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Santa Tour 2021

Santa Claus has confirmed his route with the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department! He will begin his routes on Tuesday, December 7.

- · If you meet Santa at the intersections listed below on the schedule, he will be able to meet more children and see more of Beltsville.
- Always use caution when visiting Santa. Please pay attention to the fire apparatus and stay out of the street.
- Sometimes Santa runs behind schedule by a couple of minutes, so be patient. He will follow the schedule as. close as pos-
- · We will be handing candy cane out this year.
- Santa must keep moving so we are able to cover all areas, please come out to the road if you want a candy cane, firefighter will not go up to your home.
- Tour could change or cancel due to any changes by State or local authority due to Covid.
- · Have Fun and make sure you know what you want for Christmas!

Tuesday Dec. 7 begins at 6 pm

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Pack 1031 Scouts and family walking like a monster!

An All Volunteer Newspaper

Beltsville, Maryland

Falling into Action with Cub Pack 1031

Cub Pack 1031 has been busy in the outdoors! Our Tiger Scout, Rowan, has earned Games Tigers Play, Team Tiger, and Tigers in Wild working with the Wolf Den. The Wolf den has completed Call of the Wild, Paws on the Path and some electives.

The Bear Den has almost finished Bear Necessities (outdoor skills), and Furs, Feathers and

Webelos earned Webelos Walkabout and the Arrow den has completed Outdoorsman. We will hike this weekend to catch some scouts up on their requirements and make s'mores!

The pack participated in the Scouting for Food Drive by collecting 100 lbs. of food within their families. Some Cubs helped

Troop 1033 sort their huge number of donations on Saturday November 13th.

The pack put on their costumes and celebrated Halloween with games and distanced candy distribution. It was loads of fun!

If you are interested in discov-

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Beltsville Briefs

Updates from the First Baptist Church of Beltsville

First Baptist Church of Beltsville is Looking for a Pianist

The First Baptist Church of Beltsville is looking for a pianist for to accompany their services and choir. If you are interested go to http://fbcbeltsville.org/pianist.cfm to apply. You can send your questions or resume to ocean244us@yahoo. com.

Christmas Eve Service

You are invited to celebrate the reason for the season with the First Baptist Church of Beltsville on Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve, at 6:00 pm. Come worship the coming of

the Savior through music, the Lord's Supper and ending with a candlelight singing of Silent Night. We look forward to having you worship with us!

The Beltsville Young at Heart Club

The Beltsville Young at Heart Club's December meeting at Beltsville Community Center (3900 Sellman Road, Beltsville, MD) will be a joyous occasion. We meet December 16 at 11:00 am, (this is a new time) with light refreshments, a 50/50 raffle, trip information, and a chance to buy something at Clyde's Closet. Entertainment will be provided by the Retro Rockets. We also plan a surprise gift-giving for kids from our seniors. Wear your mask. For more info., call 301-498-9736. We hope to see everyone to start the new year off with a blessing.

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On the Agenda

By President Karen M. Coakley

Merry Christmas! Happy Holidays! Wishing the Beltsville community a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season!



Karen Coakley

Unfortunately, there are criminals out there who want to ruin the holidays. Safety Tips to practice. When shopping online have packages delivered to your office, neighbor, or a safe location. Sign up for text messages or emails to notify you that your package has been delivered. Theft from cars continues to be a problem. Be sure to remove valuables from your car and lock it. When you are putting gas in your car, putting air in your tires, or running into a store lock your car and take your keys with you! On those really cold mornings do not turn your car on so that it can warm up. You may come out to find your car is missing. If you are going away over the holidays plan for someone to pick up your mail and newspaper so they don't pile up. Use timers on your inside lights that mirror your normal lifestyle. Remember the speed limit on our residential streets is 25 or 30 miles per hour.

For the Beltsville residents who live in the communities that back to our parks if you see someone in the parks after dark or you see flashlights or cellphone lights, or if you hear gunshots call 911 and the MNCPPC Park

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Mr. Bergmann:

I read with great interest Sally Rhodes's recent column, "It's the Law," printed in the Sept. 21 issue of The Beltsville News. She wrote with eloquence about legal protections that are in place to protect the free-roaming rights of a nonnative species: cats.

While I certainly oppose animal cruelty in all of its forms, I must point out that millions of our native wildlife species – our birds, in particular - have been suffering extreme losses in recent years. A few even face extinction because

of climate change and loss of habitat. But the main reason for alarming declines in bird populations is domestic and feral cats that kill between 1 and 3 billion birds

Yes, I know there are arguments about how to accurately estimate the numbers of outdoor cats and the birds they kill. But there can be no doubt that a lot of predation goes on - both for food and for play. So, I have to ask myself how wise or kind it is to protect and, to some extent nurture, the relatively few feral cats compared to the

enormous numbers of birds and small wildlife they kill.

Of course, no one blames cats for behaving as their nature dictates, but it hardly seems compassionate to help them persist in the wild environment. Out on their own, cats can become prey themselves and are vulnerable to diseases and infections, one of which is the parasite known as Toxoplasma gondii.

Everyone should be aware that the feces of outdoor and feral cats can spread this widespread parasite that sometimes leads to a dan-

gerous infection known as Toxoplasmosis. It is estimated that up to 40 million people in the U.S. carry the parasite without showing symptoms. However, its presence can lead to blindness in children born to infected women, and to a variety of serious neurological problems in individuals with weak immune systems. Readers can learn more from the Centers for Disease Control at https://www. cdc.gov/parasites/toxoplasmosis/ gen_info/faqs.html

For these and other reasons, I hope that members of Beltsville

Community Cats will reconsider their commitment to supporting cats in the wild. At the very least, stray or feral cats should be captured and neutered. I recently read that an average cat can have two or three litters of one to eight kittens per year -- or more than 100 kittens over a lifetime. Thus, a single pair of feral cats and their kittens could produce up to 420,000 new cats in just 7 years.

Please, let's not favor just one kind of "wildlife." Other creatures deserve protection, too!

