Beltsville Briefs

Musical Tribute to Three Icons at the College Park American Legion!

We’re puttin’ on a show! Remember the days of the package show? The Hall Brothers will be presenting a tribute to three of the biggest icons in the music industry. Each of these entertainers were stylists, trendsetters in their own way: a piano man who rocked your world, a female singer like no other, a song writer who touched your heart and soul with his voice and guitar! The featured performers will be Doug Cooke as Jerry Lee Lewis, Patsy Stephens as Patsy Cline, and Al Parsons as Willie Nelson.

The date is Saturday, March 5th, and doors open at 7:30 PM. The event is open to the public, and tickets are $15. Only cash is accepted from 8:00 PM–11:00 PM. Tickets will have two speakers this month. Beltsville’s beginnings can be traced to 1649 when Cecil Calvert, the 2nd Baron of Baltimore, also known as Lord Baltimore, granted to planters Richard Snowden 80,000 acres of land that encompassed Beltsville and College Park, MD 20740. For information, call 301.441.2783.

School News

Beltsville Academy Science Fair

The annual science fair was held in early February. This year’s event was a combined activity for elementary grades 3 through 5 and middle school grades 6 through 8. Over 300 projects were submitted in 10 different categories with 25 first place winners selected, 7 of whom will compete in county judging. The categories included animal science, behavioral and social science, biology, chemistry, computer science, energy and transportation, engineering, environment, mathematical science, medicine and health science.

Beltsville Science Fair Grand Prize winners are Amanda Finazzo, 7th Grade and Anton Doan, 5th Grade.

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Local Choir to Participate in the Children’s Sacred Choral Festival

The Maranatha Choir of Emmanuel United Methodist Church will participate in the Children’s Sacred Choral Festival sponsored by the Chorister Guild on Sunday, February 28th at 7:00 PM at The Lutheran Church of St. Andrew, 15300 New Hampshire Ave. in Cloverly, just south of Briggs Chaney Road. The choir consists of 100 students from the Maryland and Northern Virginia areas. It is free and open to the public. Students participating from Emmanuel are Tia Dorsey, Dare Hassan, and Olamide Oluwafemi.

“Spring is just around the corner!!! Hopefully. The Citizen’s Association will meet on Wednesday, March 16th at 7:00 PM. We will have two speakers this month. Officer Demin, badge # 3646, is our new COPS officer. He will give the community an update on crime-related problems. More importantly he also has suggestions to help prevent crimes. Please let me know by March 12th if you have a specific concern that you would like Officer Demin to address.

This document can be found on the project’s website at zoningpgc. pgplanning.com. You can submit feedback about this document by using our online commenting system, which can be accessed by visiting https://pgplanning.opencomment.us/.

The executive summary and PowerPoint presentation for Module 1 can be found at the following web address: http://zoningpgc.pgplanning.com/resources-2/

I can be reached at 301.937.3490 or karenmcovinacle@ymail.com. Mark your calendar for Wednesday March 16th 7:00 PM. We meet at Beltsville Academy. Remember to bring a friend...bring a neighbor!
Letter from the Editor

We survived the blizzard of 2016. It was awesome to see all the snow pictures you sent in to Facebook and the notes we saw about people helping each other out. Kathryn Griffin, who lives on Emack Road, sent us this note: “a big thank you for my neighbors on Emack Rd. They helped me shovel a lot of snow. Your generosity was a lifesaver.” Notes like that remind me why Beltsville is a great community. There are some snow pics a little later in this edition.

Also, I want to say thank you to all of the poet’s in our community who send in your poems every month. I know that we aren’t always able to print them, but we try our best to showcase local talent. One of our featured poet’s Ingeborg Carsten-Miller has a wonderful collection of her poems entitled “One Pomeranian in America.” I was privileged to receive a personal copy from Mrs. Carsten-Miller and enjoyed reading every page. Enjoy the rest of this month’s paper.

Sincerely,
Rick

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community Easter egg hunt on Saturday, March 26th, from 10:00–11:30 AM for ages 2-12. There will be games, refreshments, and lots of fun as you celebrate the real reason for Easter, Jesus! We hope to see you there!

St. Joseph’s Third Annual Art Show Invites Community, Seeks Artists
St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Beltsville, MD, will host a community art show on Saturday, April 23rd, from 6:00 PM–9:30 PM and Sunday, April 24th, from 8:30 AM–2:00 PM in the parish hall at 11007 Montgomery Road. This free event is open to everyone in the community. Refreshments will be available. Come and enjoy the art of local residents and the company of your neighbors.

If you are interested in displaying your art, we are accepting entries for this non-juried show from those 16 years of age and older. The entry deadline is April 8th. All those interested in providing artwork for the show should contact the church office at stjo-esartshow@gmail.com or visit www.stjos.org/Community_Art_Show to download an entry form. This show is for artists of all skill levels, and we invite all members of the community to show their work.

Leader Dogs for the Blind
Leader Dogs for the blind have been helping the visually-impaired lead an independent life for many years. Have you ever wondered how these dogs are selected and trained? Lions Club International has been associated with the Leader Dog program since it began, and the Beltsville Lions Club will host representatives of several of their charitable programs, including the Leader Dogs, at their next meeting on Wednesday, March 2nd at 7:30 pm. The group will meet in the Fellowship Hall at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane in Beltsville. Join them for dinner, meet a leader-dog-in-training, and learn more about this very interesting program! Please contact Bobbie Deegan (301.937.7070, Bobbie-Deegan@aol.com) for more information or to make a reservation.

W.O.W.: “Words of Wisdom”

“Can a Car Accident Have a Divine and Holy Purpose?”

Part 1 (Part 2 will be published next month)

In 2004, a car crashed into my driver’s side door. I spiraled in the air a few times and then hit the ground upside down at least once. The only thing that kept my roof from crushing me was my steering wheel. They say unconscious people can hear you. It’s true. My mind was out cold, but I heard someone ask, “Is she dead?”

A witness saw my work uniform and rushed to my job to get my husband’s phone number. She frantically told him I was in a car accident and cried, “If you don’t get here before the helicopter comes, you might never see her again!” My husband instantly called my parents, who asked loved ones to pray for me. Could that have saved my life? Certainly! But God had an even bigger plan. “Then you will call, and the Lord will answer. You will cry, and He will say, ‘Here I am!’” Isaiah 58:9. Sadly, my husband got to the scene just in time to watch the accident.

By Crystal Joy Webb

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Emmanuel Celebrates the Start of Lent with a Pre-Shrove Pancake Supper

By Pastor Jacob Young, PhD

The members of Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Beltsville celebrated the beginning of the Lenten season on Saturday, February 6th, with a pre-Shrove pancake supper. All-you-can-eat pancakes and sausages were served, and during the meals, participants had time to reflect on the origin and meaning of the Shrove pancake dinner. After the meal was over, everyone enjoyed fellowship and games.

