Raingutter Regatta: A Cub Pack 1031 End of Summer Tradition

By Regina Halper

Cub Pack 1031 had a great summer! On August 22nd we met to do our annual Raingutter Regatta using balloons to propel the “boats” as part of the STEM NOVA Out of This World pin. We also had a great summer hiking, biking, launching bottle rockets and launched model rockets at NASA Goddard Visitors Center on August 7th.

We hope to be back in the cafeteria at Beltsville Academy this fall and look forward to meeting in one space.

Interested in discovering the fun of Cub Scouts for your child? Come to our Join Scouting event on Saturday, September 17th at Beltsville Neighborhood Park.

Pack 1031 scouts and family building their balloon powered “boats” at rain-gutter regatta.

Please contact Regina Halper at Pack1031cubscouting@gmail.com for information.

We are a family scouting unit. We learn outdoor skills, citizenship, STEM, nature and do service. 100% of our active scouts earned their rank this year! We always strive for over 85% to earn their rank, but this year they did fantastic!!

We are still being cautious, we meet weekly, stay arm’s length apart and we keep it fun! This fall we hope to be able to meet in the Beltsville Academy. We do wear masks unless we are biking or hiking in family groups until the numbers drop. Our den leaders are 100% vaccinated and our scouts too!

A Short Research Story

By Patty Lesondak

I was visiting a local thrift store and came upon a beautiful scenic framed photo. It just spoke to me. I bought it for $1.00 and took it home. When I took the picture out to clean the frame was when the mystery began. The picture was an original photo, but I could not read the signature it was presented to Mildred E Helton in 2004 for 45 years of volunteer service for the Beltsville News. The questions and search began. Who was Mildred Helton, who was the photographer and where was the Beltsville News and how did it end up in a thrift store? I did my research and found it very interesting with a little strange twist.

Mildred Elsie Wilson Helton was born in Barbour County in 1916 and lived to be 101 years old. She passed away in the late 70’s and enjoyed fishing, hunting and gardening.

The photo presented to Mildred E Helton in 2004 with the photographer’s signature on the back.

Please contact Karen Coakley at shs1970@gmail.com for more information.

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By President Karen M. Coakley

Please join us for our September Virtual Citizen Association Meeting on Wednesday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m. Zoom details are at the end of this month’s column.

Police National Night Out hosted by Beltsville and Calverton Citizens Associations was a success! We would like to say thank you to all who made the night a success! Beltsville Lions Club, Beltsville Boy Scout Troop 1033 & Cub Scout Troop 1031, Calverton Recreation Council, Calverton Swim Club, Beltsville Boys & Girls Club, Women’s Community Club of Beltsville, Emmanuel Methodist Church, Prince George’s County Police & Fire Department, Prince George’s County Crime Solvers, Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department, Prince George’s County Police Explorers, Maryland Transportation Authority Police (ICT), MNCPPC Park Police, MNCPPC Recreation & Leisure Services Region 1, Prince George’s County Police Explorers.

Beltsville, Maryland
Beltville News: Blast from the Past

(From the Beltsville News issue of July, 2004)

By Ted Ladd

Beltville Sports Hero Honored by Sports Hall of Fame

Joe Scaria was inducted post-humously onto the Huntingtown, PA Sports Hall of Game on June 5, 2004. He played football, baseball and basketball for Saxton Liberty High School during the 1940’s. Scaria also served in the Army Air Corps where he played football and baseball for the base team at Westover Field in Massachusetts. He then entered West Notthingham Academy Prep School in Maryland and earned the Outstanding Citizenship Award. There he was named outstanding athlete for his accomplishments in football, basketball and baseball. He later played football for the University of Delaware where he was a running back and punter.

Joe, his wife Carolyn and three children, moved to Beltville in 1961, where he then coached base-ball and football for 10 years. The Beltville Boys and Girls Club named him Man of the Year in 1966. During this time, he helped build the clubhouse on Roby Avenue.

Konterra Drive and Muirkirk Road Project

Soltesz Company, a local company based in Prince George’s County hopes to build a distribution facility near the intersection of Konterra Drive and Muirkirk Road. Mr. James Soltesz, President and Chief Executive Officer of Soltesz Company, reports that the project will improve local roads and reduce local flooding.

