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Rotary President, Howard Phoebus, helps Ellen Mann display a very small portion of the National Agricultural Library Special Arts Collection. Ellen described the history of the hand-painted images of fruit, a national treasure maintained by the library at Beltsville. This collection is available for viewing by the public.

Beltsville Rotary and Behnke Nursery-a Winning Combo

By Ivy Christoffers

Were you there? Did you enjoy the experience? The Chili Cook-Off held at Behnke's on October 9th was a fabulous affair. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Stephanie Fleming and her committee at Behnke's for the beautiful setting and all the hard work that went in to putting on this event. The seventeen chili cooks, including the two first timers, did a fabulous job and had everyone's mouth watering in anticipation from the great aroma wafting throughout. Many thanks to all those who donated gifts for our raffle table. They spanned the spectrum from art to sporting equipment, even a Capitals jersey signed by the entire team, and a TV that garnered the most attention. Hero Dogs were in attendance as was the Wellness Center providing back massages for those interested. Yes, I did partake of the opportunity to get the "kinks" worked out. Our last surviving charter member, Karl

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Beltsville Briefs

Emmanuel United Methodist to Host Halloween Party and Trunk Or Treat

On October 31, Emmanuel United Methodist Church will host a Halloween Party for ages 4 through 18. There will be crafts, games, and a light dinner. Kids and teens are invited to wear their costumes; there will be costume contests for several age groups. Young people from throughout the community are welcome, and parents of young children may also join in the fun. The party will run from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to stay for Emmanuel UMC's Parking Lot Trunk Or Treat from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Emmanuel United Methodist Church is at 11416 Cedar Lane in Beltsville. Call 301.937.7114 for more information or visit www.emmanuelumc-beltsville.net. Emmanuel UMC welcomes its neighbors to join in the fun on Sunday, October 31.

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Scouting For Food



Scouts are collecting food for the needy on Saturday, Nov. 13th.

November is Scouting for Food month in our area. Each year the Boy Scouts of America team up with Safeway and WUSA-TV to collect food for the hungry. Look for plastic grocery

bags marked "Scouting for Food" on your doors on the weekend of November 6th and 7th. Please fill these bags with canned goods or non-perishable food and place them near your front door on the morning of Saturday, Nov. 13. It's best to place them outside your door on Friday evening so you don't forget. The scouts will come by between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon and will pick up the bags of canned goods. Please no glass containers! The food collected will be given to St. Joseph's Catholic Church, which has a food pantry for distribution to the needy in the Beltsville area. Please be as generous as you can. If you are in need of food or know of someone who is, please contact St. Joseph Catholic Church rectory at 301.937.7183 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Local Officials Attend Credit Union's Grand Opening

Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union celebrated the grand opening of their Konterra branch with a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 28, 2010. State Senator Jim Rosapepe and Delegates Joseline Pena-Melnyk and Barbara Frush joined the credit union's Board of Directors for this exciting event. The Konterra branch, located at 6985 Muirkirk Road in Beltsville, provides a full range of financial services for its members that include drive-



Delegate Joseline Pena-Melnyk, Credit Union Board President Charles Deegan, State Senator Jim Rosapepe and Delegate Barbara Frush admire the plaque commemorating the grand opening of the Konterra Branch of Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union.

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On the Agenda

By President Karen M. Coakley

Maradec USA Banquet Hall will give a presentation at the November meeting. They are applying for a Class D Beer and Wine License. Maradec USA will be located on Southard Drive across from the gas station at Costco.



Karen Coakley

FALL LEAF PICK UP: Homeowners must bag their leaves this year. The county will not be vacuumed this year. Leaves will be picked up with other yard waste.

Police Programs from District 6:

SAFE SHOPPER'S Thursday, November 4th (2 locations) Cross Creek Golf Club 12800 Bay Hill Drive Beltsville 7:00 p.m. and 13310 Laurel Bowie Road (next to CVS) 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

PAL'S (Police Athletic League) 2nd Annual Coat Drive. New and Slightly Used Coats are being collected for people in need. The Coat drop off location is the District 6 Station 4321 Sellman Road. Coats will be collected until December 12th.

Stuffed Animal Toy Drive: Stuffed animals will be delivered to children who are in the hospital and to child in need by the police. Toys may be dropped off at the District 6 Police Station.

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25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

Excerpted from the November 1985 issue

Wedding Announcement

Lorie Ann Kelly of Containment, FL was married to Ensign John W. Weires of Beltsville in Pensacola, FL on October 7, 1985.

New Arrival

Mr. & Mrs. William J. DeMarr of Laurel became the proud parents of a baby girl, Erin Lynn DeMarr on September 14, 1985.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebrated

Mr. & Mrs. Olin L. Stout of Melcare Drive, Beltsville celebrat-

ed their Golden Wedding anniversary on September 28, 1985.

Thrush-Weber Wedding

On October 13, 1985, Kimberly Ann Thrush and Kent Jonathan Weber were married at Maryland University Chapel in College Park.

Wedding Announcements

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph P. Malion of Calverton announced the marriage of their daughter, Linda Marie to Thomas C. Marshall on September 7, 1985.

On Saturday, October 5, 1985 at St. John the Baptist Church in Silver Spring, Ronald L. Anderson and Cristine Mulroe were united in marriage.

New Holiday Inn

A new 12 million dollar Holiday Inn was planned for the intersection of Interstate 95 and Powder Mill Road. The structure would be nine stories with 208 rooms.

Obituaries

Howard E. Schoonover, Sr., 76, who worked at the U.S. Department of Agriculture for 36 years, died on October 6, 1985 at a hospital in Orlando, FL. He was also a long-term employee at Behnke Nursery Co.

Agnes L. Breen, 76, long time resident of Beltsville, passed away on October 19, 1985 after a long illness. Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Letters to the Editor

To The Editor,

I would like to address the article written in the October 2010 edition by Andrea concerning the speeders on Cedar Lane. With all due respect, I believe the same could be said for many of the neighborhood roads in Beltsville. I have lived in Beltsville for over 45 years and I have seen, as many of us have, an increase in speed and traffic on local roads. There are days my neighbors and my family fear for our lives just to get out of our driveways on Briggs Chaney Rd. I'm not sure what can be done

to reduce speeds and traffic in our area but it sure would be wonderful if we could.

Sincerely,
Jeri

Vote Murray November 2nd

As your state delegate I have always been a strong advocate for improving our schools and providing opportunities for all students. I believe we deserve responsive and effective leadership on the board of education in district 1.

That is why I am supporting David Murray. Throughout the

campaign David has proven himself to be knowledgeable about the issues and willing to listen to residents. I have seen the passion and care he possesses for helping our students. His background as a Maryland State Board of Education member will be beneficial to our school board. In order to be successful in improving our educational system we need someone that will advocate for us on the board of education. We need David because he has the best interests of our students in mind all the time.

I want David Murray to be my school board member and I urge you to give him your vote on November 2nd.

Ben Barnes
State Delegate

We need Murray on the Board

In the board of education race there is only one candidate who will represent this district the way we deserve. I am supporting and voting for David Murray for the school board.

David is an impressive young man with a strong grasp of the issues facing Prince George's County. He is truly in touch with what is going on in our schools. I know David to be an inclusive and honest leader. Throughout the campaign he has shown great interest in listening and engaging members of the community about education. The school principals' union endorsed David because he understands the struggles principals and school personnel face on a daily basis. David is running because he believes that Prince George's County Schools can do better. He will be a relentless advocate for us and we need him in office.

I wholeheartedly endorse him and ask that you give him your vote on November 2nd.

