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Trading Winter Weather Predictions with WJLA News 7 Meteorologist Eileen Whelan

SILVER SPRING, MD--Back in the fall, many weather prognosticators called for a cold, snowy winter in the mid-Atlantic. Through early Jan., however, less than an inch of snow had accumulated at Baltimore-Washington International (BWI) Thurgood Marshall Airport.

Predicting the weather is a dynamic challenge in this region, even for the experts. That's why it was so informative to host WJLA News 7 (ABC) meteorologist & weather producer Eileen Whelan on Dec. 3rd.

During her visit to Riderwood, Eileen talked about the science of forecasting and the challenge of "doing the weather" for local television newscasts & websites. She

took questions from the audience of sixty residents about topics such as technology and climate change.

Following her presentation, Eileen showed off the equipment on the ABC News 7 Storm Chaser Hummer. She uses the vehicle to provide live, on-location weather updates to viewers in VA, MD and D.C.

Twenty residents also entered the "Guess the Snow Total" contest for the 2014-15 winter season. The challenge is to predict the snowfall total at BWI Marshall Airport from Dec. 1st through Mar. 31st. The winner will be announced in early Apr.

The entries range from 4.2

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WJLA News 7 meteorologist & weather producer Eileen Whelan talked about the science of forecasting with residents of Riderwood retirement community in Dec. Eileen is pictured with resident Bob Sprinkle in front of the ABC News 7 Storm Chaser Hummer.

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On the Agenda



Karen Coakley

By President Karen M. Coakley

The Citizens' Association will not meet in Feb. If you have a community concern or topic that you would like to discuss at a future meeting please let me know. Please send your email address if you would like to receive public safety and community alerts. Karenmcoakley@gmail.com I can be reached at 301.937.3490.

Rushern Baker will be holding a Budget Listening Session on Thu. Feb. 12 at 7 pm at Laurel High School. If you are interested in testifying you must pre-register on the County website or by calling 301.952.4547 / 301.985.3894 TDD Mon. thru Fri. 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Testimony will be limited to 3 minutes per presenter and one speaker per organization.

Here are some winter tips for your car. **Do not leave your car unattended while it is warming up! There are 2 reasons 1) it is against the law! 2) Someone may come along and steal it. Cars have been stolen while the owner is in the house and the car is warming up!!!** Keep your headlights clear

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(From left to right) Kathy Mellott, Peter Doan and Karen Coakley receive the Bronze level Volunteer service award.

News from the award winning Beltsville Recreation Council

On Jan. 12 the Beltsville Recreation Council was presented with a Silver President's Volunteer Service Award and members Peter Doan, Karen Coakley, Kathy Mellott, Frank Cockrell and Thelma Forte were presented with Bronze level awards by a representative from State Senator Rosapepe's office. The awards were earned through many hundreds of combined service hours by the members of the Council to the community through a variety of volunteer organizations and

projects.

The Beltsville Recreation Council plans and organizes several events in the Beltsville Community in conjunction with the Beltsville Community Center. Those events include the annual Beltsville Day in May, summer Concerts under the Stars, a Community Health Fair in the fall, and winter holiday events, including a concert and a home

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Beltsville Briefs

Free Health and Fitness Screenings

Free health and fitness screenings will be available at the Hillhaven on Feb. 21 from 10 am to noon. The facility is located at 3210 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi, MD. Overflow parking will be available at Paint Branch Unitarian Church, 3215 Powder Mill Road.

Screenings will include blood pressure, blood sugar (fast before screening), diabetes education, body mass index, visual acuity,

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Cub Pack 1031 Helps with Martin Luther King Day Cleanup

Parents, leaders and scouts from Cub Pack 1031 helped a local Girl Scout with cleanup help for her Silver Award on Martin Luther King Day (Mon., Jan. 19). This is the troop's 5th year of service on MLK Day for Beltsville Academy and St. Joseph's Regional Catholic School. They cleaned up many bags of leaves, picked up trash and spread mulch around the trees planted on the Academy playground last year.

As is their tradition after the work was done, the scouts retired to a leader's house for hot dogs, chips and S'mores. Now the scouts are getting ready for their Pinewood Derby, Scout Sunday and the Blue & Gold anniversary dinner. If you are interested in scouting in Beltsville please contact Regina Halper through www.BeAscout.org for more information.



Cub Scouts and parents help remove stakes from trees at MLK Service Day.

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For the Love of Food!

By Chef Cole, Café Rue, Beltsville MD

Waffle Love

This month's question comes from Cindy who wants to know "the difference between Belgian waffles and regular waffles" Fantastic question Cindy. Yeast makes all the difference. Think of a Belgian waffle in the same way you would view yeast rolls. After mixing the ingredients you have to let the dough rise, which lends to Belgian waffles light airy texture. The yeast also offers a flavor profile that gets richer and more complex the longer you allow the dough to sit (1-3 days). In the United States when the term Belgian waffle is used, typically it

is referring to the circle (4 triangle) deep pocket waffle. US traditional waffles on the other hand are made using pancake batter, but cooked in a waffle iron.

Belgium Waffle Recipe

1 1/2 cups lukewarm milk
6 tablespoons butter, melted
2 to 3 tablespoons maple syrup, optional
3/4 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 large eggs
2 cups all purpose flour
1 1/2 teaspoons instant yeast
1) Combine all of the ingredients in a large bowl, leaving room for

expansion; the mixture will bubble and grow.

2) Stir to combine; it's OK if the mixture isn't perfectly smooth.

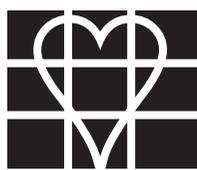
3) Cover with plastic wrap, and let rest at room temperature for 1 hour; the mixture will begin to bubble. You can cook the waffles at this point, or refrigerate the batter overnight to cook waffles the next day (best idea).

4) Preheat your waffle iron. Spray with non-stick vegetable oil spray, and pour 2/3 to 3/4 cup batter (or the amount recommended by the manufacturer) onto the center of the iron. Close the lid and bake for the recommended amount of time, until the waffle is golden brown. It takes us 5 to 6 minutes, using our 7" Belgian-style (deep-pocket) waffle iron.

5) Serve immediately, Serve with berries and whipped cream, if desired. Yield: about 4 Belgian-style (deep-pocket) 7" round waffles.

Have a food related question. E-mail cole@thecaferue.com and one question will be selected at random to appear in next month issue.

Chat Soon!
Chef Cole



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inches to 63 inches, and Eileen's official prediction is 33 inches. Stay tuned! For each contest entry, the Public Affairs Department made a donation to the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless.

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and ten year cardiovascular risk (this will require that you know your lipid profile; i.e. total cholesterol, HDL).

The event is being sponsored by Hillhaven Assisted Living, Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and Family Medicine Group at Ross University School of Medicine.



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Neighbors in the News

Blooming Mitten Tree of Emmanuel United Methodist Church

By Pastor Jacob Young, Ph.D.

Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Beltsville set up a mitten tree in the hallway of the church. During the Christmas season, the mitten tree was



The Mitten Tree at Emmanuel United Methodist Church.

set up for the purpose of collecting donations of new, used or handmade mittens, hats, scarves, socks and legwarmers. The items for winter warmth were collected to donate to the local school, Beltsville Academy, in order to help keeping kids warm in the winter.

The mitten tree project was coordinated by Dee Lewis,

the Sunday School Director of Emmanuel. She collected the items and donated them to the school. It is a small effort to help the local school and its students, but if the residents of the community can take part in helping local schools in the community, they are able to make a difference. I hope that there will be many mitten trees continuously in the community for local schools and students.

