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Beltsville Briefs

Basket Bingo
St. Joseph’s Parish will conduct a Basket Bingo on Friday evening, Sept. 13, in the Parish Hall at 11011 Montgomery Road from 7 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. (non-smoking). Come join us for this fun-filled event. Bingo winners will receive specialty baskets, pottery and home accessories. There will be door prizes and raffles too! Tickets are available for $12 (in advance) daily at the school and parish offices, or at the door. Refreshments are available.

Join the Central Maryland Chorale
Do you love to sing? Are you looking for a place to share your talent with others who are passionate about choral music? The Central Maryland Chorale invites YOU to join us. We welcome enthusiastic, dedicated singers who can follow music from a score. No audition is required. Our artistic director is Monica Otal; the assistant director and accompanist is Dr. Theodore Guerrant. This December we will sing Leonard Bernstein’s Chichester Psalms, as well as Schubert’s Magnificat and music of the holiday season. Come refresh your soul and experience the joy and camaraderie that a community chorus provides. Beginning August 26, rehearsals are held every Monday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 PM at the Laurel school and parish offices, or at the door. Refreshments are available.

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A Summer of Champions at Riderwood
Employees follow in footsteps of residents; defend title at regional Erickson Living softball tournament

SILVER SPRING, MD—Timely hitting, a competitive spirit and even a quirky mascot were the keys to victory for the employee softball team of Riderwood retirement community. The squad captured its second consecutive Erickson Living Softball Tournament championship on Saturday, August 3rd at Rockburn Branch Park in Elkridge, Maryland.

The tournament consisted of teams from five Erickson Living communities throughout the mid-Atlantic (Riderwood, Ann’s Choice from Warminter, PA; Charlestown from Catonsville, MD; Oak Crest from Parkville, MD and Greenspring from Springfield, VA).

CHAMPIONS

Cub Scout Pack 1031 Summertime Fun

Cub Pack 1031 has been busy this summer! There are about 25 scouts and they had lots of fun. In June, the scouts played baseball and went to the Bowie Baysox game, where they not only enjoyed the game but the postgame fireworks. In July, six scouts attended the Wild West Cub Scout Day camp, where Daniel S. scored a perfect 50 in the BB competition and Sam D. scored a 49! The scouts were also present at National Night Out and packed a basket for a Basket Bingo on August 26.

The cub scouts and leaders of pack 1031.

Mulch Delivery is Back!

By Gary Bauchan

The Boy Scouts fall mulch delivery is back again this year. Several of our customers have requested the Boy Scouts sell and deliver mulch in the fall and now is the time to place your order. Troop 1033 will have their 11th Annual Fall Flower and Garden Products Fund Raiser on September 21st. The scouts will be selling top quality Behnke chrysanthemums and pansies as well as hardwood and pine mulch, as well as top soil and Leaflag this fall. The pansies were a big seller last year, so we are offering them again. They continue to deliver mums and pansies to your door.

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On the Agenda

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25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

Extracted from the September 1988 issue

October Wedding Planned
Joyce Noelle is planning to marry Anthony Carlisle McAuliffe on October 15, 1988.

Dr. Kotula Receives Award
Dr. Anthony W. Kotula was presented the Meat Research Award by the American Society of Animal Science on July 21, 1988.

Service News
Tim Johnson was recently discharged from active duty with the U.S. Navy.

Dr. Hackett Receives Award
Dr. Kevin Hackett of Beltsville received the Derrick Edward Award for his research in mycoplasmology in Baden, Austria in June, 1988.

Wedding Anniversary
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stanely celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary recently with a trip to Florida.

New Arrivals
George Joseph Senita, son of Emily O’Keefe and Joseph Alexander Senita was born August 2, 1988.

Christian Davis, son of Kelly and Marie McEntire was born July 28, 1988.

Obituaries
Tim Johnson was recently discharged from active duty with the U.S. Navy.

Amber Lynn Payne, daughter of Patricia Jean and Randy Dale Payne was born August 26, 1988.

Anthony Michael Stefanelli, son of Johanna Marie and Samuel Philip Stefanelli was born August 26, 1988.

Kevin Alan Tester, son of Donna Gail and Kevin Andrews Tester was born August 15, 1988.

Letter from the News Director

Hello Everyone,

Let me start by introducing myself, I am Rick Bergmann and I am the new news director. I am a local Beltsville Boy; I grew up in Beltsville Heights and I still go to Beltsville Church. It is a pleasure to be taking over for Ted who has done such a wonderful job for many years.

As you probably know the Beltsville News is a volunteer newspaper that strives to inform our Beltsville Community of all the important news going on each month. I am looking for 2 volunteers to fill positions at the newspaper. The first one I am looking for is a photographer, a person who would be available to go to various events in the area and get photographs for us. You do not need a whole lot of experience for this position but you do need to own your own camera (not a cell phone camera only) and be able to take different kinds of pictures. The other volunteer I am looking for is someone who would be able and willing to translate certain articles each month into Spanish for us. As our neighborhood continues to grow and change, we need to grow and change as well. We would like to make sure that as many Beltsville residents as possible are able to be informed about the community. This job isn’t difficult but will require a fairly quick turnaround time. If you are able to volunteer for either of these positions please email me at editorbvnews@gmail.com.

I look forward to working with the paper and the Beltsville Community.

Sincerely,
Rick Bergmann
Beltsville Welcomes New Business “Carter Gold and Silver”

By: Ivy Christofers

It was a fortunate day for the Beltsville community when Cameron Carter found his ideal location in which to build his jewelry business. Mr. Carter’s jewelry store “Carter Gold and Silver” is located in the Sunrise Plaza across from the Post Office. At this time it is a one man operation, opening in March 2013, but is beginning to grow to the point that Mr. Carter is taking on an apprentice. His store is airy, comfortable and conducive to doing business in a very relaxed, friendly atmosphere. His stock of fine jewelry is very impressive, and he buys and sells gold and silver. The address for Carter Gold and Silver is 10800 Rhode Island Ave. They are open from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday thru Saturday and noon until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Contact them at www.cartergoldandsilver.com or 301-595-GOLD (4653).

The owner, Cameron Carter, was raised in the Baltimore area and has four siblings, two brothers and two sisters. Mr. Carter attended Loehn High School and Baltimore City College. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the Navy and was part of the Navy Academy program. During those years, he spent four years, (1994-1998) defending our country. During his high school years, Mr. Carter worked in the restaurant business and upon leaving the Navy, returned to that business where he toiled for a few years. Looking for a change of pace, Mr. Carter entered into the financial field for a couple of years before returning, once again, to the restaurant business. During that time he kept his hand in financing. Eventually Mr. Carter decided to enter the jewelry business and began a four year apprenticeship under Jose Sanchez, a master jeweler. The opportunity then came to open his own business and we are fortunate that he chose Beltsville. Mr. Carter is a member of Greater Beltsville Business Association. Mr. Carter likes gardening and wood working, really enjoys silver-smithing and loves the outdoors (his favorite sports are mountain biking and snowboarding). He also loves to read, especially historical biographies. Carter’s faithful companion is his 14 year old dog, a vizsla named Roxie. We would like to welcome Mr. Carter to Beltsville. Stop by “Carter Gold and Silver” and say hi today.

