Fall Camporee Otherwise Known as Zombie Apocalypse

By Mary Pat Donals

The Boy Scout Troop 298 recently attended the Fall Camporee that was held in Cheltenham, Md. in Prince George’s County, The Webelos from Pack 298 joined them as well. We had two Boy Scouts and six Webelos in attendance and four Boy Scouts on Staff. The Camporee staff had the boys participate in several events. At the end of the day the scores were tallied up and they announced the winner at the campfire.

To let you know how exciting it was for them, let me explain in more detail what they actually had to do for the day. First, they had a scavenger hunt they were working on until dinner; when they had to turn in their results. Some of the items were a show and the others were signatures. The boys were 100% on the scavenger hunt.

While they were trying to get the items for their hunt, they had six stations they attended and they were scored on their participation as well as how they worked together and their enthusiasm at each station. They did their best and received high points for four of the stations, but on the other two they didn’t do so well. What counted was they tried. They received high points each time for their enthusiasm. In fact, a couple of leaders who were in charge of the stations told the boys they were the loudest and most enthusiastic of all the troops so far. That just made them cheer louder for the next one.

The last contest they were able to participate in was the dessert CAMPOREE continues on page 3

Scouting for Food Collection a Success

By Gary Bauchan, Assistant Scoutmaster

The Boy Scouts from Troop 1033 and the Cub Scouts from Pack 1031 of the Beltsville, Md. area collected 1,859 cans and non-perishable food items, totaling 1,700 pounds. That’s almost a ton of food.

The scouts distributed 4,000 bags to Beltsville residents on the weekend of Nov. 3 and 4, and picked up the food on Saturday, Nov. 10. All of the food was in full swing. The proceeds to order fruit, call the fruit line at 301.345.5393.

Holiday Food Drive

By President Karen M. Coakley

Are you looking for a way to help the less fortunate during the holidays? Join Beltsville’s Lutheran Church by donating to the Maryland Food Bank online via the church’s Virtual Food Drive web page.

It’s so easy to participate. Just go to www.mfoodbank.org/vfd and follow the directions on the site. The site will ask you to choose a food category and then pay for your selection by credit card online. You can choose vegetables, fruit, breakfast items, protein, dinners, a bag of groceries to feed a family for one week, or a holiday box of side dishes. The Maryland Food Bank can stretch your dollars by buying in bulk and can get much more for the money than you can by buying from a grocery store.

Please join us at Abiding Presbytery to participate in the Holiday Food Drive!

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Calverton Elementary Homeless Mini-Walk

On Monday, Oct. 22, students at Calverton Elementary School in partnership with Community Crisis Services, Inc. (CCS1) of Hyattsville, Md., participated in the Fannie Mae Homeless Mini-Walk. All students and teachers walked as they carried signs created for the event by the Student Government Association. CCS1 works with many organizations in our area to sponsor the mini-walks in an effort to accumulate 2,500 registrations. If this goal is reached, CCS1 will be awarded a check from the Fannie Mae Foundation for $25,000 to work with the needy in our community.

Prior to the walk, students gathered together for an assembly. Primary students listened as Bill Leary presented an original story about a hedgehog family that split up during a time of economic hardship. Through the use of illustrations and a paper puppet show, the audience learned about the importance of helping others.

Calverton Elementary students and teachers carry signs supporting Fannie Mae’s Homeless Mini-Walk

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25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

Extracted from the December 1987 issue

AFJROTC instructors at High Point

Colonel Charles C. Vasilaidis, SM Sgts. Richard L. Jones, and William A. Coon received the Air Forces highly touted Outstanding Instructor Award from Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

McAuliffe Fellowship

Carolyn Gwynn Coakley from High Point High School won first annual Christa McAuliffe award of $25,313.

Owen Elected Manager

Ann Owen was elected as a Customer Service Manager of the Bay Bank Norfolk County Trust Company.

New Arrivals

Jessica Lynn, daughter of Melani Lynn and Kenneth Fabian Hammond was born Nov. 5, 1987.

Kaitlyn Marie Gavin, daughter of Michele M. and John T. Gavin was born Nov. 15, 1987.

Kristen Lee, daughter of Deborah Lee and James Lynn Faulconer was born Nov. 7, 1987.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It is my honor to be re-elected to represent the Fifth Congressional District in Congress and it is with great appreciation that I thank everyone who voted for me on Election Day. I look forward to addressing the priorities and concerns of all of our local residents, and will continue working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to reach consensus and compromise on our nation’s challenges.

From protecting local jobs to investing in our communities, I have worked in a bipartisan way to deliver results for Fifth District residents throughout my career and am eager to continue to do so. In the next Congress, I will remain focused on the Make It In America jobs plan so that we can create good-paying jobs and boost our economy. I will also work toward reaching agreement on a responsible, balanced deficit reduction plan. Working together, I’m confident that we can continue to put Marylanders back to work, strengthen the middle class, and improve the quality of life in the Fifth District.

There is much to do in the next Congress, and I will work hard on behalf of Maryland families and businesses. I encourage you to share your concerns and thoughts with me by contacting my office or visiting my website at www.hoyer.house.gov.

Thanking you again for this honor and with kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,
Steny H. Hoyer
Neighbours in the News

Cub Scout Pack 1031’s Busy Month

Cub Pack 1031 has been busy; from camping in Thurmont, Md., to bowling at the AMF College Park, which included a tour behind the bowling lanes. Then, the pack participated in the all-important Scouting for Food Drive in early November.

Eight scouts and their parents went camping at Catoctin Mountain Park Nov. 3-4. They had a great, but chilly, time. They learned about orienteering from a Park Ranger and had a lot of fun camping.

Meanwhile, 11 other scouts and their parents distributed bags for Scouting for Food in the central part of Beltsville, Md. On Saturday Nov. 11, the boys, along with one of the store owners, set up and collected filled bags for distribution to St. Joseph’s Food Pantry and the Emmanuel UMC food pantry. The pack collected 435 pounds of food. This number was half the amount collected last year. Both food pantries will welcome any additional donations for the upcoming holiday season.

On Nov. 5, more than 25 scouts met at the AMF College Park Bowling Alley and took a tour behind the bowling lanes. Then they played a game of duckpin bowling. They packed the lanes and had a great time.

If you are interested in having your first- to fifth-grade son join Cub Scouts, come see us every Monday. The school is open in the cafeteria at Beltsville Academy.

Business Pointers from Church Leader

Pastor Kermit Netteburg of the Beltsville Seventh-day Adventist Church shared seven things local businesses could learn from churches do business during the Greater Beltsville Business Association breakfast on Oct. 17.

His first idea was to provide outlandishly good customer service. “Churches do this regularly when members are in a crisis – in the hospital or experiencing a loss. It creates loyal members for churches – and loyal customers for businesses.” Netteburg explained.

