Cub Pack 1031: Pinewood Derby Cars Go!!

Cub Pack 1031 is getting ready for their Pinewood Derby which will be held on Saturday January 25th at the Beltsville Community Center. The scouts gathered on January 12th at the fire department to design their cars and had adults help them cut the cars on the bandsaw.

This month the Tigers are working on good food choices by working on the Tiger Bites loop. The Wolf den is working on an elective using math and shapes called Code of the Wolf. The Webelos are finishing up the physical fitness pin, Stronger Higher Faster. The Arrow den is working on Scouting Adventure: learning how to secure service along the Little Paint Branch Trail, but weather could move it to another weekend.

Again, this month, I have a request: if you have Cub Scout uniforms that you can part with, please contact Regina Halper at the email below so we can pass on “experienced uniforms” to our scouts. The cost of Cub Scouting has been going up and sharing your uniforms will help cover the cost of participating for our families.

We also have fun adventures we will complete over the next year including outdoor adventures, citizenship, and service projects. Pack 1031 is a Family pack open to boys and girls K to 5th grade. The pack has activities including camping, hiking, our annual Pinewood Derby and campfires. We also do participatory citizenship along Little Paint Branch Trail, our toy drive and Scouting for Food. Along the way we learn responsibility, citizenship, play games, and have tons of fun. If you are interested in discovering the fun of Cub Scouts, please contact Regina Halper at Pack1031cubscouting@gmail.com for more information.

Riderwood Leadership Team Built Playsets for Local Charities

The leadership team at Riderwood, an Erickson Living developed and managed community in Silver Spring, MD, has a tradition of doing a service project or giving a gift to a local charity at the end of every year. This year the Riderwood team bought and built 8 playsets (kitchens, dollhouses, tool benches, and theaters) to donate to Toys for Tots. They also made bags of toiletries to give to the local soup kitchen, Elizabeth House, to distribute to those in need.

The Beltsville Leadership Team poses with the playsets they built for Toys for Tots.

Sean Halper Earns PhD in Chemical Engineering at Penn State University

Regina and Greg Halper are proud to announce that their son, Sean Halper, has earned his Doctor of Philosophy in Chemical Engineering from Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, on December 21, 2019.

Sean’s field of research was developing automated design tools for constructing and optimizing genetic circuits and metabolic pathways. He worked in the Salis Lab under Dr. Howard Salis.

Sean will continue a post doc position at the Army Research Lab in Adelphi. He and his wife are residing in Columbia, MD.

Sean went to elementary school at Beltsville Academic Center and graduated from the Science and Tech Program at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. He earned his bachelor’s degree at UMBC Honors College in Chemical Engineering in 2014.

At right, Beltsville Native Sean Halper has earned his Doctor of Philosophy in Chemical Engineering.
Neighbors in the News

Black Man
By Rev. Dr. Jalene Chase

The song “Black Man” is from the 1976 album Songs in the Key of Life by Stevie Wonder. This is one of my favorite albums. Wikipedia (yes, Wikipedia) writes that it debuted at number one, the third album to do so and the first for an American musician. It stayed there for 13 consecutive weeks. Several singles from the album were released successfully. To me, every song boldly spoke of topics that shaped and shook society at the time. Years later, in 2006, I hummed or sang the songs so often that a CD was a parting gift when I left secular employment for my first church appointment. The title may make you think it’s exclusive to one race of men, but the lyrics are inclusive and speak of equality. Listen to it or read the lyrics. It’s a rhythmic history lesson about the interrelatedness of all men and women. The message in the music is that it took all races to build this country. The chorus speaks timeless words that are very much relevant today: We pledge allegiance all our lives to the magic colors Red, Blue and White. But we must all be given the liberty that we defend. For with justice not for all men, history will repeat again. It’s time we learned, this world was made for all men. That’s profound. When you listen to the entire song, you can’t help but notice the diversity. A masterpiece. Well, I think that it is. In a time where we appear to find reasons to separate from one another, this song reminds us that we go further if we recognize the important contribution of the Black, White, Red, Yellow, and Brown men and woman. It saddens me when we spew divisiveness. Let’s covenant to look at the things that we have in common. There is room at the table for everyone, if not, split the table in half and add a leaf. That’s what we do for celebratory meals like Thanksgiving. I know it’s February, but we don’t have to confine extending hospitality to only one day. The song means even more to me now as I help navigate the cultural changes emerging in our church. Seeing people of all races working together is the masterpiece that the God of my understanding created. That’s my observation, and I’m sticking with it. If you want to share your thoughts, join us. We have a nontraditional worship time, 9:45am Sundays. We are intentional about including the cultures that worship with us. We have a nursery and a sign language interpreter available during worship. You can learn about us on our webpage www.eumcbc.com or Facebook www.facebook.com/groups/EUMCBeltsville/. Until next time.

