Pack 1031 Springing into Action!

Cub Pack 1031 scouts are working on completing their adventures in their dens. They are almost done! The Bear den did parent/son camping at their leader’s house to complete their outdoor requirements, and the Tiger den hiked along the Little Paint Branch Trail while the Wolf and Webelos hiked out at Patuxent Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center’s trails where they saw ducks, geese, tree swallows, osprey, and turtles. They bounce and slides, but also carnival games with prizes. There will be free refreshments and plenty more activities for the whole family.

Beltsville Day 2017

Beltsville Day is Sunday, May 21, from noon to 5 pm. Located at the Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Road, Beltsville, MD, Beltsville Day has activities planned for the whole family. These include games for kids, such as a moon bounce and slides, but also carnival games with prizes. There will be free refreshments and plenty more activities for the whole family.

Local Student Graduates from Columbia University

Kendall C. Pace of Suitland, MD, will be graduating from Columbia University in New York City on May 17. Kendall’s majors are political science and business management. He attended Martin Luther King, Jr., Middle School (in Beltsville) and Bishop McNamara High School in Forestville, MD. Kendall’s father, Mr. Charles E. Pace, lives in Beltsville.

The Performing Arts Repertory Company

The Performing Arts Repertory Company's upcoming performance is titled “Beltsville Breeze.” It will run from May 19 to May 21 at the Beltsville Community Center. The show features music, dance, and theater performances by the company’s young actors, with special guest appearances by local politicians.

College Park Park Unit #41 Celebrates Our Veterans, Youth, and Community

On the last weekend in March, the junior members (infant through 18) of the Department of MD American Legion Auxiliary met at Kent Island Post #278 in Stevensville, MD, for their annual veteran celebration. The event included games, activities, and a special recognition of the veterans who attended. It was a beautiful day to celebrate our heroes and appreciate their sacrifices.

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By Karen Coakley

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Neighbors in the News

By Rick Bergmann

It seems as if every time we turn on the news there is another scam being reported on. Someone is always out to get money from someone else. This has taken a scary turn for some people in our area.

I am a member of Nextdoor, a social media site where you can post different information about items in your neighborhood. Items can include lost pets, something that you are selling or giving away, community events and get-togethers, and many other things. As I was scrolling through one day, I came across a post called phone scam. Pam Lloyd from the South Laurel/Beltsville Region had posted a story about a phone call to her 84-year-old mother received on her cell phone. On the other end, a young girl was "crying and screaming saying she was her granddaughter." The caller even knew the granddaughter’s name. She was asking for money before “a belligerent man then took the phone threatening very graphic threats to kill her grand- daughter, saying that he had her in his van, and proceeded to berate her trying to get financial information.” This phone call lasted over 30 minutes in which the woman attempted to explain that she didn’t have a driver’s license and only had about $500. The caller then demanded a family member’s phone number, and the respondent gave her daughter’s. When the caller phoned the daughter, Pam, they didn’t get an answer. After about 30 minutes, they grew tired and gave up. The caller ID on the phone came across as “private caller.” After the “kidnappers” hung up the phone, the grandmother immediately called her daughter to check on her granddaughter. Everything turned out to be fine: the granddaughter was home at the time. After a little work with her mom’s cell service, “Great Call,” they were able to pinpoint that the call came from Mexico City. Pam reported the details and information to the local FBI and Federal Trade Commission.

According to many news reports and the FBI, this scam is not uncommon, and these people are using this scam to make thousands of dollars. The likelihood of them being caught is very low because the calls often come from blocked or private numbers. The best way to avoid them is to be alert. If you receive one of these calls, slow down the conversation and ask for more time, call or text the victim, and contact the police. An even better strategy is that if you don’t recognize the number don’t answer the phone.

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Neighbors in the News

May Is Audiology Awareness Month

By Dr. Kathy Mellott, audiologist, Audiology Unlimited/College Park Hearing Service

Hearing loss affects almost 50 million Americans today. Although hearing problems are commonly associated with the normal aging process, more than half of all hearing-impaired people are younger than 65. With the increased use of personal music players (MP3s) and earbuds, the number of Americans experiencing hearing loss at a younger age is growing.