A second point advised businesses to pay special attention to the experience people have as they first walk in the door – or call on the phone. “We spend more time training the greeters at our church than any other volunteer.”

Speaking of volunteers, he added that businesses should tap into the passion of their employees. “We have only volunteers, not employees, so we have to connect them with ministries they are passionate about,” he added.

Netteburg, who spent more than 10 years in administrative leadership for the Adventist Church in North America, also suggested several other points:

- Build a database of your customers. Churches call a membership list. Businesses should call it a valuable resource.
- Communicate with your best customers often – even weekly.
- Show compassion, because it’s good business to care about your customers.
- Figure out what makes your customers say “Wow” about your business and then offer it to them often.

Dr. Netteburg offered a bonus idea at the conclusion of his presentation. “Churches have learned to be patient in the pursuit of their vision. Businesses should be the same. Don’t lose sight of your long-term goal while you’re chasing some short-term profits. Be vision focused.” he said.

The breakfast also featured a presentation by Lt. Col. Paul Zurkowski of the Maryland Air National Guard. He gave the business leaders a briefing on the A10-C, the plane guard members have flown on hundreds of combat missions in both Iraq and Afghani stan.

Zurkowski, son of the past president of the Business Association, described the munitions as well as the flying characteristics of the plane. He also told stories of combat operations.

The Greater Beltsville Business Association is open to any business in Beltsville or its surrounding communities. It meets for breakfast on the third Wednesday of each month at the Cross Creek Clubhouse in Beltsville. For more information, go to www.beltsvil lebusiness.com.

Volunteers Needed at Heartland Hospice

Heartland Hospice is seeking caring and dedicated volunteers with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Montgomery or Prince George’s Counties.

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For more information on becoming a part of the Heartland Hospice Team, please call 240.264.1692 and ask to speak with Gordon Creamer, Volunteer Coordinator. It will be one of the most rewarding calls you will ever make. Heartland Hospice’s Office is located at 12304 Baltimore Avenue, Suite A, Beltsville, Md. 20705.

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It is the height of the holiday entertaining season. That means it is time to have fun. You may be wondering how anyone can have fun when there is so much cooking and cleaning to do before family and friends arrive. If you prepare ahead of time though you can alleviate the stress that often comes with holiday entertaining. The brother-sister design pros, Valerie Kabelac and Michael Richards of Will’s Home Decorating (www. decoratemaryland.com) not only have tips that will help your holiday party go smoothly, but they also can advise you how to quickly and inexpensively spruce up your home.

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Diwali Celebrated at BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir

Bright lights, fireworks, colors, and delicacies, what can all these words represent? These are the words that signify one of the most renowned Hindu festivals, Diwali, or the “Festival of Lights.” This festival is celebrated over five days by Hindus all around the world and symbolizes the victory of good over evil and light over darkness. Diwali is the last day of the Hindu calendar and is followed by New Year celebrations.

This year’s Diwali festival was celebrated with great devotion at the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Beltsville, Md. On Tuesday, Nov. 13, devotees gathered at the Mandir with family and friends to participate in the Chopda Pujan, a special ceremony for business owners to receive blessings for the upcoming New Year. This is traditionally the day when business owners close their existing account books for the year and open new ones in preparation for the upcoming year. Through chanting Vedic Mantras (scriptural hymns), hundreds of ledgers were blessed during the ceremony.

On Saturday, Nov. 17th, devotees gathered early in the morning to offer their prayers on the first day of the New Year. Devotees graciously greeted each other and spread wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year. A recent graduate from Boston University and D.C. Intern, Pratik Desai visited the Mandir (Hindu place of worship) with his family, and was taken aback by the systematic organization of the day’s festivities. “It was impressive to see how well organized the celebrations were today,” he noted. “It’s very encouraging to see active leadership of the younger generation involved with cultural festivities! All were dressed in traditional attire and shared mutual feelings of excitement and joy. The hall was packed for the first aarti, a Hindu ritual of circling lighted wicks before the murti (sacred image) of Bhagwan (God) with his family, and was taken aback by the systematic organization of the day’s festivities. “It was impressive to see how well organized the celebrations were today,” he noted. “It’s very encouraging to see active leadership of the younger generation involved with cultural festivities! All were dressed in traditional attire and shared mutual feelings of excitement and joy. The hall was packed for the first aarti, a Hindu ritual of circling lighted wicks before the murti (sacred image) of Bhagwan (God) as an act of spiritual enlightenment, which took place at 12:30 p.m. Throughout the day, visitors poured into the hourly services to see the beautifully arranged lights as well as rangolis, unique floor designs made with colored rice and powder. One of the unique aspects of celebrating the New Year is offering a feast of food items called Annakut, literally meaning “a mountain of food.” Devotees lovingly prepare and elegantly display various delicacies in a form of thankfulness and appreciation for all Bhagwan (God) has given them in the past year, and praying for continuous success as they ring the bell.

The beauty and success of the Diwali celebration was a result of tireless efforts of volunteers, young and old, to prepare this colorful array of vegetarian food items to be offered to Bhagwan. Their work created a sense of unity and harmony, which is inspired by Harvey Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj. Despite residing in India, His Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj continues to inspire devotees all over the world to celebrate their Hindu heritage and customs. These festivals allow for families to meet and celebrate the Hindu festivals and pass on traditions to future generations.

The BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Beltsville, Md. also provided a fun obstacle course for children on the front lawn. There were many activities and games as well as sweets given to the kids. Diwali makes a significant impact on the younger generation for it installs wonderful values, and cultivates them to become more involved in both outside and religious activities; as one elementary student said, “Diwali teaches us respecting Bhagwan (God), our Guru, parents, and learning good things.”

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was donated to the food pantries at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church and Emmanuel United Methodist Church, the sponsoring organization of Boy Scout Troop 1033. The scouts and parents contributed more than 200 volunteer-hours to distribute the bags and pick up the food. Great job, Scouts! We especially thank the people of Beltsville for contributing the food. I’m sure the needy families in the area will enjoy the fruits of our labor during the upcoming holiday season.
Congratulations Kathy Rodeffer

Katherine (Kathy) Rodeffer of Beltsville was honored on Friday, Nov. 9, 2012 in ceremonies naming a variety of the University of Maryland Campus President Shartoyea Scott was, “Higher Potential, Hire Self.”