Beltsville Business News

Great Breakfast News for Beltsville

TJ’s of Calverton Restaurant is making news with the not so simple process of opening at 8 a.m. daily to serve breakfast. Reports are that one menu item includes eggs, home fries, toast and two outstanding sausage puddies. Give it a try.

Live Video in a Brochure – the next big thing

Up to a 7” video image in a brochure is an innovation capable of promoting the key educational messages such as those needed in the Pharmaceutical and Healthcare industries. Videos can be updated. The brochure-like wrapping for the video package serves to introduce the recipient to the surprises to be found in the video message inside. Karl Kessinger of MPC in College Park creates the Customized V-Screen packages to help expand a company’s market impact. For more info call Karl at 301.220.2111. Karl attended the Aug. 21 Breakfast meeting of the Greater Beltsville Business Association at Cross Creek Golf Club.

Bargains are old news

Remember the old slogan, “Shave and a Haircut – Six Bits?” Well La Shae Hair Design, 4715 Sellman Road, Ste E, is doing the slogan with Fred, a great barber, in the salon offering Haircuts for Men at just $10. Quality service at a price that’s hard to beat.

Friday the 13th Golf at Cross Creek Golf Club

The Beltsville Rotary and the Greater Beltsville Business Assn. teamed up last year on a full house (124 golfers) for their jointly sponsored Greater Beltsville Charity Golf Classic. The proceeds of the affair came in at over $15,000 and the two organizations distributed every dime to Beltsville community organizations. The 2013 Classic is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 13 with high hopes for increased Beltsville Benefits. The committee reports increased support from the Beltsville business community for the home town event. Sharon DeGrouchy and Craig Cooper co-chair the event. Sharon is a realtor with Long and Foster here in Beltsville and Craig is an account executive with CIT Printing and Solutions Solutions. Need a foursome? Call Sharon at 240.417.7364 or go to www.BeltsvilleBusinesses.com to see an online brochure listed on the right side of the home page for details of ways to participate.

This Columnist is the Keynote Speaker at The First European Conference on Information Literacy to be held in Istanbul, Turkey during Oct. 21-24. The Internet picked up on the fact and kept it front and center for about 20 years establishing that I coined the words “Information Literacy” in a submission to the National Commission on Libraries and Information Services for the Information Industry Association in 1974 urging the creation of a Universal Information Literacy program for the country. I was invited to explain why I was 40 years ahead of everyone on a subject that is growing in importance including a whole batch of literacies, including Digital Literacy and Medical Literacy. See www.ecil.com for program details.

Who can sleep with all the light streaming in from the blinds? Blinds and shades are great for providing privacy, but they still do not block out all the light. In fact, some of the “block out” shades don’t block out all the light. The best solution to prevent light gaps and block out the light are draperies lined with a special light blocking backing that can be closed over your blinds. Not only will you sleep more soundly so that you wake up fully rested, but draperies also add an aura of elegance and sophistication to a room.

Will’s Decorating

The design gurus at Will’s Home Decorating (www.decoratemyland.com), Michael Richards and Valerie Kabelac, have found that necessity has forced many of their clients who initially preferred a minimalistic look at their windows to switch to layering draperies over the blinds. According to Michael, “Clients are finding that it is difficult to sleep with so much light coming in when there are only blinds at the window. Draperies are also quite effective at preventing damaging UV rays from fading expensive art work, wood floors and furniture. A few clients have also remarked that they like the idea of drawing draperies because it makes them feel like they are in a hotel. In addition, Valerie notes that with the wide selection of fabrics in varying colors and patterns, draperies are an easy way to bring cohesiveness and flow to a room. Moreover, draperies add style and warmth to a room that you cannot capture with blinds. Stop by Will’s for your FREE drapery consultation with Valerie or Michael today.

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Rosapepe’s Report to Beltsville

By Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-21)

Beltsville Academy’s New Principal, Leslie Lowe

With the help of strong parent and community support, Leslie Lowe was hired as Beltsville Academy’s new principal last month. She was previously the school’s vice principal and her entire 25 year career in education has been right here at Beltsville Academy. She is married with two children and her mother still lives in Calverton in the house where she grew up.

Leslie was born and raised in Prince George’s County and she attended Calverton Elementary, Woodmore Elementary (with her mother who was a Prince George’s teacher), MLK Jr. High, and graduated from High Point High School. She earned her Bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education, as well as a Master’s in Education degree, both from UMCP. She also received a Masters equivalency in Administration and Supervision from UMCP.

Thanks to the PTA, the Beltsville Civic Association, and so many local residents for working hard for Beltsville Academy!

Emergency repairs to High Point High School

Thanks to the notification from Beltsville Civic Association president Karen Coakley and parent leaders, elected officials were alerted to serious conditions at High Point. Working with School Board member Zarbina Epps, County Executive Rushern Baker, and community support, Leslie was able to make a plan for major building improvements at High Point, this is a good step in the right direction.

Sign up for Obama health care plan – October 5th in Laurel

We’ve all read about President Obama’s health care plan – offering working families affordable health insurance that used to be available only to the rich and poor. Now middle class working people can get a break. Starting October 1 working people have more choices. Find out if you or your neighbors or friends can get a break.

Celebrate Recovery at Beltsville

A new community-oriented program has sprung up in Beltsville. Celebrate Recovery has opened its’ doors to the Beltsville community and beyond at Beltsville Seventh day Adventist Church (4200 Amenddale Rd) on Friday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Celebrate Recovery is an international, Christian-based program that extends itself beyond the traditional recovery model. Where most recovery groups deal only in one area of addiction (i.e.-alcohol, drugs, etc.), Celebrate Recovery’s program addresses the traditional areas of addiction and many more life issues, such as eating disorders, food addiction, personality issues, controlling behavior, grieving loss, resentment, anger, sexual & love addiction, co-dependency and more.

Celebrate Recovery at Beltsville consists of a safe, warm and inviting environment. Every Friday, there is a large group lesson study dealing with recovering from an individual’s hurts, habits and hang-ups. Once a month Celebrate Recovery offers a special presentation on different areas of recovery in the large group session. The upcoming special presentation on September 28th will deal with Recovery from Food Addiction and Eating Disorders.

