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Cub Scout Pack 1031 Gets Ready for Pinewood Derby

Cub Pack 1031 members are getting ready for their annual pinewood derby by getting their cars cut and painted. The race will begin on Saturday, January 23rd, at the Beltsville Community Center. The scouts learned about tools and how to design a car from a block of pine at pack leader Eric S.'s garage.

This month, the Arrow of Light Scouts learned about orienteering by having an orienteering training competition at Little Paint Branch park. The course was set up by Sean Halper, an Eagle Scout and former member of Troop 1033. Boy Scouts were paired with the Webelos to help them locate where stations were on a topographical map and then did a 30-minute, timed practice finding markers in the woods and returning to base by the deadline. While the scouts were there, they picked up trash as part of their adoption of the Little Paint Branch Trail, though scouts were limited by time

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A leader in the pack cutting Bernard P.'s car on the band saw.



High Road Students work with Bread for the City.

Local School News

High Road Harvests for Bread for the City

Students at High Road Upper School continue to support and give back to the community and fulfill their community service goals by volunteering with Bread for the City.

Started in 1974, Bread for the City has been a front-line agency serving Washington's poor. The agency began as two organizations: Zacchaeus Free Clinic, which started in 1974 as a volunteer-run, free medical clinic; and Bread for the City, which was started in 1976 by a coalition of

downtown churches to feed and clothe the poor. The two entities merged in 1995. Today, two centers operate in the District of Columbia and provide direct services to low-income residents of Washington, DC. All of the services are free with the mission to provide comprehensive services, including food, clothing, medical care, and legal and social services to low-income Washington, DC, residents in an atmosphere of dig-

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Beltsville Briefs

Help Find Misty

Misty, our 13-year-old calico cat weighing about 12 pounds, jumped out the car window and ran into the woods on December 24th. It was 10:30 PM, and we were at a standstill on Route 295 south behind an accident between Powder Mill Road and Route 197. Misty may have been spotted later on Springfield Road one half mile south of Sumner Grove Drive in Laurel. If you find Misty, please call us at 321.537.2651.

The Gospel in a Nutshell

By Crystal Joy Web

God has shown me outrageous love, comfort, and forgiveness through the years. He gives me a craving to help people understand His true love and ultimately call on Him for dear life. When I was 16, my life was turned upside down. It was exhilarating! I was a wretched teen, but my Jesus saved me just in time. I don't want anybody to go down that broken road like I did. I am proof that He has come for the sinners...thank You Jesus....

"For God so loved the world, He gave His one and only Son that *whoever* believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. **For God did not send His Son into the world to**

condemn the world, but to save the world through Him" John 3:16-17.

The key is to believe Jesus died and rose again for *you*. Wearing *your* sins on the cross while He (the perfect Savior) died and rose in your place. And when you ask for mercy, He gladly rushes to you and all of Heaven rejoices! Go to Him as you are...no matter how terrible your sins. Nothing surprises Him. He's seen all your good and all your bad, and He still wants you and loves you anyway. He loves you so much in a way nobody else can! And with obedience and prayer, just watch how Jesus puts your life back together. Remember, it's a journey.... He only takes what you give. He doesn't force Himself on you. Thank You, Jesus!

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By President Karen M. Coakley

The Beltsville Citizen's Association will not meet in February. If you have a community concern, I can be reached at 301.937.3490.

Winter Safety Tips from the Police & Fire Departments:

Do not leave your car unattended when you warm it up. Car thieves are stealing cars while they warm up. Plus, your insurance may not cover your loss.

Fire, Shelter, Snow, Cold, Home, and Community Services Info

The Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department wants you to "Bee Safe." The Fire/EMS Department will visit your home and conduct a free fire safety advisory inspection. But that's not all! While there, they will install a free smoke detector in your home. To receive your free smoke alarm and fire safety advisory inspection, please complete the Free Smoke Alarm & Fire Safety Advisory Inspection form. For additional safety information, please download the Carbon Monoxide and Carbon Monoxide Alarms (PDF), Fire Safety Checklist (PDF), Home Checkup (PDF). You can find all of these at <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/Fire/Services/FSE/Pages/default.aspx>

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Letter

A Letter to Rushern Baker from the Vansville Citizen's Association

December 28, 2015

Rushern L. Baker III, County Executive
Office of County Executive
County Administration Building, Room 5032
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Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 - 3070

Dear Mr. Baker:

On behalf of the Vansville Heights Citizens Association, we take this opportunity to thank you for reconditioning and resurfacing the Powder Mill Road Bridge at Baltimore Avenue in Beltsville, MD.

Powder Mill Road is an important computer route in Beltsville, and the bridge had become in dire need of repair and caused much anguish for all who used it.

In order to complete the work on the bridge, there's approximately an additional 75 feet of road-

way at the foot of the bridge to Baltimore Avenue that needs to be resurfaced.

Many thanks to Councilwoman Lehman, Senator Rosepepe, and Representative Joseline Pena-Melynk for their continued support in making the roadways of Beltsville safe to travel.

Mr. Baker, we look forward to our continued joint efforts to make Beltsville and the Vansville Heights community a vibrant and welcoming community for all.

Sincerely,

John D. Perkins, President
Vansville Heights Citizens Association, Inc.
jdpbk11@gmail.com

Joseph Briscoe
Immediate Past President

Accounting

Four Steps if You Haven't Filed Your Taxes in a While: Why You Can Face the Fear of Back Taxes and May Even Get a Refund!

**By John Hewitt, Founder and
CEO, Liberty Tax Service**

If you're feeling the pressure of delinquent taxes, you're not alone. Each year, millions of Americans get behind on filing for any number of reasons. One year, a woman came in to do her tax return for 2013 and 2014. She still owed the IRS \$711 for 2012 and had not

done her 2013 return because she was afraid she would owe money and she just couldn't deal with it. She also told us that her daughter and son-in-law had moved in with her and her husband, and her husband was quite ill and had not worked much. After sorting out the paperwork, surprisingly, she and her husband were getting a

\$1,300+ refund for 2014. Yes, you may owe back taxes, or you may be missing out on a refund.

Why You Can't Ignore This

Here's the reality—not filing a past due return can have serious repercussions. The IRS can file a substitute return on your behalf using information collected from your employer, bank, and other sources. This return could lead to a tax bill. If this bill is never paid, the collection process will begin, allowing the IRS to levy your wages or bank account or even file a federal tax lien against you. It's important to file your tax returns for missing years as soon as possible to avoid possible tax liabilities, protect your Social Security and disability benefits, and avoid delayed loan approvals from lenders. In the best-case scenario, you can claim a refund for the previous 3 tax years. If you have received a notice in the mail, don't ignore it. Get to a tax pro who can help you sort through the paperwork and deal with the IRS process.

