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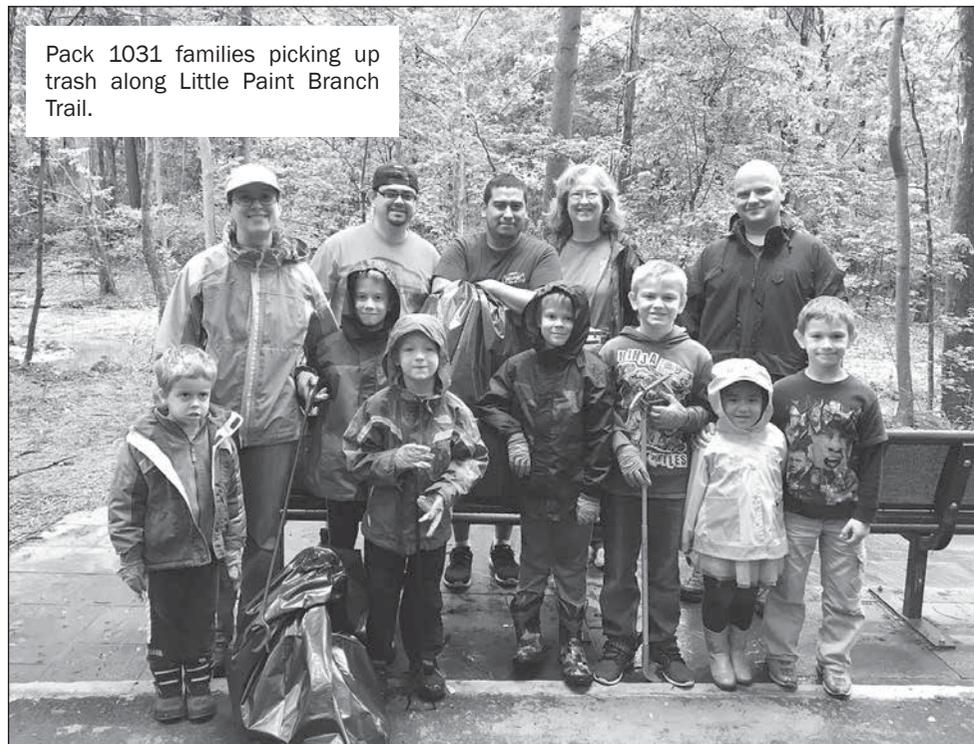
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Pack 1031 families picking up trash along Little Paint Branch Trail.

Pack 1031 Rolling into Summertime

Cub Pack 1031 scouts are looking forward to our advancement campfire on June 5 when our scouts earn their rank and we have a solemn flag retirement ceremony.

Members of the pack also cleaned up trash along the Little Paint Branch Trail on Saturday, May 6. There was light rain, but we didn't let it stop us (though we did just stick to the trail). We collected only three bags of trash, which says everyone is doing a great job keeping the trail clean.

This month, the Tigers rode bicycles, the Wolves made boats and wind-up cars, the Bears played soccer, and the Webelos worked on Art Explosion!

The pack will be doing spring recruiting in May and June so new scouts can earn outdoor requirements as we hike, bike, and do outdoor activities

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On the Agenda



Karen Coakley

By President Karen M. Coakley

June will be a busy month and informative month. Councilwoman Mary Lehman is hosting a town hall, District 21 Delegation is giving a wrap-up session, and the District 6 Police Citizen's Advisory is sponsoring a drug awareness program.

Join Councilwoman Mary A. Lehman on Wednesday, June 7, at 6:30 pm for an informative budget update and speak with representatives from many state and county agencies. The meeting will take place at the Laurel-Beltsville Senior Center, 7120 Contee Rd in Laurel. Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh will be our special guest speaker. Please contact Dora Myles-Moore at dmyles@co.pg.md.us or 301.952.3887 with questions.

There will be an update from the Annapolis Legislative Session Tuesday, June 20, from 7-9 pm. at MLK Jr. Middle School, 4545 Ammendale Road (more details can be found in Senator Rosapepe's column). If you have a specific question or concern that you would like the delegation to discuss, please email karenmcoakley@co.pg.md.us

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Beltsville Briefs

Community Art Show

St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Beltsville will host a community art show on Saturday, June 24, from 6 pm-9:30 pm and Sunday, June 25, from 8:30 am-2 pm in the parish hall at 11007 Montgomery Road. This free event is open to everyone in the community. Refreshments will be available. Come and enjoy the art of local residents and the company of your neighbors.

If you are interested in displaying your art, we are accepting entries for this non-juried show from those 16 years of age and older. Entry deadline is April 8. All those interested in providing artwork for the show should contact the church office at stjoseph@stjosephcatholic.org

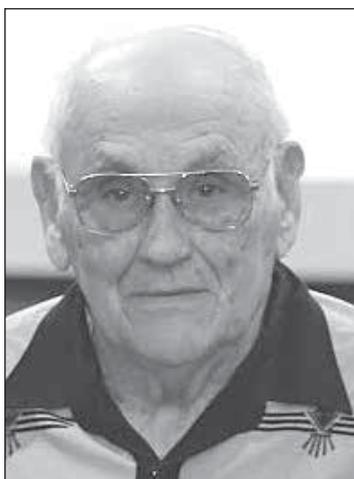
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CORRECTION: Last month, our column "College Park Unit #41 Celebrates Our Veterans, Youth, and Community" incorrectly labeled the College Park American Legion as Unit #41 in the title of the article. College Park is Unit #217, not #41. We apologize to both units.

Beltsville Veteran Honored

On Friday, March 24, 2017, Sergeant Elmo R. Webb of Beltsville was honored at the Korean War Veterans dinner at the Maryland State Society Daughters of the American Revolution State Conference at Turf Valley, Ellicott City, MD. He and his friend, Lois Hamilton, were there as guests of the Colonel Tench Tilghman Chapter, NSDAR. Webb received a pin and a certificate of appreciation from the MSSDAR state regent, Carol Larkin, and a representative from the governor's office.

Sergeant Webb's biography



Sergeant Elmo R. Webb

read as follows: "After being inducted into the U.S. Army from 1945, just 10 days after his 19th birthday, and being honorably discharged in 1947, Sergeant Elmo R. Webb was drafted into the Marine Corp in 1951. He attended boot camp at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C. and was stationed at Camp Geiger, N.C., part of the Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune complex. He served at the Marine Corps Air Station New River as part of the Marine Ground Con-

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Beltsville-Calverton Author Josh Benya Pens Children's Bestseller

By Jim Butcher

Everyone needs a feel-good story now and again. You find yourself wanting a picker-upper that warms the heart, a story about facing challenges and staring them down, a story of keeping faith in one's self, of refusing to give in to adversity, of never, never giving up your dreams to defeat or despair.