In addition to the mitten tree, several members of Emmanuel are scheduled to participate in the Science Fair at Beltsville Academy on Feb. 3 and 4. They will act as judges for the science fair. This is an extension of Emmanuel's partnership with the school. The Church hopes that this kind of partnership will be expanded to local community organizations and its residents in order to build a better community and better schools.

The church members would like to see not only mitten trees, but also, the blooming of various support trees. Trees such as food trees, lunch box trees and scholarship trees are just a few ways to help our local schools.

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with car wax! Just wipe ordinary car wax on your headlights. It contains special water repellents that will prevent that messy mixture from accumulating on your lights and it lasts 6 weeks. Squeak-proof your wipers with rubbing alcohol! Wipe the wipers with a cloth saturated with rubbing alcohol or ammonia. This one trick can make badly streaking & squeaking wipers change to near perfect silence & clarity. Ice-proof your windows with vinegar! Just fill a spray bottle with three parts vinegar to one part water and spray it on all of your windows at night. In the morning, they'll be clear of any icy mess. Vinegar contains acetic acid, which raises the melting point of water, preventing water from freezing! Prevent car doors from freezing shut with cooking spray! Spray cooking oil on the rubber seals around car doors & rub it in with a paper towel. The cooking spray prevents water from melting into the rubber. Fog-proof your windshield with shaving cream! Spray some shaving cream

on the inside of your windshield and wipe it off with paper towels. Shaving cream has many of the same ingredients found in commercial defoggers. De-ice your lock in seconds with hand sanitizer! Just put some hand sanitizer gel on the key and the lock and the problem is solved!

Patricia Davis Selected as Resident Member of Riderwood Village, Inc. Board of Directors

SILVER SPRING, MD—Patricia Davis has been selected as the Resident Member of the Board of Directors for Riderwood Village, Inc., the governing body for the Erickson Living retirement community located in Silver Spring.



Patricia Davis

A resident of Riderwood since 2006, Ms. Davis has taken several leadership roles at the community. A former member and chair of the Resident Advisory Council, she served on the Finance, Long-Range Planning, Philanthropy and Staff Appreciation Committees and as a host and writer for Riderwood Television, the in-house multimedia communications platform. She continues to serve as a resident ambassador for the Sales and Marketing Department.

"As a Board member, I will share responsibility for governance of Riderwood, providing for its financial viability, assuring maintenance of ethical and compliance standards and generating

a long-term vision for the community," stated Ms. Davis. "As Resident Director, I also have a unique responsibility to represent the concerns of all residents in the decision-making process and to communicate Board actions to them."

As a Registered Nurse, Ms. Davis worked in the Labor & Delivery, Substance Abuse, Emergency Department and IV Therapy settings as well as a medical clinic for the homeless. She has also been an adult educator, writer, pastoral associate and organizational consultant.

Ms. Davis holds a BA in Sociology from the University of Michigan, an AA in Nursing from Montgomery College and an MDiv (Master of Divinity) from Washington Theological Union. She has previously served on two national boards, and locally, on the Montgomery County Vital Living Network, co-authoring "The Navigator," a resource guide for seniors.

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.decoratmaryland.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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Tech Sense

By John Bell

Software for Your Photos

I enjoy taking photos and getting the most out of my consumer grade cameras. I stopped taking photos using film almost 15 years ago. For me, one advantage of this is I no longer worry about the costs of each photo. This allows me to take many more photos than that I did with film. Taking so many photos lets me get a lot of bad photos to sort through and find those gems of great photos. I can also retouch photos and fix issues like red-eye, making a bad photo into a good one.

I am an advocate for Free and Open Source Software (FOSS) so all of the tools that I cover in

this column will be free or open source.

Google

Google Picasa

Picasa is free software from Google that aids in organizing your photos. It can talk to your camera and download the photos onto your computer and it organizes them automatically by the date the photo was taken. It uses information that your camera imbeds into the photo to do this. It also has a facial recognition capability allowing the photos to be organized by the people that appear in the photo. I used this ability to load photo frames for Grandparents with only those photos featuring the grandchildren for example. Picasa also has some basic photo editing capabilities to crop, fix red-eye, fix color and brightness problems, remove scratches from scanned photos, and apply special effects. In addition it provides tools to send photos out for printing, creating slide shows, and movies from the photos you select. Picasa is designed to work with Google's web tools Picasa Web and Google+ Photos. You can download Picasa from <http://picasa.google.com/>.

Gimp

Gimp is a free and open source program that provides many of the same capabilities as Adobe's Photoshop. It is a full featured image editor that allows you to use your photos to create your own artwork. For example, using Gimp it is possible to remove the background of a photo leaving the people and then place new back-

ground behind the people. You can apply many special effects like vignettes and you can distort images to make things look bigger or smaller. Like Photoshop, Gimp has a lot of power but also may require a steep learning curve. Fortunately there are many online tutorials to teach you how to use Gimp. Gimp can be downloaded from: <http://www.gimp.org/>.

Hugin

I enjoy creating panoramas. There are some things like the Grand Canyon where a panorama

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She sparkles as she cloaks
the trees with white
And lacey jewelry
reflecting light;
Makes waters cling together
in her cold,
Until her grasp becomes
an iron hold.
Blue skies are mirrored
brightly on her hand
Stretched out with frozen
fingers o'er the land
To add velocity to ev'ry hill
For those desiring a
coaster thrill.
Her mountains slowly creep
along the way
In northern parts for
calving escapades,
While tears she's shed are
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Rebecca A. Hutchings
1/13/15

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Briana McCrady showed Maryland Farms residents her homegrown yellow mum during their recent neighborhood walk. As a toddler, Briana has taken an interest in beautification and will be active at work to keep her neighborhood beautiful.

Obituaries

Mildred Lee Bladen

Mildred Lee Bladen, 98, passed away on Jan. 13 in her Beltsville home which she helped build and had lived in for 65 years. She was born on July 5, 1916 in northern Virginia and moved to Beltsville when she was 8 years old. She was the daughter of Benjamin Franklin Lee and Mary Ellen Johnson Lee; wife of the late Joseph Allen Bladen and the mother of Jeanne (Robert) Speight and Lynn (Charles) Garland. She is also survived by grandchildren: Brian (Kristy) Speight, Susan Speight, Peggy Harris, Jenny Hutchins and Charlie Kenney. She was the great-grandmother to Collin Speight, Dean Speight and Ashley Harris. She was the aunt to many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews and great, great-nieces and great, great-nephews.

For 61 years, she worked as an Avon Representative and for many years walked all over Beltsville, visiting with her customers, welcoming them to the community and forming many friends. For over 10 years, she served as the 4-H volunteer leader for the Beltsville Girls 4-H Club teaching youth to cook, sew and take advantages of many 4-H program opportunities. She was a lifetime member of the Maryland 4-H All Stars. An active member in the Beltsville Emmanuel Methodist Church, she served on many committees over the years. She was also involved in the Beltsville Young at Heart Club, enjoying many of their trips throughout the United States. For decades, she also enjoyed the Neighborhood Group and playing cards with her friends.

A Memorial service was held at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church, and the interment followed at Fort Lincoln. Memorial donations can be made to the Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705 or to your favorite charity.