Christians and churches traditionally observe Shrove pancakes on Tuesday just before Ash Wednesday. Yet, Emmanuel United Methodist Church has ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) classes every Tuesday during school semesters. Therefore, instead of Tuesday, church members gathered on Saturday.

The expression “Shrove Tuesday” comes from the word shrieve, meaning “absolve.” Shrove Tuesday is observed by many Christians, including Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists, and Roman Catholics.

Shrove Tuesday is also called Mardi Gras, which is French for “Fat Tuesday,” referring to the practice of the last night of eating richer, fatty foods before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season, which begins on Ash Wednesday. Due to the long Lenten journey, Christians need to get themselves nourished well before Lent begins. So Shrove Tuesday originated for the reason. I hope that you keep participating in the Lenten journey.

Pancakes are associated with the day preceding Lent because they were a way to use up rich food such as eggs, milk, and sugar before the fasting season of the 40 days of Lent. The liturgical fasting emphasized eating plainer food and refraining from food that would give pleasure: in many cultures, this means no meat, dairy products, or eggs.

In Canada, Australia, the United Kingdom and Ireland, the day is also known as Pancake Day because it is a common custom to eat pancakes as a meal.

As pastor of Emmanuel, I am writing this article to share the origin, meaning, and practice of Shrove Pancake Tuesday. There might be a variety of different ways to celebrate Shrove Tuesday, but in spite of the differences, the reason for observing Shrove Tuesday is the same: it is the day of preparation for Lent, the day before Ash Wednesday.

Lent is a period of forty days. From Ash Wednesday, it is 46 days until Easter. The six Sundays during Lent are not counted as part of preparation for Lent, the day before Ash Wednesday.

The King and Queen of the court, Robert Galloway and Jane Grays, at Emmanuel’s Pre-Shrove Pancake Supper.

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Rosapepe’s Report to Beltsville

Preparing for the next snowstorm

The mega snow storm in late January was a challenge to all of us. Thanks to all who have helped neighbors deal with the heavy snowfall and who have let us and County Council Member Mary Lehman know which streets needed plowing by county and state highway agencies. We were in constant touch with them to focus our attention on our neighborhood roads in Beltsville and main roads like Routes 1 and 212.

Because the scale of the storm was historic, the agencies did not have enough equipment to clear all roads and streets as quickly as any of us would like. That made information from citizens who knew exactly where the problems were especially important.

We know there were serious problems with the 311 phone number and county website. We’re working with county officials to improve plowing operations before the next big storm, and we’re especially pushing for Beltsville. If you are seeing dangerous potholes, please contact us at the email address or phone number below.

Clearly, the big snow was a reminder for what climate change caused by carbon emissions can mean for our everyday lives and our local economy. This year, Delegates Barbara Frush, Joseline Peña-Melnyk, Ben Barnes, and I are voting to boost the goal of a 40% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in Maryland by 2030 to try to curb the severity of future, unpredictable weather emergencies.

We want to hear your views

The 2016 Maryland legislative session ends on April 11th. The delegates and I are working to pass a balanced budget while protecting education, public safety, and help for seniors and the unemployed. If you have concerns on these or any other issues before this year’s legislature, please contact us at the email address or phone number below.

After April 11th, we’d be pleased to attend one of your organization’s (homeowner or tenant association, business, church, or other group) upcoming meetings to report to your members on the legislature’s actions, discuss local issues of concern to you, and answer your members’ questions. Please let us know if you would like to schedule a mutually convenient date. If so, we request that you provide a few dates and times that would work out by contacting rosapepe.rosapepe@gmail.com or call 301.858.3141.

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Please let us know if there are other issues you have questions or thoughts about. And, of course, feel free to be in touch if we can be help you. Just email 21stDistrict-Deligation@gmail.com or call 301-858-3141.

Friends of Patuxent Is Hosting A Night on the Wild Side

By Charlie Deegan, Chairman, A Night on the Wild Side

Did you live in Beltsville when the National Wildlife Visitor Center at Patuxent Research Refuge opened 21 years ago? If so, you may remember the excitement, support, and involvement by the community, local businesses, and our political representatives. Today, many of our original supporters have drifted away from the center while new folks are only vaguely aware of the refuge and all that it offers the community, if they know about it at all.

To change that, Friends of Patuxent is hosting a free event, A Night on the Wild Side, to revitalize support and appreciation for both the research refuge and the National Wildlife Visitor Center. Through this effort, the friends group hopes to raise awareness of the refuge as the local treasure it is, unique in many ways. We want people to see what the refuge has to offer so they will take advantage of these opportunities. We also hope to attract new members to Friends of Patuxent.

A Night on the Wild Side will be held in the visitor center on Thursday, March 31st, 6:00-8:00 PM. Along with refreshments, guests will be offered a fun and informative overview of the research refuge, including such things as tram rides; highlights of major research; educational stations, such as the wolf exhibit and the crane exhibit; and an opportunity to talk with a master gardener; and an arts and crafts table.

Local residents, businesses, and civic organizations are invited to attend. Also being invited are state and local politicians, such as Governor Larry Hogan; Congresswoman Donna Edwards; Congressmen Chris Van Hollen and Steny Hoyer; Prince George’s County Executive Rushern Baker; Howard County Executive Allan Kittleman; and Anne Arundel County Executive Steve Schuh; Anne Arundel County Council Chairman Jerry Walker; our state legislators; and the mayors of Laurel, Bowie, Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights, College Park, Edmonston, Riverdale, Hyattsville, and Mt. Rainier. Please let us know if there are other issues you have questions or thoughts about. And, of course, feel free to be in touch if we can be help you. Just email 21stDistrict-Delage@gmail.com or call 301-858-3141.

Friends of Patuxent
Riderwood’s Mel Krupin Honored for Hospitality Career

Journey Took Him from Hometown of Brooklyn to the Heart of Washington, DC

Last fall, Peter Franchot, the comptroller of Maryland, paid a visit to Riderwood retirement community to present a certificate of recognition to resident Mel Krupin.

The moment was more than just a photo op to Mr. Krupin, a restaurateur known for making both the power players and working folks of Washington feel at home over a meal. “Growing up in Brooklyn in the 1930’s, there is no way I could ever have imagined my life’s direction. Family and career have been my true blessings,” described Mr. Krupin.

Creating an inviting dining experience for others has been part of Mr. Krupin’s inner fabric as long as he can remember. As a 12-year-old boy scout, he vol-untereed to cook the steak and soup for his fellow scouts during summer camping trips. Seeing the smiles on his “customers” got him hooked.

Mr. Krupin eventually attended the First Community College of Brooklyn as a hospitality major. Drafted by the U.S. Army, he served his nation as a staff ser vant for five years. Upon returning home, he married the love of his life, Gloria, and brought the children down to Brooklyn in the 1930’s, where he worked in the meat business as a supplier to hotels and caterers in New York City for fifteen years. He even worked in catering during the weekends as a side job for extra income to support Gloria and their two children.