Four Steps to File

To file your taxes, follow these four steps:

1. Gather important documents. For each year that you failed to file a tax return, make sure you have your W-2 or Form 1099. If you can't find this paperwork, you can request a copy of your income information from your employer. If you plan to claim certain deductions and credits, make sure you have receipts on hand.

2. Locate missing paperwork. Tax documents can also be requested from the IRS by filing Form 4506-T, Request for Transcript of Tax Return. The IRS will send transcripts that contain the most important information, not duplicate copies, from your previous W-2s and Forms 1098 and 1099.

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

Prince George's Library Introduces Children's Museum-like Discovery Centers

Prince George's County Memorial Library System is rolling out themed children's areas called discovery centers throughout the county. The discovery centers—which each have different themes, such as castles or space—promote literacy by encouraging learning through creative play.

“As we renovate library branches, we're designing and building colorful discovery centers that appeal to children much like children's museums,” said Michael Gannon, chief operating officer of the library system. “They're destinations for families where children can visit with their parents and grandparents.”

Prince George's County Memorial Library System offers six discovery centers with two more under construction and three more in development. All are free as part of the library system.

The discovery centers feature colorful carpeting and walls, props and displays, and child-friendly reading spaces. A bridge crosses a carpet moat in Beltsville Branch's Discovery Castle area; a teddy-bear astronaut sits in a spaceship in Fairmount Heights Branch's Discovery Space; and a child-size circus tent stands in Hillcrest Heights Branch's Discovery Circus.

Other Discovery Centers include Discovery Treehouse at the Glenarden Branch, Discovery Glen at the South Bowie Branch, and Discovery Farm at the Spaulding Branch.

In addition, the library system

is building Discovery Reef at the New Carrollton Branch, scheduled for completion in late 2016 or early 2017, and Discovery Island at the Laurel Branch. Scheduled for completion in the fall of 2016, Discovery Island will include lighted dinosaur footprints, a glass floor exposing a full-size velociraptor skeleton replica, and two children's seating areas, one within a large dinosaur rib cage and the other decorated with volcano lava and light effects.

“We're designing our discovery centers to be bright, fun, and irresistible to children, but they also serve a purpose,” Gannon said. “Outfitted with books, technology, and early-literacy tools, they stoke children's curiosity and help them learn to read, a basic ability that's absolutely essential to their success as adults.”

Additional discovery centers planned for the future include Discovery Town at the Bowie Branch, Discovery Village at the Hyattsville Branch, and Discovery Bay at the Surratts-Clinton Branch.

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Shifting Into Neutral

Bringing modern to a traditionally styled home saturated with fabrics in deep reds, navies or browns and paint colors dark enough to hide finger smudges does not have to be challenging. Lighten up with neutrals. Muslin, Simply White and Steam are three of Benjamin Moore's most versatile off-whites that work well off of neutral sofas as well as bolder throw pillows. Create a natural feel with textured Candice Olson wallpaper in the dining room or grasscloth in the family room in creams, camels and grays. Michael Richards and Valerie Kabelac, the brother-sister design duo at Beltsville's own Will's Home Decorating (www.decoratemaryland.com) have years of experience updating homes in a way that reflects the homeowner's lifestyle and personality.



Michael Richards and Valerie Kabelac

Having natural light is key to creating a modern yet natural ambiance. Replace heavy draperies with cordless Hunter Douglas Duette shades that lower from the top or silhouettes that softly filter light. Your privacy will not be compromised with either shade option. According to Valerie, “a cornice or roman valance over the shades or even stationary side panels on a shiny metal pole will soften the shades without blocking the light.” Try placing white or metallic bowls or vases on a table or dresser to bring a jewel touch to the room. In addition, Michael says that “a tone-on-tone sandy colored area rug will guarantee sophistication and if placed in a family room by a fireplace it will be so inviting and cozy that you will not want to leave the room.” For more decorating advice on shifting into neutral stop by Will's Home Decorating for your FREE personalized consultation with Michael or Valerie.

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Obituaries

James W. Hughes Jr., 68

James W. Hughes, Jr., passed away on Thursday, December 17th. He is survived by Veronica, his wife of 30 years; son, George; sister, Judy; brother, Edward; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his parents, Mary and James Hughes, and a son, James III.

Jimmy grew up in Greenbelt, MD, and attended St. Hugh's Elementary School and

DeMatha High School. He was in the US Army from 1967-1968, serving a tour of duty in Vietnam with the military police.

He worked in the D.C. government as a traffic adjudication officer until his retirement in 2007. He was a lifetime member of American Legion Post 136, served as past commander, and served most recently as assistant manager.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church in Greenbelt on Monday, December 21st.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research at 1111 Stewart Avenue, Bethpage, NY 11714 or to Fisher House Foundation. Those donations should be sent to Voluntary Services/Fisher House @DC Vet-

erans Medical Affairs Center, 50 Irving Street, N.W., D.C. Checks should be made out to DCVAMC Fisher House Foundation. In the memo section, write GPF1189 in memory of James Hughes, Jr.

Janet Doetsch, 88

Janet Huddle Doetsch of Beltsville passed away on December 20th. She was 88 years old. She was a lifelong resident of Maryland, born in Baltimore to parents William and Virginia Huddle. She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Dr. Raymond N. Doetsch (Beltsville); her daughter, Karen S. Robison (Silver Spring); her son, Paul W. Doetsch (Atlanta, GA); her son-in-law, Edwin Robison; daughter-in-law, Donna L. Doetsch; and grandsons Christopher Robison, Nicholas Robison, Gregory Robison, and Andrew Doetsch. She was predeceased by her daughter Jennie Doetsch Burgess.

A devoted member of the Emmanuel United Methodist Church of Beltsville, she was very active for many decades in numerous church functions and organizations, including the Eleanor Hoover Circle.

She was a 1948 graduate of the University of Maryland. She was an avid reader, enjoyed cooking, gardening, and collecting antiques

and supported many charitable organizations.

Janet was a kind and loving woman with boundless energy and generosity, devoted to her family and friends, always ready to cheer the lives of all who were fortunate to have known her. Funeral services were held at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, Maryland, on Wednesday, December 23, at 11:00 a.m. with the Reverend Jacob Young officiating; interment was at George Washington Cemetery; memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 5845 Richmond Highway, Suite 800, Alexandria, Virginia 22303.