Ms. Rodeffer earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education from the University of Maryland. She did graduate work in Music Education at the University of Maryland in music education and in 1992 received a Masters of Education degree in Administration and Supervision from Bowie State University. Ms. Rodeffer spent the past year as a music educator in Prince Georges County and fourteenth as Instrumental Music Supervisor. She taught instrumental music in elementary, middle, and high schools for twenty years. Her middle and high school bands consistently received superior evaluations at both county and state festivals and were invited to perform at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Millennium Stage and the Mayburn Congressional Office Building. Ms. Rodeffer has served on the Executive Boards of Maryland Band Directors’ Association and Maryland Music Educators’ Association. She is a member of National Association for Music Education, Tau Beta Sigma, Kappa Kappa Psi, and Woman Band Directors International. Ms. Rodeffer was awarded the Outstanding Service to Music Award from Tau Beta Sigma, National Honorary Band Sorority in 2003 and The Corwin Taylor Music Education Leadership Award from Maryland Music Educators’ Association in 2009 and is an active clinician and adjudicator in the region.

Ms. Rodeffer’s family and friends were among the many people present to share this momentous occasion. Students from the Arts Academy, former students, colleagues and county officials enjoyed musical selections by the Thomas G. Pullen Band and Orchestra.

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By Deborah D. Howard, Criminal Justice Department Chair

TESST College of Technology's Beltsville Campus recently held its fall commencement ceremony for 160 students on the grounds of the University of Maryland in College Park. Students graduating from the Criminal Justice, Computer Network Technology and Health Information Technology programs received Associates of Applied Science Degrees. Students graduating from the Computer Support Technician, Medical Assistant, Electrician Technician as well as the Medical Billing and Coding programs received Certificates or Diplomas to denote their completion of course requirements. The theme for the fall commencement was, “Higher Potential, Hire Self.”

During her welcoming address, Campus President Shartoyea Scott Dixon shared the thought behind the theme with the student audience. “The first ‘higher’ is not just about seeking higher education,” she said. “It is about your vision to seek a higher version of yourselves. This graduation marks your accomplishments a huge step in seeking your higher power. It is our hope that you will continue along this road.” Dixon continued, “Now that you have found a higher strength and empowered yourself with new knowledge and skills, it is the second ‘hire’ we look forward to the most, your own ‘hire’ ability. You will make yourself marketable by seeking new avenues to create employment stability. Continue to hone your skills in your respective fields. Continue educating yourselves and expanding your talents. Continue refining your professionalism from interview to retirement. The world will keep changing and we believe each of you has learned how to adapt to those changes.”

The student speaker was Susie Washington, a graduate of the Computer Support Technician Program. She encouraged the student audience to try and remain focused when obstacles present themselves. Washington, who admittedly was not very interested in school as a youth, states her perspective changed after giving birth. “I wanted to be a role model and set an example for my son that dreams could still come true regardless of your age and the obstacles you may face in life. So for me that meant going back to school.” Washington continued, “I can’t stress to you enough the importance of keeping an open mind when learning and working. The skills you develop will last you a lifetime and no one can take them away from you.” As a result of her determination, Washington managed to balance a full-time job, a full course load and two unpaid internships, one of which led to a paid position with the Department of Defense. Washington concluded by further encouraging her fellow graduates to make a plan for success. “I want you to remember these next few words,” she said, “Give 100% to whatever you decide to do in life. If you have a dream write it down, make a plan, and go for it! Obstacles may come your way but jump over them and keep pushing! The road only stops where you allow it to stop.”

The commencement speaker, the Honorable Angela D. Alsobrooks, State’s Attorney for Prince George’s County, echoed Ms. Washington’s sentiments of personal pride and perseverance. Ms. Alsobrooks further challenged the graduates not to rest on their laurels. “Tonight is a night to celebrate your achievements. You have earned something that can’t be taken from you – an education. But I am going to ask you not to stop here,” she said. “I am going to ask you to dig even deeper… In the future we will rely on your skills and talents to move this county forward.”

Ms. Alsobrooks also addressed the need for a new generation of servant leaders. “There are many young people on the other side of the system who are in desperate need of what you have to offer. You have an opportunity and an obligation to go out and use what you have learned at TESST to benefit the nation and the world.”

In her conclusion, Ms. Alsobrooks invited the graduates to “Join me and others by continuing the great work you have begun today. I know there will be many opportunities for you to do well. I am hoping you will also look for as many opportunities to some good.”

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Thursday Dec. 6, 2012
James Duckworth Special Center (11201 Evans Trail)
Blue Ridge @ Pocono Place
Cherry Hill Rd. (in front)
Major Denton @ Cherry Hill Ct.
Townley Apartments
Cherry Mill Dr. @ Cherry Tree Ct.
Collier @ Powder Mill Rd.
Cherryvale @ Weeping Willow
Cherryvale @ Cherryvale Terr.
Saturday Dec. 8, 2012
Calverton Elementary (5400 Beltville Rd)
Fullerton St. @ Blairmore Street
Fullerton St. @ Ivy Lane
Chase Terr. @ Dunnington Rd.
Stonehall Dr. @ Castleleigh Rd.
Ingliside Dr. @ Dunnington Rd.
Greenmont @ Elkridge St.
Chapel View Dr. @ Craiglawson Rd.
Chapel View Dr. @ Elkridge Rd.
Craiglawson Rd. @ Lestar St.
Galway Dr. @ Cardoba St.
Galway Elementary @ Galway Dr.
Kilkenny St. @ Sornerwood Dr.
Harbour Town Dr. @ Shoal Creek Terr.
Briggs Chaney Rd. @ Greenmount
Briggs Chaney Rd. @ Dunnington Rd.
Briggs Chaney Rd. @ Castle Pines Dr.
Old Gunpowder Rd. Spur
Bayhill Drive and River Creek Area

Monday Dec. 10, 2012
Indian Creek St. @ Lane Tree Way
Hockberry Way @ Hammett St.
Old Baltimore Pike @ Brewer Rd.
Brewer Rd. @ Cordwall Dr.
Odell Rd. @ Old Baltimore Pike
Odell Farms Ct. @ Barkwood Ct.
Odell Rd. @ Ellington Dr.
Lighthouse Dr. @ Ashcroft Dr.
Clocktower Lane @ Admiral Dr.
Boulder Dr. @ Cap Ct.
Boulder Dr. @ Trade Wind Terr.
Summer Grove Dr. @ Hickory Grove Ct.
Summertime Grove Dr. @ Poplar Grove Ct.

Wednesday Dec. 12, 2012
Snowden Wood Dr. @ Loch Lynn Ct.
Snowden Wood Dr. @ Meadow Fields Way
Snowden Wood Dr. @ Summerville Ct.
Old Muirkirk @ Muirkirk Rd.
Old Muirkirk @ Longwood Dr.
Longwood Dr. @ Cailen Ct.
Longwood Dr. @ Belmar Ct.
Stanmore Dr. @ Breyers Pl.
Stanmore Dr. @ Blue Pond Terr.
Sullivan Ct. @ Burdette Way
Longwood Dr. @ Pawling Way
Longwood Dr. @ Loughborough Pl.
Longwood Dr. @ Blue Pointe Ave.
Alloway Lane @ Northampton Dr.
Northampton Dr. @ Crossfield Dr.
Gordon Ave @ Blackpool Dr.
Gordon Ave @ Flash St.
Franklin St. @ Flash St.
Franklin St. @ Franklin Terr.
Franklin St. @ Ammendale Rd.
Ammendale Rd. @ Holly Tree
North Lincoln @ Vegie St.

