Children Send Almost 300 Pounds of Holiday Cheer to Troops in Iraq

Students at Calverton Elementary School showed the true spirit of the holidays in an extraordinary way. Over the past few weeks, students wrote holiday messages, and students and staff gathered treats and presents for soldiers serving in Iraq. Students at all grade levels from prekindergarten through sixth grade participated in this wonderful project. We shipped eight boxes, containing 286 pounds of goodies, to eight groups of soldiers! Some of these goodies were our students’ treasured toys, given to be shared with children in Iraq. We also wrote and drew 445 letters and messages so that every soldier in those eight groups will receive a personal message from one of our kids! Many kids chose to give up their recess time to IRAQ continues on page 5

Comfort Inn Hotel Opens in Beltsville

The Buccini/Pollin Group, developers, owners and managers of over $3 billion of mid-Atlantic real estate assets including hotels, has announced that the Comfort Inn Capital Beltway, I-95 located at 4050 Powder Mill Road is now open. The Comfort Inn brand is franchised by Choice Hotels International, Inc. (NYSE:CHH), one of the world’s largest lodging franchisers. Comfort Inn is one of the best known hotel brands in the United States. Comfort Inn hotels provide guests with a warm atmosphere and personal, helpful service with all the essentials and accommodations guests value and enjoy. “Choice Hotels has been our longest standing franchise relationship and under the leadership of Steve Joyce we are excited about the opportunities ahead.” COMFORT INN continues on page 6
25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

Extracted from the January 1984 Issue

Poster Contest Winner
Neal M. Ashby, a junior at High Point High School, was announced the winner of the American Heart Association-Maryland Affiliate’s 1983 Cardiovascular Risk Factor Poster contest.

BARC Appointees
Dr. Charles F. Murphy, a national authority on small grains, and Dr. Gerald F. Combs, an authority on protein and amino acid nutrition, were named to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Research Service.

BURNS Speaks on Drug Abuse
Mrs. Carolyn Burns spoke on January 17, 1984 at the Beltsville Adventist School on the subject of drugs and our youth.

I Got Heart (IGH), a not-for-profit social enterprise based in the DC metro area that guides, rewards, and celebrates area teen-agers that display heart in overcoming life’s challenges, is celebrating its official inauguration in February of 2009. As part of the launch, the organization will honor a deserving teen with the first-ever Heart Award in a ceremony hosting invited guests including local elected officials, a variety of leaders from education and nonprofits, parents and community members.

I Got Heart, Tip Fallon, a budding social entrepreneur who left a stable engineering career to follow his own heart - empowering today's youth to make positive changes in their lives and showcase their actions - is proud of the progress he has seen teens make firsthand when they make intentional decisions to enrich their lives and not get caught up in the negativity they face daily. "Life is not about a high-income lifestyle," Fallon who grew up in a Maryland neighborhood where very few went on to complete a four-year college career says, but rather, "the core values learned regardless of your family background; values such as perseverance, sacrifice, helping your neighbor, and humility — or in other words, Heart.”

About 10 applicants vied for the pilot program award valued at $500. Each submitted an essay detailing his or her biggest life struggles, how each displayed heart and positive judgments in overcoming them, and what each would do with the money. I Got Heart then followed up with the award recipients to document how the award has created deep and lasting changes in their lives. In 2009, the non-profit envisions handing out monthly Heart Awards to help document how the award recipients to document how the award has created deep and lasting changes in their lives.

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Boy Scouts Visit Mount Vernon in Nov.

By Gary Bauchan, Scoutmaster Troop 1033

We had a fantastic trip to Mount Vernon (home of George Washington) on Saturday, Nov. 22. This was especially interesting to our troop, as we had traveled to Valley Forge in September. The troop toured George Washington’s house and the surrounding buildings and gardens. It was a very cold and windy day but there was plenty to do indoors. Mt. Vernon has added a whole new area: a museum and fantastic education center with 2D and 4D movie theaters for everyone to enjoy and learn more about our first President. There was even a restaurant that served personal pan pizza from Pizza Hut. The highlight of the trip was our scouts being invited to go inside the crypt where George and Martha Washington have been laid to rest and place a boxwood wreath inside. Only a very few people have had the honor of paying respect to President George Washington in this manner. Our Troop was entered into the log of those people and organizations that have had this privilege. The Troop earned the Mount Vernon Scouting patch by visiting the mansion and hiked the historic trail from the country farm to the mansion. The Scouts of Troop 1033 highly recommend a trip to Mt. Vernon.

ESL Scavenger Hunt

Participants in the ESL Scavenger Hunt at the Beltsville Library.

Local Pastor to Lead Jubilee Year Trip Celebrating Saint Paul

The Rev. Arthur F. Hebbeler III, STS, head of school at Augsburg Academy, an independent private PK-12 school, is leading a 12-day cruise and land tour of Greece, Turkey, and Italy as part of the Jubilee Year of Paul, which was announced by Pope Benedict XVI in June 2007, to celebrate the 2000th anniversary of the birth of the Apostle Paul. The Jubilee Year ends on June 29, 2009.

The trip, which runs from June 12 to June 30, 2009, will begin in Athens, Greece, where travelers will begin an eight-day cruise aboard the recently-refitted Orient Queen, from which the trip will visit sites that were part of the ministry of Paul, including Ephesus, Thessalonica, Athens, and Corinth. Additionally, the cruise includes a visit to the island of Patmos, where John the Evangelist wrote of the apocalypse as recorded in the book of Revelation. Returning to Athens, the tour guests travel by ferry to Italy and will visit Pompeii as well as sights of both Imperial Rome and Christian Rome, as well as the Vatican, including the Basilica of St. Peter’s, as part of the three-day land portion of the tour in Italy.

One of the things that makes this trip special is that the Apostle Paul himself will be joining the trip, interpreting the sites and events of his journey. Also, Pastor Hebbeler will provide insight into the life of Paul and his writings from the perspective of Martin Luther and other Reformed theologians.

Proceeds from the trip will support the scholarship programs of Augsburg Academy. “I invite everyone—Protestant or Catholic—to join in this once-in-a-lifetime trip,” said Pastor Hebbeler. “Not only is this an opportunity to see some of the more important places of the Bible in person, but the funds raised through this journey will allow us to expand the amount of financial aid available to students this year to more than $100,000.”

For complete details on the trip, please visit the academy web site (www.AugsburgAcademy.net) or contact Pastor Hebbeler at paul.cruise@augsburgacademy.net.
On Saturday, December 20, 2008, youth traveled from Beltsville to record a dedication track in honor of the upcoming Obama Inauguration. The dedication track entitled, Change We Can Believe In, is a ballad written by Dalila L. Muir, project manager of the Obama Inauguration Project and owner of Beltsville-based business, IWRITE Student Services, LLC.