Lina Lou (Nee Morgan) Thies, 103

Lina Lou (Nee Morgan) Thies passed away on January 14, 2016. She was the beloved wife of the late Carl William Thies; mother of Grace Athey, Katie Chavez, Lina MacMichael, Carla Downs and the late Chip Thies. Also survived by 20 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, 11 great-great-grandchildren, and numerous in-laws. Memorial contributions may be made to First Lutheran Church of Bowie Perpetual Cemetery Fund.

Beltsville Recreation Council News



1st place—11620 35th Avenue



2nd place—4218 Kenny Street

The winners of the Beltsville Holiday Home Decorating Contest are 1st place—11620 35th Avenue and 2nd place—4218 Kenny St. The winners received gift certificates from the Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union and yard signs to easily identify the winning houses. Congratulations to the winners, and thank you to all who entered and judged

the 2015 Beltsville Holiday Home Decorating Contest from the Beltsville Recreation Council. Thank you also to our door prize sponsors for the Holiday Concert featuring the Greenbelt Concert Band. They are TJ's of Calverton, Hard Times Cafe, Jiffy Lube, Papa John's, Old Line Bistro, the Beltsville Community Center, and Ms. Thelma's Ceramics Class.

Plans are underway for the 2016 Beltsville Day on Sunday, May 15th. Vendor registration forms will be sent my email and will be available on our website at www.beltsvillereccouncil.homestead.com and on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/BeltsvilleRecCouncil>.

Riderwood Residents Get "Inside the Numbers"

Analysis of Political Polling

As the calendar turns to 2016, Marylanders are focusing on a year that promises to be filled with politics. The presidential campaign and the race for a U.S. Senate seat are dominating news headlines and kitchen table conversations.

To that end, the resident-led Riderwood Democratic Club

hosted Michael Hanmer, associate professor of the University of Maryland (UMD), College Park, Department of Government and Politics as guest speaker for its monthly meeting on January 13th.

Professor Hanmer, the research director for UMD's Center for American Politics and Citizenship, discussed the results of polling conducted in partnership

with *The Washington Post*. The survey focused on the presidential campaign, state politics from Annapolis, and the U.S. Senate seat in Maryland that will be open due to Senator Barbara Mikulski's impending retirement. The telephone poll, a random sample of 1,006 adult residents of Mary-

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Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

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Delegates Barbara Frush, Josefine Peña-Melnyk, Ben Barnes, 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'd like you to visit us in Annapolis at our annual reception for 21st District residents.

It's Monday evening, February 22nd, from 6:00–8:00 PM in rooms 170 and 180 of the Lowe House Building near the State House. We'll have food, fellowship, and information on legislative issues of concern to our communities.

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residents and citizens are encouraged to wait 12 hours after the precipitation has stopped to call the Snow Information Center at 301.350.0500 or County Click 3-1-1 to report emergencies or concerns about roadway conditions. <http://www.princegeorges-countymd.gov/sites/PublicWorks/Services/SIC/Pages/default.aspx>

Snow and Ice Removal from Sidewalks in Prince George's County

Per Prince George's County Code, Section 23-150, the owner or lessor of a residential dwelling or commercial property must remove snow and ice from an abutting sidewalk within 48 hours after snow has fallen or ice has formed as a result of inclement weather. <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/DPIE/News/Pages/Snow-and-Ice-Removal-from-Sidewalks-in-Prince-Georges-County.aspx>

Emergency Shelters

Emergency shelters are for people to live temporarily when they

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Scholarships to College

Each senator and delegate is allocated funds for scholarships for students in their district who attend Maryland colleges. There are so many deserving students in Beltsville. With college tuition a struggle for many families, we need to do everything we can to help hardworking students get a good education. We can't help everyone with Senatorial Scholar-

ships, but we can certainly help some. To apply online for a 2016–2017 Senatorial Scholarship, students should visit www.21stdistrictdelegation.com/college-scholarships. A separate Delegate Scholarship application from Delegates Frush, Peña-Melnyk, and Barnes is on that page as well. Information on other financial aid for Maryland college students can be found at www.mhec.state.md.us.

Community Services

The Prince George's County Department of Social Services provides programs that help families who have had an unforeseen emergency. Other programs offer support that assists families to become more stable and self-sufficient. The Department of Social Services wants to assist

can't stay in their previous residence. In Prince George's County to ensure we have a coordinated Continuum of Care system for homeless people, we require that all referrals to county shelters be made through the Homeless Hotline. You can call the Homeless Hotline toll free in the State of Maryland at 888.731.0999 or at 301.864.7095. The hotline provides emergency answering and referral for the homeless 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Individuals and families in need must call the Homeless Hotline directly. Please be aware there is no waiting list and referrals are made on a first-come, first-served basis. <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/socialservices/Services/CommunityServices/EmergencyShelter/Pages/default.aspx>

Prince George's County families to become independent and stable. It can provide information and/or assist with the following:

Housing & Homeless Services: Provide county residents facing eviction or homelessness with assistance, information, and referrals.

Emergency Shelter Services: Provide county residents with shelter options. Please call the central point of intake, the Homeless Hotline, at 1.888.731.0999.

Energy Programs: Provide county residents with grants to assist with their utility bills and information on how to decrease energy costs. Visit Energy Saving Tips to get information on conserving energy costs.

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Tech Sense

Software for Your Media

By John Bell

Windows Media Center

When you upgrade to Windows 10, you may find some of the features you have used in the past missing.

Two of the missing elements are related, the ability to use Windows Media Center and the ability to play DVD's. If you upgrade from Windows 7, you will lose the Windows Media Center (WMC), but Microsoft will include the software allowing DVD's to be played. However, if you upgrade from Windows 8, you will need to acquire software to play DVD's



and Blu-ray disks if you have a DVD or Blu-ray drive. Most computers that include a DVD or Blu-ray player will come with alternative software like CyberPower, and some manufacturers will allow you to download a new version after the upgrade. Go to your manufacturer's support web site to see if you may download the extra software provided by the manufacturer.

VLC is a free and open source alternative. VLC is a media player that can play many different types of media including most DVD's, Blue-ray discs, video files, and sound files. VLC is available through the Windows Store or can be downloaded directly from <http://www.videolan.org>.

Media and Your Phone

If you have an iPhone, this typically means that you have iTunes installed on your PC. iTunes allows you to play and organize your music, but music purchased from iTunes longer ago than the past couple of years is copy protected, preventing it from being moved easily to a non-Apple device like an Android phone. There are some workarounds, but they all involve removing the copy protection. Typically, music purchased from Amazon or Google Play does not have copy protection and can be played on any device that supports MP3 including Apple devices.