Friday Dec. 14, 2012
Garove @ Hennessy Dr.
Indigo @ Barbara Dr.
Longhorn @ West View Ct.
Montgomery Place @ Montgomery Ct.
Montgomery Rd. @ Kenny St.
Kenny St. @ 34th Place
35th Pl. @ Yates Rd.
35th Pl. @ Sarasota Pl.
Montgomery Rd. @ Forreston Rd.
Forreston Rd. @ Stephen Lane
Cedar Lane @ Cedar Ct.
Howard Rd. @ Home Acres Terr.
Stoonga Dr. @ Dresden Dr.
Sellman Rd. @ Weymouth Ave.
Ulster Rd. @ Woodbine Rd.

Sunday Dec. 16, 2012
Prince George’s Ave. @ Wicomico Ave.
Howard Rd. @ Queen Anne Ave.
Rhode Island Ave. @ Garrett Rd.
Oddell Rd. @ Lexington Ave.
Manheim Ave. @ Caroline Ave.
Queen Anne Ave. @ Naples Ave.
Olympia Ave. @ Carroll Ave.
Lincoln Ave. @ Theresa St.
Quinby Ave. @ Carroll St.
Amelia St. @ Apex Lane
Chesnut Grove @ Heartwood Rd.
Knott St. @ Wandering Oak Way
Roby Ave @ Maccon Ave.
Caverly Ave @ Caverly Pl.
Pines St. @ Maple Pl.
Caverly @ Greenwood Rd.
Greenwood Rd. @ Emack Rd.

Tuesday Dec. 18, 2012
Ammendale Way @ Long Feather Ct.
Ammendale Way @ Clear Brooke Ct.
Ammendale Way @ Narrow Trail Terr.
Ammendale Way @ Horse Soldier Pl.
Ammendale Rd. @ Hidden Brooke Ct.

Thursday Dec. 20, 2012
Cedar Lane. @ Yates Rd.
Brandon Lane @ Francis Dr.
Emack Rd. @ Dorset Lane
Montgomery Rd. @ Cedar Lane
Yates Rd. @ Garrett Ave.
Howard Rd. @ Cardinal Ave.
Brandon Rd. @ West Caroline
Worcester Ave. @ Yucca St.
Yucca St. @ Josephine Ave.
Brandon Lane @ Howard Ave.
Montgomery Rd. @ 43rd Ave.
Usage St. @ 45th Ave.
Tonquill Pl. @ 44th Ave.
Tonquill St. @ 45th Ave.
Samar St. @ 44th Ave.

Sunday Dec. 23, 2012
Cedarwood Dr. @ Silliman Rd.
Broward Rd. @ Broward Rd.
Cedar Dr. @ North Linwood Ave.
Cedar Dr. @ South Linwood Ave.
Cedar Dr. @ Rude Dr.
Cedar Dr. @ Garamee Dr.
Cedar Dr. @ Winding Way
Cedar Dr. @ Lake Monticello
Cedar Dr. @ Pine Valley
Cedar Dr. @ Longmont Rd.
Cedar Dr. @ Franklin Terr.
Cedar Dr. @ Southway Dr.
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Christmas Concert at Beltsville Adventist Church Features Mary Grace

Mary Grace is coming to the Beltsville Adventist Church for a Christmas concert on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 1, at 4 p.m. The concert is open to the public, and is free.

Mary Grace is an internationally renowned concert pianist who was born with the absence of her right forearm, and her right leg is 8 inches shorter than her left leg. But her handicap didn’t stop her from learning piano, graduating from college and sharing Christ with others. With a fluid manual dexterity expected from pianists with two hands, she conquers scales, chords and arpeggios with emotion and interpretative flair.

She has performed internationally in Asia and America, on television and in live performances. She has been the cover story on multiple magazines, sharing her story of fulfilling God’s purpose in her life.

While the concert is free, she is currently doing concerts to raise funds and awareness for her two ministries: Adopt A Minister Intl’l - http://a-a-m.org/ and Help the Needy, Inc. - http://helptheneedyoftheworld.com. An offering will be taken to help her donate to others.

Blood Drive at Laurel Regional Hospital

Laurel Regional Hospital in conjunction with the American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2012, between 2 and 8 p.m. in the J. R. Jones Conference Room. We encourage all eligible blood donors to give blood – the gift of life. To schedule an appointment, please call 301.618.2112 Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome after 3 p.m. on the day of the drive; however, scheduled appointments will be given priority. The hospital is located at 3723 Metzerott Rd. in Laurel, Md. 20707.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School Winter Concert to be Held on Dec. 7

The Winter Concert at Eleanor Roosevelt High School is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 p.m. The Concert will feature: the Symphony Orchestra and the Concert Orchestra and Roosevelt Strings directed by Dr. David Yarbrough; the Roosevelt and Symphonic Bands directed by Ms. Sally Wagner; and the Women’s and Chamber Choirs directed by Ms. Michele Fowlum. The ERHS band, orchestra and choir programs draw students from all over northern Prince George’s County. The concert is open to the public and admission is free.

Dominion Brass to Perform in College Park

The public is invited to a Christmas concert performed by the Dominion Brass on Sunday, Dec. 9, at 5 p.m. at Wallace Presbyterian Church in College Park, Md. The concert is free, but canned food donations to the College Park Food Bank or monetary donations to World Vision will gladly be accepted.

The Dominion Brass is a large brass and percussion ensemble made up of professional musicians and music educators from the Washington, D.C., area. Since their founding in 2002, the ensemble has raised more than $30,000 in support of various local, national, and international ministries and charities.

Wallace Presbyterian Church is located at 3725 Metzerott Rd., College Park, Md., at the intersection of University Boulevard and Adelphi Road. For more information on this concert, please contact the church at 301.933.5900.

Live Nativity and Open House

The First Baptist Church of Beltsville at 4700 Odell Road will host a live nativity and open house on Dec. 8 and 9 between the hours of 6 and 8 p.m. The rain/snow dates are Dec. 15 and 16. The community is invited to see the Christmas Story come to life, enjoy refreshments, crafts for the children and have the opportunity to purchase holiday crafts that will benefit Baptist Family and Children’s Services. We look forward to seeing there!

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Free Annual Holiday Concert at the Beltsville Community Center

On Monday, Dec. 17, 2012, the Greenbelt Concert Band will present a lively holiday concert beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Rd, Beltsville, Md. The concert is free, family-friendly, and open to the public. At intermission, all proceeds from area businesses will be given out and the winners of the Holiday Decorating Contest will be announced. Free tickets from members of the Beltsville Recreation Council are available at the Community Center, and are also downloadable from the website, www.beltsvillerecreationscouncil.homestead.com.