Barbara Frush
State Delegate

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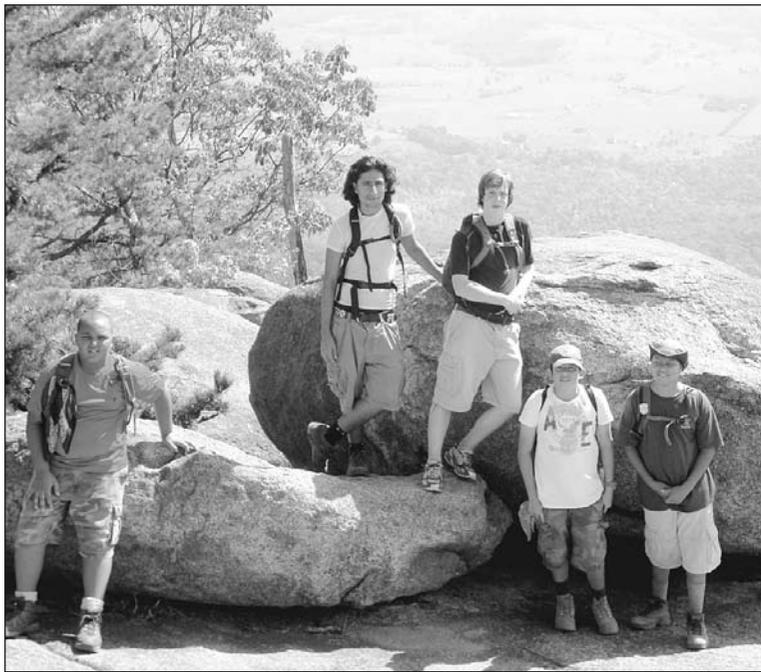
Neighbors in the News

Scouts Conquer Old Rag Mountain

By Gary Bauchan, Scoutmaster

Scouts from Troop 1033 took a very challenging and strenuous hike up Old Rag Mountain in Shenandoah National Park the last weekend of September. The scouts camped at Cedar Mountain Campground just outside of Culpeper, VA. The scouts arose early on Saturday morning to find baby deer wandering around the campground. The scouts packed their camel packs full of water for the warm 9 mile hike along the circuit trail of Old Rag. The top of Old Rag Mountain stands at 3,268 feet above sea level with the trail rising 2,200 feet during the climb. The trail has some spectacular vistas overlooking the valley below but the most exciting part of the trail

is the rock scramble to the summit. Five scouts: Adrian Villarroel, Patrick Deery, Chris Walker, Eduardo Orellana, and Al Diagne and four adult leaders: Scoutmaster Gary Bauchan; Assistant Scoutmasters, Rick Deery and Paul Villarroel and Troop Committee member Laurie Deery made the climb. Adrian Villarroel and Patrick Deery were especially helpful towards the "old folks" along on the trip and other visitors to the park scrambling up the rocks. Following the eight-hour hike the scouts enjoyed a scout cooked spicy chicken with black beans and rice dinner followed by storytelling around the campfire. If you want a really demanding hike, climb Old Rag, just ask any scout who was along on the trip.



Boy Scouts conquer the rocky summit of Old Rag in Shenandoah National Park.

Riderwood Resident Earl Albers to be Honored

Retired U.S. Army sergeant to be reunited with those he helped as children

Riderwood resident Earl Albers, a retired U.S. Army Sergeant, broke the non-fraternization policy imposed on American soldiers in Berlin after World War II by teaching a small group of German children to play baseball. He will be honored by the German government in early November for his courageous act and for helping German youth to find meaning and purpose in their lives in the aftermath of war.

Albers will address undergraduate classes at Chapman University in Orange, California, about his experience and will receive a special award. This event will also serve as a reunion of the German youth he helped who are now adults. Scores of them will join him at the University for a ceremony in which a piece of the Berlin Wall will also be permanently displayed on the campus.

Karen Gallagher, Ph.D., Instructor of German, Chapman

University will facilitate this event under the auspices of the German government. Professor Gallagher's mother, Doris Hillenbrand, was one of the many German youth helped by Albers, who sponsored Hellenbrand's move to the United States, getting special permission from President Harry Truman to do so.

Albers vividly remembers the night he snuck out of his military compound in a Berlin suburb to explore his surroundings in direct insubordination of the U.S. military policy. The commander of the American Zone in Germany, General Lucius D. Clay, caught Albers in the act, and Albers was sure he would be court marshaled.

"General Clay looked at me playing baseball with the German children for a long time without saying a thing. I thought for certain my time was up," said Albers, who moved with his wife from Gaithersburg, Maryland, to Rid-

erwood and who is now an avid billiards player. "He then told me to carry on."

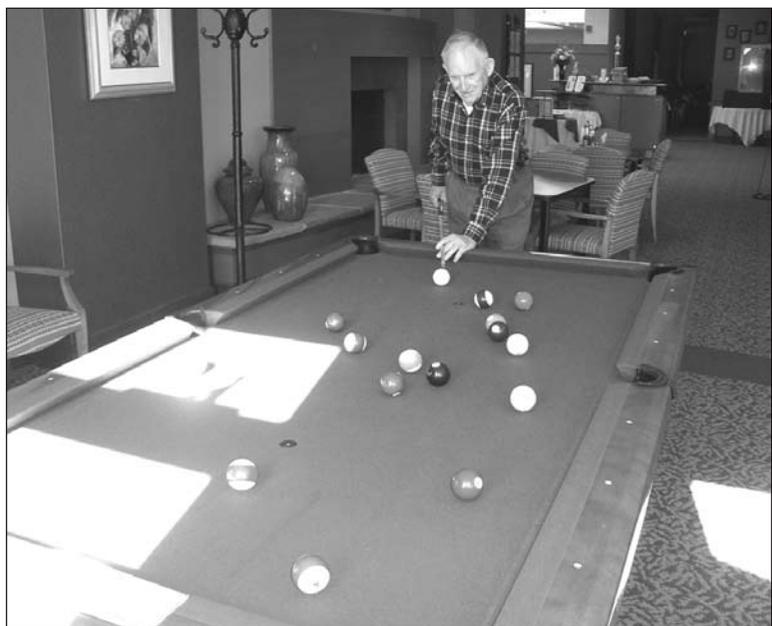
Albers soon became the founding member of the German Youth Activities Organization, providing a safe place for children to escape the memories of war and learn about democracy. He created and supervised programs with the help of an \$87,000 grant obtained by First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

Albers' affinity for German culture traces its roots to his upbringing as a farm boy in a German heritage town in Nebraska. As a child he learned to speak German.

The story of Albers is made more incredible by the fact that

he was deemed 4F and physically unfit for military service due to a heart condition. "I managed to get into the Army anyway," he proudly said. He served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps in a payroll capacity. "I did what I could to help my country and to also help victims of war."

Ironically, it was his "heart," not his act of defiance on a cold night in Berlin that has served him, and the German youth he helped, well over the years. And his heart still beats daily for change. "I live in the present, not in the past," Albers said. "One person can make a difference in this world. Every person can."



Riderwood resident Earl Albers practices billiards in the campus' Wye Oak Pub. (Photo by Mel Tansill).

Shhh..... Your Walls Are Talking

Walls talk. That is why the use of wallpaper can have a strong impact on the beauty and serenity of a room. In fact, wallpaper will also have your guests talking ... talking about how warm, inviting and interesting your home is. Wallpaper is now very much "in," thanks to high styled celebrity designers such as Candice Olsen, Cathy Ireland, Ralph Lauren and Antonio Vella. They have introduced updated color palettes, innovative designs and subtle textures to give new life to wall coverings. According to local Beltsville designer, Michael Richards, of Will's Home Decorating, "The interest in wallpaper has been renewed as a result of strong consumer demand along with stylish new designs and patterns." There are also qualities that are present with the use of wallpaper, which you cannot capture with paint alone without great expense. These include the depth and variety of color, unique patterns and unusual textures. To add instant "WOW" to your room, Michael strongly recommends wallpapering. Wallpaper, however, is not limited to walls. By stapling wallpaper to a wooden frame, you have an inexpensive, yet interesting piece of art for the wall. You can also cover screens or room dividers, lampshades and cabinet door panels with wallpaper.



Valerie and Michael invite you to see the latest wallpaper designs.

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Neighbors in the News

BARC Dedicates Student Discovery Garden

By Jim Butcher

The Beltsville Agricultural Research Center has a brand new educational outreach attraction for students of all ages—but especially for science minded middle and high school aged students. Named the "Student Discovery Garden," the artfully laid out attraction was opened officially at a September 8 ceremony attended by BARC Director Joseph Spence, locally based agriculture department officials, members of the Friends of Agricultural Research—Beltsville, a special BARC task force that planned and created the discovery garden, and, appropriately, a goodly representation of local students, some of them home-schooled.