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WINTER'S GIFT

This season, may the whiteness Of mercy-drops descend To blanket all the landscape With clouds till borders end. May comforts surround us Knee-deep so we can play, By rolling and by throwing. Our troubling cares away.

As rays of crystal brightness Are captured to be spun Between trees in garments Of diamonds from the sun, May we enjoy this treasure Which needs the cold to come So glorious, a pleasant God-given Winter fun.

Rebecca Hutchings
1/7/16
Happy New Year! Sorry I missed out in January; I had major technical issues, which are almost resolved. I will get straight into things. Adapting to life in Dallas, TX, has been interesting. I am driving around a lot more without the use of my GPS, though I have gotten lost a few times. I must tell you they drive real fast here in Texas. But what does one expect with many roads having speed limits of 65 mph to 70 mph?! When the roads get wet, the accident rate increases because many folks still drive fast and forget stopping distances change.

Well, I actually woke up to snow in Dallas on the second Saturday of the month. It was very light and was over in a few hours. The big thing over here would be the tornadoes, I was outdoors last week when the sirens went off around 6:10 pm. It is a scary experience.

I still Uber down here, and I have had a few fun experiences. Through Uber, I have seen a lot of places in and around Dallas. Last week I had a 77-mile trip from Frisco, TX, to a part of Oklahoma just over the state line. It was straight up 75N. From the conversation of my two male passengers, they definitely are football players. Speaking of football, I met a popular football player who is training at the Mike Irvin High Performance Center. He is hoping to get drafted by the Dallas Cowboys, He is a wide receiver and played for Oregon and another college. I have got to promise to watch the draft in April, and he said if he gets drafted, he wants me to be his permanent Uber driver... and become a Dallas Cowboys fan. Well, everyone knows I am a Pittsburgh Steelers fan... for life.

I have had other fun riders. Some are people with connections to Maryland-DC area. Others want to visit Maryland and DC. It is amazing how many people here have never been to the east coast. They marvel when I tell them they can do Maryland and DC tours and on the third day of a one-week vacation they can take a four-hour drive to New York City on a bus that will typically cost $20 one way.

I miss my church in Beltsville, the Beltsville Seventh-day Adventist Church on Ammendale Road. I have been going there since 2007 when I moved to Maryland, and I was heavily involved with the children. I miss working with them seeing their personalities develop and the camping trips with the Beltsville Broncos Pathfinders, the club for the teenagers and pre-teens. Sights: I did not realize that high school sports is a big deal in Texas. I have seen some magnificent sporting facilities. One near my home is a $52-million sports facility for high schools. Unbelievable, but it is true.

I cannot not visit Maryland later this year to go to Wawa on Baltimore Avenue for my hot beverage and hoagie. Also, I miss their soup. If you have not eaten from Wawa, you need to try it out. It beats McDonalds and the other places.

As I wrap up this edition of “Jason’s Jive,” I am doing fine but still adapting, missing the many stores I would frequent in Beltsville. I knew where to go to get good deals. I am slowly beginning to find similar stores around here. Have a nice day, and in the next Jive, I will share more stories. As I wrap up, I do not miss those speed cameras in DC and around Baltimore. I have not seen any speed cameras here in Dallas—good for me!!

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Lois Jean Hensley

a secretary downtown, where she had graduated. She moved to a secretary at Bruce High School in her younger years, she worked as a secretary and District Photo, Inc. In addition to raising her four sons, Lois was active in her community. She was a member of Beltsville Baptist Church. In 2020, Lois was a longtime resident of Beltsville and a member of Good Tidings Assembly. She passed away on Jan. 10, 2020.