Amazon allows music purchased from it to be installed onto your device or computer, and it provides an application to facilitate the download or play on your computer. It automatically installs the music into Windows Media Player (not the same as Windows Media Center) when downloaded. Amazon also offers a large amount of music that can be played free using its online players.

Editing Music and Sounds

When my eldest daughter got married, we wanted to do a father/daughter dance to a compilation of music that was meaningful to us over the years. In order to do this, I used a free and open source product called Audacity to cut snippets from several songs and create a medley that covered several dancing styles in 6 minutes. I have also used Audacity to create customer ringtones for my phones. Audacity is a sound editor used to edit and remix sound files. It includes a number of special effects and blends. It can be downloaded from <http://audacityteam.org/>.

Midi and Player Piano Rolls

When I was a teenager, I had a friend with a real working player piano. I enjoyed spending time with the family around the piano and joining in on the sing-alongs. A number of people wish to preserve these fragile rolls of paper, so they create machines to scan the rolls and convert them to midi files. Midi is a standard for controlling electronic musical instruments. My electronic piano will play midi files and even has the ability to show lyrics as they play. Most computers and devices can also play midi files. If you want to hear the "Maple Leaf Rag" as played by Scott Joplin himself, look for the midi version of the piano roll he recorded over 100 years ago, download it, and play it. Many midi piano rolls can be found here: <http://members.shaw.ca/smythe/archive.htm> and here: <http://www.trachtman.org/rollscans/RollListing.php>. You can also search Google for "midi piano rolls." Until next time, have fun with your computer.

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land, was taken October 8th-11th.

Following his remarks, Professor Hanmer took questions from residents of the Erickson Living Retirement Community in attendance. Their inquiries ranged from the science and methodology of 21st century polling to predictions for the upcoming elections. The event was open to all residents of Riderwood.

More information about the poll and UMD's Department of Government and Politics can be found by visiting <http://gvpt.umd.edu/>.



The resident-led Riderwood Democratic Club hosted University of Maryland, College Park Associate Professor Michael Hanmer as guest speaker for its January 13 meeting. Professor Hanmer, the Research Director for UMD's Center for American Politics & Citizenship, discussed results of a recent poll conducted by UMD and the Washington Post. He is pictured with Riderwood resident Millie Bluestein, the club's President.

Neighbors in the News

SCOUTING NEWS

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and high water.

This month, scouts are working hard to complete their Adventures by Learning about Faith and Citizenship. Scouts will be participating in a Martin Luther King Day cleanup at the Beltsville Academy followed by hot dogs and s'mores over a campfire at Mrs. Halper's house, where we will also try to complete some outdoor achievements.

Are you interested in discovering the fun of Cubs Scout with your son? If you would like more information, contact Regina Halper through www.BeAScout.org—just put in our zip code and look for Cub Pack 1031.

Three Boy Scouts Achieve Rank of Eagle Scout

By Gary Baughan,
Assistant Scoutmaster

On January 14th, Boy Scout Troop 1033 held an Eagle Scout Court of Honor to recognize the achievements of three young men: Al Diagne, Alex Orellana, and Trey Ridley. These Eagle Scouts are the 85th, 86th and 87th Eagle Scouts since the beginning of Troop 1033 in 1961. During the ceremony, the mothers of the scouts have the privilege to pin the Eagle Scout Metal onto their son's uniform over their heart and the dad's the Eagle Scout neckerchief and slide. The ceremony includes the Eagle Promise, when the new Eagle Scouts reaffirm their allegiance to the three promises of the Scout Oath and the determination to live by the Scout Law throughout their lifetime. As we know, once an Eagle Scout, always an Eagle Scout.

Not every Scout qualifies for the high rank of Eagle Scout, for only 2% of the boys who start scouting follow through to becoming an Eagle Scout. The physical requirements are strenuous, as set forth in the required 21 merit badges. In addition, the mental requirements are unusual and demand much more than average intelligence. Perhaps an even more difficult and important necessity for the Eagle rank is the personal character of the scout as reflected in his right attitudes towards God, country, and the ideals of Scouting. These appear in the scout's cooperation and service to others in church, at home, at school, and in the community.

Two of the main traits that are instilled in Eagle Scouts are leadership and service. The three young men who became Eagle Scouts contributed 575 hours of service to the community during their Eagle Scout Projects by collecting and distributing clothes for the needy, painting the Emmanuel United Methodist Church classrooms, and painting the interior of the Laurel Boys and Girls Club. An Eagle Scout must have a high degree of the spirit of cheerful service to others, which is the basis of good citizenship.

Becoming an Eagle Scout is the highest honor bestowed upon a Boy Scout, and Al, Alex, and Trey have completed those requirements and deserve the recognition that comes with obtaining such a lofty goal. No one makes it to the rank of Eagle Scout alone; there are many along the path who help, including other Boy Scouts and especially their parents and Boy Scout Leaders, who are to be congratulated for all their dedicated service to making this day a possibility. Congratulations, Al Diagne, Alex Orellana, and Trey Ridley. May you continue the legacy of the Eagle Scouts who have gone before onto greatness.



Newest Eagle Scouts of Troop 1033: Trey Ridley, Alex Orellana, and Al Diagne

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Club News

The Beltsville Young at Heart Club

Our Christmas luncheon was a big success! Hope Powell, Roberta McConnell, and Rita McLaughlin arranged the door prizes, raffle baskets, and all the beautiful table decorations. Everyone brought a dish, and lots and lots of delicious food was had by all. The Dimensions singers entertained us with wonderful Christmas music. It was delightful. Our new officers were sworn into office as well. We welcome our new president, James Pope. This was really a fun time.

At our first January meeting, we were busy trying to get new ideas for our 50th anniversary year. We welcome all ideas. Remember: happy is the house that shelters a friend (Ralph Waldo Emerson).



Young At Heart Club's newly elected officials (from left to right) Chaplain Hope Powell, Treasurer Barbara Victor, Secretary Richard Moore and President James Pope.

February—A Month to Celebrate History

By Ivy Christoffers

The second month of the year begins with National Freedom Day. On this day, we pause and think of all the freedoms we enjoy and who has insured these freedoms for us and our posterity—our brave men and women who sacrificed so much through their unselfish service to this great land we call America. We call them veterans,

but I know them as heroes. When you encounter a veteran, wherever you may be, please take a moment and thank him/her for their service to our country. It will mean so much to them and stand out as a bright spot in their day.