The buildings will be environmentally designed with on-site water quality treatment and will be built to green building standards. The project maintains a significant wooded stream separating the buildings and provides buffering.

The project will require approvals from the county and Maryland.

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Important Core Vaccines Protect Your Cat

By Sallie Rhodes

As children need to get immunized against life-threatening diseases, so do indoor and outdoor cats of all ages. This vaccine is both recommended and required by law in most states. The FVRCP vaccine is extremely effective in protecting cats against the three highly contagious, life-threatening feline diseases described below.

Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis (FVR, feline herpesvirus type 1) is believed to be responsible for up to 80-90% of all infectious upper respiratory diseases in cats. This disease can affect your cat’s nose and windpipe as well as causing problems during pregnancy. Symptoms of FVR, which may last up to 6 weeks, include fever, sneezing, inflamed eyes and nose, and discharge from the nose and eyes.

In kittens, senior cats, and immune-compromised cats, symptoms of FVR may persist and worsen, leading to depression, loss of appetite, severe weight loss, and sores inside of your cat’s mouth. Bacterial infections often occur in cats that are ill with FVR. Even after the symptoms of FVR have cleared up the virus remains dormant in your cat’s body and can flare up repeatedly over your kitty’s lifetime.

Feline Calicivirus (FCV) is a major cause of upper respiratory infections and oral disease in cats. Symptoms include nasal congestion, sneezing, eye inflammation, and clear or yellow discharge from the infected cat’s nose or eyes. Some cats develop painful ulcers on their tongue, palate, lips, or nose. Cats infected with FCV often suffer from loss of appetite, weight loss, fever, enlarged lymph nodes, squinting and lethargy. There are actually a number of different strains of FCV. Some produce fluid buildup in the lungs (pneumonia) and some produce fever, joint pain, and lameness.

Feline Panleukopenia (FPL), an extremely common and serious virus in cats at any age, causes damage to bone marrow, lymph nodes, and cells lining your cat’s intestines. Symptoms include depression, loss of appetite, high fever, lethargy, vomiting, severe diarrhea, nasal discharge, and dehydration. Cats infected with FPL frequently develop secondary infections due to the weakened state of their immune systems.

FPL, which can attach cats at any age, is often fatal in kittens. While there are currently no medications available to kill the FPL virus, treating infected cats involves treating symptoms such as dehydration and shock through intravenous fluid therapy and intensive nursing care.

Side effects from vaccines, which may be mild and tend to be rare, include a slight fever and feeling a little “off” for a day or two. On rare occasions, hives, swelling around the lips and eyes, itchiness, fever, diarrhea, vomiting and breathing difficulties may occur while at the vet or appear up to 48 hours after receiving the vaccination. When a cat displays these more severe symptoms, it should be immediately taken to a vet for emergency care.

To provide the best possible protection against these infections in kittens, the first FVRCP vaccine should be given at 6-8 weeks of age with a booster shot given every 3-4 weeks until the kitten is 16-20 weeks old. After that, another booster should be given when the kitten is a year old and then every 3 years.

Although you may believe that your indoor cat is safe from infectious diseases such as those discussed here, these viruses can live up to a year on surfaces. That means that an indoor cat that sneaks outside, even briefly, is at risk of being infected with one of these viruses and becoming seriously ill if it has not received the FVRCP vaccines.

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School has started, please stop for school buses, walkers trying to cross the road. Plan on leaving earlier especially in the morning!! Community updates will be discussed at our September meeting. Check on the Beltsville News Facebook Page and Nextdoor.com for the final details of our September meeting.

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vansville, MD on Saturday, October 1, 2022, from 3 pm to 7 pm.

Emmanuel United Methodist Church Sends Backpacks to Sierra Leone

Emmanuel United Methodist is helping their neighbors across the Atlantic. During the month of August they collected monetary donations to help purchase backpacks for children in Sierra Leone. They were able to send 50 backpacks to help children as they head back to school...

Emmanuel’s United Women of Faith to hold a Treasure Hunt Sale

The United Women of Faith at Emmanuel United Methodist Church (11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705) will have a Treasure Hunt sale on October 1st from 10 am to 2 pm! Gather your goodies to sell or donate! Table rental is $20.00.