According to Muir, youth participants attended early morning practices every Saturday for the past four weeks in spite of the cold weather. “These young people are excited about singing and they are even more excited about Obama’s upcoming inauguration,” states Muir. “We are honored to be a part of history and we are honored to represent Beltsville in the process.”

The Obama Inauguration Track is scheduled for release on Thursday, January 1, 2009. For more information about the Obama Inauguration Project or about IWRITE Student Services, LLC visit www.iwriteservices.com or call 301.595.5450.

Get Ready for January 2009

Computer Courses

The 2009 computer course season is about to begin at the Beltsville Community Center. Each course that is offered consists of four one-hour sessions. Cost: $35.00 residents, $42.00 non-residents. Cash, check, and MasterCard and Visa payments are accepted. Please call 301.937.6613 for information.

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COURSES FOR AGES 13 – 17

- Internet Skills: Exploration, starting Tuesday January 6 from 8:00 p.m. to 8:50 p.m.
- Scanning, starting Thursday January 8 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Web Page Design, starting Friday, January 9 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- Video Editing, starting Saturday, January 10 from 1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

COURSES FOR AGES 13 and Up

- MS Word 2000: Beginning, starting Monday, January 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- MS Word 2000: Beginning, starting Monday, January 5 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- MS PowerPoint 2000: Beginning, starting Monday, January 5 from 7:00 p.m. to 7:50 p.m.
- MS PowerPoint 2000: Beginning, starting Monday, January 13 from 8:00 p.m. to 8:50 p.m.
- MS Access Level 1, starting Monday, January 12 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- MS Access Level 1, starting Monday, January 12 from 9:00 p.m. to 9:50 p.m.

COURSES FOR AGES 16 and Up

- Digital Scrapbooking, starting Wednesday, January 7 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Digital Darkroom, starting Wednesday, January 7 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

COURSES FOR AGES 18 and Up

- MS Windows XP: Beginning, starting Tuesday January 6 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- MS Excel 2000: Beginning, starting Thursday January 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- Internet Security, starting Tuesday January 6 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Internet Skills: Shop, Travel, & Auctions, starting Tuesday January 6 from 7:00 p.m. to 7:50 p.m.
- Internet Skills: Social Network Sites, starting Saturday, January 10 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Conversion to Audio CD, starting Saturday, January 10 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Wireless Home Networks, starting Saturday, January 10 from 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

COURSES FOR AGES 60 and Up

- Computer Skills: Level 2, starting Tuesday January 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Introduction to Computer Skills, starting Tuesday January 6 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Internet Skills, starting Tuesday January 6 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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Basket Bingo

St. Joseph’s Parish will conduct a Basket Bingo on Friday evening, January 23, in the Parish Hall at 11011 Montgomery Road, Beltsville from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (non-smoking). In case of snow, the event will be held on Friday, January 30. 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 $10.00 (in advance) daily at the school and parish offices, or for $12.00 at the door. Refreshments are available.

Free Workshop Reveals 7 Ways to Slash College Costs

An extremely popular free workshop is being held for the parents of college bound high school students twice during the month of January at one location.

The workshop will focus on little-known ways of getting money for college, no matter how much income you make, or how good a student you have. The class will include such topics as how to double or triple your eligibility for free grant money, the secret to sending your child to a private or UM school for less than the coast of a junior college, and the single biggest mistake that 9 out of 10 parents make when planning for college.

The workshop dates are Tuesday, January 6 and Saturday, January 10. On January 6 the class is from 7:15 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. and on January 10 the class is from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. The workshops will be held in the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 114, 11 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD.

Susan Newland, an expert on paying for college, is teaching the workshop. Seating is free, but limited by the size of the room. To reserve your seat, call 301.595.2793.

Scouts Have a Great Year

By Gary Bauchan, Scoutmaster Troop 1033

Reflecting back on the year 2008, Boy Scout Troop 1033 has had a great year. The troop has 32 active scouts with an active Troop Committee of 13 parents led by chairperson, David Timus, scoutmaster, Gary Bauchan, 2 assistant scoutmasters (Rick Deery and Paul Villarroel), and the support of all the parents. The troop is sponsored by the Emmanuel United Church on Cedar Lane that graciously provides meeting space for our weekly 7:00 p.m. meetings. This past year, 20 out of the 32 scouts advanced in rank, including 2 Eagle Scouts, David Outland and Max Carmichael. The troop went on 11 trips that involved camping, archery, backpacking, climbing, swimming, hiking, tubing, and two-week long summer camps. One of our scouts, Gregory Bauchan, received the Triple Crown in high adventure scouting by attending the third of the high adventure camps, Sea Base near Rocky Gorge; replacing native grasses as Rosaryville State Park; assisting at Police Officer Robert Findley’s funeral; directing traffic at the Methodist Church parking lot Trick-or-Treat; Scouting for Food for the needy; baking pumpkin pies for Thanksgiving baskets for the needy, collecting toys for Children’s Hospital and collecting coats and cold weather gear for the homeless. Our spring and fall fund raising involving the sale of Behnke’s mulch, fertilizer, top soil, flower bulbs, and mums continues to be a huge success. The scouts should be very proud of their individual achievements and the accomplishments of the troop as a whole. At the end of each year our troop goes cabin camping to celebrate the activities for the year. This past December we went to Camp Harmon in West Virginia. The scouts enjoyed playing football, cards and Monopoly, watching movies and a Thanksgiving feast of turkey, stuffing, green bean salad, cranberries, soda and pumpkin pie.

If you know a boy from the first grade through high school who is interested in scouting, please have him contact Gary Bauchan at 301.937.0944.

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said Dave Pollin, president of Buccini/Pollin. “We are thrilled to add another Comfort Inn to our portfolio of hotels. With their enhanced breakfast, business centers and bedding packages, it isn’t hard to understand why Comfort Inn is highly valued by both the business and leisure traveler.”

Formerly a Fairfield Inn, the Comfort Inn Capital Beltway underwent a comprehensive renovation before joining the Comfort Inn system including renovations/upgrades to sleeping rooms and public space. Additional upgrades will be in place in the near future.

Owned by The Buccini/Pollin Group of Washington, D.C. and operated by D.C.-based PM Hospitality Strategies (PMHS), the Comfort Inn features 169 guest rooms and a spacious, award-winning lobby. The property is located to serve the Washington, D.C. and suburban Maryland business communities. The Comfort Inn provides easy access to local points of interest such as the University of Maryland, NASA, the Goddard Space Center and Six Flags America.

