Young Area Coach Gives Back to His Community

As a youth, CJ Osuchukwu played both soccer and basketball in Calverton and Beltsville. Lead by Coach Jack Lee, he played both sports with the same group of young men for several years. "Mentors come in all shapes and forms, never failing to provide motivation and inspiration," said CJ. "I was constantly encouraged to challenge myself and have absolute commitment to all that I do."

Presently, CJ is a senior at the University of Wisconsin, Superior, and he plays on the university’s basketball team. One value that remains important to CJ is the importance of giving back to the community.

Local Businessman Receives the Patriotic Employer Award

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Hello, everyone. Fall is here, and things are beginning to change. Over the past few months, I have had a chance to visit with some of the community organizations here in Beltsville and Vansville. It’s great to see so much diversity in our community. One of the perks of being a member of the *Beltsville News* staff is that I get invited to many meetings. As a volunteer, I am unfortunately not able to make all of them, but I try to make many.

I was able to attend three meetings between June and September that were particularly memorable because they were important meetings that unfortunately had very low attendance. I attended a joint session of the Beltsville and Vansville Citizen’s associations in June where our elected officials were there to answer our questions. Attendance was fewer than twenty people. I also attended the Vansville Citizens Association and the Beltsville Citizens Association, and attendance was even lower. Our current political climate is different than anything we have ever seen before, and now is the time to make our voices heard. It starts at the local level. Take advantage of your local organizations; they are the people who get things done. Go to these meetings so that you can be informed about what it is going on in your neighborhood. Don’t just sit back and think somebody else will do it. Get involved and be informed, and you will be a better citizen for it.

Rick

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ham, MD, but moved to Beltsville in 1995. The company began as a one-man firm, but now it has grown to 11 employees. It is now trying to help more local businesses by buying their products and looking for ways to return a portion of its profits to the local community.

Mr. Chung, a Silver Spring resident, graduated from Iowa State University in 1979 with a master’s degree in civil engineering. He is an Asian American (Korean American) and came to the USA for study. He has a wife and two grown children as well as two lovely dogs. He has been in the consulting business in Beltsville for more than 20 years and feels like a part of the Beltsville family. He was presented with a Patriot Award on July 18 by Sam Peebles, Maryland Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) vice-chair in recognition of extraordinary support of his employees serving in the guard and reserve. Army National Guard Spc. Kevin Johnson, a Geotech staff engineer, nominated him for this award. Mr. Peebles had this to say: “Supportive employers like Mr. Chung are critical to maintaining the strength and readiness of our nation’s guard and reserve units. Our National Guard and Reserve members could not perform their military duty without knowing their civilian employer supports them 100 percent.”

According to Chung, “We hired one engineer who just graduated from Virginia Tech. After one year of employment, he decided to join the Army Reserve and left the company for ten months for training. I promised to rehire him when he completed the training. After he completed the Army training, he was looking for a position, which was held previously. Although we had already hired another person for his place, we hired him anyway not only because I promised but he did a good job for the country. He recommended the award to his superior in the Army, and the Army apparently appreciated my decision to hire him again even for a better position. I think, by awarding this citation, the Army is trying to encourage the companies to rehire the former employees for good and the country.”

For more info about Mr. Chung’s firm, go to www.geotechengineersinc.com.

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Neighbours in the News

Mad Cow Grill Restaurant Opening This Fall in Nearby Laurel

By Jim Butcher

Two of our area's finest chefs—Chef Ed Reynoso of Beltville and Chef Neville Nugent of College Park—are teaming up to bring to Northern Prince George's County what promises to become a gourmet's dining destination with an internationally tinged menu featuring to-die-for steaks and half-pound designer burgers created from finest, dry-aged, USDA grade prime beef. Bearing the catchy title "Mad Cow Grill," the area's new feeding and watering hole is projected to open late this fall at 310 Domer Avenue in nearby Laurel.

Both men came by the honorary title "chef" the hard way—they earned it through natural initiative, creative genius, and a tireless work ethic. Ed Reynoso is a Beltville native. He grew up here, has lived on one of Beltville's oldest streets virtually his entire life, and still does. He attended the Beltville Academic Center, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School, and High Point High School, graduating in 1995. He began his culinary journey working part-time as a High Point student at the American Café in what is now the Sheraton Hotel in College Park. Meanwhile, Ed's aggressive defensive tackle play for the High Point football team earned him a full-ride football scholarship at Hampton University in Virginia. Unfortunately, Ed suffered a serious injury playing another sport during his first college semester, thus abruptly ending both his blossoming football career and his full-tuition athletic scholarship.

