Pack 1031Rolling 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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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, Elliott City, MD. He and his friend, Lois Hamilton, were there as guests of the Colonel Trench 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 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 Corp.

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Beltsville-Calverton Author Josh Benya Pens Children’s Bestseller

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, marvelously 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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On the Agenda

June will be a busy month and informative month. Councilwoman Mary A. 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 Conte 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@

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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) 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.

Members of EUMC’s deaf Ministry (left to right) Roy White, Carrie White, Marilyn Tucker and Beverly Hunneycutt

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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 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 kidnesshood 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 Epilon 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 direct 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 SunJohn 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” project 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.

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• Maryland Children’s Health Program—(MCHIP)
• Re-certify—(Redetermination)—Drop off Documents
• Other DSS Emergence Assistance

Can you help me with some food?
• Food bank assistance, for those who qualify.

I’m a little short this month—can you help me with rent and/or utilities?

I’m trying to get a job.
• Help preparing a resume, and tips for job interviews.

I just need to talk to someone.
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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, rugs, design services.

Michael Richards and Valerie Kabelac

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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 Scoutin for Food. Along the way, we learn responsibility, 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 your 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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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 size 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 them or the original disks if you installed the program from them.

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 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 backing up is to use 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.
Join us Tuesday, June 20, in Beltsville

Delegates Barbara Frush, Jose-
line Peña-Melnyk, Ben Barnes, and I will be meeting with Belts-
ville 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 Belts-
ville 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
E-ZPass problems?

Legislation was introduced ear-
lier this year to address the ongo-
ing 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 prob-
lem until they suddenly receive a

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, approximate-
ly 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 Lau-el-Beltsville Senior Center (7120 Con
tee 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-
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Bowie Town Center’s Vendor Showcase and Saturday Concert Series

Bowie Town Center, Prince George’s County’s leading open-
air shopping and dining destina-
tion, will begin its vendor show-
case series on May 13 and will have other vendor events once a month through October 7. Also, the Saturday concert series is heat-
ing 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 direc-
tor at Bowie Town Center. “As a central place for the community to gather, we invite everyone to take advantage of these seasonal cele-
brations 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 hav-
ing a vendor showcase! Vendors will feature fashionable clothing, jewelry, home décor, and more. For a list of participating vendors, please visit www.bowietowncen-
ter.com.

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

Come out to Bowie Town Cen-
ter for the Saturday Night Concert Series sponsored by Transdev and Deminsions Healthcare System. We will feature bands playing jazz, funk, rb, 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.

For more information about Bowie Town Center’s events, please call 301.860.1401 or visit www.bowietowncenter.com. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook. com/BowieTownCenter and fol-
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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’Brien 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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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.

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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 and nearly 1,000 area school administrators and community leaders—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.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program is 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 in Africa. “This effort opened my eyes to the widespread healthcare disparities that unfortunately impact a huge population worldwide,” she said.

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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 child’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 had Bandit [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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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 America 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 presenting a wreath she had made for the occasion. This event brings out many elected officials and international lawmakers to our post and unit. It is a constant event that God continues to bless America because of the brave.

By Barbara Schofield

We had Cinco de Mayo entertainment at the May 4 meeting. Santana and Benjamín, two members of the mariachi band Grupo Mariachi Esmeralda, 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 Beltsville Young at Heart Club

Calverton Rec Soccer Fall Season to Start

Calverton Rec Soccer is a non profit, volunteer-based, organization whose mission is to foster the positive development of youth and strengthen the local community by providing fun, semi-competitive programs to teach the fundamentals of sport including technical skills, tactics, and sportsmanship.

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/. Any questions, comments, or concerns can be directed to calvertonsoccer@gmail.com

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’s speaker 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.pgcgs.org or call the PGCGS library at 301.262.2063. You can also like us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/pgcgenalogy.
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.

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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 Citizens’ Associations and the North Creek Home Owners Association. The delegation has asked the communities to co-sponsor 1 meeting for the region.

