**Beltsville Briefs**

**Mother’s Morning Out Program**

You can register your 2 or 3 year old for two mornings a week of learning, Bible stories, crafts and playtime in a loving Christian environment. Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30-11:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Beltsville, 4700 Odell Road, Beltsville, MD 20705. Child must be 2 or 3 years by Sept. 1, 2014. Potty training is not required. Registration fees

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**Scouting News**

**Boy Scouts Take a Spring Time Hike**

By Gary Bauchan, Assistant Scoutmaster Troop 1033

The Boy Scouts in Troop 1033 went camping at the Manidokan Methodist Retreat Center near Harpers Ferry in Apr. The Troop hiked a total of 10 miles in beautiful spring weather from the campground along the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to historic Harpers Ferry. The Scouts enjoyed their visit to the historic sites at Harpers Ferry but especially enjoyed visiting the candy store and eating ice cream. They were able to complete their hike before dark and cooked hamburgers and hotdogs over a campfire before jumping into their sleeping bags in their tents. They were surprised to discover frost on the ground and on their tents in the morning, thus the scouts earn their cold weather camping patch. Boys Scouts on the trip included Al Diagne, Yutian Ding, Trevor Chan, Jeffrey Moto, Randy Núñez, Eduardo Orellana, Surya Pukazhenthi, Trey Ridgley and Al Diagne, Yutian Ding, Trevor Chan, Jeffrey Moto, Randy Núñez, Eduardo Orellana, Surya Pukazhenthi, Trey Ridgley.

**Inspirational Book Teaches Readers To Pursue Principled Lives**

Miriam V. Osborne Elliott announces the release of ‘The Price of Promotion’

Beltsville, Maryland – In “The Price of Promotion” (published by CrossBooks), Miriam V. Osborne Elliott’s Christian-based inspirational, self-help book, readers are set upon a path toward a purpose-driven life.

With “The Price of Promotion,” Elliott works to guide readers toward a sense of purpose, significance and power. She says that by finding one’s purpose, people can become beacons of power for others, thus using their influence to empower the people around them. The book provides guidance through the process of assessing and setting life goals and identifying the paths needed to achieve them. She suggests that people are brought closer to their God-given purpose – finding, knowing and doing what they were ultimately created to do – by embracing the truth of themselves.

An excerpt from “The Price of Promotion”:

“Life is an experienced teacher. We are all expected to check in for each daily lesson. After doing this, we will most assuredly have the opportunity to apply what we’ve learned. Passing the test is not measured in the rote rhetoric we can repeat, but it is measured in the application of proper principles in each situation.”

Elliott suggests that people are in dire need of empowerment in today’s society. “Doing the right thing is never wrong, no matter what.”

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**Behnke’s Employees Managing Community Garden For Local Food Bank**

By Rick Bergmann

Three years ago, Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Beltsville entered into a partnership with Behnke’s Nursery to create a community garden. The purpose of this garden was for to provide fresh grown produce to needy families in the area through the outreach efforts of the Emmanuel Food Bank. The food bank feeds approximately 200 families every month on the 3rd Saturday of the month. At the time, the deal with Behnke’s was that volunteers from Emmanuel would manage the garden (planting, weeding and harvesting) and Behnke’s participates in each situation.

**On the Agenda**

**NEXT ISSUE:**

Submissions Due
No Later Than:
May 21

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May 31

Karen Coakley

Review of the Conceptual Site Plan No. 130089 (rescheduled from April meeting)

Tidler Property/ Parcels 7.26 acres identified as Parcel 26, Parcel 18, Parcel 20, Parcel 111 and lot 2_11800 block of Old Gunpowder Rd., Beltsville, MD. It has frontage on Old Gunpowder Road on its east, Montgomery Road on its north and west and Powder Mill Road on its south. The property is currently zone M-X-T. The applicant is proposed to develop the property with 314 residential multifamily units and approximately 8,000 sq. feet of commercial office space.