After the large group session, small sharing groups, based on gender, take place in private rooms where participants can reflect and share their thoughts on their recovery progress and the night’s topic. On the first Friday of each month, Celebrate Recovery offers a complimentary dinner to its attendees at 6:15 pm, with the large group session starting at 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery at Beltsville is open and free to the public. They meet in the Beltsville Seventh day Adventist Church’s Fellowship Hall (adjacent to the rear of the building and parking lot). For more information, check out their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/CelebrateRecoveryBeltsville, email the program: CR@MyBACC.org or call the church at 301-937-8118.

Who can sign up?

Legal US residents with middle class or lower incomes who do not have health coverage through their employer or are unemployed.

There are 3 ways to sign up

1) ONLINE

Starting October 1, 2013, you can go online to shop, compare and enroll in one place. You can search by your doctor, health plan or location. WEBSITE: MarylandHealthConnection.gov

2) PHONE

Call Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Representatives are available right now to answer your questions, and they can sign you up over the phone starting October 1, 2013.

CALL: 855.642.8572

3) SIGN UP FOR OCTOBER 5 EVENT IN LAUREL

To make sure folks in our community have the information they need, Delegates Barbara Frush, Joseline Peña-Melnyk, Ben Barnes, and I are hosting an event in Laurel on October 5 for people to sign up and take advantage of it. Health care navigators will be at Laurel High School from 10:00am-4:00pm. Pre-registration is required – call 301.858.3141 to register.

Contact Us

As always, please let us know if there are other issues you have questions or thoughts about. And, of course, feel free to be in touch if we can be of help to you. Just email 21stDistrictDelegation@gmail.com or call 301.858.3141.
2nd Annual Greater Beltsville Charity Golf Classic

Friday, September 13 at Cross Creek Golf Club
12800 Bay Hill Drive, Beltsville, MD 20705

- 8 a.m. Registration/Breakfast
- 9 a.m. Shotgun Start
- 2:30 p.m. Reception/Silent Auction
- 3 p.m. Awards/Banquet

$400 per foursome or $125 per person
includes Breakfast, Golf, Snacks and Banquet
A portion of your donation is tax deductible
All proceeds benefit greater Beltsville charities

Non-Golfers – Attend the Banquet for $35

Door Prizes! (If you wish to donate a door prize, contact drjohn@beltsvilledentalcare.com)

To register, or for more information, contact Sharon DeGrouchy at 240-417-7364 or e-mail Sharon.DeGrouchy@longandfoster.com

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Neighbors in the News

Theater Project Beltsville Commemorates 9/11

Theater Project Beltsville, the community’s new nonprofessional theatre group will present The Guys by Anne Nelson opening Wednesday, September 11, 2013 and running through September 15. Performances are at 8 p.m. with the final Sunday performance at 3 p.m. at Abiding Presence Lutheran Church 10774 Rhode Island Avenue in the Beltsville Professional Center across from the Post Office.

The two character play features Donna Mertens of Beltsville and Ryan Anthony Jones of District Heights. In it, a grieving fire captain who has lost eight of his men in the 9/11 attack, consults a writer for help in preparing the eulogies he plans to deliver at their memorial services, five in one week. In the course of accomplishing this task, the two characters who had been strangers to each other, come to learn and understand the ways in which each of them grieves the attack, the lost lives, and terrible destruction not only of property but of hearts. They come to consider the way in which this event has so drastically changed the way America thinks and lives.

After each performance of The Guys, which is a one act play, the audience will be invited to a “talk back” - a discussion with the director and actors about the attack and what it means to us all.

Admission, at the door, is $10 with seniors, students, and military paying $8; local first responders (fire, police, and EMS) will be admitted to this production free as a way of honoring the important, dangerous work they do for all of us.

Theater Project Beltsville is an outreach program of Abiding Presence, which seeks to provide opportunities for the Beltsville and neighboring communities to participate in and see modest theatre productions at a modest price. It is the brainchild of Pastor John Na and Franklin Akers whose “day job” is serving as cantor (director of music) for the church.

It should be emphasized here that this is a strictly secular program - not an evangelical one. It is our gift to the community. Each season will consist of two productions, fall and spring, of rarely produced plays, new plays, and classics. New script submissions are welcomed, and residents of Beltsville and its neighbors are encouraged to participate both on stage and off.

Auditions for the spring 2014 production of one acts by George Bernard Shaw are to be announced in a future issue of this paper.

For more information about the group and its plans for the future, please email frank.akers@comcast.net, or call at 240.391.6416 and leave a voice mail message.

Fostering dogs for adoption: A good option?

Do you have the right stuff to become a foster parent to a pet in need? If so, your county shelter, Prince George Animal Shelter, may be able to put your loving talents to good use as a foster family for one of their more vulnerable dogs or cats. Fostering is serious business and needs to be well thought-out, but can be extremely rewarding and fun too.

With local animal shelters brimming with homeless pets, staff and volunteers are working hard to care for all their guests. But occasionally, there’s a dog or cat who needs more attention in a real home as a stepping stone to their happily ever after.

If you are interested please contact, Christina at camauncy@co.pg.md.us or 301.780.7219.

Visit our website at www.princegeorgespets4us.com. We are located at 3750 Brown Station Road Upper Marlboro, MD 20772. Call us at 301.780.7200.
Neighbours in the News

Make New Friends But Keep the Old
Twelve Years of Girl Scouting Comes to an End

By Julia and Gloria O’Brien

Girl Scout Troop 4129 got together one last time as Girl Scout sisters at Bistro Francais Restaurant in Georgetown this past summer. Over delicious food, graduating seniors Sara Mast, Rebecca Gurwah, Christina O’Brien, Rachael Sowers, Corinne Paul, and Alexus Ford reminisced about their twelve years of camaraderie and fun together as girl scouts. Under the leadership of Mrs. Debra Mast and Mrs. Gloria O’Brien, these girls grew up with enthusiastic five-year-old daisies and brownies to poised confident graduating ambassadors. As daisies and brownies, they made clay handprints, puppet dolls and scrapbooks together. They learned to pitch a tent and made s’mores over a campfire as juniors. As cadets, they collected three years of Girl Scout cookie profits to treat themselves to a trip to New York. There they saw Wicked on Broadway and visited the Girl Scout Headquarters of America on Fifth Avenue. As ambassadors, they enjoyed going to the annual Scouts Beach Jam in Wildwood, New Jersey where they slept in their hot pink Susan G. Komen tents.

Every year of Girl Scouts, the girls participated in the Service Unit Thinking Night. Presenting their yearly Thinking Night performances along with their other sister girl scout troops brings back some of their fondest memories. Over the years they studied countries including India, Haiti, Puerto Rico, Germany, Turkey, and France as well as states including Alaska, New York, Louisiana, and New England. The girls had tons of fun preparing info posters, typical foods, and songs, skits or dances for each of these countries and states. For their final performance, troop 4129 sang One Direction songs from England and had the younger girl scouts join them on stage in their encore.