Call the church office for table rental (301) 937-7114. Proceeds benefit women and children through approved United Women in Faith projects.

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Statepoint Crossword: Back To School

ACROSS
1. *Beginning of a computer class?  
9. Horned birds  
13. Silly and insignificant  
14. U.S. counterpart to British M15  
15. Inuit skin boat  
16. Long oar  
17. Acronym, abbr.  
18. Movie “_____ Day Care”  
19. *End of a pencil, sometimes  
21. “Back to School” star  
23. Asian restaurant frying pan  
24. Anne ____ of gothic fiction fame  
25. _____ Beesly of “The Office”  
26. Reverberate  
28. Fleur-de-____  
30. On spouse’s side  
31. Infamous Baby Face  
32. Malaysia native  
34. *Do this in Math class  
36. Toy construction set  
37. It launched Columbus, acr.  
38. Having the know-how  
39. *Dry-erase marker predecessor  
45. Typical of the Tramp’s companions  
46. Reflect deeply  
47. Stake driver  
48. Dismiss (2 words)  
49. Joker to Batman, e.g.  
51. *Do this in Speech class  
52. Albanian money  
53. *Cafeteria ware  
55. Rare find  
57. *Paper holder  
58. *Type of exam  
59. Like SNL  
60. *Grader’s suggestion  
61. A day _____ and a dollar short”  
62. “A day _____ and a dollar short”  
63. Some special effects, acr.  
64. Fail behind  
65. Type of Christmas lights

DOWN
1. Fleur-de-____  
2. Sometimes it’s enough  
3. Wild ox of India  
4. On spouse’s side  
5. Infamous Baby Face  
6. A long way off  
7. Network at 30 Rock  
8. Wispy clouds  
9. Yemen’s neighbor  
10. _____ receiver  
11. The Tramp’s spaghetti slurping companion  
12. Limit, to some  
14. Idealized image of someone  
15. Bovine milk dispensers  
16. Reflect deeply  
17. Stake driver  
18. Dismiss (2 words)  
19. Not want  
20. Increasing  
22. Month X  
24. Reverberate  
25. *Student  
26. Scent, usually pleasant  
27. Malaysia native  
29. “Keep _____ and Carry On”  
31. *One at high school reunion  
32. Small Asian ungulate  
33. September edition, e.g.  
34. *Do this in Math class  
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Obituaries

William “Bill” Raymond Lear

Lear, William “Bill” Raymond
Aug 6, 1938 ~ Aug 13, 2022 (age 84)

Beloved husband of Margaret “Emmy” Street Lear for 63 years; Loving father of William Steven, Kathryn Ann, Karen Louise and Kevin Raymond; Also survived by 8 grandchildren.

Bill graduated high school in June 1956 from Montgomery Blair in Silver Spring, MD. In 1957 he enlisted in the Air Force reserves, remaining in the reserves for 8 years. He started a career in Park and Planning in 1957 but began his true career in September 1961 as a Washington, DC Firefighter.

He worked his way through several ranks to become Battalion Fire Chief in December 1980 to which he served for 8 years. Due to injuries sustained on the job he retired on disability in June 1989. During retirement he kept himself busy by becoming an umpire for local slow pitch softball leagues.

Dr. Hugo Homer Rogers, Jr.

Rogers Jr., Dr. Hugo Homer

Dr. Hugo Homer Rogers, Jr., left on his trip to meet our Heav- enly Father on Wednesday, July 20, 2022. He was born in Perdido, Alabama in 1947, to Hugo Homer Rogers, Sr., a lifetime railroadman, and Katherine Rogers, a home- maker who raised five children. His vision for himself and others made his life full and an inspira- tion. Dr. Rogers attended Faulkner State Community College before departing for Auburn University in 1967. There he met his beloved wife, Crystal Harman Rogers, co- founded the Auburn chapter of FarmHouse fraternity where he made lifelong friends, served the Masonic Lodge of Auburn #76, faithfully attended Auburn Unit- ed Methodist Church, raised two children, and had a long career in science. Though Dr. Rogers asked his children to understand him as “an old country scien- tist,” his impressive career moved him between intellectual projects and positioned him on the front lines of basic research about cli- mate change. Dr. Rogers enjoyed experimental design and had a particular affinity for building test chambers to run CO₂ experiments on plants.