The hotel participates in Choice Privileges, the Choice Hotels rewards program where membership is free and offers points good towards free nights, airline miles, gift certificates and more while staying at Comfort Inn, Comfort Suites, Quality, Sleep Inn, Clarion, Cambria Suites, MainStay Suites, Extended Stay America hotels throughout the United States (including Hawaii), Canada, Europe*, Mexico and the Caribbean.

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Stacy Beth Spaulding and John Andrew Jowers were married September 28, 2008, at the Eastern Yacht Club along the Chesapeake Bay in Essex, MD. The ceremony was officiated by Dr. Philip Powers, pastor of Forecy Memorial Church in Silver Spring, MD.

The bride was the daughter of Kevin & Carol Spaulding of Laurel, MD. Her grandparents are John & Joan Spaulding, Les & Bernadine Salter, and the late Paul Phyllis Smeltzer. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from University of Maryland College Park. She is currently a 4th grade teacher at Georgian Forest Elementary School in Silver Spring, MD.

The groom is the son of Rik & Giana Jowers of Beltsville, MD. His grandparents are Roy & Joan Jowers, Bill & Angie Miller, and Carlo Petracci. He earned a bachelor of science degree in Kinesiology from University of Maryland College Park and a doctoral of physical therapy degree from University of Maryland Eastern Shore. He is currently a physical therapist in a National Rehabilitation Hospital outpatient clinic in Friendship Heights, MD. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

The maid of honor was Shara Hart of Rockville, MD, and the matron of honor was Taylor Smith of Germantown, MD, friends of the bride. Bridesmaids were Cindy Thompson of Westfield, DC, and Tanya Kessler of Okinawa, Japan, friends of the bride. Senior Bearer of Port Republic, MD, cousin of the bride, and Sarah Renkeven of Laurel, MD, were the flower girls. Luke Wattay of Mt. Airy, MD, cousin of the groom, was the ring bearer.

The best man was Nick Jowers of Beltsville, MD, brother of the groom. Groomsman were John Jowers Wed Stacy Spaulding & Stacy & John Jowers

TESTT College of Technology Takes Three Awards at the MAPCCS Annual Conference

The TESTT College of Technology’s Beltsville campus was recognized at the Maryland Association of Private Colleges and Career Schools (MAPCCS) annual conference on Friday, Dec. 12, 2008 at the BWI Airport Marriott Hotel. Three awards were given at the conference, including teacher of the year, adult student scholarship, and distinguished service award. More than 20 schools from the state of Maryland were given the award, and TESTT College of Technology’s Beltsville campus walked away with all three awards.

The Adult Student Scholarship Program award was given to Brian Syke, a criminal justice student with a 4.0 grade point average who is a devoted volunteer with the Laurel Police Explorer Program where he educates youth about safety and security. In 2007 he participated in and completed the Laurel Police Citizen’s Police Academy.

TESTT’s Olga Lucanu, program chair and instructor for the information technology department, received Teacher of the Year. She was recognized as a solid force for change helping to keep the campus’ classrooms exciting and interesting.

The Distinguished Service award was given to Blaine Haines, a 20-year staff member. Haines began his career as an admissions representative and then moved into the financial aid department as a coordinator. In 2006, he was promoted to his current position as assistant director of financial aid.

The TESTT College of Technology campus is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology (ACCSC). ACCSC is listed as a nationally recognized accrediting agency by the United States Department of Education.

About TESTT College of Technology

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Obituaries

Slaubaugh, Eileen
Eileen Slaubaugh, 89, of Oakland, MD and formerly of Beltsville, MD died Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at Pitt County Memorial Hospital in Greenville, NC. Funeral services were held at the Oak Park Church of the Brethren. Surviving is her husband Quinter Slaubaugh of Oakland; one son Eugene Slaubaugh of Adelphi, MD; one sister Dove Stemple of Aurora, WV; two grandchildren Cheryl Waters, Jr. who survives. Bill and Virginia along with their daughter Debbie, lived at 4507 Yucca Street in Beltsville. Bill and Virginia retired to North Carolina in 1988. Virginia was manager of Embassy Dairy Credit Union, a charter member of Glenn Dale Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary in Glenn Dale, MD and a member of Everett’s Church of Christ near Washington, NC. She loved all children and had the pleasure of being “aunt” and “grandmother” to many children in the community. In addition to her husband, Bill Waters of the home, she is survived by her daughter, Debra Waters Cutler and her husband, Julian of Washington; her brother, William C. Groves, Jr. and his wife, Peggy of Indian Head, MD; Helen Johnson of Washington and her special little neighbors, Lexie and Brenna Leggett. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Groves. Cards of condolence may be addressed to Bill at 3667 Harvey Road, Washington, NC, 27889. In lieu of flowers, Mrs. Waters requested that memorials be made to: Riley’s Army Fund (Pediatric Cancer Fund), P.O. Box 720, Winnsboro, SC 29180 or Open Door Christian Ministry, 500 Weston Road, Creswell, NC 27928.

Waters, Ruth “Virginia” Groves
Mrs. Ruth “Virginia” Groves Waters, age 79, a resident of 3667 Harvey Road, Washington, NC, died Thursday, December 4, 2008 at her residence. Born April 2, 1919 in Aurora, WV, she was a daughter of the late Hugh and Pearl (Wotring) Foreman. Mrs. Slaubaugh was formerly employed with Arbitron Inc.; she was a member of the Oak Park Church of the Brethren. Surviving is her husband Quinter Slaubaugh of Oakland; one son Eugene Slaubaugh of Adelphi, MD; one sister Dove Stemple of Aurora, WV; two grandchildren Cheryl Wetzel and Richard Slaubaugh; three great grandchildren Shawn Brice, Dalton Wetzel, Samuel Slaubaugh.