BARC research plant physiologist Lewis Ziska headed up a special task force of the BARC Diversity Committee charged with creating the discovery garden. This volunteer task force went about



Science and Technology student Adamma Ariguzo, Charles Herbert Flowers High School, checks out the Student Discovery Garden. Photo by Jim Plaskowitz - Beltsville Area Information Technology Section

its work with several interrelated goals in mind said Dr. Ziska in these slightly paraphrased words. He went on to say that one goal is to demonstrate the depth and resourcefulness of BARC agricultural research. After all, Ziska continued, food doesn't magically appear on the shelves or in the coolers of supermarkets. Food arrives after great expenditure of hard work and investment. Scientific progress from agricultural research is central to the food production equation. That is a point for the garden to drive home, Ziska affirms.

Ziska explains that BARC is following First Lady Michelle Obama's lead of using a garden as a teaching tool for urban kids. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has challenged the department to build gardens that will help young people understand how hard it is to produce food and yet how much fun growing food can be. More, the Secretary says, gardens can encourage young people to become more nutritious eaters.

The student discovery garden features seven sections. Each section displays a special subject of BARC research. Sections have such catchy names as: Nutrition and Carrots, Birds and Bees in the Garden (Pollination), Native Crops in the Americas, and Urban Gardening (which may mean anything from growing food in containers to window boxes). Each section features a poster providing educational information. A three-foot wide sidewalk permits easy, close up access to exhibits. The garden is free of pesticides and herbicides. Planting beds contain only sterilized soil, as a protective measure for all visitors, and especially for middle school students who are expected to be the predominant age group served by

this teaching tool.

Another goal, Ziska points out, is to recruit young scientists. If the United States is to continue feeding its ever expanding population—not to mention growing food exports for a hungry world—agricultural research is going to need the best and the brightest scientists. We need to attract interest and commitment while students are young, Ziska maintains. Studies show that young people begin to sort out their life goals during middle school. That is a reason why we have specially targeted the student discovery garden toward middle school students.

Still another goal is to bring more diversity to agricultural research. BARC Outreach Coordinator Jenny Allen is reaching out to schools with an eye to attracting minorities and other under represented groups to agricultural research. Adamma Ariguzo (see a nearby photo of a beaming Adamma in the student discovery garden) could in a sense be a poster child for future agricultural scientists. At the moment, she is a senior in the Science and Technology program of the Charles Herbert Flowers High School, a comprehensive Prince Georges County Science and Technology magnet school in Springdale, Maryland. Could Adamma Ariguzo become a future Lewis Ziska; is she a distinguished agricultural scientist in the making? The fullness of time will write answers to those questions. For more on the Student Discovery Garden, visit BARC online at http://www.ars.usda.gov/main/site_main.htm?modecode=12-00-00-00. Click on "Student Discovery Garden," just below the photo of BARC's landmark clock tower

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Eleanor Roosevelt High School Fall Concert

The Fall Concert at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERH S) is scheduled for Thursday, November 4th, at 7:30 p.m. at the ERHS Auditorium, located at 7601 Hanover Parkway in Greenbelt. The Concert will feature the Concert Orchestra and the Chamber Orchestra directed by Dr. David Yarbrough; the Wind Ensemble and the Concert Band directed by Ms. Sally Wagner; and the Concert Choir and Men's Ensemble directed by Ms. Michele Fowlin. The ERHS band, orchestra and choir programs draw students from all over northern Prince George's County. The concert is open to the public and admission is free.

In related news, the annual Florida Citrus Fruit Sale is in full swing. Proceeds of the fruit sale are used to provide quality instruments and music for the band and orchestra program. To order fruit, contact a member of one of the Eleanor Roosevelt bands or orchestras, or call the fruit line at 301.345.5393.

Beltsville Lutheran Church Conducts Holiday "Virtual Food Drive"

The Lutheran Church of the Abiding Presence at 10774 Rhode Island Avenue in Beltsville is conducting a Holiday Food Drive in partnership with the Maryland Food Bank. It's a "Virtual Food Drive" conducted completely online at the Maryland Food Bank web site. To participate, go to www.mdfoodbank.org/abiding_presence. Then choose a food category: vegetables, fruit, breakfast items, protein, dinners, etc. and follow the directions to make your purchase. It's an easy and efficient way to help others, and the Food Bank can stretch your dollars by buying in bulk. In many cases, they can buy over four times as much for the money as you could by buying from a grocery store.

The Maryland Food Bank's web site also has a link on its home page where you can buy a holiday box of side dishes for a needy family. If you buy a holiday box, the food bank will include one turkey for each holiday box purchased. Take a

look at this option at www.mdfoodbank.org. You can see a list of the contents in the holiday box of sides online. The Maryland Food Bank's goal is to distribute 6,600 holiday boxes to those in need this year.

Please join us in this easy and worthwhile project that will improve the lives of a lot of hungry Marylanders during this holiday season.

Central Maryland Chorale presents Mendelssohn's Magnificat and annual Messiah singalong

The Central Maryland Chorale, under the baton of Artistic Director, Monica Otal, and accompanied by the Montgomery Philharmonic Orchestra, presents Felix Mendelssohn's *Magnificat* on Saturday, December 4, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. at The Lutheran Church of Saint Andrew, 15300 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland. The soloists are Jennifer Weingartner, soprano; Patricia Hussey, alto; Patrick Mason, tenor; and Eugene Galvin, bass-baritone. Along with the *Magnificat*, the Chorale will also sing songs of Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 students and seniors.

On December 5, the Chorale presents their annual *Messiah* singalong, also at The Lutheran Church of Saint Andrew, at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10; score rentals are \$1.

For tickets, directions and further information: Web site: www.centralmarylandchorale.com Phone 301.317.9646

Bazaar at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

The Annual Harvest Bazaar at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 4902 Berwyn Road, College Park will take place on November 12 and 13. On the 12th, beginning at 5:00 p.m. we will have a roast beef/salmon dinner served with mashed potatoes, vegetable and salad for \$9.00 per person. There will be crafts for sale, games for kids and adults, a silent auction, and several raffles. Saturday will begin with a hall and yard sale in Fealy Hall across from the church starting at 8:00 a.m. Lunch will be served from noon to 3:00 p.m.

Games, crafts, silent auction, pictures with Santa, raffles and a bake stand will be available beginning at noon. An Italian dinner with roast pork, roasted potatoes, vegetable and salad or spaghetti and meatballs with salad will be available for \$8.50 per person beginning at 5:00 p.m. At 8:00 p.m. our live auction will begin and our raffles for cash, a handmade quilt, or sports tickets will take place at 11:00 p.m. Come and join us for food, fun and fellowship.

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Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union Held 2nd Shred It Day

Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union (PGFCFU) and Shred It Mobile Shredding & Recycling Service sponsored its second Community ShredFest at Prince George's Community FCU's new full service branch in the Konterra Business Park in Beltsville, Maryland on Saturday, October 2, 2010. PGFCFU provided free document shredding to the public with a light fare breakfast and refreshments. A Money Machine was also on-site for entertainment; members took a whirl in the Money Machine to see how much money they could grab.

ON THE AGENDA

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PAIGN: The COPS officers at District 6 are collecting new and used books that they will distribute to local churches, foster homes and homeless shelters. Books can be dropped off at the station.

FOOD DRIVE FOR THOSE IN SPECIAL NEED: The Beltsville Women's Club will be collecting for their Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for Families in Need. Non-perishable food can be dropped off at Emmanuel Methodist Church on Cedar Lane.

VOTE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND!!! Please when you

go to vote remember to vote for a School Board Candidate. Our community needs and deserves a representative on the **School Board** who actually cares about our community. Some of you may think since you do not have children the School Board does not have an impact on your life. The quality of our schools has a direct impact on the value of our homes. There are two candidates to choose from. Rosalind Johnson the incumbent and David Murray who served on the State School Board. Please take the time to find out what each has to offer. Both attended a forum at Martin Luther King in August. If you

are not sure ask your neighbors who have had experience with both. Beltsville Academy, Martin Luther King, the Fuchs Center and High Point all deserve a representative who pays attention to their problems and successes. Unfortunately the 21st District Delegation and myself have spent the better part of 2010 dealing with school problems here in Beltsville that were being ignored.

I can be reached at 301.937.0157 or karenmcoakley@verizon.net if you have a community concern. Let me know if there is a special topic that you would like to discuss at a future meeting.