On average, most Americans consider hearing loss a condition that is simply associated with aging and don’t know how to recognize the condition or who is qualified to diagnose and treat it. In an effort to raise public awareness for the growing number of Americans suffering from hearing loss, the American Academy of Audiology in conjunction with local audiologists is celebrating Audiology Awareness Month this May. As part of Audiology Awareness Month, the American Academy of Audiology is encouraging consumers to be more aware of their hearing health.

Hearing loss can be caused by exposure to loud noises; ear infections, trauma, or ear disease; harm to the inner ear and ear drum; illness or certain medications; and deterioration due to normal aging process.

An audiologist is a highly educated and clinically experienced healthcare professional who specializes in evaluating, diagnosing, and treating people with hearing loss and balance disorders. Hearing loss can affect patients of all ages—newborns, infants, babies, toddlers, children, teens, adults, and the elderly.

You may have a problem with your hearing and need to see an audiologist if you have trouble hearing a conversation in a noisy environment such as a restaurant, are unable to hear people talk to you without looking at them, or have a constant ringing or pain in your ears.

The first step in treating a hearing problem is a hearing evaluation by an audiologist.

Audiologists have a variety of specialties that include, but are not limited to:

• Performing hearing evaluations for all ages, including newborns and infants
• Prescribing and fitting hearing aids
• Designing and implementing hearing conservation programs
• Providing hearing rehabilitation training

Although most hearing loss is permanent, an audiologist can determine the best treatment, which may include hearing aids, assistive listening devices, and hearing rehabilitation. Hearing testing through an audiologist is covered by most insurances including Medicare with a medical referral. Contact an audiologist to have your hearing tested.

Pack 1031

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tried the new observation blinds (tents) to see how they could quietly observe wildlife.

The pack will be doing some spring recruiting in May and June so new scouts can earn outdoor requirements as the pack hikes, bikes, and does outdoor activities all summer long. Come by our table at Beltsville Day and learn about Cub Scouts!!

Each year, the pack has activities such as camping, hiking, our annual Pinewood Derby, and campfires. We also do participation citizenship along Little Paint Branch Trail, our toy drive, and Scouting for Food. Along the way, we learn responsibility, play games, and have tons of fun.

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

I need to see a representative of the PG County Department of Social Services!• Easyest way for residents of northern Prince George’s County to see a Department of Social Services agent. Virtually never a line—which means no waiting!

• Get help with:
  • Applying for Services On-line via: “SAIL”
  • Food Supplement (Food Stamps/Card) (FS)
  • Medical Assistance for Families and Children—(FAC)
  • Medical Assistance For Aged, Blind, and Disabled—(ABD)
  • Maryland Children’s Health Program—(MCHP)
  • Re-certify—(Redetermination)—Drop off Documents
  • Other DSS Emergency 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?
• Emergency rent and utility assistance available, for those who qualify.

I’m trying to get a job.

• Help preparing a resume, and tips for job interviews.

I just need to talk to someone.

• Psychological and Family Counseling at reduced prices, for those who qualify.
• Spiritual Counseling, free.

Community referrals for needs.

I just need to talk to someone.

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Sines, Dennis E. “Denny”  
On Monday, March 20, Dennis E. Sines of Beltsville, MD, passed on. Beloved son of Eleanor M. Sines and the late Stanley L. Sines; loving father of Heather N. Wilhelm, Sar- ahd J. Sines; also survived by two nieces and two nephews. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 11007 Montgomery Rd, Beltsville, MD, on Friday, March 24, at 10 am. Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department.  www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com