On December 8th the Vansville Community Center celebrated its Grand opening with a gymnasium dedication honoring Joseph L. Briscoe. Joseph Briscoe has served as the Vansville Heights Citizen Association President for more than 60 years. He saw the need for an elementary school in the Vansville area and worked tirelessly for over 20 years to see this dream come to pass. While many were involved in the effort, it was Mr. Briscoe’s driving force that helped make it a reality. He lobbied to have the gymnasium built in addition to the new elementary school. The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and Prince George’s County Board of Education approved the addition of the gym. Mr. Briscoe is a true testament to the saying that one person can make a difference. Over 120 people attended the dedication. Local politicians, Senator James Rosapepe and Coun-

cilmman Thomas Dernoga, as well as Vansville Citizens Association member Ricky J. America presented at the ceremony. A student, Clennie H. Murphy IV, was chosen to read his poem at the event. The gymnasium is being named to Joseph Briscoe and a plaque to read his poem at the event. The gymnasium is being named to Joseph Briscoe and a plaque commemorating his efforts will be on display at the community center. The Vansville Community Center is located at 6813 Ammendale Road in Beltsville, Maryland. It is connected to the Vansville Elementary School on the right side near the tennis courts. The school and center is a LEED Certified green building. It has many environmentally friendly features ranging from furniture made from the trees cleared from the lot, to floors and benches made of recycled materials. The windows are built to capture the natural san-
Rosapepe’s Report to Beltsville

By Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-21)

Help in Tough Times From Our State Government

The financial crisis and recession are hurting working and retired families in many ways — lost jobs, shrunken retirement nest eggs, and fear for the future. We have great hope that President-elect Obama will lead our country back to prosperity. But people need help now, as well. To help Marylanders more easily find state help which may be available, Governor O'Malley has launched a website — www.problemsolver.maryland.gov — which brings together in one place information on state aid to our neighbors who need help in these tough times.

You’ll find information on ways to pay electric and gas bills, replace lost medical insurance, look for a job, get a college scholarship, protect your home from foreclosure, and much more. Take a look at the site and see if there is any help that might be useful to a friend or neighbor.

Join Us for Presidential Inauguration Celebration Jan 18 at Behnke’s in Beltsville

On Sunday, January 18, join me and your neighbors to celebrate President-Elect Obama’s Inauguration at Behnke’s Nursery on Route 1. Special guests are Congressman Elijah Cummings, former chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, and Ernest Green, civil rights pioneer who was one of the “Little Rock Nine” who integrated Central High School.

Date: Sunday, January 18th, 2009 Time: 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Place: Behnke’s Nursery, 11300 Baltimore Ave., Beltsville. RSVP to 301.441.8690 or Jim. Rosapepe@gmail.com.

State Legislative Session Starts January 14

Delegates Barbara Fresh, Ben Barnes, Joseline Pena-Melnyk and I will be back in Annapolis representing you in the 2009 Maryland legislative session starting on January 14. Please let us know your opinions on issues of concern and contact us with any questions. And, of course, feel free to be in touch if the Delegates or I can be of help to you. Just email Senator.Rosapepe@inbox.com or call 301.858.3141.

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William F. Smith American Legion Post #235

On November 8, 2008, Post 235 held its annual memorial service to honor past and present members of the post. The program opened with prayer led by Commander William E. Lomax, followed by the singing of “The National Anthem.” Ms. Valda Lomax-Parker did a reading about Lomax-Parker who served in World War II, Vietnam and Afghanistan to tell some of the reasons we pay tribute and remember those who have served in our country.

Mrs. Sharon Lomax-Smith did a reading to explain what the items on the Missing In Action table represent. The post was then opened for Legion members that have served in World War II, Vietnam and Afghanistan to tell some of their experiences while serving our country.

Ms. Theda Young did a roll call of the deceased Post members. The program ended with singing “America the Beautiful”, “God Bless Our Troops,” and “God Bless America.”

The William F. Smith American Legion Post #235 and Ladies Auxiliary, located at 7813 Muirkirk Road in Beltsville, MD will host a Present and Pot Luck Supper on Friday, January 2, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. - until. The cost is $7.00 per person and the proceeds will go to benefit Post #235. For more information, please contact Theda Young at 301.210.6225 or William E. Lomax at 301.937.4110.

Beltsville Garden Club

By Louise DeJames

Ring in another year of informative gardening topics by attending the Beltsville Garden Club meeting on Wednesday, January 28th at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evan Street, Beltsville. Our speaker for this month will be Kathy Jentz, editor and publisher of the Washington Examiner Magazine. Her topic will be “Small Trees and Large Shrubs for Urban Yards.”

Come listen to Kathy as she explores the possibilities of using small trees and large shrubs to plant in small urban lots. Tailored to what grows best in the greater D.C. region, the choices will cover natives, edibles, and ornamentals for full sun to full shade. You will find that in every garden there is a tree that is a perfect fit, even if you only have a few pots in which to plant trees. It can be part of your urban life.

You can read Kathy’s work in the Washington Examiner and Washington Women in addition to regular guest spots on Channel 9, Channel 4 and WAMU radio.

Please join us for this informative speaker. We will have plants for the door prize table, and refreshments after the meeting. The public is welcome and admission is free.

For more information, contact Louise DeJames at 301.890.4733 or visit our website at: www.beltsvillegardenclub.org.

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Celebrating the Season in College Park

By Ivy Christoffers

The Holiday season is always a bustling time for the members of College Park Unit #217 and this year was no exception. The Post and Unit members were kept busy with catering several holiday functions that ranged from a welcome home banquet held to honor the 450th CABA Squadron from Riverdale Park, a wedding and some special Christmas parties. The Special Olympics Of Maryland held their Christmas Party for their Special Education Students on Monday, December 1st at the Fountainbleu in Lanham where several volunteers from Post and Unit #217 assisted, including Glenn Butler, Karl Christoffers, Stella Boosen and yours truly. In all there were 25 volunteers and 141 students. The teachers and bus drivers also attended. The DJ had all the able students up and dancing to his lively music, even Mrs. Claus was on the dance floor.

After a luncheon of chicken fingers, French fries, cake, ice cream and punch, Mrs. Claus led everyone in a rousing rendition of Jungle Bells that marked Santa’s entrance to shouts of joy. Each child was given a chance to sit on Santa’s lap and was given a gift by Santa and a stuffed beanie bear from Santa’s helpers, Bob Jansen and Mrs. Claus. The bears were provided by The Washington VA Medical Center and procured by volunteer, Frank Stultz, for this event. Another example of the community working together for the good of all...

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Beltsville Rotary Happenings

By Ivy Christoffers

This is a wonderful time of the year for all Rotarians. We extend ourselves even more into the community and in reaching out to others in their need. We have partnered with the Women’s Club of Beltsville in providing food for the needy. One meeting’s collection alone netted more than $800.00 for this effort. Our members partnered with the Salvation Army and spent a Saturday “ringing the bells.” Our folks manned the kettles at Calverton Giant and Behnke’s and enjoyed meeting and greeting the donors.