Gertrude "Trudy" Bouma Headley

On Wednesday, October 8, 2014; wife of the late Wendell H. Headley; devoted mother of Alan (Heather) Headley and Kara (Jeff) Kehrer; grandmother of Kayleigh and Joshua Kehrer; sister of John Bouma and the late Emma Webb. Funeral services were held at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, with Rev. Jacob Young and Rev. Richard Karpal officiating; Interment Baldwin Memorial Methodist Church Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Gilchrist Hospice.

Wayne Messersmith

Of Yadkinville, NC, and formerly of Beltsville, MD passed away Sat., Dec. 27. He was born Mar. 23, 1959 in Beltsville, MD. Mr. Messersmith was a retired carpenter who loved working, hunting, fishing, and spending his time outdoors. His greatest love was spending time with his family, especially his beloved five grandchildren, and instructing all of them with his "words of wisdom." Mr. Messersmith was preceded in death by his sister, Diana Atkins, and by sister-in-law, Peg Thornton. Surviving are his devoted wife of 36 years, Mary Boyle Messersmith, of the home; his loving daughters, Amy "Bud" Williams and husband, Larry of Kernersville; Rebecca "Daisy" Rogers and husband, Matthew of Greer, SC; five wonderful grandchildren, Taylor Rogers, Kaitlyn Rogers, Makenzie Rogers, Bryce Williams, Ryleigh Williams; his parents, Ellsworth Messersmith and Barbara Wood Messersmith of Hagerstown, MD, and brother Allen Messersmith. The family received friends on Sat., Jan 3 at Gentry Family Funeral Service in Yadkinville. A Celebration of Life service for Mr. Messersmith followed in the Gentry Family Chapel with Rev. Brady Morrison, officiating. Memorials may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children-Greenville, Office

of Development, 950 West Faris Road, Greenville, SC 29605.

Katherine E. Sarigianis

On Thu. Dec.11, Katherine "Kathy" E. Sarigianis. Beloved daughter of Christina (Matheos) and the late Perry Sarigianis; loving sister of Steven Sarigianis and Joanna Strong. Also survived by loving aunts, uncles and cousins.

A Funeral Service was held at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Baltimore on December 15. Interment Greek Orthodox Cemetery.

Kathy experienced symptoms of Multiple Sclerosis (MS) beginning in 1987. She subsequently enrolled at the University of Maryland, and despite gradually increasing physical difficulties, graduated in June 1991. Kathy was given a standing ovation when her name was called to receive her diploma. Dr. Paul S. Fishman, her physician, called her accomplishment one of the most significant of a person overcoming a disability that he had ever witnessed.

In 1992, Kathy's mom, Christina, expressed a need for a van and wheelchair lift to provide transportation for Kathy, whose MS symptoms had become more pronounced. The Beltsville Lions organized a fundraising campaign for this project and publicized the campaign in local media, including the Beltsville News. As the fundraising goal became closer, the Lions declared Nov. 14, 1992 "Kathy Sarigianis Day," and Club members collected donations in local shopping centers. Many donors said they knew Kathy from school and church. By the end of the day the fundraising goal was nearly met. Presentation of the van occurred a week before Christmas in 1992 at Emmanuel United Methodist Church. Every donor whose address was known had been invited, and the church was full. It was a great celebration.

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Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

Scholarships to College

Each Senator and Delegate is allocated funds for scholarships to students in our 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 Scholarships, but we can certainly help some. To apply online for a 2015-2016 Senate scholarship, students should visit www.21stDistrictDelegation.com/college-scholarships. A separate Delegate scholarship application from Delegates Barbara Frush, Joseline Peña-Melnyk, and Ben 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.

Congratulations, Governor Hogan!

Our new governor, Larry Hogan Jr, took office in Jan. He grew up in Prince George's and lived in Calverton. His father, Larry Hogan Sr, was our US Congressman and County Executive in the 70s and 80s. I've known Governor



Senator Jim Rosapepe

Hogan for many years — and my father and his were friends in the 60s! That doesn't mean we'll agree on everything. My priorities are the interests of Beltsville and the rest of the 21st district. But I'm optimistic that he'll work with us in a bipartisan manner drawing on his roots in our community.

Join us in Annapolis on Mar. 2

Delegates Barbara Frush, Ben Barnes, Joseline Peña-Melnyk 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 Mon. Mar. 2 from 6:00-8:00 pm in rooms 170 & 180 of the Lowe House Building, near the State House. We'll have food, fellowship, and information on legislative issues on concern to our communities. RSVP online at www.21stDistrictDelegation.com or call 301-858-3141 for details, questions, and information on parking. We'll also have buses going from College Park and Laurel — contact our office, we'll give you the information on it, and ride, don't drive! Share this invitation with friends and neighbors. We look forward to seeing you!

Contact Us

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

Club News

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society will hold its first meeting of the new year on Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway, New Carrollton, MD, 20784. Come out to hear Heather Olsen share her experiences in "Overcoming Wartime Record Loss in your Genealogical Research". The meeting is open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more information, visit us on the web at www.pgsgs.org or call the library at 301.262.2063. You can also like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pgcgenealogy>.

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Chapter 1122 Northern Prince Georges County

Our monthly meeting will be held on February 11, 1:30 PM at the Greenbriar Community Center, Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, MD. Our speaker will be Lorie Rosenthal, from Greenbelt Environment, who will speak on the environment. Refreshments will be served. All Federal workers and retirees are welcome.

News from the College Park Moose Lodge # 453

Comedy Night

Join us Saturday night, Jan. 31 for dinner and a Comedy Show with lot of laughs as comedians —Rob Epple and Doug Karpf— entertain with their wit and humor.

Rob Epple lives by the belief that if you can't laugh at yourself, stare harder into the mirror. His high-energy humor leads you on a highway of hilarity guaranteed to leave you laughing as he serves up his views of everything from life with a child to the current state of the country. Adding visuals, voices, and stories, you're sure to have a side-splitting time.

Doug Karpf is a quick witted comedian known for his rapid punch lines and hilarious improvisations. Much of his inspiration comes from being a father and husband living day-to-day in his native New Jersey. Having mastered the skill of finding humor in everyday life, Doug brings an unmistakable charismatic pres-

ence to the stage that leaves viewers roaring with laughter. .

Dinner is served from 6-7:30 pm featuring pork chop, baked potato, mixed vegetables, apple sauce and a cupcake for dessert. The Comedy Show is from 8-10 pm. Admission is \$20 and tickets are on sale now at the Lodge. This event is open to the public and there will be a cash bar.

The College Park Moose Lodge is located at 3700 Metzert Road, College Park, Maryland. For tickets and information, please call 301.935.5525.

4th Annual Designer Purse Bingo

This annual event will be held on Sat., February 28 (snow date Mar. 7) to benefit the College Park Moose Lodge Programs and the Miss College Park Scholarship Fund. Prizes will include a variety of authentic Coach, Dooney & Burke, Vera Bradley products, including handbags, wristlets,

totes, wallets, luggage, and more.

Doors open at 5 pm, games begin at 6 pm. There will be 16 regular games, 3 specials, and 1 large raffle. There will be pull tabs, 50/50 raffle tickets, and additional specials will be sold separately. You could be lucky and win a door prize!

Tickets are \$20 per person paid in advance before 2.22.15. On 2.23.15 all tickets will be \$25. (pull tabs, additional specials, and raffle are at an extra cost). Delicious food will be available to purchase so please come hungry; the bar will be open also.

The College Park Moose Lodge is located at 3700 Metzert Road, College Park, Maryland, and tickets can be purchased there. Last year this event sold out. Purchase your tickets early. Tables reserved for groups of eight or more. For more information, please call Jimmy at 301.935.5525.