But Mr. Krupin’s penchant for pursuing his passion motivated him to make a life-changing deci sion in 1968. He moved to Washing ton, DC, to take a job as the manager of Duke Zeibert’s, a restaurant for the high rollers of the nation’s capital. “I didn’t know a single person, but Gloria was very supportive and brought the children down a few months later. We’ve never looked back,” described Mr. Krupin.

At Duke’s, Mr. Krupin quickly discovered his niche. He seated Supreme Court justices, traded jokes with United States sena tors, and got to know two legends of the National Football League, Vince Lombardi and George Allen, during their respective ten years at the Washington Redskins. “These folks came to be seen at Duke’s,” recalled Mr. Krupin. “We had world-class food and ambience, but making them feel welcome was the key. In due time, I knew everyone’s seating prefer ences, who their friends were, and what they liked to drink. I was in my element, and that’s what made it an amazing experience.”

Humor was also an essential for Mr. Krupin. “When customers would ask me, for example, if the fish was fresh, I would say ‘the fish for you today slept last night in the Chesapeake Bay’,” he recalled. “That line always made ’em laugh.”

Duke’s closed in 1980, and Mel, with his experience and work ethic, opened his own restaurant (Mel Krupin’s), which would become one of the most beauti ful and popular establishments in Washington. His next enterprise came in 2003 when he responded to a help wanted ad for a maître d’ position at McCormick & Schmitt’s. He got the job and worked there full-time for ten years.

Through his career, he has seen the dining industry change. “When I started at Duke’s, people dressed up to the nines for the social experience. A five-course meal was typical. Now people are more casual and certainly more health conscious,” noted Mr. Krupin.

But those social changes have not diminish ed the power of customer service. “Think about it. As a maître d’, you have to form an instant friendship with new customers. It’s not only good manners, but also good business,” he said. “That’s why receiving the recognition from Comptroller Franchot was significant to me. It meant I touched the lives of many people for the better.”

At Riderwood where Mr. Krupin has lived for three years, resi dents enjoy a variety of dining venues from formal to casual. Many of the hostesses and wait staff are high school and college students, providing Mr. Krupin with a daily opportunity to impart his knowledge of customer service to these young men and women.

“I tell them to get to know your customer’s first name, greet them, and always repeat their order. Certain time-honored hospitality tenets will never go out of style,” he said.

The Certificate of Recognition, presented to Mel Krupin by Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot, reads as follows:

“In recognition of your status as a “True Icon” and one of the most famous restaurateurs of the past in the greater Washington, DC area. With special appreciation for your long-term commitment to building a better community through your charitable efforts and your time spent hosting and working with developmentally disabled adults at your restaurants, best wishes for many more years of health, happiness and fond memories.”

Have You Seen Lily?

Lost in the Beltsville, MD, area, Lily was last seen on Powder Mill Rd on Sunday, September 6th. Lily is a four-year-old boxer mix and weighs about 55 pounds. She has a black/brown brindle coat with a white neck and chest. She did not have on a collar and is not micro-chipped. Please contact 240.437.7077 or facebook.com/SearchForLily with any information. A cash reward will be given upon her safe return.
The area now known as Beltsville. That area is equal to 125 square miles. (Cecil Calvert, married to Anne Arundel, was proprietor of the Maryland Colony from 1632 to 1675. His younger brother Leonard was appointed first governor of the Maryland Colony.)

Snowden divided the land into large plantations. One of them, of note, was named Turkey Flight Plantation, owned by the Beall family, who had arrived from Scotland. The main crop on Turkey Flight Plantation was tobacco. The plantation was inherited by Rezin Beall, born on the plantation in 1723. He served as a lieutenant in the French and Indian War and was commissioned a captain in the Maryland Regulars in January 1776. Some seven months later, July 16th, it was reported that British troops were about to land in St. Mary's County at Plum Point. Beall arrived there with just 100 men, who concealed themselves along the shore. They observed many British ships offshore, some of them loading longboats with troops. Beall gave the order not to fire until the boats were within 25 yards of shore. When that happened, Beall's men fired two volleys, and the boats turned around with “great confusion.” All the sailors returned to their ships, and British big guns then started shelling the shore. Beall received a serious wound in the hip area. For leading this successful military action, Beall was promoted to brigadier general. This also earned him the nickname “The Little Man of Iron.”

General Beall served until December 1, 1776. He then returned to Turkey Flight Plantation, where he died on October 14, 1809, at 86. He was buried in the family plot on plantation grounds. Today, Spicknall’s Farm is located on the site of Turkey Flight Plantation. On November 22, 1969, General Beall’s remains were moved from the family plot, then on Spicknall’s Farm, to St. John’s Cemetery in Beltsville. The gravestone at St. John’s is the original one from Turkey Flight Plantation.

After Rezin Beall’s death, the plantation eventually became the property of Evan and Verlinda Beall Shaw and became known as the Shaw Plantation. Shaw and wife Verlinda lived for 40 years in a home known as the Orme-Shaw House, aka Culver house, located at 11601 Caverly Avenue in Beltsville. Trueman Belt owned Locust Grove Plantation, located generally on Route 1 across from St. John’s Episcopal Church. In 1835, Belt provided B&O Railroad a right of way through the plantation to allow construction of a rail line from Baltimore to Washington. The railroad established a station at this location and named it Belt Station. From that action, we have become known as Beltsville.
Janice L. Schoonover, age 72
Formerly of Beltsville, MD, and then resident of Frederick, MD, passed away on Monday, January 15th. She was the wife of the late Howard E. Schoonover, Jr. Born February 6, 1943, in Roanoke, Virginia, she was the daughter of the late MC and Bea (Benok) Schoonover, Sr. Together they had three sons and their families: John K. Harrison, Kristina R. (Harrison) Wiggins, Laura M. (Harrison) Streicker, Glen M. Harrison, and Nathan D. Harrison. Further, she is survived by seven great-grandchildren; her brother-in-law, George C. “Cotton” Harrison and his wife Carolyn of Thurmont; her niece, Elaine (McNeil) Carr; and her husband, Norman Carr of Delmar, DE; and both of their families.

William Paul Wenzel, age 89
On Thursday, February 4th of Beltsville, MD; beloved husband of 66 years to Mary Jean Wenzel; loved father of Richard Wenzel, Andrew (Lisa) Wenzel, and the late Bernadette Wenzel; father-in-law of Christina Wenzel; grandfather of Adam, Daniel, Jennifer, Lauren, and Julian; also survived by 5 great grandchildren. A Memorial Mass was held at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church 4902 Berwyn Road, College Park, MD, on Monday, February 8th at 10:00 AM. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project www.woundedwarrior-project.org Arrangements made by Borgwardt Funeral Home

Ruth (Smith) Harrison, age 97
of Hampstead, MD, died on Monday, January 11th at the Carroll County Hospice Dove House in Westminster, MD.

