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Pack 1031 scouts lined up for the opening of the den meeting

Cub Scout Fall Fun

Cub Pack 1031's 9 new scouts have been working on their Bobcat joining requirements, and the older boys from the pack have been working with them on their Cub Scout sign, salute, and handshake.

In late October, Cub Pack 1031 were out and about working on its hiking and camping requirements. Webelos met at their leader's house to learn to build a fire safely and cook outdoors. On October 17, all the scouts present learned about outdoor safety, made first aid kits, and went out to watch the launch of the rocket from Wallops Island going to the International Space Station. On October 22, the pack will have a fall campout at Green-

belt National Park with hiking and outdoor skills fun.

Coming up in November is our annual Scouting for Food drive. Pack 1031 will distribute bags in the central Beltsville area around Beltsville Academy. The Boy Scout troop will distribute in the rest of Beltsville. Please help us by donating canned goods, which will be distributed to the St Joseph's food pantry and the Emmanuel UMC food pantry. If you miss the food drive, please come to our sorting station at St Joseph on Saturday, November 12, before noon or contribute to a food drive in the

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Basket Bingo at St. Joe's

Basket Bingo (Longaberger) at St. Joseph's Regional Catholic School is Friday, Nov. 4, 2016. Doors open at 6 pm for refreshments, and bingo begins at 7. Please contact Melissa Gott with any questions at 301.642.1967.

Evening Bible Study Continues at Emmanuel UMC

Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705, will continue its Thursday evening Bible study for adults beginning November 10 at 7 pm. The Bible study will focus on the book Parables from the Back Side Vol. 1: Bible Stories with a Twist (Behind the Pages).

Popular and beloved author J. Ellsworth Kalas presents new insight into some of the best known passages from the Bible—the parables of Jesus. Kalas approaches the parables through the “back side”: through a unique starting point, a creative retelling, a new “lens,” or the eyes of a minor character.

Kalas's creative approach both clarifies basic teachings and introduces new possibilities of meaning, even for those who are most familiar with the parables.

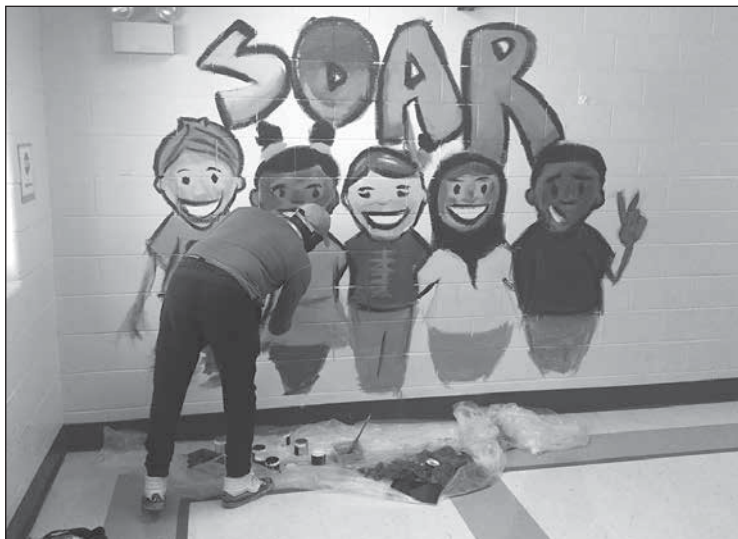
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Men Make a Difference at Calverton Elementary School

By Judith L. Pollock,
Professional School Counselor

On Monday, October 10, more than thirty-five men made their way to Calverton Elementary School to show their support for Prince George's County Schools' Men Make a Difference Day. The day acknowledges the role fathers and male role models play in the academic achievement of children. The occasion also provides fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, and other male role models with an opportunity to participate in school activities and events throughout the day.

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Parent Terence Sloan paints a mural for Calverton Elementary during Men Make A Difference Day.

Scouting News

Scouting for Food

November is Scouting for Food month in our area. Each year, the Boy Scouts of America team up with Safeway and WUSA-TV to collect food for the hungry. Look for plastic grocery bags marked “Scouting for Food” on your doors the weekend of November 5–6. Please fill these bags with canned goods or non-perishable food and place them near your front door on the morning of Saturday, November 12. It's best to place them outside your door on Friday evening so you don't forget. Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 1033 and Cub Scout Pack 1031 will come by between 9 am–noon and pick up the bags of canned goods. Please, no glass containers! The food will be given to St. Joseph Catholic Church and Emmanuel United Methodist Church, which have food pan-



Scouts are collecting food for the needy on Saturday, November 12.

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Karen Coakley

By President Karen M. Coakley

Tom Aylward from Jackson-Shaw will be our guest speaker at the November meeting. They are requesting a change to the currently approved detailed site plan for the Brickyard community. The current approved DSP for Brickyard Station includes an apartment building with 440 units on 8.6 acres of property immediately north of the MARC property. CalAtlantic is a contract purchaser for the property. It wishes to revise the DSP to allow the development of approximately 180 townhouses instead of the apartments. The existing apartment building has 433 units and is doing very well. That said, there is a sense the market for multi-family homes is saturated, making the townhouses a move attractive product. The proposed product type and mix would be similar to what has been built to date.

Crime is up in Beltsville!!!! Homes and cars are being broken into all across Beltsville. Please do not become the next victim! Lock your cars! Remove valuables from your cars! Park your car in well-lighted areas! Lock your doors at home! Pack-

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tries to distribute food to the needy in the Beltsville area. Please be as generous as you can.

Scouts Bring Change

By Rick Deery, Scoutmaster, Troop 1033

In September, TD Bank's local store manager, James Brame, approached Troop 1033's leaders to see if they would participate in the bank's Bring Change program. Troop 1033 accepted the offer. In brief, those who participated raised money by collecting change (coins). TD Bank understands that small change can have a big impact. By partnering together, TD Bank and the Boy Scouts in Troop 1033 have the power to improve the communities in which they live, work, and play. Every Green Friday, TD Bank invites people to a participating store where it hosts a community coin-counting event and fundraiser. TD Bank will match up to \$2,000 in coins counted and donate to selected individuals or organizations.

