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Pack 1031 Participates in Be Prepared Camporee at Jug Bay



Cub Pack 1031 members and leaders

On Saturday, April 9th, the Cub Scouts of Pack 1031 and the Beltsville Junior Girl Scout Troop 6064 traveled down for the Younger Scout Day program at the Be Prepared Camporee held at Jug Bay Natural Area in Upper Marlboro, MD. Open to both Girl Scouts and all levels of Boy Scouting, the event featured elements from the Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge, the Girl Scout Emergency Preparedness Patch Program and Webelos Readyman pin. Almost 350 scouts from Prince George's District attended.

Younger scouts were taught fire safety, bicycle safety, car safety, personal safety law

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Beltsville Day is Back in May

The annual Beltsville Day celebration is scheduled for Sunday, May 15th, from noon to 5:00 p.m. at the Beltsville Community Center at 3900 Sellman Road. Activities are planned for the whole family. These include games and rides for kids, such as a Moon Bounce and Slides set up on the ball fields, with tickets for the rides and games available at 5 for \$1. There will be displays from many local agencies, organizations, businesses, civic groups, and politicians with information of interest for all ages. The Beltsville Police and Fire Departments will have their equipment on display, including a ladder truck. The Beltsville Boy Scouts will have their monkey bridge set up for people to try their balance skills. The Beltsville Lions will offer free vision screening in their mobile health unit. A first time participant in Beltsville Day, the Maryland Physicians Care Group, is coming to Beltsville with their Healthy Groove - Take Step To Live Well bus. Tables will be set up for crafters to display and sell their prod-

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Kevin & Linda Kennedy and Family Offer Thanks Amid Loss

On Monday, April 11, our family suffered a minor setback. Our house caught fire, destroying the structure. Fortunately, no was home and, more importantly, no one was injured. Thanks to fast moving neighbors, even our dog was able to get out safely.

Due to a heroic team of firefighters from six companies, a few items were saved. The firefighters worked on one of the hottest days we have had this year



KENNEDY The home of Kevin & Linda Kennedy and family was ravaged by fire on the morning of April 11. (Photo by M. Brady, PGFD)

Learning of The Green Kind



The High Road Upper School of Prince George's County located in Beltsville has provided students with a myriad of opportunities and experiences in preparation for their journey in the workforce upon graduation. Since last school year, under the leadership of Kevin Mattison, our school has developed over 15 business partnerships in a variety of organizations in both the retail and service industries. One such partnership has bloomed into a multi-dimensional work training experience for

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On the Agenda

BY KAREN M. COAKLEY



Karen Coakley

Spring is here!!!

Spring has arrived, so please watch for children on bikes and walkers along our neighborhood roads.

Contact the police if you see students out during the day, they are supposed to be in school; call 911 and give the location. Ammdendale road at night has the potential to become a meeting place for "car races." Again, if you think something does not look right contact the police.

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BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON RAIL INTERMODAL FACILITY PROPOSAL: The Maryland Department of Transportation is conducting a study for a new Rail Transfer Facility along the CSX Train Track between Washington D.C and Baltimore. One of the sites is in Beltsville. The boundary area for this site is Sunnyside Avenue as the southern border, Powder Mill Road as the northern border, Edmonston to the east and the train tracks to the west. The majority of the property under consideration is owned by the **Beltsville Agricultural Research Center BARC** with several smaller parcels being

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Neighbors in the News

Great Weekend for Beltsville

Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader?

This community event was a great success! Our Beltsville Academy 5th grade students and Riderwood seniors competed in front of an audience of 400 residents, parents, and staff on March 25th on the Riderwood campus. It made for a very entertaining night and the students and contestants put on a great show. We are hoping that this starts a lasting partnership with our school. We even had the teen and junior teen Miss Maryland in attendance. Riderwood was very gracious and even had a cheerleading squad. Way to go, Bulldogs.



The Riderwood cheerleading squad



Fifth graders and staff members from Beltsville Academy

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owned by minority business owners. The site would serve as a location to load & unload cargo from freight trains onto tractor-trailers. The tractor-trailers would then move the cargo to other destination for delivery throughout the Washington Region or north to the port of Baltimore. What does this mean for Beltsville? 1) Destruction of BARC property that is environmentally sensitive with Indian Creek, a wet-

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America's Veterans Thank the Beltsville Community

By Ivy Christoffers

The first annual Maryland Veterans Creative Arts Festival held on April 9, 2011 at High Point High School was a tremendous success because of the support given to this festival by the Beltsville community and others. The willingness of the High Point High School staff to work with the Department of Maryland American Legion Auxiliary committee who hosted the event, the Holiday Inn in College Park and their awesome manager, Rodney Tyree, who went the extra mile to provide housing and food for the artists as well as helping to promote the event amongst his peers and even setting up a buffet lunch on Saturday to accommodate the Department and National officers and their families, there are not words enough to thank you. To T.J.'s Restaurant of Calverton for your unfailing support of our Veterans, thank you. Tim and Karen, you are the best. To Ottenberg's Bakery for the delicious continental breakfast you provided, it was so enjoyed. You are all truly appreciated. To the other sponsors whose donations made this Festival come to life, The Sons of the American Legion, the Greenbelt #136 American Legion Family, Caro-

line Post # 29, Damascus Unit #171, Susquehanna Post #135, Wes-Mar House, College Park Unit #217, Unity Youth Steppers, Bill Milligan, Behnke's Nurseries, Beltsville Family Dentistry, Caroline Unit #29, The College Park Council, Convenience Catering, Francis Scott Key Unit #11, Glenn W. Eyler Unit #282, Gold Star Unit #191, Harry White Wilmer Unit #82, Hartford Unit # 39, Henderson-Smith-Edmonds Unit #86, Jack R. Cross Post # 233, Kent Island Unit #278, Minute Man Press of Beltsville, Northern Central District American Legion, Suitland Unit #196, Western Maryland District American Legion Auxiliary, and Richard and Frankie Salamy. Also instrumental in the success of the day were Costco, Dunkin Donuts and The Party Store of Laurel; none of this would have been possible without you. Our Veterans and we thank each and every one of you. And a great big hug goes out to the staff of the Summit Group whose artists brought my visions to life.

The volunteers who worked diligently to welcome our artists and attendees were beyond belief. The videographer, John Kalie of Laurel Cable TV, who spent the entire afternoon filming the Festival and interviewing the art-

ists and staff so our Festival will live on in film, the workers who helped set up on Friday and Saturday and then pack it up and haul it all away again, the three volunteers who set up the food court and managed to get everyone fed, those who sold tickets, books & pins, refreshments - everyone who played any part, no matter what, you can feel proud of your work for this event. The Veterans had a great time. They are still talking, e-mailing and glowing about their experience. Those visual artists participating had the opportunity to meet a gallery coordinator who has expressed a desire to exhibit some of the artwork. Even sales were made. How great is that? There was a talent scout checking out the performers. All of the performers and exhibiting artists were so grateful to have this opportunity to share their talents with everyone. The National Director of Creative Arts, Liz Mackey, sent me an e-mail of congratulations that same evening. It seems some of the performers sent her glowing reports of their day.

The art exhibit consisted of 35 pieces of varied art mediums, including oils, watercolors, acrylics, pastels, line drawings, etchings, sculpture, woodworking, beadwork, ceramics, photography, and craft kits. Some of the works had won gold medals in the national competition.

The stage performances were tremendous. There were 20 acts along with the 18 voices of the Message of Hope Choir from MCVETS in Baltimore and a last minute addition of the Men

of Jubilee gospel choir from Coatesville, PA VAMC. There was rock & roll, gospel, patriotic and inspirational music. freestyle dancing, ballroom dancing, ballet, and wheelchair. Creative writing, interpretive readings, tributes to the greats, Michael Jackson and Louis Armstrong, and classical singing. Our emcee "Bear" Weinzirl was terrific. His jokes, his delivery and the way he kept everything running smoothly were beyond belief. Thank You "Bear." The stage performance consisted of two acts of 10 performances each with a 20-minute intermission, during which time the American Legion Auxiliary Dept. President, Patti Lach, introduced the National President, Carlene Ashworth, who expressed her delight to be in attendance. At this time as well, the Commander of The Sons of the American Legion, Tom Deal, presented me with a check for \$3,000.00 to help us reach the goal of \$10,000, which I had set at the beginning of the year. We have reached our goal but donations to this worthwhile program are always welcome.