We have once again taken the “dictionary project”...
Beltsville Young at Heart

By Barbara Schofield

Seventy-four members attended our Beltsville Young at Heart meeting. All new and old business was considered. Marje read the list of new officers. They are as follows: Pres. Margaret Koebeke, Pres. Elect Blanch Howell, Vice Pres. Earl Barnes, Recording Sec. Carmen Keister, Corresponding Sec. Peg Gonzales, Treasurer Peggy Dowdy, Asst. Treasurer Charles Vannoy and Chaplain Ellen Kidwell. The ways and means table made $26.00. good job ladies. Congratulations to our new officers and Happy New Year to all.

Greetings from the WCCB for a Safe and Happy New Year

The Women’s Community Club of Beltsville (WCCB) sends greetings to the community for a safe and Happy New Year. WCCB will not meet in January but regular monthly meetings will resume the second Monday in February. Our Library Committee will host that meeting. Look for details in the next Beltsville News.

As mentioned last month, the Community Relations Committee was busy these past few months with our Community Giving Projects and are to be commended for a job very well done in bringing joy and comfort to many area families. Food baskets and gifts distribution were scheduled for December 20.

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light that reduces electricity use. Water saving bathroom features and underground geothermal heating further reduce resource usage and overall operating costs. Both the Director Glen Reynoso and the Assistant Director Kathleen Reardon bring a strong vision and direction to the center that will make it a valuable resource to the local community. The community center features a state of the art Fitness Room that has treadmills, cross trainers, ellipticals, bikes and a variety of weight machines. Fitness room membership is only $35.00 for three months for Prince George’s and Montgomery county residents. A one-year membership is $110.00.

The center will be participating in Kid’s Day Out on January 30th. Kid’s Day Out is a program of the M-NCPPC, which provides fun activities for children on a day when school is closed. The January 30th event will include a trip to the College Park Aviation Museum followed by a visit to the Herbert Wells Ice Rink at Fairland Park. There is a fee for this event and space is limited, so sign up early.

The center is also signing up for January classes including a variety of dance instruction, tot basketball and reading skills. Open gym and Xtreme teen events are currently held on a weekly basis. Youths between the ages of 6 and 17 can register for a free Youth Center ID. Seniors over 60 can also get a free community center ID. The Community Center ID’s are good at community centers throughout the county. Classes and fitness room use have separate fees. Please come by the center or call 301.937.6621 for more information and a listing of available activities.

Beltsville Lions

The Club’s recent involvement with Lions Vision Research Foundation (LVRF) annual rally at John’s Hopkins University Hospital on November 1st. The theme for the day was, “Back to the Future.” Current LVRF Chairman, Past District Governor Bob Muchow, welcomed some 100 guests who were treated to presentations by Wilmer Eye Institute professional staff. First up was Dr. Peter McDonnell who serves as Director of the Wilmer Eye Institute. Former Wilmer Director, Dr. Morton Goldberg, followed him. Dr. Robert Masson, Director of the Lions Low Vision Center at the Wilmer, described current research efforts, and he then introduced Dr. Judith Goldstein, Director of the Low Vision Clinic. Two men who were suddenly blinded and then helped in great measure by the Lions Low Vision Center gave warm testimonials.

Two weeks later, the Beltsville Lions hosted a fundraising walk to benefit the Lions Low Vision Center at the Wilmer Eye Clinic. Members of local Lions Clubs met at the Beltsville Community Center at 9:00 a.m. on November 15. The walk raised some $3,000.

On November 22, club members met at the First Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. and conducted vision screening at a health fair conducted there. We screened 37 persons and referred several of them for professional screening. Two of these persons were referred to the previously mentioned Lions Low Vision Center of John’s Hopkins University Hospital.

So far this year the club has collected 878 pairs of used eyeglasses that will be cleaned and packaged for needy persons in third world countries. One may donate used glasses to the Lions Club at Brewer & Marshall Opticians, the vision center at COSTCO, and the Beltsville Library. There are collection boxes at each of these locations. Vision Services at Kaiser Permanente in Silver Spring also collects used glasses for the club.

The club also sponsored four blood drives this year. The next blood drive is scheduled for January 23 at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 3:00-7:00 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome. Call Ted at 301.937.6796 for more information. One donation can save a life.

On January 10 and 11, the club will participate in the NBC4 Health Expo being held at the Wash-

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I Got Heart was founded in 2007 and is shaping to grow to a national level in the course of three years. The organization’s new website, which will also be launched at the Heart Awards kick-off event, is not only a vehicle for charitable donations and award-supporting purchases but also for other upcoming I Got Heart community outreach events.

For additional information on I Got Heart and the approaching Heart Awards or to schedule an interview with Tip Fallon, please call Awoyaa at 443.567.9242 or email Awoyaa at awoyaa@speakingforchange.com. Also visit www.IGotHeartOnline.org for testimonials and videos.
American Legion Post 217 Co-Sponsors Welcome Home Event

Some 130 soldiers and spouses attended a recent Welcome Home event jointly sponsored by the Department of Maryland, Heroes to Hometowns/Wounded Warriors Committee and American Legion Post 217. The event included an open bar, buffet dinner and music by DJ Wayne Miller (Post 136) for entertainment and dancing.

Welcoming speakers at the opening of the program included Glenn Butler who then introduced Clarence Bacon. After Clarence spoke, he introduced Tom Davis and Gail Murdock for their remarks. All speakers expressed their heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation to the soldiers in attendance as well as the spouses who stayed behind to keep the family together. All in all, it was a great evening.

Three of the five-member committee were in attendance: Clarence Bacon, Tom Davis (Department Adjutant) and Gail Murdock (Department Commander).

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eart” to heart and delivered a dictionary to each third grade student in our area. It is so gratifying to be able to participate in these programs. There are more than 65,000 dictionaries delivered to these students in Maryland each year through Rotarian efforts and others.

December also saw the election of new officers who will be sworn into their offices next January, as were prior to his scientific career.

The highlight of the month has to be the wonderful Holiday Party hosted by President John Moynihan and his wife that took place at Turf Valley in Ellicott City. The atmosphere, food, and fellowship were beyond compare. I can truly say that everyone who had the good fortune to be there had a wonderful time and a very good start to the month of festivities.

Our meetings take place at the Holiday Inn in College Park each Tuesday at noon. You are invited to come join us and check us out to see if you would enjoy becoming a member of this oldest civic organization in the United States. All companies doing business in Beltsville should think about having a representative in Rotary. For inquiries, call 301.595.5225. We wish for all a healthy and happy 2009.
Linda Langr, High Point Library Media Specialist, Receives National Certification

Linda Langr, Library Media Specialist at High Point High School, achieved National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification in early childhood through young adult in Library Media. Ms. Langr attended a Pinning Ceremony on December 15 at Newton White Mansion in Mitchellville. National Board Certified Teachers are highly accomplished educators who meet high and rigorous standards. They have achieved certification through intensive study, expert evaluation, self-assessment, and peer review. One hundred and thirty two teachers in Prince George’s County Schools are now certified nationally.