Not one to shy from adversity, Ed returned to Beltville to pursue a culinary career. He hired on at the Outback Steak House, where his gift for natural leadership quickly earned him promotion to kitchen supervisor. From there, he moved on to the popular Jasper's restaurant in Greenbelt, where he received his first big break in the form of a paid chef internship at the famous Watergate Hotel in Washington. Ed Reynoso was on his way. Following his Watergate internship, Ed landed a stint as sous-chef at the Timothy Dean Restaurant and Bar in the exclusive St. Regis Hotel on K Street.

Ed's career path included the Tommy Douglas Conference Center in Hillandale, MD, and Ray's The Steaks and Ray's Hell Burger of Washington and Northern Virginia. It was there that Ed fell in love with turning out top-of-the-line steaks and burgers and picked up the inspiration to open the Mad Cow Grill.

By the time Ed Reynoso joined the Old Line Bistro in Beltville, he had become what is known in the restaurant trade as an "executive chef," meaning in only slightly exaggerated words "the chef who runs the place." He is rather pleased to have introduced Tuesday night's popular trivia game, which is run by Charm City Trivia of Baltimore. Ed's work at Old Line Bistro earned such accolades as being rated Prince George's County Best Restaurant, Best Happy Hour, and Best Burger.

Chef Neville Nugent and his wife Sandra opened their Unforgettable Flavors Café in College Park in 2003. Neville learned his trade turning out Jamaican food in his father's restaurant in his native Jamaica. It is Nugent who will bring a spark of international cuisine to the newly formed Mad Cow Grill. Before opening the Unforgettable Flavors Café in College Park, Neville honed his skills at the Roti Chef at eatZi's Market and Bakery in Atlanta, GA, the Sous Chef at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, also in Atlanta, and at the Willard Hotel in Washington, DC.

At the close of an interview for this article, Chef Ed kindly offered a preview of the planned Mad Cow Grill menu. A reporter notes an impressively long menu of appetizers, salads, soups, steaks and burgers, entrees, desserts, and much more. If you should visit the Mad Cow Grill for a meal, you will have little call to go away hungry.
Greater Beltsville Business Association (GBBA) Announces its Annual Vendor Expo at Double Tree in Laurel

Double Tree Hotel welcomes GBBA as they host the Annual Vendor Expo! Come and see what the buzz is all about! It is free to attend, and space is available if you or your business would like to showcase by having a table at the event. Tables are $35 for non-members and $25 for members.

NEW YEAR
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Academy resumed on Monday, September 11, with a moment of quiet reflection to remember the victims of September 11 and the hurricanes in Florida and Texas. Our year started off with the Wolf den working on collections and hobbies. The Bear den learned about forensics by doing fingerprinting and learning how to read them. The Webelos finished up earth rocks (geology) as a follow-up to their rock hunt in the creek in August.

For September, we are working on recruiting new scouts, and you will have seen us at most of the back-to-school nights at the local elementary schools and St. Joseph’s Regional Catholic School.

Each year, the pack has activities such as camping, hiking, our annual pinewood derby, and campfires all year long. We also do participatory citizenship along Little Paint Branch Trail, our toy drive, and Scouting for Food. Along the way, we teach responsibility, play games, and have tons of fun.

If you are interested in discovering the fun of Cub Scouts with your son, please contact Regina Halper at Pack1033CubScouting@gmail.com. The cost of scouting for a full year is $120, which will include most of the annual basic book, badge, neckerchief, all advancements, pack dues, and pinewood derby car.

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Cars parked safely in the church parking lot behind the church. Community members are encouraged to decorate their cars and pass out candy.

Trunk-or-treat was started in 2001 after the sniper attacks began around DC. During that terrifying time, children were not allowed to go out during recess, and many parents kept them inside once they got home. The members of Emmanuel felt that, with the safety of their parking lot in the back behind their buildings, they could provide an opportunity for the children to trick-or-treat safely. Each year, more children and their families come out and participate.

The church community loves seeing the children in their costumes. If you would like to hand out candy, please park your car between 5:45 and 6:15. From 6:30 until 7:30, the church asks that you don’t leave to ensure the safety of the trunk-or-treaters. The members of Emmanuel hope to see you and your family this Halloween!
Tech Sense  By John Bell

Phones
This month, I thought it might be nice to look at a technology that is both old and new, the telephone. We all should know that Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone and publicly demonstrated the new technology in 1876. The basic principles of the “copper wire” telephone have remained the same ever since. What many people do not know is that he also demonstrated a light wave-based form of communication in Washington, DC, years before voice was transmitted over radio, a precursor to today’s Internet.