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Healthy Families are Happy Families

By **Dynesha Brooks and Queen Esotu**

There are many things we can do to keep our families healthy and happy, and for some of us this may require learning more about health and how to change our current behaviors. You will have an opportunity to do this on Monday, Nov. 15th, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. as students from the University of Maryland's School of Public Health and individuals from the Beltsville Recreation Council are bringing you "Fall Into Good Health: A Family Health Fair!" The event will take place at the Beltsville Community Center and in addition to the available health screenings, activities and information; there will also be a mini-workshop series for parents and children to attend together.

Several of the leading health problems in Beltsville are heart disease, diabetes and obesity. These are serious issues but we can make personal behavior changes (for example, go for walks after dinner, eat more fruits and vegetables, stop smoking if we do, and meditate to decrease stress) that will improve our quality of life and decrease our risk of developing any of these problems. Studies show that if parents lead more healthy lives and practice healthier behaviors, their kids are more likely to do the same.

Students from Maryland will be presenting infor-

mation on different aspects of family health, including: good prenatal care for moms and babies, healthy eating habits, exercise and fitness, preventing violence and much more. Free screenings that will be provided include body fat, blood pressure, glucose, and flexibility, to name a few. The flu shot will also be offered for a nominal fee or at no cost with insurance.

Two new components of the health fair this year include the focus on family health and the mini-workshops that parents and children/adolescents attend together. The topics of these informal seminars include "How to talk about sex" and "They just don't understand—trying to communicate with my parents/child" with faculty from the University of Maryland's School of Public Health and "Turn it to the left" with Dr. Kathy Mellott of Audiology Unlimited.

In addition to the health information, screenings, activities and mini-workshops, there will also be free give-aways and door prizes. There will be a free raffle and some of the better prizes include gift certificates to local restaurants and an iPod nano. Additionally, light refreshments will be served. So come out to the Beltsville Community Center at 3900 Sellman Road on November 15, 2010 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Fall Into Good Health and be a healthier, happier family!

Beltsville Resident Allison Bucca Is Fall 2010 Intern at Kennedy Center

The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts selected Allison Bucca for its prestigious,

nationally recognized internship program. From September through December 2010 she will serve as the Multimedia Intern in the Multimedia Department of the Kennedy Center as part of the DeVos Institute of Arts Management at the Kennedy Center.

Allison, daughter of Paul and Stacy Bucca, was homeschooled through Solid Rock Church. She studied at The University of Maryland Baltimore County in Baltimore, MD where she graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Media and Communication Studies.

The Multimedia Department of the Kennedy Center promotes the performing arts through the production and delivery of multimedia assets to a worldwide audience. While at the Kennedy Center, Allison's responsibilities

include assisting with the daily live video Internet broadcast and archiving of the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage performances. This involves assisting with the coordination of all elements of Millennium Stage operations including: setup and breakdown of video broadcast equipment, camera operation, multi-camera directing and switching, internet streaming, and content management and delivery. In addition to her work for Millennium Stage she also assists with the production of special video/multimedia projects for all Kennedy Center departments.

(Editorial comment: Previously, Allison Bucca occasionally contributed articles for publication in the Beltsville News.)



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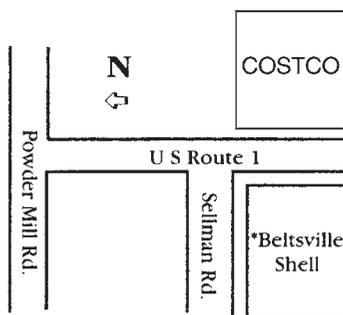


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Engagements



Brittney Mackie-Harvey formerly of Westminster will marry Georgi Georgiev formerly of Bulgaria on December 11, 2010 in Woodbine. The couple will reside in Beltsville.

Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

By Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-21)

Our Next County Executive, Rushern Baker, and County Council Member, Mary Lehman

As I'm sure you know, Rushern and Mary were selected in the September 14 primary and will take office in early December. Delegates Barbara Frush, Ben Barnes, and Joseline Peña-Melnyk know them well and look forward to their close cooperation on problems and opportunities in Beltsville — from the schools and roads to speed cameras and public safety. We can't expect overnight changes, but we do expect the county government to become more responsive to Beltsville. Please let us know your concerns that we should bring to their attention.

Vote November 2

Since so many elections here are effectively decided in the primary, sometimes people forget to vote in the general election. Please don't forget! The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The governor's race is particularly close between Governor O'Malley and former governor Erlich and the result will



Senator Jim Rosapepe

mean a lot to people in Beltsville. They have significant differences on issues from school funding in Prince George's to building the Metro Purple Line light rail and investing in the University of Maryland. The Delegates, Congressman Hoyer, and Senator Mikulski also have competition.

I hope you will educate yourself about the candidates and come out and vote.

Thanks to Tom Dernoga!

In early December, Mary Leh-

man will succeed Tom as County Council member for Beltsville. I just want to add my thanks to all those who have appreciated his work for this community the past nine years. No council member worked harder or cared more about helping average citizens than Tom. He couldn't solve every problem -- but he sure tried! I'm sure he'll stay involved in other ways and all us will call on him for his advice and help. Thanks, Tom!

New Beltsville Police Commander

The Delegates and I had the chance to meet Captain Robert Brewer, the new commander of District 6 of the Prince George's Police Department. He grew up in Laurel, graduated from local schools, and knows our community well. He'll be visiting community groups over the coming weeks and looks forward to your concerns and help keeping Beltsville a safe place to live and work.

How can we help you?

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

Obituaries

Carter, Myrtle K.

Myrtle K. Carter, a 51-year resident of Beltsville, MD, entered into eternal rest at the age of 94 on September 1, 2010. She was the loving wife of the late William "Bill" Carter. Both of Myrtle's daughters, Wanda and Betty, preceded her in death. She is survived by numerous other relatives and friends. A "Celebration of Myrtle's Life" was held at the Cedar Hill Cemetery Chapel, Suitland, MD on Saturday, October 16, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. Interment at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Hewlett, Mark Edward, Sr.

Mark Edward Hewlett, Sr., formerly of Calverton, died on July 31, 2010 at Calvert Memorial Hospital, Prince Frederick, Md. Mr. Hewlett moved from Hyattsville to Calverton at age 12. He attended Beltsville Junior High and High Point High School where he graduated in 1969. He married his first wife, Melinda Trenton Fournier, and they had one son, Mark Edward Hewlett, Jr. Mr. Hewlett lived in Hyattsville until 1964 when he moved back to his childhood home where he stayed until he met his second wife, Paula

Rumplik, in 1990. They married in 1993, had a son in 1994, and lived at 13209 Tanga Drive with sons Mark, Jr. and Robert Charles Hewlett. After his mother's passing in December 2001, Mr. Hewlett reluctantly sold the Calverton home and moved south to Lusby, MD where he lived with his son, Robert, two stepdaughters, Jessica Ann Ryder and Cheryl Anne Ryder.

He was a member of Volunteer Fire Department 31/41 from age 16.

His wife Paula, youngest son Robert, eldest son Mark, Jr. & wife Nicole Scholtz, three grandchildren, Mark III, Hailey, and Ashton, two stepdaughters, Jessica and Cheryl Anne Ryder, one step grandson, Matthew Jenkins, two aunts, Theresa Fisher and Gail Fisher, several cousins and friends survive him.

Moss, Gloria Jane

Gloria Jane Moss of Beltsville, daughter of the late James Alton and Lillie Jane Turner, died on Tuesday, October 12, 2010. She was the beloved mother of William L. (Patricia) Moss and Lorrie A. (John) Kelly, grandmother of Brittany L. Steiner, and cousin

of Diane "Sis" Day. Many loving nieces, nephews, and dear friends also survive her. Funeral service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home on Monday, October 18, at 10:00 a.m. with Pastor Gonzalez officiating. Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery, Brentwood, MD.



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Neighbors in the News

Boardwalk Fresh Burgers & Fries Offers Fundraisers

Boardwalk Fresh Burgers & Fries' newest location in College Park, next to Ikea at 10250 Baltimore Avenue, well known for its fresh, hand-made burgers and fresh cut fries, recently opened and is anxious to give back to the community for its support. Since opening, Boardwalk Fresh Burgers and Fries has quickly become involved in fundraising efforts for local schools and clubs.