It was my mission to bring more public awareness to the healing powers of art therapy and to the disabled Veterans who derive such great benefits from their involvement in art. Kudos go out to the dedicated therapists who work with these Veterans helping them to realize their potential. Again, this was a collective effort of many and we are blessed that so many answered the call to service. May God continue to bless this country and her defenders.

Beltsville Company Honored with Firestone's Distinguished Roofing Industry Award

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Table Talk

How well organized is your kitchen? Are your cabinet drawers spilling over? Is there expired food in your pantry? The home organizer pros at Will's Home Decorating in Beltsville, Michael Richards and Valerie Kabelac, have a few simple tips that can help you better organize your kitchen. "My goal is to rid the kitchen area of clutter to make it more conducive for family dinners. Not only do family dinners serve as an anchor for the family, but they also encourage communication and bonding. According to statistics, children who eat with their family tend to be healthier, happier and stronger students," says Michael.



Valerie & Michael can advise you on organizing your kitchen.

Start with clearing off your countertops. Put small appliances under the counter. Use tiered plate racks for stacking and drawer dividers to keep smaller items organized. Devote one drawer to junk. No overflows permitted!! Still short on storage space? Add a free standing piece of furniture with drawers. Anything which you are no longer using but are not ready to part with, place in a cardboard box in a storage area. Organize your cabinets and pantry by category, placing those items most frequently used in the front. Discard all expired food products. Donate all duplicate cookware at donate.goodwill.org. According to Valerie, "An uncluttered kitchen will greatly enhance your family dinner if you don't have the stress of searching for things which you need for your dinner and can quickly prepare your meal." Bon Appetit!!!

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Neighbors in the News

Ready, Set, Go!



Beltsville Academy's 5k Fun Run needs your support! Join us on Saturday, June 4th (rain or shine) at 8:00 a.m. for this event. Come one, come all --- you can walk or run the 3.2-mile course. Kids ten and under can run a 1k mini course at 8:00 a.m. The 5k run begins at 8:15 sharp. This is a community event with great intention. All proceeds will be used to benefit Beltsville Academy's after school

activities for students.

Each participant will receive a *T-shirt* and *goody bag*. The adult

fee is \$20 and kids pay \$5. The event is free for children five and under. Registration before the event is strongly encouraged; however, we will accept entrants the day of the run. Cash or checks will be accepted in Beltsville Academy's main office.

Exercise with friends and family while supporting a good cause. We look forward to seeing you.

Karen Murray of TJ's of Calverton selected as finalist for Restaurateur of the Year Award

The Restaurant Association of Maryland has selected Karen Murray of TJ's of Calverton Restaurant as a finalist for the Restaurateur of the Year Award. The award is given to a restaurateur

that has shown originality, quality and service to customers, and demonstrates leadership and success in the eyes of his or her fellow operators.

Karen is one of only five final-

ists for the award. Each finalist will be recognized and the winner announced at the "Stars of the Industry" awards gala on Monday, May 16 at Martin's West.

GBBA Wants to Assist Greater Beltsville to Make its Views Known a Beltsville Site is Under Consideration for Proposed Rail Intermodal Facility

A 70-acre Beltsville site has been identified as one of four possible sites between here and Baltimore for a proposed Baltimore-Washington Rail Intermodal Facility that will allow the transfer of freight trailers and containers between trains and trucks at one location.

Workshops were held on April 20 in Beltsville and April 21 in Hanover, MD. A third workshop is scheduled for April 27, 7-9 p.m. at Elkridge Landing Middle School, 7085 Montgomery Road, Elkridge, MD. Information on all four sites will be provided at this

workshop. The public is invited.

"This is the first major opportunity/challenge for the Greater Beltsville Community since the Greater Beltsville Business Association (GBBA) was formed," Paul G. Zurkowski, GBBA President, said. "While the Laurel City Council has filed a response to the selection of the Beltsville site for the project, the GBBA Board of Directors is considering the questions facing our community. We have scheduled a Maryland Department of Transportation and CSX Transportation briefing for GBBA's monthly May 18, Meeting, 7:30 a.m. at the Cross Creek Club House, 12800 Bay Hill Drive, Beltsville. Interested members of the public are cordially invited to attend.

Interested members of the public are urged to go to: www.intermodel.maryland.gov for full information about the project, the four sites under consideration and a collection of news stories on this development.

The GBBA Board's questions include; Environmental and Traffic Impacts, Business and Employment opportunities, impacts on Greater Beltsville living conditions, Capacity of site to handle expansion in the event of substantial growth in rail and truck traffic.

• Environmental concerns arise from the fact that the proposed site

is bisected by Indian Creek and clearly contains a substantial area of wetlands. Safety issues, noise levels and air quality all need to be considered.

• Traffic questions include: the ratio of truck traffic to rail traffic handling regional movement of containers moving by truck from the facility to destinations in the east and mid-west. Two local issues are: how will the trucks reach major highways? And has the existing congestion on the major highways in and around Beltsville been considered?

• Business and employment issues grow out of the facility being operated as a part of the Baltimore Port Authority. Do opportunities beyond employment at the facility exist for Beltsville businesses & residents?

• The other identified sites are closer to the Baltimore port and to RR tracks & highways that move freight west and would offer greater efficiency. Will the people of Greater Beltsville benefit from a major port-related transportation facility in the industrial zone of Beltsville? Would Greater Beltsville support such a facility?

"The issues are compelling for Beltsville residents and GBBA will work with the Beltsville community groups to develop a position in the interest of Beltsville citizens and the business community," Zurkowski said.



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Neighbors in the News

Hall of Fame Inducts Roger Gerrits

By Jim Butcher

Green Bay, a town in Wisconsin, is famous for producing winners. Everyone has heard of legendary Green Bay National Football League coach Vince Lombardi. Every dedicated football fan knows about the Super Bowl Champion Green Bay Packers, 2010-11 edition. Then there is native son and outstanding agricultural scientist Roger Gerrits, who, in a March 5 ceremony in Phoenix, Arizona, was inducted into National Pork Producers Council Hall of Fame. Lombardi may be better known, the Super Bowl champions probably generate more press coverage, but if we were to ask who from Green Bay has delivered for American consumers and food producers, the winner by a mile—Roger Gerrits.

Roger grew up on a crop and livestock farm near Green Bay. By age 12, he was raising pigs, and soon thereafter took over managing the family pig growing operation. After a hitch in the Air Force for the Korean War, Roger enrolled in the University of Wisconsin at River Falls with the intention of becoming a veterinarian. He discovered that he could learn about animal health and also stay within the food animal industry that he dearly loved by studying genetics and animal physiology. Roger chose the genetics-animal physiology option and the rest, as they say, is history.

From River Falls, Roger moved on to the University of Minnesota, where he earned a doctorate degree. In 1963, the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center



Roger Gerrits

brought Roger on board. Better hiring decisions have seldom been made. BARC proved the perfect launching pad for a brilliant career of research and leadership, matched with the responsibilities of the Agriculture Department's flagship research center. Roger has made his home in nearby Adelphi ever since.

Roger Gerrits flourished in Beltsville. He quickly established a physiology-genetics research laboratory. Within five years he was heading up BARC swine research. In the mid-1960s, while leading and redirecting the agency's swine research, he worked tirelessly with pork producers and related groups to found the National Pork Producers Council. It was for those and similar contributions that the National Pork Producers Council made Roger Gerrits only the third non-farmer to be so honored.

This short article cannot do justice to Roger's distinguished

career. A few selected highlights must do. He wrote or co-authored over 100 scientific and technical papers and publications. He led the effort to prepare a Pork Industry Handbook, now available in Spanish and Chinese. For many years, Roger was National Program Leader for such specialties as swine production and diseases, agricultural chemicals, and animal production and germplasm.

Ever gregarious, Roger reached out unselfishly to all—producers, scientists, students, leaders, and consumers. In 1972, Roger accompanied Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz on an official visit to the former Soviet Union. Six years later, he accompanied Secretary Robert Bergland to the Peoples' Republic of China. He helped forge and then lead scientific exchange agreements with both countries.

Remarks from Roger's Hall of Fame Honor induction speech reveal inner thoughts, the working philosophy of Roger Gerrits—dedicated public servant. Specially: No one accomplishes great deeds alone, teamwork is the key. This Hall of Fame award reflects the results of hard working government scientists producing high quality research for consumer and food producer alike. Government professionals, criticism notwithstanding, can plan and deliver results that industries use and need.

And last, the quintessential Roger Gerrits: "I have been blessed, starting with parents and family. The Good Lord was aware of my limitations. So he surrounded me with good people to make sure I did my job properly."