POTS
Today, a phone in your home connected by copper wire is known as a landline because it is physically attached to a wire and typically doesn’t move around. Of course, you may have a wireless handset that allows you to move around the house and talk on your landline. These are connected to the POTS or “Plain Old Telephone Service” infrastructure. POTS is also known as the “Public Switched Telephone Network” or PSTN. In Beltsville, if you have a POTS line, then you are almost certainly a Verizon customer. Verizon does not want to maintain its copper wire POTS network and is trying to get customers to move to its fiber service known as FiOS. FiOS sends information using light waves sent over optical fiber, a special form of glass. In general, fiber can carry more signal than copper, so in addition to phone you can get Internet service and TV transmissions over the same fiber. Fiber is also less expensive to maintain, but many feel that the attraction to leaving copper for fiber is the “green” movement. Fiber is also less expensive to maintain, but many feel that the attraction to leaving copper for fiber is the “green” movement.

Internet Phone
Internet phone companies generally act as a bridge between the VOIP and the PSTN worlds. The standard protocol used to connect internet phones is the session initiation protocol or SIP. Most companies allow free SIP-to-SIP calls to anywhere in the world. For connection to the POTS system, you need a device called an analog telephone adapter or ATA. Many Internet phone companies will provide you with a device that preconfigured to just work. Magic Jack is another “turnkey” service. Magic Jack sells a device that plugs into your computer. Your phone is plugged into the Magic Jack device. Magic Jack costs about $35 and gives free phone service for the first year; this includes long distance. The least expensive services require that you configure the equipment yourself, but they usually provide good instructions for setting things up.

Old Phones on VOIP
Comcast and Verizon allow you to plug your old phones and plug into the phone wiring that is already installed in your house. But what if you want to use another provider? To use your old phones, you will need a device called an analog telephone adapter or ATA. Many Internet phone companies will provide you with a device that is preconfigured for their service. If you want to be able to switch companies, ATAs can be purchased on Amazon for under $50. The ATA will need to be configured for your new Internet phone service provider.

Once you have the ATA, it is connected to a digital signal made of 1’s and 0’s and send the signal over the Internet. Verizon and Comcast both offer phone service over their respective Internet technologies using VOIP technology. The dirty little secret that these companies would prefer that you didn’t know is that if you have Internet you can get your phone service from any phone service provider. You can still use your traditional, in-house analog phones, or you can use a computer, cell phone, or tablet, or a special VOIP phone. Many of these alternate phone services cost as little as $5 to $6 per month and will allow you to transfer your current phone number to the service. Google even offers a phone service free! You may have also heard of Vonage. It is more expensive, but everything is preconfigured to just work. Magic Jack is another “turnkey” service. Magic Jack sells a device that plugs into your computer. Your phone is plugged into the Magic Jack device. Magic Jack costs about $35 and gives free phone service for the first year; this includes long distance. The least expensive services require that you configure the equipment yourself, but they usually provide good instructions for setting things up.

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October bursts forth in the garden!
Big pots of mums, colorful pansies, displays of ornamental cabbage & kale all surrounded by brightly colored gourds and pumpkins, decorative corn bunches, straw bales, and corn shocks. Not to mention it’s a great time to plant shrubs & trees and get your spring blooming bulbs in the ground.

Free Classes in October
more info & sign up at www.benhkes.com under “Events”
• The Birds & Bees: Cleaning, Housing and Feeding for Fall/Winter
• Easy Wreath Making and Porch Pot Basics: Decorating in a Day

Orchid Diagnostic & Repotting Clinic
w/ Carol Allen
October 7, 9:30 to 4:30
October 8, 9:30 to 4:30
October 28, 9:30 to 4:30
October 29, 9:30 to 4:30
Carol’s advice is always FREE. Bring in the plant(s) you are concerned about. She will tell you how to resolve problems, and, for a fee, she will expertly repot them, showing you how.

Bonsai Hands-On Class w/ Jennifer Park
Saturday, October 7, 2:00 to 4:00 pm
Saturday, November 4, 2:00 to 4:00 pm
registration required - www.shop.benhkes.com
fee: $65 - all materials provided
With a focus on care and maintenance, learn all the basics of bonsai design. Select a tree, learn how to transplant, and discover what the art of bonsai is all about as you create your very own bonsai to take home. This is a fully inclusive class.
Rosapepe’s Report to Beltsville

Learn about health insurance choices—October 28

In the legislature this year, we passed a resolution opposing the repeal of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and keeping Medicaid and Medicare, and we set up a watchdog commission to monitor attacks and prepare state action to protect Marylanders.

Despite all the proposals in Congress to repeal the ACA, it’s still in effect, and you can learn how it can help you. Not sure what the ACA covers? Or how to choose the best insurance for your age? Find out at the health insurance literacy event at the Beltsville Branch Library on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 1-3 pm. It’s free and open to the public. Get all your questions answered in time for open enrollment, which starts November 1.