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A.L.A. Hosts Veterans Pizza Party at UMD Terps Game

By Ivy Christoffers

Sun., Jan. 17 was a much awaited day for members of The American Legion Auxiliary. The members, headed up by Past National President Sandi Dutton, who also serves as the President of the Board at MCVET (Maryland Center For Veterans Education and Training) were joined by several members of the Legion in hosting a Pizza Party for veteran students of MCVET at the Lady Terps basketball game in College Park. The "Message of Hope Choir" from MCVET were invited to sing the National Anthem prior to the exciting game. 33 veterans attended along with the choir and several staff members and they occupied a suite with all the comforts of home. The pizzas were delicious and the celebratory cake phenomenal. This was a great event and the Lady Terps were victorious. It gives members of the Legion great pleasure to be able to treat our Veterans in this fashion. This would not be possible without the generosity of members of the A.L.A., the greatest volunteers on earth.

Have you made plans to help support our Veterans, youth or communities this year? If you would like to know what is needed and how you can assist look no



Sandi Dutton, President of the Board of MCVET, along with veterans and staff members pose with Testudo, mascot of The Maryland Terrapins.

further than The American Legion Post #217 in College Park. They are very proud of their record of support in these areas. The members, who are active volunteers, should be commended for their many years of dedicated service. They will be glad to guide you if you would like to help.

If you have an upcoming event, the Post has a great hall for rent and a fantastic chef available to cook your favorite foods.

The Fri. night bands keep the public dancing up a storm. There is bingo starting at 12:15 pm on Tue., Wed. and Thu. Bingo is an area favorite because of the big payouts. The Blob's Park reunion dances on Saturdays keep the "joint jumping." There is something for everyone.

By the way, did I mention the great dinners? In fact, on Jan 30 there will be a delicious spaghetti

dinner that is open to the public at a much lower price than you can get anywhere else in town. It includes spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, salad and dessert for the low price of \$10. The dinner is served from 5:30 PM until 7:30 and is followed by a dance. Call 301.441.2783 for particulars on what band is playing. Bring your family and friends and enjoy the evening.

For Vietnam Veterans, Jan. 28 is a memorable day. It marks the cease fire day in Vietnam, the day following the signing of the Vietnam Peace Accord in 1973. Feb. 23rd was the day the flag was raised on Iwo Jima in 1945. Remember that Feb. 1 is National Freedom Day. Remember to thank a Veteran for their service every day. Our Veterans and not our politicians who have insured the freedoms we enjoy. May God continue to bless them and this great America.

The Beltsville Rotary Club's New Location

By Howard Phoebus

As The Beltsville Rotary Club is approaching its 50th anniversary of serving the community and they are pleased to announce a new location for their meetings. They will be at the Old Line Bistro located at 11011 Baltimore Ave in Beltsville. This is in the shopping center on northbound US Route 1 just before Powder Mill Rd. Circuit City occupied the building before Old Line took over. The 1st and 3rd Tue. of each month is a breakfast meeting from 7:30 am to 8:45. The 2nd, 4th and 5th Tue. are lunch meetings from 12:15 pm to 1:30.

On an average, a Beltsville Rotary member spends 1-2 hours per week on Rotary Club commit-

ments. They meet each week with a nice meal and exchange ideas plus have an interesting speaker. During the year they coordinate and run a charity golf tournament, a chili competition at Behnke's, ring bells for Salvation Army, attend High Point High School Scholarship presentations, assist with an elementary school food delivery program, and contribute to about 15 other local organizations plus continue their worldwide fight against Polio which has been very successful, polio in nearly eradicated.

Beltsville Rotary is seeking new members so please come to one of their breakfast or lunch meetings at Old Line and for further info you may contact me at WEATHER53@aol.com. I hope to see you there!

The Beltsville Young at Heart Club

The Young at Heart Club's new president and treasurer were sworn into office at the Jan. 15 meeting. President Jean Rodeffer called the meeting to order for the start of business. Barbara Victor is the new treasurer and James Pope will be the Rec. Center delegate. With unforeseen party problems in Dec. the Christmas party was canceled and it was decided to have a Valentine pot luck instead. This was voted on and approved

by everyone. Cakes were brought in by Lois Knabel, Carol Kosydar, Marilyn Pula and Roberta McConnell (who brought a Birthday cake to celebrate Dorothy Griffin's 95th birthday.) Peggy Dee is the calling tree chairperson and has done a wonderful job. There are many more committees to be filled, so let's speak up and volunteer. Friendship is like a bank account - you can't keep drawing on it unless you make some deposits.



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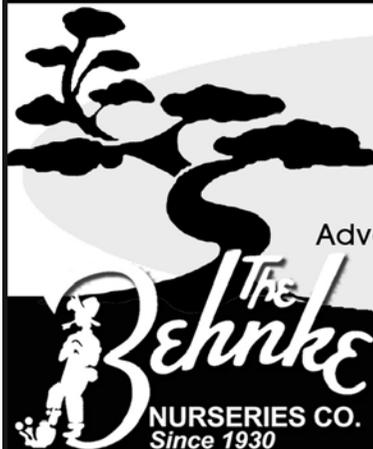
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From the Hilltop: High Point News

In Jan., High Point High School served as the site for a significant announcement from the Microsoft Corporation. The Maryland State Department of Education and Microsoft are partnering to support twenty-five IT Academies across the state of Maryland, in which students will be able to earn Microsoft IT Certifications before they graduate from high school. These certifications will allow students to become immediately employable, and will also encourage companies to consider supporting students' progress towards higher education. Additionally, Microsoft made the announcement that every public school student in Maryland will be able to download the entire Microsoft Office Software Suite on up to five devices at no cost. High Point High School has been selected as one of the twenty-five schools that will host the Microsoft IT Academy as an enrichment to our already existing Computer Science Academy that is currently in its second year of existence. Parents of current eighth graders who would like to enroll their students in the Microsoft IT Academy for the upcoming school year can apply to the Computer Science Academy online this year. Please contact your middle school guidance counselor for directions for registration.

High Point's PTSA has been working diligently this year to provide essential and relevant information to parents and students at each PTSA meeting. On Jan. 15, the PTSA hosted its monthly general meeting that informed parents of the importance of the registration process and the Advanced

Placement Program at High Point. The main presentation of the night was 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, Feb. 19 at 7:00 p.m. Parents and students are invited to attend.

January proved to be a productive month for High Point's students and parents as the Guidance Department also held multiple evening events to assist with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) process, senior events, college applications, scholarship opportunities, etc. High Point is committed to preparing its students for the next steps after graduation.

Feb. will prove to be just as fruitful as High Point will have its annual Blue and Gold Talent Show, giving students the occasion to display their special talents. High Point's Science Fair will occur at the end of the month. Science Fair projects will give students the opportunity to apply the scientific method independently. In addition, this month will be when students begin to register for next year's courses, choosing from High Point's academy options, Advanced Placement courses, and important elective opportunities. High Point will inform students and parents of the academic possibilities through Curriculum Fairs and parent information nights.

The winter sports, including basketball, swimming, wrestling, indoor track, and cheerleading are deep into their winter seasons. At the end of Feb. the teams will

begin county and regional play-off competitions. Please check the school's website for information on the athletic teams and schedules in order to support the players in their competitions.

Jan. 23 was the last day of the second quarter, and report cards will be released to students on Feb. 5.

High Point Athletic Boosters

The High Point High School Athletic Boosters invite you to join them at one of the upcoming HP Basketball games. The Schedule for Feb. is below.