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ucts. Non-profit groups, such as churches and schools, will be selling food, including hamburgers, hot dogs, and fish tacos. Inside the Center there will be model trains on display and an event hosted by Young at Heart. Entertainment for the day will be inside and outside. The performances are free of charge and the outdoor stage will be conveniently located near the food vendors with tables set up so that people can enjoy music while eating their food.

Below is the tentative schedule of the exciting entertainment planned for Beltsville Day:

INDOOR STAGE:

12:00-12:30 p.m. Joyful Motion Dance Group

12:45-1:15 p.m. Judo Demonstration by Hui-O Judo Beltsville

1:30-2:00 p.m. Eleanor Pernia Studio of Dance

2:15-2:45 p.m. Reptile Show by the MNCPPC, Mount Rainier Center

3:00-3:30 p.m. Ballet Academy, Alison Miller Director

3:45-4:30 p.m. Concert by Beltsville Schools instrumental music programs

OUTDOOR STAGE:

12:30-1:00 p.m. Zumba Dance Demonstration

1:00-2:00 p.m. Good Company - 60's and 70's music

2:00-3:00 p.m. Eleanor Roosevelt High School Dixieland Combo

3:30-4:30 p.m. "5 for Friday" Jazz

Parking is not allowed at the Community Center during Beltsville Day, except limited handicapped parking with a valid handicap tag or permit. Shuttles will be running all afternoon from the Beltsville Library at the intersection of Sellman and Montgomery Roads, Beltsville Academy on Wicomico Avenue, and at Francis

Fuchs School on Cherry Hill Road. A tram will transport people from the Community Center driveway on Sellman Road to the Festival.

The Sponsors for Beltsville Day can be identified by red, white, and blue ribbons and checkered tablecloths. Be sure to stop by the Sponsors' tables to thank them for making Beltsville Day happen! Also, thank the staff of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission and volunteers for helping with the Day.

The Beltsville Recreation Council is committed to providing quality activities and entertainment throughout the year for the whole Beltsville community. Come to Beltsville Day for an afternoon of old-fashioned fun, and consider joining the Beltsville Recreation Council to help make these events happen. To join, contact Peter Doan, president of the Beltsville Recreation Council, at PVDolan@co.pg.md.us.

Beltsville Garden Club Second Spring Plant Sale

By Louise DeJames,
Publicity Chair

The Beltsville Garden Club will hold the second plant sale of the season on Saturday, May 7th, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. until noon, **RAIN OR SHINE** at High Point High School, 3601 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, Maryland

Quality perennials, annuals and vegetable plants will be sold at reasonable prices. Plants grown in the Beltsville Garden Club greenhouse will also be available. For more information call Geoff White at 301.937.1539. For direc-

tions visit our web site at, www.beltsvillegardenclub.org.



Basket Bingo

St. Joseph's Parish will conduct a Basket Bingo on Friday evening, May 20, in the Parish Hall at 11011 Montgomery Road, Beltsville from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (non-smoking). Come join us for this fun-filled event. Bingo winners will receive specialty baskets, pottery and home accessories. There will be door prizes and raffles too! Tickets are \$10.00 (in advance) daily at the school and parish offices, or \$12.00 at the door. Refreshments are available.

Central Maryland Chorale presents Spring Concert

This May, the Central Maryland Chorale, directed by Monica Otal, presents two majestic works: Mozart's *Solemn Vespers* and the *Requiem* by John Rutter. Vocal soloists are soprano Colleen Daly, mezzo-soprano Madelyn Wanner, tenor Wayne Jennings, and bass-baritone Aurelis Gori. The concert is on Saturday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m. at The Lutheran Church of Saint Andrew, 15300 New Hampshire Avenue, in Silver Spring, Maryland. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 for students/seniors. For tickets and information, call 301.317.9646 or see www.centralmarylandchorale.com.



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Obituaries

Rodriguez, Frederick G.

On Thursday, March 17, 2011, formerly of Beltsville, Maryland; loving husband of 65 years to Hazel Chilcoate Rodriguez; father of Frederick E. Rodriguez, Dolores E. Wheatley, Leonard G. Rodriguez and Norman James Godfrey; brother of Ludwig G. Rodriguez, Catherine R. Dean, the late William T. and Raymond E. Rodriguez; also survived by 6 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren and 6 great-great grandchildren; Funeral service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home 4400 Powder Mill Road Beltsville, Maryland on Tuesday, March 22, at 10:00 a.m. with the Reverend John Troffo officiating; Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery; Memorial contributions may be made to Carroll Hospice 292 Stoner Avenue Westminster, Maryland 21157 www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com.

Twohig, Leslie Marie McMahon

Leslie Marie McMahon Twohig, 49, of Lothian passed on April 2, 2011, beloved wife of John Francis Twohig, devoted mother to Brian F. Twohig and Sean M. Twohig, of Lothian, Maryland. Her parents, Robert and Patricia McMahon of North Beach, Maryland, daughter-in-law Amanda N. Twohig and Grand Daughters Cailyn Marie Twohig and Leona P. Hart, also survive Leslie. Leslie is also survived by Steven and Linda McMahon, brother and sister-in-law, and a host of other sisters and brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews and devoted friends. Born in Prince George's County, MD on September 8, 1961, Leslie was a graduate of the University of Maryland. She thoroughly enjoyed her work most recently with O'Brien and Gere Engineering Firm. She was an avid gardener and professional artist.

Leslie's humility, dignity, love,

kindness, and considerate ways endeared her to family, friends, and business associates. She was a courageous vibrant person and truly lived each day as if it was a gift. Leslie believed strongly in giving to the community and was a quiet champion for the nameless and needy.

Contributions may be made in memory of Leslie Marie Twohig to The Susan G. Komen 3-Day Race for the Cure™, the proceeds of which are invested in breast cancer research and community programs. Donations may be mailed to The Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure, P.O. Box 660843 Dallas, TX 75266-0843, or online at <http://the3day.org/goto/girlsgonemiles2011>, Team Name/Captain: Girls Gone Miles 2011, Amanda Twohig, or by contacting the Komen Organization at 1.800.996.3329.

Arrangements provided by the Rausch Funeral Home, PA. 4405 Broomes Island Rd., Port Republic, MD 20676

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enforcement, and water safety. The scouts also watched and tried out CPR basics. The highlight of the day was the hike out to the water where they were treated to a loud water demonstration of an air boat by the PG Underwater Rescue Team. The team uses the airboat to assist boaters in the shallow marshes in the area.

The camporee and day program was the first venture into addressing readiness training for all scouts in Prince George's County. Special guests included the Prince George's Office of

Emergency Management, CERT, the American Red Cross, Prince George's ARES/RACES ham radio operators, US Coast Guard, the Prince George's Underwater Rescue Team, a community officer from the Clinton precinct of the Prince George's County police department and firefighters from Station 45 of the Prince George's Fire department.

Boy scouts from Troop 298 were among the troops who learned to lay search lines and use search and rescue drill protocol to communicate by radio with base and one another. They also learned the basics of triage and how to prepare and recover from emer-

gencies. Members of the Office of Emergency Management and CERT teams were there to let them know about Teen CERT, which would teach them how to help in response to disasters in their neighborhoods.

ARES/RACES including Beltsville resident Jim Baker were there to help with communications during the drill. Regina Halper, camporee program director, extends a big hand to Jim and the other members of ARES/RACES for all their knowledge and assistance. They include: Jim and Wanda Montgomery, Ken Greenhouse, Farid Ali, and Jim Baker.

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Beltsville Broncos of Beltsville Seventh Day Adventist Church

The Beltsville Seventh-day Adventist Pathfinder Club is almost through another year. The Broncos started our normal twice a month meetings in September and within a few weeks the club took close to 80 Pathfinders and staff to the conference camporee at Camp Blue Ridge in Montebello Virginia. Here both staff and pathfinders attended flag raisings and lowerings, day activities, sports and honor classes, and evening programs under the Big Tent, not to mention the club and camp inspection and the Sabbath afternoon parade.

In November we distributed brown paper bags and picked them up, full of food, to help feed people during the holiday season for our annual Can Collecting food drive.

The Pathfinder Club planned on having our Live Nativity this year

in front of the church, but due to weather we were not able have it outside. We did have a full program of music and the kids put on a short skit of the birth of Jesus in full costume in the sanctuary. During the program we served refreshments to warm up from the cold winter night.