The members of this troop have supported their community throughout the years. Some of their favorite service projects included helping out at the National Cherry Blossom Festival for the past five years as well as joining Beltsville sister troops for their yearly holiday sing-a-longs in December at HillHaven Nursing Home. They enjoyed baking cookies at the United Methodist Church and donating them to their Community Café which serves the local home-less men and women. They also donated Girl Scout cookies and served dinner at Elizabeth House Soup Kitchen in Laurel throughout the years.

One of the highlights of the girls’ community service experience was helping Girl Scout Teresa Johnson with her Silver Award project. Together they created up to two hundred small pillows and get well cards for breast cancer patients at Mercy Hospital and hand delivering them to the staff. They also enjoyed collecting and shipping over one hundred books to school libraries in Louisiana affected by Hurricane Katrina. All the girls in the troop earned their bronze award for working on this Hurricane Katrina Books Project.

The girls have received awards throughout the years for these many accomplishments. Girl scouts Sara Mast, Christina O’Brien, Rebecca Gurwah, Rachael Sowers and Teresa Johnson received their silver awards for their individual community service projects. These same girls including Corinne Paul went on to receive their Silver Trofoil Award. This award is presented to those girl scouts who have completed up to one hundred hours of international, local and federal government service as well as Girl Scout council volunteer service.

So what does the future hold for the members of Troop 4129? Corinne Paul, Rebecca Gurwah, and Christina will all be going to the University of Maryland College Park in the fall. Corinne will be majoring in government and politics, Christina will major in dance and biology, and Rebecca will major in biology with the plans of becoming a vet. Sara Mast will be going to UMBC with an interest in psychology. Rachael Sowers will be attending St. Mary’s University and majoring in psychology and then going on to a master’s degree in education. Traveling the farthest will be Alexus who will be going to High Point University in North Carolina where she will major in psychology and theater.

An end of Girl Scout celebrations was held on May 18th at the Beltsville Dome. A slide show of up to four hundred pictures highlighted the girls’ favorite memories was presented. Past troop members as well as girls’ family members attended this event. It was hard to say goodbye after twelve years of friendship, service, and fun together. Girl Scout Rachael Sowers said it best. “Over the years, we have done so much and while most of it is a blur, I will always remember my girl scout friends. Good luck to all the young ladies of Troop 4129.”

Twelve Years of Girl Scouting Comes to an End

The cost for the mums will remain $6.50 per pot. The Boy Scouts will deliver the mulch, top soil, Leaf-Gro, pansies and mums to your home saving you time, energy and gasoline. 33% of your purchase can be deducted from your taxes as a gift to the boy scout troop. The profits from this fund raiser will allow the scouts to participate in the orienteering competition, go cabin camping, go indoor climbing as well as skiing this winter. By purchasing products from Boy Scouts in Beltsville you are supporting an award winning boy scout troop. The deadline for placing your order is September 12, 2013. See our web page at www.bsabeltsville.net or call Gary Bauhan at 301 937 9944 for additional information.

Roofing & Gutters

Mulch

Mulch continued from page 1 will be available in blue, purple, yellow, white and an assortment of colors in full (18 – 4’ pots) and half (9 – 4’ pots) trays. A full tray of pansies will cost $30 and a half tray $16. The Mum color selection includes red, yellow, white, lavender (pink), and bronze (orange).

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Turning the Tide on Childhood Obesity

By Dr. Janey Thornton, USDA Deputy Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services

As the Department of Agriculture’s Deputy Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, I am on a mission to make sure all of our nation’s children have the best possible chance at a healthy life and a bright future. So, I’m very encouraged by some recent news from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): the rate of obesity among low-income pre-school children appears to be declining for the first time in decades.

The declining rates show that our collective efforts—at the Federal, State and community level—are helping to gain ground on childhood obesity, particularly among some of the more vulnerable populations in our country. Low-income children are often at a big disadvantage when it comes to getting the food they need to grow up healthy and strong, which is why the nutrition programs and resources available through USDA are so vital.

Programs like WIC—with its new, healthier food package offerings for pregnant women, breastfeeding mothers and young children, including more fruits and vegetables and more whole grains—and the Child and Adult Care Food Program—with its increasing emphasis on nutrition and physical activity for young children—are making a difference in the lives of millions of children. Our efforts don’t stop there, School-aged children are now getting healthier and more nutritious school meals and snacks, thanks to the support of First Lady Michelle Obama’s Let’s Move! initiative and historic changes implemented under the historic Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act. We’re childhood yoring healthy, local foods in schools through our Farm to School grant program, and we’re improving access to fresh produce and healthy foods for children and families that receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits.

So what can you do to make a change in your home and community? Parents and caregivers can use educational materials like Healthy Eating for Preschoolers and Nutrition and Wellness Tips for Young Children to help teach young children healthy habits from the start. Teachers, principals and school food service professionals can use nutrition education materials like the Great Garden Detective curriculum provided through Team Nutrition to motivate older children to eat healthy and try new foods. Kids can explore MyPlate Kids Place and take the MyPlate Pledge to commit to making healthy food choices at school and at home. And parents, teachers, and kids alike can get active and learn about healthy foods with Let’s Move! in school, at home and in their communities.

Don’t get me wrong—we still have a long way to go before American childhood obesity epidemic is a thing of the past. Far too many—I out of every 8—pre-schoolers are still obese. Unfortunately, obesity in these early years sets the perfect stage for serious health problems throughout the entire lifespan. We at USDA are proud of our ongoing efforts to ensure the health of America’s next generation, and we know that, combined with your efforts at home, we are beginning to see real results in the fight against early childhood obesity.

Dr. Janey Thornton serves as USDA’s Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services Deputy Under Secretary Before coming to USDA, Dr. Thornton served as School Nutrition Director for Hardin County Schools in Elizabethtown, Kentucky and served as president of the 55,000-member School Nutrition Association during the 2006-2007 school year. Learn more about USDA’s efforts to improve child nutrition and visit ChooseMyPlate.gov for quick, easy nutrition and diet tips for families.
Riderwood Announces Appointment of Louis Varella as Associate Executive Director

SILVER SPRING, MD—Riderwood, the Erickson Living retirement community, is happy to announce the appointment of Louis W. Varella as its new Associate Executive Director.

In this leadership position, Mr. Varella will work with administration on campus operations as well as workforce training & development at the 120-acre community that is home to over 2,500 residents and 1,400 employees.

Mr. Varella has twenty-five years of operations and finance experience in the senior living industry. Most recently, he served as the Executive Director of Quincy Village Retirement Community in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania. He has also held regional positions with Marriott International Senior Living Services. Furthermore, he has served on the Board of Trustees for Capital Hospice and the Board of Directors for Montgomery General Hospital, where he represented the hospital on the State of Maryland Hospital Association Executive Committee.