Yard waste

Bushes, branches, twigs & grass must be in paper bags, bundles or trash cans. The county will not pick up debris that is in plastic bags.
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25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

Extracted from the
May 1988 issue

BAC Award
Ms. Lynda J Berg, 3rd grade teacher at Beltsville Academic Center was awarded a fellowship to the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Tracy Promoted
Francis G. Tracy, principal of High Point High School since 1973 has been appointed Associate Superintendent for Supporting Services of the Prince George’s County Public School, effective June 16, 1988.

Engagement Announced
Donna Kay Borgwardt announced her engagement to Randall A. Leupen.

New Arrivals
Matthew Cincnet Malagarri, Jr. son of Janice and Matthew Vincent Malagarri was born April 5, 1988.

Here’s Johnny
Congratulations to Johnny Seaton and his family. He has landed the starring role in the $3 million production, “Elvis, An American Musical.” The show opens in New Haven, Conn. on June 7th.

Obituaries


Deborah L. Koenig passed away March 12, 1988.

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Bengke’s would provide the beds and water for free and the seeds at cost to the food bank. And for the last 3 years, that has been how the community garden has worked.

This year Bengke’s employees, Alfred Millard and Sissy Mckenzie, are coordinating the community garden. They will be planting and maintaining and harvesting the garden for the food bank’s summer garden. The employees will be planting a spring garden with carrots, radishes, lettuce and spinach. They are also having a school supply drive in July for the food bank to hand out during back to school time. Julie Pavelka, one of the coordinators of the food bank had this to say, “We would like to thank them for their partnership with us for the past 3 years and their increased support of the garden this year.” In our current economic climate it is truly inspiring to see a local business like Bengke’s and employees like Alfred and Sissy giving back to the people of their community.

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**Easter Dinner at Beltsville VFD**

The Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department held an Easter Dinner on April 12. Photos by Mariah McKenzie.

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how long it takes for someone to recognize it,” she says.

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Miriam V. Osborne Elliott, M.Ed., has dedicated her professional life to the arena of higher education. She has worked in several key positions in higher education; most recently, at the University of Maryland-College Park and formerly as the Dean of Students at the University of the Virgin Islands. She is a new resident of the Beltsville community. She also enjoys being a parent to her daughter, Eladia, along with her husband. To contact the author for speaking engagements or book signing events, you may send your requests to mvoe01@gmail.com. “The Price of Promotion” is available in softcover or E-Book versions at Amazon, Barnes and Nobles and crossbooks.com or by calling 1-866-879-0502.

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**Riderwood to Host A Feast for the Eyes II, an Artwork Showcase**

Three-day event to feature 165 original pieces in gallery setting

SILVER SPRING, MD—The celebration of art holds a special place for residents of Riderwood, the Erickson Living community. Their creativity and professional-level quality will take center stage during A Feast for the Eyes II, a showcase of original artistry. Forty-two residents and employees will display over 165 pieces, including paintings, metal weavings, silk screens, photography and sculpture. They will be available during the showcase to discuss the processes and stories behind their work with attendees.

The gallery of artwork will be displayed at the campus of Riderwood in Maryland Hall (Montgomery Station Clubhouse). Riderwood is located at 3120 Gracefield Road in Silver Spring. The showcase is open to the public with free admission. For more information, please contact Heather Hicks-Mello, community resources coordinator, at 301.572.8449 or heather.hicks-mello@erickson.com.

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**Grand Entry**

First impressions are everything. When that front door swings open the foyer is the first space that greets guests, setting the stage for the rest of the entry level. To create a grand entry that is both elegant and interesting the design duo at Will’s Home Decorating (www.decoratemaryland.com), Michael Richards and Valerie Kabelac, suggest adding an element of surprise. Paint your favorite color on the ceiling or try one of Benjamin Moore Paint’s favorites such as Citron (chartreuse) or Revere Pewter (taupes) instead of the typical white ceiling. Next add glamour to the walls with beaded wallpaper by HGTV’s talented Candice Olson. Soften the windows with either a textured sheer or a shimmering taffeta for privacy in a coordinating color that blends with the ceiling to add balance to the beautiful wallpaper. An eco-friendly natural marble on the floor will complete your foyer, providing durability and timeless beauty for years to come.