As the New Year rolled in we had one of the most anticipated events of the year, the all night Lock-in. We started the night with a Reptile show provided by Mr. Steve Gatz. We had a skate night in the gym with a Glow-in the-Dark theme, ate pizza, and watched movies till the wee hours of the morning.

As the end of the year draws closer we still have a few exciting events left, including rock rappelling with the Explorers, another

campout in April, Investiture, and the last event of the year The Pathfinder Fair at Takoma Academy, where along with selling food, Drill downs, and games, we will also be participating in a new event this year, the Archery competition.

Pathfinders are a Christian version of boy scouts, cub scouts and girl scouts. The Seventh Day Adventist Church has Pathfinder clubs/groups throughout the world in virtually every nation. Pathfinders are an alternative to traditional scouting programs. For information contact the Beltsville Seventh Day Adventist Church, 4200 Ammen-dale Road, Beltsville, MD 20705. The office is open from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., 301.937.8118, www.beltsvillesda.org.

KENNEDY

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to contain the fire and not allow it to spread below the second floor. They were amazing! The police were on hand throughout to secure order and keep the onlookers calm. We know that we are not the only ones that have been through this, but we never hear about the good these dedicated servants do as a matter of course day in and day out.

Our neighbors in Sellman Estates quickly surrounded us to give a feeling of safety and love.



The family dog, Spencer, was not injured. (Photo by M. Brady, PGFD)

Many of them left work when they heard of the incident just to check on us. You are the greatest!

Special thanks go out to Karen Coakley for notifying us of the fire and Dan Stewart and Peggy and Ashley Flores for rescuing and caring for our dog.

To all who called, texted and e-mailed us to offer various types of assistance, it touched us more than you will know.

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Corey's Story

When our son enrolled in a technical school in Florida three years ago the consensus from caring family and friends was less than positive. The projected two years of study to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Film Production left everyone shaking their heads asking, "What are they thinking?"

Bumps in the road — U-turns, yields, stop signs — barriers and dead ends. The seemingly impossible quagmire of life's hills and valleys reared its ugly head after the umbrella of safety and student loan living expenses expired. It became a harsh dose of reality for our son -- a lifelong Beltsville resident -- and our family who worried about his situation non-stop. At the age of 21, our son attempted to find employment to take advantage of his intense and very pricey education.

My son met a beautiful girl who was the mother of a 2-year-old daughter. God placed these lovely ladies in his life knowing he was too young to provide for them and too young to commit to a relationship of this nature. Somewhere along the line the baby's long blond curls and her mother's love and support for him became a blessing. Their presence in his life served to heighten his determination and secure a job in the industry he had been educated in.

He took a stroll down Disappointment Boulevard but approached Hope Street, feeling encouraged that a positive employment opportunity would

provide a new plan for his future.

He got mixed up on his way to Progress Road but remained focused, maintaining a steady pace. Suddenly, Unexpected Lane lay before him and his journey nearly stalled, his internal GPS failed and it appeared that he and his degree were hopelessly lost.

My son was at his lowest point, unable to pay his rent, buy lunch or make a student loan payment. His pride was battered and he pictured himself coming home with his tail between his legs. The "I told you so's" resounded in his head and he was very close to tears many times a day, but hey, big boys don't cry. My husband and I made tentative plans to convert a few rooms in our house and move him in. Big boys may not cry but big girls do and as his mother I was not ready to deal with a brokenhearted 21-year-old son who would be forced to leave his two lovely ladies behind.

We prayed fervently, my husband as he went about his workday and I as I knelt at my bedside with my head in my hands. I reminded God about how my young son was providing for a small child. I thought I would call in a "you owe him one" favor and asked God to remember how my son spent a week in Appalachia re-building an elderly woman's home. I went a little deeper and imagined my beautiful Jesus Christ wrapping His arms around my baby boy... whispering in his ear, "Everything will be all right, my son...I will not let one of my children

who is so loving, so very needed by my little girl, be in a position where you will have to leave her or her mother." Jesus sweat blood in the garden at Gethsemane the night before His crucifixion and at times I thought I would break into a bloody sweat as I knelt at my bedside.

Less than a week later my son called with amazing news. He was offered a freelance position at a successful production company outside of Orlando. Okay, freelance is great; it's more than he was hoping for. Within one week free-lance became a dim memory. Six weeks later the production company provided him with keys to the studio and have sent him on three film sets to use his skills. In addition, the company is training him in new editing and production methods, which confirm that he is a valuable employee! Working 12 hours a day is just fine with him. He is humble enough to realize that hard work and perseverance works every time.

A few weeks ago his Grandmother shared how intensely she prayed for him, not just on her knees but while she lay in her bed, walked her dog and cleaned her house.

The future is not guaranteed to anyone. Tragedies occur, life falls apart around us and whatever we imagine to be safe and secure is anything but. However, trudging through adversity, leaning on our family and, most importantly, our Savior can smooth out the bumps and potholes on the road of life.

What is the difference between Veteran's Day and Memorial Day?

Many people confuse Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Both holidays were established to recognize and honor the men and women who have worn the uniform of the United States Armed Forces. But Memorial Day, which is observed on the last Monday in May, was originally set aside as a day for remembering and honoring military personnel who died in the service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle.

While those who died are also remembered on Veterans Day, which is observed on November 11, Veterans Day is intended to thank and honor all those who served honorably in the military - in wartime or peacetime. In fact, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank living Veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national secu-

rity are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all those who served - not only those who died - have sacrificed and done their duty.

To insure the sacrifices of America's fallen heroes are never forgotten, in September 2000, the U. S. Congress passed and the president signed into law "The National Moment of Remembrance Act," P.L. 106-529, creating the White House commission on the National Moment of Remembrance. The commission's charter is to "encourage the people of the United States to give something back to their country, which provides them so much freedom and opportunity" by encouraging and coordinating commemorations in the United States of Memorial Day and the National Moment of Remembrance.

The National Moment of Remembrance encourages all

Americans to pause wherever they are at 3:00 p.m. local time on Memorial Day for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who died in service to the nation. For information on the Moment of Remembrance, please visit: www.remember.gov.

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Wawa Hosts Grand Opening of Beltsville Store

Wawa Celebrates Newest Location with a Hoagie-Building Competition Benefiting Community Organizations & 10-Day Specials

On Thursday, April 7, Wawa, Inc., celebrated the opening of its Beltsville store located at 10515 Baltimore Avenue in Beltsville. To commemorate the opening of the store, Wawa hosted a hoagie-building contest between members of the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department, District VI Prince George's County Police, and the Beltsville Community Center.

At 10:00 a.m. Wawa officially kicked off the grand opening ceremony. Members of the Beltsville community, Wawa executives,

store associates and Wawa's mascot, Wally Goose, were on hand to share in and celebrate the grand opening festivities.

Wawa's Chief Operations Officer, David Johnston, gave introductory remarks. "I know I speak for Wawa and the community when I say that we all recognize the great importance of fire fighters and emergency responders who work tirelessly every day to keep our communities safe," said Johnston. "Our grand opening celebration is a wonderful way to bring the community and our local heroes together and once again provide the Beltsville community with the Wawa products it loves."

A ceremonial ribbon was cut to mark the official opening of the store. Shortly thereafter, it was time for the hoagie-building contest. It started when music was turned on and ended when the music stopped. The teams were in frantic mode. The Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department team produced 25 hoagies in the three-minute period of the contest. The team from the Beltsville Community Center managed to make 35, and the District VI

Prince George's County Police team somehow managed to make 53. During the contest, one could witness moves by team members to "borrow" some of the hoagie makings from other teams. This eventually erupted into a food fight of sorts, when handfuls of chopped lettuce began raining down all over the contest site. It was all in good fun. The winning team received a \$1,000 donation to their charity and the runners up each received \$500.

Elbert Morgan will serve as General Manager of the store, leading a team of 35 associates holding new jobs brought forth by the development of this store. Morgan will be inducted into the 2011 President's Club in April 2011, the highest honor a Wawa General Manager can receive.

The Beltsville Wawa store offers customers numerous Wawa brands such as the award-winning Wawa coffee (195 million cups sold annually); the Sizzliä, Wawa's hot breakfast sandwich; a full-service deli; Wawa Bakery; Wawa's built-to-order hoagies (70 million sold annually); and Wawa's beverage line of dairy products, juices and teas.

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in Oxon Hill, MD. The winners for Beltsville were: Boy of the Year, Mitchell Holliday, Girl of the Year, Graciela Diaz, and Man of the Year, Rian Jackson.