Mrs. Harrison was born August 23, 1918, in Washington, D.C. She was the daughter of the late Thomas Kenneth “Kenny” Smith and Bessie (Buswell) Smith. Along with her older sister, the late Ellen (Smith) Shorb, she grew up in D.C. and also spent many summers with the family at their vacation home at White Point Beach on the Potomac River in rural St. Mary’s County, MD. Mrs. Harrison was the wife of the late J. Rodman “Rod” Harrison, Sr. Together they had three sons and resided in Hyattsville, University Park, and Beltsville, MD. Rod Harrison passed away for 57 years, in 1995, and subsequently Ruth moved to Carroll County. Mrs. Harrison was a dedicated and loving mother, housewife, and Christian. Moreover, she was a member of the Living Hope Baptist Church in Reisterstown, MD. She is survived by two of her three sons and their families: John R. “Jack” Harrison, Jr. and his wife Barbara of Beltsville; and Richard M. Harrison and his wife Christine of Hampstead. Tragically, her second-born son, David W. Harrison of Columbia, died suddenly of a heart attack in 1995 at the age of 52.

Mrs. Harrison is also survived by her five grandchildren including John K Harrison, Kristina R. (Harrison) Wiggins, Laura M. (Harrison) Streicker, Glen M. Harrison, and Nathan D. Harrison. Further, she is survived by seven great-grandchildren; her brother-in-law, George C. “Cotton” Harrison and his wife Carolyn of Thurmont; her niece, Elaine (McNeil) Carr; and her husband, Norman Carr of Delmar, DE; and both of their families.

A graveside service was held during the interment at Ft. Lincoln Cemetery in Brentwood, MD, on January 15th. Richard Harrison officiated and led the group in prayers and a tribute to Mrs. Harrison. Arrangements were by Eckhardt Funeral Chapel P.A., Manchester, MD.

A memorial service in honor of Mrs. Ruth Harrison was held on the 26th of January at the Living Hope Baptist Church in Reisterstown, MD. Richard Harrison moderated, and Pastor Dr. David J. LeBlanc was the guest speaker. Tributes to Mrs. Harrison were given by Chrissee Harrison, Richard Harrison, John K. Harrison, Glen Harrison, Laura Streicker, and Nathan Harrison. Kaitlyn Harrison read from Psalms 103 and Isaiah 41, and Rich Harrison sang “Find Us Faithful.” Ruth’s family, friends, and neighbors were all welcomed and attended in good numbers despite the remaining and substantial snow cover from the recent storm. Online condolences can be sent to www.eckhardtfuneralchapel.com.

Barbara Dyson Bohorfoush, age 81
Of Beltsville, MD, passed away on Wednesday, February 3rd. She was the beloved wife of Walter L. (Marie) Bohorfoush, Jr., Ada L. Bohorfoush, Jr., and her husband, Norman Carr of Delmar, DE; and both of their families.

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helicopter take off with me inside. I wasn’t fully conscious. Hey, I got a free helicopter ride. Too bad I couldn’t look out of the window. I was in shock.

Later, my husband told me that when he saw how bad the car looked, he thought I would be maimed, or at least brain damaged forever.

Later, the Lord showed me this crash was not an accident: it was an act of love all in the gentle hands of God. He showed me something phenomenal two years after the crash, so touching and so humbling that, despite the pain, I would do it again in a heartbeat! Why? I didn’t expect beauty out of this car crash, but God sure did! He just took a while to tell me.

Catch me in the next Beltsville News where I reveal how God protected me, why I would feel honored to do it again, and especially, what this means for you. Curious? Good!

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Getting rid of that old computer

By John Bell

Last week, my mother called me. She wanted to know how best to give her old computer to a nephew without risking exposing her private data. I thought that might be a common question, so I decided to share my answer with my readers.

The first concern is removing all of the data from the hard drive. It is not enough to reformat the drive. I have used tools that allow me to recover data on most reformatted drives. Each sector on the drive must be overwritten multiple times to prevent the data from being recovered. This normally requires a tool to do the job. I suggest downloading a copy of the free SystemRescueCd from: http://www.system-rescue-cd.org/ SystemRescueCd_Homepage.

The CD includes several tools that can be used to securely delete a hard drive partition. You can also do an online search for disk wiping tools. Most tools require you to create a bootable CD because the operating system on the computer will be lost when the computer is wiped.

If you are willing to replace the hard drive, you can remove it from the computer and physically destroy the drive with a drill or hammer. In this case, I normally disassemble the drive to collect the rare earth magnets and to show the kids the insides of sealed technology. Once the drive is disassembled, I bend or smash the disks, and the data will be reasonably unrecoverable.

Note that in this case when I refer to a hard drive I am talking about ordinary hard drives using spinning media and not solid-state drives (SSDs). SSDs have different needs and are not common on older machines.

Now that the data on the hard drive has been removed, the computer requires an operating system (OS) to run. Older computers often came with a set of CDs or DVDs that could be used to reinstall the OS. If this OS is Windows, prior to Windows 7, please do not install the old OS, for Microsoft no longer supports the older OS, and the computer will be insecure. If the computer can support it and you want Windows, then purchase a new copy of Windows 10 and install that.

If you want the computer to perform better and you do not want to spend money on a new OS, then download a free copy of Linux. Linux Mint is currently the most popular Linux, followed closely by Ubuntu. Both are free but many Windows users find the Mint user interface to be more familiar. In my experience, Ubuntu is better for people who are less familiar with computers. Linux Mint can be found at http://linuxmint.com, and Ubuntu Linux can be found at http://www.ubuntu.com.

To install Linux, you typically need to download the image file for the OS and write it to either a DVD or a thumb drive with at least 4 gigabytes of storage. The write process will normally make the media bootable, which means you can start and run the computer from the media. The detailed computer setup continues on page 11.
GBBA Business Buzz

In case you haven’t noticed, there are many thriving businesses, small and large alike, in the greater Beltsville community. We would like to highlight one of our business members each month so that you become familiar with the wide variety of shops and businesses right here in your back yard. Show your love for local; we have a lot to offer. This month, we showcase Mark Electronics, one of GBBA’s original members, located at 11215 Old Baltimore Pike.

Mark Electronics was established in 1959 by John O’Connor in Hyattsville, MD. At that time, the company supplied parts to the TV repair industry and the outdoor TV antenna industry. In 1978, the company was purchased by Tim Atkins and several partners. The company began distributing parts and supplies to the government and other commercial companies. Mark Electronics moved to Beltsville in 1982. Due to the invention of the transistor, the TV repair industry began to fade away. Mark Electronics began changing its direction to supplying industrial parts and supplies. In 1986, Tim Atkins bought out the partners’ shares and became sole owner of the company. The electronics industry continued to change dramatically, and Mark Electronics continued to move its products and supplies toward the industrial and datacom industries. In 1994, the company purchased the building at 11215 Old Baltimore Pike where it still resides.