Miller, Dottie L.  
Dottie L. Miller, 75, of Beltsville, MD, and formerly of Franklin, WV, after a lengthy illness passed away on Monday, April 10, 2017, at her home surrounded by her family. She was born on August 14, 1941, in Franklin, WV, to the late Esta J. and Lola M. (Eye) Lambert. Dottie was a 1959 graduate of Franklin High School. After graduation, she was employed by the CIA for 15 years. She loved traveling, watching her grandsons play sports, and volunteering for various organizations. Survived by her husband, Donald L. Miller, of 56 years (September 10, 1960); two sons, Douglas L. and David L. Miller; one daughter, Diane L. Coutino; her husband, Flavio; three grandsons, Flavio Daniel, Cristian Antonio, and Thiago Lucas, all of Beltsville, MD; three brothers; four sisters, one of whom is Katie George of Franklin; and a special niece, Barbara Miller, of Silver Spring, MD; she is preceded in death by two brothers, George and Clinton Lambert. Funeral service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, Beltsville, MD, on Thursday, April 13, 2017, at 10 am with the Reverend Conrad Smith and Hospice Chaplain Salome Smalling. Memorial contributions may be made to the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department. www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com

Farris, Donald Franklin  
On Sunday, April 16, 2017. Beloved husband of Bette Farris; brother of Robert Farris, Kenneth Farris, and the late James Farris; uncle of Debbie Richmond, James C. Farris, Scott Farris, Michael Farris, and Kristin Jendrek. Also survived by several great-nieces and -nephews. Relatives and friends may call at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD, on Wednesday, April 19, from 6 to 9 pm and Our Savior Lutheran Church, 13611 Laurel Bowie Road, Laurel, MD, on Thursday, April 20, from 10 am until time of funeral service at 11. Interment Maryland Veterans Cemetery Crownsville, MD, on Friday, April 21, at 10 am. Memorial contributions may be made to the Honor Flight Network or Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation. www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com
Stay Private

Earlier this month, the legislative branch of our government passed a law repealing FCC Internet privacy rules and allowing Internet service providers (ISPs) to collect and sell information about the Websites each of us visits. The President signed the bill immediately after it passed both houses. It seems that lawmakers figure there is no need to keep our browsing habits private even though we use the Internet to explore things like health issues, finances, and entertainment, all topics that have been deemed to be private matters in other federal laws and court findings:

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Video_Privacy_Protection_Act
- https://www.healthit.gov/patients-families/protecting-your-privacy-security
- https://www.fdic.gov/consumers/privacy/yourrights/

This month’s column is an effort to provide you with some tools to help protect your privacy.

HTTPS Everywhere

Ever since releases via WikiLeaks and from Snowden made it obvious that people are watching our Internet activities, there has been a movement in Web communities to make sure all of our browsing within a site is secure. This movement is known as “HTTPS Everywhere.” HTTPS is the secure protocol for browsing the Web (as opposed to HTTP). When you connect to a Website using HTTPS, all of the Web traffic between your browser and the site is encrypted. Your ISP knows what site you are accessing but can’t see the individual pages or the content of the pages. So, for example, the ISO would know you went to WebMD but does not know you searched about Parkinson’s disease. You can easily tell on most current browsers if you have a secure connection because a green lock will appear on the left of the address bar.

The Electronic Freedom Foundation (EFF) has even created a technology to make it easier for Website operators to receive and deploy the certificates required to make these secure connections. Cloudflare also provides a free, secure proxy that can provide some protection for sites that are unable to secure their pages through other means. Most secure sites will force you to a secure connection if you try to connect using HTTP. If they do not do this, try to use HTTPS in front of the URL to see if you can connect securely.

Virtual Private Networks

A virtual private network (VPN) sits between your browser and the rest of the Web. The VPN encrypts the connection between your computer and the Web. Your ISP only sees the connection to the VPN and is not able to see any of the sites that are visited or data exchanged. VPN technology is popular with travelers so they can browse safely in hotels and restaurants without anyone nearby being able to monitor what they are doing through the network. VPN services typically cost $30 to $60 per year. Not all VPN service providers are secure, so it is a good idea to research VPN providers before choosing one. This may be a topic for a future column.

Tor (The Onion Router) is a special service for those that need extreme privacy on the network. It was originally designed and created to provide a means of private communications for freedom fighters in countries where freedoms are limited. Unfortunately, it has also become a favorite choice of criminals. While it does allow private communication, it is probably overkill for basic Web browsing.