A resident of Hagerstown, MD, Mr. Varella holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Management & Industrial Relations from the University of Rhode Island and an Executive MBA from Averett College in Danville, Virginia.

Riderwood provides a full continuum of care, featuring 1,900 residences in independent living, assisted living, memory-care services, and skilled nursing, assisted living, and other dementia-related services.

Riderwood is located at 3160 Gracefield Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904. For questions or registration information, please contact Abby Dyjack, community outreach coordinator for Riderwood, at 301.572.8461 or abby.dyjack@erickson.com.

More information regarding Mr. Varella can be found at http://www.jenerationshealth.com.

Riderwood Announces Interactive Education Series on Dementia for Family Caregivers

Open to the public, national expert to provide latest information, strategies for compassionate care

SILVER SPRING, MD—Riderwood, the Erickson Living retirement community, will be hosting a three-part series in the fall designed to educate families that have loved ones with dementia.

This interactive discussion series will focus on sharing the latest information as well as best strategies for care.

Jennifer Fitzpatrick of Generations Health Education Inc. will be the keynote speaker for the series. A licensed clinical social worker with over twenty years of experience with older adults, Ms. Fitzpatrick is a nationally-recognized speaker on issues involving dementia. According to the Alzheimer’s Association, more than 15.4 million family and friends provided 17.5 billion hours of care to those with Alzheimer’s and other dementia-related illness.

These events are free and open to the public. The dates, times and topics are as follows:

**Wednesday, September 11th** from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

“The Talk”: Persuasive Strategies for Discussing Options with a Newly Diagnosed Dementia Patient

This program will focus on how and when to broach treatment options, housing and other care issues with a loved one newly diagnosed with dementia.

**Wednesday, October 9th** from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Mom Needs Assisted Living, Now What? — Exploring Options For Seniors On The Long Term Care Continuum

This program will focus on how to choose a community that is the best fit for an older adult based on individual preferences & medical needs.

**Wednesday, November 13th** from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Dementia Caregiving 101: What to Expect & How to Make it Easier

Permanent dementia, including Alzheimer’s disease, is progressive and terminal. Most family caregivers have no idea what to expect when a loved one is diagnosed. This program will give practical tips and a timeline so families can best prepare legally, medically and psychologically.

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in early August where they had a fun “derby” run for kids to try out while handing out information on Cub Scouting. The boys had a great time!

Beginning September 9th weekly meetings will resume. This year there are lots of “fun with a purpose” activities scheduled. These activities include pack camping, Pinewood Derby, hiking and many more.

Cub Scouts is a program for boys from 1st Grade to 5th Grade. Meetings are held at Beltsville Academy on Monday nights during the school year and are open to any boy interested in joining. There are scouts from Beltsville Academy, Calverton Elem., Vansville Elem., and St Joseph’s Catholic School.

If you are interested in having your son join Cub Scouts, please contact the Cub master Kevin D’Eustachio, the committee chair Eric Saathoff or Regina Halper, Charter Organization Rep. You can reach Regina Halper at 301 937-9136 or r.halper2@verizon.net

The “Brownsea Scouts” completed the requirements for their Firem’n Chip and Totin’ Chip which allows them to safely carry and use knives, hatchets and saws and to safely build and maintain camp fires.

The adult leaders who helped make the summer camp possible and enjoyable were Scoutmaster, Rick Deery, Assistant Scoutmaster Eric Saathoff and parent Mike Yarmas. The weather cooperated by having it rain only in the evenings with hot and humid weather during the daytime hours. The food and facilities at Camp Rodney are great, but the counselors and camp staff at Camp Rodney are the greatest!

A special thanks to the residents of Beltsville for your support of the Boy Scouts because your donations and patronage of our spring and fall garden products fundraisers allowed the scouts to attend summer camp. If you have a boy 11 (who has completed the 5th grade) or older and who wishes to join Boy Scouting, Troop 1033 is ready to welcome him and his parents. We meet every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Emmanuel Methodist Church on Cedar Lane in Beltsville.
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OBITUARIES

Mary Louise Scanlan Humbert
Mary Louise Scanlan Humbert, age 89, a resident of Beltsville for 47 years, died July 29, 2013. Mary Louise, the oldest in a family of six children, was born in Ebensburg, PA to Leo and Marie Scanlan on January 5, 1924. She graduated from Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Johnstown, PA in 1945. Her nursing career began with the Visiting Nurses Association in New Brunswick, NJ; and she continued her love of nursing for ten years at Episcopal Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital and George Washington University Hospital.

She was a parishioner of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Beltsville, MD for 47 years and was previously a parishioner of St. John the Baptist De La Salle Catholic Church in Hyattsville, MD. She also volunteered for the P.G. County Mental Health Association for three years.

Her beloved husband of 36 years, William L. Humbert died in 1986. She was a devoted mother of seven children: Bill (Linda) Humbert of Park City, UT; Shirley (Dennis) O’Donnell of Raleigh, NC; Jean (Mark) Schutt of Tampa, FL; Rick Humbert of Grasonville, MD; Carol (Rick) Boettinger of Beltsville, MD; Ron (Debbie) Humbert of Charlottesville, VA; and Catherine (Dale) Delozier of Stafford, VA; a loving grand-mother of 17 grandchildren and several “grand in-laws”, and a proud great-grandmother of three great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brothers: Robert Scanlan of Riverdale, MD; Norbert Scanlan of Stroudsburg, PA; Leonard Scanlan of Stroudsburg, PA; her sister, Dorothy Miller of Parma, OH; her sister-in-law, Helen “Tokey” (Clement) Scanlan, currently of Hagerstown, MD; and she was predeceased by her brother, Clement Scanlan, formerly of Davidsonville, MD, and parents, Leo and Marie Scanlan of Ebensburg, PA.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held before her interment at Fort Lincoln Cemetery. Mary Louise had requested that in lieu of flowers, contributions in her name be made by mail to S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat), 71 ‘O’ St., NW, Washington, DC 20001, or online memorial contributions may be made at: www.some.org.

Bob & Doris Humphrey Celebrate 65 Years of Marriage

By Sherry Ventura

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Humphrey (Bob and Doris) of Beltsville, MD celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, August 7, 2013. Bob and Doris were both born and raised in Beltsville. Bob served in the Navy and has been retired from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture since 1982. Doris worked at the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture prior to getting married and then she stayed home to raise their children and be a homemaker.

They have three children, Gary Humphrey (Loriann), Donald Humphrey (Lynn), and Sherry Ventura (Wilson) and four grandchildren, Shahn, Justin, Donald Jr., and Travis. Robert has one living brother, George Humphrey, also of Beltsville. Doris has three living siblings, a twin brother, Charles Wood of North Beach, MD and two sisters, Mary Saunders and Jean Lynn, both of Georgia. They also have many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Their family celebrated with them at the Olive Grove Restaurant in Linthicum, MD. The family wishes them many more healthy and happy years of marriage. We love you Mom & Dad.
Beltsville Lions held their quarterly blood drive at the Beltsville Community Center on 23 July. The next blood drive is scheduled for Tuesday, 22 October, 3 to 6:30 p.m. at the Beltsville Community Center.