Through community service projects, Boy Scout Troop 1033 has enriched our community with landscaping, constructing new benches, and participating in Scouting for Food, among many other services. To continue these opportunities, Troop 1033 sought donations to offset the cost of attending summer camp, which is \$444 per person. In addition, donations will help update camping equipment.

Beltsville neighbors stopped by the TD Bank's 10916 Baltimore Avenue store on Friday, September 30, and donated to Boy Scout Troop 1033. On top of

our neighbors' donation of \$515, TD Bank contributed \$2,000 to help the Boy Scouts bring more opportunities to boys in the community. TD Bank donated a total of \$2,515 dollars, which will reduce the cost of scouts attending summer camp. Troop 1033 extends a BIG Thank You to TD Bank and its Beltsville neighbors for their continued support. See—small change *can* have a big impact!



Scouts visit Valley Forge National Historic Park.

Boy Scout Troop 1033 Hikes Valley Forge

By Gary Baughan, Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 1033

The weekend of September 9–11 found Boy Scout Troop 1033 camping and hiking at Valley Forge National Historic Park. Scouts who attended the trip were Vlad, James, Surya, Daniel, Henry, Brian, Edward, Kyle, Abel, Joel, Walker, Sam, Michael, and Kacey. Drivers not staying along with adult leaders Assistant Scoutmasters Eric Saathhof and Budhan Pukazhenth and drivers not camping Assistant Scoutmaster, Kevin d'Eustachio and parent Zhifeng Sun. The scouts camped at the Valley Forge Volunteer Fire Department campground near the national park. The scouts hiked along the 5-mile historic trail at Valley Forge. Highlights of the trip were watching a video at the Visitor Center Theater about what the winter was like in Valley Forge, visiting the numerous monuments and cabins, learning about life at Valley Forge during the time of George Washing-



Scouts received a BIG check from TD Bank's Bring Change program.

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Neighbors in the News

GBBA Business Expo 2016

The Greater Beltsville Business Association (GBBA) is pleased to announce its Business Expo to be held Wednesday, November 16, 2016, from 4–8 pm at the Cross Creek Golf Club, 12800 Bay Hill Drive, Beltsville, MD 20705.

Light appetizers will be served. Other food items may be ordered directly from the clubhouse, and a cash bar will be available.

The Business Expo is open to the residents and businesses in the greater Beltsville area and surrounding communities. This is a great opportunity for businesses in the area to display their products

and/or services. We look forward to sharing with the community the terrific businesses within the GBBA and throughout the surrounding areas.

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Chef Sammy Davis Brings Award-Winning Shrimp and Grits to Beltsville, MD

Winner of the Food Network's hit show *Chopped* and winner of DC's Best Main Dish, Chef Sammy Davis introduces a unique concept entitled global cuisine. He takes tried-and-true favorites like his 5-time award-winning shrimp and grits recipe and adds it to a menu that includes items such as breakfast samosas to Maryland-style crab benedict, to warm chicken salad with sun-dried tomatoes, and everything in-between. Milk & Honey Café, a vibrant and cozy new eatery on the corner of Rhode Island Avenue and Baltimore Avenue, opened its doors to a packed house on October 9, 2016. Chef Sammy manages to take you on a trip around the globe, all in this quaint café on a busy intersection in Beltsville, MD.

You walk through the doors and immediately feel at home. Every detail was purposeful and carefully planned with the community in mind. The space boasts communal tables to encourage sitting with your neighbor, several two and four tops, a relaxing lounge area perfect for enjoying your coffee, and perhaps a nice slice of strawberry crunch cake.

The space also includes a juice bar open early to serve morning commuters and offering freshly made juices, teas, and coffee. Some appealing concepts are FREE coffee to every dine-in guest, and bottomless waffles are offered every Saturday. Breakfast is served all day Tuesday–Friday starting at 7 am and lunch service begins at 11 am. Brunch is served all day on Saturday and Sunday as Chef Sammy brings his top ten brunch to the DMV area for the first time.

You might wonder why such a renowned chef would elect to open a breakfast/brunch/lunch café as opposed to something

else, and it's simple business. Chef Sammy and his managing partner, Monique Rose Simms, tracked the trends and reports from The NPD Group, a leading global information company, and found the following: "Over 12.5 billion breakfast visits were made to U.S. foodservice outlets last year and quick service accounted for about 80% of total restaurant morning meals." According to Bonnie Riggs, NPD's restaurant industry analyst, "A restaurant morning meal serves a variety of needs. In addition to helping us jumpstart our day, it satisfies the need for convenience, is less costly than other restaurant meals, and is readily available to us." Milk & Honey is the answer to an obvious need in the community for commuters, students, and retirees alike.

When asked about the name of the café and meaning behind it, Chef Sammy said, "The name for me, as mentioned in the Bible, has symbolized a promise from God for all people. Coming out of poverty, I one hundred percent always believed that God was going to bring me to a place that was flowing with Milk & Honey. The name means everything to me. It symbolizes the BEST, so therefore I offer my best food."

"Everything in this place has a story to tell, including the owner," managing partner Monique Rose said. "And the story of this restaurant is tied to his story, and the story of many in the community. We wanted to bring something refreshed, revitalized, and bursting with energy, and Milk & Honey does just that. The concept for our cuisine is deeply rooted in health and happiness. We want people to be able to dine here daily and be better for it."



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Michael and Valerie will help you.

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Neighbors in the News

Beltsville Adventist Church Follows National Trend, Starts Second Site with More Than 100 Attending

A new worship site, turning what is a dance studio all week into a worship center on Saturdays, illustrates a national trend coming to Beltsville.

The Beltsville Seventh-day Adventist Church, which has been meeting at a facility on Ammendale Road for more than 50 years, has added a second site on Tech Road near Highway 29 in Silver Spring.