Next, we celebrate two outstanding presidents' birthdays, Abraham Lincoln and George Washington, who both were instrumental in fighting for our freedoms. How-

ever, it seems there is more interest in holding a big sale day on Presidents' Day instead of recognizing

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Happenings at the College Park Moose Lodge #453

Mark Your Calendars for the Upcoming Events at the College Park Moose Lodge!

Saturday, February 13th—Shrimp Feast all-you-can-eat from 2:00–5:00 PM, sponsored by The Fellowship. In addition to all-you-can-eat shrimp, there will be hot dogs, hush puppies, baked beans, coleslaw, and potato salad included, as well as ice cream sandwiches for dessert! Advance ticket sales only: get them for the low price of \$22.00 per person.

Saturday, February 20th—Las Vegas Night. The doors will open

at 6:00 PM, and post time is at 7:00 PM. Admission is free for this event. There will be table games including black jack, poker, the big six wheel, and a cake wheel, and 60/40 boards will also be available. You also can buy a horse for \$10.00, name it, and cheer for it on the big screen! You could be a lucky winner! Food will be available to purchase at a nominal cost.

Saturday, February 27th—5th Annual Purse Bingo! The doors

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The Prince George's County Genealogical Society

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 3, 2016, at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway, New Carrollton, MD 20784 at 7:00 PM. John-Peter Thompson, chairman of the Prince George's Historical Preservation Committee, will talk about Dr. John Bayne and the Salubria Plantation, which was originally part of the Oxon Hill tract.

There is always time to network with others searching for their roots as well as learning new tips to assist your own research. Refreshments will be served.

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nity and respect.

Students from High Road Upper School, located in Beltsville, helped harvest sweet potatoes and strawberries and bale hay. Tiffany and Shar of Bread for the City met the students at City Orchard, located in Beltsville. The students also helped to break down the irrigation systems and prepare the food for distribution. "Volunteering with Bread for the City was an amazing experience. The students met the expectations with hard work [and] zeal and acquired a greater interest in ecology and the environment," said Michelle Jackson, a teacher's assistant.

Michelle Jackson went on to add, "The kids really seemed to enjoy themselves, and the Bread for the City staff were extremely knowledgeable and able to keep the kids motivated."

David, a graduating senior, said, "It was fun....I like being outside," and Markel, a sophomore, added, "Yeah it was fun....I liked pulling the hay, but it was hard, too." Even the staff agreed.

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Calverton Goes to College

By Judith Pollock, Professional School Counselor

On November 17th, eighty-five students from Calverton Elementary School boarded a bus headed for Morgan State University (MSU) in Baltimore, MD. The purpose of the trip was to give students a firsthand view of college life and experience what they learned during the Kids2College

Curriculum. All fifth- and sixth-grade students in Prince George's County Public Schools complete this program. While MSU is a historically black institution, it serves students of all racial and ethnic backgrounds and is one of many area colleges that has programs designed especially for elementary students. Through these programs, students are encouraged to think about their future and how wise actions now will impact their lives later.

We were greeted warmly by our guide when we arrived, and she outlined the day's activities for us right away. We began outside the student housing area where all of us learned in detail what dormitory life would be like in on-campus housing. This definitely raised some thought-provoking questions! One student asked, "What happens when you don't get up in time for class?" Hmmm...good thing to know! Students' questions indicated that this visit was important on another level because many of our students had never before contemplated what it would be like to live on their own. Our other stops that morning included a visit to the student center, the stadium, and the huge library. We ended the morning with a visit to the academic quad: the campus center where the majority of classes are held. What an impressive day so far!

But then it was lunchtime, and students were mighty hungry and ready to eat. The all-you-can-eat buffet became their absolutely favorite spot as they piled their trays with welcome comfort foods such as fries, pizza, soda, and dessert. There was so much to choose from! Many of the students couldn't resist making trips back to the food bar. After the morning tour and this excellent

meal, the students were already sold on college life, and declared they were going to make sure they got to go!

The vision for Prince George's County Schools is to ensure students graduate ready for college and careers in a global society. One way to promote this readiness is for all fifth-grade students to participate in a Kids2College program, one that reinforces the importance of students' setting their sights on college and beyond at an early age. As a means of reinforcing what students learn throughout the Kids2College program, the culminating event is a college visit just like the one described here. We could tell it was exciting and that it made a lasting impression on our youngsters.

Calverton SGA Serves during American Education Week

By Judith Pollock, Professional School Counselor, SGA Advisor

The third week in November is designated as American Education Week throughout the nation. At this time, schools celebrate public education and honor individuals who are working to make a difference in the lives of students.

The Student Government Association (SGA) chose this time to recognize and honor military personnel, police officers, and firemen who proudly serve our nation. They were invited to partner with us as we work together for the good of students, families, and the community. The program ended with a catered breakfast.

SGA is one of the many opportunities at Calverton that provide students with practical hands-on learning experience. Through the service breakfast the students were involved in the program planning, decorating, and writing of the letters that were read and presented to each guest in attendance.

One goal of Student Government is lead the school in service activities that support the needs of the community. This school year began with a Kids Helping Kids Food Drive where food was collected and donated to the local food bank. During this campaign, SGA members served as student ambassadors, championing the cause by going into classrooms to get the message out and returned weekly to pick up donated items. Our efforts resulted in 18 boxes of non-perishable food items. Thanks to the generous donations of our families, those less fortunate were able to have an enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday.

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with opportunities to demonstrate their talents, skills, and interests so they are able to make a difference. Our next project will be one where students take ownership of a school problem, brainstorm possible solutions and make a decision on the best course of action. The project will culminate with a video created by the students that addresses the concern and will be viewed by the student body.

As SGA leader, instilling in the students the desire to serve is what I seek most to accomplish. As a veteran, I understand firsthand the sacrifice and commitment it takes to work for others without expecting anything in return.

The service breakfast and program was well received. SGA members enjoyed the experience of serving. We will continue to look for new ways to serve as we connect with those in our community.

From the Hilltop: High Point News

In January, High Point hosted multiple events to provide parents with resources and information to help their students succeed. In addition, High Point held its annual Blue and Gold Talent Show, giving students the occasion to display their special skills and abilities. High Point's science fair also occurred at the end of the month. Science fair projects gave students the opportunity to apply the scientific method independently and to showcase their skills in the sciences.

High Point's PTSA has been working diligently this year to provide essential information to

parents and students at its PTSA general meetings. On January 21st, the PTSA hosted its monthly general meeting, which included a presentation from local law enforcement agencies about how to remain safe in your car, in your home, and in your community. The presentation provided vital information for personal safety and initiated a productive question and answer session. The PTSA will have its next general meeting on Thursday, February 18th, at 7:00 PM. Parents and students are invited to attend.