Ms. Langr has been with the Prince George’s County School system since 1992 and has served as the Library Media Specialist at High Point High School for the last five years. Principal Michael Brooks congratulated Ms. Langr for this great accomplishment and said, “She is an outstanding educator and leader at High Point High School.”

Calverton’s Fourth Grades Participate in the Second Annual Turkey Trot

At 8:00 a.m. on Nov. 21, 2008, almost 100 fourth grade students gathered in the multi-purpose room in Calverton Elementary to prepare for the second annual Turkey Trot, a walk-run event that involved four laps (a measured mile) around the baseball and soccer fields above the school yard.

P.E. teacher Mrs. Shyran Albert explained the rules and had the students take their resting heart-beat before the event, then Mrs. Albert, fellow P.E. teacher, Mr. Aaron Hankey, and parent and teacher volunteers led the excited group outside.

The air was crisp and cold, and the sun was peaking out of the clouds, as the fourth graders put in their paces. Pre-K, Kindergarten, second grade and third grade classes lined the perimeters to cheer the participants on with cacophonous chants of “Go, Turkey, Go!” “Go, Run, Fast!”, and more. Three of the fourth grade teachers, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Fulcher, and Ms. Levin ran with the students.

The four young men and the four young women who finished first were honored for their accomplishments after the race was done. First place finishers were Luis Garcia and Grady Martinez, second place went to Ashley Flores and Caleb John, third went to Jairo Rodriguez and Jenny Bo, and fourth place students were Ruth Diaz and Armando Umanzor.

Everyone who participated was given a bottle of water and a Turkey Trot participation ribbon. The top four girls and the top four boys received coupons from Friendly’s for a free meal and a free Sundae and a field day water bottle. In addition, the two first place finishers received $10 gift certificates from Giant.

Next year the event will be open to more grade levels. Everyone thought it was a great success. They are looking forward to next year’s Turkey Trot.

St. Nicholas visits St. Joseph’s Catholic School to share a story with young students.

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School News

Augsburg Academy Faculty Appointments Announced

The board of trustees of Augsburg Academy, an independent Lutheran school, have announced the following faculty appointments.

Appointed to the rank of instructor are the Rev. Arthur F. Hebbeler III, STS, (Head of Schools and religion instructor), and Ms. Karen Scott (lead teacher Lower School).

Appointed to the rank of associate instructor are Mrs. Lisa Driscoll (Lower School), and Ms. Carlandra Rosow (Upper School).

Appointed to the rank of assistant instructor are Ms. Stacy Finkelstein (Lower School), Mrs. Diane Blank (fine arts), Mr. Dan Butler (fine arts), and Mrs. Gisela Lopez (world languages).

Similar to the professorial ranking system in universities, Augsburg Academy’s faculty ranks recognize experience, academic achievement, and performance in the classroom. Augsburg Academy is now accepting applications for the 2009-2010 school year for students in kindergarten through ninth grade. Information is available by calling the Academy at 240.786.0283 extension 701 or visiting www.AugsburgAcademy.net.

Paint Branch Montessori School’s Celebrations

The month of December was very busy with all the holidays celebrated by people from different backgrounds. By celebrating holidays, such as Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa, the children are learning first hand about the traditions of other people. To teach 2-year-olds about traditions and rituals of the various celebrations is to teach acceptance of people’s differences. This is very much in synchronicity with the Montessori concept of Peace.

These very young children also learned about the world around them as well as their own place as citizens of the world. They learned to identify a dreidel, a menorah and the Star of David. Potato latkes were made and enjoyed and dreidels were spun to the dreidel song. Our Transition students performed the dreidel song in their very first Winterfest performance on Dec. 19. Symbols of Christmas and Kwanzaa were introduced through decorations, candles, lights and books. A bowl of fruit to celebrate the season was also available for the children to eat and experience and celebrate.

Happy Holidays to all from the young ones at Paint Branch Montessori School.

Calverton Elementary News

Calverton held its Winter Holiday Program on Dec. 11 with two assemblies in the morning and another program in the evening for families and friends. Second, third and fourth grade classes as well as Calverton’s instrumental students performed.

Fourth grade started the show with “We are in the Spirit” sung to a swinging beat. Third grade sang two songs. They were accompanied by music teacher Mrs. Reed on the piano for “Hanukkah is Here.” Their second song was a Kwanzaa song about one of the seven principles of Kwanzaa, the principle of “Nia” (or “purpose”); ESOL teacher Mrs. Donnella played the cowbell, ESOL teacher Mr. Chapman played a drum from central Africa, and students played other instruments while the audience was led in clapping by music teacher Mr. Lewis. Ms. McAninch’s instrumental students performed next. The band played “School Spirit” and “Shark Attack.” Sixth grade Faith Martin played the cello, “Eine Kleine Nachtmusik” on her flute, followed by the strings students who performed “French Folk Song” and “Ode to Joy.” The program ended with the second grade students who sang a rousing song about a “Pilata.”

High Point student Cynthia Croiter worked with groups of students in Mrs. Freeman’s kindergarten class as they dramatized animals and people riding in a taxi. Cynthia is planning to create a program that includes drama and music to present to selected early childhood classes and parents. The class made red-nosed reindeers and multicolored wreaths for the holidays.

Spirit Week at St. Joseph’s Catholic School

Spirit Week began with a roaring cheer as the cheerleaders and basketball players put on a wonderful, school-spirited demonstration of their talents including pep cheers, a dunk contest, and class contests. Our students showed tremendous school spirit in support of our athletic programs and donned the old maroon and white colors of the St. Joseph’s Tigers.

Other Spirit Week Activities included Team Jersey Day, where students wore jerseys from their favorite athletic teams. Costume Day was a big success as the students dressed up in attire resembling their favorite Disney characters.

Our award-winning band under the direction of Mr. Martins performed a fabulous Christmas concert on Thursday. The students are growing leaps and bounds in terms of their development as musicians!

The spirit of Christmas was obvious as the 7th grade students made ornaments to give to a nearby nursing home. Our students also performed a wonderful Christmas pageant with a unique take on the Nativity narrative. On a smaller, but no less dramatic and spirited scale, the Pre-Kindergarten performed another interpretation of the birth of Jesus.

Spirit Week wrapped up on Friday, December 19th with class parties and Santa Claus Hats. It was certainly a memorable experience and one that the students and faculty won’t soon forget.
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write additional letters. Below are some of the beautiful, heartfelt letters that students wrote to the soldiers.