Lois was a great mom who loved her family. She loved to cook, loved Elvis and Neil Diamond, and loved to feed the squirrels and cardinals. She was a talented gardener who could grow anything. She always made the holidays special and will be missed. Lois is survived by her sons, Bryan, Ronald, Howard, and Edward; as well as her grandchildren Paige, Jorden, Michelle, Stephen, Brianna, Natalie, Kimberly, Justin, and Dylan; and her great-grandson, Ashton.

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Obituaries

Briscoe, E. Geraldine

“Gerri” 91 years old

Sunrise, November 26, 1928–Sunset, January 3, 2020. Wife of Joseph Briscoe; mother of Barry Briscoe and Sharon Briscoe; grandmother of Wendy, Kimberly, Tiffany, and Nicole; great-grandmother of Alanah, Xavier, and Ava; sister of Margaret Chittams, the late Evelyn Brewer, and Charlotte Bowie. Friends and relatives called at Queen’s Chapel United Methodist Church 7410 Old Muirkirk Road, Beltsville, MD 20705 on Friday, January 10, from 9 am until the time of service at 11 am. Interment MD National Memorial Park. www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com

Hiner, Robert Edward

Robert Edward Hiner (Bob) passed away on Saturday, January 11, 2020, at the Johns Hopkins Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center in Baltimore after a two-year battle with leukemia. Bob was born July 2, 1943, in Johnstown, PA, to Edward and Violette Hiner. He grew up in Johnstown and Manns Choice, PA, and lived in New Jersey before moving to the Washington, DC, area. He was a resident of Beltsville, MD, for 43 years. Bob retired from a 35-year career at Safeway in 1998 to enjoy his love of restoring classic cars and trucks as well as spending time with family. Bob is survived by his loving wife of 43 years Linda Hiner, her stepfather, Francis Darr; his husband, Stephen Hensley; and her siblings, Shirley Clark and Francis Sonny Darr.

Hiner, Robert Edward

Robert Edward Hiner (Bob)

“Danny”

On Wednesday, December 25, 2019, passed away. He was the loving husband of Melanie Slye; devoted father of Danielle (Buddy) King, Billy Slye, Stacie (Steve) Rivera; Pop-pop of Kayla, Stephen, Preston, Logan, Megan, and Rylie; brother of Lorraine, Ginny, and Lee. Funeral services were held at Christian Life Center, 3110 Greenfield Road, Silver Spring, MD, on Saturday, February 1, at 11 am. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the Chesapeake Foundation, John and Cathy Belcher Campus, 90 Ritchie Highway, Pasadena, MD 21122. www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com.

Slye, Billy Daniel

Barbara B. Shanks, formerly of Beltsville and Silver Spring, residing in Gambrills, MD, passed on January 12 at the age of 91. Loving mother to Leslie Ann Nataro and Barbara Lord and stepmother to Donald Shanks and Charlotte Schmidt. Barbara was preceded in passing by husband James B. Shanks, brother Clarence W. (Bill) Whitmore, and parents Edith and Clarence Whitmore. She was grand- mother to Allison Dubit, Andrew Nataro, Lindsay Lord, Gregory Lord, Delphina Shanks, Tessa Shanks, Gwyneth Shanks, Brian Colley, and Deborah Colley, and great-grandmother to Everleigh Dubit, Elijah Lord, and Omelia and Ethan Nataro.

Barbara traveled extensively in her early retirement years. She was an avid gardener, a talented painter, and involved in choir, theatre, and the protestant church at Riderwood Village during her 18 years there before moving to Anne Arundel County to be near family. A memorial service will be held at the chapel at Riderwood Village, 3110 Greenfield Road, Silver Spring, MD, on Saturday, February 1, at 11 am. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the Chesapeake Foundation, John and Cathy Belcher Campus, 90 Ritchie Highway, Pasadena, MD 21122.

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**Join Us in Annapolis on February 24**

Delegates Joseline Peña-Melnyk, Ben Barnes, Mary Lehman, and I work hard to keep in touch with Beltsville residents and help you understand what Maryland’s state government is doing and how it can help you and your family. We attend the Beltsville Civic Association and other community meetings, visit local churches and schools, and host “mobile office hours” at local grocery stores. Now we’ll like you to visit us in Annapolis at our annual reception for 21st District residents.

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Information on other financial aid for Maryland college students can be found at www.mhec.state.md.us.