Private Searching

Your ISP sees all of your Internet traffic. Because most people do not have a choice of ISPs (we are a lucky community to have two providers), Internet users have no choice but to be exposed unless they take precautions like the ones we have discussed. However, it is easy to forget that search providers like Google and Bing see not just your searches but also the results that you click on. This is why ads about what you were searching follow you on the Internet. If you have sensitive topics you want to search (like a health issue for example), try using DuckDuckGo (https://duckduckgo.com). DuckDuckGo does not track you and ensures privacy in your search.

Opt-out versus Opt-in

The current law as it is written allows a consumer to opt-out of information sharing instead of the more consumer-friendly practice requiring a customer to opt-in if they want their ISP to share their information with other companies. There are some issues with this. For example, Verizon for many years injected a special Verizon “super-cookie” into each HTTP message allowing customers to be tracked across multiple Websites. Verizon sold access to the customer’s identity, but it normally isn’t too difficult to uncover the identity without further Verizon help. Verizon did this without informing its customers and only provided an opt-out when the cookie behavior was disclosed through news outlets: http://www.theverge.com/2016/3/7/11173010/verizon-supercookie-fine-1-3-million-fcc.

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Plant Sale in the parking lot of High Point High School, 3601 Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville.
Saturday, April 22, 2017 & again on May 13
8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, rain or shine.
Rosapepe’s Report to Beltsville

Last month, Delegates Barbara Frush, Joseline Peña-Melnyk, Ben Barnes, and I concluded the 2017 legislative session. As you can imagine, much of our work this year has been focused on protecting Maryland from the dangers coming from the federal government. Among the most important:

• We set up the Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission to monitor attacks on Obamacare, Medicare, and Medicaid and prepare state action to protect Maryland families.

• To help protect Marylanders’ jobs, homes, and retirement savings from another economic crisis, we set up a watchdog commission on federal efforts to deregulate Wall Street.

• The legislature voted to oppose ending the Chesapeake Bay cleanup program and urged the governor to join us.

• The budget we passed included state funds for Meals on Wheels if federal funds are cut.

• The budget also included state funds for Maryland Public Television if federal funds are cut. All of us have been outraged by corruption at the Prince George’s liquor board, revealed in recent indictments. To restore its integrity, we overhauled liquor regulation in Prince George’s, tightening ethics rules and professionalizing the agency.

We worked together on all these initiatives:

• Successfully defending the bill that protects Planned Parenthood’s state Medicaid funding to ensure high-quality, affordable healthcare for women, men, and young people, championed by Delegate Peña-Melnyk, chair of the House Public Health Subcommittee.

• Safeguarding the health of Maryland’s waterways by instituting a statewide fracking ban, championed by Delegate Frush, a member of the Chesapeake Bay Commission and a conscientious animal rights advocate.

• Working to secure record school funding for Anne Arundel and Prince George’s counties, championed by Delegate Barnes, vice chairman of the Education Sub-committee.

• Cutting college textbook costs by moving more courses to free, online content, championed by Senator Rosapepe.

Key investments in state budget:

• Boosts in state funds for schools in Prince George’s and Anne Arundel by $25.6 million.

• More jobs in Maryland repairing UM buildings and local schools, increasing investments in roads, bridges, and transit.

• Boosts in investment in the University of Maryland and other public colleges by $36 million.

• A balanced budget, protecting Maryland’s AAA bond rating.

• $27.4 million to protect open space and $34 million to improve local parks statewide.

• $7.1 million for rebuilding Route One in College Park and modernizing and expanding Route 175 in Odenton.

• $340 million for construction of the light rail Purple Line, connecting the Metro Green Line and the University of Maryland with Bethesda and New Carrollton.

Join us at Beltsville Day — Sunday, May 21

The delegates and I are always there to chat with local residents—and celebrate Beltsville. If you’ve never before, start this year! There are games for kids, music, food, great fellowship, and much more. Stop by the 21st District Delegation’s table where we’ll have free maps, guides to festivals and other fun events around Maryland, and info on how to solve problems. We look forward to seeing you and hearing your concerns Sunday, May 21, noon-5 pm at the Beltsville Community Center.