Whether your home needs new draperies or blinds, flooring, wallpaper or a fresh coat of Benjamin Moore Paint, your local design shop, Will’s Home Decorating has it all. Will’s has a wide range of quality design products that are unique and stylish. Co-owners Michael and Valerie also offer free personalized design consultations. They are delighted to assist you with your design project and to show you the newest spring colors and design styles for your interiors.
Scouts Deliver a Mountain of Mulch

By Gary Bauchan, Assistant Scoutmaster Troop 1033

Boy Scout Troop 1033 delivered over 40 tons of hardwood and pine mulch in completing another successful Spring Lawn & Garden Products Fundraiser. In total the Scouts delivered over 1500 bags of mulch, LeafGro, top soil products and pansies all over the Beltsville area all within 5 hours. The door-to-door transport was made possible not only by 21 scouts but also by the parents and friends of scouts who volunteered their trucks, trailers, and cars for the deliveries. Thanks to the support of the community each scout earned “Scout bucks” which allows them to pay for such activities as Boy Scout summer camp at Camp Rodney, hiking at Harpers Ferry, tubing at Antietam Creek near Harpers Ferry, and swimming at Assateague State Park. Troop 1033 would like to thank Behnke’s Nursery, Inc. for their continued support of our fund raiser and they especially want to thank the Beltsville Community for all their support.

Cub Scout Pack 1031 Visits the Firehouse

By Regina Halper

Cub Pack 1031 spent Mon. Apr. 14th visiting Fire Station 841 in Calverton. They were shown the mess area, sleeping area, the fire truck and ambulance. They learned what they would have to do to become a fire fighter. Lt. Christopher Lynge talked with them about fire and accident safety and how to get help in an emergency. He also showed the scouts all the equipment a firefighter wears by having one of their dads dress up in the gear. The scouts had a great time and thank the firefighters of Station 841 for a great visit.

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ley, Henry Saathoff, Kyle Thomas, Abel Varghese and Daren Vicente. Even Webelo Cub Scout Sam D’Eustachio and Noah Reed hiked the entire 10 mile trip. The scouts and their adult leaders including Scoutmaster Rick Deery, Assistant Scoutmaster Eric Saathoff, Cubmaster Kevin D’Eustachio and parent Kim Reed enjoyed the beautiful spring time weather and vigorous hike. Spring has sprung; summer is right around the corner; get outside and go hiking!

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Cub Scout Pack 1031 Cub Scouts and friends pose with parent, Lino Flores, who is dressed up in firefighter’s gear.
It’s Flea and Tick Season: Tips to Protect Pets

(StatePoint) Protecting dogs from fleas and ticks is an important part of responsible pet care and this season shines a light on the prevention of Lyme disease in dogs. Distressing and harmful for your pet, parasites can cause diseases that affect you and your family. Flea bites can cause skin disorders, infections and allergies, and spread tapeworms. And bacteria spread from infected tick bites can cause Lyme disease, a bacterial infection that can affect humans, dogs and cats.

Lyme disease is characterized by lameness, swollen joints and fever. Ticks carrying Lyme disease don’t discriminate, so it is imperative to take a proactive stance in protecting not only your pet, but your family from this debilitating disease. Whether you suspect your pet is besieged by pests or you wish to prevent the problem in the first place, experts identify three clear steps to take -- treating your pet, treating your home and treating your yard -- in that order.

“The fleas and ticks on your dog are a small component of your concern,” says Caryn Stichler, vice president of marketing at Sergeant’s Pet Care Products. “Fleas and their eggs can live outside in grass, soil and crevices in sidewalks, and inside on rugs, carpets, floor cracks and bedding. Treat your pet first and foremost and then the animal’s environment.”