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The U.S. census is a national population count that occurs every 10 years. The outcome of the census directly impacts Prince George’s County residents through congressional representation, Electoral College apportionment, business and economic development, and federally funded programs such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and Women and Infants and Children (WIC). A successful 2020 census count in Prince George’s County is vital to our community’s well-being and overall quality of life. If undercounted, Prince George’s County could lose an estimated $18,250 per person in potential funding and resources over a ten-year period. Learn more about the county’s efforts to have a complete count at www.PGCensus2020.org. To join the 2020 Census Complete Count District 1 Outreach Team, please email councildistrict1@co.pg.md.us.

Snow Removal

When a snow emergency is declared, the Prince George’s County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T) is responsible for providing “passable” conditions on a network of more than 1,900 miles of county-maintained roadways to ensure the safety of residents, citizens, and travelers. To assist crews, citizens and residents are requested to:

• Move and keep vehicles off snow emergency routes
• Park in driveways or other off-road locations
• Park only on the even-numbered sides of roads/streets

During a snow and ice event, residents and citizens are asked to wait 24 hours, after the precipitation has stopped, to call 311 or 301.883.4748 to report emergencies or concerns about roadway conditions/snow removal.

Beltsville Development to Watch

We will keep you updated on upcoming District 1 projects as our community continues to grow. Please note that, once a zoning application has been filed, State

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on top of that—of your life you were relieved
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Time to Change Your Passwords

This month starts my sixth year writing this column. Each year I have written at least one column on creating secure passwords, I often try to do this in January. This year we revisit the topic as a part of my privacy series with an eye toward explaining how passwords are cracked and why creating strong passwords and changing them periodically is important.

First let’s review the rules I wrote way back in March of 2015:

1. Passwords should be 13 characters or longer
2. Passwords should be a mix of numbers, upper- and lowercase letters, and symbols or special characters
3. Passwords should be unique to each place they are used
4. Passwords should be changed regularly
5. Passwords must be easily remembered

The number 13 in rule 1 has been revised from the original 12 to reflect speed improvements in hardware and software used to crack passwords over the past 5 years.

Hashes and Hacking

The security of your passwords depends on both what you do and the security of the site where the password is stored. Passwords should always be stored as a slow hash. A hash is a mathematical formula that creates a number, called a hash value or hash, from a stream of data. The formula is designed so the hash is unlikely to match a hash that might be created from another stream of data. It is not possible to recreate the original data from the hash making hashes useful for identifying data without revealing the original data. For example, if a stored hash matches the hash created using a specific formula, user ID, and password, then credentials are a confirmed match.

The best way to create a hash for passwords is to use a slow hash algorithm designed to take a lot of time on a computer. The hashing process is slowed down by iteratively rehashing the hash result many times. This rehashing is commonly repeated 20,000 to 50,000 times. These large numbers are needed because graphic processing units (GPUs) in modern computers and modern hashing techniques are getting faster. Typically, the iterations are increased every few years to keep the process slow. Longer passwords and the mix of numbers, upper- and lowercase letters, and special characters also increase the time required to guess the correct password.

But that is not the end of the story. Unfortunately, not every site uses a slow hash of the passwords/credentials. Some choose to use fast hashing formulas (typically out of ignorance) or encryption. Because these are not designed to be slow, modern computers can brute force these passwords and do it very quickly. Also, keys used for encryption can be compromised. There have even been a few sites that have been caught not protecting passwords at all.

Cracking

The brute force approach to cracking a password is to try hashing every possible combination of letters, numbers, and special characters until a hash matches the hash of a password. Most password crackers don’t start by using brute force; instead they start with lists of passwords that people have already cracked. Typically, the first list is a fairly short list of the most commonly used passwords. The cracker may eventually use a master list of over 10 million previously hacked passwords. They also use word dictionaries and then try numbers and/or symbols in front of and behind the words and try common substitutions of characters like zero for the letter “O” or 3 for the letter “E.” This is all done before brute force is even attempted and often results in cracking more than 60% of the passwords in a large password database within hours or days.

Don’t Repeat

So let’s say you use a single password for every site on the web and one of the sites doesn’t store passwords securely. The hacker will try to use the same login ID and password on other sites like Gmail or Facebook to see if the same credentials work there. This is why rule 3 requires different passwords for each and every site.