If you are looking for such a warm, uplifting story, fortune is now yours, for Beltsville-Calverton resident Josh Benya recently published at Amazon.com a beautifully written, mar-



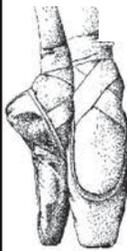
Author Josh Benya and his book *Author Gator: Don't Judge a Book by Its Cover*.

velously illustrated story that you are sure to enjoy, even embrace. Entitled *Author Gator: Don't Judge a Book by Its Cover*, it's a story of friendship and acceptance. Amazon lists the book as a new children's book, as well it should. Josh's story is a story for all ages, for everyone who has ever felt self-doubt or face personal adversity. It is Josh's first-ever published book, and it hit the Amazon bestseller list after just a few

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Deaf Fellowship Ministry at Emmanuel United Methodist Church

By Roy White, Lay Leader of Emmanuel United Methodist Church

In January of 1995, the Deaf Ministry at Emmanuel United Methodist Church (EUMC) began. Emmanuel's selection had to do with the easy access from 95, 495, and Route 1 allowing deaf people to arrive from the Washington D.C. region. Sign Language Interpretation, as well as printed sermons, are provided at the traditional service which begins at 11:15 on Sunday mornings. Currently, there are several members in the deaf ministry whose mission is to continue providing sign language interpreted services to the deaf, hard of hearing, and late-deafened so that they can fully participate in worship and church activities. Sign language classes were provided when needed, there have been sign language choir performances, and deaf members have signed the scripture readings on the annual World-Wide Communion Sundays while other readings occurred in foreign languages.

The deaf ministry of EUMC goes beyond its community area; it is national and international as well. The deaf members are involved with United Methodist Congress of the Deaf (UMCD)



Members of EUMC's deaf Minsitry (left to right) Roy White, Carrie White, Marilyn Tucker and Beverly Hunneycut

which meet on even years as well as the Northeast Jurisdiction of UMCD meetings which

they attend on odd years. Two members attended the conference along with Deaf Episcopal and Deaf Evangelical Lutheran groups on July 2016 at St. Paul, MN. The next ELM (Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist) Conference is going to happen on July 22-28, 2018 in Las Vegas, NV.

For the first Global Methodist Missions Conference of the Deaf (GMMCD) in 2005 in Baltimore, the deaf members were involved in planning and hosting it. In 2009, three deaf members attended the second GMMCD in South Korea. In 2013, three deaf Members attended the third GMMCD in Kenya where they also were in deaf Mission at two deaf schools. The next GMMCD will take place on August 1-4, 2017 near Dallas, TX.

I hope that the deaf in Beltsville area can come together and make a strong deaf community and do ministry together. If you are deaf and live in the Beltsville area but don't attend church because you haven't found one that offers interpretation services or you are looking for a deaf group to belong to then the Deaf Ministry at EUMC could be the place for you. Join them anytime. If you are interested or have questions, please contact us them 301.937.7114, or you can visit in person at 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705.

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Neighbors in the News

Good Knight Child Empowerment Network's Youth Lead Community Change on Global Youth Service Day, April 22, 2017

On Saturday, April 22, the Good Knight Child Empowerment Network's youth and young adult volunteers gathered at the Good Knight Castle to support efforts to promote peace, empowerment, and sustainability. Volunteers learned about the Global T.A.L.K. Initiative (Tolerance, Acceptance, Love, and Kindness Project) and the ABC's of Safety (Crime Prevention) as well as supported the effort to recognize and honor Earth Day. Volunteers helped with painting, planting, and designing new, multicultural exhibits at the Good Knight Castle to support the charity's educational mission.

Volunteers coordinated a day of clean up and beautification at the Good Knight Castle in anticipation of creating 12 interactive, multicultural knighthood exhibits in support of the Global Talk Initiative. Youth volunteers coordinated the establishment of a "Walk Your T.A.L.K." path to support physical fitness and empowerment activities. Gardens were planted within the labyrinth and around the 2.5 acres. Volunteers from local companies, the University of Maryland, the Phi Epsilon chapter of Zeta Psi Fraternity, the Kappa Alpha Order-Betta Kappa Chapter, Phi Sigma Kappa, Team Rubicon USA (Maryland Region III), local schools, Girl Scouts, church groups, and Club Kidz were in attendance. Volunteers also came from the 94th Intelligence Squadron (part of the 70th ISR Wing at Fort Meade, MD).

Throughout its distinguished history, the 94th has conducted ISR and Force Protection by operating a variety of surveillance platforms around the globe. The squadron traces its lineage back to a photographic unit during WWII—even before the birth of the Air Force. Today, the unit continues its ISR legacy still closely connected to Vietnam-era direc-

tion finding operations from which the squadron proudly draws its mission heritage. As one of the most decorated units in Air Combat Command, the "Cougars" of the 94th can truly operate "Any Signal, Anytime, Anywhere!" These volunteers joined millions of others around the globe who are celebrating Global Youth Service Day during the weekend of April 21.

Donations also came from Aggregate Industries, Smart Box, Per Contee, Capital Rentals, Stantec, Sawyer Products, Grey Hound Rolloffs, and SaniJohn to support the event. Development of an interactive museum website is being donated by James Corley, University of Maryland student.

Reyna Vrbensky (14), Good Knight Global T.A.L.K. Youth Ambassador and winner of the President's Volunteer Service Award, has shared, "Positive energy creates positive outcomes. The sooner we put our thoughts and ideas and work together, the more we can help solve the world's problems. We can help solve the world's problems. We don't have to wait until we grow up to start changing the world."

Michaela West (11), Good Knight Youth Ambassador, State Finalist of the Prudential Spirit of Community Award, and creator of the "Bundles of Love" project, has shared that "We need to Plant Kindness and Harvest Love to help us with our tolerance and acceptance of others." Her "Bundles of Love" effort is an extension of the Good Knight Kindness Project and an extension of the empowerment programs offered at the Good Knight Castle and within the community (www.goodknight.org).

A citation from U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen recognizing the efforts of the Good Knight volunteers was shared on Saturday.

sibility, play games, and have tons of fun.

If you are interested in discovering the fun of Cub Scouts with your son, please contact Regina Halper through www.BeAScout.org—just put in our zip code and look for Cub Pack 1031. You can now register online, but additional dues will be collected for a book, advancements, a neckerchief, and pack fees including space rental and leader training.



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Hidden Gems

With the lazy days of summer quickly approaching reinvent your indoor and outdoor living space to capture the spirit of summer. There are several hidden gems right here in Beltsville. They are all local so you won't waste time or gas driving all over town and will be back to relaxing in the cool breeze in no time. Start at Will's Home Decorating (www.decoratemaryland.com) for blinds, draperies, reupholstery,



Michael Richards and Valerie Kabelac

flooring, area rugs, wallpaper, custom furniture, Benjamin Moore paint and more. Their selection is one of the largest in the D.C. area. The best part is not just that they offer FREE personalized in-store design consultations, but that the consultations are typically with the owners, design gurus Michael Richards and Valerie Kabelac. For contemporary European style furniture, check out Bova Furniture (BOVAFurniture.com). Bova has a great collection of leather furniture. On your way to Bova stop at The Behnke's Nurseries (www.Behnkes.com) for flowers, shrubs and trees. Behnke's has everything you need to make your garden absolutely gorgeous. If you need help, Behnke's expert staff is eager to assist you.

If all this shopping is making you hungry try one of the culinary delights in Beltsville, over by Will's Home Decorating the wonderful aroma in the air will lead you across the street to Sardi's, where irresistible mouthwatering charbroiled chicken is on the menu. For Korean food try Da Rae Won or Gah Rham. There is also Swahili Village, which recently received a glowing review in the Washington Post for its flavorful Kenyan food. Newly opened Old Line boasts a fabulous bistro with 20 craft beers on tap. If you are craving dessert pick up a freshly baked fruit pie, cake or pastries at Raulin's Bakery. As you head home save time for one final stop at Spicknall's Farm Market for locally grown fruit and vegetables. Shop Local, Shop Beltsville!!!