Mitchell Holliday, a senior at DeMatha High School, has been a member of the boys and girls club for ten years. He has participated in soccer and baseball, has been a part of several soccer Championships and received the MVP award.

Graciela Diaz, a sophomore at High Point High School, has been a member of the boys and girls club for five years. She has been involved in cheerleading and has been a part of Several County Championship teams. She enjoys working with youth and helps coach the peewee teams.

Rian Jackson, football commissioner, has been a member of the boys and girls club for several years. He started a new flag football program and is working on bringing tackle football back. He coaches football and basketball, helps the cheerleaders with stunting, runs the club website and is on the registration committee. Rian is a great asset to the boys and girls club.

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Club News

College Park Moose Lodge & Family Center #453 Open Membership

The College Park Moose Lodge & Family Center #453 is open for membership. Men over 21 years of age are eligible to join the **LOYAL ORDER OF THE MOOSE**, and women over 21 years of age are eligible to join the **WOMEN OF THE MOOSE**.

The Moose Lodge is a non-profit organization whose main function is to support **MOOSE-HAVEN**, a home for low income seniors, and **MOOSEHEART**, a home for Children without parents or who come from an unstable home life.

In addition to the many charity efforts, the Lodge hosts members-only dances, dinners, and day trips. Sporting leagues are very popular, including horseshoes, darts, shuffleboard, baggo, and pool. Many State and National

tournaments are held at the Lodge.

Children are always welcome, and there are many planned events for the Children, such as holiday parties and the monthly **KIDS NIGHT**. An indoor **children's playroom is on the premises**.

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Website: www.lodge453.moosepages.org.

Women's Community Club of Beltsville

There are only two more regular daytime meetings before summer break that will be held, as usual, on the second Monday of the month, May 9th, and June 13th, at 12:30 p.m. at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church on Cedar Lane.

Our next evening meeting will be held at 7 pm May 4th, 2011 at Three Brothers Restaurant in Beltsville.

Our mission is to serve Beltsville by impacting our community through beautification, scholar-

ship, and helping those in need; in addition to partnering with schools, churches, local government and other organizations to help accomplish those goals and identify additional ways to serve Beltsville.

Recently we have given the Beltsville Academy financial support for both their Spring Clean Up Day and Principal Discretionary funds. In addition we have given financial support to MLK, Jr. Middle School to purchase some "How-To" books for their

media center and Principal Discretionary funds. Our club will also be providing a new 20ft. flagpole with lighting for our Beltsville Community Center.

We continue to look for more ways to serve our community.

Please remember we are a 501(c) 3 organization and all donations are tax deductible!

If you would like more information about our club, please contact Elaine Chabot, President at ecchabot@aol.com

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(From left) Dr. Dave Deppner, Francis Deppner, who recently assumed the mantle of Director of Trees For The Future from his father, Dave, Dr. John Moynihan, host for the Deppners, and Howard Phoebus, President of Beltsville Rotary

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Beltsville Rotary Update

By Ivy Christoffers

Yes, spring has finally arrived. The flowers are blooming, the birds are busily setting up their nests, singing happily all the while, and our members are eagerly anticipating our spring and summer activities. Plans are underway for our annual golf tournament that depends on the participation of those golfers and "duffers" in the community to be successful. Much of the funds we need to continue to support our many charities are derived from this annual event. It is not too early to check in with Rick Salamy at 301.595.8900 or 301.474.1846 to register your foursome, or to sign up to be a much needed sponsor. This is always a great day of networking, fellowship and good clean fun.

One of the visiting speakers we have been privileged to entertain the past few weeks was Mike Hall, the manager of the local Costco store. Mike was born in Tampa, Fla. He is married and the father of 4 children. Mike spent 4 years in the U.S. Air Force. Part of those 4 years was spent in the Philippines. He has earned a BS degree in Aeronautics from Embry Riddle at the Daytona Beach Campus. Mike spent 9 years working for Sam's Club where he began as a cart pusher and eventually became Store Manager. He began working for Costco in 1998 and has been the Beltsville Store General Manager for the past 11 years.

Another welcome repeat speaker was Dave Deppner who brought along his son, Francis. This is always a treat for the club as we have sponsored his work since the inception of "Trees For The Future" in 1989. Trees For The Future has been planting trees and

helping people for 22 years. Francis is the newly appointed managing director, taking over from his father. Last year T.F.T.F. planted 17 million trees in 22 countries. They have been particularly helpful to the world's many small-scale farmers. The concepts of vertical agriculture and forest gardening were discussed at length. We were treated to an informative video of their work. A main theme was that a diversity of crop plantings leads to stability for these farmers. The techniques taught by T.F.T.F. provide for both short and long term income generation. In light of the worldwide food shortage over the last three years, these concepts are particularly important. It was an extremely enlightening presentation, inspiring several thoughtful questions.

Our own charter member, Karl Norris, held everyone's attention recently when he held a diabetes research and information workshop. All members were encouraged to bring someone they knew who would particularly benefit from his work. We had 5 guests attend who were diabetics. All were given a glucose test before and again after lunch. Karl is working on a method of testing your sugar glucose readings by imaging your hand and is very excited about the new painless testing method and hopes to perfect it soon. Karl is 89 years old, a scientist who still enjoys discovering new and better methods to contribute of the betterment of mankind.

We still meet every Tuesday at noon at the Holiday Inn in College Park. If you were a Rotarian, you could be enjoying all this as well. Call me at 301.595.5225.



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Beltsville Lions Club

The Beltsville Lions, in cooperation with the Washington Hospital Center, will sponsor a blood drive at the Beltsville Community Center on Tuesday, April 26 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome and the Club cordially invites you to participate.

The club was involved in several activities related to the Lions Low Vision Center, a part of Baltimore's Wilmer Eye Institute, in April. On April 9 the club sponsored the annual Walk for Sight at Emmanuel United Methodist Church and raised some \$2,575 for the Center. Our honorary chairman and guest speaker was Dr. Robert Massof, Professor of Ophthalmology at the Wilmer Eye Institute and Director of the Lions Low Vision Center at Johns Hopkins Hospital. He discussed the nature of low vision and its effects.

On April 12, Ted Ladd, Vice

Chairman of the Lions Vision Research Foundation, addressed the Greenbelt Lions Club on the Lions Low Vision Center. On April 15, Ladd and District Governor Sandi Halterman escorted former Lions Clubs International Director Leland & Marcia Kolkmeier of Missouri to the Wilmer Eye Institute where they were given a tour of the facilities of the Wilmer Eye Institute, including research laboratories, operating facilities and the Lions Low Vision Clinic. Later they enjoyed a discussion of the Low Vision Center with its Director, and were provided a computer simulation of the latest research into implanted retinal electrodes by Dr. Gislin Dagnelie of the Low Vision Center. Dr. Dagnelie has been involved in such research for 20 years.

On April 29, the club plans to provide vision screening at Paint

Branch Elementary School in College Park as part of a health fair sponsored by the University of Maryland School of Health. The club will do the same at Seat Pleasant Day that is scheduled for May 7, and will engage in a doubleheader on May 15 by providing vision screening at Beltsville Day while simultaneously doing the same at the Shri Swaminarian Mandir on Ammendale Road in Beltsville.

Members of the Beltsville Lions Club are distressed about the April 11th fire that destroyed the home of Lion Kevin & Linda Kennedy and family. Thankfully there were no injuries, and the family dog was rescued. We hold the family in our thoughts and prayers as they put things together again, as we know they will.

The Beltsville Garden Club

By Louise DeJames,
Publicity Chair

The Beltsville Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, May 25th, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville. The guest speaker for this month will be WILLIAM DENT. His topic will be "BUTTERFLY GARDENS AND THE MONARCH SISTER SCHOOLS PROGRAM." Mr. Dent is a native Washingtonian who currently serves as the Executive Director of Natural Partners and leads its major programs, including the Monarch Sister Schools Program (MSSP) for schools in the United States and Mexico. He will discuss the necessary ingredients for successfully attracting Monarch

butterflies.

The MSSP is an initiative to involve school children across North America in the protection and restoration of the habitat of the Monarch butterfly, including its threatened winter forest habitat in the highlands of central Mexico and its disappearing milkweed habitat along its migratory "flyway" from Mexico to Canada, which includes our area.

Please join us for this informative speaker. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. Bring a plant or plant related material for the club's door prize table. The public is welcomed and admission is free. For more information, contact Louise DeJames at 301.890.4733 or visit our website at www.beltsvillegardenclub.org.