Dr. Rogers retired as a Plant Physiologist for Global Change at the National Soil Dynamics Labo- ratory after 35 years of service with USDA–ARS. He received a B.S. in Botany (1969, honors), an M.S. in Plant Physiology (1971) from Auburn University, and a Ph.D. in Environmental Sci- ence and Engineering from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (1975), where he worked in the laboratory of Dr. Lyman Alfonso Ripperton. Rog- ers’ first job was in the Division of Engineering, Research Trian- gle Institute in North Carolina (1975) studying the control of air- borne particulates by vegetation. In 1976, he began research as a Plant Physiologist in Dr. Wal- ter Heck’s Air Quality/Vegetation Effects Program, USDA– ARS, Raleigh, NC. From 1976 to 1984, Dr. Rogers served on the adjunct faculties of North Carolina State University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In 1984, he moved to the USDA’s National Soil Dynamics Labora- tory in Auburn. Dr. Rogers also held adjunct appointments in the Department of Biology at Duke University and the Department of Agronomy & Soils and the School of Forestry & Wildlife Sciences at Auburn University.

His principal focus for 30-odd years was plant response to atmospheric changes, mainly the increase in CO₂ concentration. His earlier work included environ- mental toxicology and the kinetics of air pollutant uptake by plants. Dr. Rogers pioneered the adaptation of continuous stirred tank reactor (CSTR) design and theory (from the field of chemical engi- neering) to generate test atmos- pheres. Later, Dr. Rogers develop- ed field-scale systems for the study of plant response to elevated atmospheric CO₂: a major global change variable. He also initiated investigations of the effects of CO₂ on agronomic and forest spe- cies, and his aboveground results led to questions about processes below the ground. Dr. Rogers per- formed root measurements, first with shovel and foot ruler, as well as soil coring and optical scan- ners, then moved to minirhizotron observations, and originated the use of magnetic resonance imag- ing (MRI) technology on plant matter. He introduced the idea of fractals into the study of roots.

Dr. Rogers authored or co- authored nearly 200 publications, with his work appearing in presti- gious journals including Science and the Proceedings of the National Academy of Science (PNAS), generating thousands of citations. Dr. Rogers mentored numerous students and postdoctoral scien- tists, and often lectured to classes.

For 20 years, Dr. Rogers was on the Donald E. Davis Arborium Committee. He served on the Editorial Boards of Environmental Pollution, Agronomy Journal, Journal of Environmental Qual- ity, and Global Change Biology. He was admitted to a number of honor societies, including Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, Phi Kappa Phi, Gamma Sigma Delta, Gamma Beta Phi, and Alpha Zeta. He was named a Fellow of the American Society of Agronomy, Fellow of the Air and Waste Management Associa- tion, and Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). He was ARS Scientist of the Year in 1993. In 2003, Dr. Rogers delivered the 20th annual Roscoe Ellis, Jr. Soil Science lecture at Kansas State University in honor of a boy and pride in his friendships in science and beyond and in keeping up with the advancements in his science and that of his colleagues.

Hugo loved to travel and his work took him to fields and conference rooms across the United States, the Southwest, New England, and California, as well as Scotland, Belgium, Germany, the Nether- lands, and Japan. Hugo pressed himself to the limit to see the world. On one memorable occa- sion, he found himself climbing out of a volcanic crevasse as night fell on the Big Island of Hawaii. For Hugo, there was always a little more that could be squeezed out of time and opportunities. When he received the Scientist of the Year award for ARS, he and Crystal took in a Willie Nelson concert in Washington, D.C.

Hugo prized his friendships and enjoyed corresponding in letters, postcards, and later emails. Friends will recall that he sent out an enormous number of personal and often highly detailed Christ- mas cards each year. Many are also grateful for the time and effort he took in brainstorming ideas.

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making phone calls, and helping write and rewrite resumes to secure jobs, funding, and honors for friends and colleagues. Hugo was preceded in death by his parents and sister Rosemary Rogers, his two brothers, Norman Rogers and Tolbert Rogers, and a sister, Barbara McCoy. Hugo’s hallmarks were persistence and preparation, as he believed that fortune favored the prepared and in the limitless power of God to help us navigate the universe. We are unable to give summation to his life, well-lived.