Home repair program for elderly in need—Nov. 1 deadline

Christmas in April = Prince George’s County’s non-dominational volunteer organization that repairs the homes of senior citizens who are low income and physically challenged so they may live in warmth, safety, and independence. After months of planning and preparation, Christmas in April culminates in a one-day repair effort on the last Saturday in April. Participants repaired 82 homes in 2017 with 3,200 volunteers.

There ought to be a law!

Delegates Frush, Peña-Melnyk, Barnes, and I want to hear from you. The best ideas for new laws come from people like you—our constituents. For example, we’ve passed laws to ban panhandling on the roads and to stop landlords from dodging their property taxes—these ideas came directly from local citizens. Do you have ideas for improvements to state law you’d like us to consider? Just let us know your concerns and ideas.

100% pro-environment voting record for 2017

The Maryland League of Conservation Voters issued its report on the 2017 legislative session, and Delegates Barbara Frush, Joseline Peña-Melnyk, Ben Barnes and I were identified as having 100% pro-environment voting records. We made good progress this year—including a statewide ban on fracking, and we voted to oppose the President’s proposal to end funding for the Chesapeake Bay cleanup program. But there is much more to be done to fight global warming, combat Chesapeake Bay pollution, and protect our parks and open space right here in our community.

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 help you. Just email 21stDistrict Delegation@gmail.com or call 301.858.3141.

9/11 Hijackers Frequent Beltsville:

The Preparation for Flight 77: Their Steps before the Attack on the Pentagon

The attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, in September 2001, were the most audacious and successful terrorist acts ever mounted.

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Now a new book, The Preparation for Flight 77, looks specifically at those behind the Flight 77 attack. It also describes how these men arrived in America and where they gathered prior to 9/11.

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The Preparation for Flight 77, by former Beltsville resident Erik Sellin, is currently available as an e-book and audio CD. A Spanish version of the e-book and digital download audio version will be available in September 2017, just prior to the 16th anniversary of the attacks. Please visit http://www.classiccedbooks.com/flight77.
In the culmination of a long-standing pursuit to better serve the healthcare needs of Prince George’s County, the University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS) is pleased to formally affiliate with Dimensions Healthcare System, which will now be known as University of Maryland Capital Region Health. All Dimensions entities have been renamed to reflect their affiliation with UMMS, which, in partnership with the University of Maryland School of Medicine, is privileged to usher in a historic period of healthcare transformation and discovery-based medicine for the citizens of Prince George’s County and the neighboring Southern Maryland region.

“Today marks the dawn of a new era,” said Robert A. Chrencik, MBA, CPA, president and chief executive officer, UMMS. “This milestone has been years in the making, and we now begin our journey to extend our mission to our neighbors beyond the Prince George’s County line. This is a movement that will cross Maryland through a university-based health system focused on delivering the highest quality patient care, discovering new cures and treatments, and educating tomorrow’s doctors, nurses and healthcare professionals for our state.” UMMS, in partnership with the University of Maryland School of Medicine, and UCM Capital Region Health will work diligently together toward improving the health of the population.

Strategic goals include:

• Expanding access for primary/community care, specialty care, and other healthcare services to the population to reduce healthcare disparities and improve health status
• Strengthening the care continuum from primary/community care through post-acute care
• Facilitating investment in outpatient practices and health education programs to manage chronic diseases
• Broadening access to discovery-based medicine
• Attracting residents of Prince George’s County and Southern Maryland region who now receive care in new hospitals outside the county

“Beyond the benefits to our patients, by becoming a part of the University of Maryland Medical System, we are keenly attuned to the necessity to become more efficient and financially viable in an evolving healthcare environment in an environment that is focused on population health and prevention,” said Neil J. Moore, president and chief executive officer, University of Maryland Capital Region Health. “We are eternally grateful to our partners at the state and local level whose investments have guaranteed the uninterrupted availability of patient care services over the years.”

University of Maryland Capital Region Health also seeks to serve as a catalyst for redevelopment and economic growth in the county, including the Largo region, with the construction of the University of Maryland Capital Region Medical Center (to replace the current Prince George’s Hospital Center in Cheverly) slated for groundbreaking later this year and an opening in 2021. Additionally, a multidisciplinary strategic planning work group of community leaders, University of Maryland School of Medicine faculty experts, local elected officials, hospital employees, EMS providers, and community physicians have made recommendations to UMMS to modernize and transform the University of Maryland Laurel Regional Hospital. Significant investments in Laurel are proposed to enhance the range, quality, and caliber of services offered, with special consideration for robust, around-the-clock emergency care including critical care with regional and medical observation up to 48 hours, behavioral health, outpatient surgery, and other services to revitalize the Laurel campus and make it a destination for high-quality healthcare. University of Maryland Capital Region Health will also evaluate opportunities for expansion of services offered by the University of Maryland Bowie Health Center.