“Dear Soldier, I hope you’re okay. I know you’re going to miss your families, but be brave. Everyone in my school is sending something. You will have food, colorful cards, and more. Thank you for protecting our country. Be careful and take care of yourself. You will be happy with all the food we brought for you, and you won’t be alone. You’ll be in my heart. Love, Rachel Mbullu” (Third grade)

“Yes, that you cannot come home, but when I am away from home, I think about all the happy times with my family, like opening presents together and sharing them, and I loved eating the gingerbread house. I want to say thank you and ‘Semper Fi.’ It was amazing writing this letter to you. My tradition is always going to Massachusetts, but this year it will end because I am staying here. Some questions I have are: if you were injured, if there are people in India, if you went to help people in Afghanistan. I really am thankful that you and people like you are very brave. You saved us from being attacked, and thank you. Sincerely, Nickolet Serrano.” (Sixth grade)

“Dear Soldier, How are you? You must be super brave. I bet you’re super strong! You should get presents on Christmas. If you’re reading this, you’re not alone. Your family loves you and their love is around you. You can do it! Your family knows you’re strong! I hope you read this. Sincerely, Andrea.” (Andrea Martinez, third grade)

We are very proud of our children! We hope their selfless giving and loving messages add some magic and joy to your holiday season!

The Beltsville-Adelphi boys and girls club would like to thank Tom and the Jackson-Shaw Foundation for their very generous donation to the basketball program. Their support is greatly appreciated. In the photo are (L-r) Dave Pinchotti-Treasurer, Tom Aylward-Jackson Shaw, and Doug Suhr-President.

JANUARY 2009
Calendar of Events

BELTSVILLE EVENTS

VANSVILLE CITIZENS’ ASSOCIATION
Monday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m. at Franklin Brown Building, Vansville Recreation Park, 11733 Old Baltimore Pike, Vansville.

BELTSVILLE CITIZENS’ ASSOCIATION
Wednesday, January 21 at 7:00 p.m. at Beltsville Elementary School, 4300 Waco Rico Avenue.

BELTSVILLE RECREATION COUNCIL
Monday, January 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the Beltsville Community Center.

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE (ARS) NATIONAL VISITOR CENTER
Located in the Log Lodge just off of Powder Mill Rd. and Center Rd., Bldg. 302, BARC – East. For information and reservations for Thursday Free Programs for the Public call 301.504.9453 or e-mail McW@ars.usda.gov. Space is limited; programs fill quickly. Please include in your message a phone number where you can be reached.

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PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES

CHESS CLUB
Tuesdays, January 13 and 27 at 7:00 p.m. Come to learn or just to play with other players and have fun. For all ages and levels. Everyone welcome.

CORETTA SCOTT KING AWARD BOOKS DISCUSSION
Tuesday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m. For children ages 6-12 and their families. Learn about Coretta Scott King Award Books. Pick up a copy of Doro Greenfield’s Nativity: Talking or Virginia Hamilton’s The People Could Fly. Read and join in the book discussion.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

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TODDLER TIME
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PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION
Tuesday, January 13 at 10:30 a.m. Bob Drury’s Holyday Tea: The True Story of a Fighting Admiral, An Epic Storm and an Undaunted Rescue. Drop by the library to get your copy to read.

FRIENDS OF THE BELTSVILLE LIBRARY MEETING
Tuesday, January 6 at 6:30 p.m. Get involved with your library and give your input.

FRIENDS OF THE BELTSVILLE LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION
Wednesday, January 14 at 7:30 p.m. Jane Austen’s Sense and Sensibility.

HOW TO BE YOUR OWN HEALTH ADVOCATE (ASK ME 3)
Thursday, January 15 at 10:30 a.m. Every time you talk with a doctor, nurse, or pharmacist, use the Ask Me 3 program to better understand your health. Learn tips for clear health communication.

PROGRAM FOR TEENS

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD
Saturday, January 10 at 2:00 p.m. Make a difference at your library! Give us your input so that we can serve you better. Here’s a great way to volunteer 10 hours and an awesome way to participate in community service activities that you can list on college applications.

FEES FOR THE BELTSVILLE AND VANSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTERS
Fees for programs and courses can be paid by cash, check, and MasterCard and Visa credit cards. However, the inability to pay for programs, services, or classes does not exclude participation. Formal proof of need is required. For more information, or to receive an application, please contact the Beltsville Community Center or the Vansville Community Center.

BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER
3900 Saltair Rd., Beltsville. Please call 301.937.6513 for information on these and other January programs, services, and classes. TTY: 301.445.4512. The new Director is Jim Bell and the new Program Specialist is Valerie Lewis. The current scheduled general hours of operation are Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday-Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please call the center for more information on these and other programs and to confirm dates and times.

BELLY DANCE 101
Thursdays, January 8 to February 26 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. How can belly dance benefit you? Boost self-esteem, improve posture and muscle toning, weight loss, reduce stress, and enjoy the special place to live and be active. Shelly Prather.

BELLS DANCING
Mondays, January 12 to February 16 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Ages 16 and up. Fee: $60.00.

RUMBA AND CHA CHA
Mondays, January 12 to February 16 from 7:35 p.m. to 8:35 p.m. Ages 16 and up. Fee: $50.00.

XTREME TEENS EVENTS

Fridays from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Fee: $50.00

BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER
6813 Ammendale Rd., Vansville. Call 301.937.6621 for more information. TTY: 301.937.6623. TTY: 301.445.4512. This new community center is located directly next to Vansville Elementary School. The new Director is Glen Reynolds and the new Program Specialist is Kathleen Pearson. The scheduled general hours of operation are Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please call the center for more information on these and other programs and to confirm dates and times.

BASKETBALL FOR TOTAL
Saturdays from January 10 to February 28. Class times: Ages 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; Ages 4, from 10:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; Ages 5 and 6, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Fee: $30.00.

XTREME PRE-TEENS EVENTS
Fridays from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Ages 10-12. Fee with Xtreme Teens D card.

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Saturdays from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Ages 13-17. Fee with Xtreme Teens D card.

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Tuesdays and Thursdays, January 13 to February 12 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Snacks will be provided. Fee: $70.00.

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ington Convention Center. Members will aid other Lions from this region in conducting vision screening, glaucoma screening and hearing testing.

In December the Club was able to help the Duckworth School in various ways. A note from principal M. Catherine Sabatos in part, “We are extremely grateful to continuing our partnership with you in the future. It is through the active participation of organizations like the Beltsville Lion’s Club that make this community such a special place to live and work.” Lion Ginger Hand was instrumental in providing the help to the school.