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all summer long. If you missed us at Beltsville Day, contact us through BeAScout.org.

Each year, the pack has activities such as camping, hiking, our annual Pinewood Derby, and campfires all year long. We also do participatory citizenship along Little Paint Branch Trail, our toy drive, and Scouting for Food. Along the way, we learn respon-

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Obituaries

Sommerkamp Sr., Charles H.

Charles Humbird Sommerkamp, of Prince Frederick, MD, and formerly of Beltsville, MD, passed away peacefully on April 21, 2017. He was born September 3, 1928, in Cumberland, MD, to the late John Humbird and Anna Padgett Sommerkamp.

"Hummie" was baptized at United Brethren Church on Fourth and Race Street (Christ United Methodist) by Pastor J.O. Oliver. He attended Virginia Avenue Grammar School, Johnson Heights School, and Fort Hill High School (class of 1947). During high school, Hummie served as vice president of his class. He resided at 4 New Hampshire Avenue (Maple Side) throughout most of his school-age years.

Hummie entered the B & O Railroad apprenticeship program as a pipe fitter apprentice after graduation. He then transferred from the B & O program to the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company Apprenticeship School, Newport News, VA, as a pipefitter apprentice in June 1948.

Hummie was drafted into the Army on January 3, 1951, and posted at Fort Hood, TX, for basic training. He was assigned to the 2nd Ground Division, 3rd Armored Field Battalion, and served in the Army occupation

in Germany until discharged on January 1, 1953.

He enrolled and entered Frostburg State College and matriculated to the University of Maryland in September 1954. He graduated in June 1957 with a BS Degree in Industrial Education. While attending the University of Maryland, he worked for Christoffer Ornamental Doors as a draftsman.

Upon graduation from the University of Maryland, he was employed by Michael Baker Highway Engineering. He was assigned to circumferential highway projects and contributed to the design of local interstates such as I-495, I-95, I-70, etc. In 1959, he joined Honeywell Inc. and was hired as a technical writer where he was involved with electronic recording equipment technical manuals.

In 1962, he was hired by the Navel Ordinance Laboratory (Naval Surface Weapons Command) as a technical writer. He was chief editor for naval manuals used for maintenance, troubleshooting, operation, and repair of electronic systems for various naval weapons, such as torpedoes and missiles. He retired on June 1, 1984.

Hummie was involved in the following organizations; Masons—Silver Spring Lodge #215, Scottish Rite of Free Masons, Valley of Baltimore, Orient of Maryland;

the American Legion, Post #0136, Greenbelt, MD, from December 1969; and Alcoholics Anonymous, with which he was proud of his sobriety from January 1, 1988.

Beloved husband of the late Teresa Sommerkamp; father of Charles (Nelly) Sommerkamp, Jr., Mary Ann (Richard) Boyle, and John (Adina) Sommerkamp; grandfather of 9; great-grandfather of 1; also survived by one sister, Oneita Marion Sommerkamp Dohrman; and many close friends.

Kilbourne, George J., 89

Beloved husband of Ernestelle L. Kilbourne; loving father of Rev. Dr. Gary Ball-Kilbourne (Debra) and Susan J. Kilbourne, Esq. (Christopher); grandfather of Matthew, Zachery, Alden, and Zoë; great-grandfather of Chloe, Jordan, and Grayson. Memorial service was held at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705 on Friday, May 19, at 2 pm. Interment Maryland Veteran Cemetery, Crownsville, on Tuesday, May 23, at 2:30 pm. Memorial contributions may be made to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation or Emmanuel United Methodist Church. You can contact his daughter, Susan Kilbourne, for more information at 240.997.1169.

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esartshow@gmail.com or go to www.stjos.org/Community_Art_Show to download an entry form. This show is for artists of all skill levels, and we invite all members of the community to show their work.

Earth Day Cleanup

On April 22, former Councilman Tom Dernoga, Girl Scout Troop 3693, Greater Laurel-Beltsville Democratic Club leaders Linda Diasgranados and Michelle Garcia, and the Agape Project picked up trash along the Little Paint Branch Trail adjacent to the Beltsville Community Center. They collected 15 bags of trash and recycled items, which were then picked up by the Park Police. The Anacostia Watershed Society sponsored the annual Earth Day Cleanup and Celebration, one of the area's largest annual environmental volunteer events.

Emmanuel United Methodist Church Will Go "Digging for Treasure!"

Emmanuel United Methodist Church (11416 Cedar Lane,

Beltsville, MD 20705) is excited to announce its upcoming vacation Bible school program Digging for Treasure! During this week-long program, participants (both children and adults) will explore Jesus' parables and the riches to be found in his words. At first, Jesus' parables seem simple. But it takes listening and digging deeper to discover the treasures of the kingdom of heaven.

This program will explore the parables through dramas, music, games, crafts, snacks, and other fun activities. The program will include activities and classes for children of all ages as well as adults. Vacation Bible school at Emmanuel is an all-inclusive experience for everyone.

Vacation Bible school is free and open to the public. It will run in the evenings during the week of Aug. 7 through the 11 from 6 pm to 8 pm. You can find out more about this program and register by going to www.eumcbeltsville.com or by calling the main office at 301.937.7114. So come on out and join Emmanuel as everyone goes digging for treasure!

Back Up Your Data

As I am writing this month's article, the headlines are about the WannaCry "ransomware" attack that occurred over the past few days. Ransomware is an attack in which a computer is infected with a program that encrypts data files stored on the computer. A screen is displayed explaining that the files are encrypted and to recover them a ransom will have to be paid in Bitcoin. Bitcoin is a nontraceable digital currency. If the ransom is paid and the perpetrator follows through, you will be given a key and instructions to decrypt and recover the data. The data often includes your precious photos, music, documents, and programs that are stored on your computer. Typically, this data will all be lost unless you pay the ransom or have a recent backup of your data.



Backups

A backup is a copy of the data on your computer that you do not want to lose. Backups can be made to other computers, to network drives, to USB thumb drives, or to external drives. In the case of malware like WannaCry, you will find it best to have an external backup because the malware will look for devices connected to your network and try to attack those devices as well. In this case, an external backup is best.

Data Backup

A data backup only backs up important data and not the operating system or install programs. Most Windows users only need to back up the documents, photos, video, and music folders. Often, it is sufficient to back up only the document folder. This type of backup is normally fast and inexpensive. The documents directory will often fit on a single thumb drive. You can simply copy the files from the hard disk to the thumb drive to create a backup. You can also use a free tool from Microsoft called SyncToy. SyncToy is designed to synchronize folders, and it will only copy the files that have changed since the last sync. If you have a lot of files to back up, SyncToy can save a lot of time. SyncToy can be found here: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=15155>.

Also, if you want to save space for backing up your document files, compression programs like 7-Zip and WinZip can reduce the file sizes allowing more backup files to fit into a smaller space. This doesn't work for music or photos because their file formats are already compressed.

If you want to simply do a data backup, you will want to make sure you have the ability to reinstall Windows and any other

programs that you own. To reinstall Windows, you will need a Windows Recovery Drive. You can create one by searching Windows for Create Recovery Drive and following the prompts. You will need an 8-gigabyte or larger thumb drive.

For your other applications, you may need the original disks if you installed the program from disk and the license numbers to reinstall the software.