"Multisite campuses are one of the growing trends in evangelical Christianity," says Lead Pastor Tim Madding.

The new site launched in September but had been in the planning stages for months. A core group of 40 members from the Ammendale campus leads the new Tech Road campus.

There have been some interesting logistical challenges. The Ammendale campus has worship services at 9:30 and 12:00 on Saturday mornings. (Adventists worship on Saturday, a day they call "Sabbath.") The Tech Road campus has its worship service at 10:45 on Saturday morning.

That is partly to facilitate movement between the two campuses. Pastors can attend worship at either campus, or at both campuses, on Saturdays. But it also is to accommodate the Hollywood Ballroom schedule.

The ballroom has a Jazzercise class on Saturday mornings from 9:00 until 10:00—and the worship setup needs the extra time to be ready.

The setup at the Tech Road campus is not simple. Each week, the core leadership team set up curtains, staging and lights, and a sound system—and 150 chairs! They turn a dance studio into a worship sanctuary, all in less than 45 minutes.

"The choreography of our setup team is amazing. We have to move



Tim Madding, pastor of the Beltsville Seventh-day Adventist Church, preaches at the church's new site at Tech Road in Silver Spring.

really quickly," says Will Johns, campus pastor for the Tech Road site.

"The owners, Richard Zierdt and Claire Carabello, have been great to work with. We view this site as a great blessing," Johns adds.

The Beltsville Adventist Church is following a national trend. More than 8,000 churches have multiple sites with five million people attending on an average weekend.

Two of the most well-known churches are in the Washington, D.C., area. McLean Bible Church has five locations, and National Community Church has eight locations.

"We're just getting started, but we think this a great opportunity to give more people the chance to find a place to worship," Madding says.

Attendance at the church has grown. The Ammendale campus has more than 400 attending, down slightly from a year ago, but the Tech Road campus adds than 100 people to the church's overall attendance.

Madding says, "The contemporary Christian music station in Washington—WGTS, 91.9FM—has more than 250,000 listeners who don't have a home church. We want to give them an option for worship."

Johns points out that the Tech Road site also may be more comfortable for people who aren't regular churchgoers. "You're coming in to a dance studio. It's a regular place for regular people, not a churchy place that can be a little intimidating for some people."

Emmanuel UMC to Celebrate All Saints Day with a Service on the Lawn

By Deaconess Jane Grays

United Methodists, like many Christian denominations, recognize All Saints Day, a holy day that falls on November 1 each year. Emmanuel UMC will celebrate All Saints Sunday on November 6. That day, church members will combine the 9 and 11:15 am services into one service at 10 to give everyone time to worship together. Then, members will have an opportunity to meet and greet each other and share a casual meal in the fellowship hall after the service.

United Methodists believe in saints, recognizing Matthew, Paul, John, Luke, and other early followers of Jesus as saints, and countless numbers of United Methodist churches are named after these saints. Parishioners celebrate All Saints Sunday on the first Sunday in November to recognize "all the saints who from their labors rest." United Methodists call people "saints" because they exemplified the Christian life. In this sense, every Christian may be considered a saint. All Saints Day is a time

for United Methodists to remember Christians of every time and place, honoring those who lived faithfully and shared their faith with others.

However, Methodists do not have any system whereby people are elected to sainthood. Church members do not pray to saints, nor do members believe regard saints as mediators to God. United Methodist believe "there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself as a ransom for all" (1 Timothy 2:5-6a).

John Wesley, instrumental in founding Methodism, believed church followers have much to learn from the saints, but he did not encourage anyone to worship them. Wesley's focus was entirely on the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

You are invited to join the members of Emmanuel on this special occasion. The church's address is 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705. For more information, go to www.eumcbeltsville.com or call the office at 301.937.7114.

Obituaries

Lank, Thomas B. (age 79)

On Friday, October 7, Thomas B. Lank of Beltsville, MD, passed away. He was the beloved husband of Carolyn Lank for 53 years, loving father of Dawn Grace and Holly (Chuck) Rhoads, grandfather of Collin Barrett Rhoads and Ashley Nichole Rhoads. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St.

Joseph Catholic Church, 11007 Montgomery Road, Beltsville, MD, on Saturday, October 15, at 10 am; interment Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Silver Spring, MD. Memorial contributions may be made to the above-named church of Knights of Columbus, Prince George's Council No. 2809, 9450 Cherry Hill Road, College Park, MD 20740.

Melwood Observes National Disability Employment Awareness Month

In honor of this year's Inclusion Works theme for National Disability Employment Awareness Month, Melwood has increased its efforts to advocate for workers with differing abilities. The non-profit organization has worked for more than 50 years to educate all Americans on the issues surrounding employment for those living with disabilities.

Melwood President and CEO Cari DeSantis was honored as a key speaker during the Federal Reserve Board's National Disability Employment Awareness Month program on October 12. She explained how Melwood strives to remove obstacles to employment and enables individuals with differing abilities to maximize their independence and inclusion in the community through work.

"I am reminded of a quote from a letter written by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., which reads 'injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere,'" she said. "This quote reminds me each day of Melwood's responsibility to continually fight for the rights of people with differing abilities so that we will realize our vision of a world where people with differing abilities are fully included."

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people with differing abilities with consistent employment, benefits, and direct support both at Melwood facilities and on the 43 federal contracts sites throughout the greater Washington, DC, region and State of Maryland through the US AbilityOne Program.

Earlier this month, special employee luncheons were held at three of these contract sites, and DeSantis was on hand to congratulate the sites on their hard work and recognize Melwood's longest-serving employee at each location.

A prevailing issue that plagues workers with differing abilities is earning at least a minimum wage. Melwood believes that every employee, regardless of their ability, deserves a fair wage for their work. Today, Melwood employees earn at least the local minimum wage and many earn significantly more. Melwood employees with

differing abilities earn an average of \$13.50 an hour or between \$25,000 and \$30,000 per year.