Members of the Beltsville Lions Club are very pleased to welcome into membership Michael (Mike) and Diane (“DeeDee”) Musachio.

Share Your News!
Send your neighborhood news items to tedladd02@aol.com.
January 2009, man, time is flying! I have made no new year’s resolutions of any kind, but I hope to be back on the golf course in the spring after a hip replacement.

All my readers know how I feel about cell phones; if not, I think they are the most dangerous piece of equipment ever invented and getting worse. A lot of you do not agree with me. You feel you can drive 70 miles an hour and talk on the phone. You can’t concentrate on the road and listen to the phone in your ear.

The other day I was shopping in Safeway. The man in front of me held the line up talking on a phone. He was multitasking, paying, and picking up his stuff. After he was gone, the clerk discovered he had left half his stuff behind. His call was not a matter of life or death. We all could hear him talking far too loudly. Maybe the phone was new? I think after him talking far too loudly. Maybe of life or death. We all could hear her talking far too loudly. Maybe the phone was new? I think after him talking far too loudly. Maybe of life or death.
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www.fbcbeltsville.org
Keith Holland, Pastor

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Sundays:
Sunday School for all ages  9:45am
*Morning Worship  11:00am
*Evening Worship  6:00pm
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Youth Fellowship  6:00pm
Adult Choir Practice  7:00pm

Wednesdays:
*Adult Bible Study & Prayer  7:00pm
Team Kids (4 yr. old - 6th grade)  7:00pm
Youth Fellowship (7th - 12th grade)  7:00pm

*Childcare available for children up to 4 years old

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El Pastor Elvin Moscoso y la congregacion te dan la bienvenida ven y
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Family-oriented service: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Between September and June
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MEALS ON WHEELS OF COLLEGE PARK is now accepting new customers. Meals are delivered to your door Monday through Friday between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. To enroll or to get answers to any of your questions, please call Meals on Wheels of College Park at 301-474-1002 Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to noon. For a limited time only, we are reducing the price to $20.00 a week. This includes a bread pack (with coffee, tea and other condiments), a sandwich, salad and fruit, milk, juice and a hot meal.

TREE AND STUMP REMOVAL. Prun-ning, land clearing, contact Bob Berra, 301-674-3770; or 301-384-4746, gncpa@verizon.net. 02/09.

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MEALS ON WHEELS OF COLLEGE PARK - serving Beltsville, Adelphi, Ber-wyn Heights, Greenbelt and College Park - needs volunteers to help pack daily meals for seniors and those who cannot cook for themselves. We also need drivers and visitors 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. Won’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.

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**School News**

**Beltville Elementary Science Fair**

Beltville Elementary School Science Fair was held from December 1-2, 2008 in the school gymnasium. There were 145 projects submitted by Kindergarten-6th grade students. Thirty-five community volunteers from Behnke Nurseries, WSSC, NASA, John Hopkins University, the USDA and our neighborhood helped with the judging. The Grand Prize (K-3) was awarded to Nailah Rogers and the Grand Prize (4-6) was awarded to Frederick Douglas. Four students were selected to attend the Kids For Science Competition held at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on May 16, 2008. Those students were Frederick Douglas, Daniel Douglas, Isaiah Walcott, and Samantha Isel.

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**Santa Goes Green**

Beltville Elementary School presented its winter musical program on Wednesday, December 10. The program began with the songs “Puppet Parade,” “Marching along,” and “Jolly Old St. Nicholas” performed by the String Orchestra directed by Mr. Lionel Harrell.

Students from the 5th and 6th grade School Chorus performed the show “Santa Goes Green” which was staged by Mrs. Denise Barone. Many soloists, speakers, and dancers performed on stage along with the chorus. Performers portrayed ideas about global warming, recycling, conserving the energy, solar panels, and the need to “go green” in order to save life on our planet.

The concert concluded with the songs “Ticket-a-Tasket,” “German Waltz,” and “Jingle Bells” performed by 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students in the band directed by Mr. Lionel Harrell. It was amazing to see the musical abilities and eagerness to perform among all students. The concert was performed twice during the school day for all students and teachers and once again in the evening for families in the Beltville community.

The music program at Beltville Elementary School continues to expand at a time when many schools and counties are considering budget cuts particularly in the arts and music. This year Prince George County made the instrumental music program available to students in 4th grade. Currently, 123 students are involved in the instrumental music program.

Research has shown that studying music improves the test scores in math, reading, and writing, said music teacher Jeni Maneva. Studying music develops the ability for logical thinking, reading and overall intelligence. Students learn how to organize their free time better so they have time to study for school as well as practice on the instruments.

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**MLK Middle School News**

By Michelle Mariani Williams

Congratulations to students Ariel Gonzalez and Paula Gyamfi who shared the Peace Poster contest prize sponsored by the College Park Lions Club. They will split a $100 savings bond.

MLK has released Winter Break packets for its students to complete while away for the holidays. These packets are for students in kindergarten through Grade 10. Packets should be completed and returned to school when classes resume on January 5, 2009. The Winter Break packets can be found at www.ggeps.org. Click on the Student’s page and then click on the icon for Winter Break packets. Packets in English were available starting on Friday, December 12th. Spanish packets were available starting on Friday, December 19th.

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**Kitchen Garden Tips for January 2009**

By Elizabeth Olson

January is a great time to review mail order options for kitchen gardeners. In 2009, this may be even more important due to increased demand for seeds combined with seed shortages related to poor growing conditions last year. Mail order can also be fun, provide for more variety, and allow for time to carefully plan for purchases.

Several full-line seed companies are encouraging gardeners to order seeds early to ensure availability. Some specialty companies are encouraging early orders for products such as sweet potatoes, onions, and potatoes that will be delivered March – June.

Economical sources of sweet potatoes include George’s Plant Farm (www.tatorman.com) and Steele Plant Co. (www.sweetpotatoplant.com). Both companies are located in Tennessee and offer a full selection of certified disease-free sweet potato starts. Standard shipping and handling are included in the purchase price.

Both companies offer optional upgrades to priority mail shipments. Orders should request delivery for mid-March to mid-April, depending on the variety.

The Maine Potato Lady (www.maine potato lady.com) offers a large selection of fingerling potatoes and early, mid-season, and late-season regular potatoes. Most are either organic or sustainably grown. Also available are onion sets and shallots. Shipping and handling charges are based on the weight of the package. The chart is posted online. To qualify for March shipment, your order must be received by February 1, 2009.

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**How do electromagnets work?**

4th grade student Frederick Douglas.