Image Backup

It is possible to back up your entire computer, but this requires a lot of time and storage. An image backup can be used to restore your computer to exactly the way it was when you last backed it up. An image backup will require an external device that is about the same size as the computer's hard drive. Most image backup software copies the hard drive sector by sector and then marks the empty sectors and compresses the rest of the data to save space. Some of these programs have the ability to do partial backups of changes made since the last full backup to reduce the amount of time to back up on a regular basis.

Backup Software

Windows comes with a built-in backup program that can do both partial and full backups and can even automate the process. Remember to remove the backup device once a backup has been completed so it is not compromised if your computer is attacked. If you have Comcast as your Internet provider, then you can install a free copy of the Norton Security Suite. Norton also includes an automated backup program.

Cloud Backup

A newer, popular means of backup is to back up to the Cloud. If you have Microsoft OneDrive or Google Drive files stored in these locations on your computer, they are copied or synchronized to the Internet. This is how they can be shared between computers. These solutions are not designed for complete backups but are great to store photos, music, and documents. There may be a cost to store more data than the free accounts allow. Of course, if you have cloud storage, you can use the Cloud instead of a thumb drive

to back up your data.

Services like Carbonite and iDrive support full-image backups over the Internet. These services typically cost \$5 to \$10 per month per computer. If you have a slow outgoing Internet connection, the initial backup may take a long time depending on the amount of data that needs to be stored. For example, if you are doing an image backup of a 1 terabyte drive that is half full over a Comcast connection (typically 12 megabits per second) at 50% compression, the backup can take 45 hours or more to complete. Once the initial backup has been completed, only the changes need to be sent to the Cloud. Many people choose to back up only their important data (data backup) to the Cloud because of the bandwidth limitations.

Final Remarks

This is by no means a complete discussion of backups. First, this discussion is written for personal backup and does not discuss the rigor required for businesses. I didn't discuss the concepts of having multiple backups or offsite copies or using both local and cloud backups for redundancy. But in my experience, most people neglect to have even a single backup, so a good start is better than nothing. A good, recent backup can save you from having to pay a ransom to keep your data.

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Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

**Join us Tuesday,
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Delegates Barbara Frush, Josefine Peña-Melnyk, Ben Barnes, and I will be meeting with Beltsville residents at MLK Jr. Middle School on Tuesday, June 20, at 7 pm to report on the 2017 Maryland legislative session. The meeting will include residents from Beltsville Civic Association, Calverton Citizens Association, and other nearby homeowners associations. The event starts at 7 pm and will be held at MLK Jr. Middle School. We invite you to share your views on important state and community issues as we discuss local issues and answer questions.

**Need help with
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Legislation was introduced earlier this year to address the ongoing problem of poor notice and hefty fines for toll violations. For example, if a commuter drives daily on the ICC but one day their transponder malfunctions, that person is unaware of this problem until they suddenly receive a



Senator Jim Rosapepe

bundle of 20-something violation notices, all at once, and with a \$50 fine for each in addition to the basic toll costs. Drivers can easily rack up more than \$1,000 in civil penalties before they receive any notice. In 2015, approximately 890,000 ICC toll violations were issued, and the courts have been overwhelmed by challenges. While this year's legislation was

unsuccessful, please contact us if you're facing a problem like this, and we will advocate on your behalf for a fair resolution.

**Join Council Member
Mary Lehman and AG
Brian Frosh —
Wednesday, June 7**

Council Member Mary Lehman will be hosting a District 1 town hall on Wednesday, June 7, from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Laurel-Beltsville Senior Center (7120 Contee Road, Laurel, MD). You'll have the opportunity to receive an informative budget update and speak with representatives from many state and county agencies. Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh will be the special guest speaker. Contact Dora Myles-Moore with any questions at dmyl-es@co.pg.md.us or 301.952.3887.

Contact us

Questions? Issues? Feel free to contact us at 21stDistrictDelegation@gmail.com or call 301.858.3141.

Bowie Town Center's Vendor Showcase and Saturday Concert Series

Bowie Town Center, Prince George's County's leading open-air shopping and dining destination, will begin its vendor showcase series on May 13 and will have other vendor events once a month through October 7. Also, the Saturday concert series is heating up! Families are invited every Saturday to the food court lawn to hear the live music from popular local bands.

"Bowie Town Center is excited to continue this tradition, which brings families together during this special time of year," said Deonna Davis, marketing director at Bowie Town Center. "As a central place for the community to gather, we invite everyone to take advantage of these seasonal celebrations at Bowie Town Center as well as our shopping, dining, and entertainment options available." This year, Bowie Town Center is pleased to present the following events:

**Showcase Vendors Events,
Saturdays, May 13, June 10,
July 8, Aug 12, Sept. 9, and Oct.
7, 10 am-5 pm, Food Court
Patio**



Bowie Town Center is having a vendor showcase! Vendors will feature fashionable clothing, jewelry, home décor, and more. For a list of participating vendors, please visit www.bowietowncenter.com.

**Saturday Concert Series
Event, Saturdays, May 6-Sept.
30, 7 pm-9 pm, Food Court
Patio**

Come out to Bowie Town Center for the Saturday Night Concert Series sponsored by Transdev and Deminsons Healthcare System.

We will feature bands playing jazz, funk, r&b, and classic rock. Bring your friends and a lawn chair or blanket, and let's have a good time together! For a list of participating bands, please visit www.bowietowncenter.com.

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Neighbors in the News

Maryland Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar to Be Held May 25–May 28 in Emmitsburg, MD

The 2017 MD Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) seminar will take place May 25–May 28 in Emmitsburg, MD, at Mount St. Mary's University. The four-day seminar gives high school sophomores from all over the state of Maryland an opportunity to interact with leaders in business, education, media, government, and volunteerism. Students will have a chance to meet other young leaders from around the state and discuss many important topics that affect them. The state seminar is planned entirely by local volunteers who believe in students' ability to make a difference, many of whom are HOBY alumni.

Participating will be Ms. Megan Keppler of Elizabeth Seton High School and Ms. Kayla

Bridgers of Bishop McNamara High School. Ms. Keppler is a Beltsville resident who attended Beltsville Academy from kindergarten through eighth grade prior to attending Seton.

HOBY ambassadors are asked to complete 100 hours of community service in the year following their leadership seminar experience. Students will gain experience at this year's seminar through involvement in service projects including building Born Learning Trails within Frederick, MD.

For over 50 years, HOBY has been known as the country's top youth leadership development organization. Founded in 1958 by veteran actor Hugh O'Brian, HOBY's mission is to provide lifelong leadership development

opportunities that empower individuals to achieve their highest potential so that they can make a lasting, positive impact in their homes, schools, and communities. The program's core values are volunteerism, integrity, excellence, diversity, and community partnership, all of which students will experience during the seminar. HOBY Maryland is the local, state-level affiliate of Hugh O'Brian Youth International. Students who attend HOBY seminars have the exclusive opportunity to become part of the HOBY alumni association, which gives them lifelong access to leadership opportunities, including increased eligibility for scholarships and internships.



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Two Maryland Youth Honored For Volunteerism at National Award Ceremony in Washington, DC

Maryland's top two youth volunteers of 2017, Lena Goldstein, 17, of Arnold, and Michaela West, 11, of Beltsville, were honored in the nation's capital on May 7 for their outstanding volunteer service during the 22nd annual presentation of The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. Lena and Michaela—along with 100 other top youth volunteers from across the country—each received \$1,000 awards and personal congratulations from Olympic gold medalist Michael Phelps at an award ceremony and gala dinner reception held at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History.