An Open House will be held in honor of Dr. Rogers at the Rogers family home in Goldhill, Alabama, on Monday, July 25 from 3:00-7:00 PM, with a celebration of his life at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, July 26 at the Auburn United Methodist Church Founder’s Chapel. We ask that in lieu of flowers donations be made to Alabama Prison Arts and Education Project (https://apcap.auburn.edu/) because of his interest and concern about the wellbeing of prisoners and his volunteer work in this area earlier in life.

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**Back to School 2022**

School is about to start again, and for the first time in a long time we are expecting a normal school year with students and teachers both in the classrooms together. So this month we will review what our students need for school.

**The Basics**

From previous years we should all have a basic computer. A laptop if your student needs to carry the computer around school or a desktop if the computer is setup in a study area in the home. We do not recommend a computer in a child’s bedroom but prefer for safety reasons to keep computers in visible locations so that others can see what the child is doing.

Today the computers are most likely to be either Windows or Chromebooks. Apple tends to be an expensive brand for school use while intended and isn’t picked off by others.

In any location, a headset or a set of earphones with a microphone is recommended for communications and active learning online without disturbing those around you.

**Home Printers**

Having access to a home printer can be very valuable for the student. It allows them to print their assignments to turn in, which many teachers still prefer. Many home printers also have built-in scanning and copying capabilities. There are several common types of printers available. Laser printers can be purchased for under $150. These typically just print in black and white and are single purpose with out additional features like scanning and copying. Laser printers typically offer higher print quality, are faster, and less expensive to run and operate.

Inkjet printers typically print in color and usually include a scanning feature that allows documents to be scanned to the computer or copied and printed directly. Inkjet printers are less expensive to purchase but more expensive to operate than laser printers. While inkjets may be found for under $100 the cost of ink is what drives the inkjets printing costs. Many companies sell the printers at a loss because they expect to make their profit in ink sales. Some companies have also been caught building failures into their inkjet printers to shorten their useful life span (shame on you have an Apple or Chromebook. Schools tend to be likely to carry Windows or Chromebooks. Apple tends to be an expensive brand for school use while local network communications go where intended and isn’t picked off by others.

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**Tech Sense**

By John Bell

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Witnesses Knocking on Doors Again

Prince George’s County Jehovah’s Witnesses Return to Door-to-Door Ministry After 30-month Pandemic Pause

Jehovah’s Witnesses will resume their trademark door-to-door ministry beginning September 1 when a two-and-half-year suspension of the work is officially lifted, just in time to begin a global campaign featuring a new interactive Bible study program.

The decision to resume their door-to-door ministry marks the complete restoration of all pre-pandemic in-person activities for the 1.3 million Jehovah’s Witnesses in the 13,000 congregations in the United States. Houses of worship (called Kingdom Halls) were reopened April 1, witnessing in public places resumed May 31 and in-person conventions are once again being planned for 2023.

“I’m excited to knock on a door,” said Aaron Holland, whose family will be heading out to the neighborhood together in the coming weeks. “The past two years have been filled with many changes,” added Holland, “letter writing has had many benefits, but there is nothing like being able to see the expressions of those we speak to face to face.”

The suspension of the public ministry was a proactive response by the organization to keep communities and congregants safe. The move was also unprecedented. Jehovah’s Witnesses had been preaching from house to house without interruption for more than 100 years through an economic, world wars and global unrest. But COVID-19 demanded a different response. “We believe that the early decision to shut down all in-person activities for more than two years has saved many lives,” said Robert Hendriks, U.S. spokesperson for Jehovah’s Witnesses. “We’re now ready and eager to reconnect with our neighbors once again – person to person, face to face. It’s not the only way that we preach, but it has historically been the most effective way to deliver our message of comfort and hope.”

The move coincides with a global campaign to distribute a new interactive Bible study program available in hundreds of languages at no cost. The program comes in the form of a book, online publication or as an embedded feature within the organization’s free mobile application, JW Library. Released in late 2020, the interactive study platform combines text, video, illustrations and digital worksheets to help learners of all ages.

“This new study program is designed to match the learning needs of the 21st-century student,” said Hendriks. “We’re excited to begin sharing it with our neighbors as we return to making personal visits.”

