown. We also have many local Beltsville residents working behind the scenes. Scarlet Robertson will design the costumes and sets will be designed and built by Gary Heath. The entire Emmanuel community is excited and animated about this production.

Bring your families, both young and old and relive a Christmas classic. For directions, contact the church at eumcbeltsville@earthlink.net or 301-937-7114.



forlorn little fir Christmas tree fails, he needs Linus'

very special show to life on stage at Emmanuel. cast includes Beltsville residents Alex Butcher as Pigpen, Bobbi Deegan as Sally, Charlie Deegan as as Linus as well as Mr. Bergmann as Charlie

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Club News

Beltsville Lions

Beltsville Lions participated in three health fairs recently, one at the Beltsville Community Center and others in Hyattsville and North Brentwood. Overall, Lions club members screened more than 100 persons for visual acuity and another 40 for hearing problems. Several were scheduled for professional eye examinations and glasses.

The Club wishes to thank those who contributed blood at the recent quarterly blood drive at the Beltsville Community Center, and also wishes to thank those who attended the annual silent auction at The Villa on October 27.

The Beltsville Lions are in the

process of sponsoring a new Leo Club at Beltsville Academy. Ms Ingrid McCoy, a teacher at the school and formerly the faculty advisor to a Leo Club at Dr. Henry A. Wise High School in Upper Marlboro, has organized a group of students highly interested in community service to form the club. Leo Clubs are comprised of students from 12 to 18 years of age, and are usually located in schools. Each Leo Club must be sponsored by a local Lions Club. In District 22-C, encompassing some 55 Lions Clubs in the area of Washington, D.C. and the Maryland Counties of Montgomery, Prince George's, Charles, Calvert



and St. Mary's, there are currently 22 active Leo Clubs. The Beltsville Academy Leo Club will be the first organized in Beltsville. The Beltsville Lions are excited at the prospect.

The Club hosted a community friendship night on the evening of October 6, and presented information on Club activities in the greater Beltsville area. Of the 11 guests present, five decided to join the Club, and members are very pleased to welcome Dina DiCamillo, Mary Ann Hanson, Ann Marie Hanson, Adam Taghavi and Rafael Hylton to membership. Together, we can do more.

School News

Paint Branch Montessori School News

The Toddlers and Primary students are enjoying their study on vertebrates. They are learning where their backbones are by touching their own backs and feeling the "bumps." The children sit down and stand up to see an

example of what their backbones do for them. By flopping down on the floor they experience a little of what it is like to not have one. They will also learn what kinds of

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Beltsville Rotary Happenings

By Ivy Christoffers

Beltsville Rotarian Tracy Goss has done a commendable job of lining up volunteers and distributing dictionaries to the third grade students in our area schools. Approximately 63,000 dictionaries are distributed each year. We feel this is a very worthwhile and far reaching program, as The Rotary Club is very invested in the education of our youth. We recently had the delightful experience of a visit from a Rotary Scholar from Wales. Iwan L. Davies is a graduate student attending Johns Hopkins School For Advanced International Studies in Washington D.C. where he is pursuing his master's degree in International Relations. Iwan gave an excellent presentation that was followed by a spirited question and answer exchange. Iwan has been to the United States on two previous occasions, once as an exchange student in Colorado and another time working as a lifeguard in Missouri. He is sponsored by his Rotary Club in Cardiff, Wales.

We had the pleasure of hearing the classification speech from one of our newest Rotarians, Medhi Rad, who has had a very interesting journey thus far. We will be inducting two additional new members before the month is out. It is good to see our club grow again.

Recently we held a membership mixer luncheon and will be doing it again soon. Our thanks to the members who planned this event,



(From left) Robert Almond, Iwan Davies, and Richard Salamy.

Eleanor Frierson and George Krzywicki, and to the members who invited guests whom we hope will become prospective Rotarians.

It has come to that time of the year when we become more active in the community in partnering with other organizations such as The Women's Club of Beltsville in supporting their food drive and gift drive for the less fortunate. We have also ventured forth in another area this year. Sending care packages of homemade baked goods to our Troops in Iraq.

Our fabulous bakers are in their element...they can bake and bake and not worry about putting on a single pound. The Troops will certainly enjoy this larder from home.

We have adopted "Holy Joe's Coffee Cafe" in Basarah, Iraq and have sent our first large box of goodies and will continue to do so every other week throughout the holidays. If you would like to be a part of this effort to help cheer our soldiers in harm's way so far from home, please give me a shout. A Christmas tree and decorations will be going over next week.