Tue. Feb. 3 Boys at home vs. Roosevelt JV begins at 5:30 pm; Varsity begins at 7 pm.

Fri. Feb. 6 Boys at home vs. CMIT JV begins at 5:30 pm; Varsity begins at 7 pm.

Tue. Feb. 10 Boys at home vs. Parkdale JV begins at 5:30 pm; Varsity begins at 7 pm.

Thu. Feb. 12 Boys at home vs. Bladensburg JV begins at 5:30 pm; Varsity begins at 7 pm.

Tue. Feb. 17 Girls at home vs. Wise JV begins at 5:30 pm; Varsity begins at 7 pm.

Winter Concert at Calverton

Calverton Elementary held its winter concert on Dec. 18 performing during the school day at two assemblies and again in the evening. The daytime assemblies played to a packed house of fellow students and proud parents and grandparents.

Instrumental teacher, Ms. Sabatino, introduced each group and gave a brief explanation of the music being played. The beginner orchestra, who has been working on learning their instruments since September, performed first. Their first song was played in pizzicato (the students plucked the strings of their violins and violas). This tune was called "Barn Dance". The second and third numbers were played "arco" (with bows). These were entitled "Arco Acrobatics" and "Oh Gee Down".

The beginner band played second. Their tunes were "Handclapper's March", "Better than the Rest", and "A Game of Tag". The latter pieces involved the ability of knowing when to play and when to rest.

Advanced orchestra gave a melodious rendition of "London Bridge", "Twinkle My Eye" (a variation of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"), and the seasonal favorite, "Deck the Halls".

Advanced band also played three pieces, "Climbing Higher", "Bile that Cabbage Down" and "O My Love".

The instrumental part of the program was followed by a performance by the Calverton Chorus,



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composed of selected fourth and fifth grade students, and directed by two vocal music teachers, Mrs. Arbach and Mrs. Pirnia. The first song, "Rhythm of the Season", included members who played percussion instruments. Mrs. Arbach explained that percussion instruments are anything one can shake, hit, scrape or ring. The second song performed was "Sing and Dance, it's Hanukkah!" which harmoniously blended two songs, including "Hava Nagila". The beautiful song, "Simple Guests", was the next rendition. It began with Zsofia Norberte who played a violin solo, and then Omar Jah sang the first verse as a solo. Then, piano, guitar, drums and the sweet voices of the chorus joined in. The last piece, "Sing Noel, Noel!", also had two soloists, Jayla Bell and Michelle Stephens. This song was a joyous hand-clapping, foot-tapping song, and a great finale to a wonderful performance.

In the evening, the show included a display of artwork in the multi-purpose room, the main lobby and the showcase in the lobby. These included third grade's seasonal night sky art, fourth grade's zentangle contour line self-portraits, and fifth grade's printmak-

ing altered books. A zentangle is an abstract drawing using repeated patterns. An altered book is a form of mixed media that changes a book from its original form. These art works were done in art classes under the instruction of Mrs. Salatierra-Sinn.

Calverton Elementary School Health Night

By Amy Dunham, Physical Education Teacher & Judith Pollock, Professional School Counselor

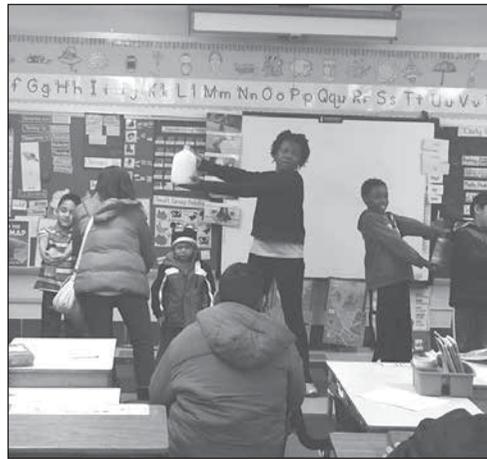
On Thursday Jan. 15 Calverton Elementary School hosted its first annual Health Night. Families were invited to participate in a number of health related activities to learn ways to develop a healthy lifestyle. All those in attendance received a packet that included a book entitled *Be Well*, published by the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, a list of health related websites, and a set of guidelines that can help parents determine when they should keep their children home from school.

Health Night attendees chose 3 activi-

ties from 7 sessions facilitated by school staff and a community based organization. All the sessions dealt with fitness, nutrition, and health. One of the first stops was a visit to the computer lab where participants were directed to health-focused websites. They viewed information on living healthy. While in the lab students were encouraged to sign up for Calverton's *Fuel Up to Play 60* team, a program founded by the National Dairy Council and National Football League in collaboration with United States

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Students and adults participate in the "Thrifty Gym Session" of Calverton Elementary Health Night.



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Department of Agriculture, that empowers students to take charge of their food choices and to stay active for at least 60 minutes each day. Students who participate in the program are eligible to win prizes.

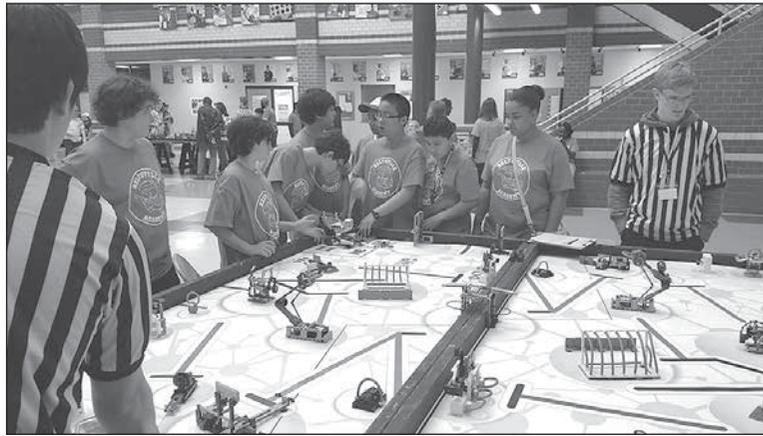
The Thrifty Home Gym session shared ideas about how to use everyday items in the home for exercise. The school community received a workout using discarded plastic bottles filled with rocks and sand filled to specific weight levels. Students then used these and other items to lift, jump, twist and turn.

Nutrition was the focus of another session. The leader shared information on eating the right amounts of food from each food group using *MyPlate*; the icon released by First Lady Michelle Obama. The *MyPlate* icon seeks to encourage consumers to think about building a healthy plate at mealtimes. To end the session participants played a game where they competed to collect food items for each food group.

Other sessions included a blood pressure station conducted by the school nurse. Movement with Music session that showed families how to stay active and have fun with music, and a session conducted by Priority Partners, a community based organization

that shared information about osteoporosis and how to slow its progress. All participants in this session were given a pedometer to track their daily movement. The Community Safety session consisted of a talk about neighborhood safety. The facilitator ended this session by allowing participants to role-play safety scenarios.

To end the evening, all the participants were invited back to the gymnasium for Zumba, a dance fitness workout. Parents and students commented the Health Night was fun, informative and engaging. More than 100 people attended. Calverton Elementary looks forward to hosting another Health Night in the future. After all we believe it is important to create a healthy community to help students remain happy, healthy learners.



Beltsville Academy's Robotics Club

Beltsville Academy students compete in FIRST LEGO League

By Jennifer Murray

A team of Beltsville Academy's middle school students competed with 28 teams and placed 8th at the regional *FIRST* LEGO League (FLL) competition Sat., Jan., 17th.