Fleas and ticks multiply at an alarming rate. So act quickly this flea and tick season:

Treat the Pet

The first step is to apply a prescription product to your pet. Use a product designed for your cat or dog and follow directions. Don’t be afraid to ask questions.

Treat the Home

Get Supplies

Public gardens often sell plants, flowers and trees during annual festivals, providing top-quality native and adaptable additions to your garden. With the sale comes professional experience and advice of the sort that cannot be found in nurseries or hardware stores.

While you’re there, consider learning about the celebration throughout Mother’s Day weekend with special events, tours and activities designed specifically for families. “What backdrop would be more perfect for celebrating mom than a beautiful garden?” says Sclar.

Whether you’re a family looking to spend the day together, a couple on a romantic date or a family looking to spend the day outdoors.

Celebrate Mom Activities for the family? National Public Gardens Day is an unofficial start to spring, May 9, which is Mother’s Day weekend dedicated to celebrating the warmer weather and visit a local garden.

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Renewable Term Life Insurance: An Ideal choice

By Toyn Bello

What is a RTLI?

A renewable term life insurance policy is a plan in which at the end of the coverage time period, you do not have to requalify to keep your existing life insurance policy in force. For example, if you purchased a 20 year renewable term life insurance policy, at the end of the 20 years, and if I decided to still keep my coverage in force, I would not have to requalify (take a medical exam, urine/saliva test) to keep my policy in force. However, if you keep the same amount of coverage you have and you can keep the policy without having to qualify again, your monthly premiums would go up substantially higher because the cost of your premiums is determined by your age and whether or not you smoke.

Talking to your insurance provider:

When you talk with an insurance agent or financial advisor, I suggest you ask him or her for a level renewable term policy. Some insurance agents will try to persuade consumers that a cash value policy will fit their needs. Cash Value insurance is two to five times more expensive than a term policy. And in most cash value policies, the beneficiary will not receive cash value for the policy they paid their premiums for if the insured dies during the life of the policy...

Expert Recommendations

According to New York Times bestselling author, and personal finance expert Dave Ramsey, he had this to say on term insurance: “I can easily recommend term life insurance as the only thing because the rest of it (other life insurance policies) is garbage, it’s a rip off.” Another financial expert and New York Times bestselling author, Suze Orman, had this to say about term insurance: “the only type of life insurance you should have in my opinion is term insurance. Insurance that’s good for a specific period, a term.”

Should be Cheaper

When your renewable term life insurance expires you may decide to renew the policy. But if you have planned properly, you won’t need to have the same amount of coverage as you started with because your debts will have been paid off, your mortgage will have been paid, and if you have children, their expenses will have been paid for as well. So if you do decide to renew your policy your monthly premiums will be much lower because your coverage will be much lower as well. A renewable term life insurance policy is ideal plan for anyone thinking of purchasing coverage or additional coverage.

Your policy may also be up for renewal or getting close to renewal. Or you might have just purchased a new policy. It would be wise to have an insurance or trust look at the documents that you have to make sure that you have a good policy.
## Beltsville Voter Guide for the June 24 Democratic Primary

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For more information, visit: www.RosapepeForSenate.com
Beltsville Garden Club
May Meeting

The Beltsville Garden Club will meet on Wed. May 28 at 7:30 pm in the multipurpose room at the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, in Beltsville.

Mr. Roger Smith will present “All About Hostas”, an exploration of the best-selling perennial. He will address placement, water requirements, leaf shapes, sizes, variegation patterns, colors, common ailments, and landscape uses. His photos will include national tour garden settings, examples of award winning varieties, and the latest introductions coming to the marketplace. In his long experience growing and creating hybrid varieties Mr. Smith has produced several distinct hostas worthy of naming. He is currently working to advance red into the hosta leaf surface. He says he will gladly discuss his observations and challenges associated with hybridizing new hosta cultivars.