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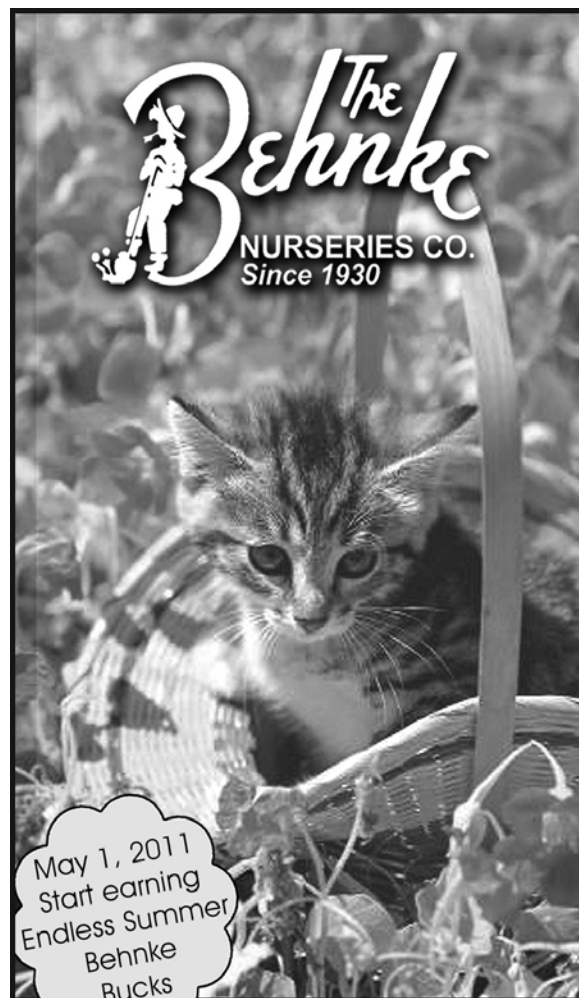
our students.

DW Communications & Media has provided opportunities for several students throughout the course of the school year. The Green School of DW Communications & Media has provided an amazing chance for our high school students to explore the world of the *Green Workforce*. Approximately 10 students have participated in several of the course offerings of the Green School. These include *Weatherization and Energy Installer* and *Green Construction*. Each course is divided into 16 sessions (for a duration of 2 hours).

These hands on courses have given our high-schoolers a unique hands-on exposure to retro fitting and construction using green, environmentally safe materials. Upon

completion of these courses, the students take an exam to achieve certification. Currently 3 students, Michael C., Antonio D. & Jamaal C., have earned certification in Green Construction while several more are waiting to take their tests. Several of our students including, Antonio D. & Michael C., have been impressed with the hands-on opportunities to complete tasks such as window framing and building dry walls.

The staff of the Green School has been quite impressed with our students' ability to obtain and apply the skills learned during the course. It has clearly been the perfect partnership. Our students look forward to taking advantage of many more of the unique courses offered by the Green School including Agricultural Research and Solar4 Photovoltaic Power Training.



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School News

Calverton's Writing Corner

By Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Cavallo

Calverton Elementary students won 21 awards in the 2011 Prince George's County Write-A-Book Festival. Students' books were judged against books from schools throughout the entire county. The winning books, teachers and authors are as follows:

First Place

Exotic Animals Ms Swanson's class
 Hall of Animals Ms. Swanson's class
 The Sky Would Say Save the World Environmental Club
 Fun with Our Friends Mrs. Fraser's Class
 Who did Our School Work? Mrs. Prelovsky's Class
 The Wonders of Nature Ms Swanson's reading group

Second Place

Where is Our big, Blue Bouncy Ball? Mrs. McCollum's class
 The Wonders of Winter Mrs. Wood's Writers
 Miss Petco and her Animal Friends Mrs. Prelovsky's class
 The Places the Wild Things are Not! Mrs. Upchurch's class
 Kindergarten Consonant Capers Mrs. Freeman's class
 Do You Know What Colors Are? Mrs. Swanson's reading group

Third Place

Happiness is the Color of... Mrs. McCollum's class
 Awesome Animal Stories Mrs. Russell's class
 Free Verse Poetry Mrs. Russell's class

Honorable Mention

If I Were...Mrs. Papon's class
 The Wonders of Spiders Ms. Bellows' class

The Young Authors continue to write wonderful poems. They had a Poetry Celebration assembly on April 15 to observe Poetry Month. They recited their original poems as well as three published poems: "Honey I Love" by Eloise Greenfield, "If I Can Save One Heart from Breaking" by Emily Dickinson, and "Keep a Poem in Your Pocket" by Beatrice Schenk de Regniers. Following are some poems written by Young Authors:

The Senses of Love

Written by the poet Bill Ndetan
 Love

Looks like...

Endearing birds flying through the summer skies.

Sounds like...

Joyful Christmas songs flowing through the air

Feels like...

A warm, snuggly hug from your Mom

Smells like...

The pure, fresh scent of roses

Tastes like...

The sugar, sweet taste of Valentine's candy

Fear

Written by the poet Iverson Holt
 Fear

What is fear?

Is it the cowardness of others?

Could it be loss of your own control?

Or is it the danger of losing something?

Family

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St. Joseph's Spring Carnival

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All Bands Concert at Eleanor Roosevelt High School

The All Bands Concert at Eleanor Roosevelt High School is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Auditorium, 7601 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt. The concert will feature the Roosevelt Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band and the Wind

Ensemble. In addition, as a special biannual event, the Alumni Band composed of ERHS graduates will perform. Ms. Sally Wagner directs all bands. ERHS and its music programs draw students from all over northern Prince George's County. The event is open to the public and admission is free.

From the Principal's Pen

By **Rebecca Garcia,**
Acting Principal

On Saturday, March 19th, High Point's String Orchestra performed at the Prince George's County Secondary Orchestra Festival. It was the first time in many years that High Point was represented at the Festival. Their performance earned them a 1 (superior rating) from all three judges. The members of the String Orchestra started preparing for the competition in early January. They performed "All Strings Attached," by Lennie Niehaus; Vivaldi's "Spring" ("The Four Seasons" movement), arranged by Deborah Baker Monday; and "African Song and Round," by Deborah Baker Monday. The members who brought home the honors are: Cedric Clark (11) Principal Violin, Akidah Gowing (12) Violin 1, Joselyn Nedean (10) Violin 1, Ryan Prue (10) Violin 2, Ye Jee Jeong (9) Violin 2, Ajah Williams (9) Violin 2, Jordyn Hicks (9) Violin 3, Bria Gilbert (10) Viola, Malachi Howard (10) Cello, Josue Mendoza (10) Cello, and Alex Ageymeng (12) Bass.

The String Orchestra is directed by Mr. Stephen Cherry. He teaches band, orchestra, and music technology. He also directs the Marching, Concert and Steel Drum bands. Mr. Cherry, the Performing Arts Department chair, has taught at "the Point" for the past six years. Excellence is a result of commitment, dedication, desire, and hard work. Those characteristics certainly helped the String Orchestra bring home the gold and demonstrated that they were in a class by themselves. Kudos to Mr. Cherry and the High Point String Orchestra.

High Point was one of 20 schools selected for an Innovative Technology Grant. Over 152 schools applied for the grant. The author of the grant was Ms. Linda Langr, High Point Media Specialist. She was supported by colleagues Camille Knight and Mary Miller-Turner. Money from the grant will be used to purchase mobile labs for Study Island Software. Study Island is a HSA (High School Assessment) tutorial. Writing a grant can be a time-consuming, daunting task. Thanks, Ms. Langr, for your diligence and perseverance. The school and students will no doubt benefit from your effort.

The Lady Eagles softball team is off to a soaring start. Friday, March 25th, the team beat the Parkdale Panthers 12-7. The victory was the result of great hitting, including home runs by Chika Ugoji and Denora Naulty. Saturday, March 26th, the Lady Eagles beat everyone's rival, Eleanor Roosevelt 10-5, behind the stellar pitching of Chika Ugoji. Superb fielding by London

Belis and Yvonne Kamdem supported Chika's performance. There is only one thing better than winning back-to-back games---especially when one of the victories is over the Lady Raiders--- and that is beating the Northwestern Wildcats. On Thursday, April 8th, the Lady Eagles continued their winning streak, avenging a bitter loss from last year by trouncing the Lady Wildcats 19-9. Senior Jackie Junio led the way by hitting a grand slam and batting in eight runs. Way to go Jackie!" Lady Eagles Softball Fever: Catch It." The coach of the team is Mr. Paul Thebert. Coach Thebert is in his third year at the helm. Besides coaching, he teaches Local, State and National (LSN) Government, Advanced Placement (AP) World History, and AP Seminar. He also co-sponsors the National Honor Society and is a Social Studies Department team leader.