-L. R. Tokarz, Greenbelt, MD

Neighbors in the News

PGCPS Proud: International High School at Langley Park Educator Awarded 2021 Global Teacher Prize

English teacher Keishia Thorpe was selected from over 8,000 nominations and applications worldwide for \$1 million award.

UPPER MARLBORO, MD - Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) teacher Keishia Thorpe has won the 2021 Global Teacher Prize awarded by the Varkey Foundation in partnership with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for her work to expand college access among lowincome, first-generation immigrant and refugee students. Thorpe was selected for the \$1 million prize from over 8,000 nominations and applications from 121 countries around the world.

"Educators like Keishia Thorpe are at the heart of our mission of welcoming, educating and elevating scholars," said Dr. Monica Goldson, Chief Executive Officer. "We are so proud of this wellearned recognition by the international community for her outstanding contributions to equity in identify as low-income. education."

A 16-year educator and immigrant from Jamaica, Thorpe served as an English teacher at Walker Mill Middle School from 2004 to 2011. She returned to PGCPS in 2018 to teach 12th-grade English at International High School at Langley Park, where all students are English language learners and most

In awarding her the Global Teacher Prize, the Varkey Foundation credited her work in redesigning the 12th-grade English curriculum to be culturally relevant for first-generation students, immigrants and refugees from Africa, the Middle East, the Caribbean and South and Central America, noting that students have since shown

significant improvement in reading and English language proficiency scores for English language learn-

"Ms. Thorpe exemplifies the qualities necessary for working with our diverse student community," said Dr. Eunice Perez-Humphrey, International High School at Langley Park principal. "Every day she goes above and beyond to address students' needs in and outside the classroom."

The Global Teacher Prize is just the latest of Thorpe's many achievements.

In July, she received the Maryland Medal of Excellence from Gov. Larry Hogan for her work influencing equitable policies in education. During the 2018-19 school year, she was named National Lifechanger of the Year, an award recognizing teachers who inspire students and "go above and beyond."

Thorpe co-founded the nonprofit U.S. Elite International Track and Field Inc., which helps "at risk" student-athletes pursue college scholarships. She also founded the Hope Beyond Distance Foundation and Food4Change, a program providing support for immigrant students and their families.

Thorpe received a bachelor's degree in English and political science from Howard University. She earned a master's degree in educational leadership from Strayer University, and is currently pursuing a second master's degree in social emotional learning.

The Varkey Foundation was founded in 2014 to improve educational standards and enhance the capacity of teachers worldwide. Often described as the Nobel Prize for educators, the Global Teacher Prize is presented to highlight the importance of educators who deserve to be recognized and hon-

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Navigating the Holidays with Kitties

December is here, and with it, a variety of holidays with many different traditions and celebrations! For us, the holidays bring all the joys of lights, colors, tastes, and smells, along with visiting family and friends. For our kitties, it may be less joyful. Many holiday traditions can be stressful or even dangerous for cats, but with help from their owners, the holidays can be enjoyed by all.

One of the highlights of many holidays is the food. Dishes enjoyed only once a year make an appearance at many tables this month, and while it's tempting to allow kitty to taste these foods, many can result in illness. There are lists online of the many troublesome foods that can make a cat sick. However, it's easier to follow the general rule of not allowing kitty to eat any human foods because they could result in a visit to the vet's office!

For those who put up Christmas trees, you may already be familiar with our feline friends' tendency to climb them. If your kitty keeps trying to climb your tree, there are deterrent sprays available online that should keep them from trying too hard. If you have a live tree, be sure kitty isn't drinking the water from the base,

which can cause illness! Tinsel is unfortunately also a common cause of distress if eaten by kitty. The metallic material might even need to be removed surgically before it does too much damage to the cat's digestive system.

While beautiful and festive to look at, many holiday plants are toxic to cats. These include poinsettias, mistletoe, and holly, among others. If you are keeping these plants in your house, be sure your cat is unable to reach them. The same goes for candles, whether just one or an entire menorah!

Another source of stress for kitty during the holidays is visiting family and friends. We all love to share our furbabies with visitors, but kitty might become overwhelmed with all the new people in the home. When expecting visitors, regardless of the number, make sure your cat has a quiet, out-of-the way place to retreat to if it feels insecure. Be sure it's a space where visitors will not go, so kitty feels safe.

No matter what holiday we celebrate, small efforts on our part can help make them both safe and enjoyable for our furbabies. Our cats are family, and holidays are about family, no matter what form (or how much fur) they have!

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Police Emergency number 301-459-3232. We have had problems with gunshots at night between Beltsville Community Center 3900 Sellman Road, Beltsville, and Beltsville Neighborhood Park 11508 Montgomery Rd, Beltsville. Unfortunately, on November 11th gunshots were heard in or near Beltsville Neighborhood Park and a 14-year-old boy was hit by a bullet that went through an exterior wall of his home.

It's great to post warnings about suspicious or criminal activity that you have seen on Nextdoor.com. However just an fyi the police cannot see those postings. You need to call 911 and make a report, give an address. If you do not want

a police officer to come to your house you can ask them to call you. For those of you who have called the Beltsville Station call 911 instead. Calling the station delays the response time. Calls to 911 are recorded and the appropriate agency is sent. If you believe a situation was not handled properly you can email Major Fisher the new Commander at Beltsville Division 6 Police Station. JLFisher@co.pg.md.us. For problems in the parks you can email MMCPPC Park Police Lt. Brian Waters Brian.Waters@pgparks.com If you have any information about the gunshots on November 11th that injured the 14 year old boy, please report it. If you have a community concern I can be reached at 301-741-7672 or karenmcoakley@ msn.com.



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Memories of a White Cane Shift

By Beltsville Lion Ted Ladd

This happened in October 1999, some 22 years ago. My job Saturday morning was to collect White Cane donations for the Beltsville Lions at the Beltsville Post Office. The Lions collect White Cane donations once a year to help pay expenses for eye exams, glasses and other needs in the community.