Mr. Smith is a retired U.S. Air Force member who now works with the Department of Defense, and volunteers his time as the Educational Outreach Chair for the American Hosta Society. He is a member of the Potomac Hosta Club, and has been published in the Hosta Journal. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. Bring a plant, or plant related material for the door prize table. The public is welcome and admission is free. For additional information visit our website at www.beltsvillegardenclub.org.

Beltsville Garden Club
May Plant Sale

The Beltsville Garden Club will hold its last spring plant sale on Sat. May 10, in the parking lot of High Point High School, 1601 Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville. The sale runs from 8 am - noon and will be held rain or shine. Come early for the best selection of quality plants at reasonable prices from our members. A variety of houseplants, trees, shrubs, perennials, garden vegetable, and annual flower plants will be available.

The Beltsville Garden Club celebrates its 62nd anniversary this year and has a rich tradition of gardening and philanthropic activities. For information on the club, please see the website at www.beltsvillegardenclub.org. Membership is only $10 a year per family and includes monthly informational meetings on garden topics, and several club social events each year. New members are welcome at any time. No gardening experience is needed!

College Scholarship Available from the Women’s Community Club

The Women’s Community Club of Beltsville encourages youth who reside in Beltsville and who are either high school graduating seniors who have been accepted into a college, vocational or technical school or currently enrolled freshmen in a college, vocational or technical school to apply for the annual Women’s Community Club Scholarship. Students who meet those qualifications need to complete the application form and submit an essay to be in consideration for the scholarship. As the Women’s Community Club is a service organization the application asks the student to describe their participation and leadership in community groups and volunteer service experiences as well as describe some of their ideas about living in Beltsville and their hopes for the future. The essay this year challenges youth to explain what President John F. Kennedy’s quote, “Ask not what your country can do for you...Ask what you can do for your country” means to them and how their life can make a positive difference.

Application and essay needs to be mailed on or before May 7, 2014 to WCCB 2014 Scholarship, Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705.

To receive a copy of the application, please contact MMCBeltsville@gmail.com. Applications are also available from guidance counselors at High Point High School in Beltsville or Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt.

Formed in October 1922, the Women’s Community Club is committed to supporting the Beltsville Community through service. In addition to sponsoring the scholarship, the group is also involved in current food basket distributions, cleans up a section of Montgomery Road through the Adopt a Road program, and plants flowers along the community trail for Make a Difference Day. The Beltsville Garden Club booth at the annual Beltsville Day on May 18 to learn more about the club. New members are welcome to join and work with others to make our community a better place.
Happy Times at College Park Post & Unit 217

By Ivy Christoffers

Tell me, is the normal weather pattern for spring time a few days of summer followed by frigid winter winds and snow? I cannot ever remember a year like this in the Washington, D.C. suburbs. So many flowers and shrubs have already bloomed, only to be frozen and stunted by inconsiderate Mother Nature. Perhaps by the time we go to press, the weather pattern will have changed to a mild, warm springtime climate.

The events at Post #217 have been rolling right along. The bingo games held on Tue., Wed. and Thur. each week still prove to be a big draw while the Tue. night bingo (held for those who could not attend the daytime games) is not as popular.

The Friday night dinner & dance is very popular with the community, and if it becomes more popular, they may have to begin holding it in the large hall instead of the lounge, where there is more room. The legion is fortunate to have such good bands that have fantastic reputations, well known by all their attendees.

I had hoped to have information on our Americanism essay winners to include in this column, however, that information will have to wait until the next issue.

The Miss College Park Scholarship Pageant was held on Apr. 13 at the Moose Lodge on Metzerott Road. The new Miss College Park is Miss Symphony Dixon, a 19 year old Sophomore at the University of Maryland College Park. Symphony will perform community service work in the community and surrounding area of Prince Georges County.