Melwood is continually developing new programs in support of its mission. Ms. DeSantis explains, "As Melwood grows, our focus is on preparing young people with differing abilities for a variety of new and interesting jobs according to their personal skills, talents, and preferences so they can take their places in the 21st-century American workforce."

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community.

Each year, the pack has activities such as camping, hiking, stomp rockets, an annual pinewood derby, and campfires. The pack also does participatory citizenship along Little Paint Branch Trail and holds a

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ton by talking with park rangers dressed in Continental army soldier's apparel, and touring George Washington's headquarters. The scouts enjoyed the beautiful, sun-

ny, fall-like weather and a warm campfire. Everyone got a good workout hiking the trails while learning about Revolutionary War history. Scouts learn best by doing, especially when they learn about history. The scouts can't wait to visit Mount Vernon in November.



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Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

Vote November 8

In case you're not able to vote at an early voting center (Thursday, October 27–Thursday, November 3, from 8 am–8 pm at the College Park Community Center or the Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center), you'll still be able to vote at your regular polling place on Election Day. The polls are open from 7 am–8 pm on Tuesday, November 8. If you're unsure of your assigned location, you can look it up online: www.elections.state.md.us/voting.

Check Out Great Local Businesses—November 16

The Greater Beltsville Business Association is hosting its annual Business Expo Wednesday, November 16, from 4–8 pm at Cross Creek Golf Club in Beltsville. Businesses in the area will display their products and services, and the expo is open to residents and businesses in the greater Beltsville area, including (but not limited to) Beltsville, Laurel, Greenbelt, College Park, and the surrounding communities. This is a great opportunity to check out nearby purchasing options and support our local economy!



Senator Jim Rosapepe

Health Insurance Deadline: December 15

Delegates Barbara Frush, Josefine Peña-Melnyk, Ben Barnes, and I want to be sure all working families are able to sign up for affordable health insurance. Earlier this year, the President's health-care plan expanded to include dental insurance.

Now through December 15 is the time to learn about expanded coverage and other ways to save money on health insurance.

Open enrollment runs from November 1–January 31, but

enroll or change plans by December 15 to ensure a January 1 start date. Visit www.marylandhealth-connection.gov or call toll free 1.855.642.8572.

Free Flu Shots for County Residents

Every year, the Prince George's Health Department offers free flu vaccination clinics for county residents. A gentle, nasal mist is available for all between the ages of 2–18, and injectable flu vaccines are available to anyone age 6 months and older. No appointment is necessary; the walk-in clinic is open Monday–Friday (while supplies last) from 9 am–3 pm at Cheverly Health Center (3003 Hospital Drive, Suite 2061, Cheverly, MD 20785).

Happy Thanksgiving!

My wife Sheilah joins me in wishing you and your family a very happy Thanksgiving.

Contact Us

Please let us know if there are other issues you have questions or thoughts about. And, of course, feel free to be in touch if we can help you. Just email 21stDistrict-Delegation@gmail.com or call 301.858.3141.

Club News

The Yoo Club!

On Wednesday, October 12, the Youth Opportunity Outreach (Yoo) Club had its very first meeting! The picture below is of Yoo Club mentor Osiry Joya and student Jeseni Tatyanna Barrientos studying the parts of the digital single-lens reflex (DSLR) camera. In addition, students worked on blending two photos in Photoshop, creating a storyboard for a Yoo Club promo video, and doing much more! The Yoo Club will be at the Beltsville Fire Department



Open House on October 30 to take photos and gather information to write an article for *The Beltsville News*. This is just one example of creativity at work with the Yoo

Club. Members are in for a year of hard work, new experiences, and, most importantly, fun. Keep an eye out for their work in the Beltsville community!

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TV Part 5: Encoding and Decoding

This is the 5th chapter in our series Computer and the Television. This month we will discuss encoding and decoding media files.

Media Encoding

When you create or record media such as photos, sound, or video, the media is encoded into a data format that can be stored as a file on a storage medium like a disc or sent over a network like the Internet. In to display the photos or video or hear the sound, the media must be decoded and sent to the screen or speakers. In general, the software used to encode and decode the media is called a codec.

In addition to formatting the information so it can be stored, the encoding process may also compress the data to reduce the amount of storage required. In general, there are two types of compression used on media: lossless and lossy. Lossless compression retains all of the original data typically at the cost of having larger files. Lossy compression removes data that a person might not perceive in order to make the files smaller.

Image Formats

Most point-and-shoot cameras save your photos as JPG or JPEG (Joint Photographic Experts Group) files. JPEG is a lossy format that greatly reduces the space needed to store image data while providing reasonable control over the quality versus file size trade-off. Higher end cameras also allow images to be stored in a raw format so the photographer can have more control over how the final processed image will be stored. GIF (Graphical Interchange Format) is commonly used for Internet images because it can create smaller files for images with a limited number of colors. The Portable Network Graphics format was created to address some of the shortcomings of GIF and provide a lossless image format suitable for the Internet. Decoders for JPG, GIF, and PNG formats are built into most computer software today. Additionally the Tagged Image File Format (TIFF) is commonly supported for computers that can scan images or send or receive facsimiles. TIFF files are very versatile and can support raw, lossless, or lossy compression formats and can store multiple images per file.