Being close to the University of Maryland, Boardwalk, in working with the Office of Student Affairs, donated 4000 free burger coupons for this year's Freshman Class to be put into welcoming package for these new students.

In July, Boardwalk worked with Pam Skinner, Parent Booster President, of the Severn Crossing Stingray Swim Team, on fundraising efforts. Boardwalk donated to the team through a percentage of sales in a fundraising event, the Spirit Lunch, at the store on July 17.

Another fundraising event to benefit St. Joseph Regional Catholic School was held on October 13. In addition to this event, Kraig Dean, manager of the store, presented 10 Free Single Burger coupons and 10 Buy one Get One coupons to Ms. Marianne Schwenz, President of the Home and School Association at St Joseph's.

Boardwalk plans to continue its involvement in the community, supporting its fundraising efforts by donating a percentage of its sales to non-profit organizations, and is proud to provide this opportunity. Organizations wishing more information on fundraising opportunities are encouraged to call Kraig Dean, manager, at the store at 240.965.7708.

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National Council on Aging Welcomes Vernon Baker as Staff Member

The National Council on Aging (NCOA), the leading nonprofit service and advocacy organization for older Americans, announced the addition of Vernon Baker of Beltsville, Maryland as one of four new staff members. Baker joins NCOA's Interactive Communications & Technology team as a technology support manager. In this role, Baker will maintain

the computer and network infrastructure for all NCOA staff and consultants.

"NCOA is excited to have Vernon join our staff," said Stuart Spector, senior vice president of NCOA. "Vernon's work will be essential as NCOA looks towards new avenues of communications and engagement in our aging services network."

Prior to joining NCOA, Baker was a computer consultant supporting technological needs of small and medium-sized businesses as well as overseeing content management implementations for large financial institutions. Baker received a B.A. in Business Administration from Morgan State University in 1995.



The Isagenix softball team recently won the Labor Day Weekend Tournament in Greenbelt playing 9 games. Team Isagenix is currently ranked 5th in MD, finished 3rd in the USSSA State Championship and 6th in the USSSA Nationals. The squad also played in Florida in the USSSA Worlds and went 3-2 in a 200-team field. The squad is coached by Pat Keefe and sponsored by Al Doong, a former Beltsville resident.

Rushern Baker addresses Beltsville Business Breakfast

Foreshadowing a series of Town Hall meetings planned to engage local community members in his administration, future County Executive Rushern Baker addressed a Beltsville Business Breakfast crowd at the Cross Creek Clubhouse on Oct. 20th. Several county and community organization leaders, Beltsville business people, as well as the new Commander of the 6th District Police in Beltsville, Acting Major Robert Brewer, attended. Mr. Baker said that many good things would flow from making Prince George's county schools competitive with neighboring school systems. He also plans to address forcefully safety and truancy problems, particularly at high schools. He said his legislative experience on the Appropriations Committee provides neces-



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sary background on tax and program issues needing attention. An early priority, he said, will be finding ways to create new jobs in the County. He stressed the need to provide support for small business and heard from a business-

woman librarian about information services that could assist small business grow and develop. Baker was greeted warmly by the crowd and was introduced in glowing terms by Delegate Barbara Frush (D. Calverton). It was clear Mr. Baker knows the prickly issues he faces when his 4-year term begins in January 2011 and is already working to get the mood and tenor of concerns of Prince George's County residents. A key person in his developing administration, Gwenn McCall, stayed long after the breakfast ended connecting with those present. 21st District State Senator Jim Rosapepe emceed the meeting.

—By Paul G. Zurkowski,
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National Agricultural Library hosts Apple Conference



Celebrating America's Unique Apple Diversity, a roundtable discussion, took place on September 17, 2010 at the National Agricultural Library (NAL) in Beltsville. Pictured (left to right) are Tom Burford, Ben Watson, Nick Botner, John Bunker, Lee Calhoun, Dan Bussey, and Gary Nabhan. The discussion focused on the history and significance of the apple in America, and addressed the issue of the dwindling number of apple varieties. The panel was comprised of orchardists Burford, Botner, and Bussey, writer Calhoun, and nurseryman Bunker. Writers Watson and Nabhan were the moderators. The event was co-sponsored by NAL and Renewing America's Food Traditions (RAFT), a program of Slow Food USA™, and it drew a crowd of more than 100 people.

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Asian Tiger Mosquitoes Identified in Beltsville

By Ted Ladd

Patricia Anderson of Beltsville reported in late September that she found Asian tiger mosquitoes in great numbers in her back yard. Patricia described the mosquitoes as being very tiny prolific biters. She consulted Randy Best at Behnke Nursery who informed her that a general-purpose spray was available that contained Pyrethrin, Permethrin, or Resmethrin that would "take care of all mosquitoes." He warned that the spray was toxic until it was dry. Cold weather kills the mosquitoes so the problem is on the back burner for now.



The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) reported in May 2010 that the "tiger mosquito is the most problematic pest species in many urban and suburban areas. Its habits and habitat are a bit different than those of our native mosquitoes." The MDA report added that tiger mosquitoes "bite during the day and will fol-

low you to your house or car." It is described as being black with distinctive white stripes on its legs. "It won't breed in most natural areas of water, but loves any man-made container that holds water." It won't fly more than 100 yards. You may have them in your back yard and your neighbors may not. It apparently depends on the avail-

ability of water containers.

Reportedly, the tiger mosquito can transmit viruses such as Eastern equine encephalitis (sleeping sickness) and West Nile virus, so it is an insect to be avoided. Some 30% to 35% of humans infected with Eastern equine encephalitis do not survive the disease, although cases of the dis-

ease are relatively rare. See http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eastern_equine_encephalitis_virus. The symptoms of an infection of West Nile virus may include abdominal pain, back pain, diarrhea, fever, headache, lack of appetite, muscle aches, nausea, sore throat, and vomiting. The symptoms usually last from three to six days. In some cases the symptoms may be more severe. See <https://health.google.com/health/ref/West+Nile+virus>

Tiger mosquitoes were introduced to Hawaii in the late 1800's and made their way to the continental United States in 1985, reportedly arriving accidentally in tires imported from Japan. They were discovered in Maryland in 1987 in Baltimore. Since then they have been found in all Maryland counties except Allegany and Garrett.

The USDA National Agricultural Library Web page at www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/animals/asiantigmos.shtml provides additional information on this insect.

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building. There you will find Dr. Ziskas full article about the garden. If you should be interested in volunteering to help at the garden, perhaps talk to visiting school groups, check back from time-

to-time. BARC has in the works a link that will describe how to pursue volunteer interest. For the present, inquiries may be directed to the National Visitor Center, 301.504.9403, e-mail NVC@ars.usda.gov. Please include a phone number where you can be reached.



Longtime Beltsville residents, Ray & Mary Midkiff, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on September 16, 2010. It was a gorgeous fall day. Their whole family gathered to wish them well. Their three sons, Ray, Jr., Don, and Ron, daughters-in-law Bea and Vanessa, all of their grandchildren and five great grandchildren met at their eldest granddaughter's home in southern Maryland. The whole family enjoyed a huge crab feast, shared many happy and funny memories and the wonderful precious time together. If you run into Ray & Mary, please wish them a "Happy 60th Anniversary." In this day and wage, what a terrific feat!

Carrier Enterprises, LLC Leases Space at Brickyard Business Park

Jackson-Shaw, a national, diversified commercial real estate development and investment company, announced that Carrier Enterprise, LLC, (CE) an international distributor of HVAC equipment and aftermarket parts, has signed a five-year lease for approximately 20,000 square feet of showroom and warehouse space along Mid-Atlantic Blvd. at The Brick Yard Business Park in Beltsville.

"After 30 years in our previous location, it was important for us to identify a new space that was not too far from the current building and in a place we know our customers want to travel," said Kim Murray, regional aftermarket manager for Carrier Enterprise Mid-Atlantic. "Our new space at The Brick Yard Business Park provides us with a pristine environment for our customers, greater visibility among our competitors, who are also located along Mid-Atlantic Blvd., and a great location that is familiar and easily accessible to our dealers."