“For decades, too many Prince Georgians have left the county for medical care and hospitalization. The time has come to bring our residents back and engender their full confidence in the quality and expertise of healthcare options right here at home,” said Bradford Seamon, chairman of the board of directors of University of Maryland Capital Region Health. A seven-member interim board will oversee the transition of the new regional healthcare system. Per the terms of the affiliation agreement, the interim board will be replaced in January 2019 with a 17-to-21-member permanent Board of Directors of the University of Maryland Capital Region Health Board of Directors with representation from Prince George’s County and the Southern Maryland region.

All entities associated with Dimensions Healthcare System have been renamed to reflect their affiliation with the University of Maryland Medical System, including:
• University of Maryland Prince George’s Hospital Center (UM PGHC)
• University of Maryland Laurel Regional Hospital
• University of Maryland Bowie Health Center
• University of Maryland Family Health & Wellness centers, with locations in Cheverly and Suitland
• University of Maryland Health & Wellness Center in Laurel

The formation of the new regional healthcare system to serve residents of Prince George’s County and the surrounding region dates back to 2010 when multiple partners including Prince George’s County, the state of Maryland, the University System of Maryland, the University of Maryland Medical System, and Dimensions Healthcare System formally initiated discussions about the future of healthcare in Prince George’s County. A memorandum of understanding was signed in the summer of 2011 to develop a comprehensive plan for strengthening healthcare in the county.

“Bringing world-class, discovery-based medicine to Prince George’s County is a testament to the mission of the University of Maryland School of Medicine in our state,” said UM School of Medicine Dean E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA, who is also the vice president for medical affairs, University of Maryland, and the John Z. and Akiko K. Bowers Distinguished Professor. “Our tradition of innovation and clinical excellence will continue to make its mark as we more firmly solidify our presence and contributions to Prince George’s County and the neighboring Capital Region.”

In the fall of 2011, the University of Maryland School of Public Health was engaged to conduct a public health impact study including population needs and impact of a potential new healthcare delivery system. The resulting report, “Transforming Health in Prince George’s County, Maryland: A Public Health Impact Study,” was released, calling for an innovative new system to improve healthcare in the county. Among the report’s findings: Prince George’s residents suffered from higher rates of chronic diseases including diabetes, heart...
Collaring the Mice That Carry Lyme Disease-Causing Ticks

White-footed mice in Howard County, MD, are being collared as part of a study to improve control of the ticks that spread Lyme disease. The mouse-collaring research, never before done in Maryland, is a partnership of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS), Howard County Department of Recreation & Parks (HCPR), and University of Maryland (UMD).

The mouse tracking is part of a larger, five-year ARS Tick Management Project evaluating the use of minimal pesticide or integrated pest management methods to lower the number of black-legged ticks. Some of those ticks carry Lyme disease-causing bacteria and are around single-family yards and gardens adjacent to large Howard County parks.

While ticks that spread Lyme disease are commonly thought of in connection with deer, it is from infected, white-footed mice that these ticks usually acquire Borrelia burgdorferi, the bacteria responsible for the disease.

Starting today, an ARS and UMD team led by UMD graduate assistant Grace Hummell will live trap ten mice (5 males and 5 females) at each of four sites, using food and cotton, which is attractive nesting material, as bait. The four sites are near Cedar Lane Park, Middle Patuxent Environmental Area, Centennial Park, and Rockburn Park.

Entomologist Andrew Li, with the ARS Invasive Insect Biocontrol & Behavior Laboratory in Beltsville, MD, who coordinates the Tick Management Project, wants the data to better understand how white-footed mice respond to the Tick Management Project, Beltsville, MD, who coordinates the Tick Management Project, and Rockburn Park.

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Beltville Native Serves Aboard Guided Missile Cruiser in Japan

By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Tim Miller, Navy Office of Community Outreach

A Beltsville, MD, native and 2012 High Point High School graduate is serving in the US Navy aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Chancellorsville.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Zahrina Hutchins is a logistics specialist aboard the forward-deployed, Ticonderoga-class guided missile cruiser operating out of Yokosuka, Japan. Chancellorsville is one of three cruisers forward-deployed in Yokosuka.

A Navy logistics specialist is responsible for purchasing and procurement, shipping and receiving, and issuing equipment, tools, consumable items, or anything else obtained through the naval supply system.

“Growing up, I learned from my brother to always follow through with what I start, even if I don’t like it, which helps in my Navy career,” said Hutchins.

With more than 50 percent of the world’s shipping tonnage and a third of the world’s crude oil passing through the region, the United States has historic and enduring interests in this part of the world.