Today, Mark Electronics yet supplies federal, state, and local government, school systems, and commercial companies as well as the general public. A wide variety of items are available for purchase on site or online at www.markelectronics.com. The company welcomes and appreciates the support of its local customers to continue its operations. Don’t hesitate to contact the company at 301.595.5040 to check its availability for your requirements for electronics, batteries, video, audio, telephone, chemicals, tools, test equipment, and Datacom.

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GBBA’s monthly breakfast meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 7:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. at the Cross Creek Golf Club, located at 12800 Bay Hill Dr. (off Old Gunpowder Rd.), Beltsville, MD 20705. To view more details about the GBBA, visit our website: http://beltsvillebusiness.com. Contact us by phone please call 240.391.8001 or by email: BeltsvilleBusiness@gmail.com.

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If the information going to the IRS on your health care from the three sources does not reconcile, you and as many as half the tax return filers, even those assisted by paid preparers, may get correspondence from the IRS. This is partially because of errors in reporting by the market place or insurance exchanges and the trial-run basis of the IRS forms that taxpayers are completing. In addition, your tax information may bounce back and forth between IRS and the state to get further exchange information or other clarification. Consequently, in a large majority of tax filings, it may be mission impossible to get all the information to reconcile due to the fickle finger of fate. Please consider, though, that someone who prepares tax returns full-time may be slightly better able to avoid correspondence-causing presentations to the IRS. Never the less, responding to correspondence can be time consuming and it could be handled for you by your paid tax preparer.

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Prince George’s County Fire Prevention Contest

The Prince George’s County Fire Prevention contest was held in October. Over 315 students from various schools won awards from the county. The students were honored at an awards ceremony on February 5. Below are the student’s names that were present with award from the county.

**Beltsville Academy**
Shamira Humphrey (4th Grade)

**St. Joseph Regional Catholic Church**
1st Place: Michael Bullock (Kindergarten)

**Vansville Elementary School**
2nd Place: Kali Malloy (Kindergarten), Diana Phan (4th Grade)
3rd Place: Cassidy Salazar (Kindergarten)

**Beltsville Adventist**
1st Place: Megan Nashe (5th Grade), Abigail Jednoszewski (6th Grade)
2nd Place: Christen Fulford (4th Grade), Gianna James (5th Grade), Bryn Ella Johns (6th Grade)
3rd Place: Kayla Garnett (4th Grade), Zachary George (5th Grade), Evelyn Solomon (6th Grade)

**Wallace Presbyterian Church in College Park to Hold Grief Counseling Sessions**

Wallace Presbyterian Church in College Park, MD, is beginning a 13-week grief support group on Tuesday, March 1 at 7 p.m. The group is open to all, and the church is located at 3725 Metzeret Rd., College Park (at the intersection of Metzeret Rd. and University Blvd.).

“GriefShare is a network of 12,000 churches worldwide equipped to offer grief support groups. The program is non-denominational and features biblical concepts for healing from grief. The program includes a video seminar, group discussion and a personal workbook. There is a $15 fee for the workbook. GriefShare leaders are people who have experienced grief and have successfully rebuilt their lives. They understand the long path through grief toward healing and hope for the future. To learn more about GriefShare, visit www.griefshare.org.

Those who wish to attend GriefShare at Wallace Presbyterian can come on March 1 or can begin attending at any point in the 13 weeks. Each meeting is “self-contained” and does not need to be attended in sequence. If someone misses the earlier meetings, they can pick them up at Wallace’s next 13-week cycle. This cycle of GriefShare will conclude on May 24.

Those who wish to attend GriefShare at Wallace Presbyterian are asked to notify the church office at info@wallacepca.org or at 301.935.5900 so that we can order workbooks. But, even if people are not able to notify the church in advance, they are still welcome to attend.

**Who?**
Who buries the buried seed to break the dirt to reach the sun? Who resurrects the breathless dreams, unarrived, and undone? Who urges songs from minstrels filling trees and open sky? Who raises thunderous voices through white towers heaped on high?
Who sprinkles tons of snow without a word to blanket homes? Who draws the tumbling waves to grasp at shores with fringing foams?
Who brings to birth a baby from the love of man and wife? Who whispers in each listening heart the more than just this life?
Who says don’t put your trust in what can never satisfy?
Who points to Him Who conquered sin and grave for those who die?
Who started everything and still sustains it to this day?
Who promised there’s a better place when all this fades away?
Who will not disappoint the ones who hope in Him to save?
Who is this Savior, Christ, Creator? Jesus is His name.

**Lent**

Lent is a season when we think about the pain and suffering Jesus died on the cross for all of us. Lent is a time of prayer, thinking about the pain and suffering Jesus went through. Lent is also a time of prayer, fasting, and charity.

Let me conclude with a prayer for Shrove Tuesday. “On this Shrove Tuesday, Lord help us to enjoy and give thanks to you for the bounty you provide for us and remind us to share your gifts with others. And as Lent begins tomorrow, prepare our hearts and minds to reflect upon the temptation of Jesus for 40 days and nights and what that means for us. Amen.”
Women’s Community Club 2015 Holiday Food & Gift program

Thanks to your generosity, the Women’s Community Club of Beltsville’s 2015 Holiday Food & Gift program was a Success!!! We were able to provide Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner for 34 families in 2015! Also, Christmas was a little brighter for 109 children! The youngest child was 5 months old, and the oldest was a senior in high school. When we were passing out the food and gifts, every single family told me that they would not have been able to have a holiday without our support!

YOU made this possible!!!! Your support allowed us to spread a little sunshine during the holidays!

The following people and organizations donated in 2015: Jack and Kristine Patterson; Dr. Pamela Andrews; Karen and Thomas Andrews; Susan and Joseph Urban; Pavel Gusev; Totally Polished Nail & Skin Spa; Ann Anderson; Uptown Calverton; The Michael Companies; Sun Services; Minuteman Press; Mignon Inc.; Haley & Associates; Wells and Associates Inc.; Borgwards; Day, Deadrick & Marshall; Saint Gregory’s Catholic Church; Beltsville Lutheran Church; Beltsville Baptist Church; United Methodist Women of Emmanuel Church; Subud; Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington; Barbara Thomas; Suburban University Park Lions Club; Bristol-Rushden Co. Ltd P-A; Crescent Nursery; Ryler Auto Repairs Service; the Radcliff Family; Carol Ditto; Larry Pendleton of Old Line Fine Wine, Spirits and Bistro; Marqui Hair Salon; Sorecia and John Bladen; Lynn McKee; Ali and Janet Sadeghi; David Donovan; Beltsville Rotary; and Councilwoman Mary Lehman. Last but not least, the students and staff from Beltsville Adventist School; Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School; Beltsville Academy; Calverton Elementary School; and the Police Explorers from District 6.
The Beltsville Garden Club

The Beltsville Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, March 23rd, at 7:30 PM in the multi-purpose room of the Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville, MD. Thomas Ranier will present Planting in a Post-Wild World: Designing Plant Communities for More Resilient Landscapes.