We will soon be "Ringing the bells" for The Salvation Army at Behnke's and The Giant Store in Calverton. Drop a coin or two into the kettle when you pass by. It will certainly be appreciated. We continue to meet every Tuesday at noon at the Holiday Inn in College Park. Why not join us for a meal and check us out?

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Unit 217, Shannon Beam, sang the National Anthem. The presentation of the colors was by the NJROTC from Northwestern High School Color Guard. The program progressed with the reading of the essays and the presentation of awards. Every student received their own 3x5 American Flag, a delightful Americanism trivia contest, a brief message from Mayor Brayman and our Department Commander, Orlyn Oestereich. We closed with the singing of "God Bless America" led by Captain Davis, the JNROTC teacher from Northwestern High School. Our hall was filled to capacity and everyone enjoyed the day.

Our Unit has adopted two squadrons who are currently serving in Iraq, the 450th and the 354th. On the first weekend in October, the Post and Unit hosted a deployment dinner for the soldiers in the 354th who deployed the following day. In Basarah, Iraq there is a chaplain's program that is called "Holy Joe's Coffee Cafe" and it was brought to our attention that they could use some coffee. Through our contacts, we

were able to obtain a shipment of 25 cases of coffee and a case of tea which were then shipped to the Unit. We thank Eight O'Clock Coffee for stepping up and making this generous donation to our soldiers. We are currently gathering up holiday cards and baked goods to be sent to "Holy Joe's" and to the 354th troops.

Another way we can help this month is in the warm clothing drive for the homeless veterans. This is being handled by Washington VA Medical Center who hosts a Homeless Standdown every January to provide these veterans with whatever they need in the way of warm clothing, medicines, food, housing, and counseling. Zips Cleaners will clean any donated coats, sweaters, and sweats at no cost if you drop them off and tell them it is for the homeless veterans clothing drive. They will also deliver the items to the hospital. How easy is that? The Unit and Post are currently accepting donations of food for the holiday food baskets. Anyone can drop off non-perishable food items to the post home on Baltimore Blvd. We still have our Sunday dinners and our special Mary K spaghetti

dinners every fifth Friday of the month. Some really good eating can be had for a pittance.

I wish for all a Blessed Holiday Season. Keep our Troops and Veterans in your prayers.



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School News

Eleanor Roosevelt High School Winter Concert

The Winter Concert at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) is scheduled for Friday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Auditorium, 7601 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, MD. The Concert will feature: the Concert and Symphony Orchestras and the Roosevelt Strings directed by Dr. David Yarbrough; Concert

Band II and the Symphonic Band directed by Ms. Sally Wagner; and the Gospel and Chamber Choirs directed by Ms. Michele Fowlin. ERHS and its music programs draw students from all over northern Prince George's County. The concert is open to the public and admission is free.

Fruit Sale

The annual Florida Citrus Fruit Sale is in full swing. 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 301.345.5393.

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Augsburg Academy Adopts Soldiers in Iraq

Augsburg Academy students have already started celebrating the holidays in grand fashion by helping soldiers in Iraq have little memories of home to help them celebrate the holidays in a land far away.

Students have adopted soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division ("The Big Red One"), who are now on a one-year deployment to Iraq. The 2-16th was selected because one of the sons of the head of schools, Pastor Art Hebbeler, is part of the battalion.

"While we are lucky to have a strong support link in place for our son," said Pastor Hebbeler, "there are many young men and

women stationed there who have no one back here on the home front. Working with the battalion's chaplain, we at Augsburg are able to be a small piece of home for those American heroes."

In addition, Pastor Hebbeler's wife, Debbie, has organized a nationwide effort to collect and send unbreakable Christmas ornaments, lights, and small artificial trees to the troops in Iraq to help them decorate their offices and living spaces. What began as a small project just for her son's office has grown tremendously in just a few weeks. "We have hundreds of ornaments and other decorations to send," said Mrs. Hebbeler.

Support for the troops won't

end at Christmas either. Augsburg students will be sending "Care Packages" to the troops on a regular basis during the rest of the school year.

Individuals interested in supporting the Augsburg students with "Care Package" items can contact the school at 240.786.0283 or check the school's web site www.AugsburgAcademy.net for more information.

Augsburg Academy is an independent day school for students in pre-kindergarten through 9th grade, and will add 10th grade for the 2010-2011 school year. It is located at 13800 Old Gunpowder Road, Laurel, Maryland.