Sound Formats

The Windows Sound Recorder stores sound files in the wave format (WAV). These files are basically a list of 8- or 16-bit samples of the incoming sound wave stored to disc. Wave files can become very large very quickly and are not suitable for storing recorded music due to the large files sizes. When you purchase music from Amazon or rip music from a CD, the files are normally saved in the .mp3 format. MP3 was created by the Motion Picture Experts Group (MPEG) to store sound recorded to go along with video. It provides excellent lossy compression with good control over the resulting sound quality. The AAC (Advanced Audio Coding) format is commonly used by Apple and iTunes and is frequently combined with Apple's Fairplay Digital Rights Management (DRM) software to prevent copying and transferring music files. Microsoft's WMA (Windows Media Audio) format is similar to AAC but uses Microsoft's DRM solution. If you need to store com-

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- Fighting to make Prince George's County the new home of the FBI headquarters – a \$2 billion economic development project that could bring 11,000 jobs to the County

Improving Infrastructure and Transportation

- Helped secure over \$1.5 billion in federal funds for improvements to Metro's infrastructure, and has secured funding to improve roads and bridges in the area

Standing Up for Federal Employees

- Fights for fair pay and benefits for the over 62,000 federal employees who live in Maryland's Fifth District

Standing Up for Middle-Class Families

- Helped pass the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act to help end pay discrimination
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Women's Community Club of Beltsville Activities

Holiday food, gift, and fundraising program 2016: the Women's Community Club of Beltsville (WCCB) is again coordinating its holiday food and gift programs as well as fundraising for its other important projects. Members are asking Beltsville businesses, schools, service organizations, social clubs, churches, and individuals to help provide food and gifts to needy families within the community for the holidays as well as funds for other important projects. Those other projects include a college scholarship, the Adopt-A-Road Program, the Beltsville Beautification Project, and teachers' appreciation events. There are times during the year when a family in crisis has reached out to the club. Members would like to help them and hope you can assist in

these worthwhile endeavors.

The club provides a Thanksgiving meal for the entire family. At Christmas, members not only provide a holiday meal but also provide presents for children. The club accepts nonperishable food, new toys, and new clothes for children. Monetary contributions, store gift cards, and Visa Debit cards are also appreciated. You or your organizations is welcome to sponsor a family. Because the Women's Community Club of Beltsville is a certified 501(c)(3) organization, all contributions are tax deductible. A list of donors will be publicized in the January *Beltsville News* unless a donor prefers to remain anonymous.

Monetary contributions and gift cards can be mailed to Women's Community Club of Beltsville

c/o Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD, 20705.

The deadline for receiving your Thanksgiving donation is Thursday, November 17. The deadline for Christmas donations is Friday, December 16. There is no deadline for donations for the other important projects. Contact Karen Coakley to ask questions and/or schedule a pick-up or delivery time for your donation. You can reach her at Karenmcoakley@gmail.com or 301.937.3490. 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.

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potluck party. Lois Hamilton still needs a committee and helpers for the Thanksgiving luncheon, and she is seeking volunteers. Cakes were brought in by Viola Hare, Mary Dove, and Shirley Denell. The November Sight and Sound trip to see *Samson* is sold out. Instead of pointing a finger, why not hold out a hand?

Beltsville Lions Foundation Donation Drive/Savers

Clean out your closet, help the Beltsville Lions Club assist the blind, and provide other community-wide service assistance for those at a disadvantage locally and globally.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 12, for our Beltsville Lions Foundation Clothing Donation Drive (10 am-2 pm).

Please place donations in a 13-lb trash bag or larger. The drop-off location is Emmanuel United Methodist Church parking lot, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville.

By donating gently used clothing, shoes, linens, books, accessories, and small household items (no furniture), you can help support those in need in our com-

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Veteran's Day Celebration

William F. Smith, American Legion Post #235, will be holding a celebration of all veterans titled Selfless Service on Friday, November 11, 2016, at 11:00 am. It will be held at the Queen's Chapel United Methodist Church, 7410 Old Muirkirk Road, Beltsville, MD 20705.



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Club News

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society will meet on Wednesday, November 2, 2016, at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway, New Carrollton, MD 20784 at 7 pm.

This month, our speaker will be Ms. Rachel Frazier, an archivist at the Maryland State Archives. Ms. Frazier will explain how to use "MDLANDREC.

NET," which is the archives' online access to Maryland Land Records. Be sure to join us for this enlightening discussion.

Refreshments will be served.

For more information, visit us on the web at www.pgccgs.org or call the PGC GS library at 301.262.2063. You can also like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pgcgenealogy>.

Happenings at the College Park Moose Lodge

The College Park Moose Lodge has a variety of events coming up in the next few months. All events are open to the public. Tickets can be purchased at the lodge at 3700 Metzerott Road, College Park, MD. Call 301.935.5525 for further details and tickets.

On Friday night, November 4, a traditional turkey dinner will be served from 6 pm to 7:30. This event is sponsored by the Women of the Moose's Higher Degree Committee. There will be homemade food like grandma used to make. The menu will include turkey, real mashed potatoes and sweet potatoes, stuffing, green beans, cranberry sauce, and dessert. Tickets are only \$10 per person.

There will be purse bingo on Saturday, November 12, sponsored by the lodge and the Miss College Park Scholarship Fund. Our doors

will open at 5 pm, and bingo starts at 6. Prizes will include authentic COACH, Dooney & Bourke, and Vera Bradley handbags, wristlets, totes, wallets, luggage, and more. Tickets are \$25 if purchased before October 28, 2016. The cost includes dinner. Tickets purchased after October 28th cost more. There will be raffles, pull tabs, and 50/50 tickets sold separately. For advance tickets sales, please call Jimmie or Joanne at 301.935.5525 or Angie at 240.421.1187.

The following weekend on Saturday, November 19, there will be a country-western night. The entertainment for the evening will be live music by the Country Memories Band, and there will be a rib dinner with all the trimmings included in the low price of \$25. Dinner is 6-7:30 pm, and music is from 8-11:30 pm.

Annual Christmas Bazaar Returns to St. Joseph

Save the date for the St. Joseph Catholic Church Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 12, from 10 am to 4 pm. Come and enjoy our many booths and activities including attic treasures,

baked goods, book nook, cake-walk, crafts, dip and win, face painting, gift wheel, holiday and regifting items, jewelry, kid's fun and games, Nevada cards, pictures with Santa, plants, popcorn, nachos and drinks, raffles, religious articles, Santa's secret shoppe, silent auctions, sweepstakes, tea room, teen arcade, and turkey raffle.

