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 Greenbelt 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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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 boys, 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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November 16
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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 more 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 your car in well-lighted areas! Remove valuables from your cars! Park your car in well-lighted areas! Lock your doors at home!
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tries to distribute food to the needy in the Beltsville area. Please be as generous as you can.

**Free Batteries for Life with New Fitting of Hearing Aids**

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!

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 Saathof and Badhan Pukazhenti 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 Washington.

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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 GBBBA and throughout the surrounding areas.

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Design Tricks

I said I wouldn’t fall into the same precrastination mode like last year, but I did it again anyway. The holidays are rapidly approaching and guests will be arriving. I desperately want a fresh and updated look to greet my family and friends when they enter my home. What can I do to give my interiors an instant WOW that won’t break the bank? There is only one design shop that can take my home from bleak to chic: Will’s Home Decorating (www.decoratemaryland.com), located right here in Beltsville on Rte. 1. The two owners/designers, Michael Richards and Valerie Kabelac, are creative and know the design tricks that will save time and money during this holiday crunch time.

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 the café as opposed to something a renowned chef would elect to do. Or better for it.”

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 top, a relaxing lounge area perfect for enjoying your coffee and, perhaps a nice slice of fresh 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 9 am, and 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 for me, as mentioned in the Bible, has symbolized a promise from God to me. 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.”
Neighbors in the News

Beltville 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 Beltville.

The Beltville 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.

There are also seating accommodations. The setup at the Tech Road campus is not simple. Each week, the core leadership team sets 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 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 Beltville Adventist Church is following a national trend. More than 8,000 churches have multisite facilities with five million people attending on an average weekend.

Two of the most well-known multisite 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 is 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 more 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 2:5-6).

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.emunmbeltsville.com or call the office at 301.937.7114.
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.”

Melwood provides over 900 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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Holiday Home Decorating Contest

Think you have the most FESTIVE house on the block? 1st and 2nd Place Winners receive:
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Send entry to Beltsville Recreation Council, 3900 Sellman Rd, Beltsville, MD 20705 or Register online at www.beltsvillerecouncil.homestead.com

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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-filled 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.

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!

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!
Tech Sense  By John Bell

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 JPEG, GIF, and PNG formats are built into most computer software today. Additionally the Tagged Image File Format (TIFF) is commonly used for images that can be sent 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 file 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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Women’s Community Club of Beltsville Activities

Holiday food, gift, and fund-raising 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 PO Box 138, 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 Coukle 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.

If you would like become a WCCB member, please send an email to WCCBeltsville@gmail.com to see a list of activities, visit the group’s Facebook page at facebook.com/womenscommunityclubofbeltsville.

The Beltsville Young at Heart Club

The Beltsville Young at Heart meeting was brought to order by President Jim Pope on October 6. An election committee was formed to produce a slate of candidates for president, vice president, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer, and chaplain. Voting will occur at the first December meeting, and officers will be sworn in at the second meeting, a Christmas 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 community during the forthcoming holiday season as well as help to support our sponsorship of the new startup mentoring services for ages 9-13 in the YOO Club (Youth Opportunity Outreach). Start gathering up your donations today!

For more information, email InsideOurBLCDen@gmail.com or call 301.572.7464.
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, pop corn, 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 can be purchased at weekend Masses or at the rectory office from 9 am–3 pm Monday–Friday.

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.
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 (WDD) 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 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 creative 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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- Discover our student-driven service outreach to the local community
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THANKSGIVING

The featured movie for Thur., Nov. 10 is Guess Who. Start time is 11 a.m. and the end time is about 12 noon. Popcorn will be provided.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER

Raptors Regain
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!
Wed., Nov. 29 from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Ages 7 – 5. Discover the clever techniques these cost and resourceful animals use to live in the wild in this hands-on program.

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Fri., Nov. 18 and Sat., Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ages 3 up. Drop-in program: no registration required. Come any time during the week for Wintertime activities! The weather is almost here! Come learn what the animals at Patuxent are doing to prepare for winter. Families will learn about games and activities for all ages.

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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 into 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: the standard MPEG-1 and 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 also the older video format used as the basis for digital television broadcasts and DVD (digital video disc) encoding. Changes 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 one of two formats, the more popular of which is the MPEG-4. This format provides much better compression than MPEG-2. Most modern computers, tablets, and phones come with the MPEG-4 codec built in. Also, most mobile devices can both capture and 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 is also possible to change or reduce the size of the video image or resolution to better support the dimensions of the target 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 do this are Handbrake (https://handbrake.fr/) and MCEBuddy (http://www.mcebuddy2x.com/). MCEBuddy even includes a feature to periodically disconnect and remove commercials from recorded TV.

I often use a free program

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Pressured by: "I often use a free program"
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.

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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RA's, GA's, Mission Friends 7:00 p.m.
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