Thank all who participated and those who attended this program; it has been ongoing for almost 30 years and gets better each year. Unit 217 members are actively seeking new members to join

UNIT 217 continues on page 18
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church of Beltsville from Thursday, May 22 – Sunday, May 25th. The theme is “A Special Agent Investigator.” On this adventure, children will uncover and defend the truth about who Jesus really is. For more info, please call the church at 301.937.7771 or you can register on the church website at www.fbcbeltsville.org. Children must be at least 4 yrs old – 6th grade.

May is Better Hearing Month
The first step in treatment of a hearing problem is a hearing evaluation by an audiologist. Audiology Unlimited and College Park Hearing Services have a variety of specialties to include, but not limited to:
• Performing Hearing evaluations on 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. Ear protection will be given out at the Audiology Unlimited table at a Health Fair at Fairland Sports Complex on May 17th and at Beltsville Day, Sunday, May 18th. Visit our website for times and location, www.audiologyunlimited.net.

Hearing loss currently affects more than 36 million Americans today. Although hearing problems are commonly associated with the normal aging process, more than half of all hearing-impaired persons are younger than 65. With the increased use of personal music players (MP3s) and ear buds, 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 the condition. 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 Audiology Unlimited and College Park Hearing Services, is celebrating Better Hearing Month this May.

As part of Better Hearing Month, Audiology Unlimited and College Park Hearing Services are 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,” explains Kathy Mellott, doctor of audiology.

An audiologist is a highly educated and clinically experienced health-care 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.

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Beltsville Academy Takes Top Honors at Orienteering Challenge

By Kevin d’Eustachio

Five student-orienteers from Beltsville Academy braved the cold, rain, and mud to take first place in the annual Orienteering Competition at Camp Schmidt. Students Gracie Bell, Samuel d’Eustachio, Anna Devore, Damien Ticer, and Craig West gave up a Saturday afternoon at home in exchange for hours of hiking through the wet woods, a few granola bars and the chance to compete.

If you went to fifth grade in Prince George’s County, or if you’ve had a fifth-grade student in Prince George’s County in the last forty years, you know about Camp Schmidt. Camp Schmidt (actually “The William S. Schmidt Outdoor Education Center”) is a 450-acre Environmental Education Center run by the Prince George’s County Public Schools. Every fifth-grader in Prince George’s County has the opportunity to go on an overnight camping trip to Camp Schmidt to learn about stream ecology, wildlife management, problem solving and teamwork.

What you might not know is that Camp Schmidt also hosts an annual orienteering competition. Now in its 27th year, the competition tests the students’ map and compass skills and their ability to work together as a team. Any elementary school in Prince George’s County can send a team. Teams consist of three-to-five fifth- or sixth-grade students.

Beltsville Academy’s team consisted of five fifth-grade students of the bicycle-riding, ski-racing, high-adventure teacher from the Wild West, John Starr. A Colorado native and outdoor enthusiast, Mr. Starr planted the idea of the orienteering competition in the students’ heads shortly after their class trip to Camp Schmidt. Cub Scout Sam d’Eustachio and his dad recruited team members from fifth graders they knew who liked adventure and didn’t mind a hike. Parents Kevin d’Eustachio and John Bell provided adult supervision, and the team was set.

Because only one other elementary school registered, North Forestville, Camp Schmidt teachers and Competition Organizers Travis Long and James Roberson opened up the competition to ten girl scout troops that were visiting Camp Schmidt. All told, 12 teams consisting of about 60 kids participated.

Teams were provided with a FREE Community ShRED Day Festival!

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map, list of clues, and the point values for each checkpoint. Scoring was based on the number and point value of checkpoints the students located and returning to base within the allotted time. The competition was friendly and the results were close. Second place among the elementary school competitors went to Forest Heights Elementary in Oxon Hill. Forest Heights’ team scored the most points based on checkpoints found, but suffered a severe time penalty for returning late that cost them the lead.