So you have a different good secure password for each site, but a site is hacked. The site owner may not even know they were hacked. Your password isn’t cracked for the many months because it is a good one, but eventually it is cracked. This is why passwords should be changed periodically and the need for rule 4. I suggest passwords should all be changed at least once a year.

Finally, rule 5; “easily remembered.” If you can’t remember your password then you must go through password recovery, which is often the weakest link in a credential system. You may decide to use a password management system, but I always find that I can’t access them just when I need them most.

Creating Strong Passwords

The technique I use to create good passwords is to create rules for generating the passwords. Your rules should be different than the ones I use here, but this is a good example:

• Pick a phrase you will remember— I will use “I’d like to be, under the sea” from the Beatles song “Octopus’s Garden.”
• Create a rule to pick letters from this phrase—Rule: Pick the first letter of each word, or “ilbvs”.
• Create a rule to uppercase letters—Rule: Upper case every...
Club News

The Beltsville Young at Heart Club

The Beltsville Young at Heart Club’s officers for the new year are Jim Pope, president; Beth Varnau, vice president; Richard Moore, secretary; Lois Hamilton, treasurer; and Ellen Kidwell, chaplain. All were sworn in at the December Christmas party by long-ago President Catch Giddings. The second meeting in February will have a speaker who is a cardiologist from Adventist Hospital in Silver Spring. Near and far, big and small miracles happen. Positivity works.

2020: A One Hundredth Birthday for the American Legion Auxiliary

By Ivy Christoffers

This year of the hundredth birthday of our great organization is shaping up nicely with many celebratory events planned to focus on our vision as the greatest patriotic organization in the world and our mission of serving our active military, our veterans and their families, our youth and communities. One such event was held on January 11 at American Legion Post #191 in Mt. Airy. It included a cash blast, which resulted in many winning cash and prizes, the greatest being $1,000. The old-fashioned cakewalk was most amusing. I never in my life before saw such huge dice. The donated cakes and other baked goods filled a very large table and were enjoyed by many after being won by generous contestants in the cakewalk. Several games were played including shotgun bingo with great cash prizes, and many boards of 50/50 chances were sold. All monies raised were designated for veteran’s programs. All in attendance had a great time.

The Sons of the American Legion (SAL) are planning a sweetheart dance for Valentine’s Day at Glen Burnie Post #40. I have not heard of any other February celebrations so far except for the usual Valentine’s Day and Presidents Day when flowers and candy are presented to loved ones and great sales abound.

It is not too early to remind you of the upcoming Maryland Veteran’s Creative Arts Festival on March 22. It will be held in Bowie, MD, at The Bowie Center for Performing Arts. Doors open at 12 noon, and it ends at 4 pm. This event showcases the awesome talents of disabled veterans, both visual arts, with the opening art exhibit and the performing arts. All visual and performing artists are disabled veterans, and their work is spellbinding. Admission is only $10.00, and several door prizes will be awarded.

Remember our bingo on Tuesday at noon and our Friday night dinner dances. Our general welcoming atmosphere and our spacious hall can accommodate your special events. Until next month, keep out troops in your prayers, and may God continue to bless America.

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NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER Special hours of operation: The building will close at 2 pm on Fri., Feb. 14 and will be closed all day on Feb. 17. Address: 10001 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. The entrance is accessed from Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore–Washington Parkway and rt. 197. Main phone: 301.497.5772. Contact the Visitor Center for information about programs and other events for February. Join us in our mail by contacting timothy_parker@fws.gov. Regular hours of operation for the Visitor Center are: Fri.–Wed., from 9 am to 4:30 pm, 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. Cost: Free admission to the Visitor Center and its exhibits, grounds, and trails; other activities and events are free of charge if not noted. Space in public programs is limited. Registration is by phone only and is required unless otherwise specified. Call 301.497.5897. Note: These public programs are designed for individuals and families. Programs are subject to changes or cancellation due to weather or low participation. Please arrive at the start of the class if you wish and leave when you’re ready.

SAVING OUR STREAMS: THE CLEAN WATER ADVENTURE Sun., Feb. 16 from 2 pm to 3:30 pm Ages 10+, registration required. Oh no! Our water is being polluted and only you can help! Manage stream health like a natural area manager with this interactive lesson.