Olympic gold medalist Michael Phelps pays tribute to Lena Goldstein of Arnold and Michaela West of Beltsville.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), named Lena and Michaela Maryland's top high school and middle-level youth volunteers in February. In addition to their cash awards, they each received an engraved silver medalion and an all-expense-paid trip with a parent to Washington, DC, for four days of recognition events.

Lena, a junior at McDonogh School in Owings Mills, took last year off from school to travel with her physician parents to remote areas of South America and Asia where she worked with nonprofit organizations to provide medical

services to people who would otherwise have little access to basic healthcare. Lena's interest in volunteering began many years ago when she raised money by selling bracelets to purchase mosquito nets for children in Africa. "This effort opened my eyes to the widespread healthcare disparities that unfortunately impact a huge population worldwide," she said.

After she had arranged to take high school courses online, Lena traveled first to Ecuador and Peru, then to Thailand, Cambodia, and Vietnam. In remote villages, she helped measure patients' blood pressure, height, weight, and pulse; assisted in filling prescriptions; and distributed vitamins. She also

helped screen women for cervical cancer and taught geography and basic hygiene care to children. Fluent in Spanish, Lena's role as a translator for doctors was particularly important in South America. Since then, Lena has volunteered on a healthcare mission to the Dominican Republic and founded a group at her school to facilitate discussions of global healthcare issues and organize drives to collect hygiene and health supplies for future medical service trips abroad.

Michaela, a fifth grader at Saint Joseph's Regional Catholic School, formed a club at her school that

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weeks on the market.

Josh wrote and created *Author Gator* over the past two years and had it published on Amazon April 3, 2017. Readers relate to the book's central message of accepting people for who they are and not judging them by their outward appearances. It's a fantastical story about an alligator trying to follow his dreams, with the help of his friend, Bandit Raccoon, in spite of the hardships of bullying and discrimination he has to deal with. It is a story of following your dreams and reaching them using creativity and self-determination. Parents, teachers, and librarians are sure to enjoy sharing it with children.

Josh's book quickly struck a chord worldwide. Currently, Amazon shows 62 U.S. reviews and many others from as far away as the United Kingdom, Italy, New Zealand, Australia, and Germany. One reviewer wrote:

"*Author Gator* talks about his fears of rejection, being misunderstood, and his need to fit in and make friends. Topics that all deal

with as they navigate the difficult passage from youngster to adulthood. Joshua Benya, a young person himself, has opened his heart to write about what can be a heart-wrenching concern to children in a way that demonstrates that overcoming their fears is possible. Being brave can bring exactly the rewards that one aspires to."

Another reviewer, perhaps a teacher, wrote: "The illustrations are detailed and enhance his story beautifully. Josh's artistic talent shines as brightly as does his storytelling ability. *Author Gator* is a lovely book for school age children who deal with these fears every day and speaks to the issue in a sensitive way that is likely to be truly heard by the reader. I recommend parents read this book to children of all backgrounds and young ages regularly—repetition increases the likelihood of belief and acceptance of its truth."

In a way, *Author Gator* is Josh's personal story about challenges he encountered on his way to becoming a children's book author. Josh wrote this book to deliver his powerful message of personal perseverance and never giving up on

his dream to become a published author of children's books. Don't ever give up on your dreams, no matter what; if you don't give up, you can make it work, might well be Josh's personal mantra.

Josh earned the rank of Eagle Scout with three palms at Troop 1033, which is sponsored by Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Beltsville. "I did make it to Eagle Scout when I was 15, and I did face many challenges. At times, I thought of giving up, but I didn't quit because I wanted to prove something to myself. I wanted adventure, just like the other scouts. And just like *Author Gator* [principal characters of the book] to help him through challenges; I had my friends in the scouts who helped me. They always had my back."

Here's the Amazon link to Josh's book: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B06Y1DB2CP>. Also, Josh will soon be scheduling a book tour to visit libraries and schools. To schedule Josh at your library or school, email him at author.joshbenya@gmail.com. He'll be happy to set a date and time to visit your location.

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Our goals are to offer all children regardless of their athletic ability the opportunity to play sports and develop to their full potential, and to provide a safe and supportive environment for children to develop their athletic abilities and character.

We are opening registrations for the fall season beginning June 17th. Anyone who is interested can check us out online here: <http://calvertonrec.siplay.com/site/>. Any questions, comments, or concerns can be directed to calvertonsoccer@gmail.com

Club News

College Park Unit # 217 Gears Up For a New Year

By Ivy Christoffers

May was a very active month for the women of College Park Unit #217 American Legion Auxiliary. Each Saturday and Sunday of the month, members were out in the community distributing poppies, the flower of remembrance for our war dead. For those who are not aware of this tradition, it was begun nearly a hundred years ago after the First World War. The first military cemetery was in Flanders, France, where poppies grew in profusion. The beautiful poem "In Flanders Field" describes this awesomely. Our poppies are made by disabled veterans who receive some monetary award for doing so. We are honored to distribute these poppies, and any donations realized are dedicated to veterans programs.

On May 29, members of post and Unit #217 participated in the College Park Memorial Day observance at the Veterans Memorial located at the corner of Greenbelt Road and Rte.1. The Post Color Guard advanced the colors, and the unit president offered the opening prayer and presented a wreath she had made for the occasion. This event brings out many elected officials and interested attendees to pay tribute to those brave men and women who have paid the supreme sacrifice to ensure we continue to live in the land of the free. Following the program, all were invited to attend

a luncheon hosted by the committee at College Park Post #217.

Our Department of Maryland drawdown held on April 29 at Greenbelt Post #136 proved to be very successful. Several members of Unit #217 worked throughout the day, selling tickets, manning raffle tables and generally assisting wherever needed. This was our fourth drawdown fundraiser and our best so far. We would like to thank Greenbelt Post #136 for hosting this event.

On May 6, our Wounded Warriors auction was held at Post #217 and was well attended. Performers Ronnie Dove and Johnny Seaton headlined the event and did a fantastic job of keeping everyone entertained. I hear the meal was great as well. The same night, Southern Maryland District held our annual reception for our department leaders, the legion and SAL commanders and the department and honorary junior presidents.

A member of Unit #217 decided to personally hold a fundraiser for our Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation/Creative Arts Program and has contributed more than \$2,000 from the sale of armed forces bracelets. These are made of wooden tiles depicting all the icons of the branches of the armed forces, patriotic symbols, and elastic. These expansion bracelets have proved to be very popular and cost only \$5.00 each. They

are now being sold throughout Maryland as well as other states. Who knew? Men and women alike wear them.

Coming up in June is our installation of new and returning officers to lead our post and unit for the next twelve months. Our end-of-the-year convention is being held in Ocean City in July when we will be anxious to discover whether our post and unit will be recognized for our work this year on behalf of veterans, our youth, and community.

As a reminder, our post welcomes you to drop in and check us out for any upcoming event you may be planning. We are closed on Monday but open at noon on all other days. Our Tuesday and Wednesday bingo, Friday night dinner dances, and welcoming atmosphere are constant draws.

Remember, Flag Day is in June, and if you have an unusable American flag you need to dispose of, why not drop it off at College Park Post #217 so it can be done properly? There is a red mailbox out front for this purpose. If you need a new flag, call me at 240.421.9580.

School will soon be over, so keep your eyes peeled for more children in the streets. Keep our troops in your prayers and pray that God continues to bless America, the land of the free because of the brave.