Lunch will be served during the day followed by a spaghetti dinner sponsored by the Sanctuary at Holy Cross from 6 to 7:30 pm. Dinner will include a salad, spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, a dessert, and a beverage. The price is \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 4-11 years old, and free for those 3 years and under. Tickets should be purchased at weekend Masses or at the rectory office from 9 am-3 pm Monday-Friday. Take-out dinners will be available.

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School News

Prince George's Community College Workforce Development Programs Prepare High Road 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.

Beginning last school year, students from High Road were able to enroll in the Hospitality and Tourism Institute at Prince George's Community College. Five students completed the initial training, and this year 12 students have enrolled and will undertake the 44-hour Customer Service and Microsoft Office training prior to moving on to their respective fields of interest.

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.

Kevin Mattison, transition coordinator, stated, "This program is the first of its kind in Prince George's County. This is the type of opportunity that will assist our students in fully participating in the workforce."

While participating in the program, students are able to increase their employability by gaining hard and soft vocational skills in a shared-learning model. HTI staff as well as other members of the



Students from the High Road Upper School are taking classes in the Hospitality and Tourism Institute at Prince George's Community College.

Workforce Development Initiative have industry experience and will provide employability training as well as technical training specific to the occupational track selected by each participant.

Carlos Trail had this to say about the program: "I am learning a lot from the class like how to deal with difficult people and remaining cool. We are learning how to solve problems on your feet while smiling and being calm. My teacher, Ms. Larue, is great!! She is about her business, but she lets us have some fun!"

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. According to Jean Howard, job coach, "Ms. Larue runs a very cre-

ative class. She has the students to work together in teams in order to problem-solve, and it allows them to build interpersonal and critical thinking skills."

The partnership with High Road School assists HTI with its mission in developing the workforce as HTI supports High Road's mission to "prepare youth to become responsible adults who are able to participate in their communities and lead self-fulfilling lives" by providing them with the tools needed to be successful, contributing members of their community.

If you have any questions 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.

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Prospective families are invited to attend our fall open house on Thursday, November 16, 2016, from 9 am–noon. Our theme is Discover St. Joseph—a world apart coming together as one big Christ-filled family. At the open

house,

- Discover our students in action as engaged learners, critical thinkers, and believers in Christ
- Discover our diversity as our students represent 31 countries and speak 25 languages
- Discover our dedicated faculty committed to ensuring all students' success
- Discover our student-driven service outreach to the local community
- Discover our growth-mindset approach in which our students' abilities are developed through dedication, hard work, and perseverance fostering a lifelong love of learning!

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The exhibit will be open Mon., Nov. 7 through Fri., Dec. 2 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The boutique will be open Mon., Nov. 7 through Fri., Dec. 30 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Wednesdays, Thanksgiving Day, and Dec. 25 and 26. The Needleart Exhibit has branched out to include all fiber arts. Visit our boutique featuring original ornaments, fiber art creations, and other crafts that will be for sale. All ages welcome (*children must be closely supervised*). Regular tour prices apply for the exhibit. The boutique is free to enter.

COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM

1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Dr., College Park, MD 20740. Phone: 301.864.6029. TTY: 301.699.2544. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, except for most major holidays. Cost: \$4/adults, \$3/seniors, \$2/ children, free/age 1 and under. See CollegeParkAviationMuseum.com for more information and events.

STEAM: TAKE FLIGHT WITH SCOUTS

Sat., Nov. 5 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Join us as we explore the science and technology of flight through hands-on activities and demonstration. To register your Scout group please contact Amanda.Elliott@pgparks.com. Cost: free. Ages: 8 and up.

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Fri., Dec. 2 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Sat., Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Featuring over 75 crafters and vendors, silent auction, bake sale, Santa's treasure chest, food, raffles, and lots more. A real community event year after year. Church of the Resurrection, Greencastle Rd. and Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville. Free admission. For more information, call 301-236-5200 or see www.resurrectionadw.org.

LAUREL-BELTSVILLE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

Closed Fri., Nov. 11 for Veterans Day and Thurs. and Fri., Nov. 24 and 25 for Thanksgiving. Regular hours of operation: Mon. – Thur. from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fri. from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat. from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., closed Sunday. Address: 7120 Contee Rd., Laurel, MD 20707, around the

corner from the Laurel Regional Hospital. Phone: 301.206.3350. Fax: 301.206.3387. TTY: 301.446.3402. Contact the center regarding classes and events for November. Membership is free for Beltsville residents who are age 60 or older.

SENIOR 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., Nov. 9 at 10:30 a.m. We are having a special program dedicated to our veterans, including a talk by the author of the book *Lipstick Brigade*. Sign-up and pay for the luncheon by Wed. Nov. 2 at the office.

THURSDAY MOVIE MATINEE

The featured movie for Thur., Nov. 10 is *Guess Who*. Start time is 10 a.m. and the end time is about 12 noon. Popcorn will be provided.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER

10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. Main phone: 301.497.5772. See fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent/visit/NWVC.html. The entrance is accessed from Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore–Washington Pkwy. and Rt. 197. **Closed Fri., Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day.** For Thanksgiving, the center will close at 1 p.m. on Wed., Nov. 23 and will remain closed through Thur., Nov. 24. 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. Registration is by phone only and is required unless otherwise specified** — call 301.497.5887. Note: These public programs are designed for individuals/families. Programs are 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. Contact the Visitor Center regarding events for November.

HOLLINGSWORTH ART GALLERY

The featured artist for November is Julie Maynard. The gallery is open when the Visitor Center is open. Registration is not required. All ages.

HUNTING SEASON

Hunting is now in season and may be occurring in various areas throughout the refuge through Jan. 31, 2017. Make sure to stay on marked trails at all times and find out about closed areas when visiting.

FRIENDS OF PATUXENT HOLIDAY

BAZAAR

Sun., Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. No registration necessary. Shop for wild and not-so-wild and new and gently-used treasures. Find unique gifts and at the same time support the Patuxent Research Refuge and the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center. For more information, call 301-497-5789 or see FriendsOfPatuxent.org.