Basket Bingo

St. Joseph’s Parish will conduct a Basket Bingo on Friday evening, Jan. 11, in the Parish Hall at 11011 Montgomery Road from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (non-smoking). Come join us for this fun fundraising event. Bingo winners will receive speciality baskets, pottery and home accessories. There will be door prizes and raffles too! Tickets are available for $12.00 (in advance) daily at the school and parish offices, or at the door. Refreshments are available.

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Scouts Compete in Orienteering
By Gary Bauchan, Assistant Scoutmaster

The 36th annual Maryland Scout Orienteering Competition took place on Saturday, Oct. 27, at Jug Bay at Patuxent River Park in southern Prince George’s County. Orienteering consists of being able to read contour maps and use a compass to find their way around hills and forests, swamps and fields, and rivers and valleys to locate orienteering markers. In the morning’s individual competition, the scouts are guided along a blazed path. Along the path they have to locate six orienteering markers and place a marker had a unique paper punch which must be punched onto the corresponding box number and returned to the starting point within 90 minutes. Some of the markers are more than three miles from the starting point. Our troop obtained 291 points and placed 15th place in the statewide pairs competition, the scouts are able to attend many activities as a family; however, they have all been able to give back to their own way as contributing members of their respective organizations.

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Guy T. Bouse, 86, of Beltsville, Maryland, died on Friday, Nov. 16. Devoted husband of the late Dorothy Bouse; father of Charles and David Bouse; grandfather of Amanda Florek, Laura Barth and Michelle Bouse; great-grandfather of Drew Florek and Klarissa Barth; Funeral service was held at the Borgwardt Funeral, Home 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, Md., on Monday, Nov. 19, at 10 a.m.; Interment George Washington Cemetery; www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com.

Diedrich, John Dale, Sr.
John Dale Diedrich, Sr., 66, died on Monday, Oct. 22, while visiting his beloved Cape May, N.J.; beloved husband of Judith Diedrich for 43 years; father of Christy (Dane) Godbold, John (Tanya) Dale Diedrich, Jr., and Emily (John) Foster; grandfather of Marissa, Dallas, Savanna, Brooks, Kobey, Sydney, Kylee, Ava, Chase and Aubrey; Memorial service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, Md., on Friday, Oct. 26, at 4 p.m.; Interment private; Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, 4217 Park Place Court, Glen Allen, Va, 23060, or ASPCA, P.O. Box 96929, Washington, D.C., 20009.

Green, Mary Teresa S. (age 84)
Mary Teresa S. Green, former ly of Beltsville, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 22, 2012 in Boynton Beach, Fla. She was the beloved wife of William B. Green; mother of Patricia M. (Edward) Faulkner and Diane L. (Gerald) Klein; grandmother of Lisa M. Klein; and great-grandmother of Christina Thompson and one great-great-grandchild. Relatives and friends may call at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road Beltsville, Md., on Monday, Dec. 3, from 11 a.m. until time of funeral service at 12 noon. Interment Maryland Veterans Cemetery Cheltenham, Md. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 1850 York Road, Suite D, Timonium, Md, 21093, www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com.

Harrell, William Ray, Jr.
William Ray Harrell, Jr., 45, died on Friday, Oct. 5. Beloved husband of Noreen Harrell; father of William Ray Harrell, III, and Anthony Ray Harrell; son of Geneva (John) Mayes and William Ray Harrell, Sr.; brother of Dawn (Mark) Wallace, Mark (Amy) Keegan and John Mayes; also survived by aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews; Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 11007 Montgomery Road, Beltsville, Md., on Thursday, Oct. 11, at 10 a.m. with Father Joseph Wim lows officiating; Interment private; Memorial contributions may be made to www.gofundme.com/Wm-Ray-Harrell-Mem-Fund. Arrangements by Borgwardt Funeral Home.

Lydon, John
John Lydon died on Friday, Oct. 19, due to a car accident while on business near Fresno, Calif. Husband of 27 years to Marina Lydon; brother of Thomas, Stephen, Dennis, Paul and Mark Lydon; Funeral service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road Beltsville, Md., on Friday, Nov. 2, at 8 p.m. with Rev. Harry Hetz officiating; Interment Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Terry's House, 2730 Fresno Street, Fresno, Calif., 93721; Arrangements by Borgwardt Funeral Home.

Messenger, Donald B.W.
Donald B.W. Messenger died on Thursday, Oct. 25. Husband of Bobbie Beard Beall Messenger; father of Colleen Baldwin and Melanie Davis; grandfather of Anna, Bethany, Ryan, A.J. Baldwin, Caroline and Joshua Davis; brother of Guy Messenger and Virginia Liddicoat; also survived by nieces and nephews; Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Holy Family Catholic Church, 826 West Central Avenue Davidsonville, Md., on Monday, Nov. 2, at 10:30 a.m.; Interment All Hallows Episcopal Church Cemetery, Davidsonville, Maryland; Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warriors; Arrangements made by Borgwardt Funeral Home.

Weston, Leo L.
Leo L. Weston, 80, died on Sat-urday, Oct. 27, of Beltsville, Md. Husband of the late Patricia A. Weston; father of Duane Weston, Denice Weston, Caroline Cagle, Richard Marion, Ramona Marion, Carolyn Burtiss, Frank Marion and the late Patricia Ramondo; brother of Robert, Harold, James Weston, Mary LaRen Saucier and Dolores Moore; also survived by 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; Funeral service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, Md., Saturday, Nov. 3, at 11 a.m.; Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery Brentwood, Maryland; Memorial contributions may be made to National Multiple Sclerosis Society; P.O. Box 4527 New York, N.Y., 10163, or Wounded Warriors.
Schroeder Succeeds Prestandrea as CEO of Prince George’s Community FCU

Robert P. Schroeder has been named Chief Executive Officer of the Prince George’s Community Federal Credit Union (PGCFCU). A veteran of the credit union industry, Schroeder most recently served as Vice President of Lending and Branch Services at Securityplus Federal Credit Union.

Schroeder was selected for the CEO position following an extensive search conducted by the PGCFCU Board of Directors to find a successor to Cindy Prestandrea, who has served as CEO of PGCFCU for the past 17 years, recently announced her retirement.

“Cindy Prestandrea has been a tremendous leader and will be a very tough act to follow, but with more than 25 years of successful management and leadership experience and a reputation for meeting the most challenging organizational goals and objectives, Robert is an outstanding choice for this position,” says Charlie Deegan, Chairman of the PGCFCU Board of Directors.