I recall a woman asking me for directions to Route 29 so she could avoid using Route 95 in getting to Columbia, and the man who asked where he could donate old glasses. That man drove from the Post Office parking lot, turned around, and came back to drop a dollar in the jar. Said he was running his mouth so much he forgot to contribute. Then there was the man who had a stack of envelopes in his hand and whiffled through them as he approached. "See these?" he asked. "When this pile goes down, I'll be able to give you some money." And so it went.

One man asked if I accepted Jesus as my savior and I answered yes. He dropped some change in the jar and I gave him one of our cards that tells what we do with the money. He was the second person to do a U-Turn and come back to make a larger donation.

A young man came out of the Post Office and placed \$20 in the jar. Another placed \$5 in the jar and asked if I remembered him. "Sure I do," I said. I was bluffing. He looked familiar, but I couldn't remember his name. "OK then, he said, "Who am I?" Luckily, he gave me a hint and I remembered him as the young man I would see at a neighborhood get-together or wedding on an average of once every five years.

Dave Pinchotti thanked me for recognizing the Boy's and Girl's Club in a recent Beltsville News item. Dave was one of 10 or so volunteers who helped paint the public entrance to High Point High School's gym. The Lions Club

recruited volunteers to paint the gym in school colors, and we did it in one day.

An old friend from my previous place of employment visited with me for 20 minutes or so. I hadn't seen him in three or four years.

Alex Ross, formerly a Beltsville Lion, made a contribution and I was able to thank him for his previous generous donation to the Kathy Fund. (That's a whole other story.)

And then there was Mrs. Silio. She had two sons who previously belonged to Troop 1033 sponsored by Emmanuel United Methodist Church. Both made Eagle Scout. The elder son had just graduated summa-cum-laude from Princeton and was employed in Manhattan. She quoted him as saying he learned more in Scouting than in school. Her younger son, Tom, was a member of the previous year's District 22-C band and received one of the District's scholarships. He graduated from DeMatha High School and was attending Notre Dame. Mrs. Silio said he just informed the family he made the Notre Dame marching band.

Another young man I knew as a Scout stopped by. His last name was Snyder, and at the time he worked at Beltsville Garage as a mechanic.

I don't know how much money I collected at the Post Office that day, but the rekindled memories made it a very special day. It was almost as good as that White Cane Day on April 11, 1992 when a lady named Christina Sarigianis asked if the Lions could help her get a van for her daughter Kathy, who had multiple sclerosis. That request was answered after a terrific fund raiser (The Kathy Fund) and locating a late model van with a chairlift already installed. That White Cane shift was made even more special when I met Beltsville resident Roger Lohr, who joined our ranks and became an outstanding Lion who later served as President of the Club.

Holiday Cheer

With holiday music in the air and the festivities beginning, family and friends will be arriving before long. Now is the time to get your home looking its best for holiday entertaining. There are several things that you can do to quickly update your interiors that is sure to evoke a "WOW" from your guests. Wallpapering with a neutral tone on tone pattern or with a simple geometric design above the chair rail in the dining room will create warmth and interest. A large novelty mirror with an unusual shape will accentuate the wallpaper while brightening the room. There is still time to order new drapery panels, sheers and blinds for the windows that will give a finished look to any room. Will's Decorating (www.decoratemaryland. com) in Hyattsville has a great selection of inexpensive instock wallpapers, special order wallpapers, draperies and Hunter Douglas blinds and novelty mirrors and lamps. Will's also does reupholstery and has lots of beautiful fabrics to choose from.



Michael Richards and Valerie Kabelac

Michael Richards, the owner of Will's Decorating, recommends taking a good look at your dining room, kitchen and family room chairs. You don't want your guests taking notice of stained or tattered chairs. Freshen it up with a new fabric. Six dining room chair seats only takes three to four yards of fabric. If the seat is caving in you probably just need new padding. Your chairs can look like new in no time. Will's does expert upholstery work and can do the makeover quickly. For more expert advice on what you can do to spruce up your home this holiday season call for your FREE design consultation at Will's Decorating with Michael.

Happy Holidays From Michael & Valerie

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ering the fun of Cub Scouts, our cost this year will be \$130 per scout. We are a family scouting unit. We hike, bike, go interesting places and learn about nature and do service. 95% of our scouts earned their rank this year! We

are still being cautious with our scouts, we meet weekly (either virtually or in person in the outdoors), stay arm's length apart and wear our masks and we keep it fun! Our active den leaders are 100% vaccinated. Please contact Regina Halper at Pack1031cubscouting@gmail.com for more information.

Tech Sense: Holiday Shopping Ideas 2021

Another Holiday season and we are feeling the economic impacts of nearly two years of COVID. There are shortages of many popular technologies so unless you have already purchased it you may want to look for alternatives this season. Prices are also higher. A computer similar to one I purchased last year is now selling for almost \$200 more this year. Some manufacturers are offering computers with older and slower chips because they are easier to get. It also seems that many stores are running "Black Friday" sales for the entire month of November.

Mobile Phones

Apple, Samsung, and Google all released new phones this year, meaning there are bargains to be found if you can get last year's models. The Google Pixel 4a, 4a with 5G, and 5a all appear to be exceptional phones at affordable prices. Even the just release Pixel 6 seems to be an exceptional phone for \$600. There is still no burning need to worry about 5G, the technology isn't really ready yet. It is still going to be a couple of years before 5G technology makes a real difference. Many 4G phones are a bargain and should work just fine. However, most carriers are expected to shutdown older 3G networks next year. So, if you have an older phone you may want to consider upgrading.

Motorola seems to have a good lineup of low-cost phones with long battery life. Look at the Moto G and the Moto Ace series of

TVs, Sight, Sound, and **Streaming**

Most TVs today are Ultra High Definition (4K UHD) High Dynamic Range (HDR) televisions with resolutions of 3840 by 2160 pixels. Not much has changed since last year, but the big bargains are a little harder to find.

On the other hand most streaming devices have been updated to also support 4K UHD/HDR and the streaming services like Disney+ and HBOMax are starting to deliver 4K streams. This means it may be a good time to update your streaming device. All four of the major streaming boxes; Google Chromecast, Amazon's Fire TV, Apples' Apple TV, and Roku have released newer versions with 4K UHD/HDR support. Roku has also released a separate remote with voice which will work with most Roku devices, even older ones. Roku also supports viewing Comcast channels without renting an extra Comcast TV box, saving on your Comcast bill.