BIRD WALK

Wednesdays, Nov. 9 and 23 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. (ages 14+) and Sun., Nov. 13 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. (ages 8+). Search for birds in several refuge habitats on this guided hike. Field guides and binoculars recommended.

LEAVE IT TO BEAVERS

Wed., Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Ages 5 – 7. Discover the clever techniques these cool and resourceful animals use to live in the wild in this hands-on program.

FAMILY FUN: GETTING READY FOR WINTER

Fri., Nov. 18 and Sat., Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ages 3 to adult. Drop-in program: no registration required. Come any time and leave when you wish. Winter weather is almost here! Come learn what the animals at Patuxent are doing to prepare for the cold. We'll have hands on games and activities for all ages.

SPECIAL: RAPTORS REIGN

Sat., Nov. 26 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. All ages. Join special guest and licensed falconer, Rodney Stotts, as he shares the power of nature through discussions and up close encounters with birds of prey. No registration necessary.

NATURE TOTS: GOBBLE GOBBLE!

Tue., Nov. 29 and Wed., Nov. 30 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Ages 3 – 4. Learn about November's famous bird in this interactive program with stories, songs and crafts.

BELTSVILLE EVENTS

Please contact the individual facilities regarding late changes or updates to hours of operation.

THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)

Free and open to the public 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 Sunnyside Ave. Parking is free. Main phone number: 301.504. 5755. NAL is on Twitter at http://twitter.com/#!/National_Ag_Lib. See NAL. USDA.gov for more information.

BELTSVILLE CITIZENS ASSOC. MEETING

Wednesday November 16 at 7pm. The meeting will take place at the Beltsville

Academy, 4300 Wicomico Ave. Please plan to attend.

BEHNKE NURSERIES GARDEN CENTER

11300 Baltimore Ave. Admission to the Open House is free. Please call 301.937.1100, ext. 0 or see Behnkes.com for more information and events.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Sat., Nov. 19. Wander through the Christmas Shop and discover many delightful ornaments and gifts. Explore our greenhouses full of specialty and traditional poinsettias, colorful Christmas cactus, bright cyclamen, and beautiful orchids. Visit our fresh greens area full of firs, boxwoods, hollies, pines, and cedars, plus berries and cones. Extra events during the day include: Light Refreshments from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The madrigal group, Camerata Musica, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Wine Tasting and wreath-decorating workshop — times TBD

BELTSVILLE LIBRARY

The library will be closed on Fri., Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day. The library will close Wed., Nov. 23 at 5:00 p.m. for Thanksgiving eve, and will remain closed all day on Thur., Nov. 24 for Thanksgiving. 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. – Tue. from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., Wed. – Fri. from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sat. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Sunday. Visit our library system website at www.pgcmlls.info to use our online library services and to check for weather-related closings.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

CHESS CLUB

Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Drop in to learn to play or improve your game. All ages welcome.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIMES

Tuesdays at 7 p.m., repeated on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Ages 3 – 5.

READY TO READ TODDLER STORYTIME

Wednesday mornings at 11:30 a.m. for ages 2 – 3.

STEM FOR FAMILIES: REPTILE WONDERS

Wed., Nov. 2 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Hands-on, interactive presentation with live reptiles. Ages 5 – 12 years.

FUTUREMAKERS: ELECTRIC ART LAB

Thur., Nov. 10 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Invent art work that moves and comes alive! This is a STEM activity. Please register at the children's desk in the library. Ages 5 – 12 years.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Mon., Nov. 21 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Celebrate Thanksgiving early with a viewing of

some classic Thanksgiving cartoons.

TAIL WAGGIN' TUTOR

Sat., Nov. 19 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Children read to a dog. Ages 5 – 12. For information, call or visit the Branch.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

FRIENDS OF THE BELTSVILLE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Sat., Nov. 12 from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Come to support the Friends of the Beltsville Library at our book sale!

INTRODUCTION TO MEDICARE

Tue., Nov. 22 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The P.G. State Health Assistance Insurance Program will provide introductory information to help you navigate your Medicare options. Please RSVP to Taylor Brown at 301-265-8450.

BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

3900 Sellman Rd., Beltsville. Phone: 301.937.6613. Spanish line: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512. Regular hours of operation are: Mon. – Thur. from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fri. from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sat. from 9 a.m. to 4 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 events for November.

YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

The Beltsville Young at Heart Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday 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 301.879.4304 with any questions.

STRATEGY GAME CLUB

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Fridays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Ages 10 – 17. Free with valid Center ID card.

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pressed sound in a lossless format, FLAC (Free Lossless Audio Codec) is currently the most popular solution. While it is not built in to the software that comes with your computer or phone, the codec is available for free.

Video Formats

Video files normally need to store multiple streams of data that can be played simultaneously

so that the sound, for example, is synchronized with the video. Many video formats exist, but for this discussion there are two primary ones to consider: MPEG-2 and MPEG-4. These standards were created by the Motion Picture Experts Group (MPEG) and are used for most of the video content available today. MPEG-2 is the older video format used as the basis for digital television broadcasts and DVD (digital video disc) encoding. Chances are if your computer has a DVD drive it

has at least an MPEG-2 decoder (if not an encoder) allowing you to watch DVD discs or streams.

For the most part, the Internet uses the MPEG-4 standard, which provides much better compression than MPEG-2. Most modern computers, tablets, and phones come with the MPEG-4 codecs built in. Also, most video cards or chips have the ability to decode MPEG-4 in hardware, reducing the number of computer cycles required to show the video. Both formats use lossy compression.

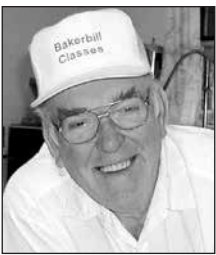
Transcoding

Transcoding is the process used to convert from one encoded format to another. MPEG-4 is built into many devices, but a lot of video is only available as MPEG-2. By transcoding the video from MPEG-2 to MPEG-4, you can make the videos viewable on your phone or tablet devices. While transcoding, it is also possible to change or reduce the size of the video image or resolution to better support the dimensions of the tar-

get device. Resolution reduction also reduces the files size, allowing more video to be stored on the device. Two free programs that are commonly used to transcode videos are Handbrake (<https://handbrake.fr/>) and MCEBuddy (<http://www.mcebuddy2x.com/>). MCEBuddy even includes a feature to automatically detect and remove commercials from recorded TV.