“A Securityplus FCU, Robert was responsible for shifting the direction of the retail staff to a sales and service environment,” Deegan notes. “Under his direction, the Securityplus retail staff grew the credit union’s loan portfolio by 8.2 percent in the past year alone.”

Prior to joining Securityplus in 2010, Schroeder served as Vice President of Lending at Destinations Credit Union where he was responsible for lending, reporting and disaster recovery planning. He also has held positions at Johns Hopkins FCU (Vice President of Lending and Branch Operations), Atlantic Financial FCU (Vice President of Member Services), and BUCS FCU (Member Services Manager).

“I am very excited and honored to serve as the new CEO of PGCFCU. I have a great team beside me and the success of my predecessor to build on. This is a great time to continue to grow this credit union and offer the best products and services for our members. I cannot express my gratitude for such an opportunity,” said Schroeder.

A graduate of Towson University and Loyola College (now University) Maryland, Schroeder began his career in the financial services industry with First National Bank of Maryland. Schroeder began his career in the financial services industry with First National Bank of Maryland. After serving as a Branch Manager, he was promoted to Operations Officer and then Financial Services Officer.

Schroeder will assume his new duties as CEO on December 11, 2012.

Membership at Prince George’s Community Federal Credit Union is open to consumers and businesses in Prince George’s County, MD. Consumers who live, work, worship or volunteer anywhere in the county are eligible to join. Businesses that are located in Prince George’s County are also eligible to join. Both memberships only require a $50 deposit in a share savings account. Once the primary membership is established, immediate family members are also welcome. For more information about PGCFCU, visit www.princegeorgesfcu.org.
Club News

Beltsville Lions

The Beltsville Lions provided free vision and hearing screening for people attending Emmanuel Methodist Church’s food bank activity on the morning of Oct. 27 and identified several that need professional eye exam and glasses. On Nov. 10 and 17, members participated in health fairs in Riverdale and Beltsville, respectively, where a total of 86 people were screened and 33 referred for professional examinations. Students and faculty from the University of Maryland School of Public Health coordinated the latter two health fairs. Lions are prepared to participate in another health fair in Beltsville scheduled for Feb. 14 at a Beltsville Company.

The quarterly blood drive scheduled for Oct. 30 was canceled because of Hurricane Sandy. The next blood drive is scheduled for Jan. 22, probably at the Beltsville Community Center. The location will be confirmed in the January issue.

On Nov. 17 club members attended the annual Lions Vision Research Foundation (LVRF) rally at the Wilmer Eye Institute in Baltimore. Beltsville Lion Ted Ladd, Chairman of the LVRF, was MC of the program that included a presentation on “The State of the Institute” by Dr. Peter McDevitt, Director of the Wilmer Eye Institute and William Holland Wilmer Professor of Ophthalmology. McDevitt reported that the Wilmer Eye Institute has 140 faculty members and 1,000 employees that serve some 250,000 patients per year. He said an effort is under way to expand services of the Wilmer Institute to areas outside of Baltimore by establishing satellite clinics staffed by expert ophthalmologists and staff. Ten satellite clinics are in the works or already functioning. These are already functioning or are in the planning stages at Columbia, Bel Air, Harve de Grace, Odenton, Bethesda, Bayview, Frederick, Green Spring, Wyman Park and White Marsh.

Dr. Judy Goldstein, Chief of the Lions Low Vision and Rehabilitation Service at the Wilmer Institute introduced Dr. Nicole Ross, the newly appointed Lions Low Vision Fellow. Ross will be employed at the Lions Low Vision Clinic for one year. Dr. Tiffany Chan was last year’s Low Vision Fellow. She has since joined the faculty and opened a satellite clinic in Bel Air.

The audience of some 200 Lions and faculty then heard the testimony of two people who were helped by the Lions Low Vision Clinic. In each case, vision had been greatly diminished, causing one to come to the brink of being fired, and the other to give up her favorite hobby of knitting and crocheting. Advice and assistive devices from the Lions Low Vision Center allowed one to keep his job, the other to maintain her hobbies and more.

The Lions of Multiple District 22, which includes 237 Lions clubs in Maryland, Delaware and Washington, D.C., financially support the Lions Low Vision Center. As the formal presentations ended, Ladd invited those with donations to the Foundation to come forward and present them. As each donation was presented, the amount and donor were announced. The total donation exceeded $50,000, most of which came from club-sponsored fundraising dinners, yard sales, silent auctions, candy days, golf tournaments, raffles, and special events such as the recently held Aim for Sight, involving teams firing at clay pigeons at two approved firing ranges in Maryland.

Following the Rally, Lions were invited to have lunch and then enjoy a guided tour of the Low Vision Center, where resident Doctors and skilled technicians demonstrated how they provide aid to those with low vision.

The Wilmer Eye Institute is the best in the world according to U.S. News and World Report. If you could use their services, call 410-955-3060.

Beltsville Young at Heart

By Barbara Schofield

Our Young at Heart members enjoyed a Thanksgiving luncheon at Savage Mills Great Room. I want to thank all our volunteers for a great job. Iris, Catch, Marilyn and Cora helped with checking people in. Joanne and Wanda did the fifty/fifty. Ellen did door prizes and Lois did the Raffle baskets. All the prizes were donated. Thank you to everyone. Bernie Spriggs was our music man. Wonderful job Bernie. Putting on the Ritz catered the food and it was delicious as usual. The audience of some 200 Lions and faculty then heard the testimony of two people who were helped by the Lions Low Vision Clinic. In each case, vision had been greatly diminished, causing one to come to the brink of being fired, and the other to give up

Women’s Community Club of Beltsville

The Women’s Community Club of Beltsville sends warm wishes and holiday greetings to all our friends in Beltsville. As we come to the end of 2012 we want to also wish a happy 90th birthday to the Women’s Community Club of Beltsville (WCCB)!! It is a celebration for all women who have lived in Beltsville, women who currently live in Beltsville and for all women who will live in Beltsville in the future to carry on the tradition of the WCCB. There is long tradition of friendship, hospitality and outreach to the community that the women’s club has strived for. We would like to continue this tradition by having women of Beltsville join us to continue the work that has been established. There are ongoing projects (High School scholarship program, The Holiday Food Distribution program, Adopt-a-Road) as well as new projects to find to help the community of Beltsville thrive. So if you are looking for a new project to tackle, a new friend to meet, or hook up with some old friends you have not seen in a while, come join us on either of the following dates (we meet during the day as well as a night meeting for those who work a day job): Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2012 at 7 p.m. at Three Brothers Pizza, Beltsville and Monday, Dec. 10, 2012 at 12-30 p.m. at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Cedar Lane.

If you have any questions about the Women’s Community Club of Beltsville or if you have an item for the Dec. agenda, please feel free to contact Elaine Chabot at ECEChabot@aol.com. Come on out for an afternoon or an evening of fun. See you in December.