The pandemic forced Jehovah’s Witnesses to quickly pivot to virtual meetings and conventions, while conducting their ministry exclusively through letters, phone calls and virtual Bible studies. This has led to growth in meeting attendance and the number of congregants, with more than 400,000 newly baptized witnesses joining the ranks of 120,000 congregations globally in just the first two years of the pandemic.

For more information about Jehovah’s Witnesses, their history, beliefs and activities, visit their official website, jw.org, where content is available in more than 1,000 languages.
(StatePoint) With higher gas prices and rising inflation putting pressure on finances, drivers are looking for ways to save on the cost of car ownership. On average, it costs between $15,000-$24,000 to own a car over a five-year period, including fuel, maintenance, insurance, repairs, financing and state fees. While some of those costs are beyond your control, here are five state fees.

1. When shopping for a vehicle, compare prices at multiple dealerships and research factors that will influence the cost of owning a particular model car, such as its fuel efficiency, along with the estimated cost of repairs and parts replacements down the line.

2. Scan local gas stations for the best price and consider becoming a rewards member at grocery stores that offer fuel perks. Certain gas brands have rewards programs as well, many of which you can access via smartphone apps.

3. Consider setting up a savings account for car-related expenses. Earmarking some of your income for automotive needs will help ensure you can cover expected and unexpected costs.

4. Drive safely and more consciously to conserve fuel. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, "obeying the speed limit, accelerating and braking gently, and gradually, and reading the road ahead can improve the fuel economy of your vehicle by 15%-30% at highway speeds and 10%-40% in stop-and-go traffic."

5. Talk to your insurance agent to make sure you are getting all the car insurance discounts you deserve. Erie Insurance offers a wide range of discounts and money-saving features, such as first accident forgiveness, diminishing deductible, reduced usage, youthful driver and college student. They also offer a discount for bundling policies and have an app called YourTurn that can reward you for safe driving. Drivers may earn up to $20 a month in gift cards. To learn more, visit Erieinsurance.com.

While we know that at a time of rising prices people are looking for ways to reduce the cost of car ownership, and insurance is one place to start," said Bob Buckel, vice president, Personal Auto, Erie Insurance. "Looking for a plan that gives you exactly what you need and nothing you don’t means you’ll be protected while not paying any more than you should. This is a great time to reach out to your independent insurance agent to review your policy and discuss your options.

While the future of inflation rates and gas prices is uncertain, the good news is there are creative ways to lower the cost of owning your car so you can enjoy the road.
SEPTEMBER 2022

Calendar of Events

Remember that all venues may change or cancel events based on the current health situation in Maryland. It’s always a good idea to call ahead before going to an event.

AREA EVENTS

COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM
Address: 1385 Corporate Frank Scott Dr., College Park, MD 20740. Phone: 301.864.6029. Fax: 301.927.6472. Regular hours of operation: Open Tuesday – Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Mondays and major holidays. Cost: Adults/$5; Seniors/$4; Children/$2 (1-year-old and under, free). The museum exhibit area highlights 10 unique aircraft and objects relating the history of early aviation at the College Park Airport. Please contact the museum regarding additional activities and updates to COVID-19 protocols.

SMITHSONIAN MUSEUM DAY
Sat., Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. In partnership with the Smithsonian, the museum is hosting other museums across the country by opening its doors for free, with ticket only. Get your free ticket at www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/museum-day-2022/. Participants MUST show virtual or printed ticket.

AFTERNOON AVIATORS: SUPERHEROES
Sat., Sept. 24 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Join us as we write comic strips and showcase the adventures of our favorite heroes. You’ll get to keep a comic to take home! This program is ideal for learners 8 – 12 years of age and is FREE with museum admission. Registration is NOT required. For questions, please contact collegeparkaviation@pp歌舞.com.

SAVE THE DATE: COLLEGE PARK DAY
Sat., Oct. 15 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. This is the City of College Park’s signature event and features a wide array of activities, entertainment, and fun to celebrate the community. The event is open to the public and free to attend. For more information, visit CollegeParkDay.com.

LAUREL–BELTSVILLE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER
Masks are optional. Contact the center for updates. Membership is free for Beltsville residents who are 60 years old or older. Closed on Sundays. Contact the center for updates to hours of operation and current COVID-19 protocols. Address: 7120 College Rd., Laurel, MD 20707, around the corner from the University of Maryland Medical Center. Phone: 301.206.3350. Fax: 301.206.3387. TTY: 301.466.3402.