This groundbreaking talk presents a powerful alternative to traditional horticulture-designed plantings that function like naturally occurring plant communities. Join landscape architect Thomas Rainer, a leading voice in ecological landscape design, to learn how plants fit together in nature and how to use this knowledge to create landscapes that are resilient, beautiful, and diverse. As practical as it is inspiring, this talk explores a new synthesis of ecology and horticulture—resulting in an intentionally designed and managed community where population dynamics are encouraged within an aesthetic framework.

Thomas Rainer, a landscape architect, teacher, and writer, is a passionate advocate for an ecologically expressive design aesthetic that interprets nature rather than imitates it. His planting designs focus on creating a modern expression of the ground plane with a largely native palette of perennials and grasses. Thomas has designed landscapes for the U.S. Capitol grounds, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, and the New York Botanical Garden and blogs regularly on the award-winning site Grounded Design. He is a principal for the firm Rhodes & Harwell in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Rainer will have copies of his just-published book on this subject available for signing after his talk.

The public is welcome, and admission is free. Refreshments will be served following the program. If Prince George’s County Public Schools are closed on this date due to weather, this meeting will be canceled.

Upcoming Veterans Creative Arts Festival

By Ivy Christoffers

The annual Maryland Veterans Creative Arts Festival is scheduled for April 2nd: the art exhibit begins at 1:00 PM, and at a two-hour, live performance begins at 2:00 PM. All artists and performers are our wounded heroes, those gallant warriors who gave so much in service to our country. This event is taking place in a most prestigious venue, the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts, which is next to Bowie High School on Rte. 450. Admission is only $10, and active military are admitted free. Come out and support those great men and women who put their lives on the line for all of us. Their remarkable accomplishments, through the healing medium of art therapy, will astound you. Bring your children to meet those who ensured the healing medium of art therapy, and women who put their lives on the line for all of us. Their remarkable accomplishments, through the healing medium of art therapy, will astound you. Bring your children to meet those who ensured the freedom for all.

The oldest female WWII veteran, Alyce Dixon, who participated in last year’s festival, passed away in her sleep. Miss Dixon was a resident in the Community Living Center at Washington V.A. Medical Center, and we looked forward to seeing her each month at our regular recreation hall parties. It just won’t be the same without her. Miss Dixon was a gold medal winner several years ago in the National Creative Arts competition for her wheelchair comedy routine.

Now for some interesting happenings coming up at College Park Post #217: on March 5th Chris and Chick Hall along with Patsy Stephens will be appearing in a revue to honor three musical icons—Patsy Cline, Willie Nelson and Jerry Lee Lewis. This should be a gangbuster of a show. Admission is only $15 at the door. Plan to bring your friends and party on. The show begins at 8:00 PM and ends at 11:00 PM.

On April 16th we will be fortunate once again to host Chad Reinert, who is number one on the Nashville Circuit. You get to see and hear Chad and eat a great dinner for only $22. Tickets are available at the bar for the best show in town. Thanks to Tina Zook for all her efforts to bring big-name entertainers to our American Legion post. You can call Tina for tickets at 301-580.6134.

Because of the blizzard of 2016, our scheduled blood drive had to be canceled. We hope to reschedule it for the near future and will let you know when so you can “give the gift of life” if you feel so inclined. Bingo continues every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 12:15 PM, and our Friday night dinners and dances bring in a crowd of fun-loving people. Please remember College Park American Legion Post # 217 if you are planning a special event. Our hall is available for a modest sum, and we have a great chef on staff for your culinary wishes.

Our membership drive continues. If you are eligible to belong to the greatest patriotic organization on earth and wish to lend your support to our veterans, our youth, and our community give us a chance to show you how easy and satisfying this can be for you. The benefits in belonging will amaze you.

May God continue to Bless America and hold our troops in the palm of his hand while they serve around the world in the cause of freedom for all.

The Beltsville Young at Heart Club

We were able to have our first meeting this month. There were lots of things to discuss such as the anniversary party and Beltsville Day to name a few. Our first trip on March 23rd is a go. It is to the Riverside Dinner Theater in Frederick, VA, to see My Fair Lady. On May 18th is a trip to the American Music Theater to see the Crooners Show with a buffet lunch. To sign up and find out more, call Shirley Denell at 391.937.5342. There is also a great crab feast trip and a Blue Angels show I will tell you more about. We hope the weather will hold for our next meeting. Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others are sure to feel the warmth themselves.

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March 20th Palm Sunday: Celebrate Jesus’s decent into Jerusalem at the 9:00 and 11:15 Services!

March 24: Holy Thursday Service followed by our annual Seder Tasting! Service begins at 7pm.

March 25: Come and experience the final moments of Jesus’s life in a moving service meant to remind us of the light that was extinguished and to prepare us for the resurrection of that light.

March 27: Easter Sunday join us as we celebrate the most joyous day of the year, the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord!
Our Pinewood Derby was delayed by the blizzard, but the scouts of Cub Pack 1031 were finally able to race their cars on February 6th at the Beltsville Community Center. Pack winners were Justin F., 1st place, Kevin K., 2nd place, and Jason K., 3rd place. Congratulations to all the winners!

Weather delayed many of our events: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service day this spring. Mount Vernon, and our Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. Martin’s efforts were delayed by the blizzard, but the scouts of Cub Pack 1031 were finally able to race their cars on February 6th at the Beltsville Academy PTO meeting by Principal Leslie Lowe. This year’s event was highly successful due to all of the efforts of students, faculty and staff, and volunteer judges.

High Road Upper School and Prince George’s Community College Team Up to Prepare Students for Work

High Road Upper School of Prince George’s County and the Workforce Development Institutes (WDI) at Prince George’s Community College have teamed up to present industry-certified training opportunities to students of the regional school. Denise Ware, program director, Hospitality and Tourism Institute at Prince George’s Community College, and her staff presented to the students at High Road Upper School of Prince George’s County information about opportunities that would enable students to achieve their post-secondary educational and employment goals. The initial training the students will undertake is the 44-hour Customer Service and Microsoft Office Applications course.

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We are now looking forward to celebrating our 50th year Blue and Gold night at the end of the month. Are you interested in discovering the fun of Cub Scouts with your son? If you would like more information contact, Regina Halper through www.BeAScout.org—just put in our zip code and look for Cub Pack 1031.

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**THURSDAY MOVIE MATINEES** The movie for Thursday, Mar. 10 is Hitch and the movie for Thur., Mar. 24 is Exodus: Gods and Kings. Movie time starts at 10 a.m. and ends around 12 noon. We’ll supply the popcorn and you enjoy the movie. Free.

**NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER** 10001 Scarletanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. Main phone: 301.497.5772. See hfx.gov/refuge/Patuxent/visit/NWVC.html. The entrance is accessed from Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore-Washington Pkwy. and Rt. 197. Regular hours of operation for the Visitor Center are: Fri. – Wed., from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closed Thursdays and federal holidays. Regular hours of operation for the trails and grounds are: Open daily from sunrise to sunset, except for federal holidays. Free admission to the Visitor Center and its exhibits, grounds, and trails. Space in public programs is limited and registration is required unless otherwise specified — call 301.497.5867. Programs subject to changes or cancellation due to weather or low participation. Activities and events are free of charge if not noted, but donations to the Friends of Patuxent are always appreciated. Please advise us of any special needs so that we may accommodate you.

**HOLLINGSWORTH ART GALLERY** The featured artist for March is artist Ikumi Kayama. The gallery is open when the Visitor Center is open. Registration is not required. All ages.

**WOOPING CRANE OBSERVATORY TOUR** Sun., Mar. 6 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Ages 14+. Take a guided tour of the Whooping Crane Observatory at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center to observe a pair of graceful and endangered whooping cranes. Find out more about the Whooping Crane population recovery program. Arrive early, as tour will leave on time. Space is very limited.

**BIRD WALK** Wednesdays, Mar. 9 and 23 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Ages 14+. Bird walks will take place on Wed., Mar. 9 at 10:30 a.m. Learn about our planned focused walks on Wed., Mar. 9 at 10:30 a.m. See all kinds of gizzards, gnatcatchers, and thraupids. Your job is to guess: What is the bird called? We’ll look at the bouncy forms of bygone eras. Regular admission fees to the mansion apply. Cost: $3/adults (ages 19 to 59), $2/children, ages 6 to 18, free/ages 5 and under.

**COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM** 1985 Gil. Frank Scott Dr., College Park, MD 20740. Phone: 301.864.6029. TTY: 301.698.2544. Hours of operation are Mon. – Sat. from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closed Sunday. Hours of operation for the trails and grounds are: Open daily from sunrise to sunset, except for federal holidays. Free admission to the Visitor Center and its exhibits, grounds, and trails. Space in public programs is limited and registration is required unless otherwise specified — call 301.497.5867. Programs subject to changes or cancellation due to weather or low participation. Activities and events are free of charge if not noted, but donations to the Friends of Patuxent are always appreciated. Please advise us of any special needs so that we may accommodate you.

**SPRING BREAK AND AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES** Mon., Mar. 28 through Fri., Apr. 1 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Join us each day of spring break for a different project. Free. Ages 8 and up.

**LAUREL–BELTSVILLE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER** 7120 Conote Rd., Laurel, MD 20707, around the corner from the Laurel Regional Hospital. Phone: 301.206.3350, Fax: 301.206.3387, TTY: 301.446.3402. Regular hours of operation: Mon. – Thur. from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fri. from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sat. from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; closed Sunday. Membership is free for Beltsville residents who are age 60 or older.

**SERNIOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB** Friendship Club regular office hours are Mon. – Fri. from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Phone: 301.206.3380. The monthly meeting will take place on Wed., Mar. 9 at 10:30 a.m. Learn about our planned trips for 2016 — including a 50th anniversary dinner/dance in September — and enjoy a special program by the musical Plummer Family. If you would like to attend our coned beef & cabbage luncheon, please sign-up and pay by Wed., Mar. 2.

**FAMILY FUN: REFUGE SYSTEM HABITATS AND ADAPTATIONS** Fri., Mar. 11 and Sat., Mar. 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ages 3 and up. Drop-in program, no registration required. Come any time and leave when you wish. (Note: Saturday’s program will be held in conjunction with the annual Refuge System Birthday Bash celebration.) Learn about different habitats in the Patuxent and other National Wildlife Refuges. Discover how animals have adapted to survive in the frailest places and how refuge help. Enjoy self-paced interactive activities and games.

**REFUGE SYSTEM BIRTHDAY BASH!** Sat., Mar. 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Celebrate the Birthday of the National Wildlife Refuge System! There will be live animals, crafts, live music with Ryan Buckle, educational games, and activities. Don’t miss authors Paul Baicich and Margaret Barker as they present their talk: _Feeding Wild Birds in America: Culture, Commerce & Conservation_ at 2 p.m. No registration required.

**HOP WITH THE REFUGE MANAGER** Wed., Mar. 16 from 2 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Ages 12 and up. Join the refuge manager, Brad Knudson, for a leisurely walk along Catfish Lake Trail to learn about conservation and spring wildlife at Patuxent.

**ENVIRONMENTAL FILM FESTIVAL** Sat., Mar. 19 from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Featured Films: _Disneynature: Ocean Odyssey_ (the fantastic journey of an orca pair; 15 mins.), and _Putinó_ (discover the uniqueness of the delightful puffin; 50 mins.). The Friends of Patuxent and the Environmental Film Festival invite you to attend the annual film festival featuring guest speakers, displays, and award-winning environmental films. No registration required.

**EAGS ABOUND** Fri., Mar. 25 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Ages 5 – 7. Discover who is growing inside an eagl! Learn about many different animals that hatch from eggs and take a hike to search for some in their habitat. Springtime is the perfect time for eggs.

**COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES** Please contact the individual facilities regarding late changes or updates to hours of operation.

**THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)** The library is free and open to the public and public parking is free. Hours of operation: Mon. – Fri. from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for federal holidays. The library is located at 10301 Baltimore Ave., near Sunnyvale Ave. Main phone number: 301.504.5755. NAL is on Twitter @National_Ag_Lib. See NAL USA.gov for links to.

**THE BELTSVILLE WOMEN’S CLUB** The Beltsville Women’s Club meets on Wednesday, March 9th at 7:30 p.m. at the Beltsville Community Center, 3930 Sellman Road. For more information, call 301.497.5867. Contact: sandiyeune@gmail.com

**BELTSVILLE CITIZENS ASSOC. MEETING** March 16 at 7 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Beltsville Academy, 4300 Wicomico Ave. Please plan to attend.

**BENKIE NURSERIES GARDEN CENTER** 11300 Baltimore Ave. Please call 301.937.1100, ext. 0 or see Behnkes.com for more information, additional events, and to register if requested.

**GENESERIAD SOCIETY PLANT SHOW AND SALE WITH LECTURES** The event takes place on two days: Day 1 is Sat., Mar. 19 from 12 noon to 6 p.m., with Lecture #1 at 2 p.m and Lecture #2 at 3 p.m. Day 2 is Sun., Mar. 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with Lecture #1 at 10 a.m. and Lecture #2 at 1 p.m. Stop in and explore the beauty of this large and varied plant family which includes African violet, gesneria, and streptocarpus plants. Admission is free.

**BELTSVILLE LIBRARY** The library is located at 4319 Sellman Rd., Beltsville, next to the police station. Main phone number: 301.937.0294. Regular hours of operation are Mon. – Fri. from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., closed on Sunday. Hours of operation for Xtreme Teens and Pre-teens: Fri. – Sat. from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Contact the Center regarding other events for March.