The finished space includes a 2,500-square-foot showroom with features specifically designed to enhance customer service, such as a prominent order desk, a "will-call" drive-in door to the warehouse directly adjacent to the showroom for easy product pick-up and an ample window line that provides CE with an open,

flexible showroom environment. The space includes a 17,000-square-foot warehouse with three dock-high doors, an over-sized drive-in door for larger trucks to easily load equipment and a 28-foot clearance that enables CE to store a large volume of equipment and parts within a smaller space. In order to be energy efficient, most of the daytime lighting for the warehouse is provided by skylights, and evening illumination is provided by T-5 lamps. The remaining space is dedicated to an administrative office, kitchenette, restrooms and meeting rooms.

Located at the northern end of the development, The Brick Yard Business Park is a 60-acre campus that will have 750,000 square feet of space. At present, 400,000 square feet of light industrial, flex and warehouse space has been built. The development, which is represented by Lance Schwarz and David Michael of NAI Michael, is currently 75 percent occupied with owners and tenants such as FLOORMAX, Freestate Electrical, Party Rental, Ltd., Limbach Facility Services and American Mechanical Services. The Business Park is just one component of The Brick Yard, a 125-acre master-planned residential and retail, transit-oriented community that is one of the largest in the nation to pursue LEED certification.

National Oceanographic & Atmospheric Administration Proposes Atlantic Sturgeon Populations for Listing under Endangered Species Act

The National Oceanographic & Atmospheric Administration Fisheries Service has proposed that five populations of Atlantic sturgeon along the U.S. East Coast receive protection under the federal Endangered Species Act. The Gulf of Maine population is proposed for listing as

threatened, and endangered status is proposed for the Chesapeake Bay, New York Bight, Carolina, and South Atlantic populations. To learn more, go to: http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/press_release/2010/News/NR1025/index.html

The Cropp Metcalfe kickball team recently won the "No Lumps in the Dumps" Kickball Tournament in Greenbelt with a 4-1 record. All the proceeds helped the Susan G Komen Foundation 60 mile race that took place recently. Cropp Metcalfe Heating and Air Conditioning in Beltsville sponsors the team.



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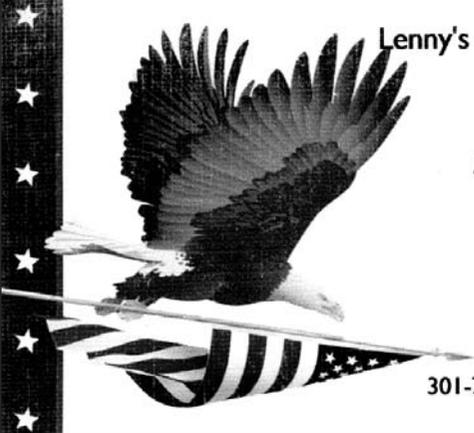
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Club News

Beltsville Adelphi Boys & Girls Club Reminder

Basketball registration is every Wednesday 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club located behind the 7-11 on Roby Avenue, or you can register now on-line at www.beltsvilleadelphi.com.

The season starts at the end of November. Don't Delay - Register now! BELTSVILLE-ADELPHI

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB 2010 FALL HARVEST SOCCER CLASSIC is scheduled for NOVEMBER 13 & 14 at HIGH POINT HIGH SCHOOL, 3601 POWDER MILL ROAD, BELTSVILLE. Be there to support your teams!

Beltsville Young at Heart

By Barbara Schofield

Beltsville Young at Heart welcomes all our new members. It is nice to meet new people and make new friends. We have had some nice day trips. One was to St Michael's for a delightful tour with a step on guide and on to Kentmoor Restaurant for some

fantastic crabs and crab cakes. For entertainment we have enjoyed Mike Hurst's, "A Touch of Elvis" with special guest appearance by Jennalyn Yon in August.

This month we will have Johnny Seaton to entertain us; everyone is looking forward to hearing him. In September we will have our Thanksgiving celebration in the great room at the Savage Mill. The Gold- enaires will play for us and "Putting on the Ritz" will cater our meal. It's always great fun for all. Friendship is like chocolate, there's never too much.

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more. Dinner, including dessert, is included in the ticket price. Dinner is 6:00-7:30 p.m. Show and Dancing 7:30-11:30 p.m. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Bingo every Thursday night The College Park Moose Lodge & Family Center sponsors BINGO every Thursday night. Early Bird BINGO begins at 7:20 p.m. with regular BINGO follow-

ing. FREE DESSERT & COFFEE TO PARTICIPANTS. Come out and join us & your neighbors for a fun filled evening! OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

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Women's Community Club of Beltsville

Please join us Saturday, November 6th at 9:00 a.m. at the Beltsville Community Center to celebrate the 20th anniversary of "Make a Difference Day" by helping to continue the long standing tradition, spearheaded by Doris Wray, to plant flower bulbs and beautify our community center. We will meet at the bridge entrance at 9:00 a.m. Please bring your digging tools! We provide the bulbs!

In a continued effort to reach out to more Beltsville women wanting to serve our community, our next evening meeting will be held on Wednesday, November

3 at 7:00 p.m. at the TJ's of Calverton Restaurant located next to Giant Food in Calverton. Please join us. Our membership dues are only \$15 per year.

This year's regular daytime meetings will be held, as usual, on the second Monday of most months. November 8th, December 13th, February 14th, March 14th, April 11th, May 9th, and June 13th at 12:30 p.m. at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church on Cedar Lane.

During our October meeting we celebrated the club's 88th anniversary with light lunch and cake provided by Costco. We also formed

committees and identified projects and goals for the coming year. We are gearing up for our Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday food and gifts giving program for those Beltsville families in need.

Our November 8th meeting at EUMC, 12:30 p.m. will be hosted by our Community Relations committee with desserts! Please join us!

Our mission is to serve the Beltsville community. Please remember we are a 501(c) 3 organization and all donations are tax deductible! If you would like more information about our club, please contact Elaine Chabot, President at ecchabot@aol.com

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Beltsville Lions Club

The Beltsville Lions Club held a community friendship night at the Comfort Inn on Tuesday evening, October 5. We welcomed 11 guests and informed them about club activities and the history of Lions in the United States. As a result of this and other efforts by individual members, membership is higher than it has been in 52 years.

The Beltsville Lions wish to thank those who donated blood at our quarterly blood drive on Tuesday, October 26 at the Beltsville Community Center. The Washington Hospital Center tells us that one donation can help three people.

The club's annual banquet and silent auction was held on Wednesday, October 27 at The Villa in Calverton. Some 80 guests attended and contributed to the success of the evening. We especially thank the many local businesses that donated items and services to the auction. Your support made the event

possible. We will thank you by name in the December issue. Club members were pleased to have former Redskin running back, Larry Brown, as our guest. The club also extended a warm welcome to Sen. Jim Rosapepe, Maryland Delegates Joslyn Pena-Melnyk and Ben Barnes, Councilperson Mary Lehman, many Beltsville citizens, and Lions from eight other Lions clubs in the District.

In November, club members are looking forward to attending Lions Day at the Wilmer Eye Institute on Saturday, November 13. Lions from Maryland, Delaware and Washington, D.C. have been invited to hear presentations by some of the best ophthalmologists in the world, hear about new research into eye diseases, and tour the surgical floor and research labs in the new Smith building.

On Monday, November 15, club members will participate in a health fair at the Beltsville Community Center during the hours 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. by offering free vision screenings.

Club News

College Park Unit#217 Enjoys Life

By Ivy Christoffers

I recently spent 10 days in Milwaukee attending two back-to-back conventions. The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary convention was very enjoyable; in fact, I believe it was the smoothest and best run of all the more than 25 national conventions I have attended over the years.

Beginning September 1, the National La Marche (convention) of La Boutique Des Huit Chapeaux Et Quarante Femmes began immediately following the installation of the new slate of national officers for the American Legion Auxiliary. The Department of Maryland was presented an "Award of Excellence" from the National American Legion Child Welfare Foundation (ALCWF) for being one of the 10 highest contributors per-capita to the ALCWF Fund. In fact, we placed 6th in the nation, a feat of which we are extremely proud. The ALCWF presents grants to organizations and groups each year that deal only with the health and welfare of children. Over the years since its inception, over seven million dollars has been awarded. Of the entire American Legion family, the Eight & Forty, as we are fondly called, has enjoyed the position of being the highest contributor per-capita to the ALCWF Fund for more than 40 years.