The Lions sponsored their annual yard sale at Behnke Nursery Co. in Beltsville on Saturday, July 27. Club President Rick Zerbe was joined in the effort by Lions Kevin Kennedy, Camillo DiCamillo, Ann & Ted Ladd, Andy Rolle, Ginger Hand, Kurt Straubinger and Mike and Deedee Musachio. Club members were pleased to welcome Lions from the Suburban and Takoma Park Lions Clubs who shopped among the 33 vendors present. Club members would like to express sincere thanks to Stephanie Fleming and the Behnke Nursery Companies, Inc. for their continued support of the Beltsville Lions Club.

The Beltsville Lions participated in a health fair at Beltsville’s Filipino Seventh Day Adventist Church on Sunday, August 4. Lion Ann Ladd greeted those who wanted to be screened for vision and hearing, while Lions Kevin Kennedy, son KJ Kennedy, KL Rick Zerbe, Ted Ladd and Southgate Clinton Lion Mary DeHart performed the screenings. In the three hours of the health fair, Lions screened 56 people and performed a total of 99 vision and hearing screenings.

Lions Club members participated in National Night Out at Beltsville’s District VI headquarters of the Prince George’s County Police on August 6. A crew of Beltsville Lions cooked over 600 hot dogs and perhaps as many hamburgers for a hungry crowd of Beltsville residents that numbered some 3,000. Lots of other food was also available. Meanwhile, several Lions manned the District 22-C Mobile Health Unit and offered vision and hearing screenings. Two of those screened will be provided professional eye exams and glasses by the Club. Special thanks to Lions Kevin Kennedy, Camillo DiCamillo, Mike & Deedee Musachio, Ervin & Mae Whitehead, Ann & Ted Ladd, Angie Cassagnol, Rick Zerbe, Andy Rolle & granddaughters Jocelyn, Jimmy Bello, Kiert Straubinger, Ginger Hand, Shirl Akers, Stephanie Brandon and Alma Pinchotti.

Beltsville Lions Club Activities

Beltsville Briefs

Genealogical Society to Meet

The Prince George’s County Genealogical Society (PGCGS) will meet Wednesday, September 4, at 7 p.m., in the New Carrollton Municipal Building, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway. After a brief business meeting, Tom Jones will present “Can a Complex Research Problem be Solved Solely Online?”

All are welcome to attend this free presentation. For additional information see www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mdpgcgs or call 301.262.2063. The society meets on the first Wednesday of each month from September through June, except for January.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

October 2013: Sharon Hodges “Finding Your Virginia Ancestors”

November 2013: TBD

December 2013: Craig Scott “War of 1812 Research”

Memorial Walk Event near Oakland Manor and Dinosaur Museum Park

The Freestyle Happy Wanderers Walking Club is sponsoring a memorial walk event on Sunday, Sept. 7 at the Montpelier Mansion, 9650 Muirkirk Road, Laurel, Md. The walk will start between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., and finish by 4 p.m. Signs and lanyards with the victim’s names will be featured. The event offers a 5 km and 10 km trail on natural surfaces and along residential sidewalks. For more information, e-mail lynne.haffner@yahoo.com or call 301.490.5850. The walk fee is $3, and children walk free. Enjoy the friendly atmosphere at our walk event.
A Recap of the State Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary

By Ivy Christoffers

The months of July and August have been very busy for yours truly. As the State President for the American Legion Auxiliary the planning and the execution of the state convention has occupied much of my time. The convention was held in Ocean City, MD and began on the 14th of July with a dinner party, which I hosted for 125 people, held at Hooper’s Crab House. It was a great affair that lasted from 3:30 p.m. until 7:30 with fun and games and more than 50 door prizes, including a dozen patriotic beach balls for the youngsters. The next day saw the past Southern Maryland District Presidents meeting for lunch at Coins for great crab cakes and shrimp salad.

On Monday afternoon we had our usual fish fry social at the Ocean City Convention Center. Tuesday began with our last Department Executive Committee meeting for the administrative year and we ended the day with the official joint opening of the Convention. Our guest speaker was the incoming National Commander of the American Legion, Daniel M. Dellinger, who is from our neighboring state, Virginia.

Wednesday morning saw me chairing the American Legion Auxiliary Convention, beginning at 8:00 a.m. It was a most enjoyable and eventful day. Membership awards were presented and elections were held for our 2013-2014 officers and our delegates to the National Convention being held in Houston, TX. Several guest speakers addressed the audience. That evening we had our joint memorial service along with The American Legion. It was a most impressive ceremony.

Thursday we continued with the business sessions and held our very enjoyable Past President’s Parley luncheon. The mayor of Ocean City presented me with a key to the city. The convention ended with the installation of the newly elected officers on Friday after which we had the presentation of the new membership theme for 2013-2014. It is based on exotic felines, with a catch phrase of Members Embracing Our Warriors - M.E.O.W. Those of us in Southern Maryland are Red Tabbies. We will be actively searching out new members to join Unit #217 this year. If you are qualified to become a member of this elite organization that honors our veterans and active military for their service, we want you.

On August 23rd I leave for the National American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary Convention in Houston to return on Sept. 1st. As I am writing this column before I leave, the report of that adventure will have to wait until the next issue.

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Club News

Beltville Lions Annual Banquet and Silent Auction

A friendly reminder that the Beltville Lions will conduct their annual banquet and silent auction in the Grand Ballroom of The Villa, 4060 Powder Mill Road, Beltville, Md. on Wednesday, Oct. 30. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. From 6 to 8 p.m. attendees will be able to bid on a variety of outstanding items. Starting at 8 p.m., a live auction of selected items will be conducted by our usual auctioneer, Past District Governor Bill Lynch of the Laytonsville Lions Club. He’s a laugh a minute.

The banquet is prepared and served by Uptown Caterers. Entrée selections are grilled tenderloin of beef, pan-seared mahi mahi, and chicken Devonshire. Cost per person is $35. You may mail reservation information to Beltville Lions, P.O. Box 252, Beltsville, MD 20705. E-mail BeltvilleLions@aol.com for more information.

Bid on hotel accommodations, meals in great restaurants, jewelry, designer sunglasses, tickets to sporting events, a week at a ski resort, new tools and much more. There will be opportunities to pick up some great holiday gifts.