“Our alliance is rooted in shared interests and shared values,” said Admiral Harry Harris, commander, U.S. Pacific Command. “It’s not hyperbole to say that the entire world has benefitted from the U.S.-Japan alliance. While our alliance helped stabilize the region after the Second World War, it also enabled the Japanese people to bring about an era of unprecedented economic growth. And for the last six decades, our soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen have worked side by side with the Japan Self Defense Force to protect and advance peace and freedom.”

Approximately 300 men and women serve aboard the ship. Their jobs are highly specialized and keep each part of the cruiser running smoothly, according to Navy officials. They do everything from maintaining gas turbine engines and operating the highly sophisticated Aegis weapons system to driving the ship and operating small boats.

Forward-deployed sailors are crucial to the success of the global Navy mission and earn high praise from their leaders.

“I really enjoy the culture and experiences in Japan. I’m the first person in my family to join the military, and I believe I made a great choice,” said Hutchins.

“I’m proud of the fact that I’m able to be self-sufficient. Additionally, finishing my degree in psychology during my time in the Navy is a great accomplishment.”

Sailors serving aboard in Japan are highly motivated and quickly adapt to changing conditions, explained Navy officials.

“We get to do things that most people never have the opportunity to do,” added Hutchins. “It’s an honor to work with different people from all over the world.”

A Navy cruiser is a multi-mission ship that can operate independently or as part of a larger group of ships at sea. The ship is equipped with a vertical launching system, Tomahawk missiles, torpedoes, guns and Phalanx close-in weapons systems.

Sailors play a vital role in the overall military mission around the world.

“The U.S.-Japan alliance remains the cornerstone for peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region,” said Harris.

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Club News

American Legion Auxiliary Helping Hurricane Victims

By Ivy Christoffers

With several of our auxiliary members being affected by the disastrous hurricanes, many will be assisted by obtaining grants from our Auxiliary Emergency Fund, which will address immediate needs. There are clubs in MD that are helping to fill trucks with donated items to send to Texas and Florida victims of Harvey’s and Irma’s wrath. Is it just me, or does it seem that our natural disasters are more frequent and more deadly than they used to be? Who can argue that global warming is not an issue? Why are there at least 12 hurricanes each year in the Atlantic Ocean and only 2 or 3 in the Pacific? The inquiring mind wants to know.

Fall is finally here; the children are back in school, so be ever vigilant as you travel about. The vibrant colors of the season will soon be providing great visual treats for our eyes. The reds, golds, and greens blend and give shades in between so beautiful to behold. All that and football too.

The National American Legion Auxiliary convention held in Reno was a mixed bag. For some, it was a great time, but for others, it proved very difficult. Several suffered illnesses and hospitalizations on this trip. The trip was my 27th national convention, and somehow I picked up a very nasty bug that hospitalized me for three days on my return. Other than that, Reno was a great time to reconnect and catch up with friends from all across the country.

On Saturday, August 16, Denise Ferland and I traveled to Charlotte Hall Veterans Home to entertain our veterans at their summer carnival. The theme was a circus. The gym was decorated as a big top filled with clowns, ringleaders, circus games, and goodie galore. Everyone had a great time. Young Marine cadets served as escorts for the wheelchair patients.

Our first Southern Maryland District meeting for the 2018 year was held on Sunday, August 17, at Suitland post #196, and unit #217 was the recipient of 6 awards for our efforts during the 2017 year. It is always nice to be recognized for what we have accomplished on behalf of our veterans, our youth, and our community. Our administrative year runs from August to July of the next year because our convention is held in the middle of July each year.

Our fall convention will be held September 22-24 at Clopper–Michael Post #10 in Boonsboro, MD. The conference is where all the programs are presented to our members, and the fun and fellowship are enjoyed. Our membership theme for 2018 is based on a red barn full of animals. It is providing great fun for the members because each of our seven districts is a different animal. We, in Southern Maryland, are thoroughbred horses. A membership drive is being held, and if you are qualified, we invite you to come on board and join in the fun we have while honoring our veterans.

Pause in your day to remember the victims of Sept. 11 and also to honor our POW/MIA Recognition Day on Sept. 15. Several special veteran recognition days are coming in the next few weeks, so remember to show your support and gratitude to our nation’s true heroes. It is our Armed Forces and not our politicians that we thank for our freedoms.

We still have our bingo games on Tuesday and Wednesday at noon, our Friday night dinner/dances, and our special functions held in our lounge each month. All of our events are open to the public, so come and enjoy yourself. If you have plans for a retirement party, birthday party, corporate event, wedding reception, or another special occasion, why not call Gary Kengery at 301.441.2783 to see how we can help ensure its success.

May God continue to bless America and hold safe our troops serving around the world in the quest for lasting peace.