**BAGELS WITH THE BUNNY** Sat., Mar. 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come and enjoy tasty bagels and take a picture with the Easter Bunny. Children can also make a craft and participate in an Easter egg hunt. There will be a free healthy eating workshop as well. Reservations required by Sat., Mar. 12. Free. All ages welcome.

**YOUNG AT HEART CLUB** The Beltsville Young at Heart Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 12 noon. Members must be at least 55 years old. If you visit us three times you can become a member. We have speakers, entertainment, trips, 50/50, bingo, plus light refreshments. Call Jean at 301.979.4304 with any questions.

**STRATEGY GAME CLUB** Mondays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Enjoy board games, strategy games, and tons of fun. All skill levels welcome. Any game can be played as was brought to the club to be played. Free. All ages.

**XTREME TEEN REGULAR EVENTS** Fridays and Saturdays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Free with valid Center ID card. Ages 13 – 17.

**VANSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER** 6813 Ammendale Rd., Vansville. Phone: 301.390.20708. Main phone: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512. Regular hours of operation are Mon. – Fri. from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sat. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed Sunday. Hours of operation for Xtreme Teens and Pre-teens: Fri. – Sat. from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Contact the Center regarding other events for March.

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Here at Riderwood, we’re in dig-out mode, I know when you read this you’re thinking about spring—me too. But as I write this, snow is still on the ground. Riderwood did a great job keeping the roads and walks clear all night. They are working on parking lot now. The drifts are so high many cars are covered. I’ve seen young people digging out cars take 1 1/2 hours to do so. I don’t drive anymore, but a lot still do.

Please, people, stop asking to be my friend on Facebook or Twitter. I do not belong to any social media, but all of you are my friends. If you wish to have words with me, write to me at bill@bakerbill.net. I answer all mail.

Now and then, a lady will tell me that she took my baking class, and of course I remember Carolyn Lanks, who helped make the class great. I hope she is doing well. If you run into her, tell her I said hello!

Well, we have had the blizzard of 2016. But don’t set to thinking it’s over for the year. Remember the Ides of March. Many of our largest snowfalls have been in March, but spring starts soon.

In past month, I have warned you about scams: some mean, some smooth. Again this month, a smooth one with not a lot of money involved is going on. The other day I got mail from the USO asking for new money to rejoin them, again along with a membership card asking me to send money even though I never joined it. The next day, I got mail.

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Office training.

The Hospitality and Tourism Institute (HTI) meets the ever increasing, worldwide demand for well-trained hospitality and tourism professionals and offers customized, specially developed, comprehensive training programs that benefit businesses by lowering in-house recruitment and training costs, reducing workforce turnover, and increasing employee productivity.

Yvonne Ward-Manson, regional transition director, stated that “This program is the first of its kind in Prince George’s County. This is the type of training opportunity that will assist our non-college bound students in achieving their post-secondary goals.”

Students participating in the program increase their employability by gaining vocational skills in a shared-learning model. HTI staff have industry experience and provide employability training as well as technical training specific to the occupational track selected by each participant. This unique program training model was designed to be a national benchmark and to support achievement of professional credentials and industry-specific certifications. Additionally, each occupational training track is directly aligned with local employment opportunities.

Developing a partnership with High Road schools in the region will not only assist HTI in its mission but will also support High Road as it assists students with achieving their goal by providing them with the tools needed to be successful, contributing members of their community.

If you have any question or would like more information about the program, please call Howard Axelrod or Yvonne Ward-Manson at 301.429.6191. For further information about HTI and other workforce development programs at Prince George’s Community College please call 301.546.7596.

**Basic Bread Dough**
To make a loaf of bread, just make the dough firm and let the kids knead it. It will keep them busy for hours. Then, place the dough in a microwave for about 30 seconds. Afterwards, you can toss it if you used yeast. If not, it’s like play dough.

In a medium-size bowl, place 2 cups of flour
Add 2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 heaping spoon Crisco
2 tablespoons yeast if you have any (optional)

Stir in a cup of warm water and make it into a dough.

Now, you have play dough. Do not overdo the water: the dough should be firm, not sticky. Then, let the kids have at it. (Note: the dough will clean their hands well.) Do not think of eating it. I suggest you do not go out and buy yeast for play dough.

Stir it with a spoon, and it will firm up in a while. When it gets too stiff, dump it on a floured table. Kneading it will firm it up quickly.

Remember, luck consists of preparation and opportunity. That’s all for now, see you’ll in the spring. Baker Bill, bill@bakerbill.net. Drop me a line I love Fun mail.
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EASTER ACTIVITIES AND WORSHIP
- Palm Sunday Worship, March 20
  *9:45 a.m. Bible Study (for all ages)
  *11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- Maundy Thursday Worship Service
  March 24, 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday
March 25, 12:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Church Open for Prayer
- Community Easter Egg Hunt
  Saturday, March 26, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
  For children ages 2 – 12 years
- Easter Sunday, March 27
  6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service
  7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
  *9:45 a.m. Bible Study (for all ages)
  *11:00 a.m. Worship Service
  *Childcare available for children up to 3 years old

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On March 17th, The Church will be going Skating @ Lanham Sea-Brooke Skate Ring, Lanham Md.
Also if you are cleaning out your house and would like to make a donate to our church pantry please contact Sis. Nicole Thompson 443.307.6084

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301.937.6621. Fax: 301.937.6623.
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Contact the Center regarding other
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MAGIC SHOW AND EGG HUNT
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XTREME TEENS REGULAR EVENTS
Fridays and Saturdays from 7 p.m. to
10 p.m. Ages 13 – 17. Free with valid
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and Flavors: Take time to appreciate the flavors, textures and overall eating experience. In today’s busy world, we often eat quickly and mindlessly. Instead, savor your food, eating slowly one bite at a time to focus on the different flavors and textures. Stop and take time in between bites. Eating slowly not only allows you to enjoy your food, but it also can help you eat less by giving your stomach time to tell your brain you are full.

• Develop a Mindful Eating Pattern: How, when, why and where you eat, are just as important as what you eat. Think about where you eat the majority of your meals. Do you eat lunch at your desk or dinner in front of the television? Instead of multitasking through meals, take a few minutes out of your busy schedule to find a nice place to mindfully eat.

• Consult a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist: A healthy lifestyle is much more than choosing to eat more fruits and vegetables. It’s also essential to make informed food choices based on your individual health and nutrient needs.
A registered dietitian nutritionist (RDN) can educate you and guide your food choices while keeping your tastes and preferences in mind. RDNs are able to separate facts from fads and translate nutritional science into information you can use. Find an RDN in your area by visiting the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics site at www.eatright.org. The site also contains articles, recipes, videos and educational resources.
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HELP WANTED

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