Contact us

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 help you. Just email 21stDistrictDelegation@gmail.com or call 301.858.3141.

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Church, Patient First, ShopRite, MD Physicians Care, St. Alban Birmingham Lodge, and Team 21 Slate. Also, be sure to thank the staff of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission and volunteers for helping with the day.

Much planning has gone into making Beltsville Day 2017 special. The Beltsville Recreation Council is committed to providing quality activities and entertainment throughout the year for the whole Beltsville community. Free concerts are scheduled for this summer:

June 24: Project Natale—smooth jazz
July 15: The New Romanos—music from yesterday and today

Come to Beltsville Day for an afternoon of old-fashioned fun and consider joining the Beltsville Recreation Council to help “make things happen.” To join, contact us at BeltsvilleRecCouncil@gmail.com.

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The Beltsville Young at Heart Club

By Barbara Schofield

The Beltsville Young at Heart Club hopes everyone enjoyed a lovely holiday this month. The nasty weather kept the membership count down at the April 6 meeting. July 13, a Thursday, will feature a trip to Sight and Sound Millennium Theatre to see JONAH and have a buffet lunch at Arthur’s Terrace in Strasburg, Pennsylvania. The price is $110.00 per person. This includes transportation, buffet lunch, and reserved seats for the show. Last year we saw Samson here, and it was spectacular. Call Shirley Denell at 301.937.5342 to reserve your seats; this will fill up fast. May 21 is Beltsville Day. Come to the senior room inside the Beltsville Community Center for baked goods, lunch, and drinks. You can also hear live music by the Season Players. This will be lots of fun for the whole family.

One smile can spark a friendship, and one act of kindness can brighten a day. And one hug can heal a hurt.

The Prince George’s County Genealogical Society

The Prince George’s County Genealogical Society will meet on Wednesday, May 3, 2017, at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway, New Carrollton, MD 20784 at 7 pm.

Please join us as we hear Mr. Omar Price speak about Chasing the American Dream: The Formation and Legacy of Freedmen Schools in Prince George’s County, Maryland, 1866-1870.

Mr. Price is a history doctoral candidate at Morgan State University, where he is currently researching freedmen schools in Prince George’s County. 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/pgcgenealogy.

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Welcome the new board of the Greater Laurel Beltsville Democratic Club (GLBDC): President Linda Diasgranados, Vice President Michelle Garcia, Treasurer Steve Hubbard, and Secretary Carolyn Brosch. With the aid of Senator Jim Rosapepe, Delegate Joseline Peña-Melnyk, and former Councilman Tom Dernoga, the GLBDC was reorganized. Since the 1950’s, the GLBDC has been our community’s leading Democratic organization. Every year, we work to elect Democrats from the courthouse to the White House. We plan to support the community with town halls, forums, meet-and-greets, and many more functions. We want the community to come out and discuss what’s going on in the political arena. Please follow us on Facebook @GLBDC and sign up on our website to volunteer and to be placed on our mailing list at http://www.glbdc.org/volunteer.

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al conference and leadership training. Several young folk attended and had an exciting day of training. They had as their guests a representative from Casey Cares and also from the Kinera Foundation.

Each year, the young girls collect pajamas for seriously ill and hospitalized children. This project is called “Tami’s Jammies,” and the girls have collected over 1,100 pairs of pajamas for Casey Cares over the last few years. These enterprising young ladies hold fundraisers throughout the year to enable them to make a sizable donation to their chosen charity. This year, their funds went to the Kinera Foundation of Kent Island, which supports families of special needs children. This proved to be a great day for the juniors and seniors involved. Their convention will be held in June when new officers will be elected for the coming year. We are very proud of all the accomplishments of our youngest auxiliary members.