You may decide to give the gift of streaming. AppleTV breaks the Apple mode by playing nice with most streaming devices. CBS All Access is now Paramount+, and

Comcast has the new Peacock Network apparently now renamed the NBC Universal Network. Disney has a bundle that includes Hulu, and ESPN, and a new option to make the Hulu commercial free. HBO provides HBONow a new streaming version of HBO that is also showing some movies that are currently in Theaters. Look for good Black Friday deals for Hulu if you are not already a subscriber. Both Disney+ and HBOMax have added 4KUHD content this year.

Sound bars are a hot item again, improving the sound when watching TV. A sound bar often combines with a woofer and two satellite speakers to provide full surround sound for your home TV setup. There are many models with support for 2 channels and base (2.1) in the \$100 range. These are great for a smaller TV. Larger 5 channel systems seem to be selling in the \$150 to \$300 range. Make sure your TV has an extra port to plug the sound in.

Gaming

The Nintendo Switch game platform is still popular but there are new platforms from Sony and Microsoft. Sony's PlayStation 5 (PS5) is a hot item and is in very short supply due to the current chip shortages. It is supposed to be compatible with software for the previous PS4 box, meaning upgraders can continue to run their

old software. The new Xboxes however is supposed to support several previous versions of the Xbox. Look for sales on the online connected services for both of these platforms.

Raspberry Pi

Any feast wouldn't be complete without a desert. The Raspberry Pi is a popular small computer with the intention of allowing kids to learn computers the way many of us did decades ago by getting our hands on them and playing. The Raspberry Pi organization has just released a new computer the Raspberry Pi Zero 2 W. This computer uses the same form as the Pi 0 computers but offers more power and memory. The price if you can get one is \$15. Of course, you also need the other parts which will run you close to \$50. Or you can buy a kit, or last year's Pi 400 which is ready to go out of the box. Look it up at https://raspberrypi.org

Wrap Up

This wraps my list for this year. This year has been difficult for many of us. I hope we all remember the many things we have to be thankful for this Holiday season. May all your gifts bring joy to those that receive them!

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Saturday Dec. 11 begins at 4 pm: **Evans Trail**

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Saturday, Dec. 18 begins at 5 pm

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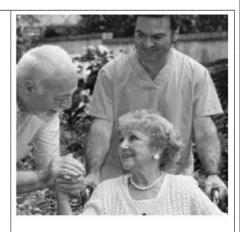
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- 8. *Zeus' sister and wife, and character in Broadway musical "Xanadu"
- 12. Hair-dwelling parasites
- 13. Quinceañera or bat mitzvah, e.g.
- 14. Puts money in the bank
- 15. Pearl Harbor locale
- 16. Flair
- 17. Inuit boat
- 18. *Record-holding musical for most awards received by a single production, with The
- 20. *Broadway hit "Jagged Little
- 21. *Comment to the audience
- 22. Web address
- 23. ____'er ____, at the pump
- 26. Private chapel
- 30. Keats' poem

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- 31. Quit
- 34. Medley
- or do nothing
- 37. Right-angle building extension
- 38. Razor nick
- 39. Like lemon
- 40. Make a choice
- 42. 1960s teen idol, Bobby
- 43. Give authority
- 45. Bias crime perpetrators

- 47. *Theater, e.g.
- 48. Cordial disposition
- 50. Surrender
- 52. *Non-musical with record number of Tony nominations
- 56. Shredded cabbage dishes
- 57. *Melpomene, e.g.
- 58. Just a little
- 59. Gold unit
- 60. Lodge fellows
- 61. "Game of Thrones" bastard
- 62. Without purpose
- 63. Past tense of "is"
- 64. Short-term employee

DOWN

- 1. Hoof sound
- 2. Yarn spinner
- 3. Canyon sound
- 4. Like medieval European soci-
- 5. Was sick
- 6. Fixed look
- Montblanc and such
- 8. *Musical with record number
- of Tony nominations
- 9. Like most fairytale stepmoth-
- 10. Madrid's Club de Fútbol
- 11. Pose a question
- 13. Chef's prescription
- 14. Toyota sports car model
- 19. Shylock's practice

- 22. Coffee pot
- 23. *Bob ____, choreographer
- with most Tony awards
- 24. *"Break a leg" or "have two
- left feet," e.g.
- 25. Reduce pressure (2 words)
- 26. Eye up and down
- 27. Mediterranean appetizer
- 28. Type of potato masher
- 29. Ox connectors
- 32. *Tiresias in "Oedipus Rex,"
- e.g.
- 33. Feverish
- 36. *NYC district
- 38. Washington, e.g.
- 40. Sun's descent
- 41. Onion-like herb
- 44. Seize by force
- 46. Obsolete office position
- 48. Spurious wing
- 49. *Comedy and tragedy, on a Tony medallion
- 50. Attired
- 51. *James Jones, multiple Tony winner
- 52. Old World duck
- 53. Like Silver's owner
- 54. H or 0 in H20, e.g.
- 55. Make a raucous noise
- 56. Mogul equipment

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From the Office of Councilmember Tom Dernoga

COVID-19 Updates

The indoor mask mandate is still in effect. Cases in Prince George's County are declining, and if this continues, revisions to the mask mandate are possible. For now, keep wearing your mask in all indoor locations.

Students ages 5 to 11 can now receive the COV-ID-19 vaccine. There are free COVID-19 vaccines for eligible children available at many pediatricians' offices, retail and grocery store pharmacies, hospitals, and other health care providers across the County. Find nearby clinics by using the County's vaccine clinic locator at mypgc.us/ COVIDvaccine.

Third Dose VS. Booster

There is confusion over the

The third dose is specifically

differences between a third dose

and a booster dose of COVID-19

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The booster dose of Pfizer

and Moderna is for anyone who

immune systems.

their second dose.

Dose of COVID-19

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Councilmember Dernoga greeting a District One resident at our Medicare workshop.