NATURE TOTS: FURRY FRIENDS Tues., Feb. 25 from 10:30 am to 11:30 am Ages 3–4. Come learn about what makes a mammal a mammal and how they stay warm in the winter.

BELTSVILLE EVENTS Please call the individual facilities regarding late changes or updates to hours of operations, especially during holidays and inclement weather.

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL) Free and open to the public. Regular hours of operation are Mon.–Fri. from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, except for federal holidays. The library is located at 10051 Baltimore Ave., near Sunnyside Ave. Parking is free. Main phone number: 301.504.7575. NAL is on Twitter at http://twitter.com/#!/National_AgLib. See NAL.USDA.gov/visit-library for more information.

VANSGLEVE HIGHLIGHTS CELEBRATION Some are scheduled for February 17, 2020. The featured artist for February is Jennyliner Becker. Her original botanical watercolors and prints are intended as educational tools that help people understand the reliance and interconnection of all living things. The gallery is open when the Visitor Center is open. All ages are invited; no registration is required.

OWL & KESTREL Saturdays in February from 12:15 pm to 1:45 pm each day. All ages. No registration required. Meet two of North America’s smallest birds of prey: the American kestrel and eastern screech owl. Both are expert hunters. The American kestrel uses its acrobatic prowess, while the eastern screech owl is a stealthy silent hunter.

CRITTERS IN MY CARRY-ON Wed., Feb. 8 from 10:30 am to 11:15 am Ages 7+. What is wildlife trafficking and what can you do to help stop it? Come learn the value of species conservation, with a chance to see real items confiscated by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

TINY TOTS Sun., Feb. 9 and Mon., Feb. 10 from 10:30 am to 11:15 am each day. Ages 16 mo.–48 mo.; parent participation required. Learn about wildlife at the refuge through fun and interactive songs, stories, and activities.

FAMILY FUN: WATER AND THE WEATHER Fri., Feb. 14 and Sat., Feb. 15 from 10 am to 1 pm each day. All ages; no registration required. Have you ever wondered where rain comes from, or how clouds are made? Did you know that the rain that falls on you may be the same rain that fell on the dinosaurs? Learn more about the water cycle and weather through hands-on activities, games and crafts for all ages. This is a drop-in program. Bring your own lunch and leave when you’re ready.

AGEMENT, call or visit the branch.

STEM FOR FAMILIES Wed., Feb. 19 from 4 pm to 5 pm Join us as we explore science, technology, engineering, and math. Drop in for hands-on experiments and activities. Ages 5–12.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS BOOK CLUB Mon., Feb. 3 at 2 pm Join the discussion! This month we are reading Hid- den Figures by Manot Lee Shetterly. Find a copy at your library branch today!

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLUB Thursdays from 12 noon to 1 pm Are you learning to speak English? Join our club and practice speaking English in a fun environment with people from diverse backgrounds.

MOVIES THAT MATTER FILM SERIES Mon., Feb. 10 from 6:30 pm to 6:30 pm Each month we’ll watch and discuss films that help the community explore our shared values. This month we’ll be watching Am I Not Your Nigger. Presented with the Prince George’s County Human Relations Commission.

BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER Address: 3900 Selmans Rd., Beltsville. Phone: 301.937.6613. Spanish line: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512. Regular hours of operation are Mon.–Thur. from 8 am to 6 pm, Fri. from 8 am to 4 pm, Sat. from 9 am to 2 pm. The library will be closed on Mon., Feb. 17. The library is closed on Feb. 17.

BELTSVILLE YOUNG AT HEART CLUB Join us at the Beltsville Young at Heart Club on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 11:15 am Members must be at least 55 years old. Visit us three times and become a member. We have speakers, entertainment, trips, 50/50, bingo, plus light refreshments. Questions: call Lois at 301.498.9736.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE WOMEN’S CLUB Club meetings will reschedule in March. The club meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 pm, except for July, August, and February.

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Club News

Donation Letter of Thanks

Dear Vansville Residents:
The executive board and members of the Vansville Heights Citizen Association, Inc., wish to express our gratitude for the renewal of your annual membership. Your strong support and eager participation are highly appreciated. We look forward to your future attendance at the Vansville monthly meeting scheduled at 7 pm on the second Monday of each month except July and August. Our meeting is held at the Franklin Brown Recreation Community Center, 11733 Old Baltimore Pike, Beltsville, MD 20705 (located in the Vansville Park). Remember that we are your advocate for your various civic issues of Vansville. Come and bring your neighbor to our next meeting to be held Monday, February 10, 2020.