February will prove to be just as fruitful as January because High Point will host more events and parent activities. At the beginning of February, there will be an AP Curriculum Night for parents and students interested in High Point's Advanced Placement Program. There will be in-school curriculum fairs and information provided to students as High Point begins the registration process for the next school year.

The winter sports, including basketball, bocce ball, swimming, wrestling, indoor track, and cheerleading are deep into their seasons. At the end of February, the teams will begin county and regional play-off competitions. Please check the school's website at www1.pgcps.org/highpoint for information on the athletic teams and schedules in order to support the players.

The school year is now halfway finished: January 21, 2016, was the last day of the second quarter. Report cards will be released to students on February 4, 2016. We encourage all parents to carefully review their children's report cards and to call the school to make an appointment with their child's teacher(s) if there are any concerns. Ninth- and tenth-grade students MUST be passing both English and math in order to

advance to the next grade level. Students must have an average of 60 points in each quarter in order to pass each class. Please call 301.572.6707 to reach the guidance office to request an appointment to discuss your child's report card or your child's progress.

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AREA EVENTS

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9650 Muirkirk Rd., Laurel, MD 20708. Phone: 301.377.7817. TTY: 301.699.2544. E-mail: montpeliermansion@pgparks.com. Contact the Art Center at 301.377.7800 regarding art and photography classes. Self-guided tours of the mansion: Thur. — Tue. from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost: \$3/ adults, \$2/seniors, \$1/children ages 6 – 18, free/ages 5 and under. The mansion is closed on Wednesdays. The grounds are open from dawn until dusk every day of the year and access is free of charge.

WHAT IS IT?

The exhibit continues through Sun., Mar. 13. Open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Tuesday each week (closed Wednesdays). See all kinds of gizmos, gadgets, whatchamacallits and thingamajigs. Your job is to guess: *What is it?* Parents and grandparents will see things that were commonplace when they were growing up. Kids will marvel at the nifty items of those bygone eras. Regular admission fees to the mansion apply. Cost: \$3/adults (ages 19 to 59), \$2/seniors (ages 60 and up), \$1/ children (ages 6 – 18), ages 5 and under admitted free.

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. Questions? Please don't hesitate to call us. See CollegeParkAviationMuseum.com for more information and events.

AFRICAN AMERICAN AVIATORS TOUR

Sat., Feb. 13 at 1 p.m. This special tour will tell you all about some of Prince George's County's African Americans in aviation history. You'll learn about pilots who gained national and local fame by taking to the sky. Free with museum admission.

GIRL SCOUT DAY

Sat., Feb. 20 at 1 p.m. Girl Scouts are invited to explore women's roles in the history of aviation and to learn about the science of flight. The variety of activities they complete will count towards badge and journey requirements. Please call the museum in advance to register and obtain more information. Ages 6 and up. Cost: \$5/ participant.

LAUREL-BELTSVILLE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

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. 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. 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.

FEBRUARY 2015

Calendar of Events

Phone: 301.206.3380. The monthly meeting will take place on Wed., Feb. 10 at 10:30 a.m. Learn about our planned trips for 2016 — including a 50th anniversary cruise to the Bahamas in October — and enjoy a special Black History program. If you would like to attend our baked chicken luncheon, please sign-up and pay by Wed., Feb. 3.

THURSDAY MOVIE MATINEES

The movie for Thur., Feb. 11 is *Buffalo Soldier* and the movie for Thur., Feb. 25 is *Get On Up*. Movie time starts at 10 a.m. and ends around 12 noon. We'll supply the popcorn and you enjoy the movie. Free.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER

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. Regular hours of operation for the Visitor Center are: Fri. — Wed. from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closed Thursdays and federal holidays. Regular hours of operation for the trails and grounds are: Open daily from sunrise to sunset, except for federal holidays.

Free admission to the Visitor Center and its exhibits, grounds, and trails. **Space in public programs is limited and registration is required unless otherwise specified** — call 301.497.5887. 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.

HOLLINGSWORTH ART GALLERY

The featured artist for February is Jim O'Leary. The gallery is open when the Visitor Center is open. Registration is not required. All ages.

WEATHER FORECASTERS, TRUE OR FALSE?

Sat., Jan. 30 and Mon., Feb. 1 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Ages 3 - 6. Celebrate the famous weather legend Punxsutawney Phil with a craft and a story. Hear tales about animal behaviors and signs in nature that may help predict the weather. Are any of these amazing tales true?

TINY TOTS: NATURE AND MUSIC

Sun., Feb. 7 and Mon., Feb. 8 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Ages 16 - 42 months. Come learn about the wildlife at the refuge through songs and rhyming. **Parental participation is required.**

FAMILY FUN: PAPER AND OUR PLANET!

Fri., Feb. 12 and Sat., Feb. 13 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ages 3 and up. *Drop-in program: no registration required. Come any time and leave when you wish.* Explore how recycling helps our planet through family friendly crafts, games, and hands on activities. Learn how to make your own recycled paper from old junk mail to create a personalized Valentine or Birthday card for someone special! Then make an envelope from an old calendar. **The paper-making**

process takes about 30 minutes and requires parental assistance. Supplies provided.

ANIMAL SURVIVORS!

Wed., Feb. 17 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Ages 8 - 10. Find out the importance of protection and defense for animals and discover how various animals defend themselves.

BIRD WALK

Sun., Feb. 21 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Ages 8 and up. Search for birds in several refuge habitats on this guided hike. **Field guides and binoculars recommended.**

NATURE TOTS: OWLS!

Fri., Feb. 26 and Sat., Feb. 27 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Ages 3 - 4. Introduce your preschooler to the wonderful world of owls through songs, stories, and crafts in this interactive program. It's a hoot!

BELTSVILLE EVENTS

Please contact the individual facilities regarding late changes or updates to hours of operation, especially for holidays.

THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)

The library is free and open to the public and public parking is free. Hours of operation: Mon. — Fri. from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for federal holidays. The library is located at 10301 Baltimore Ave., near Sunnyside Ave. Main phone number: 301.504. 5755. See NAL.USDA.gov. NAL is on Twitter at http://twitter.com/#!/National_Ag_Lib.

WOMEN'S CLUB

Wed., Feb. 10 at 7pm at the Beltsville Community Center.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St John's Episcopal Church will be holding Ash Wednesday Services on February 10th at Noon and 7pm. All are invited to attend.