Heroin, opioid, synthetic marijuana, and other drugs of today are not the same as drugs of yesteryear. The problem in our community impacts our children, families, and neighbors. The drugs of today are laced with an ever-changing concoction that makes them significantly more dangerous than the drugs from the 1960’s–1990’s. There will be a meeting sponsored by the District 6 Police Citizen’s Advisory Council and the Prince Georges County Police on Thursday, June 22, from 7–9 pm at Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department, 4911 Prince George’s Avenue. Bring a friend, a neighbor, and your children. This problem affects everyone in the community.

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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Some Advice

Tomorrow promises all of us a world of difference. But do not expect a hoped for fairy tale! THAT you will only find in the right book!

Conrado Michael Miller

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PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

CHESS CLUB

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

READY 2 READ PRE-SCHOOL STORYTIME

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Ages 3 – 5

READY 2 READ TODDLER STORYTIME

Wednesday mornings at 11:30 a.m. for ages 2 – 3 years old

READY 2 READ BABY STORYTIME

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. Prizes are available until June 12 while supplies last.

STEM FOR FAMILIES

Wed., June 7 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Learn how to make a easy lava lamp in this fun science experiment.

ILEAD TUTORING AND MENTORING

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

TALL WAGON TUN

Two sessions: Sat., June 17 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. and Tue., June 20 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Children read to a dog. Ages 5 – 12. For information, call or visit the branch.

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3900 Sellman Rd., Beltsville, Phone: 301.937.6613. Spanish line: 301.445.4509. TV: 301.445.4512. Regular hours of operation are Mon. – Thur. from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fri. from 8 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.

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

POLINATOR DAY

Sat., June 3. Events include:

What’s in Bloom walking tour at 1 p.m. with horticulturist Christopher Lewis.

Boo 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 RTMA (Rose–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.

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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 fam-
ily 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.

School News

High Road Upper Class of 2017 Graduates

On June 15, The High Road Upper School in Beltsville will be
graduating 11 students. The stu-
dents have participated in academ-
ic, career planning, work experi-
ence/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.” Aay-
onna 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 Com-
munity College to earn his com-
mmercial driver’s license.
Each graduate is connected
to a postsecondary education or
employment plan as outlined in the
graduate’s individualized educa-
tion plan, part of High Road’s
school-to-work program and tran-
sition planning process.
Most of the graduating seniors
will be enrolling in vocational training
programs such as nurs-
ing assistant, child care, building
trades, or supported employment.
Mike Coker, who will be study-
ing 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 suc-
cceed 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 Col-
lege, Aayonna Thompson: Mary-
land Workforce Development
Training Center Culinary Arts Pro-
gram, Norman Tillman-Williams:
Prince George’s Community Col-
lege—workforce development
program—CDL training, Natayia
Jackson: entering the workforce
with Servicesource, Shane Green:
Prince George’s Community Col-
lege—graphic design, Dashawn
Spruell: US military, Aaron
Weatherly, David Gist, Cameron
Carr: EBED Community Improve-
ment, Inc...and Angela Pryor and
Saeed Bockerie: undecided

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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
begg 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
from a grant, to make bundles con-
taining clothing, food, water, toilet-
tries, 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, dis-
tributed fliers describing her proj-
ect, 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
delayed work to contribute to the
health and vitality of their com-
munities, 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
women.”

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Bejeweling dancing waves with light;
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By spoken words at Dawn of Time,
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How easily this awesomeness
Can slip into life’s many cares;
Intention is how we possess
The value of Hear’n’s richest rare.

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.

Within the ocean of His Book
Are written all our life’s employ,
More wonderful because Love looks
With grace on them and shares His joy.

Rebecca Hutchings
4/27/17
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of Beltsville located at 4700 Odell Road, Beltsville is in need of a Pianist for Sundays. This position will begin in August 2017. If you are interested please contact the church office at 301-937-7771 or email us at churchoffice@fbcbeltsville.org 07/17

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