The Beltsville Young at Heart Club

By Barbara Schofield

We had Cinco de Mayo entertainment at the May 4 meeting. Santana and Benjamin, two members of the mariachi band *Grupa Mariachi Esmerelda*, serenaded us with beautiful music.

On August 30, there will be a trip to the Riverside Dinner Theater to see *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*. Prior to the show, enjoy a delicious, chef-prepared luncheon served at your table. The cost is

\$90 per person.

Thank you to Neva Swaby, who signed up to do the kitchen work all by herself this month. A lot of members do their best to get out of it.

Finally, Maria is still working hard getting everything together for Beltsville Day. Do everything with so much love in your heart that you would never do it any other way (Yogi Desai).

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society will meet Wednesday, June 7, 2017, at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway, New Carrollton, MD 20784 at 7 pm.

This month, Professor Adam Rothman from Georgetown University will present a talk titled Faith, Family, and Freedom: Tracing the American Jesuit Slave Community. Professor Rothman

is an expert in the history of the United States from the Revolution to the Civil War and in the history of slavery and abolition in the Atlantic world. The event is free, and refreshments will be served.

For more information, visit us on the web at www.pgcs.org or call the PGCS library at 301.262.2063. You can also like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pgcogenealogy>.

Church News

Upcoming Events at the First Baptist Church of Beltsville

Mark your calendars for the free community block party on Saturday, June 3, from 11 am-4 pm. Join the church as it hosts a day of fun that will include games, a moon bounce, children's ID program through the PG County Police Dept., food, and a great way to meet your neighbors. Everyone is welcome. The rain

date is June 10.

In addition, vacation Bible school (VBS) is almost here. The Galactic Starveyors adventure VBS will be held July 17-July 21 from 9 am-12 pm. Who made all that we see? Can we know the one who did? Does he love you and me? Come and find out the answers to these questions that

week. VBS is for ages 4 yrs. to 6th grade. It's free! It's fun! It's full of music, crafts, snacks, Bible study, and surprises! Call 301.937.7771 for more information or register your child at churchoffice@fbc-beltsville.org. The First Baptist Church of Beltsville is located at 4700 Odell Road, Beltsville, MD.

PG County Schools Closing Later Than Planned This Year

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) will end the 2016-17 academic year on June 13 for students and teachers.

Schools will dismiss two hours early on June 9, June 12 and June 13 to allow teachers and other staff time to complete year-end tasks.

There were two emergency closings in March — one for students and one for students and staff. Since then, PGCPS officials had been seeking a state waiv-

er from the mandatory 180-day school calendar. The waiver for one to two days of student attendance would have allowed the school year to end as originally planned, June 9 for students and June 12 for teachers. The school system recently learned those efforts were unsuccessful.

These dates are subject to change pending any emergency closures.

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Martin Luther King MS Music Program Performs at Music In The Park!

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Although they did not compete, the chorus received *excellent* ratings. The orchestra earned a 3rd place trophy in their category, and the band won a 1st place trophy. After performing, the students were able to enjoy the rest of the day at Hershey Park and Chocolate World! Congratulations to all the student musicians at MLK!

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ley@msn.com by June 12. This presentation will be in lieu of our regular June Citizens Association meeting. The legislative update meeting is sponsored by the Beltsville, Vansville Heights, and Calverton Citizen's Associations and the North Creek Home Owners Association. The delegation has asked the communities to co-sponsor 1 meeting for the region.

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Theft from autos is still a problem; please remove valuables from your car. Finally, have you signed up for Nextdoor at www.nextdoor.com to receive community information? If you have a community concern, I can be reached at 301.937.3490 or karenmcoakley@msn.com.

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Calendar of Events

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MONTPELIER MANSION & ART CENTER

9650 Muirkirk Rd., Laurel, MD 20708. Phone: 301.377.7817. TTY: 301.699.2544. E-mail: montpeliermansion@pgparks.com. Contact the Art Center at 301.377.7800 regarding art and photography classes. Self-guided tours of the mansion: Thur. – Tue. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost: \$5/adults, \$4/seniors, \$2/children ages 5 – 18, free/ages 4 and under. The mansion is closed on Wednesdays and selected holidays. The grounds are open from dawn until dusk every day of the year and access is free of charge. Contact the Mansion for information on more events in June.

HIDDEN SPACES

Sun., June 4 starting promptly at 4 p.m. Ages 18+. **Reservations are required and space is limited.** Montpelier staff will give you a behind-the-scenes tour! These areas include cellars, the attic, the walk-in vault, the Summer House, and the Carriage House. You'll learn about the construction of the house and the changes over its 230-year history, including 20th Century modernizations such as electricity and HVAC. *Older clothes and comfortable shoes are recommended.* Cost: \$15/person regular price, \$10/person for active military and members of Friends of Montpelier.

COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM

1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Dr., College Park, MD 20740. Phone: 301.864.6029. TTY: 301.699.2544. Regular hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, except for most major holidays and some special events. Cost: \$4/adults, \$3/seniors, \$2/children, free/age 1 and under. See CollegeParkAviationMuseum.com for more information and events.

BROWN BAG LUNCH LECTURE

Wed., June 14 at 12 noon. Bring your lunch and join us for a different topic of discussion on the second Wednesday each month. The subject for June is Aeropittura. Lecture cost: Free. Ages 18 and up.

ENGINEERING 101

Sat., June 17 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Ages 11 – 14. What is an engineer? Engineers are people who design and build things to solve specific problems. Learn the basics of engineering through an interactive, hands-on design challenge by creating your own design from drawing to prototype. The project for the month of June is rib making. This is a structured program. Cost: \$5, includes museum admission and supplies.

COLLEGE PARK MOOSE LODGE

3700 Metzert Road, College Park, MD 20740. Community Fair and Picnic June 4 (Rain Date 6/10) noon-3 pm. There will be something for everyone, including face painting, a moonbounce, balloons, games, and child fingerprinting. Tables for vendors and yard sale sellers will be available for \$20 per table with sales beginning at 10 am and lasting until 3 pm. For more info. or to volunteer, contact Tori at 703.307.0708 or the lodge 301.935.5525.

LAUREL-BELTSVILLE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

Regular hours of operation: Mon. – Thur. from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fri. from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat. from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., closed Sunday. Address: 7120 Contee Rd., Laurel, MD 20707, around the corner from the Laurel Regional Hospital. Phone: 301.206.3350. Fax: 301.206.3387. TTY: 301.446.3402. Contact the center regarding classes and events for June. Membership is free for Beltsville residents who are age 60 or older.

SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Friendship Club regular office hours are Mon. – Fri. from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Phone: 301.206.3380. The monthly meetings and luncheons take place on the second Wednesday of each month. The meeting for June will take place on Wed., June 14 at 10:30 a.m. State Senator Jim Rosepepe will discuss the 2017 legislative session of the Maryland General Assembly. Sign-up and pay for the luncheon by Wed., June 7.