LAUREL SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB (LSFC)
We will have our next meeting on Wed., Sept. 14 at 10:30 a.m. The meeting room doors open at 9:30 a.m. We will have a business meeting and special musical entertainment.

• We have two more one-day trips scheduled — in September and December. Call the office for more info.
• Every Tuesday Bingo: 12 noon each Tuesday (doors open at 11 a.m.); no admission fee. Contact the LSFC office for more details on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 301.206.3380.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER
Main phone: 301.497.5772. Address: 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. The entrance is accessed from Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore–Washington Pkwy. and Ft. 197. Free admission and free parking. Current social distancing and face covering requirements match those of Prince George’s County. All dogs must be kept on a leash (no longer than 6 feet) for their own safety as well as that of other visitors and wildlife. Regular hours of operation for the trails and grounds are: Open daily from sunrise to sunset, except for federal holidays. See the Friends of Patuxent website for more information at https://friendsofpatuxent.org/.

THE BUILDING, ART GALLERY & BOOKSTORE
Contact the Visitor Center for updates. Main phone: 301.497.5772. Join our e-mail list by contacting timothy_parker@fws.gov. More information can be found at www.fws.gov/refuge/patuxent. The Visitor Center and the art gallery are open Tuesday – Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed on Sunday, Monday, and federal holidays. The art gallery is adjacent to the bookstore. The featured artist for September is watercolor artist Mary Ford. The bookstore is open Wednesday – Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

KID’S DISCOVERY CENTER: MAGNIFICENT MONARCHS!
Activities are age-appropriate for children ages 3 – 8. Please NOTE: The Kid’s Discovery Center is not appropriate for children younger than age 3 due to small items featured in the exhibit. The Kid’s Discovery Center is open Tuesday through Saturday. Pre-registered parent/child teams are invited into the Center on the hour, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon for a 35-minute, fun-filled session. Each month, a new and exciting nature theme is presented for parents and children to explore. The theme for September is: Magnificent Monarchs! Join us to find out about their travel routes from Canada to Mexico and discover what you can do to help these majestic migrants. Call our front desk at 301.497.5760 to reserve a 35-minute time slot for you and your child: Parents are required to work with their child at each of the parent-child activities.

BARK RANGER TRAINING
Sat., Sept. 3 from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. All ages, registration required. Does your dog enjoy walking the trails at Patuxent? Bring your dog to our BARK Ranger training. Upon completion your dog can monitor the trails as a certified B.A.R.K. Ranger. (Participating youth must be accompanied by an adult.)

FAMILY FUN: DUCKS AND GEESE
Fri., Sept. 9 and Sat., Sept. 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. All ages, no registration required. Patuxent Refuge is an important stopover point for migrating ducks and geese, and September is a great time to see them on our lakes and ponds. Come learn more about migratory waterfowl through hands-on activities, games, and crafts for all ages. This is a drop-in program—come when you wish and leave when you’re ready.

DRIVING TOUR: SOLVING NATURE’S MYSTERIES
Sat., Sept. 10 from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Recommended ages 10+, registration required. Join former Refuge Manager Brad Knudsen on a behind the scenes tour of the refuge’s Central Tract to learn how wildlife research and refuge management have worked together to assist wildlife conservation efforts locally, nationally, and globally.

NATIVE PLANTS FOR PATIOS AND DECKS
Sat., Sept. 17 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. All ages, registration required. How do you create a wildlife home in the limited space of a patio or deck? Join in on this informative session and adopt a native plant grown at the USGS Bee Lab.

JUNIOR WILDLIFE RANGER
Sat., Sept. 17 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Ages 6 – 10, registration required. Join a Refuge Ranger to explore five nature-related activities. Complete your Junior Wildlife Ranger (JWR) activity booklet and earn a JWR badge!