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Augsburg Academy Opens Application Period

Augsburg Academy is pleased to announce the opening of the application period for new students for the 2010-2011 school year. Applications may be obtained by visiting the Academy during regular school hours.

The application process is beginning earlier this year because there are fewer openings for 2010-2011, which means there will be more competition for selection and admission. According to head of schools, Pastor Art Hebbeler, there are some classes that are just about full.

"As of now, we only have 6 openings for our four-year-old

class and 4 openings in kindergarten. And, because of strong enrollment this year, our first and second grade class is essentially full. We are considering splitting the class for next year if we have any more first grade applicants for the new year. That makes it an exciting time for us!"

The Academy also accepts students who will enter grades three through ten this coming fall. Parents of rising sixth, seventh, and ninth graders are especially encouraged to apply. Financial aid is available to qualified families, and there are tuition reductions for families with multiple children

enrolled in the academy.

"This current school year, we have awarded over \$82,000 in tuition grants to help families with the cost of tuition," said David Murray, chairman of the board of trustees. "We will work with families as best we can to see that cost alone is not the reason any deserving student does not have the opportunity to attend Augsburg and benefit from its world-class educational experience."

For more information, please contact the academy office at 240.786.0283 or visit the academy web site www.AugsburgAcademy.net.

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Augsburg Academy Announces Scholarship Contest

It's not too early to be thinking about school choices for the 2010-2011 school year, and once again, Augsburg Academy is offering families an opportunity to win a full-tuition grant for the coming school year. A simple online entry or call to the academy will register any family for the drawing, to be held in March 2010.

For the past three years, Augsburg Academy has offered this contest to families in Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia with children in pre-kindergarten through 10th grade. This

year, that tradition continues, with a new addition—a second drawing for a one-half tuition grant in May 2010.

"In the past, we have drawn for a single full-tuition grant in May," said Pastor Art Hebbeler, head of schools. "But this year, with the many challenges in the economy, we thought it wise to offer a second, partial grant, to those who might be helped by that as well."

Complete details are on the academy's web site (www.AugsburgAcademy.net). There is no cost or obligation in order to enter.

Information is also available by calling the school at 240.786.0283.

"We strongly urge interested parents to contact us to schedule an on-site educational consultation," said Hebbeler. "There is no obligation, and we offer this as a service to all families to help them determine the best school for their children. We know the best decisions are made after prayerful and thoughtful consideration of all the opportunities available."

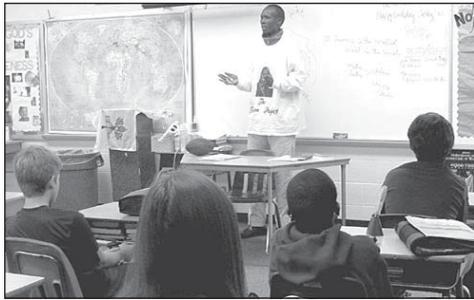
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School News

Moses Brings a Message of Hope to St. Joseph's Catholic School

St. Joseph's School was pleased to host **Moses Agapito** as guest speaker for the middle school students. Moses is one of the "Lost Boys" from Sudan who was forced to flee his native village in 1989 because of the ongoing civil war. Moses spoke about his experiences of survival as a boy in the African wilderness and the long journey he made to Kenya where he lived in a refugee camp for two years before coming to the U.S. through the Refugee Resettlement Program, which placed him in Utica, New York. At 6'7", Moses strikes quite an imposing figure, but the students soon learned of his tremendous capacity for compassion and his will and plight to help those still

suffering in the Sudan. Mr. Agapito made a lasting impression on our students as 7th grade student Tiffany said, "His story is really sad because from the age of eight, he had to wander through the forest,



out of his village, to escape, and he had to test food and see if it was poisonous by checking to see if the monkeys would eat it. It is really

good of him to help the Sudanese children through the difficulties of the civil war." When asked about the presentation, 7th grade student Kayla mentioned, "His talk made me feel sad because he lost so many of his fellow tribesmen, he went starving for days, it must have been scary, but it's great that he survived and that he is trying to help the Sudanese children by founding a school and a clinic." As Moses spoke of his plight and his current work in fundraising towards his noble efforts of founding a boarding school, the students had an overwhelming sense of gratitude for the things they have. 7th grade student Marybeth said, "I feel like I have a lot of things to be grateful for after listening to

Moses." We appreciate our guest speaker and wish him all the best in his efforts to help the unfortunate children of the Sudan.

