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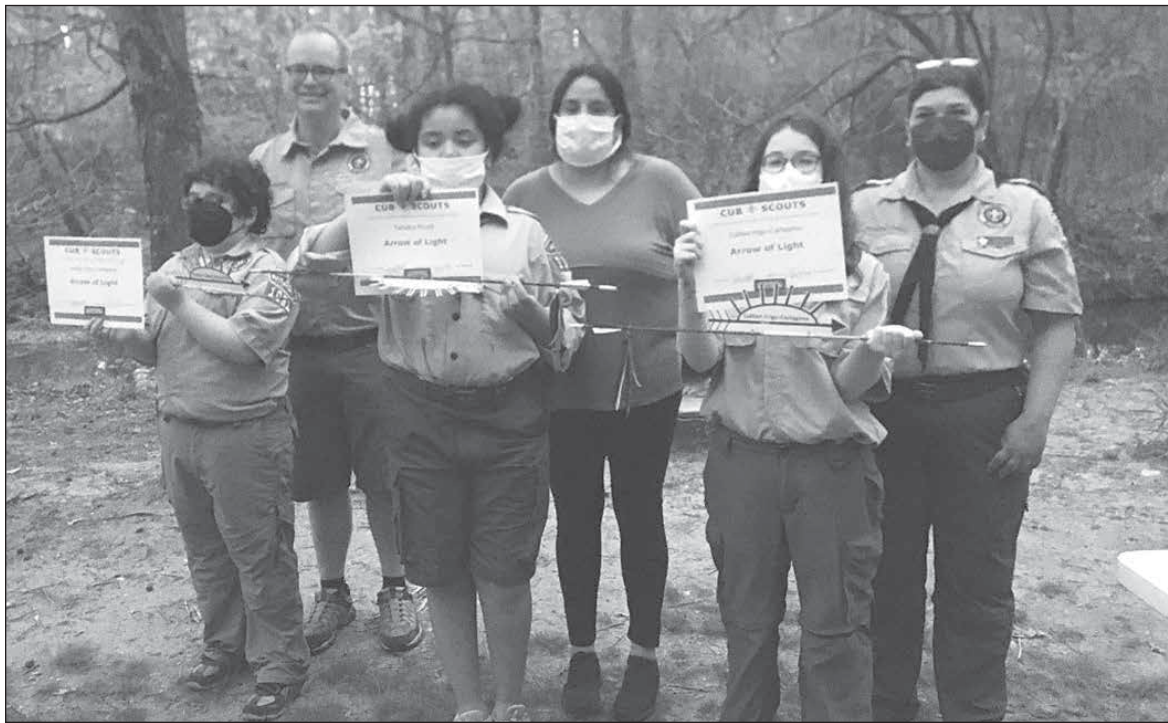
## Cub Pack 1031 Webelos Crossover 2022

By Regina Halper

On April 25, 2022, our Arrow of Light Scouts bridged over to Scouts BSA, two of our female Arrow of Light Scouts, Caitlen I-C and Tabatha P. joined Troop 214G, a Scouts BSA Girls unit in Riverdale. It has been a pleasure to have Casandra Inigo-Cartagena as their den leader and future Scoutmaster at. Her son, Aedan I-C will be joining Troop 298 in College Park. They have already begun completing basic scout skills. Way to go Scouts!

Nearly all of our scouts have completed or are really close to completing their rank, now we look forward to summer! We hope the rising COVID numbers won't affect our summer fun!

On Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, we led the Anacostia Watershed Earth



Aedan I-C, Tabatha P and Caitlen I-C with their parents at their Arrow of Light Crossover

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**NEXT ISSUE:**  
**Submissions Due**  
**No Later Than:**  
**June 22**  
**Paper Out:**  
**July 1**

### On the Agenda



Karen Coakley

By President Karen M. Coakley

Please join us on Wednesday, June 15th 7:00 p.m. for a Virtual Citizen's Association Meeting. The Zoom details are below. We will review the Design Centers Beltsville Project "Right Tree Right Place"

Summer Is Here! Please pay attention and slow down and stop at stop signs. Our Neighborhood Streets are not the Indy 500. Children are riding bikes, walking etc. Going on vacation be sure to have someone pick up your mail or newspapers. Also have your grass cut while you are away and set timers on the lights inside your home.

If you see Something that looks like a crime please report it by calling 911. Crime statistics and staffing are based on incident reports. Please call 911 the police do not monitor Nextdoor.