The Beltville Young at Heart Club

Crabs! The Young at Heart Club loves to eat nice spicy crabs and they did on a crab feast trip to Kentmorr Restaurant. They stopped at the Amish market in Annapolis, before the feast, to buy some goodies to take home. It was a beautiful day to be down by the bay. Prince George’s County Sheriff Melvin High visited the club on August 15. The members enjoyed his presentation about the duties of the Sheriff’s office. Another speaker, Lena spoke to the Young at Heart members about identity theft and how to protect against it. Beltville’s Young at Heart Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Beltville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Road. Everyone is welcome to visit the club. “Love is like glue, supplying the bond to make that which was once broken like new”

National Active and Retired Federal Employees
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Our monthly meeting will be held at the Greenbriar Community Center, Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt on September 11 at 1:30 PM. Speaker not yet engaged, but we will have one.

School News

New Principal Welcomed at St. Joseph’s Regional Catholic School

St. Joseph’s Regional Catholic School is pleased to welcome Mrs. Anne-Marie Miller as its new principal. Mrs. Miller, her husband and four sons have been parishioners of St. Joseph’s and residents of Beltville for four years. Her husband, Dr. Miller, is on the faculty at Catholic University. She has a son attending Catholic University, one at Gonzaga High School and two sons at St. Joseph’s. Both Mrs. Miller and her husband are members of the Secular Order of Franciscans.

Mrs. Miller received a degree in Early Childhood Education from Eastern Michigan University. She has had previous administrative experience in directing five Head Start centers in Ohio. She taught in a multi-language preschool in Israel for one year. She has taught kindergarten at St. Joseph’s for four years. She did in home daycare for seven years. Mrs. Miller brings a wealth of hands-on experience to her new position as principal and the St. Joseph’s community looks forward to the continued academic progress and success of St. Joseph’s Regional Catholic School under her supervision. The school is very proud to be celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

CHAMPIONS

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Battling windy, wet conditions, Team Riderwood advanced through the round robin format to the championship game against Charlestown. A dramatic 8-7 walk-off win in the final inning highlighted a hard-fought game.

“I am very proud of our players,” stated Jason Longwell, Director of Sales, who served as the head coach for Team Riderwood. “We had an enthusiastic attitude and played fundamental softball. We were even motivated by our ‘Fear the Penguin’ mantra, inspired by our lucky mascot.”

“Most importantly, the tournament served as a terrific opportunity to catch-up with our friends from across the region. All of the teams practiced hard to prepare for the competition, and no matter how it turned out, a fun summer-time tradition lived on,” described Coach Longwell.

The employees of Riderwood followed in the championship footsteps of the residents of the Silver Spring-based retirement community. The resident team emerged victorious in the Erickson Living Softball Tournament for residents held in Laurel on June 5th.

About Riderwood: Riderwood is one of sixteen continuing care retirement communities managed by Erickson Living. Located in Silver Spring, Maryland, the scenic 120-acre campus is home to more than 2,500 residents. Riderwood is the ideal greater Washington, D.C. retirement destination offering a true sense of community, convenience beyond compare and a sensible financial structure.
Welcome Back at Beltsville Academy

Beltsville Academy opened its doors on August 10th to almost 1,000 students in grades Pre K through 8 and some changes awaited the boys and girls as they returned. Mrs. Edwards, the principal for the past three years, is now the current principal at Rosaryville Elementary in Upper Marlboro. Beltsville Academy’s new principal is Mrs. Leslie Lowe. Mrs. Lowe was born and raised in PG County and has just begun her 25th year in education, all of them at Beltsville. “I am both honored and humbled to be selected to lead Beltsville Academy. As a strong believer in community schools, I look forward to continuing the traditions that make Beltsville Academy a leader in the academic and social development of our children.”

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The Middle States Association Accreditation Team to Visit High Point

The Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA) will visit High Point High March 31, April 1, 2, and 3, 2014. The Association is a nonprofit, peer-administered organization. MSA provides leadership in educational growth and improvement for its member schools in six states and in the Caribbean, and various regions overseas. The word “accreditation” is derived from middle French, Old Italian usage. The first meaning of its root term is “trustworthiness.”

Since the turn of the century, accreditation has had a major impact on the field of American education. Accreditation responds to the public’s demands for improved quality and greater accountability for schools serving society’s needs. An accredited school can be trusted by the public to be what it claims to be and do what it claims to do. Accreditation rests on the dual concepts of self-regulation and quality improvement. In education, definitions stand for standards of acceptable operation and performance for the schools and organization within it. Thus, accreditation refers to a standard setting and review process. During the next seven months, the High Point staff will take part in a rigorous self-study to determine what the school needs to do to continue to provide a quality education to the students who walk through its doors each day. The staff will revisit the school’s philosophy and mission to insure that it is focused on improving in such areas as education programs, school-based student services, health and safety programs, student activities, information technology resources, school improvement planning, assessment of student learning, climate and organization, and governance and leadership. It will also examine the school’s finances and facilities. These areas of study are referred to as standards by MSA.

Prior to the self-study, all stakeholders must take a survey. Stakeholders include students, teachers, parents, community members and business owners. To ascertain if the school is meeting its goals and plan for the future, the staff will use the data from the survey to evaluate MSA’s 12 standards.

If you want to find out more about the accreditation process or would like to take part in the survey please contact John Lloyd or Thomas Burr at 301-572-6400 or email them atjlloyd@pgcps.org or thomas2.burr@pgcps.org.

Community Carnival at High Point High School

By Daniel Diasgranados, High Point High School’s Student Government President

High Point High School’s community events are in full swing this year! The Student Government Association of High Point will be hosting a public, festive, fun-filled community carnival on Friday, October 4th, from 5pm to 6pm. The event will feature student disc jockey Christian Machado, a member and officer of the student government organization. The carnival will feature exciting and child-friendly activities such as a moon bounce, a dunk tank, face painting and rock climbing. There will be an exciting new addition to this year’s lineup of activities, a student built electric car made by High Point’s Electric car racing team sponsored by science teachers Mr. Daniels and Mr. George. The carnival precedes the football game and follows the school’s annual Pep Rally. The event is open to the community and tickets are only $3-$5. Support High Point by coming out and show your Eagle spirit!
LEMON HERBS
Saturday, Sept. 28 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the North American, Costa Rican, and Asian butterfly exhibit on the Cajun side. Free.

WINGS OF FANCY BUTTERFLY EXHIBIT
Saturday, Sept. 28 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission to the gardens is free. A fee is charged for vendors.

BROOKSIDE GARDENS
Lemon-scented herbs are among the most popular, useful, and fragrant of all the garden herbs. The Beltsville Community Center will demonstrate techniques on using these herbs in teas, recipes, arrangements, and more. Presented by the South Jersey Unit of the Herb Society of America. Free.