The Veterans Creative Arts Festival, held on April 1 at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts, was simply fabulous. The day started out with wind and rain but cleared up by showtime. The community came together to support our disabled veterans. Raulin’s Bakery of Beltsville owner John Kim provided breakfast items for the artists, and Old Line Wine Shop and Bistro Restaurant owners and operators Larry Pendleton and son sent 125 delicious lunches to the artists, performers, and staff. How great is that? We live in such a caring community where folks come together to help where they can. We are also thankful to Moose Creek Steakhouse, Buffalo Wild Wings, Costco, and Behnke Nurseries for contributing door prizes. With the assistance of College Park Post #217, we had a total of 17 gifts including one from unit #26, one from unit #40, and one from Linda Sarkisian. Thank you all for your support.

Our next event at post #217 will take place on May 6: Johnny Seaton and Ronnie Dove will be entertaining together again. This is a dynamic duo! Doors open at 6 pm, and the show starts at 7. Tickets are $25 in advance and $30 at the door. There will be a silent auction held to support wounded warriors. Cash or checks only can be accepted, but there is an ATM on premises. Should you care to come for dinner, there will be a delicious Italian dinner available for $8. Why not plan to come enjoy yourself and support a great cause? For more information and tickets, call Tina at 301.935.5308.

That dreaded time of the year has arrived: report time, when we must fill out lengthy report forms about all their work on behalf of veterans, active military, our youth, and communities. This information eventually makes it to Congress and becomes part of the records of our great organization, the largest women’s patriotic organization in the world. A Girls State orientation course was held at post #217 on Saturday, April 8. There were many young ladies present with their parents learning about their upcoming Girls State session being held at Salisbury University in June. This is a week-long leadership course open to young girls just completing their junior year in high school where they learn the fundamentals of our Democratic government. There are campaigns and elections for every elected office on a city, county, and state level. At the conclusion of the week, two senators and a governor are elected by their peers. The senators attend Girls Nation, and the governor has obligations throughout the state for the next year.

Remember the fun you can have at College Park Post #217 by attending our events, the bingo games on Tuesday and Wednesday day at noon and our Friday night dinner dances, or just visiting and maybe joining us if you are eligible.

Until next month, let us keep our troops, wherever they may be, in our thoughts and prayers as they protect the oppressed. May God continue to shower our land with blessings.

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The Beltsville Garden Club

The Beltsville Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, May 24, 2017, at 7:30 pm in the multi-purpose room of the Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville, MD.

Please join us for a program titled “An Oasis of Peace: The Franciscan Monastery Gardens in Washington, DC.” Patricia Cunniff, Ph.D., from the Franciscan Monastery Garden Guild will share photos from the monastery gardens and describe the activities of the Franciscan Monastery Garden Guild and the beautiful gardens that they work to preserve and promote. The monastery has 11 formal rose beds in the upper gardens, a beautiful azalea display in both the upper and lower gardens, an early spring tulip bloom, and abundant annuals and perennials.

The Franciscan Monastery Garden Guild is a group of lay volunteers whose goal is to preserve and promote the gardens at the monastery. In addition to their work in sustaining the formal gardens and leading garden tours, guild members also farm Fr. Francis’ garden. Last year, they harvested over 5,000 pounds of produce; all was given to such charities as the National Capitol Area Food Bank, Martha’s Table, etc. The guild also maintains beehives and extracts honey periodically, which is sold in the monastery’s gift shop.

Patricia A. Cunniff was raised in the shadow of the Franciscan Monastery in the Brookland section of Washington, DC. She serves as the lead for garden tours sponsored by the guild and has just completed a book highlighting the contributions of John J. Earley to the Franciscan Monastery. She holds a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Maryland and has served as an academic dean at Baptist College of Community College and adjunct professor at the University of Maryland. She is a docent in the Human Origins exhibit at the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History. Patricia Cunniff and her husband, Patrick, have four adult children and ten grandchildren.

The public is welcome, and admission is free. You are encouraged to bring something to exchange: a plant, cutting, or garden tool or magazine. Bring something, take something! Refreshments will be served after the talk.

To learn more about the Beltsville Garden Club, visit www.beltsvillegardencrb.org or Like Us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/beltsvillegardencrb.

Church News

Advance Directives and MOLST Presentation at Emmanuel United Methodist Church

The Beltsville Community is invited to join us in this important seminar May 7th at 12:30. Make sure you have your future health care needs known to those whose hands you entrust your care! Learn the difference between POA of Health Care, Living Wills, Advance Directives and MOLST (Maryland Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment). Don’t be caught short of having your medical care decisions known and legally binding.