The Robotics Club, sponsored by Mr. Starr, includes students from grades 6-8: Alexandra Bruno, Samuel Cordova, Samuel d'Eustachio, Vladislav Kovalskiy, Michael Nagel, Brian Sun, Kyle Thomas, Roberto Villanueva, and Vincent Zelaya. Preparation for this year's competition began in October. The students would discover there's more to the FLL than just programming a robot.

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Microsoft to Partner with High Point High School

By Brian Guevara, senior at High Point High School

Spearheading the push for increased technology in schools, the Maryland State Department of Education announced on Jan. 8, 2015, a partnership with the tech giant Microsoft that gives free access to the famous Office suite to all state students.

High Point High School was chosen as the location for this press conference because, as Principal Sandi Jimenez stated, "We have a computer science program that comes from the Department of Education and they think that is a good computer science program."

The move has been a step forward in providing a technologically advanced education experience to students in Maryland. The deal encompasses 870,000 students in the state which would receive the entirety of Microsoft's "Office" suite at no cost to them. The software can be downloaded onto five devices that support the efficient software, according to *The Washington Post*.

Microsoft Office includes the widely used word processing

software, "Word" as well as the equally used presentation software, "PowerPoint" among other useful tools in the bundle. The retail value of the bundle goes upwards of \$100 per license.

Many have raved and praised the alliance as it will provide an immensely necessary set of tools to students. *The Washington Post* reported that Maryland State Superintendent of Schools Lillian M. Lowery, stated, "Through this collaboration, young people and adults have access to the tools, skills, and certification opportunities they need to train at school and ant home for in-demand careers."

Many of the state's IT programs will welcome the perks of the deal with open arms. The state has twenty-five high schools that offer the IT programs to their students. The idea is that the access to the programs will bolster the course offerings and also supplement the students' knowledge and skillset which would prepare them for the competitive workforce.

Jimenez commented on the impact of this deal as it relates to

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CONSERVATORY SPRING DISPLAY

The display continues through Sun., Apr. 12 in the conservatories. Open daily from 10 am to 5 pm Free.

MONTPELIER MANSION & ART CENTER

9650 Muirkirk Rd., Laurel, MD 20708. 301.377.7817. TTY: 301.699.2544. montpeliermansion@pgparks.com. Contact the Art Center at 301.377.7800 for info on art and photography classes. Self-guided tours of the mansion: Thu. – Tue. from 11 am to 3 pm Cost: \$3/adults, \$2/seniors, \$1/children ages 5 to 17, free/ages 5 and under. The mansion is closed on Wed. The grounds are open from dawn until dusk every day of the year and access is free of charge.

CMIT ANNUAL STUDENT ART EXHIBIT

The student art exhibit continues through Fri., Feb. 20. Hours 11 am to 4 pm Thu. – Tue. Each year, different venues host the annual CMIT art exhibit. This year, Montpelier is honored to display the work of these talented young artists from this Laurel charter school. The theme for this year's exhibit is Autumn Landscapes & Scenes; students have interpreted this theme and will display a major art piece from the school year. Cost: Free with the cost of admission (for self-guided tours).

COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM

1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Dr., College Park, MD 20740. 301.864.6029. TTY: 301.699.2544. Hours: 10 am to 5 pm daily, except for 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 info and events.

BARNSTORMING BESS

Fri., Feb. 13 at 3 pm and 7 pm Bessie Coleman broke down barriers in 1921 as the first African-American woman to earn a pilot's license. Dressed in an authentic bomber's jacket, boots and scarf, Dr. Daisy Century as Bessie Coleman will provide an exciting portrayal of a beautiful, determined woman, who knew what she wanted and made it happen. Cost: \$7/person. All ages.

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7120 Contee Rd., Laurel, MD 20707, around the corner from the Laurel Regional Hospital. 301.206.3350. Fax: 301.206.3387. TTY: 301.446.3402. Contact the Center regarding

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Joseph James Sullivan

Joseph James Sullivan, 86, a resident of Heritage Harbour for the last 15 years, and previously of Beltsville, passed away on Jan. 14. Mr. Sullivan was born on June 30, 1928 in Ferndale, Michigan

holiday closures. Hours: Mon. – Thu. from 8 am to 9 pm, Fri. from 8 am to 5 pm, Sat. from 8 am to 2 pm, closed on Sun. Membership is free for Beltsville residents age 60 or older.

THU. MOVIE MATINEES

Join us for Academy Award® winners. The movie for Thu. Feb. 12 is *12 Years a Slave* and the movie for Thu., Feb. 26 is *The Fault in Our Stars*. Movies start at 10 am and end around noon. We'll supply the popcorn and you enjoy the movie. Free.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER

10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. 301.497.5763. See fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent/visit/NWVC.html. The entrance is accessed from Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore–Washington Pkwy. and Rt. 197. Visitor Center hours: Fri. – Wed. from 9 am to 4:30 pm, closed Thu. *The Center is also closed on federal holidays and may close early the day before.* Regular hours of operation for the trails and grounds are: Open daily from sunrise to sunset, except for federal holidays. Free admission to the center and its exhibits, grounds, and trails. Space in public programs is limited and registration is required unless otherwise specified call 301.497.5887. Activities and events are free of charge if not noted. Please advise us of any special needs so that we may accommodate you.

HOLLINGSWORTH ART GALLERY

The gallery is open when the Visitor Center is open. Registration is not required. All ages.

NATURE TOTS: GROUNDHOGS

Mon., Feb. 2 from 10:30 am to 11:30 am and from 1 pm to 2 pm Come celebrate Groundhog Day by learning more about Feb.'s famous rodent in this hands-on program especially designed for preschoolers! Ages 3 – 4.

WINTER BIRD WALK

Sat., Feb. 7 from 8 am to 10 am Search for birds in several refuge habitats on this guided hike. Field guides and binoculars are recommended. Ages 8+.

WORLDS OF WILDLIFE

Wed., Feb. 11 from 10 am to 11 am Discover Patuxent's amazing variety of life from big to small and fuzzy to slimy through interactive games, stories and a hike. Ages 5 – 7.

THE CARBON CONNECTION

Fri., Feb. 20 from 1 pm to 3 pm Learn about carbon, one of the most important elements on Earth, and its role in everyday life for wildlife and people through hands-on activities and games. Ages 8 – 11.

STORY TIME

Wed., Feb. 25 from 10:30 am to 11:30 am Join us for a story time about nature's clues and who may have left them behind! All ages.

to the late Mildred Klein Sullivan and James Benedict Sullivan. He spent his younger years in nearby Mount Clemens, where he attended high school. Mr. Sullivan joined the U.S. Army in 1945 and served in Korea for two years with the 6th infantry Division. Following military service, he attended the University of Michigan, where he

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Calendar of Events

BELTSVILLE EVENTS

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

THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)

The library is free and open to the public and has free public parking. Hours: Mon. – Fri. from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, except for federal holidays. 10301 Baltimore Ave., near Sunnyside Ave. 301.504.5755. See NAL.USDA.gov. NAL is on Twitter at http://twitter.com/#!/National_Ag_Lib.

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING

Wed., Feb. 4 at 7 pm at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Ln. Light refreshments will be served.

BELTSVILLE CITIZENS' ASSOC. MEETING

There will be no meeting in Feb.