If you have a community meeting I can be reached at 301-741-7672 or karenmcoakley@gmail.com

June 15<sup>th</sup> Zoom Meeting Details: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88516252384?pwd=dVlVbjA3NkdpMmJKNkQ5Z3EvVG00Zz09> or dial by your location 1-301-715-8592. **Meeting ID:** 885 1625 2384. **Passcode:** 139226

## Beltsville Briefs

### The Beltsville Young at Heart Club

By Lois Hamilton

There was a lot of discussion among members at our last Young at Heart meeting about our by-laws. We're considering how to change some of them to bring them more up to date. The last changes were in 2016, and much has changed since then.

We will not hold any meetings in July or August because the community center needs "our" room for their "Kid's Camp." Our meeting in June is OK, but then we will not meet till September 15 at 11:00am at the Beltsville Community Center. We may be having our Anniversary potluck then, with entertainment.

Our November 17 meeting will be held in Laurel at the First United Methodist Church to celebrate Thanksgiving. More information later on this event.

I hope many will come out

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## Riderwood's Woodcrafters Have Fun and Help Neighbors in Need

Silver Spring, MD - Whirling saws, pounding hammers, and the pungent smell of wood stain means it's another productive day at Riderwood, an Erickson Senior Living community in Silver Spring, Md. Specifically, Riderwood's ever-popular, on-campus woodshop.

With more than 80 members, the Riderwood Woodcrafters create and repair items for themselves, their neighbors, and the local community using an impressive range of hand and

power tools - all provided by the community at no cost.

### Sharing experiences

"Our group enjoys spending time together and working with our hands on a variety of projects," says resident Tom Mertz, chairman of the Riderwood Woodcrafters.

Tom, a former builder and remodeler who moved to Riderwood with his wife Pam McGhee in the summer of 2019, says that working with his hands

comes naturally.

"Joining the Woodcrafters was a perfect fit," he says, with gratitude. "I immediately began meeting new people. It's a great group that enjoys learning new skills and sharing personal experiences."

Many of the most active Woodcrafters enjoy volunteering their time and talents toward efforts aimed at helping those in need.

"It's so good to have a goal," says Tom. "It gives us all a purpose."

### Artistic outreach

Nearly two decades ago, the Woodcrafters began working with local Habitat for Humanity chapters to construct kitchen cabinets, bathroom vanities, and chairs. All items are given to those with housing needs in the Washington, D.C., area and Montgomery and Prince George's counties.

In recent years, the Wood-

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Riderwood woodcrafters having fun!



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## Neighbors in the News

## Riderwood: In the Heart of Art and Culture

Silver Spring, MD - Living just six miles from the heart of Washington, D.C., residents at Riderwood, an Erickson Senior Living community in Silver Spring, Md., are well-positioned to enjoy of a wide range of local and regional cultural opportunities.

And thanks to the community's Special Trips Committee, it's easy for them to take advantage of this exciting benefit.

"The special trips offered at Riderwood are one of the main reasons why I moved here," says Elaine Hauptman, who serves on the committee. "Not only do we have convenient access to all the culture and art in Washington, D.C., but we are also close to Baltimore and all the wonderful art and theater available there. I consider myself very lucky."

### Variety of trips

The seven-member Special Trips Committee, comprising both residents and staff, meets twice a month to create a calendar that provides a variety of museum trips, shows, and restaurant outings.

"We work together to plan and provide a variety of programs to meet the tastes of our community," says Elaine. "So many of our

residents come from the D.C. and Baltimore area, and our location allows us to indulge in all that the area has to offer. What's more, the unique tastes of our residents give us incentive to be creative in our planning."

In the last few months, residents traveled to D.C. to enjoy August Wilson's *Seven Guitars* at Arena Stage, *Van Gogh: An Immersive Experience* at the Rhode Island Center, and a performance by the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater at the Kennedy Center. The committee also plans events in nearby Columbia and Annapolis, Md., as well as locations in Northern Virginia.

"The special trips give residents an opportunity to go out in the community, often to the types of events they attended before their move," says Judith Johnson, a resident and committee member. "They are very popular. Personally, I love to go to the art museums, plays, and concerts. I find them stimulating."

With world-class venues located just miles from Riderwood, the Special Trips Committee also dedicates itself to planning trips to smaller venues, such as the Katzen Arts Center at American

University and the newly opened National Museum of the United States Army.