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- 18 years old and older and living in long-term care
- 18 years old and older with health conditions
- 18 years old and older and work- or live-in high-risk set-

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- 18 years old and older
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- Received their first dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine at

least two months prior

Winter Festival of

Prince George's County's Winter Festival of Lights is going on now nightly from 5 PM until 9:30 PM until January 2, 2022. For your safety and the safety of our staff, please purchase tickets online at https://bit. ly/3c86W9K. For more information on the event, please visit https://bit. ly/30iABL1.

Happy Holidays, Feliz Navidad, Chag Sameach, Joyeuses اجاز ة سعيدة ,fêtes

From our District One Team, we send holiday wishes of health and hap-

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Neighbors in the News

Remembering Colin Powell

By Dr. Kandis Boyd

Secretary of State Colin Powell's (1937-2021) legacy impacted not only the military and Americans, but also generations through his key leadership principles. His pioneering achievements include serving as the first African American four-star general of the U.S. Army, Secretary of State, and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. His leadership principles are highlighted in his 2012 memoir, It Worked for Me: In Life and Leadership, and are essential for anyone pursuing leadership both personally or professionally.

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Get mad then get over it.

Avoid having your ego so close to your position that when your position falls, your ego goes with it.

- 1. It can be done.
- 2. Be careful what you choose. You may get it.
- 3. Don't let adverse facts stand in the way of a good decision.
- 4. You can't make someone else's choices. You shouldn't let

someone else make yours.

- Check small things.
- 6. Share credit.
- 7. Remain calm. Be kind.
- 8. Have a vision. Be demanding.
- 9. Don't take counsel of your fears or naysayers.
- Perpetual optimism is a force multiplier.

Secretary of State Colin Powell was the epitome of leadership in a variety of key senior level positions throughout his years of service to the American people. His 13 leadership principles are timeless and can be applied to anyone seeking leadership. Good leaders are defined over time, often by making mistakes and then making adjustments and moving forward with refined wisdom and insight. These 13 principles highlight that good leaders have many characteristics; they use a methodical approach to make decisions and work through problems, they listen to others to gather feedback, give accolades, and put their ego aside for the greater good.

BORN

Born in a time, not unlike now, Our Savior, in the form Of weakness, opened up Himself To mockery and scorn. Born to a girl unmarried, pure, By Holy Spirit's pow'r, In poverty and yet received Rage of King Herod's glower.

Born 'neath the praise of Heaven's choir

Revealed to humble men Belies a picture of the ones, Like sheep, which follow Him.

Born for the souls bound under sin,

His destiny the cross; He rescues for eternal life Through faith, in Him, the lost.

Born to express the heart of God, A character whose love, Forgives and showers mercy's gifts From stores of grace above.

Born with a name o'er ev'ry name This name alone can save For Jesus Whom we celebrate Is Christ of Christmas Day.

> Beckie Hutchings 11/3/2021

Beltsville Adventist Community Center Receives Grant for ADA Compliant Ramp

Beltsville Adventist Community Center (BACC) received a \$10,000 Seed Grant from North American Division Adventist Community Services and \$10,000 from the Potomac Conference Corporation in order to build an American with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) compliant ramp to provide access to the building. The community center, located behind the Beltsville Seventh-day Adventist Church on Ammendale Road, is staffed by a team of gifted volunteers from both the church and the community and has been serving the local community since 2012. This capital improvement has been high on the priority list and is just the first of many capital improvement projects planned. The ramp provides disabled clients the access to the facility they deserve so they can receive the services they require.

BACC provides Maryland residents access to a Department of Social Services (DSS) Agent, crisis counseling, and mental health counseling. The community center operates a food pantry and through partnerships with county council members from District 1



Beltsville Adventist Community Center's new American with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) compliant ramp

and District 2, BACC has been positioned to grant mortgage, rental and utility assistance to residents affected by significant financial hardships. On November 23, BACC along with staff members and volunteers from the District 1 Council office will prepare 550 Thanksgiving baskets to be distributed to low income households in District 1, so they will be able to experience the gratitude this season brings.

BACC is a 501-3-c tax deductible charity and maintains the desire to increase its ability to be a force for health and wholeness to the people in this community. You can find more information about the services BACC offer by visiting the website at MYBACC.

Physical Address: 4220 Ammendale Road, Beltsville, MD

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Kolachi Carry-Out Event at St. Gregory Byzantine Catholic Church **December Orders**

On December 11 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm St. Gregory Byzantine Catholic Church will be holding a bake sale. Kolachi Carry-Out Event. Delicious kolachi, a traditional East European holiday sweet bread will be available for \$14.00 you get a choice of walnut, poppyseed, or apricot fillings. They will be ready for in-person sales or by pre-order for quick, easy pickup. St. Gregory Byzantine Catholic Church, 12420 Old Gunpowder Spur Rd, Beltsville,

MD 20705. See our webpage for more information, directions, and online ordering: https://stgregoryofnyssa.net.

Scouting for Food Returns with Great Generosity

The annual Scouting for Food Program returned this November after being canceled in the area last year due to the pandemic. Scouting for Food is a national event of the Boy Scouts of America and is one of several service projects local scouts participate in each year. On the weekend of November 6 scouts from Troop 1033 put fliers on the front doors of many houses in the Beltsville and Calverton neighborhoods. On Saturday, November 13th, the scouts went back through the neighborhoods and collect food donations from front porches. Due to the overwhelming generosity of so many local residences, the scouts collected over 3,500 pounds of food donations. The scouts gathered at St. Joseph's Church parking lot later that morning to weigh, sort, and check the expiration dates of the non-perishable items. The food was then distributed to the food pantries at St. Joseph's Church and Emmanuel Methodist Church to help those in need in the area. The scouts would like to thank all the generous supporters who made this year's Scouting for Food a great success.