Share Your News!

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Women’s Community Club of Beltsville

The Women’s Community Club of Beltsville sends warm wishes and holiday greetings to all our friends in Beltsville. As we come to the end of 2012 we want to also wish a happy 90th birthday to the Women’s Community Club of Beltsville (WCCB)!! It is a celebration for all women who have lived in Beltsville, women who currently live in Beltsville and for all women who will live in Beltsville in the future to carry on the tradition of the WCCB. There is long tradition of friendship, hospitality and outreach to the community that the women’s club has strived for. We would like to continue this tradition by having women of Beltsville join us to continue the work that has been established. There are ongoing projects (High School scholarship program, The Holiday Food Distribution program, Adopt-a-Road) as well as new projects to find to help the community of Beltsville thrive. So if you are looking for a new project to tackle, a new friend to meet, or hook up with some old friends you have not seen in a while, come join us on either of the following dates (we meet during the day as well as a night meeting for those who work a day job): Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2012 at 7 p.m. at Three Brothers Pizza, Beltsville and Monday, Dec. 10, 2012 at 12-30 p.m. at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Cedar Lane.

If you have any questions about the Women’s Community Club of Beltsville or if you have an item for the Dec. agenda, please feel free to contact Elaine Chabot at ECEChabot@aol.com. Come on out for an afternoon or an evening of fun. See you in December.
Beltsville Academy guidance counselor Julia Canty-Warrick, intern Johanna Moore, and guidance counselor Caren McCalla unload bags of food for Beltsville Academy students to take home on Saturday, Dec. 1, at Behnke’s Nursery. Every year people tell us they have many fewer opportunities to donate to the Salvation Army via bell ringers than in the past, and appreciate seeing us and hearing our bells. If you feel the same, please stop by Behnke’s on Dec. 1 to say hi and put your contribution into the red kettle. With so many people needing help in our area, the Salvation Army needs contributions from all of us.

Plans for 2013 include supporting participation of High Point High School students in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program offered in our area. Rotarian and past President Nancy Randall has been in charge of working with High Point staff to select students, and of taking the students to and from the program, which occurs over a weekend.

Over the years, our club has supported an exceptional group of students, who have gone on to many successes in their lives. Rotary’s educational programs are one of its major ways of involving people around the world in assisting students to have educational opportunities that would otherwise not be available to them.

If you would like to explore joining us in Rotary fellowship and service, we would love to meet with you. Our club meetings occur every Tuesday at 12:15 at the Holiday Inn on Route 1. Please stop by on a Tuesday for lunch as our guest. You may also contact Club President John Moynihan on 301.937.4448 to make a donation to our projects or discuss becoming a member.
School News

Calverton Elementary School Students Serve on Halloween

By Judith Pollock, School Counselor

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From the Hilltop: High Point News

By Sandra Jimenez, Principal

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High Point High School had a successful first quarter. Ninth grade attendance increased by 3.5%, and all other grade levels had attendance rates above 93%. Suspension rates decreased, due to a continuously improving climate. The focus on “restorative practices” is helping students move toward resolving their issues amicably. First quarter testing data were positive, with math scores increasing 31% over first quarter scores from last year, and 10% above the county average. After-school programs have just begun, and students with a 2.0 average and above are beginning to participate in after-school clubs and activities. As always, we invite parents and community members to “be a part of it all” here at The Point!
Calverton Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

By Becky Cavallo

Calverton Elementary held its annual Hispanic Heritage Month celebration on Oct. 24 in the multipurpose room. There were two performances: pre-kindergarten, first- and second-graders attended the first show at 8:15 a.m. and the upper grades gathered at 9:15 a.m. Principal Mrs. Sloan welcomed students, parents and staff followed by a parade of costumes. Students wore a variety of native costumes and carried flags representing all of the countries in the Americas that speak Spanish or Portuguese. This was followed by a slideshow of flags, maps and students sang the song Tingalayo, directed by music teachers Mrs. Arbach and Mrs. Henry. This was followed by a dance performance by six second-graders. They had learned a dance from El Salvador called Cumbia and the young performers wore festive costumes: the boys in straw hats and dress shirts and the girls in long, colorful dresses. They were directed by Mrs. Bessy Hernandez. The swirling skirts made beautiful images as the youngsters danced with skill and grace.

The next part of the show was a group of students dancing the Merengue and the Batacha, directed by Mrs. Donnella. The dancers wore black and white dress clothes with red sashes, creating a pleasant visual image. The grand finale was when parents and teachers were invited to the stage to dance with the performers.

The show represented the hard work of many people: the students; parent liaison, Mrs. Santizo; the ESOL team, Mrs. Donnella, Mrs. Orellano, Jeshua Chay, and Mateo Acuna; the Cumbia performers: (l-r) Yaritza Nunes, NiaPrice, Julissa Medrano, Carilta Espinizzo, Mrs. Bessy Hernandez (choreographer), Levin Franco, Walther Orellano, Jeshua Chay, and Mateo Acuna.

The Star of Christmas

By Rebecca Hutchings

As you hear sweet carols sung and Christmas Day draws nigh,
Join with us remembering
The Star that led the wise.

Let its brilliant light direct
Your heart in this proud age
From the things that would distract
To look at hell/’n ye page.

Magi thought a mighty king
Would in a palace be,
But Jerusalem was not
Picked for this majesty.

Bethlehem, a little town,
Not great in wealth or size,
Felt the finger of God’s grace
Point it to the skies.

Star of Morning, Prince of Peace
All men long for your sight,
Guide them by Your Spirit, Lord,
Through darkness into light.

Here amid the lofty seas
That blind men in these times,
Show us mercy at the cross
Where heaven’s wisdom shines.

Like Jerusalem, our pride
Is not where faith is born.
Hearts lift by humility
See Christ on Christmas morn.
Mt. Vernon Place House Tours
Saturday, Dec. 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free with museum admission.

STAYING WARM IN WINTER
Saturday, Dec. 16 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Learn how to prepare for cold weather. Please contact the individual facilities for any changes in hours of operation due to inclement weather.

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HOLIDAY ORNAMENT EMPORIUM
Friday, Dec. 7 to Sunday, Dec. 22 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., except for Wednesdays. This is a juried show of original, handmade art ornaments. A full menu is available for sale. The mansion will be decorated in traditional holiday greens by local garden clubs. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. All ages.

COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM
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Call 301.829.5945 for information on events for Dec. TTY: 301.699.2544. Museum admission is $4 for adults, $3 for seniors, and $2 for children. Children under 2 admitted free. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., except for major holidays. Tours for groups of 10 or more are available by appointment.

SANTA FLY-IN
Saturday, Dec. 1 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Watch Santa fly into historic College Park Airport, and then have your picture taken with him. Enjoy holiday arts & crafts in the museum. Free with museum admission.