Now for some local activities. September 16 saw eight ALA volunteers hosting a picnic in Buddy Attick Park in Greenbelt for the ambulatory veterans and members of the staff from Washington VA Medical Center. More than 55 veterans and 18 staff members enjoyed the day with hiking, football, fishing and dancing providing exercise to work off the great food they consumed. Volunteers came from miles around to assist in this annual project. Later that day I made my way to Washington VA Medical Center along with Patsy Davis and Evelyn Johnson, to host a recreation hall bingo party for the residents of The Community Living Center. These parties are held at least twice a month. On September 28th, unit member Elizabeth Rice and I held another recreation hall party complete with bingo, canteen books and delicious refreshments entertaining our veterans in residence.

September 18th we were off to Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home to participate in their annual summer carnival for which this year's theme was "Under The Big Top" and we had a ball with the circus theme. Our game table was covered with clowns and popcorn. The residents came through the room and stopped at each table, playing games and winning prizes.



Miss Happy Clown

es. The dollar bills we provided at our College Park Unit #217 game table were well received. Our thanks to Annie Hanyok, Pat Ferguson, Angie Rodriguez and Miss College Park, Devon Fendlay, for assisting and adding to the enjoyment of the day. We even had "Miss Happy Clown" with her big red nose to add the right ambiance.

Unit #217 has been collecting school supplies for the past two months. One delivery has been made to Hollywood Elementary School and another is about to be made to another local school. Thank you to all for your generosity. Our students and schools depend on our assistance to provide the necessary tools to help our students succeed.

October 1-3 the ALA Fall Conference was held at the Clarion Hotel and Convention Center in Hagerstown. This is where all the Department Chairmen present their programs for the coming year. Three Unit #217 members attended, President Diana Nix, Secretary, Pat Ferguson and myself as 2nd Vice President for the Department of Maryland and the Veteran's Creative Arts coordinator. We enjoyed the quality time spent in learning what is expected during the next few months to support our veterans, youth and communities.

On October 16th, the Junior Fall Conference was held at Benedict A. Andrews Post #296 in Queenstown, MD and we instructed the Junior members of the Department on the same programs. They ended the day in costume and marching in a Halloween Parade. Even the adults joined in dressing the part.

Our Unit #217 annual Halloween Party for the community chil-

dren was held on Oct. 24 and was a huge success. We entertained more than 50 children and just as many adults.

Our Sunday dinners are going strong. Saturday night Karaoke is another fun time. We do enjoy life at Post #217. Come and see for yourself. By the way, have you given any thought to joining an American Legion Post, if eligible? You can't do better than College Park Post #217. The WELCOME mat is always out. God bless our Troops and may God continue to bless America.



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School News

Calverton Elementary School's Parade for Peace



Student Dove Carriers in the photo were: Right wing: Jasmine Maddy, 5th grade, and Andrea Martinez, 5th grade; Left wing: Crystal Boateng, 5th grade, and Laura Espinal, 4th grade; Head: Melyssa Ankoma-Sey, 4th grade, and Rheana Putney, 5th grade; Tail: Jessica Harris, 4th grade. Calverton Banner Bearers were (from left): Felipe Ferrufino, Sean Harris, Vivian Nyim-Asare, Nevaeh Reed, and Samaa Zaman (all 3rd grade).

By Katie Swanson, Save the World! Environmental Club Sponsor

On September 22, 2010, Calverton joined children across the world to celebrate the United Nations International Day of Peace. About 600 Calverton students and staff members created messages and images of peace to display as we marched in support of world peace. The parade served as the culmination of a week of classroom activities and discus-

sions focusing on our need for peace in our school, community, and world.

Save the World "flew" our giant peace dove to lead the parade. Save the World! is a registered Jane Goodall Roots & Shoots group (this is our fourth year with that status). We built our peace dove for the 2008 United Nations International Day of Peace using directions on the Roots & Shoots website. It has a wingspan of ten feet and is made largely from recycled materials. Across the

entire planet, other children in Roots & Shoots groups flew their doves on the same day to show their hope for world peace.

Following the giant dove was the banner we created to celebrate Calverton achieving Maryland Green School status last year. Most of Calverton's population formed the rest of the parade with their hand-drawn inspirational visions for peace. Our doves and other icons are symbolic of our children's commitment to peace and hope for our world.

Spirit Week at St. Joseph's Regional School

The annual student council-led week was as fun-filled as ever and featured themed school days including class color day, Presidential Physical Fitness Day, Feast of the Archangels, and Pajama Day. One of the primary objectives of the Student Council was to raise money for a poor Catholic school in Jinja, Uganda called St. Jude's. The fundraisers were altogether lucrative as the Student Council raised over \$800 to go towards construction costs at the missionary school. Students were presented with a slide show that depicted life in Uganda and St. Jude's.

On Monday, students gathered in the parish hall for a pep rally that included lively music, cheers, soccer demonstrations, and a soccer shootout with prizes from Boardwalk Burgers & Fries and Chevy's Mexican Restaurant. We truly appreciate the support of all of our sponsors.

Students celebrated the Feast of the Archangels with theologi-

cal presentations by Ms. Ashley Brock and Mr. Rick Kramer, both teaching faculty. The presentations were informative and well received by the students. Later at lunch, the students feasted on angel food!

Presidential Fitness Day included athletic challenges that pushed each student to achieve and exceed national goals. Students ran the mile, did push ups and pull ups, the shuttle run, sit ups, and many other athletic events. The day was capped off with the annual faculty vs. 8th grade soccer game that always proves to be competitive and fun to watch. The 8th grade students defeated the teachers by a score of 2-1. The teachers are looking forward to a rematch on Field Day where the two sides will compete in a basketball game.

The Student Council also sponsored a T-shirt sale that added to the fundraising efforts for St. Jude's. The week was marked by a true spirit of charity as students participated in the charitable fundraisers.

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AREA EVENTS

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SMITHSONIAN TRAVELING EXHIBITION: BETWEEN FENCES

The exhibition continues through November 7, and will be open daily from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Do good fences make good neighbors? Why? This and other aspects of the cultural history of fences and land use will be explored. *Between Fences* is a Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibition. The Montpelier portion of the exhibition will examine the immigrant experience in Laurel, starting with the first Snowden to arrive in the area.

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FLY NOW!

The exhibition continues until February 25, 2011. It showcases 40 aviation posters — from the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum — from 1860 to the present, representing countries from North and South America, Europe, Asia, and Africa. The posters in *Fly Now!* are not only noteworthy artifacts of aviation history and of the 20th century, but they tell stories about how we traveled, thought about distance and technology, and viewed our place in the world. Free with museum admission.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER

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WILD ABOUT TURKEYS

Tuesday, November 2 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Ages 8 – 10. Here Turkey, Turkey, Turkey! Everybody thinks of turkeys in November, but is there more to this famous bird? Join us as we explore all things turkey.

BIRD WALKS AT THE VISITOR CENTER

Remember to register for this program via the Registration Line at 301.497.5887. Wednesdays, November 3 and 17, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Ages 16+. Search for birds in several refuge habitats on this guided hike. Field guides and binoculars are recommended.

BIRDING 101 WORKSHOP

Saturday, November 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Ages 12+. Learn about the habitats at the refuge, the best times to bird, tips to identifying birds, equipment, and ethics. Bring binoculars and a bag lunch.

REFUGE RODENTS

Saturday, November 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Ages 5 – 7. From endangered squirrels, to nuisance nutrias, to cute chipmunks, rodents come in all types and sizes. Come learn about the different types of rodents found on the refuge and in the local area in this fun interactive interpretive program.

NATURE TOTS: COPYCAT CREATURES

Wednesday, November 10 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Ages 3 – 4. Explore why some animals have adapted to look like something they aren't. In this hands-on program, your preschooler will learn about the copycats of nature through pictures, games, and crafts.

FOREST GLIDERS

Friday, November 12 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Ages 5+. Flying squirrels are fascinating nocturnal animals. Through this program, participants will learn about these rare forest gliders and may have the chance to see them in their natural habitat.

NATURE TOTS: WHO'S HIBERNATING?

Saturday, November 13 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Ages 3 – 4. Where did everybody go? Join us in this hands-on, preschool program as we learn what it means to hibernate through songs, stories, and crafts.