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BACC Services

- Job Counseling Assistance Rental & Utility Assistance
- (on a case by case basis) Food Supplement
- Professional Counseling

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- SAIL: Apply for services on-line
- Food Supplement (FS)
- Medical Assistance for Families & Children (FAC)
- Maryland Children's Health Program (MCHP
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Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

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Reminder: Health insurance deadline: December 15

Delegates Peña-Melnyk, Barnes, Lehman, and I want to be sure all working families are able to sign up for affordable health insurance. Despite all the proposals in Congress to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA), it's still in effect. Now -- through December 15 -- is the time to learn about coverage -- and other ways to save money on health insurance. Open enrollment runs until December 15. Be



Senator Jim Rosapepe & his wife Sheilah with some of our College Park neighbors (at the University of Maryland) December 2021

sure to enroll or change plans by visiting www.marylandhealthconnection.gov or call toll-free 1-855-642-8572.

Are you behind on rent? Are you at risk for eviction? Apply for County rent assistance

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To learn more, apply, watch a video for how to apply and find nonprofit organizations who can help you apply, visit: www.prince-georgescountymd. gov/3703/Emergency-Rental-Assistance-Program or call: (301) 883-6504

Merry Christmas!

My wife Sheilah joins me in wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and great New Year!

Contact us

Please let me know if there are other issues you have questions or thoughts about. And, of course, feel free to be in touch if I can be of help to you. Just email 21stDistrictDelegation@gmail.com.

The Hotel at the University of Maryland Wins 2021 Stella Award, the Meeting Industry's Highest Honor

College Park, Md. (November 4, 2021) –The Hotel at the University of Maryland is pleased to announce that it has been honored with two of the Northstar Meeting Group's 2021 Stella Awards. The Hotel has been recognized with the Silver Medal for Best Hotel/Resort in the Northeast Region and a Bronze Medal for Best Hotel/Resort Event Space (Onsite) in the Northeast Region.

Presented by Northstar Meetings Group and its leading brands, Meetings & Conventions and Successful Meetings, this award honors hotel and service providers that consistently deliver quality service and innovation to meeting and event professionals.

"We are thrilled to have received this honorable recogni-



The Hotel at the University of Maryland

tion after a year of unparalleled challenges," said Linda Westgate, The Hotel's general manager. "Our team has worked so hard to ensure that all event, meeting, and guest experiences receive superior service and attention, and earning this award and recognition is a

tremendous honor for our team."

This year, more than 6,000 votes were cast from around the world for the 603 destinations, hotels, and service providers nominated in 17 categories across six regions in the United States and worldwide. The Hotel and other winners were selected based on overall excellence, superb food and beverage, professionalism of staff, sustainability initiatives, and other critical aspects of the meetings and event experience.

After nominations closed in 2021, finalists in each category were determined by meeting planners during an open voting period. Winners were then selected by an expert panel of judges overseen by

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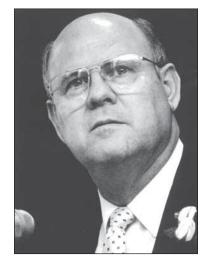
Obituaries

Gerrits, Roger John

Roger John Gerrits, age 89, of Riderwood in Silver Spring, Maryland, passed away on November 7, 2021 of congestive heart failure. Born on February 8, 1932 to Gerald and Leona (Guerts) Gerrits in Green Bay, Wisconsin, he was raised on a dairy farm, learned about hard work at a very young age, and began his education in a one-room school. He graduated from Wrightstown High School, and then earned his Bachelor of Science from the University of Wisconsin, River Falls, and his Masters and Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. His education was focused on agriculture education, animal science, genetics, and food production.

Interrupting his college studies, Roger served three years in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict. It was during this time he met Joan Applebey of Brewster, NY, also in the Air Force. They were married on December 27, 1955, and together had six children.

Roger and the family moved to Maryland in 1962 when he acquired a position with the Swine Research Branch of the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a research physiologist. Eventually, he established himself in leadership positions including Research Program Leader for Livestock and Veterinary Sciences, National Program Director for Animal Production, and USDA National Budget Director. These programs focused



Roger John Gerrits

on swine production and diseases, toxicology of agricultural chemicals, and domestic and international livestock programs.

Roger retired from the USDA in 1998. He was passionate about gardening, and was active in the American Legion, Knights of Columbus, Holy Name Society, PTA, and attending his children's and grandchildren's school, arts, and sporting events. He moved to Riderwood Retirement Community in 2015, where he became active with its affiliated Church of the Resurrection. He established agricultural scholarships at his alma maters: Wrightstown High School, the University of Wisconsin, River Falls, and the University of Minnesota.

Roger is survived by his children Mary Beth (Danny) Bright-

well, Ellicott City, MD, Joanne Spivey, Thurmont, MD, Christine Fisher, Brooklyn, MD, Diane Gerrits, St. Petersburg, FL, Roger (Robyn) Gerrits, St. Petersburg, FL, and Cari Gerrits, Atlanta, GA; five grandchildren, Steven Spivey, Lexi (Dave) Baumgartner, Victoria (John) Felts, Patrick Gerrits, and Phillip Kolb; one great-grandchild, Luke Felts; a sister, Dolores Kettenhofen of Green Bay, WI; sister-in-law, Mary Jane Gerrits of De Pere, WI; former wife, Joan Gerrits, Walkersville, MD; and, numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; his brother, Gerald Gerrits, Jr.; sisters and brothers-in-law, Norma and Kenneth Buechler, Carol and Russell Titel; brother-in-law, Robert Kettenhofen; and son-in-law forever, Fred Fisher.

Relatives and friends may call from 9 to 10 am at St. Camillus Catholic Church, 1600 St. Camillus Dr., Silver Spring, MD 20903 on Monday, November 22, 2021, where Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 am. Burial will be at St. Paul Catholic Cemetery in Wrightstown, WI in Spring

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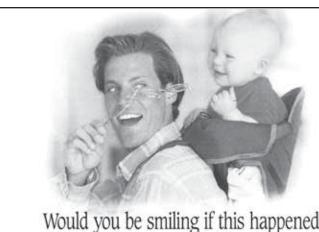
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Guest performers include student-led vocal ensembles Femmes de Chanson and MännerMusik. Readers from the university and community will join the artists, and audience participation is encouraged during performances of traditional Christmas carols.