MLK Middle School News

By Michelle Mariani Williams

MLK's annual Science Fair will be held in the gym on Thursday, January 28, 2010. 6th and 7th graders are required to participate, as well as 8th grade students enrolled in honors courses. However, all students are encouraged to participate. Judging will take place during the school day and the results will be posted during the "Open House" from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. If parents can assist in setting up tables for the fair on Tuesday, January 26th or can assist in judging the projects on January 28th, please contact your child's teacher.

The Center for the Visual and Performing Arts located at Suitland High School will be holding several open houses for interested

students to learn how to apply and audition for this special arts program. The Open House will be held on Thursday, November 19th and Monday, December 7th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. The school is located at 5200 Silver Hill Road. For more information and to download an application, visit the website at www.pgcps.org/~svpa

MLK's PBIS Student Subcommittee introduced the Peace Countdown during the Advisory Assembly on October 21st. The main theme of the assembly was the King Principle "Be Safe." The Peace Countdown will begin in the second quarter and track the number of days without physical conflicts or bullying incidents. The team or teams with the most days of peace will be rewarded at

the end of the quarter.

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animal are in this group.

The first class of animals that they will explore is the mammal. There is a lot of excitement as they learn, through models, pictures and word cards, what kind of mammals there are on the Earth. They learn to identify the different characteristics that make them mammals. Looking through the classroom window, there are plenty of squirrels that go romping around; so they can see first hand one kind of mammal. We will go on to learn about reptiles, birds, amphibians, and fish, as well as beginning our lessons on invertebrates, such as insects.

The Primary class at Paint Branch Montessori School has been busy learning about fall. The children took a nature hike to collect acorns and leaves. The acorns were used in the classroom for different practical life and mathematics activities, and the leaves were used for art projects and cultural studies. Fall is fun, and the chil-

dren are thoroughly enjoying it!

The vast continent of Asia is this year's overarching theme at Paint Branch Montessori School. From Geography and History to language and cooking, students are learning about amazing cultures. In a Global world, this multicultural awareness is essential. Children no older than 11 years can not only find Iraq and Iran on a map, but they can greet in Farsi and even write down a few words. They have also learned several yoga positions, practiced Tai Chi, and performed a choreographed dance to a popular Bollywood song. The year will bring far lands close to home at PBMS.

At Paint Branch Montessori School, we further our studies of Asia by delving into the food culture. We have definitely enjoyed our sessions of cooking. So far, grades 3, 4, 5, and 6 have cooked Thai-fried noodles and Pad-Thai noodles. Needless to say, we had a great time eating our creations. We are all looking forward to our next international meal.



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HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

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CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY FEST

Saturday, December 12, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., for children 8 and under, at Glenn Dale United Methodist Church at Good Luck & Springfield Roads, Glenn Dale. Arts & crafts, cookie baking, story time. Bring brown bag lunch that will be

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Thursday, December 10 through Saturday, December 12 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Warm up your winter evenings with festive music, lovely candlelight, and traditional holiday greens. Local garden clubs will display their decorating skills throughout the house, and area performers will entertain nightly. Light refreshments will be served. Fee: \$3 for adults, \$1 for children ages 6 - 17, children under 5 admitted free.

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Park Airport and then have your picture taken with him. Also enjoy holiday arts and crafts in the museum. Free with museum admission.

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Monday, December 14, 12:30 p.m. at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane.

YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

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

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These events will take place at the Behnke Nurseries garden center at 11300 Baltimore Ave. Call 301.937.1100 for information about these and other workshops.

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Saturdays, December 5, 12, and 19. Times: 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. FREE and open to the public. No reservation required.

DOOR CHARMS WORKSHOPS

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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. Special tips for preparing holiday foods can be found at http://holidayfood-safety.org.

BELTSVILLE LIBRARY

Due to budgetary constraints, the Beltsville Branch Library of the Prince George's County Memorial Library System will close Thursday, December 24, 2009 through Sunday, January 3, 2010 for winter holidays and staff furlough days. During this closure no items will be due. Loan periods will be extended and fines will not accrue. Normal 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 301.037.0294. Visit us at 4319 Sellman Road, Beltsville, next door to the police station. Visit our library system web site at www.pgmls.info.