I often use a free program

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Baker Bill

The theme this month is remembrance. I write about the supermarket sometimes, but we don't hear that term a lot nowadays. Safeway now calls itself a "marketplace." The large markets started from small roadside fruit stands and blossomed into supermarkets. New persons moving into Beltsville will not remember Beltsville in the past. Back in '64, when I came here, Beltsville was still a little town with many wooded areas that are now gone. Builders planted pop-up condos called townhouses. When I owned the bakery back in the late '60's and '70's, I could drive out New Hampshire Avenue and buy Maryland freestone peaches, but that's all gone now.

This brings to mind other great companies that are gone. Do you remember Grand Union supermarkets or Montgomery Ward? There was a quality electric company that is now gone from Beltsville, and RadioShack is gone as well. I wonder when the regular supermarkets will follow. We now have a new market in Beltsville with



cheaper prices driving Safeway and Giant crazy. We may think about the super duper markets like Walmart that sell groceries and everything else, but Giant had a super duper market out on Rockville Pike that only lasted a few years. So maybe Walmart is doomed to fail. I hope not. I like shopping there now and then. By the way, Beltsville has one of the best roadside markets ever! On Gunpowder Road, there is a market called Spicknall's. The USDA and Raulin's Bakery

are still here in Beltsville and, of course, *The Beltsville News*. It is hard to believe I have been writing this drivel over 30 years all thanks to Sally Earl.

Here is my recipe for no spread Christmas cookies, as promised. They are a really great cookie: tasty, easy to make, and no spread made with butter. Speaking of butter, if you want a better flavor in butter, buy old butter or buy it now and let it get old. The yellower the butter the more taste it has in baking. It's the truth. Here we go.

In a fairly large bowl, place 2/3 cup sugar and 1 stick of butter and Cream it well with a hand mixer for a few minutes

Then, stir in one egg.

Add 2-3 tbsp. of almond flavor to taste!

After that, stir in 1 1/2 cups flour (any flour you have) and stir it together into a stiff mass.

Roll it out thin

Bake it in a 400-degree oven.

Bye for now.

Baker Bill

Baker Bill @ Riderwood

ON THE AGENDA

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ages that are delivered and left on porches are being taken. Leave outside lights on at night! If you see someone or a car that does not belong in your neighborhood, take a picture and get a car description and tag number! Call 911. Sign up for Nextdoor at www.nextdoor.com: the police are using this website to share information with the community.

Please join us on Wednesday, November 16, at 7 pm. We meet at Beltsville Academy. If you have a community concern, I can be reached at 301.937.3490 or karenmcoakley@msn.com.

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called Audacity to edit and transcode sound files. Audacity can be found at <http://www.audacityteam.org/>. For transcoding images, I use IrfanView, which can be found at <http://www.irfanview.com/>. Another popular, free program to transform images is ImageMagick: <http://www.imagemagick.org/script/index.php>.

Wrap Up

We will take a break from this topic for a couple of months. Next month, I will help with your techie holiday shopping list, and in December, I plan to write about Windows 10 pains and fixes.

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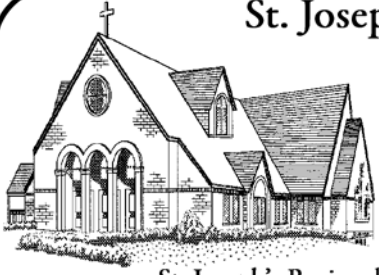
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- Little Beacons of Light (Kids Fellowship) - Friday, 7:30pm
- Shining Lights Youth Ministry (Youth Fellowship) - Friday, 7:30pm
- Virtuous Ladies of Light (Women's Fellowship) - Friday, 7:30pm
- Titus Men of Light (Men's Fellowship) - Friday, 7:30pm

My Wife and I pray that your territories will be enlarged and out of your homes and lives will shine the salvation of Jesus to others. We pronounce blessings upon your household, your business, and may everything you put your hands to be fruitful. We declare life in your marriage, your career and your mission.



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DIFFERENCE

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At Calverton, the day began with a chat and chew. During this time, guests had an opportunity to share a light meal prepared especially for their visit. The chatter could be heard as staff members welcomed the men into the school.

The program began with Monique Sloan, principal, welcoming the guests. In her opening remarks, she reminded the men that there is an open door policy at Calverton and that this day is an excellent way for them to discover their place in the lives of their children. Next, John Morgan, professional school counselor, addressed the men using a PowerPoint presentation that offered information about the positive impact on student learning when men take an active role in the lives of their children. Research shows that when parents are involved children are more likely to earn higher grades, have regular school attendance, and have more positive interactions with their peers.

The guests were then invited to participate in a panel discussion. They shared the stage with a pre-selected group of fourth and fifth grade students. Ryan Daniel, assistant principal, served as the moderator. Those on the panel were given the opportunity to share their opinions on issues related to male involvement in the community. The discussion ended with the guests sharing words of wisdom with the younger participants as well as words of encouragement by William Daniels, assistant principal. He reminded the men of the importance of being involved in a child's education and how such involvement could change a child's life.

After a photo opportunity, men were instructed on where they would be assisting for the remainder of the day. They had the option to provide instructional support in the classroom by reading to the students or assisting the teacher, provide building support by assisting with lunch and recess duty or grounds beautification by gardening, or maintaining the front lawn and planting.

Judging from the feedback from the participants, the day was a huge success. Many of the men stated that they appreciated the opportunity to come into the school and take an active part in the lives of their children and make a lasting impact on all of the students of Calverton Elementary School.

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