THURSDAY MOVIE MATINEE

The featured movie for Thur., June 8 is *Fences*. The featured movie for Thur., June 22 is *Hidden Figures*. Start time is 10 a.m. and the end time is about 12 noon. Popcorn will be provided. Cost: free.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER

10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. The entrance is accessed from Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore–Washington Pkwy. and Rt. 197. Main phone: 301.497.5772. Regular hours of operation for the Visitor Center are: Fri. – Wed. from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., **closed Thursdays and federal holidays**. Regular hours of operation for the trails and grounds are: Open daily from sunrise to sunset, except for federal holidays. See <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent/visit/directions.html>. Cost: 1) Free admission to the Visitor Center and its exhibits, grounds, and trails, and 2) Other activities and events are free of charge if not noted, but donations to the Friends of Patuxent are gratefully accepted. Space in public programs is limited. *Registration is by phone only and is required unless otherwise specified* — call 301.497.5887. Note: These public programs are designed for individuals/families. **Programs are subject to changes or cancellation due to weather or low participation.** Please advise us of any special needs so that we may accommodate you. Contact the Visitor Center regarding events for June.

TRAM TOURS ARE BACK!

Tours take place at 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2 p.m. The early season schedule is weekends in May and early June. The summer tour calendar begins Fri., June 16 and continues through Sun., Sept. 3, with tours scheduled on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and weekends. The late tram season is for weekends from Sat., Sept. 9 through Sun., Oct. 29, with an option for reserved tours on Tuesdays. The electric tram is covered, has open sides, and is handicap-accessible. It is

operated by the Friends of Patuxent. The tour goes through the Great Eastern Hardwood Forest surrounding Lake Redington and progresses through several different types of habitats. Tour leaders discuss the animals in those habitats, how the habitats change, threats encountered by the animals, and wildlife conservation efforts. Cost: free of charge, but **optional donations are gratefully accepted and can be made in cash or by credit card in the bookstore**. Seating is limited to 40 and is on a first come, first served basis. Children need to be accompanied by adults. Registration is not required. For updates and more information, call the front desk at 301.497.5772.

HOLLINGSWORTH ART GALLERY

The featured artist for June is David Kepley. The gallery is open when the Visitor Center is open. Registration is not required. All ages.

WILDLIFE IMAGES BOOKSTORE

The bookstore is operated by the Friends of Patuxent and is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the days that the Visitor Center is open. Applications to adopt a whooping crane (Adopt A Whooper program) may be left at the bookstore.

WONDERFUL WOLVES

Sat., June 3 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Ages 7 – 11. How do wolves communicate? Why are they so important to deer and elk health? Come ready to play games and hear stories about our country's wonderful wolves.

TINY TOTS: NATURE AND MUSIC

Sun., June 4 and Mon., June 5 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. each day. Ages 16 – 42 mos. **Parental participation required.** Learn about wildlife at the refuge through fun and interactive songs, stories, and activities.

SPECIAL WHOOPING CRANE OBSERVATORY TOUR

Sun., June 4 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Ages 14+. Take a guided tour to the Whooping Crane Observatory at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center to observe a graceful and endangered adult whooping crane. Find out more about the Whooping Crane population recovery program. Arrive early, as tour will leave on time. **Space is very limited.**

BIRD WALK

Wed., June 7 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Ages 16+. Search for early summer migrants in various refuge habitats on this guided hike. *Field guides and binoculars are recommended.* The walk begins at the Visitor Center.

KIDS' FISHING DAY

There will be two sessions on Sat., June 10. The first session is from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The second session is from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Fishing demonstrations and instructions for ages 15 and under. *This event is catch and release fishing only.* **The registration period opened in May, and space is limited.**

PEEPS, CROAKS, & RIBBITS

Sat., June 10 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Ages 8 – 10. Communication is as big a deal for frogs and toads as it is for us humans. Come learn why these noisy

creatures of the night have such different voices and how you can tell them apart.

SENSES & SOUNDS IN NATURE

Tue., June 13 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Ages 5 – 7. Let us go explore the refuge and try to find wildlife using our senses.

RAPTORS REIGN

Sat., June 24 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. All ages. Join special guest and licensed falconer Rodney Stotts, as he shares the power of nature through discussions and up-close encounters with birds of prey. This is a drop-in program. No registration required.

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NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)

Free and open to the public. Regular hours of operation are Mon. – Fri. from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for federal holidays. The library is located at 10301 Baltimore Ave., near Sunnyside Ave. Parking is free. Main phone number: 301.504.5755. NAL is on Twitter at http://twitter.com/#!/National_Ag_Lib. See NAL.USDA.gov/visit-library for more information.

DIGITAL EXHIBITS

NAL offers online, digital exhibits that are free of charge. There are previews and links to more detailed information. See NAL.USDA.gov/exhibits. Titles include:

- *Frost on Chickens*
- *Mailboxes, Mom and Pop Stands, and Markets: Local Foods Then and Now*
- *Apron Strings and Kitchen Sinks*
- *How Did We Can? The Evolution of Home Canning Practices*

BEHNKE NURSERIES GARDEN CENTER

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

POLLINATOR DAY

Sat., June 3. Events include: What's in Bloom walking tour at 11 a.m. with horticulturist Christopher Lewis. Book signing of *The Humane Gardener* from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with author Nancy Lawson. Honey bee information station from 12 noon to 3 p.m. with BUMBA (Bowie–Upper Marlboro Beekeepers Association).

AQUATIC GARDENING FOR EVERYONE

Sat., June 10 at 11 a.m. Branch out from your everyday garden and try something new — add a small pond or water feature to your landscape. Join Christopher Lewis as he discusses the ins and outs of aquatic gardening, including the different ways to construct a water feature and what kinds of plants work best in small aquatic settings.

BELTSVILLE LIBRARY

The library is located at 4319 Sellman Rd., Beltsville, next to the police station. Main phone number: 301.937.0294. Regular hours of operation are Mon. –

Tue. from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., Wed. – Fri. from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sat. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed Sundays. Visit our library system website at www.pgcmlls.info to check for weather-related closings and to use our online library services. *Notification of closing for inclement weather is posted on our website.*

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

CHESSE CLUB

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

READY 2 READ PRESCHOOL STORYTIMES

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Ages 3 – 5.

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Thursday mornings at 11:15 a.m. Ages birth – 2 years old.

SUMMER @ YOUR LIBRARY

The summer reading program continues through Aug. 19. Join your community in fun reading activities. Registration prizes are available until June 12 while supplies last. All ages.

STEM FOR FAMILIES

Wed., June 7 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Learn how to make an easy lava lamp in this fun science experiment. **Limit 20, call to register.**

ILEAD TUTORING AND MENTORING

Sat., June 10 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Homework help for students in grades 6 through 8; call the library for details.

TAIL WAGGIN' TUTOR

Two sessions: Sat., June 17 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. and Tue., June 20 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Children read to a dog. Ages 5 – 12. For information, call or visit the branch.

BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

3900 Sellman Rd., Beltsville. Phone: 301.937.6613. Spanish line: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512. Regular hours of operation are: Mon. – Thur. from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fri. from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sat. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed on Sunday. Hours of operation for Xtreme Teens and Pre-teens: Fri. – Sat. from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Contact the center regarding events for June.

YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

The Beltsville Young at Heart Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 12 noon. Members must be at least 55 years old. If you visit us three times you can become a member. We have speakers, entertainment, trips, 50/50, bingo, plus light refreshments. Call Jean at 301.879.4304 with any questions.

STRATEGY GAME CLUB

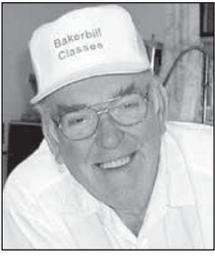
Mondays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Enjoy board games, strategy games, and tons of fun. All skill levels welcome. Any game can be played as well as brought to the club to be played. Cost: free. All ages.