FOX TALE PUPPET SHOW

Sunday, November 14 at 1:30 p.m. and again at 3:30 p.m. All ages welcome! *Registration Not Required.* Join us to discover the nighttime world of critters. Length of introduction and show: approximately 20 minutes.

NATURE TOTS: WHITETAILS IN THE WOODS

Tuesday, November 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Ages 3 – 4. Come learn about one of the most common animals on the refuge, the Whitetailed deer! Discover the lives of these adorable creatures through games, stories, and crafts.

WHOSE CLUES?

Saturday, November 20 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Ages 5 – 7. Why are tracks and scat so important? Join us for this fun, interactive program to learn why — and discover who is roaming around the refuge.

NATURE TOTS: GOBBLE! GOBBLE!

Monday, November 22 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Ages 3 – 4. Introduce your preschooler to November's famous bird! This interactive program will explore the world of turkeys through stories, songs, and crafts!

BELTSVILLE EVENTS

HIGH POINT HIGH SCHOOL PTSA MEETING

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VANSVILLE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

Monday, November 1 at 7:00 p.m. at Franklin Brown Building, Vansville Recreation Park, 11733 Old Baltimore Pike, Vansville.

BELTSVILLE RECREATION COUNCIL

Monday, November 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the Beltsville Community Center.

BELTSVILLE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m. at Beltsville Elementary School, 4300 Wicomico Ave.

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CLUB OF BELTSVILLE

Monday, November 8, 12:30 p.m. at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane.

YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

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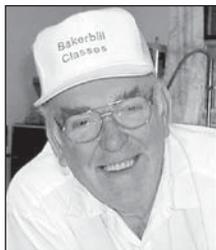
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STUFF 'N THINGS

I did something strange today. I combined a lot of soap pieces into a bar. My wife thinks I'm nuts, but we did it during the war (WWII) when I was a kid so why not now?

I have received a few requests for the cheesecake recipe. I was asked what's the difference between California cheesecake and New York cheesecake. California style is made with cream cheese. New York is lighter and made with cottage cheese, better still ricotta cheese, the type we use in pasta. I prefer the California style. It has less sugar. The best way to get my recipe for the cheesecake is to go to bakerbill.net, scroll down to California cheesecake, and copy or print it out!

I was in Ocean City lately and of course had to bring back Fisher's caramel popcorn. If I came home without it, I shouldn't have come home. This afternoon I am going to make it on my own. I found a recipe for candy apples my mother made it and I think it is the same. We'll see.

I'm in the process of replacing

all batteries. Of course those in smoke detectors, plus all remotes and clocks, etc. I purchased a large pack of batteries last spring, a well-known brand. They must have been counterfeits because most only lasted a couple of weeks. Because the batteries were broken, so I bought a new one only to find out that all it needed was a fresh battery. I wrote about this a couple of months ago. There's no way to tell if the product is real or counterfeit. This includes car parts and just about everything. We need to have faith in the stores we deal with.

Oh, I tried the caramel popcorn recipe. Results were ok but could have been better. I didn't boil the sugar long enough.

Here's something a bit different than my usual recipes. Do you like fried vegetables? If so here's a recipe for you:

Fried Vegetable Mix

In a medium bowl place 1 cup flour, add 1 cup fine corn meal, 1/2 tsp salt, 1 tbsp milk powder,

1/4 tsp pepper, 1/4 tsp paprika, 1/2 tsp soda, 1 tbsp corn starch.

In a small bowl whip 2 eggs with a drop of water. Dip veggies in egg, then roll in mixture and deep-fry about 45 seconds. Let cool then enjoy. NOTE: the mixture will keep in a plastic bag forever. Do not refrigerate!

The class is well underway and a lot of fun for all. I had to turn so many away this year I am thinking of having a second one starting in January. What do you think? If you are still interested, drop me a line. The only problem in the winter is snow.

Special note, yeah I know forever is a long time! OH, if you want to make a good pumpkin pie, buy a readymade frozen pie shell and a can of pumpkin. Use the recipe on the can. Sometimes you can buy a can of readymade mix. If the frozen shell has a crack in it, let it thaw well and seal with fingers.

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Norris, ran a continuous program on his computer on the history of Beltsville Rotary. Thanks, Karl. Many folks stopped to learn more about this great organization that has "service to mankind" as it's core reason of existence. This is one event we will remember for quite a long time and the monies we raised will be coming back into the community in support of many charities. Past President, John Moynihan did a superb job of organizing and promoting this second annual Chili Cook Off. Perhaps next year John will don his apron and compete for bragging rights.

We recently had the opportunity to be a part of an annual event at Gallaudet University chaired by Pat Kasuda, a Rotarian who is Chairman of the Rotary Scholarship Endowment Fund. There were ten scholarships presented to deserving students and four special scholarships presented by various Rotary Clubs. Other scholarships included the Henry Tate Award and a special Fellowship Award. It is always a most satisfying experience to lend a hand in providing education for our future leaders of the world. Donations to the Rotary 7620 Scholarship Fund are designated for Gallaudet University and used to fund Gallaudet scholarships or other funding needs for the University. Gallaudet University manages the funds donated and selects the scholarship candidates from the University and administers the disbursement of scholarship funds. There were 65 Rotarians in attendance at this event.

We continue to meet each Tuesday at noon at the Holiday Inn Hotel in College Park. Why not come out and give us a look-see? You might just realize this is the place you have been looking for all along.

OPENING

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and artisans. Enjoy a cup of warm cider and stroll through beautiful flowering plants. The raffle will benefit the Beltsville Academy autism awareness program, Autism Speaks. The money raised goes towards classroom supplies and making it possible for the children to go on field trips to aid in their social and sensory development.

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TAIL WAGGIN' TUTORS

Saturday, November 6 at 10:30 a.m. Build your

child's confidence in reading. Bring a favorite book or choose one from the library and read to "Bou," a special, trained therapy dog who will be glad to listen. Each child will read for 15 minutes. Registration required, please contact the Beltsville Library for more information. Ages 6 – 12 years.

PROGRAM FOR TEENS

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Saturday, November 13 at 2:00 p.m. Join us for snacks, brainstorming, discussion and more! Bring your friends and ideas. Suggest books, magazines, CDs, and movies for the library. Plan programs, become involved in your community, and earn service hours.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

FRIENDS OF THE BELTSVILLE LIBRARY MEETING

Tuesday, November 2 at 6:30 p.m.

EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION

Monday, November 8 at 7:00 p.m. Tim Farrington's *The Monk Downstairs*. Pick up a copy at the library. All are welcome.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesday, November 16 at 2:00 p.m. Alexander Rose's *Washington's Spies*. All are welcome. Come by the library to pick up a copy.

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3900 Sellman Rd., Beltsville. **NEW** Spanish line: 301.445.4509. The Program Specialist is **Lourdes Sulc**. Contact her at 301.937.6613 or Lourdes.Sulc@pgpparks.com for information on special events and classes scheduled for November. TTY: 301.445.4512. FAX: 301.937.8815. Hours of operation are: Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (except for Xtreme Teen events), and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (except for Xtreme Teen events). *Closed on Sunday.*

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LASER TAG FRIDAY

Friday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. Join your friends for tons of fun at XP Laser Sport in Laurel. Transportation is free and the van leaves the center at 6:45 p.m. Fee: \$10.00 for laser tag. Ages 10 – 14. Reservation required. **Immediately contact the center to determine if there are any remaining available spaces.**

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Registration begins on Monday, November 1. Teams will quickly fill, so register ASAP! Age groups are 5 – 6, 7 – 8, 9 – 10, 11 – 12, and 13 – 17.

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Monday, November 1 through Saturday, November 10 **during regular center hours**. Show your appreciation for your soldiers who serve in combat. We'll be collecting items such as white socks, trail mix, dried fruits, power bars, DVDs, lip balm, deodorant, gum, and candy to be sent overseas.

SENIORS ON THE MOVE

Saturday, November 20. Free transportation will be provided to the Annual Fall Pottery Show & Sale in Langley Park. Be at the Vansville Community Center by 10:45 a.m.; the group will leave promptly at 11:00 a.m. This event showcases unique, functional stoneware pottery made at the Langley Park Community Center Pottery Studio. Get a jump on holiday shopping — the pottery will be for sale! Ages 60 and up. Reservation required by November 18.

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