On Tuesday, March 29, 41 students from Ms. Kashra Taliaferro's LSN Government classes visited Annapolis for the day. The fieldtrip included stops at the State Capital building, the Circuit Court of Anne Arundel County, and the highest court in the state, the Maryland Court of Appeals. The students observed the Senate in session, toured the capital building, observed an emotional court case in the Circuit Court regarding a defendant's request for a sentence reduction, and listened to the Clerk of the Maryland Court of Appeals talk about the cases it hears and the seven judges who sit on the bench. The students were introduced in the Senate by Senate President Mike Miller and acknowledged from the floor by Senator Jim Rosapepe. Upon hearing that High Point students were in the state house, Delegate Joseline Pena-Melnyk sought them out and extended a hearty welcome to them before stepping into the House of Delegates chamber for the day's proceedings.

The highlight of the day in Annapolis was seeing senior Johnny Barry moving around the floor of the Senate in a gray blazer with the State Seal on the front pocket. Johnny was serving as a Page for the week in the Maryland Congressional Page Program. He applied for the program in the fall and had to write an essay and secure recommendations from his teachers, counselor, and administrator. When his name and the school he attended were announced with seven other pages from around the state, the High Point visitors gave him a loud, but dignified round of applause.

It is an honor to announce the Top 10 library book readers for the Month of March. They are:

Alexis Ardon 41 books, Fabiola

Ching 22 books, Yolande Pokum 19 books, Kenan Marseille 17 books, Taylor Brown 14 books, Liya Ketema 12 books, Angie Constante 10 books, Elsy Guevarra-Paniagua 8 books, Stefani Kirland 8 books, Steven Lemus-Ardon 8

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Baker Bill STUFF 'N THINGS

As you may remember, I have written my opinion that the news media's job is to scare us. Boy, are they doing their best now. As I write this, the news from Japan is the lead story every day on every channel. Don't get me wrong. My heart goes out to them, as do my prayers and a donation. But my point is to scare us they need to bring it home to us. All the local network news shows are bringing on experts to talk about the nuclear problems in Japan, pointing out that we have a nuclear plant in this area and that the metro Washington area is a possible quake area. Remember the quake last November in the Gaithersburg area.

I have had good comments about what I wrote last month on diabetes. My daughter recently was diagnosed as gluten intolerant. She started a Web site for persons who have a similar problem. She does not accept ads from any

company and receives no payment of any kind. Check it out at www.eatingfreedom.org.

Be careful driving out there. The counties meet their budget with speed traps this time of year.

I have also written about trick words on food packages, like garlic/onion flavored, etc. that I fall for every time. I have a new gripe about the word "Ranch." I bought a jar of dip called Ranch. It was a white food dressing with little or no flavor. I added some vinegar and salt and it became "so so." Thinking back, every time I fall for this word I am disappointed. You see the word Ranch cannot be trademarked and can be used by anyone. The company Hidden Valley is a trademark. In my opinion Hidden Valley Ranch dressing is the best.

I know this may be out in left field, but just a word to the wise. If you're thinking about starting

a new business take some advice from an old pro. Do not even think about a store that has gone broke. For some reason it is tainted, cursed so to speak. In the Beltsville Laurel area I know of at least five such businesses. If you would like more information drop me a line. bakerbill2010@hotmail.com

I do not like windows 7 because they have changed many of the names of stuff. Address book is now contacts. Nothing in the control panel is in the same place or bears the same name, so to change anything you need to hunt through many items to find the right program. When you find it, it too has changed as well, but there is one thing I like. If you want to add something to your hard drive you must use a password to do it. The same goes if you want to delete something. This makes you think beforehand.

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books. Along with the knowledge they have attained, they have also received eight "Eagle Bucks" to spend in the school store.

The stars came out Monday evening, April 4th, as High Point's brightest performed dances, songs and poetry in the Alan I. Chotiner Auditorium. The special event, known as "Global Explosion 2011," is a cultural celebration involving various clubs, individuals, and members of the High Point AFJROTC celebrating cultures and traditions, both modern and ancient, from around the world. The performance was repeated Fri-

day, April 8th, for the student body. The proceeds from the performances were sent to the American Red Cross to assist with the relief efforts in Japan due to the devastation caused by the earthquake and the tsunami that followed. Ms. Kashra Taliaferro and members of the Culture Club sponsored the gala. Thank you for a very special celebration of our school's diversity.

The week of April 11-15 the Visual Arts Department sponsored the Spring Art Show on the stage of the Alan I. Chotiner Auditorium. Art students created most of the work individually, although some projects were teacher directed

assignments. Also, students who are not currently taking art submitted some artwork. Ms. Amanda Jones, the department chair, invited all teachers to bring their students to the exhibit. She also asked the 10th grade English teachers to use the show as an opportunity for their students to analyze non-print text. Such a task is part of the 10th grade English curriculum and the English High School Assessment. Over 70 submissions were made for this inaugural event. The show will be added to the illustrious list of many High Point traditions. Congratulations to the participants and sincere

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THE HISTORY OF MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS

Wed., May 18 at 7:30 p.m. Katy Hayes, historian, re-enactor, and longtime Montpelier docent, will speak about the history of May Day celebrations, with a special emphasis on African American celebrations. Refreshments served. FREE.

SUMMER SURPRISE TEA

Sun., May 29 at 2:30 p.m. Treat yourself and someone special to Montpelier Mansion's Summer Surprise Tea. Included are a selection of fine finger sandwiches, scrumptious cakes and pastries, but-tery scones, and your choice of quality loose leaf teas. Tea and food are served on imported English china and tiered silver stands. The event will be in Montpelier's elegant South Wing. Cost: \$25 per person. Payment required in advance. Reservations required. Call 301.377.7817 (no e-mail reservations please).

COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM

1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Dr., College Park. Call 301.864.6029 for information on more events. TTY: 301.699.2544. Museum admission is \$4.00 for adults, \$3.00 for seniors, and \$2.00 for children. Children under 2 admitted free. Open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed on major holidays. Tours for groups of 10 or more are available by appointment.

THE COLDER SIDE OF GLOBAL WARMING

Sat., May 7 at 2:00 p.m. Speech and presentation by Tom Wismuller. Included are slides, data, and video clips. Mr. Wismuller has worked both as a meteorologist and a NASA intern, and he is a past president of NYU's Alumni Association. FREE with museum admission.

MOVIE: UP

Sun., May 15 at 1:00 p.m. By tying thousands of helium balloons to his home, 78-year-old Carl Fredrickson sets out to fulfill his lifelong dream to see the wilds of South America. **Up** won the Academy Award for Best Animated Film of 2009. This charming movie is FREE with museum admission; lemonade and popcorn are included.

GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER

15 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770. Call 301.397.2208 either to register for classes or for more information on these and other programs. Also see www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation.

WELCOME SPRING

Sun., May 1 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Stop by the Greenbelt Museum to welcome spring! (Note: the museum's address is 10B Crescent Rd. in Greenbelt.) Take a FREE tour of the museum house, see what's sprouting in the museum's victory garden, make a May basket, or plant a seed to take home. Fun for all ages. FREE admission.

VEGETARIAN CUISINE

Weds., May 4, 11, 18, and 25 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Learn to cook veggies and whole grains. All new recipes, new spices, and student involvement. No cooking experience needed. All cooking supplies and food are included. Fee: \$62.50 for Beltsville residents. **The deadline to register is 12:00 p.m. on Wed., May 4** and registration is available online, by mail, in person, or by telephone. Major credit cards are accepted.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER

10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. The Visitor Center entrance is accessed from Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore–Washington Pkwy. and Rt. 197. Open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for Federal holidays. FREE admission to the center and its exhibits. For more information regarding these and *many other activities* for May 2011, call 301.497.5887 or see Patuxent.fws.gov.

SEASONAL TRAM TOURS

Schedule for May and early June: every Sat. and Sun. at 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., and

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3:00 p.m., weather permitting. Enjoy a 30-minute guided tour through the Patuxent Research Refuge on an all-electric, open-air tram. View wildlife and their managed habitats while discovering the story of how the land has changed over time. All ages. Tickets are \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for seniors over 55, and \$1.00 for children under 12. **Please bring exact change.** Registration not required; seating is first come, first served.