WRIGHT AEROPHILE RIBMAKING WORKSHOP
Saturday, Dec. 9 at 9 a.m. The museum is offering a demonstration and workshop in which participants will build their own 1909 Wright wing rib. Register at any Willows’ Workshop or call the museum. Private group workshops can also be scheduled. Fee: $7 workshop/participant (includes supplies and museum admission).

HOLIDAY TRAINS AND PLANES
Daily: Saturday, Dec. 15 to Saturday, Dec. 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. During the holiday season, College Park Aviation Museum gets ready for the festivities as miniature trains, villages, tunnels, and depots spark the imagination and bring history to life. The National Capital Trackers bring a fascinating and constantly moving display of model railroads to the Museum. Free with museum admission. All ages.

GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER
15 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770. The Greenbelt Recreation Winter Activities Guide is now online. Classes being offered include ceramics, musical theater, ballet, and more. Non-residents may drop off registration forms anytime to be date-stamped or may register online starting Dec. 10. Drop by the center or see www.greenbelt-md.gov/accepted/fees and class listings. Call 301.397.2208 for general information.

LAUREL–BELTSVILLE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER
7120 Center Rd., Laurel, MD 20707. Closed Tuesday, Dec. 25, and Tuesday and Thursday, Jan. 1, 2013. Open regular hours on Monday, Dec. 24. Also open regular hours on Monday, Dec. 31, except for late hours for the New Year’s Eve party. Regular hours of operation: Monday – Thursday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., closed on Sunday. Contact the center regarding special events and to purchase tickets. Phone: 310.266.3350. Fax: 310.266.3337. TTY: 310.464.3402.

NEW YEAR’S EVE PARTY
Starts Monday, Dec. 31, 2012 at 8 p.m., and ends Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013 at 12:30 a.m. Hors d’oeuvres and refreshments will be served during the evening, and there will be a toast with your choice of champagne or sparkling cider at midnight. Cost: $20 for residents, $26 for non-residents. Checks, cash, and Visa and MasterCard credit cards accepted. Purchase tickets at least two weeks in advance to ensure availability. Ages 21 and up.

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. Phone: 301.497.5887. See Patuxent.fws.gov. The center is part of the Patuxent Wildlife Research Refuge. Hours of operation are daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for major holidays. Free admission to the center and its exhibits, grounds, and trails. Advance registration is required and costs are free, unless otherwise noted. Please advise us of any special needs so that we may accommodate you.

FRIENDS OF PATUXENT WILDLIFE
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Saturday, Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shop for wild and not-so-wild new and gently used treasures. Find unique gifts and, at the same time, support the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center and the Patuxent Research Refuge. See Patuxent.fws.gov.

AMAZING ADAPTATIONS
Wednesday, Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Adaptations help them survive in this fun interactive program. Ages 5 – 7.

NATURE TOTS: WHAT’S SCURRYING NATURE TOTS: WINTER WIND!
Thursday, Dec. 6. Session I takes place from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Session II takes place from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Where did every- one go? Find out what animals are doing during the winter through songs, stories, and crafts in this fun, interactive program. Ages 3 – 4.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND
Saturday, Dec. 1 and Sunday, Dec. 2. Sched- uled for both days: light refreshments from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and holiday decorating demonstrations from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. On Saturday, Dec. 1, come hear the Rockville Swing Band from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. On Sunday, Dec. 2, look for Santa from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free.

HOLIDAY DECORATING DEMONSTRATIONS
Saturday, Dec. 15 and 22 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Horticulturist Carol Allen shows you some quick and easy ways to decorate for the holidays. Free.
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BELTSVILLE LIBRARY
The Beltsville Library will be closed on the following dates for winter holidays: Monday, Dec. 24, Tuesday, Dec. 25, Monday, Dec. 31, 2012, and Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013. Regular operating hours are: Monday – Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (except for Xtreme Teen events), Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday closed. TTY: 301.445.4512. Holiday hours: open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 24, closed Tuesday, Dec. 25, open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 31, closed Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2012, closed Monday, Jan. 1, 2013. Regular hours of operation are: Monday – Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (except for Xtreme Teen events), Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (except for Xtreme Teen events), closed on Sunday.

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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 24 at 6:00 p.m.
Sundays:
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• Morning Worship 11:00am
• Evening Worship 6:00pm
• Kidz Choir & Mission Kidz 6:00pm
• Youth Fellowship 6:00pm
• Adult Choir Practice 7:00pm

*Children available for children up to 4 years old

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travel to Watkins Park to see the Annual Festival of Lights. We will be departing from the Beltsville Community Center at 7 p.m. and returning by 9 p.m., so bring a friend to enjoy this wonderful holiday experience. Ages 60 and over. Reservation required by Thursday, Dec. 6. Free.

STRATEGY GAME CLUB
Every Monday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. 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, Settlers of Catan, Age of Industry. All ages. Free.

XTREME TEEN REGULAR EVENTS
Fridays and Saturdays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Ages 13 – 17. Free with valid Center ID card.

VANSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER
6813 Ammendale Rd., Vansville. The Director is Jeremy Weiss. Contact him at 301.937.6621 or Jeremy.Wess@oparks.com to make a reservation for the Piano Bar Happy Hour or to get information regarding classes or events. The center will be closed Dec. 25, 2012 and Jan. 1, 2013, but will be open regular hours of operation on Mon., Dec. 24 and Mon., Dec. 31. Regular hours of operation: Monday – Thursday from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m, Friday from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. except for Xtreme Teen events and First Ladies of V-Wille, Saturday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. except for Xtreme Teen events and First Ladies of V-Wille, and Sunday from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Fax: 301.937.6635. Spanish Hotline: 301.445.4506. TTY: 301.445.4512.

FIRST LADIES OF V-WILLE
Fridays and Saturdays from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. New activities just for girls. Join us for V-Wille ladies sports nights, empowerment workshops, modeling, and more. Free. Ages 10 – 17.

PIANO BAR HAPPY HOUR
Thursday, Dec. 13. Departure from the Vansville Community Center at 2:30 p.m., return at 5 p.m. Listen to the piano man sing us a melody at the Gwendolyn Britt Senior Center. Enjoy a fun happy hour with great live music, delicious buffet-style food, and great people. Reservation required by Thursday, Dec. 6. Ages 60 and up.

HOLIDAY YULE LOG
Thursday, Dec. 27 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Join us for an evening of fellowship, jolly songs and storytelling. The Yule Log program is a tradition observed by the Vansville community since 1967. Light refreshments will be provided. Hope to see you there. For more information please call Joseph Briscoe at 301.937.4931 or 301.937.5417. The event will take place at the Vansville Community Park, 11733 Old Baltimore Pike, Beltsville, MD. It backs up to the Vansville Community Center. Free. All ages.

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