PROGRAMS FOR EVERYONE

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PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

FRIENDS OF THE BELTSVILLE LIBRARY MEETING

Tuesday, December 1 at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesday, December 15 at 2:00 p.m. Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows's *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*. All welcome. Drop by the library to pick up a copy.

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.

HOLIDAY CONCERT

Monday, December 14 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Enjoy an evening of traditional holiday music performed by the Greenbelt Concert Band. This is a family event. FREE.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE DECORATING

Wednesday, December 16 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. 'Tis the season for cookies! Join us while we decorate Christmas cookies and create beautiful Christmas crafts. All ages welcome. FREE.

HOLIDAY KIDS PLAY DAY

Saturday, December 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents: Need some free time to do last minute shopping? Your kids will have a fun-filled day with crafts, activities, games, and even a snack. Reservation required by Friday, December 18. Ages 5 - 12. FREE.

HOLIDAY BOWL - AREA-WIDE EVENT

Saturday, December 19 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. We'll go bowling at Laurel Bowling Lanes. Ages 13 - 17. Fee: \$15, includes 2 games, shoes, pizza, and a drink.

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STUFF 'N THINGS

I have never set myself up as a critic, well maybe a little, but the new fall TV shows stink. I have looked forward to Tuesdays for NCIS, The mentalist, and now the new show, NCIS La. What a joke. The show jumps around so much it's hard to follow the story, and the actors look alike with their half beards. They shoot more people than the original show however. Then there are so-called comedies with 30 minutes of dull same-old jokes with better-known stars not making it. And last, the news. Have you noticed after every story there are two of three commercials?

Man I am sick of Virginia's elections. Do they have one every six months? The only bright spot is the Jay Leno show. I am sure it is a lot like his late night show but I never could stay awake until eleven thirty. I know if it weren't for the commercials we would have only pay-for-view. So far this

season it may be worth it. Well, maybe the holiday's shows will be better. As for Christmas, if you are looking for a church this season, for whatever reason, Emmanuel Methodist on Cedar lane has a great line up.

I took part in a cornbread cookoff, an annual affair between The Magoons and Raulins. There were eight entries and mine came in second, over my son, who made his from a mix. Mine was from scratch, my regular corn muffin mix, so in fact I won. I did however jazz it up a bit by adding cardamom and mace, a great tasting spice. I have said and written that my recipes are basic. You need to add your talent to them. Chile was on the menu as well. We didn't fair as well, but all were good. The Magoons are my daughter in law's family, and there are a lot of them, so we were outnumbered. I need to add that I think a lot of all of them. They are a great family.

I had a good E-Mail from a lady in Beltsville remarking on my cleaning of CD's. She told me that her husband hangs them from their fig tree to keep the birds out and it works great. This would work well on any type of tree and on your tomato plants to keep away deer and other animals.

I had comments on my lumping all young drivers into a class. I am truly sorry about that, but the ones I see are under 30. Yeah, I know if you are in heavy traffic you need to stay close or everyone will cut in front of you. After a while it's like you are going backwards. My point is blunt. Is something so darn important that you can't wait until you get to a land line to make a call, or do you like risking your life and others to call a friend on Route 95 doing 70 MPH?

Merry Christmas.
Bill Raulin
AKA Bakerbill

ON THE AGENDA

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December 12

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SPEEDING

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bumps. However, the street that feeds into our neighborhood has speed bumps that have destroyed many oil pans and that street is far shorter than mine.

My son's friend is a Maryland State Trooper. When he visits and parks his cruiser in our driveway or across the street, the brake lights from entering and exiting cars could blind you.

I am a chicken. I'm afraid to approach the offending speeders and stop sign runners. I'm worried that calling them out for their reckless, thoughtless behavior will provoke retribution. I fear my car windows would be smashed, or my house will be broken into.

It's a tragic testimony to feel intimidated when there is an ongoing and dangerous situation before us. Out of fear we bend to apathy and complacency. In today's social climate, we cannot fault

ourselves or each other when we lack the courage to be confrontational toward law breakers. The arrogance and entitlement they display seem to be a behavior we have grown accustomed to and ignore because stepping up to the plate will probably have consequences.

There are no easy answers. Perhaps an empty police cruiser strategically parked on dangerous Beltsville streets will help. I believe there is power in numbers — active neighborhoods could be an antidote against dangerous drivers — but when I walk through my neighborhood at 8:00 p.m., the front doors of the houses are tightly shut, the drapes are drawn and not a creature is stirring. It's disheartening to think that everyone is afraid and fearful of what lies outside of their comfortable suburban abodes on a beautiful Sunday evening.