SPRING BIRD WALKS

Weds., May 11 and 25, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Join us for a naturalist-guided search of spring birds on the refuge. Dress for the weather. Field guides and binoculars are recommended. Ages 16+. Registration required. FREE.

BELTSVILLE EVENTS

BELTSVILLE DAY

Sun., May 15 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Spend the day having fun with games, entertainment, crafts, food, and more! A nominal fee will be charged for games, food, and crafts. All ages welcome. FREE admission.

VANSVILLE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

Monday, May 9, 7:00 p.m. at Franklin Brown Bldg, Vansville Community Park, 11733 Old Baltimore Pike

BELTSVILLE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, May 18, at 7:00 p.m. at Beltsville Elementary School, 4300 Wicomico Ave.

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CLUB OF BELTSVILLE

Monday, May 9, 12:30 p.m. at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane

BELTSVILLE RECREATION COUNCIL

Monday, May 16, 7:00 p.m. at Beltsville Community Center

YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

1st and 3rd Thursdays, 11:00 a.m. at Beltsville Community Center

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)

NAL is open Mon. – Fri. from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for federal holidays. 10301 Baltimore Ave. Parking is free in the visitor's lot accessed via the Rhode Island Ave. driveway entrance. See **NAL en Español** at www.nal.usda.gov/about/spanfly.pdf or in English at www.nal.usda.gov. Call 301.504.5876 for information on basic services, resources, and special events. FREE and open to the public.

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PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

FAMILY GAMING DAZE

Tue., May 3 at 6:00 p.m. Families are invited to join the library for a night of video games and board games.

STORYTIME

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TODDLER TIME

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Sat., May 7 at 10:15 a.m. Build your child's confidence in reading. Bring a favorite book or choose one from the library. Read to Bou, a specially trained therapy dog who will be glad to listen. Each child will read for 15 minutes. Registration required. Please contact the library for more information. Ages 6 – 12 years.

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PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

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PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

FRIENDS OF THE BELTSVILLE LIBRARY MEETING

Tue., May 3 at 6:30 p.m.

EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION

Mon., May 9 at 7:00 p.m. Anne Roiphe's *Water from the Well*.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION

Tue., May 17 at 2:00 p.m. Asne Seierstad's *The Bookseller of Kabul*.

COMPUTERS FOR EVERYONE: INTERNET BASICS

Thur., May 12 at 9:10 a.m. Don't be intimidated by computers. Be able to identify basic terminology, search the Internet, and learn to create an email address. Leave the library feeling more confident about using a computer. Limit 16 per class. Registration required.

BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

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NATIONAL SCRAPBOOKING DAY WORKSHOP

Sat., May 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Celebrate National Scrapbooking Day with us! Get creative by building priceless memories for you and your family. Bring in your favorite pictures, decorations, stickers, and some scrapbooking pages (12" x 12" sheet size) to generate personalized pieces. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Ages 17 and up. Fee: \$15 for Residents, and \$20 for Non-residents.

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heart-felt thanks to Ms. Jones and her colleagues for undertaking such a wonderful activity.

Friday, April 15th, the High Point Guidance Department hosted a job fair for the seniors. Local businesses came out to share information, hold interviews, and accept applications. Students were encouraged to bring a general letter of recommendation for the potential employers. The purpose of the job fair was to help the seniors map out a plan of action beyond graduation on June 6th. On behalf of the seniors and their parents/guardians, I want to thank Ms. Alisa Briggs and Ms. Eunice Humphrey for the time and effort they put into planning this important event.

Once again, it has been a pleasure sharing some of the many good things our students and staff are doing at the "Point." The next time I write to you the seniors will have graduated, the juniors will be "rising seniors," the remaining 1800 students will be finishing their final projects/papers and studying for their finals, and the teachers will be preparing to secure their rooms for the summer break. Until then, the High Point staff will continue to provide the best educational environment possible for your student.

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land Bog, etc..... 2) A Significant increase in truck traffic for the greater Beltsville area along Route 1 and Edmonston Roads that was not considered or accounted for in the duly adopted Master Plan. There is no mention of funding for Maryland 201 (Kenilworth Avenue extended) in the current information on the website for the proposed facility. Maryland 201 is already long overdue to accommodate existing and planned growth for our community. Representatives from BARC and the State Department of Transportation will be at our May meeting to discuss the Beltsville site. For more information the website is www.intermodal.maryland.gov.

High Point High School...

Exciting news: New Principal to be named shortly!!!

Washington Adventist Hospital proposed new location at Plum Orchard and Randolph Roads just over the Montgomery County line from Beltsville. Stay tuned for details.

Please join us on **Wednesday, May 18th at 7:00 p.m.** We meet at Beltsville Academy (formerly Beltsville Elementary School). Remember to Bring a Friend... Bring a Neighbor... If you have a community concern I can be reached at 301.937.0157 or karenmcoakley@verizon.net. If you would like to receive updated community information please send me an email.

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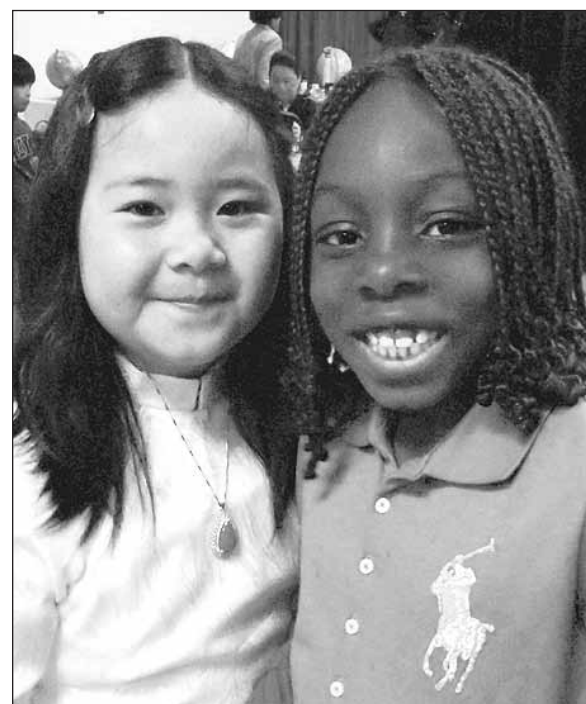
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School News

Multicultural Night at St. Joseph's Regional Catholic School



Saturday night, April 9, 2011, was a great night. About 300 school children, parishioners,

and their families came together to celebrate their diversity and learn about cultures from all over the world. The school children sang, danced, and recited poetry that represented the many cultures of their families and friends. There was also a cultural fashion show that displayed beautiful

native wear from many different countries. Food from all over the world was sampled by all. Many local businesses contributed to the event. This annual event at St. Joseph's gets bigger and better each year.

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In celebration of Maryland Day on March 25th, the Fourth Grade students make crab hats to wear as one of their activities. Pictured are: Rheana, Maria, Amanda, Jhoan, Emely, Nathalie, Mi, and Henry.

Calverton Tidbits

By Becky Cavallo (and staff)

The fourth grade students at Calverton celebrated Maryland Day on March 24. They participated in a Maryland Trivia Internet Scavenger Hunt. The scavenger hunt had 60 questions on Maryland symbols, history, geography, and government. Questions ranged from naming Maryland's governor and Lt. Governor to finding the name of the Maryland State Cake. The winning team in each class was treated to ice cream sundaes (milk is Maryland's State Drink). Winning team members were Melyssa Ankoma-Sey, Sophia Dada, Mi Le, Henry Saathoff, Amanda Cole, Jeremane Dunkley, Eyole Wuno, Rheanna Putney, Nathalie Sagastizada, Emely Hernandez, and Maria Medrano.

After reading the story, *Sing to the Stars*, "guest" musicians Luis

Cabrera and Mi Le played several selections for a captive audience of their fellow fourth graders in Ms. Upchurch's and Mrs. Gibson's classes.

Mrs. Freeman's class enjoyed a lesson with art specialist, Mrs. Murray, who has been at Calverton for a month. The students traced a whale shape twice. They painted the whale black and white, adding blue waves. They looked at videos of orca whales leaping out of the water.

Parents (of students with exceptional/special needs) are invited to attend a free support group meeting the first Tuesday of every month during the school year in the cafeteria at Calverton Elementary School, 3400 Beltsville Rd, Beltsville, MD from 1:45-2:45 p.m. Contact person: Mrs. Mallick at school, 301.572.0640.