Join us for a short informal educational meeting presented by the Community Outreach and Resource Nurse from Hill Haven Assisted Living, Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center. Have your questions answered regarding Medicare’s requirements for rehabilitation center admissions and the impact of hospital observation admission versus hospital treatment admission. If you have any questions, please contact the Church office at Emmanuel at 301.937.7114 or office@eumcbeltsville.com. Emmanuel is located at 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705.

Upcoming Events at the First Baptist Church of Beltsville

Mark your calendars for the free community block party on Saturday, June 3 (rain date is June 10) from 11 am–4 pm. Join the members of the Baptist church as they host a free day of fun. There will be games, a moon bounce, the children’s ID program through PG County Police Department, food, and more. This is a great way to meet your neighbors. Everyone is welcome.

Vacation Bible school is also coming up soon. The Galactic Starveyors adventure VBS will be held on July 17–July 21 from 9 am–noon. 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 things at VBS. VBS is for ages 4 years to 6th grade. It’s free, fun, and full of music, crafts, snacks, Bible study, and surprises! Call 301.937.7771 for more info or register your child at churchoffice@fbcbeltsville.org. The First Baptist Church of Beltsville is located at 4700 Odell Road, Beltsville, MD.
Memorial Patio at the Cross Installed at Emmanuel United Methodist Church

By Ted Ladd

Emmanuel United Methodist Church dedicated a newly installed memorial patio and a new cross on Easter Sunday.

The patio consists of 450 bricks that can be engraved with the name of a loved one, an organization, or a family. On Easter Sunday, 60 bricks had been engraved with 390 available for engraving. The dedication was conducted by Pastor Jacob Young. Roy White, lay leader at Emmanuel, recognized those who participated in the planning and construction of the patio. Church Council Chair Ted Ladd read the words engraved on each brick as Music Director Kathryn Griffin rang a bell between each name.

The memorial patio committee consists of Ted Ladd, Ann Rowland, Bobbie Deegan, Mike Hatton, Rick Zerbe, and Cale Fuller. Those working on the patio construction included Ron Midkiff, John Kaufman and sons Jack and Jeffrey, Abraham Scotland, Abraham Scotland Jr., Rick Zerbe, Greg Zerbe, and professional advisor Camillo DiCamillo. Groundskeeper Alex Limas and crew were instrumental in excavating the foundation and in tamping down the foundation materials. Ray Midkiff constructed the new cross that was installed by Ron Midkiff, Greg Zerbe, and Rick Zerbe.

Community members are invited to consider purchasing a memorial brick in remembrance of a family member or tribute to an entire family. For information, contact the church at 301.937.7114 or e-mail office@uemcbeltsville.com.

High Road Hosts Annual Book Fair

High Road Upper School in Beltsville launched its 8th annual Scholastic Books book fair on March 13. It lasted until the 21. The event also coincided with the celebration of National Reading Month. The book fair committee chair, Sean Hicks, said, “Putting together this book fair was a challenge, but all the committee members made it seem like I was reading a good book each day, like a page, just got better and better.”

The school was able to raise over $2,000 for the past two years and hopes to break $3,000 this year. (Totals were not yet available at the time this article went to print.)

“The students seem really excited and really enjoyed the opportunity to buy books for themselves and family members,” said Ms. Aguiao, a committee member and English teacher at the school.

As one student exited the fair area, he turned to school staff, smiled, and said, “Now I am ready for spring break!!!” That student, Royce Spencer, purchased books each day of the fair and is a student in Ms. Aguiao’s classroom.

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High Road’s Book Fair Committee Chair Sean Hicks at the High Road Book Fair.
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Man, it's hard to think I'm writing for May. It seems just yesterday it was February. Oh, well. I have had good mail in the past weeks about persons trying my recipes. Some good but not all. Fruitcake: two people said it was dry, but they admitted they overbaked it. Most comments were on the chocolate chip cookie. One said theirs rose high. We went over the recipe and found she used baking powder instead of baking soda. It's easy to do. Many people think they are the same, but far from it. Baking powder makes things rise, and baking soda makes them spread. It is good to hear the good and not so good. If you tried a recipe and had good or bad results, tell me about it by writing me at bill@bakerbill.net. I love mail.