May 17, for the 2014 Kid’s for Science STEM Fair by Ameen Ahmed (5th), Wilton Mo (5th), Harper Elkins (5th) and Norah Ahmed (3rd). Beltsville will be well represented!

Beltsville Academy would like to thank the many judges that helped with this year’s fair. We are thankful that our students have the opportunity to interact with local scientists. We would also like to thank the Beltsville Academy PTA for helping secure judges and for providing breakfast and lunch for our judges. And, last but not least, a big thanks to parents for the help and support they gave their children while preparing for the STEM Fair.

Easter Basket Drive
By Julia Canty-Warrick

The Student Ambassadors of Beltsville Academy sponsored an Easter basket drive to benefit children who are homeless, in foster care and from low income families. Easter baskets were also constructed for the elderly. Through the donations of the staff and student body, one hundred and forty Easter baskets were donated to local agencies. The Easter basket drive was led under the direction of Student Ambassador Program Advisors, Julia Canty Warrick, Jocelyn Samuel and Diane Bryant.

The Beltsville Academy STEM Fair
By John Starr, 5th grade science and math teacher

The 2013-2014 Beltsville Academy Elementary STEM Fair took place on Apr. 8th and 9th. 197 young scientists from 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade entered the fair with fantastic investigations. Gracie Bell (5th) was the Grand Champion. Gracie will be joined at Charles Herbert Flowers High School on Fri. May 16 and Sat.

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Eleanor Roosevelt Band News

Eleanor Roosevelt High School is pleased to announce that Mr. Reginald McNeill, Principal at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, has been selected to receive the Maryland Music Educator’s Association (MMEA) Administrator of the Year award for his role in encouraging and sustaining support for a strong music program at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

There will be 2 spring concerts held at Roosevelt. The Spring Orchestra Concert is scheduled for Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at 7:30pm. The Concert will feature: Roosevelt Strings, the Concert Orchestra, the Chamber Orchestra and the Symphony Orchestra, all directed by Dr. David Yarbrough. The Spring Band Concert at Eleanor Roosevelt High School is scheduled for Friday May 2, 2014 at 7:30pm. The Concert will feature: the Roosevelt Band, the Concert Band, the Symphonic Band, the Wind Ensemble, and members of all bands in a Massed Band, all directed by Ms. Sally Wagner. The ERHS Bands and Orchestras draw students from all over northern Prince George’s County.
School News

High Road Upper hosts “…Best Arts Festival Ever!!!”

The High Road Upper School participated in their 9th Annual “Fine Arts Festival” event. After three months of practice and creating showpieces, this event allows many students to exhibit their diverse talents through poetry, painting, song, dance and abstract art. This event is collaboration between all the High Road schools within the Southern Maryland region.

“It is astounding to see how confident and positive our students can be when they work together towards a common goal,” said dance team coach Ms. Jones. “Each student felt responsible for the others behavior so that all members that started in the group could finish together”.

“The students practiced tirelessly every day for weeks to master their individual and group performances” stated teacher Mr. Lewis. This event brings out the love, passion; dedication and hard work that allow the students to shine.

Graduating Senior Anneika stated, “It was fun to dance with my peers, I’m usually scared but my confidence level has risen”. “I had an awesome time”, said sophomore Quintin. “I loved dancing and I plan on dancing for High Roads at the next “Fine Arts Festival. I will bring the fire!!! I want to thank the school for the opportunity”.

Calverton Elementary School News

Many Happenings at Calverton

Calverton started as a busy month at Calverton, with many events the week before Spring Break which included the Book Fair, Career Day, Kindergarten registration, the spring book fair, and a visit from Kinderman. Kinderman entertained the students in Pre-K, kindergarten, first and second graders at an assembly on Tuesday, April 8 with cheerful songs. The songs were cheerful songs that encouraged student and teacher participation. Some students had the opportunity to dance as well as sing a solo, in a duet, a trio or a quartet. The Book Fair had its Family Fun night on Wednesday evening, April 9, which is always a popular event.