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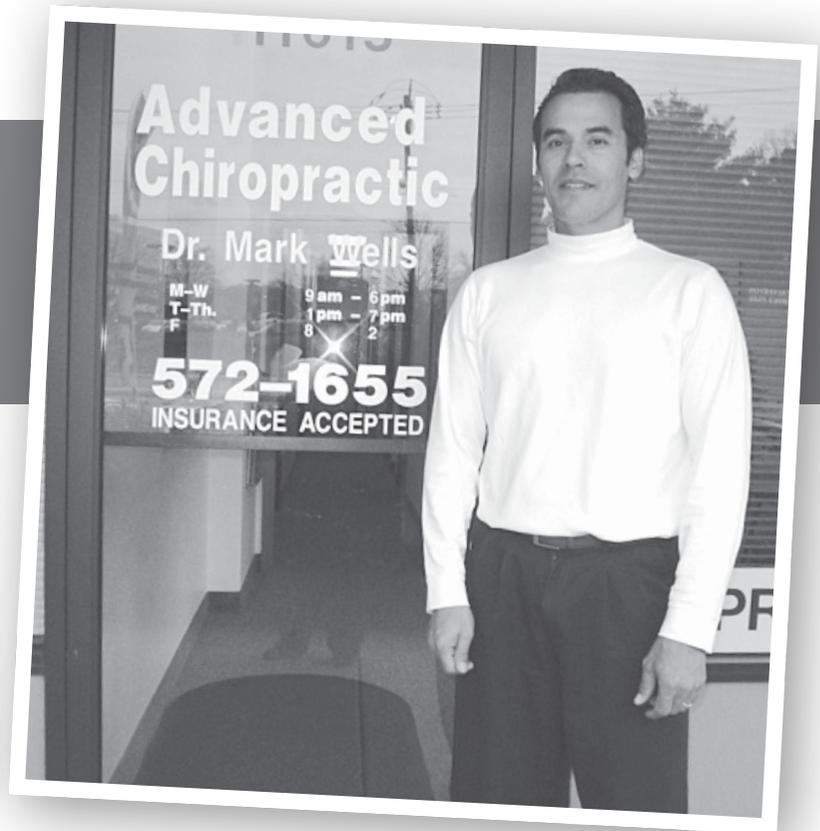
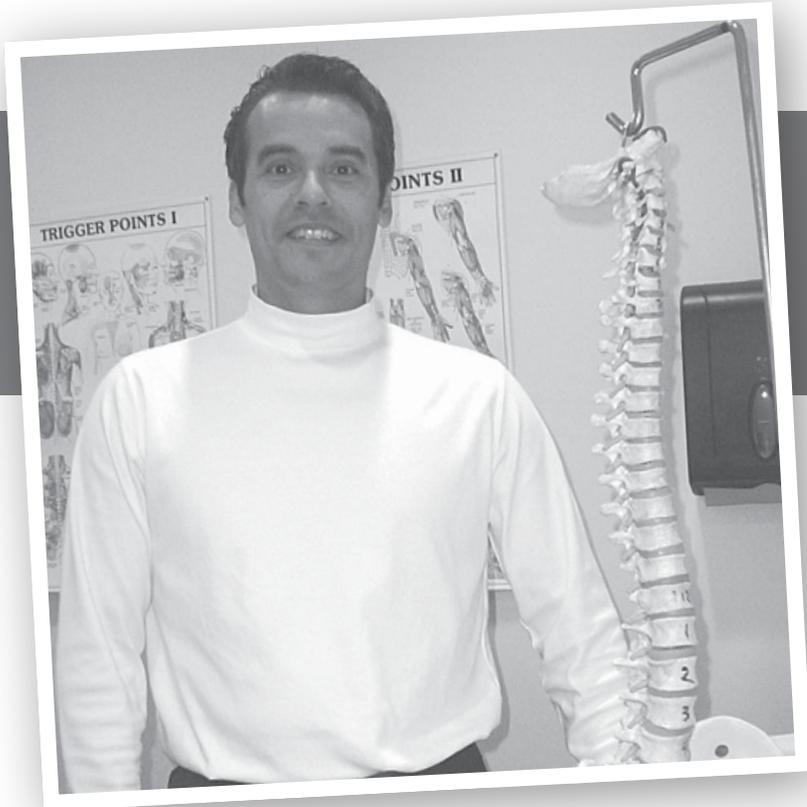
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