The Beltsville Garden Club

By Suzette Agans

The Beltsville Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, October 25, 2017, at 7:30 pm in the multipurpose room in the Beltsville Elementary School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville, MD.

Please join us for a program titled Magnolia Assets. Understanding the Need for Conservation. Kevin Conrad will talk about the Ash magnolia tree, an endangered species endemic to the Florida Panhandle. He is considered by many to be the garden aristocrat. Kevin Conrad is the curator of the germplasm program for the U.S. National Arboretum, a program responsible for the conservation of over 200 genera. Mr. Conrad has worked for the National Arboretum for 24 years in various capacities including herbarium collections manager and assistant curator of the Asian Collections. He has extensive experience in domestic and international plant collecting including work in China, Russia, and Azerbaijan.

The public is welcome, and admission is free. You are encouraged to bring something to exchange: a plant, cutting, or garden tool, or magazine. Bring something, take something! Refreshments will be served after the talk.

To learn more about the Beltsville Garden Club, visit www.beltsvillegardenclub.org, or like us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/beltsvillegardenclub.

The Beltsville Young at Heart Club

By Barbara Schofield

The Young at Heart Club’s last trip of the year will be to see Home for the Holidays at the American Music Theatre in Lancaster, PA, on Thursday, November 30. There will be a family style lunch at Hershey Farm Restaurant. The price will be $100 per person. We are holding our Thanksgiving luncheon, catered by Bill Milles, at the First United Methodist Church of Laurel. If you plan to attend, you must sign up and be a member in good standing with your dues paid. Any guests will need to pay for the luncheon. Remember these words by Mother Theresa: “Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.”

Holiday Food, Gift & Fund Raising Program 2017

The Women’s Community Club of Beltsville is again coordinating our holiday food and gift programs as well as fund raising for our other important projects. We are asking Beltsville businesses, schools, service organizations, social clubs, churches, and individuals to help us provide food and gifts to needy families within our community for the holidays as well as funds for our other important projects. At Thanksgiving, we provide a meal for the entire family. At Christmas, we not only provide a holiday meal, but we also provide presents for children. Monetary contributions and store gift cards are also appreciated. You or your organizations are welcome to sponsor a child or family. As a certified 501-3C organization, all contributions are tax deductible. Monetary contributions and gift cards can be mailed to: Women’s Community Club of Beltsville, C/o Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705. Contact Karen Cooley at karencooley@gmail.com or 301.977.3490.

The Prince George’s County Genealogical Society

By Dorothy Dantoni

The Prince George’s County Genealogical Society will meet on Wednesday, October 4, at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Baltimore Pike, Beltsville, MD 20764 at 7 pm.

The guest speaker, Nancy Lauer, author and award-winning writer, will talk about the road to publication. Learn methods on how to write your family history and even how to get it published. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.
Church News

The Blessing of Pets and Animals Is Back!

By Pastor Jacob Young, Ph.D.

On Sunday, October 15 at 2 pm, Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, will host its annual Blessing of the Animals service again in the front yard of the church. If it rains, we will hold the service inside the church sanctuary. Everyone is welcome as long as you love and have an animal. Bring your pet or a picture of your pet, but please make sure that dogs are on a leash and cats and smaller animals are in a cage or otherwise restrained.

The animal blessing is a special ceremony conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi’s love for all creatures. St. Francis considered animals to be his brothers and sisters, saying “All praise to you, O Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures.” For many people, their pet is a member of their family. Animals experience emotions such as happiness, love, fear, or loneliness just like people do. So they build close, emotional bonds with human beings.

In addition to the influence of St. Francis of Assisi, one can find a good example of animal blessings in the Bible. When the earth was about to be flooded with water, God asked Noah to build an ark and put pairs of animals in it. The story of the ark teaches us that human beings are supposed to coexist with the companionship of animals. The animals and Noah’s

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Calverton Baptist Church Celebrates 50th Anniversary

The Calverton Baptist Church, located at Fairland Road and Galway Drive in the Calverton community, will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Sunday, October 15, 2017, starting at 9 am and continuing into the afternoon with planned events.

When the community of Calverton was established, the developers realized that to make the community complete a church was needed to meet the spiritual needs of the residents. Therefore, the developer set aside land for the purpose of building a church. In October 1966, Montrose, Berwyn, Beltsville, Kensingston, and Burtonsville Baptist churches committed themselves to establishing a chapel to become the church to be built on that property. The first preliminary meeting was held in the Calverton Baptist Church on November 23, 1966, with 35 people in attendance. The very first meeting as a chapel was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Starigall on January 10, 1967, with 17 people in worship.

The Calverton Baptist Chapel met in the Galway Elementary School while the church was being built on its current site. The church was constituted October 19, 1969, and was recognized as a new church at the annual meeting of the Baptist Convention of Maryland on November 11, 1969.