XTREME TEENS AND PRE-TEENS REGULAR EVENTS

Fridays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Free with valid Center ID card. Ages 10 – 17.

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Baker Bill

I taught a baking class for over 15 years to about 100 ladies, some men, and some children. They know the fun of making bread. Kneading it, letting it rise, and enjoying the look of the family when you put it on the table. Nothing was more fun for me in class than making bread. But those days are over. Now, all I can do is write about it. If you would like to make bread, I can send you a complete recipe with easy-to-read instructions. You do need to buy the yeast. Then, all you need is a bowl, spoon, and flour, of course.

I have written a lot about the bus to Giant and ShopRite from Riderwood. As of late, I need to take the bus to Laurel and beyond for medical reasons. I want to say that Bob and his professional group of drivers are doing a good job again.

Here at Riderwood, my readers are growing. A lady just now stopped me in the hallway to talk about my recipes. She liked the fruitcake, and the only problem with it was she could not find the fruit; she bought it on Amazon. Remember this at holiday time. For years, the market has been flooded with poor fruitcake, so the markets stopped carrying the fruit. This lady also loved the cookies made with my recipe for this month.

The recipe this month is one I have written about many times. People stop me in the hall saying they made the cookies and loved them or of late they lost the recipe and please print it again. So here it is by request, chocolate chip cookies. *Note: this is the recipe for cookies I sold in the bakery, and John Kim, the owner now, still*

uses it.

In a medium-size bowl, place 3/4 cup sugar, 3/4 cup brown sugar, two sticks of butter, and two eggs. Cream well with a hand mixer. Add 2 1/2 cups flour, one teaspoon salt, 1 1/2 teaspoon soda, and vanilla chocolate chips to taste. Mix them well with a spoon, scoop out golf ball-size balls, and place on a greased pan. Bake for approximately 10 minutes at 400 degrees.

I can e-mail a copy to you, or you can print out a copy from my web page www.bakerbill.net. Click on recipes to find it. This recipe is a keeper, and the kids can make them as well.

Well, with that I'll close for now.

Baker Bill @Riderwood

School News

High Road Upper School Class of 2017 Graduates

On June 15, The High Road Upper School in Beltsville will be graduating 11 students. The students have participated in academic, career planning, work experience/internship opportunities and music, art, and sports activities that have laid a foundation that will support each student's growth into adulthood.

Senior Aayonna Thompson shared this about her experience: "Though the work was tough at times, I know that it has better prepared me for the future." Aayonna will be attending a culinary training program at the Maryland Workforce Development Training in Baltimore and plans to work as a chef.

Norman Tillman-Williams, who will enter the workforce after graduation, also speaks of his experience: "I am glad that I put forth the effort because it made

me a better person, but I am also glad it is over and I can begin the next phase." He plans to attend a workforce development training program at Prince George's Community College to earn his commercial driver's license.

Each graduate is connected to a postsecondary education or employment plan as outlined in the graduate's individualized education plan, part of High Road's school-to-work program and transition planning process.

Most of the graduating seniors will be enrolling in vocational training programs such as nursing assistant, child care, building trades, or supported employment.

Mike Coker, who will be studying engineering, said about his time at High Road: "At first, I really did not appreciate all that the staff have done to support me, but during my time here at High

Road, I realized that that staff really care and want me to succeed and now I can look forward to beginning the next part of my life."

Good luck to all the graduates of the class of 2017:

Mike Coker: Prince George's Community College/Capitol College, Aayonna Thompson: Maryland Workforce Development Training Center Culinary Arts Program, Norman Tillman-Williams: Prince George's Community College—workforce development program—CDL training, Natayia Jackson: entering the workforce with Servicesource, Shane Green: Prince George's Community College—graphic design, Dashawn Spruell: US military, Aaron Weatherly, David Gist, Cameron Carr: EBED Community Improvement, Inc., and Angela Pryor and Saeed Bockerie: undecided

from a grant, to make bundles containing clothing, food, water, toiletries, and tarps for the homeless, all tied up with a bow.

This made Michaela feel so good that she decided to start a "Bundles of Love Club" at her school. She created a fundraising webpage, distributed fliers describing her project, applied for grants, and sought donations from family members, friends, and her church and school. To date, Michaela has delivered 168 of her "love bundles," aided by more than 240 volunteers that she rallied to her cause. Sometimes she encounters skeptics who say

the homeless don't want help and she's wasting her time. "Everyone deserves love and kindness," she responds. "I want them to know that they are not forgotten."

"These honorees have done exemplary work to contribute to the health and vitality of their communities, and we look forward to seeing the great things they achieve in the future," said John Strangfeld, chairman and CEO of Prudential Financial, Inc. "Congratulations to each of these extraordinary young volunteers."

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- A Lighthouse Moment (Sunday Worship) - Sunday, 10am
- Light Through The Word (Prayer & Bible Study) - Wednesday, 7:30pm
- Little Beacons of Light (Kids Fellowship) - Friday, 7:30pm
- Shining Lights Youth Ministry (Youth Fellowship) - Friday, 7:30pm
- Virtuous Ladies of Light (Women's Fellowship) - Friday, 7:30pm
- Titus Men of Light (Men's Fellowship) - Friday, 7:30pm

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assembles and delivers necessities wrapped in blankets or sleeping bags to the homeless people of Baltimore and Washington, DC. Since Michaela was very young, the plight of homeless people has moved her. "I would see people on the corner asking for food or money, and I would get pangs in my stomach," she said. "I always begged my mom to give." One year, Michaela asked friends and family to give her money instead of gifts for her birthday and then used that money, in addition to funds

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BEHOLD THE GLORIES

Behold the glories of the sun
Bejeweling dancing waves with light;
A momentary scene which comes
Through majesties of power and might.

An orb of fire set in Space,
By spoken words at Dawn of Time,
Sustained precisely for Earth's place
And, yet, artistic'ly designed.

What miracle has kindness wrought!
Its beauty shows a mind displayed
Continually in constant thought,
Maintaining more than we can say.

How easily this awesomeness
Can slip into life's many cares;
Intention is how we possess
The value of Heav'n's richest wares.

Sometimes our greatest energies
Seem wasted minutes, purposeless,
But for the ones who seek to please
Their Maker's heart, our souls can rest.

Not hidden from His gaze are deeds
We've offered e'en in dead of night,
Or unappreciated seeds
Tear-watered and sown out of sight.

To Him our efforts aren't in vain,
Their meaning lost as hours fade;
Our labor's fruit, He says, remains
When done abiding in His name.

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Are written all our life's employ,
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Rebecca Hutchings
4/27/17



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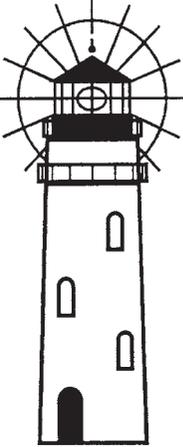
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Sundays:

*Sunday School for all ages	9:45 a.m.
*Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship Activities	6:00 p.m.
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*Adult Bible Study & Prayer	7:00 p.m.
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Sunday Service	Thursday Service
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Praise & Worship 10 am	Youth Ministry 7 pm
Children's Ministry 10 am	Kids' Power Hour 7 pm
	Discipleship Class 7 pm
	Search for Truth 7 pm

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XTREME TEENS AND PRE-TEENS REGULAR EVENTS

Fridays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Ages 10 – 17. Free with valid Center ID card.

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