Preparing Students for the Future

By Judith Pollock, Professional School Counselor

Calverton Elementary School staff members have worked hard to ensure students are career and college ready when graduating high school. Students have learned that it is never too early to begin thinking about their future. In fact, all the research suggests that the earlier students begin thinking about college and careers, the more prepared they will be and the more likely they will go on to attend college. As a result, every student in first and fourth grade has completed a Personal Education Plan (PEP). This plan requires students to think about things such as what they are good at doing, school attendance, and grades. They are then asked to set personal and academic goals and to identify steps they can take now to work towards those goals. The PEPs are filed and updated throughout middle and high school years.

Fifth grade students have worked to complete the Sallie Mae Kids 2 College curriculum that helps develop early college awareness and build a college going culture. The program is completed in six lessons and explores education options and the economic benefits of education beyond high school. Students are given the opportunity to complete a Career Interest Inventory and to describe where they see themselves in the near future.
School News

Vansville Elementary School News

Jump Rope for Heart

On Wed., Apr. 9 Vansville Elementary School held its annual Jump Rope for Heart event to support the American Heart Association. 217 students participated in the event. Students and staff raised a staggering $9,019.86. All participants should be commended on their efforts to support the American Heart Association and improve their own heart health! Way to go Vansville!

Bunny Run

On Friday, April 11 all students participated in the Spring Bunny Run, a race for fun and fitness. Students competed to be the fastest boy and girl in their grade. The fastest time winners were as follows:

5th grade: Harlem Morton and Euwrabena Aggrey
4th grade: Josiah Brown and Davina Bonsu
3rd grade: Alex Moore and Cooper Reynolds
2nd grade: Carlos Ortiz and Kyndall Walker
1st grade: Bryan Binney and Elsie Cooper.

Congratulations to all participants!

March 2014 Students of the Month

Characteristic: Friendly...a friendly student is kind, helpful and considerate to teachers and students and does not behave unkind to anyone they encounter.

Ms. Hengemier Kindergarten Charles Sowe
Mrs. McGruder Kindergarten Kamri Goodrich
Mrs. Mitchell Kindergarten Hector Barran-River
Mrs. Beveridge 1st grade Alexs Dias
Ms. Gatter 1st grade Fechi Chikade
Ms. Kountz 1st grade Danielle Odumade
Mrs. Bonner-Johnson 2nd grade David Amara-Bangali
Dr. Laisther 2nd grade Tabitha Felix
Mrs. Plue 2nd grade Christian Cottle
Mrs. Rigaud 2nd grade Johanna Rajesh
Mrs. Godshall 3rd grade Gisen Cruz
Mr. Soto 3rd grade Autumn Woodward
Ms. Brown 4th grade Quinton Barr
Mrs. Heiman 4th grade Kamren Johnson
Ms. Mayhew 4th grade Christopher Griffin
Ms. Daugherty 5th grade Aaral Hurd

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BOOK SIGNING
Sat., May 31 at 10:30 a.m. Author Evelyn J. Hadden will sign her book, Hellstrip Gardening. The unused spaces next to curbs and alongside driveways get a second look in this comprehensive guide. Featuring inspirational gardens and a dictionary of curbside-worthy plants, this book will help you tackle the challenges involved in planting these spaces and achieve a beautiful curbside garden.

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Sun., May 18 from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Spend the day having fun with games, entertainment, crafts, food, and more. Cost: Free to attend, nominal fees will be charged for games, food, and crafts. All ages welcome. Parking and free shuttle service will be available at the Beltsville Academy, the Beltsville Library, and Francis Fuchs Library System branches, including New Carrollton and Hyattsville.

END OF THE YEAR SKATE
Fri., May 30 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Join us as we celebrate the end of the school year with friends on skates. We provide the roller skates—we celebrate the end of the school year with food, women, children — and us. Worship services at 9:30 and 12:00 each Saturday morning.

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