BEHNKE NURSERIES GARDEN CENTER

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

GARDEN HAND TOOL SHARPENING

Saturdays and Sundays: Feb. 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, and 21 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Bring in your hand tools and have them sharpened. First come, first served. Sorry, we can't sharpen mower blades or saws. *Please be patient if there is a line — tool sharpening takes time.* **Limit: 2 hand tools per person. Cost: \$3/one tool, \$5/two tools; cash only.** All proceeds will be donated to the Emmanuel United Methodist Church Food Bank.

ORCHID AUCTION BY THE NATIONAL CAPITAL ORCHID SOCIETY

Sun., Feb. 7. The preview is from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. The auction is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Open to the public. Free admission.

This live auction will offer over 300 blooming or near-blooming size orchids, from well-known growers coast to coast, Hawaii, and private collections. There will be lots of very rare and unusual orchids. This is one of the largest orchid auctions in the country. Info at www.ncos.us.

ROSES: LORE AND MORE

Sun., Feb. 21 at 2 p.m. **Registration requested.** Free and open to the public. The Potomac Rose Society presents Maria Price-Nowakowski of Willow Oak Flower & Herb Farm. Maria will discuss aspects of the historical lore of roses, including diverse fields such as medicine and pharmacopoeia, culinary, perfume, and aromatherapy. Organic growing methods for contemporary everyday gardeners as well as old garden rose varieties that fare well in central Maryland will be recommended. As a fitting culinary finale, rose shortbread, rose petal jam, rose biscuits, Turkish delights (lokum), rose tea, and other tasty rose delights will be enjoyed.

BELTSVILLE LIBRARY

All library branches will be closed Mon., Feb. 19 for Presidents Day. 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.pgcmis.info to use our online library services and to check for weather-related closings.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

PRESCHOOL STORYTIMES

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

CHESS CLUB

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

TODDLER STORYTIME

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

TAIL WAGGIN' TUTORS

Sat., Feb. 20 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Children read to a dog. Registration recommended. Ages 5 — 12. For information, call or visit the Branch.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM

Sat., Feb. 20 from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Presented by Montpelier Mansion will present *Weathering Racism: The Benjamin Banneker Almanacs*. Kids will learn about Benjamin Banneker and weather.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM FOR FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Mon., Feb. 22 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Come see *Harriet Tubman the Chosen One*, a dynamic one-woman show that celebrates the life of Ms. Tubman. All ages welcome!

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

SATURDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Sat., Feb. 13 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Vicki Myron's *Dewey The Small Town Cat Who Touched the World*. Pick up a copy at the library. All welcome!

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Tue., Feb. 16 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Pearl Cleage's *Things I Should Have Told My Daughter*. Pick up a copy at the library. All welcome!

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 other events for February.

MARDI GRAS MASK MAKING

Tue., Feb. 9 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Children will create decorative masks in honor of the celebration. We will also play fun games while learning about the traditions of Mardi Gras. Reservations required by Feb. 1; contact the center regarding late reservations. Ages 6 - 12. Free.

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

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

XTREME TEEN REGULAR EVENTS

Fridays and Saturdays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Free with valid Center ID card. Ages 13 — 17.

VANSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

6813 Ammendale Rd., Vansville. Phone: 301.937.6621. Fax: 301.937.6623. Spanish line: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512. Regular hours of operation: Mon. — Thur. from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fri. — Sat. from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (except for Xtreme Teens), Sun. from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Hours of operation for Xtreme Teens: Fri. — Sat. from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Contact the Center regarding other events for February.

SWEETS FOR YOUR SWEETHEART

Fri., Feb. 12 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Children will be able to design a bag for Valentine's Day candy. Registrations required by Feb. 9. Ages 6 - 12.

XTREME TEENS REGULAR EVENTS

Fridays and Saturdays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Ages 13 — 17. Free with valid Center ID card.

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open at 5:00 PM, and games begin at 6:00 PM. Proceeds will benefit the Miss College Park Scholarship Fund and the Moose Lodge programs. You must be 18 years of age to attend. Prizes include a large variety of Coach, Dooney & Bourke, Vera Bradley, and Michael

Kors products. Tickets are only \$20.00 per person and can be purchased in advance until 2–19–16; on 2–20–16, all tickets will be \$25.00 per person. Table reservations of 8 or more must be paid at time of reservation. Raffles, pull-tabs, 50/50, and specials will be sold separately. There will be delicious food available to purchase.

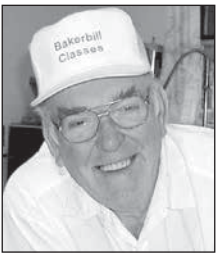
Please come hungry! For advance tickets, please contact Jimmy or Joanne at 301.935.5525 or Angie Rodriguez at 240.421.1187.

Please Save This Date Saturday, March 19th, there will be the Spring Fever Sparkle Dinner Dance with live music by the eight-piece band The Fabulous Belairs to benefit Mooseh-

eart Child City. This event is sponsored by the Women of The Moose #1262 and includes a full dinner with dessert served from 6:00–7:30 PM, followed by live music from 8:00 PM–12 midnight. Also there will be a silent auction, pull-tabs, and 50/50 raffle. Tickets are only \$25.00 per person in advance, \$30.00 if paid at the

door.

All of the above events are open to the public. Tickets can be purchased at the College Park Moose Lodge #453, 3700 Metzert Road, College Park, MD 20740. For information, please call 301.935.5525.



Baker Bill

STUFF 'N THINGS

I'm running a bit late this month. I usually start writing by the 25th of each month. But I just got around to finishing Charlie's blog. It was nine pages, I couldn't do nine pages if I wrote about every day last year. Anyhow, I'm glad he is doing well. If you do not know Charlie, shame on you: the most interesting man I have ever known.

It's 2016. Man, the years go by fast. I have had 2 good nights' sleep in a row; that makes it a good start.

It's soapbox time. Have you fallen into the information product trap yet? You know the one where, if you buy the product, you'll get another one free. Just pay a separate shipping and handling fee. That fee could possibly be 8-15 bucks each. And you don't need two to start with. This scam had been going on for a long time, right along with the \$19.99 cost; it sounds better than 20 bucks. It's not better: it just sounds better. That way, when your partner asks how much you paid for that junk, you can say only 19 dollars.

Commercials: there are so many that watching the news is getting painful. Yeah, I understand that's why we have free TV. But it's getting worse. I believe if they banned auto ads the whole system would collapse, and they all say

the same thing: one says the manufacturer's car was voted highest in initial quality. What does that mean? Look that up in your Funk & Wagnalls. I did. It means "first or foremost, the beginning." I do not understand how this equates to an automobile. Is its frame better than the others? Oh, and I used Webster's to look it up.