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continue to operate with tight bud- urban school districts like Prince programs," says NGPF co-founder gets and uncertain funding, an ini- George's County. Their Financial Tim Ranzetta. "Every day, we wit-Empowerment and Equity (FEE) grants program will address inequities in education by committing \$3 million to districts around the nation to enable more students of color to develop financial skills and knowledge.

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AREA EVENTS

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The center and its fitness room, computer room, and billiards room are open with limited occupancy. Masks are required; contact the center for more information. Membership is free for Beltsville residents who are 60 years old or older. Regular hours of operation are: open Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., open Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., closed Sunday and most major holidays. Address: 7120 Contee Rd., Laurel, MD 20707, around the corner from the University of Maryland Medical Center. Phone: 301.206.3350. Fax: 301.206.3387. TTY: 301.446.3402.

LAUREL SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Laurel Senior Friendship Club (LSFC) will meet on Wed., Dec. 8 at 10:30 a.m. The meeting room doors open at **9:30 a.m.** We will have a business meeting, musical entertainment & our catered Holiday Luncheon. Reservations are required by Nov. 29. Call to ask if there is a waitlist after the deadline. Interested people can contact the LSFC office for more details on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 301.206.3380.

COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM

Address: 1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Dr., College Park, MD 20740. Phone: 301.864.6029. TTY: 301.699.2544. *Masks are required indoors.* See CollegeParkAviationMuseum.com for more information. Regular hours of operation are Tuesday – Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Mondays, most major holidays, and some special events. Cost: \$5/adults, \$4/seniors, \$2/children, free/age 1 and under.

SANTA FLY-IN

Sat., Dec. 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Arrive by 9:45 to watch Santa fly into the College Park Aviation Museum! Guests will have the opportunity to take two pictures with Santa, create several in-person crafts throughout the museum, and take a craft bag home. Full craft kits are available to take home for those who can't stay. **Pictures with**

register pictures e-mail jamie.jones@pgparks.com. Signing up for a picture slot is just your slot for pictures, not when you can arrive at the museum.

Santa are by reservation only. To

when you can arrive at the museum. Cost: Free with museum admission. For questions and comments, e-mail jamie. jones@pgparks.com.

BLACK AVIATORS TOUR

Tue., Dec. 7 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. This tour highlights just some of history's Black Aviators, from the legendary Eugene Bullard to local aviator Gus McLeod, and their impacts on aviation. We will also dig deeper into the story of nearby Columbia Air Center, which was the first licensed airfield owned and operated by black aviators in the country. Cost: Free with museum admission. Registration is NOT required.

TRAINS AND PLANES!

Fri., Dec. 17 through Sun. Dec. 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. **The National Capital Trackers are back this year** with their fleet of model trains just in time for the holiday season! Watch the models trundle around their tracks and hear their whistles echo through the gallery. Learn about the connection between trains and the College Park Airport. Cost: Free with museum admission.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER

Address: 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. The entrance is accessed from Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore—Washington Pkwy. and Rt. 197. Free admission and free parking. Current social distancing and face covering requirements match those of Prince George's County. All dogs must be kept on a leash (no longer than 6 feet) for their own safety as well as that of other visitors and wildlife. Regular hours of operation for the trails and grounds are: Open daily from sunrise to sunset, except for federal holidays.

THE BUILDING AND BOOKSTORE

The Visitor Center building is open Tuesday – Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; closed on Sunday, Monday, and federal holidays. *Call to ask about late changes during the holidays*. The

bookstore is located inside; it is open Wednesday – Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. when the building is open. Main phone: 301.497.5772. Join our e-mail list by contacting timothy_parker@fws. gov. For future volunteer training (ages 18 and up), contact Diana Ogilvie at 301.497.5565 or Diana_Ogilvie@fws.gov. The registration phone number is 301.497.5887.

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Address: 4319 Sellman Rd., Beltsville, next to the police station. For more information or updated COVID-19 protocols, call the main phone number 301.937.0294 or see www.pgcmls. info/location/Beltsville. With *limited* capacity, the Beltsville Library is now open to the public for full browsing, with computer use and curbside service by appointment. Current hours of operation are Mon., Tue., Thur., and Fri. from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wed. from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Sat. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; **Sun. 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.** Closed most major holidays. Study rooms are open, but meeting rooms remain closed. The library is not able to accommodate group visits from child or adult care services at this time, including but not limited to pre-schools, daycare, or camps. We ask for your continued support as we strive to keep everyone safe while welcoming you back to the branch.

Club News

Prince George's County Genealogical Society Invites You to a Meeting

Carol Carman, president of the Anne Arundel County Genealogical Society, will speak at the December 1 meeting of the Prince George's County Genealogical Society. Her topic is "Digital Books: Free Resources for Your Genealogical Research." Learn to use this important, and free, source of books online. The meeting starts at 7 pm on Zoom.

Members will receive an email invitation the week before; non-members may email president@pgcgs.org for an invitation. Please join us; the public is welcome. Visit our website at pgcgs.org and view information about our library, now open Wednesdays, 10 am to 2 pm.

Club News

Holiday Food & Gift Program 2021

By Karen Coakley, WCCB Fundraising Chairperson

The Women's Community Club of Beltsville is again coordinating our holiday food and gift programs as well as fundraising for our other important projects such as a College Scholarship, the Adopt-A-Road Program, the Beltsville Beautification Project, and the Teachers' Appreciation Events. There are times during the year when a family has reached out to us in a crisis situation. We would like to be in a position to help them as well. We hope you can assist us in these worthwhile endeavors.

At Christmas, we not only provide a holiday meal, we also provide presents for children. We accept new toys and new clothes for children. If buying a gift card, we suggest one of the following: Target, TJ Maxx, Marshalls, Ross, Kohls, Aldi's, Shopper's, Walmart, Visa, or Mastercard. You or your organizations are welcome to sponsor a family. As a certified 501© 3 organization, all contributions are tax deductible. A list of donors will be publicized in the



The WCCB is gearing up for the holiday giving program again!