I watch a lot of TV, and the shows I like are all soap operas now, so if I miss a week, I'm lost as to the story.

Man, am I glad baseball has started. In my opinion, there are far too many informational ads on the networks nowadays. There is one being showing about a device that hangs you upside down, and

the man or lady doing it can’t weigh over 120 pounds. I would like to see some one at 200 pounds do it. The legs are not far enough apart to handle that.

I have a GREAT recipe for you this month. The recipe is simple, and you have everything you need there in your pantry. Don’t you hate recipes that call for a secret ingredient that makes you look all over the supermarket and when you can’t find it you just abandon the project? This recipe is three fold, French toast, bread pudding and coconut custard pie.

First, make the egg filling (you will use this for all 3 recipes) in med size bowl whip up 3 eggs 1 table spoon flour 1/4 cup sugar pinch of salt dash pepper 2 teaspoons corn starch now add 2 1/2 cup cold milk. And now for the first recipe, get a frying pan ready with oil hot, now dip 2 pieces of toast in the egg filling and fry in the pan, while doing this have 2 more slices soaking. When fried, serve with syrup. Man what a breakfast or dinner?

For the second recipe, use the same egg filling mixture. Put chunks of stale bread and raisins to taste, dump in deep pan and bake approximately 25 minutes @ 400 degrees. It will be the best bread pudding ever. Serve hot or cold.

For the 3rd recipe put coconut in the egg filling mixture to taste and pour the entire amount into a deep pie pan and bake for approximately 30 minutes. This will make an excellent coconut custard pie, serve cold! It’s now time to close.

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School News

Calverton Elementary School Hosts ESOL Family Night

By Judith Pollock, Professional School Counselor

On Wednesday, February 23, Calverton Elementary School hosted ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Night, an event designed to provide families with an overview of the ESOL program and the opportunity to learn of available resources in the Beltsville area. Two of the school’s community partners were invited to share information about their organizations. The Prince George’s Beltsville Branch Library and the Beltsville Adventist Community Center were there to inform families of the assistance and support services they provide.

Upon arrival, guests were offered snacks and beverages. Participants were then warmly welcomed by Principal Monique Sloan. She reminded parents of Calverton’s open door policy and encouraged them to visit the school often. She went on to share that the school’s mission at Calverton is to graduate every student graduate and college ready, regardless of individual differences. Portable listening devices were made available to assist non-English speaking families so that everyone could hear the information.

Next, the ESOL department chair introduced ESOL team members that work with the more than 350 English Language Learners at Calverton. The students are divided amongst seven ESOL teachers that work with the more than 350 English Language Learners at Calverton. The students are divided amongst seven ESOL teachers based on their grade and proficiency level. As part of the presentation, teachers modeled listening, speaking, reading, and writing strategies that students have been working on throughout the school year.

Prizes were raffled off throughout the evening to keep the students engaged. The winners received backpacks, books, school supplies, and t-shirts. Students whose ticket numbers were called were ecstatic!

A representative from the Prince George’s County Beltsville Branch Library system spoke to parents about services to students. These services included home-learning help, which is available both in person and online in English and several other languages. A language software program is also available for all Prince George’s County students. In order to access these and the many other services, students simply need to present a library card. Families were encouraged to stop by the library to sign up for a library card and to learn about the other services it provides.

Speakers from the Beltsville Adventist Community Center also attended. They discussed their mission to assist families with personal needs. The community center provides job counseling, food resources, and other emergency assistance on a case-by-case basis. After the presentation, guests were invited to pick up brochures and handouts for services that interested them. With more than 100 people in attendance, the night was a huge success!

After all was said and done, the message remained clear: the Calverton Elementary School staff values partnerships with all families and believes that a strong home-school connection is crucial to the success of every child.
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