Randolph Brown, Membership Chair
John D. Perkins, President

The Fabulous Hubcaps Coming to the College Park Moose Lodge

One of the most sought after oldies rock ‘n’ roll dance and show groups in the country will be at the Moose Lodge on Saturday, February 15. This group started in 1974 and continues with musical quality and entertainment showmanship unmatched anywhere. You will hear the classics and see many of your favorite artists dressed in costume delivering a dynamic show. Elvis, Whitney Houston, Frank Sinatra, Rod Stewart, Tina Turner, Patsy Cline, and many, many more will make an appearance. You won’t want to miss this show.

Tickets for this event are $25 per person for the music and entertainment, which is from 8 pm-11:30 pm. An optional chicken dinner will be served from 6-7:30 pm for a nominal price of only $10 more.

There will also be a bake sale, silent auction, raffles, and a 50/50. Come join us for a fun evening and a super good time. This event is open to the public. The College Park Moose Lodge is located at 3700 Metzerott Road, College Park, MD. Tickets are on sale now. Please call 301.935.5525 for more information.

Cherry Blossoms, Symbols of Friendship and Courage

Please join the Beltsville Garden Club for a monthly meeting at the Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville, on Wednesday, February 26, 2020, at 7:30 pm. We are pleased to welcome speaker Ann McClellan. Her talk will be titled Cherry Blossoms, Symbols of Friendship and Courage and will explore the images and tales associated with the ethereal Japanese cherry blossoms. People have celebrated the blooming of these trees for more than 1,000 years, and today they serve as diplomatic symbols and signifiers of military fortitude, as landscape enhancements, and as eternal signs of spring and romance. Ann McClellan is the author of two books about the flowering cherry trees of Washington, D.C.: National Geographic’s Cherry Blossoms and The Cherry Blossom Festival, Sakura Celebration. She is also the author of a book about the National Bonsai & Penjing Museum at the U.S. National Arboretum. All three books reflect her lifelong love of trees that came from her growing up at an arboretum-like campus in New Jersey established by Frederick Law Olmsted. Earlier in her professional career, she held executive positions at several renowned nonprofit organizations at several renowned nonprofit organizations.

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The Bull Pen

By Tracy Fuller

The Bulls Basketball is in full motion with games starting on January 11. This year’s teams include a 14U AAA, 14U AA, and a 13U AA. It is being led by Commissioners Demetrius Butler and Tanaya Harris. Stay tuned for the next month’s “Bull Pen” for an update on the season’s progression.

The Bulls are also offering indoor baseball clinics for the months of January, February, and March. The cost is $10 a month. Go to www.beltsvilleadelphil.siplay.com for information on dates, times, and location.

We still need a soccer commissioner to bring soccer back to the club. It has been over a year now since we had a soccer program. If interested, please contact Club Athletic Director Rian Jackson at jackson_rian@hotmail.com or 301.693.6395.

As always, please contact Club Athletic Director Rian Jackson at jackson_rian@hotmail.com or 301.693.6395 with any questions, suggestions, or coaching inquiries. GO BULLS!!! AND JOIN THE STAMPEDE!!!
third letter—"iTbuT"
• Pick a number at least 2 digits long that changes each year—

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• Rule: Append the $ as the special character if allowed—"iTbuT$79"
• Rule: Use the first 2 and the last 2 characters of the website name and capitalize the first letter of the site name—so for amazon.com then use “Amon”

• Combine these to make your new password: "iTbuT$79$Amon"

Of course, you can mix, match, and reorder the rules as you please to make sure your passwords are unique. Next month we will have more discussion on protecting your information.

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organizations, including the Smithsonian Institution and World Wildlife Fund.
We thank Ms. McClellan for bringing samples of her three books for us to look at. We can purchase or order them from our chosen bookstores. She will also bring cherry blossom bookplates that she can customize, which sell for $1.00. Meetings are open to the public, and there is no fee. Refreshments are served after the speaker’s program. We thank all attendees who contribute to the refreshment table and who bring a plant or plant-related item for the door prize drawing. If Prince George’s County Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather, the meeting will be canceled.

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STRATEGY GAME CLUB
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