January Beltsville News unless you prefer to remain anonymous. Donations can be made thru Pay-Pal by using our email address: WomensClubbeltsville@gmail. com. Monetary contributions and gift cards can be mailed to:

Women's Community Club of Beltsville

P.O. Box 1607 Beltsville, MD, 20704-1607

The deadline for receiving your Thanksgiving donations is Thursday, November 18th and the Christmas deadline is Friday, December 10th. Contact Karen Coakley at 301-741-7672 or

Karenmcoakley@gmail.com with questions and/or to schedule a pick up or delivery time of your donation. We all know there are Beltsville families who are less fortunate. Thank you for helping us "spread a little sunshine" during the holidays and throughout the year.

If you would like become a WCCB member, please email us at womenscommunityclubofbelts-vill@gmail.com. To see a list of activities, visit our Facebook page

https://www.facebook.com/ Womens-Community-Club-of-Beltsville-582193665528694

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Jason's Jive

By Jason Inanga

"Stay In Your Lane." This is a popular saying I have heard from people older than me, and I learned what it means, recently. In Texas, there is a popular travel gas station, Buc-Cee's. (Similar to Love's or Wawa). They have a popular item called, beef jerky. I decided to try it out and the flavor I went for was the ghost pepper one. They gave me a sample which tasted okay. I figured I could handle it. BIG MISTAKE! I bought one strip, among other flavors and took it home to share with my family. Apparently, the pieces I broke off for the others was mild. I sadly took the brunt of it. I ate a piece --- nothing. So, with confidence, I ate more and subsequently finished it. I felt okay still. About 40 seconds later, the heat or whatever you call it from the ghost peppers started to seep in. My tongue was literally on fire. I couldn't feel it. I drank a diet 7 up, and lots of water and had my tongue panting out of my mouth. My dear reader, I know you are tempted to laugh --- you can. All I will say is sometimes, you go to learn to see certain things and keep on walking. "Stay In Your Lane."

Moving on to something else, let me share a ride share experience or two. I do ride share driving on the weekends and this past weekend, I met a very interesting gentleman. Typically, before I pick up a rider, I try and guess the nationality, based on the name,

so I can have music or a radio station from their country, playing, when they enter. This night, I could not make up anything from the name. I still took a guess and guessed incorrectly. Then we got talking and he actually is from Iran. First time I would be meeting anyone from there, but it was a lovely conversation that ended up with him recommending an Iranian Restaurant and a popular dish I need to try.

Later than night, I picked up a young man and we got talking as I drove. We both tried to guess, where each other was from. Of course, none of us guessed right. He actually was from Cambodia, and I excitedly told him he was the first person from his country that I had knowingly met.

I have met people from Wyoming, North Dakota, Seattle and one or two other states in the USA that typically would not be on the radar. The North Dakota meet up was in Washington DC and she said she was surprised that schools shut down for snow fall. In North Dakota, she said many times you walked to school in heavy snow. I cannot relate to this, simply sharing what someone from their told me.

Let me begin to wrap up this Jive, as I am typing in pain. My left elbow has been in pain since last week. I may have strained it lifting at work. My knees are also

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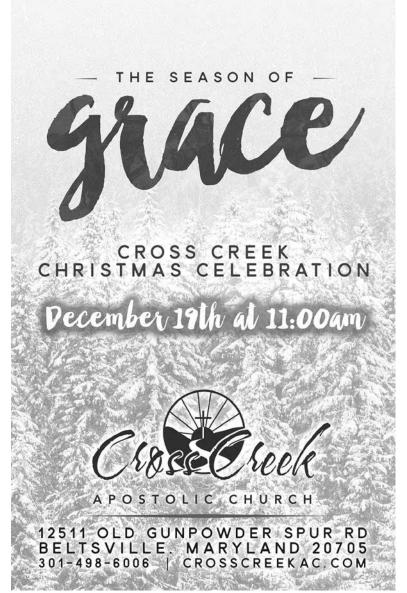
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SANTA TOUR

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in pain, so I am trying to make it out to my doctor next week. Prayerfully it is nothing serious.

If anyone tells you Texas does not get cold....ask them when last they were here. I find it strange that all my years working in Maryland, I wore shorts and a very thin layer on top. I would be outdoors working for FedEx Express in West Baltimore for 12 hours, and the cold never got to me. Now I am in Dallas --- 50 something degree weather has me putting on layers. I wonder what has changed. It gets cold in Dallas - cold and windy, and ooooh, when the roads get wet, accident numbers increase. I think when we go for road tests at the DMV, there should be a component of testing folks on a wet road surface, so they are certified to drive fully. I see people hitting 70 to 80 mph on the highways here, in rain, and sadly when they get involved in accidents, it is never a simple

As we get ready for thanksgiving, please eat responsibly. If you drink, drink responsibly and if you decide to do something out of the norm, please, STAY AWAY FROM GHOST PEPPERS. Those things are not items to be played with. Learn from my experience. That's the Jive!

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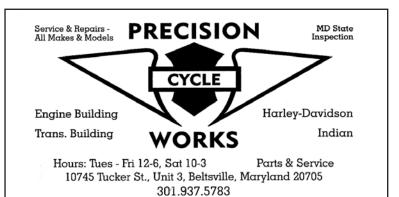
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PARTNERSHIP

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School for 25 years, will coordinate the program, her role being funded by NGPF's Financial Empowerment and Equity grant. "We have gone from 15 teachers helping students learn about personal finance through an elective or a course with this subject embedded in it, to more than 60 teachers in the county's 32 high schools teaching a mandated course."

Bistransin notes that the mandate was initiated this fall, and the class of 2024 will be the first to have the course required for gradu-

Tori Mansfield, senior project manager at NGPF, has traveled the country and reports that teachers and students everywhere crave personal finance as a critically important and practical course in today's

She says her organization initially will fund three-year grants in Milwaukee Public Schools (WI), Miami-Dade County Public Schools (FL), Prince George's County Public Schools (MD), Clark County Public Schools (NV) and Denver Public Schools (CO).

The grants will range from \$125,000 to \$175,000 annually over three years, and will cover a position to manage the program in the district and all curriculum resources and professional development for teachers, says Mansfield.

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