EASY POLLINATOR-HABITAT GARDENS
Sat., Sept. 24 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. All ages, registration required. Did you know that you can help wildlife...
For household hazardous waste disposal, you may bring poisons, cooking oil, fire extinguishers, gas grill propane tanks, cleaning agents, solvents/varnishes/stains, oil-based paints, acid car batteries, helium balloon tanks, household batteries, insecticides, herbicides, fertilizers, automotive fluids/fuels, driveway sealers, swimming pool chemicals, fluorescent light bulbs, mercury/other hazardous materials, photographic chemicals. You may not bring commercial/industrial/medical waste, radioactive materials, asbestos, explosives, large oxygen and CO2 tanks, large propane gas tanks.

Scrap Tire Drop-off Day

Get rid of your old scrap tires on Saturday, September 17th from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Public Works Salt Dome, 11900 Montgomery Road, Beltsville.

Prince George’s County residents can bring up to 10 cars, bikes, trucks, or agricultural tires, to be disposed of for free – without a bulky appointment. No commercial vehicles are allowed, and commercial haulers or generators of scrap tires are not permitted.

Through the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), Maryland Environmental Service (MES) uses proceeds from the Maryland Scrap Tire Fund to clean up illegal tire dumps and create demonstration projects using recycled rubber, such as scrap tires playgrounds constructed for communities throughout Maryland. For more information, visit https://environment.mypgc.us or contact PGC311 by dialing 3-1-1.

Apply for Student Loan Debt Relief Tax Credit by September 15

Maryland provides an income tax credit for residents making eligible undergraduate and/or graduate education payments on loans from an accredited college or university. Eligible participants must claim Maryland residency for the 2022 tax year, file 2022 Maryland state income taxes, have incurred at least $20,000 in undergraduate and/or graduate student loan debt, and have at least $5,000 in outstanding student loan debt upon applying for the tax credit. Apply online at http://mhec.maryland.gov; applications must be submitted by September 15.

Council is Back in Session

This September the Prince George's County Council is resuming its legislative session after a month of recess. The recess allows the council to reset and reprioritize issues as they close out the session. This year the end of the session is mid-October due to the upcoming general election on November 8th, 2022.

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TECH SENSE
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you Epson).

It used to be possible to find good inkjet printers for well under $100 but prices gone up significantly in the past couple of years driven by COVID demand for home printers and now a shortage of parts. In general, prefer printers with separate color tanks or cartridges for each color. Black, cyan, yellow, and magenta are the standard colors at a minimum. Avoid the two cartridge printers with one color and one black cartridge, these are the most expensive to operate. Some companies are now making printers with refillable ink tanks. These printers can be easily refilled with ink bottles that are less expensive than typical ink cartridges.

Many current printers come with networking capabilities built-in allowing one printer to be shared across the entire household.

Cameras, Headsets, and Microphones

Most laptop computers come with a camera, a microphone, and speakers built-in but desktops often do not include these items. If you have a headset then you do not need the microphone or speakers, but if you have the microphone and speakers, you still want the headset so others aren’t disturbed by the noise. I prefer a very inexpensive lightweight headset that I use for phone calls and zoom meetings and purchased from Amazon for under $15.

Desktop computers also tend to lack a camera for use to make calls on Skype and Zoom. It is easy to add a USB camera to these computers. A decent web camera can be purchased for under $25. Look for one with a built-in microphone and at least 1280 x 720 pixels or larger. Typically installing the camera is simply a matter of plugging it into a USB port.

For the College Crowd

Most college students find a laptop as the right device to bring with them to the dorm. But these laptops are frequently too bulky to fit on the tiny little desks. A good alternative is to purchase a small tablet for taking notes. Good Android tablets are available from both Samsung and Lenovo for under $150 and can be used to take notes and access the web and email while in class. Small keyboard options are also available, but I find the screen keyboard options are fine for note taking.

That’s it for this year’s back to school column. Have a great school year.
right from your home? Planting just a few native plants can make a great home for native pollinators. Come to this class for help with starting your own backyard wildlife refuge.

**NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)**

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Address: 4319 Sellman Rd., Beltsville, next to the police station. The main phone number is 301.937.0294, TTY: 301.808.2061. Ask a Librarian telephone reference: 240.455.5451. See www.pgcmls.info/location/Beltsville for more information and COVID-19 protocol updates. Regular hours of operation are Mon., Thur., and Fri. from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tues. and Wed. from 12 noon to 8 p.m.; Sat. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sun. 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; closed on most major holidays.

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