BEHNKE NURSERIES GARDEN CENTER

11300 Baltimore Ave. Please call 301.937.1100, ext. 0 or see Behnkes.com for more info.

WASHINGTON SEED EXCHANGE

Sat., Jan. 31 from 12:30 pm to 4 pm *Washington Gardener* magazine is hosting the 7th Annual Washington Seed Exchange. These seed swaps are in-person and face-to-face. You bring your extra seeds and swap them with other gardeners. Everyone will leave with a bag full of seeds, new garden friends, and expert planting advice. Cost: \$20. Space is limited; pre-registration is advised. *Call 240.603.1461 for updates about possible snow/ice delay.*

37TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CAPITAL ORCHID SOCIETY ORCHID AUCTION

Sun., Feb. 8. The Bidders Preview is open from 10 am to 11 am The auction takes place from 11 am to 3 pm Open to the public. Free admission. This is a live auction with over 300 blooming or near-blooming size orchids. It is one of the largest orchid auctions in the country. For more info visit www.ncos.us.

KEEPING YOUR GARDEN TOOLS IN TIP TOP CONDITION: HOW TO SHARPEN, CLEAN, AND STORE

Sun., Feb. 15 at noon. Bill Mann has been in the nursery business for over 30 years. During that time he has learned a thing or two about keeping his tools in good working order. Stop by our tool sharpening area for Bill's talk/demo to pick up some tips.

PLANNING FOR A NATIVE GARDEN

Sat., Feb. 21 at 11 am and Sun., Feb. 22 at noon. Native plants make some of the most environmentally friendly, carefree, and satisfying gardens. Carol Allen will cover varieties of native plants that produce beautiful landscapes and how they benefit our native populations of bees, birds, and other wildlife.

BELTSVILLE LIBRARY

4319 Sellman Road, Beltsville, next to the police station. 301.937.0294. *Please note the library will be closed on Mon. Feb. 16 in observance of Presidents Day.* Regular hours of operation are Mon. – Tue. from 1 pm to 9 pm, Wed. – Fri. from 10 am to 6 pm, and Sat. from 10 am to 5 pm Closed Sun. Visit our library system website at www.pgmls.info to use our online library services.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Tuesdays at 7 p.m and Wednesdays at 10:30 am, for ages 3 to 5. Wed. 10:30 am storytime is a repeat of the Tue. evening storytime.

TODDLER STORYTIME

Wed. mornings at 11:30 am for ages 2 to 3.

TAIL WAGGIN' TUTORS

Sat. afternoon, Feb. 21 at 2 pm Registration required. Ages 6 to 12.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

SAT. AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION

Sat., Feb. 14 at 1 pm The group will be discussing Brian Selznick's *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*. All welcome.

TUE. AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION

Tue., Feb. 17 at 2 pm The group will be discussing Colum McCann's *Transatlantic*. All welcome.

COLLEGE GOAL MARYLAND

Mon., Feb. 23 at 5 pm Help with FAFSA.

HERE'S TO THE LA DIES WHO SCAT

Tue., Feb. 24 at 7 pm Jazz vocalist Christina Drapkin and her group.

FRIENDS OF THE BELTSVILLE LIBRARY

Tue., Feb. 3 at 7 pm

PROGRAM FOR TEENS

NEW DAY FOR TEEN TIME

Teen Time has moved to the second Wed. of the month (instead of Thu.). Come on Wed., Feb. 11 for Mardi Gras masks. The library supplies music and mask-making materials; you supply imagination. *Contact the library for the start time of the event.*

BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

3900 Sellman Rd., Beltsville. 301.937.6613. Spanish line: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512. The Facility Director is Leigh Ann Eckenrode. She can be contacted at the center or by e-mail at LeighAnn.Eckenrode@pgparks.com. Regular hours of operation are: Mon. – Thu. from 9 am to 9 pm, Fri. from 9 am to 7 pm, Sat. from 9 am to 4 pm, closed on Sun. Hours of operation for Xtreme Teens and Pre-teens: Fri. and Sat. from 7 pm to 10 pm

LIVE ANIMAL SHOW FOR PRESCHOOLERS

Thu., Feb. 5 at 10 am Join us as some of our scary and furry friends come to visit from the

Mt. Rainier Nature Center. This will be a fun educational experience filled with facts and info about the wonderful world of animals. Reservation required by Feb.1; contact the center about possible late reservations. Fee: \$2/resident, \$3/non-resident. Ages 3 - 5.

PRESIDENTS DAY CELEBRATION

Fri., Feb. 13 from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm Join us as we learn about two of the country's most famous presidents. Children will learn cool facts about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln in order to participate in a trivia contest. Reservations required by Feb. 6. Free. Ages 5 - 12.

MARDI GRAS MASK-MAKING

Tue., Feb. 17 from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm Children will create decorative masks in honor of the celebration. Reservations required by Feb. 10. Free. Ages 5 - 12.

AFRICAN DANCE, STORYTELLING, AND DRUM PERFORMANCE

Fri., Feb. 20 at 5:30 pm Nyame Nti Cultural Arts Therapy celebrates the rich heritage of African dance and drum. This program will include audience participation. Free. All ages.

STRATEGY GAME CLUB

Mondays from 7 pm to 9 pm Enjoy board games and 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. Games include: Small World, Steel Driver, and Age of Industry. Free. All ages.

XTREME TEEN REGULAR EVENTS

Fri. and Sat. from 7 pm to 10 pm Free with valid Center ID card. Ages 13 - 17.

VANSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

6813 Ammendale Rd., Vansville. 301.937.6621. Fax: 301.937.6623. Spanish line: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512. The Director is Jeremy Weiss. He can be contacted at the center, or by phone, or by e-mail at Jeremy.Weiss@pgparks.com. Regular hours of operation: Mon. – Thu. from 9 am to 9 pm, Fri. and Sat. from 9 am to 7 pm (except for Xtreme Teens), Sun. from noon to 4 pm Hours of operation for Xtreme Teens: Fri. and Sat. from 7 pm to 10 pm

SWEETS FOR YOUR SWEETHEART

Fri., Feb. 13 from 4 pm to 5:30 pm Give your sweetie a bag of candy that you have specially designed. Space is limited. Please call to register your child. Free. Ages 6 - 12.

FAMILY MOVIE DAY

Come bring your family to enjoy a classic children's movie and some yummy popcorn. Reservations required by Feb.11. Free. All ages.

HARLEM NIGHTS IV

Sat., Feb. 28 from 7 pm to 9 pm Display of singing, dancing, and other talents. We are showcasing poetry, swinging, and various performances. At the conclusion of the showcase, we will open the stage for our talent show. Light refreshments will be served. Auditions will be held from 7 pm to 10 pm on Fri. and Sat. through Feb. 27. Free. Ages 10 - 18.

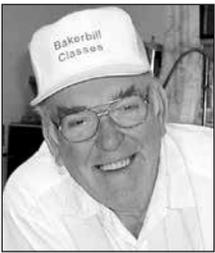
XTREME TEENS REGULAR EVENTS

Fri. and Sat. from 7 pm to 10 pm Ages 13 - 17. Free with valid Center ID card.

received a Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Far Eastern Studies. He was employed for nine years with the National Security Agency as an intelligence analyst. In 1961, he joined the U.S. Information Agency as China Desk Officer in the Office of Research. He entered the Foreign Service in 1970 and, in that year, was posted in Hong Kong as

head of the China Reporting Program. During the famed Chinese Cultural Revolution, he was transferred to the Voice of America as an Asian news analyst, with emphasis on Communist Chinese affairs. He retired from the U.S. radio facility in 1980 as chief of Southeast Asia broadcasts. Mr. Sullivan is survived by his wife Jean Ruth

Roy whom he married in January 1954; two children, Michael B. Sullivan and Ann D. Sullivan; and two grandchildren. Online condolences may be made at www.LastingTributesFuneralCare.com



Baker Bill

STUFF 'N THINGS

MAN! Time flies! My wife showed me an article in the post that said the last of the old times bakeries had fallen. Hellers Bakery. I cannot say the last bakery because Woodmore pastry shop is still going well, Kathy and her husband still own it (at least I think so). I haven't gone by to say hello in years but my son does go by to say Hi. Raulin's Bakery and Woodmore have one thing in common; family took it over after we couldn't hack it. 50 years ago one of the kids worked in the trade and took over when pop wanted out. Not today, the kids all want to be programmers and such. Today, Koreans have taken over the bakery much like how they are purchasing most dry cleaners, corner delis, and bakeries. And they are doing a good job in all fields. John Kim who now owns Raulin's bakery is a very good baker and a great pastry maker in the French style. His cakes are the best I've ever tasted. They are

rich and smooth and far better than anything I made.