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I do research; yeah I do research, come on sing it with me. In the last several months I have noticed roadside flashing signs are popping up all around. So I remembered Congress passed the flashing road signs law and signed by the president. All this came about because about 40 years ago every road side bar had the star burst flashing sign nation wide and not only bars but any business that wanted to impact your driving. I may be wrong but I thought a law passed by Congress is forever until repealed. So why are they coming back? No I admit the signs are not as bad as the old Starburst bar signs, but they are on the road side and they flash, drawing our eyes to changing messages. No I am not suggesting we remove them but what is next, starburst? By the way I learned about the law on Google, just type in “flashing roadside signs.”

I have a good friend that sends me worthy quotes. Here is a good one about getting old. The older we get. The fewer things seem worthy waiting in line for. Here is another one I like, when you are dissatisfied, and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.

Now that Obamacare is about to start, things will change in Medicare. Now the scams will start. I received one in the mail just this week. I cannot write the name of the company but the letter that came with it reads “our company will review all your Medicare records and suggest things better for you. To opt out of this program you must fill out the enclosed form and mail it back.” Hey that’s great until I read the form and realized I do not want this company in my life. The form asks for my name and address, that’s “OK”, my email address and phone, that’s “so-so.” But now it wants my Social Security (SS) number because without it no one can get into your file. As you have heard and read “do not give your SS # to any one” Shred everything that has it on it. Beware of scams like this one.

As you all know I write this article a month in advance. Our family had our annual Crab feast last Sunday and to my surprise and delight the crabs were great full and meaty. Everyone asked where my son, Steve, got them. He said at the bistro in Beltsville. I remarked that’s a liquor store and he said “yea but they sell crabs.” So, I had to go by there to find out for myself. Sure enough they sell them when they have them. According to them they go down to Kent Island every Thursday and bring them back. The word of mouth is doing them well. They are selling out every week. The Bistro is in the building previously occupied by Circuit City in the Route 1 shopping center next to Costco. In my opinion September is the best month for crabs. If you want to check it out I suggest you call in advance to make sure they have some 301.937.5999. With that I am running out of room. Next month we’ll have carrot cake. As always feel free to visit my website at www.bakerbill.net or contact me at bill@bakerbill.net.
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*Evening Worship Activities 6:00pm
Adult Choir Practice 7:00pm

Wednesdays:
*Adult Bible Study & Prayer 7:00pm
RA’s & GA’s (4-yr old - 6th grade) 7:00pm
Youth Fellowship (7th - 12th grade) 7:00pm

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11:15 Traditional Service*
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Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.
—John 3:18

Shine Bright Like A Diamond!
Saturday, Sept. 7 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Join us for a night of jewelry making.
Create necklaces, bracelets, rings, and more.
Materials will be provided. Girls ages 10 – 17.
Free.

Spa Night
Saturday, Sept. 14 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Get pampered and treated like a princess!
Enjoy a manicure or pedicure and a facial to wind down from the long school week.
Also, learn how to make your own beauty products at home! Materials will be provided.

Make It Last Forever
Friday, Sept. 20 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Bring in your old photos and cards to create a scrapbook of a lifetime. Materials will be provided.

Strap Game Club
Mondays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Enjoy board games and strategy games and tons of fun.
All skill levels welcome. Any game can be played as well as brought to the club to be played.
Games include: Small World, Steel Driver, and Age of Industry. Free. All ages.

 Xtreme Teen Regular Events
Fridays and Saturdays from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Free with valid Center ID card.
Ages 13 – 17.

Vansville Community Center
Closed on Monday, Sept. 2 for Labor Day.
Address: 6813 Ammendale Rd., Vansville.
Phone: 301.937.6621. Fax: 301.937.6623.
Spanish line: 301.445.4509.TTY:
301.445.4512. The Director is Jeremy Weiss.
He can be contacted by phone or at Jeremy.Weiss@pgparks.com.
Regular hours of opera-
tion as well as weight room hours for Septem-
ber through April 10 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.,
and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Hours of operation for Xtreme Teens: Fridays and Saturdays from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Gear (Girls Enjoyed About Recreation) hours and events are listed below:

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In the image, there are various services advertised, including lawn care, home repairs, and fencing services. Here is a summary of the services offered:

- **BELTSVILLE LAWN** - For all your lawn and landscaping needs. We offer topsoil and mulch deliveries, tree and shrub trimming, gutter cleaning, yard clean-ups, mowing, thatching, aeration, flower bed edging, and much more. Call Bill 301-455-4494; 12/10.

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- **BELTSVILLE REFUSE SERVICE** - By the job or by the month, Dependable, Reliable. Call Tom at (410) 533-1057.

- **LUIZ’S LAWN SERVICE** - Friendly service with competitive prices! Lawn mowing, Mulching, Gutter cleaning, Spring & Fall cleanup, Snow removal and more! For free estimate call 301-928-6695.

- **CPR & First Aid Training** - We offer day and evening classes every Saturday. Weekdays by appointment only. Please call to sign up No walk-ins accepted 301-529-4569.

- **SCRAP METAL OF ALL KINDS** - A/C units, washer/dryers, lawn furniture, etc. Fire pickup in some cases. Call Speedy @ 301-377-1937. 10/13.


- **MEALS ON WHEELS OF COLLEGE PARK** - serving Beltsville, Adelphi, Berwyn Heights, Greenbelt and College Park - needs volunteers to help pack daily meals for seniors and those who cannot cook for themselves. Also we need drivers Monday thru Friday. Packers work from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Drivers and runners work from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please, we need help. Own’t you volunteer to work one day a week, once or twice a month or whenever you can? Please call Monday thru Friday, 301-474-1002 to help and for more information. 10/13.

- **FRIENDLY SERVICE w/LOW PRICES** - A/C units, washer/dryers, lawn furniture, etc. Fire pickup in some cases. Call Speedy @ 301-377-1937. 10/13.


- **BELTSVILLE & Silver Spring offices** - Friendly service with competitive prices! Lawn mowing, Mulching, Gutter cleaning, Spring & Fall cleanup, Snow removal and more! For free estimate call 301-928-6695.

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- **BRAND new Listing** - 301 Old New Portland Rd., 3 Bedroom, 1.5 Bath, 1,400 sq feet. Call 301-931-3034. 07/14.

- **HOUSE CLEANING** - Professional cleaning, exterior and interior. We specialize in homes, offices, and businesses. We are bonded and insured, free estimates. Mike Smith 301-346-8840. 10/13.

- **TOTO** - A great find! Toto toilet for $395.00. We are a full-service plumbing company. Call 301-953-1341; 301-776-6545. gncpa@verizon.net. 01/14.

- **GARDEN & HOME CENTER** - 301-345-0858.

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- **BELTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT** - 4911 Prince George’s Avenue 240-888-4043.

- **REPAIRS & HOME IMPROVEMENT** - We offer all types of home improvements to your satisfaction. Call Ken Dustin Home: 301-937-2542 or Mobile: 443-354-2502 anytime.
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