On July 10, 1967, Rev. Charles Casey was called to be the pastor, and he served until July 1, 1979.

The Youth Group of Emmanuel United Methodist Church will be hosting a community Halloween party for children from prekindergarten to 6th grade on Sunday, October 29, from 4-6 pm. There will be games, prizes, a costume contest, food, and more! The youth would like you and your family to join them for this fun and family-friendly event. Emmanuel is located at 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705. For more information, go to www.eumcbeltsville.com or contact the church office@eumcbeltsville.com or 301.937.7114.

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This month my recipe is a simple one, pumpkin pie. Make note of this section because this is a list of what you will need to buy at the store. Pick up the following:

- frozen, ready-made pie shells (in the frozen food section)
- a can of solid-packed pumpkin (not the ready mix)
- eggs
- pumpkin pie spice (in the spice section)
- a large can of Pet milk.
- corn starch

Let me explain about some of the ingredients. Making pie dough is hard to get right. If a crack develops in the shell then it will blow, just seal it with your fingers. Solid-packed pumpkin is best; if you get the ready mix, you still need to add eggs and milk. A small jar of pumpkin pie spice is all that you need to make pumpkin pie taste good. Any milk will work, but the canned milk makes the filling smoother.

Here we go. Move the oven shelf to the center and pre-heat the oven to 375 degrees.

Place a solid-packed can of pumpkin in a medium bowl and add 1/2 cup sugar and 2 eggs. Beat this a bit. Next, add 3 level tablespoons of corn starch, a heaping teaspoon of pumpkin pie spice, and stir in the milk. Stir it well; do not whip, just stir. Now, ladle filling into the pie shell full to the top. Try not to spill it. Place the pie on the center oven shelf, close the oven door, and set a timer for one hour. Do not open the door for one hour. By then, the pie will have domed up and maybe browned on the edges. That’s ok. Take it out of the oven after an hour and let it cool. Do not try to serve it hot.

You will have filling left, I suggest using a greased cupcake pan or one with paper inners and bake after the pie. Try making the pie a couple of times before the holidays to work out kinks. Trust me, don’t let the volume of words confuse you; it is simple to make.

This is the first of the holiday recipes. Next month, I will give you the recipe for cut-out cookies followed by fruitcake the following month, the best you will ever tasted.

If you need to contact me, look up Bill Raulin in the Berkshire Gardens phone book or e-mail me at bill@bakerbill.net.

Soapbox time! The TV is pushing ceramic cooking and baking pans. All show a nonstick service. My tip is to be sure to add Pam spray to your shopping list. Yeah, I fell for these pans a few years ago. Never mind that the commercial says you will save close to thirty bucks. But I did use the ceramic pans a lot on my outdoor grill.

Baker Bill

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bait boxes that include tick treatments like topical insecticides.

“We need a scientific basis for where we put the bait boxes so we can have a sound expectation that mice will get enough acaricide to kill the ticks,” said Li. Understanding the home range and activity pattern of mice will help improve host-targeted tick control.”

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family were able to start a new world together. God created the world in a way that allows human beings to live together with animals. In this sense, the blessing of the animals is justifiable biblically and theologically.

We look forward to seeing the animals and their owners at this unique service. I hope that the love of animals will be amplified throughout the community. If you have questions, please contact the church office at 301.937.7114 or office@queenchapelbeltsville.com.

Let me conclude with the Franciscan prayer of animal blessing: “Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this pet. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen.”
back to his community. He now volunteers as a basketball coach with the same unwavering dedication, selflessness, and passion to the sport that his former coaches expressed in his youth. CJ Osuchukwu's journey is a great reminder that team sports can have a lifelong influence. Local volunteer coaches provide their knowledge about sports, but they also are positive influences for youth, showing them what it means to be model citizens, team players, and leaders in their communities.

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entire process and the transformation coming to your neighborhood hospital! Mayor Moe, Councilwoman Lehman, Senator Rosa-Pepe, and Delegates Pena-Melnky and Barnes have led the charge to save Laurel Regional Hospital.

There will be a domestic violence safety workshop on Thursday, October 28, from 7-9 pm at Martin Luther King, Jr., Middle School. State’s Attorney Angela Alsobrooks, Lt. Matt Barba from the police department, and representatives from the county Family Justice Center will be our featured speakers at the workshop. The sponsors of the workshop are Councilwoman Mary Lehman, Police District 6, and the CAC for District 6. Let’s stop the cycle of violence and spread the word that services and help are just a phone call away.

Bring a friend or bring a neighbor and join us for these two important community meetings. You can reach me at 301.937.3490 or karenmcoakley@msn.com.

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