I now have a mystery to solve. While at a money machine here at Riderwood getting some pocket money, I turned to go and I saw a pair of glasses on the floor, I almost ran over them with my motorized wheel chair. Lying beside them was a very large bill. It appears a lady was getting some funds maybe to give to grandchildren. I say lady because the glasses were granny glasses. I turned them in to the front desk but not the money.

Why you may ask? Because the bill is large enough to tempt someone else to pocket it. So I left a Bakerbill card with my address and phone number. I also went by the bank asking if anyone came in missing money. I don't want to be a hero or get my name in the papers, I just asked myself what would Jesus do? I will wait for a call and follow up at the counter and bank hoping someone will call. I think people are honest for

the most part but the bill is large enough to be tempting with no way any one could track it. So rather than give it to someone to find the owner and it wind up in their account, I may as well keep it. If someone calls they will need to answer some questions about it. Frankly, I hope they do call.

Some personal news. I have an appointment with a vascular surgeon to save my other leg. Now altogether.... "AH." Just a reminder watch that sugar, if you were told you're borderline Diabetic this message is for you. There is no recipe this month., but if you're snowed in with restless kids, go to bakerbill.net and click on recipes. Scroll down and find a recipe you can make with the kids. To print out touch ctrl +P, this page only or you'll print out all 50 recipes.

That's all for now,
Baker Bill AKA Bill Raulin

SCHOOL NEWS

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From the FLL Site:

In early fall, FLL releases a Challenge, which is based on a real-world scientific topic. Each Challenge has three parts: the Robot Game, the Project, and the FLL Core Values. Teams ... with at least one adult coach (two coaches required in U.S./Canada), participate in the Challenge by programming an autonomous robot to score points on a themed playing field (Robot Game), developing a solution to a problem they have identified (Project), all guided by the FLL Core Values. Teams may then attend an official tournament, hosted by one of our FIRST LEGO League Partners. Past Challenges have been based on topics such as nanotechnology, climate, quality of life for the handicapped population, and transportation. By designing our Challenges around such topics, participants are exposed to potential career paths within a chosen Challenge topic, in addition to solidifying the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) principles that naturally come from participating in the program. Team members also learn valuable life and employment skills which will benefit them no matter which career path they choose.

Mr. Starr started the robotics club because students need access to programming, engineering, the art of design and mathematics. Participating in FLL provides that opportunity. Saturday's competi-

tion was an 8½ hour event. "Being at this competition, with 28 teams, it was really great seeing that many middle school students at an academic competition," he said.

The students demonstrated their robot a few days before the competition. A series of 13 tasks was to be completed within 2 minutes. It was impressive to see the students' program move a robot of their own creation across the board, or field, and move a door, hook keys, and even launch a ball. As parent Kevin d'Eustachio observed, "I think Sam enjoyed FLL because sending a robot out to do your bidding is a thrill." I could see why. An internet search for videos of "2014 FLL competition" will give the reader an idea of the scope to this component.

Throughout the day, Mr. Starr found the students to be very positive even though they didn't have a lot of preparation in the robotics section. They rallied, stayed positive and remained goal oriented. After lunch they participated in three more rounds of competition.

Although the event is over, the students will focus on the service project they've developed. The challenge from FLL was to come up with a new or innovative way to learn and the students focused on language. A game was the chosen medium. They want to create a working model to give to the Beltsville ESOL department. Through their research the team realized that within their community of students there are many learning English as a second language. The game has electronic components that will

require programming and a flash card swiper similar to using a credit card. With a swipe of a card, the player can hear, and practice, the vocabulary being learned.

Despite their concerns about how well they'd do, they placed 8th out of 28 teams. Scoring is nuanced. In order to advance to the next level, teams have to perform well in all aspects of FLL. A team could be the number one team for robotics but they could have failed everything else and not advance. Although the Beltsville team did not advance, now that they've tried it, they know how it works. Kevin d'Eustachio, who also attended the event, summed up the experience quite well, "In FLL, it's not about the Legos, it's about problem solving and teamwork. FLL and Mr. Starr helped the kids focus on using 21st-century tools to solve problems. Today, it's a programmed plastic car to pick up a Lego key. But, in a few years, these kids will be designing rescue robots to dig people out of avalanches. The way you think about the problem is the same."

Mr. Starr will expand the program to accommodate more students for next year's theme, "Trash Trek Challenge." They will be looking for sponsorship to fund materials, field trips and fees for competitions. They would enjoy having programmers, software developers and engineers come speak and present to the club. Interested parties should contact the school. For more information about FLL their site is: <http://www.firstlegoleague.org/>



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is the only way to capture what you see. Hugin is software that can be used to stitch many photos together in order to create a panorama. When creating a panorama it is best to use a tripod or other means to keep your camera level. Take several overlapping photos of the scene you want to capture. When you have loaded the photos on the computer load them into Hugin and allow it to stitch them together. You can download Hugin from: <http://hugin.sourceforge.net/>.

Wrap-up

I am out of space this month, but there is a lot more photo software that I can share. If there is interest in this let me know and I will write another column on the topic. Now get your digital cameras out and start taking photos.

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student progress and success. She stated that it will significantly help them with jobs and marketability.

The program was first proposed as a grant funded program but with no certification offerings. This changed when the program was modified to allow for up to three certifications to be earned, showing proficiency in the office suite.

The idea is that when students use the office program and finish the computer science courses, they will be ready to gain certification in these areas to give them an advantage when joining the workforce.

These skills are very beneficial as more and more jobs are requiring computer literacy.

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decorating contest.

Planning for Beltsville Day 2015 has begun. Games and rides have been ordered and applications for vendors are being distributed. Non-profit organizations wanting to sell food at Beltsville Day 2015 are asked to complete an application form and food permit application by Mar. 17th. Only food permits submitted through the Beltsville Recreation Council will be accepted for any non-profit organization. After Mar. 17th, commercial food vendors will be invited to apply.

To help make a difference in the Beltsville Community, come to a meeting on the 3rd Mon. (2nd Mon. for a month with a holiday) of each month at 7pm in the Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Rd. Contact the Council through email at beltsvillerecouncil@gmail.com or at our website www.beltsvillerecouncil.homestead.com.

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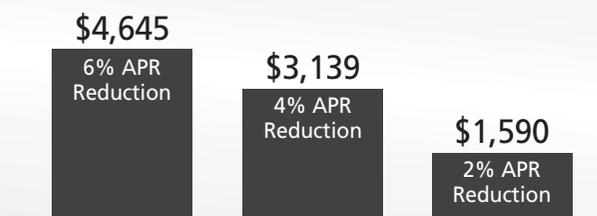


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