I got a lot of comments on last month's recipe. This month, I have a simple but tasty recipe: ginger bread. This is for that snowy day when the kids need something to do or you are stuck in doors. Measure in this order in a medium-size bowl:

Ginger Bread

place 3/4 cup of sugar
1 3/4 cup flour (any will do)
1 heaping tablespoon shortening (any)
1/2 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon soda
1 tablespoon singer
stir together
In a cup,
place 3/4 cup warm water and 4
tablespoons' molasses

Stir into what you made above and mix well until smooth. Put mix into greased baking pan about 4x6. It will not rise, so it can be filled to the top.

Bake in oven at 360 degrees for approx. 40 minutes

Special Note bake until there are no wet spots in center; do not underbake. Brown edge is good; it will not be dry. Let cool, top with frosting or whipped cream.

Enough for this month. Tune in next month for Red Velvet cake. Email me at bill at bakerbill.net.

Baker Bill, AKA Bill Raulins

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the sacrifices made by these two great men. Cherry pies are also prevalent during this time.

Two other important dates this month are February 23rd when the flag was raised on Iwo Jima in 1945 and February 27th when the Allies fought the Battle of the Java Sea in 1942. There are very few veterans left from those two conflicts. We lose so many each day, so if you are lucky enough to know one, take a moment to show your gratitude to them.

We cannot forget Valentine's Day when we remember our hospitalized veterans with acts of love and concern during National Salute to Veteran Patients week. Schoolchildren make handcrafted Valentines for them, and American Legion Auxiliary members visit the hospitalized veterans, presenting them with cards, flowers, and gifts. The temperature outside may be frigid; however, our hearts are warmed by the smiles lighting up their faces. Washington VA has a full week of events planned. We, from Unit # 217, will be participating as we do each year.

Two very important meetings

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New Bethany Church of Christ Ministries Inc.

10741 Tucker Street, Beltsville, MD 20705

Church Contact: 443-307-6084

e-mail: newbethanycoc@yahoo.com

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Service Schedule

- Christian Education 9:30am
- Sunday Morning Worship 11:00am
- Disciple Bible Class/Ministers in Training 3:00pm
- Sunday Evening Worship 5:00pm
- Weekday Prayer Service (Wednesdays) 7:30pm



Upcoming Announcements

4th Saturday in each Month until February

Pastor Kitchen

Dinner Sale from 1pm until 3:30pm

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Sunday church services: 10:30-11:30 a.m. (doors open at 10 am.)

Sunday school for youth up thru. age 19 (same time)

Wednesdays: 7:30 - 8:30 pm. testimonies of healing, sharing gratitude, and fellowship service (doors open at 7 pm)

All are welcome • Free literature available



Cross Creek Apostolic Church

12511 Old Gunpowder Rd Spur

Beltsville, MD 20705

Phone: 301-498-6006 - Website: www.aupc.org

Sunday Service

Adult Sunday School 9 am
Praise & Worship 10 am
Children's Ministry 10 am

Thursday Service

Adult Bible Study 7 pm
Youth Ministry 7 pm
Kids' Power Hour 7 pm
Discipleship Class 7 pm
Search for Truth 7 pm

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Beltsville, MD 20705
301-937-7183
www.stjos.org
Pastor: Msgr. Karl Chimiak
Mass: Sat. 5 pm;
Sun. 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon

St. Joseph's Regional Catholic School

Principal: Mr. Zachary Hooker
301-937-7154

Abiding Presence Lutheran Church

10774 Rhode Island Avenue
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9:30 a.m. in English
10:30 Coffee and Social Hour
11:00 a.m. in Korean
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Quiet service: 8:00 a.m.
Family-oriented service: 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Between September and June

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Sunday Services:

9:00 am Contemporary Service
11:15 Traditional Service
10:15 am Bible Study & Sunday School for adults & children
Nursery Care is available for both services
Sign Language Interpretation at 11:15 service

**Like the cold
of snow in the
time of harvest
is a faithful
messenger to
those who send
him, For he refreshes
the soul of
his masters.
~Proverbs 25:13**

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www.fbcbeltsville.org
Keith Holland, Pastor

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Sundays:

*Sunday School for all ages	9:45am
*Morning Worship	11:00am
Evening Worship	6:00pm
Adult Choir Practice	7:00pm

Wednesdays:

Adult Bible Study & Prayer	7:00pm
RA's & GA's Mission Friends	7:00pm
Youth Fellowship	7:00pm

**Mother's Morning Out Program
for 2&3 year olds**

Tues/Thurs mornings (Sept. - May) 8:30-11:30 a.m.
For more information email us at: mmodirector@fbcbeltsville.org
*Childcare available for children up to 3 years old

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3 .File your taxes using the necessary forms. You can e-file federal returns for the current tax year and the 2 previous years. Anything prior to that will need to be filed by hand using instructions from that tax year. Download the most popular tax forms for previous tax years by going to <https://www.libertytax.com/irs-tax-forms-publications/>.

4 .Submit your forms to the IRS. Once the IRS receives the necessary forms, you are fully responsible for paying what is owed. You should receive a bill with the exact amount of what's due, including any interest charges that have accrued. The IRS takes approximately 6 weeks to process past due tax returns.

If you need to make payments, you can request a 60- to 120-day window to pay your tax bill in full on the IRS website or by calling 800-829-1040 at no additional charge. You can also work out an installment agreement if you need more time to make the payment. As our client found out, facing the fear of back taxes is the worst part of it. Plus, getting a refund is a nice bonus after a couple of hard years.

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are taking place within the American Legion Auxiliary in February. The Department Executive Meeting will be held in Hurlock on February 7th, and the Southern Maryland District Meeting is scheduled for February 28th at Disney Bell #66 in Bowie. These meetings are open to all auxiliary members as a forum for learning about our programs designed to support active military and veterans and our youth and communities.

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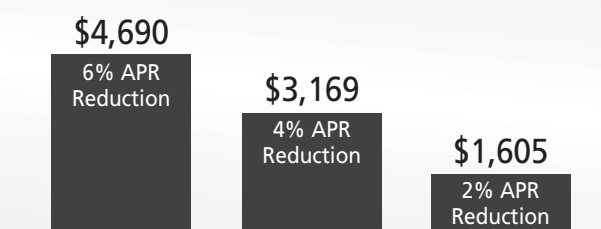
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