### Food for thought

In addition to museums and live performances, the Special Trips Committee plans weekly trips to local restaurants.

"You can enjoy a varied restaurant dinner at Riderwood every day," notes Elaine. "However, our community is filled with many 'foodies' who love to explore."

Recently, Riderwood residents enjoyed the opportunity to dine at Millie's Spring Valley Restaurant in D.C.; G&M Restaurant in Linthicum Heights, Md.; Hudson Coastal Grill in Fulton, Md.; and L'Auberge Chez François in Great Falls, Va.

"We often tie in a restaurant with a planned museum visit," says Elaine. "The African Museum of American History offers wonderful, authentic African food. And Gertrude's at the Baltimore Museum of Art is a favorite destination, often in competition with the exhibitions throughout the museum. Our committee also celebrates special holidays by indulging in food. Cinco de Mayo and St. Patrick's Day are favorites."

### Working together

With so many options available, the hardest work for the committee is deciding on a schedule. In an effort to reflect the unique tastes and preferences of residents, members work with a range of resident groups to plan events reflective of their goals.

"It's really important to us to work together with our neighbors," says Elaine. "We try to plan at least two events around each month's special designation. For instance, in November, in honor of Native American Heritage Month, we worked with Riderwood's Native American group to plan a trip to the Baltimore American Indian Center. There, we enjoyed a docent-led tour on the history, culture, experience, and accomplishments of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina."

In February, the committee worked with Riderwood's African American club to host a trip to the Slave Museum in Sandy Springs, Md., and in April, Riderwood's Earth Day Committee requested trips to a recycling plant and a vegan restaurant.

"One of the most wonderful things about Riderwood is our diversity and our committees, who work with our resident groups to plan so many interesting and exciting events to choose from," says Elaine.

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## Kitty Post

By Sallie Rhodes



## Why Trap, Neuter and Return?

By Sallie Rhodes

The implementation of a Trap, Neuter, and Return (TNR) strategy helps stabilize the free-roaming community cat population at a specific location (i.e., the "cat colony"). As time passes after TNRing a colony, the cat population decreases.

Beltsville Community Cats (BCC) uses humane strategies, including TNR, to reduce the number of community cats in neighborhoods throughout Beltsville. These cats are also vaccinated to protect against transmissible diseases. The tip end of the cat's left ear is cut off to show that the cat has been sterilized. Young kittens are placed in foster homes where they are socialized to people and living indoors. At three months, these kittens are sterilized, vaccinated, microchipped and combo tested before being adopted into forever homes. Adult cats that live outdoors can take months or even years to socialize. Unfortunately, BCC simply does not have enough foster homes to take adult cats into foster care and BCC does not have the ability to relocate these cats as they are very difficult to move to a different place or colony. The difficulty of doing this is evident in BCC's statistics. BCC has sterilized almost 900 cats since March 2019, preventing significant overpopulation in Beltsville.

Most Beltsville residents understand and appreciate that feeding and looking out for community cats leads to a healthier community cat presence. Many residents appreciate the predatory nature of community cats which helps reduce or eliminate the populations of rats, mice, moles, and



squirrels. Well-fed cats may still hunt, but they tend to pick off the weak, old, sick or injured members of the prey species. Studies have shown that returning a community cat to its colony ultimately helps keep the community and the urban environment cleared of rodents.

Studies have shown that when a feral cat is permanently removed from its colony, another cat will almost always move in to fill the vacancy. If five cats are removed, another five will move in to take their places. Even if ALL cats are removed, more cats will often move in and replace them. This phenomenon, called the 'vacuum effect', does not occur simply because the cats are being fed. It has more to do with the opportunistic nature of the animals living in a suitable environment. Conservation studies have shown that a similar "vacuum effect" happens with dogs, raccoons, groundhogs, and other wildlife when they are removed from an area.

If you see an unaltered community cat in your Beltsville neighborhood, please contact BCC at (240) 444-8353 or email us at hello@beltsvillecats.net.



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### Report on 2022 Maryland Legislative Session

#### Cutting taxes for seniors and working families

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- Income tax relief for retirees, reducing state taxes on retirement income for the overwhelming majority of Marylanders.
- Ending sales tax on childcare products important to working families, including diapers, car seats, baby bottles, and toothbrushes.
- Gas tax relief for drivers burdened by the skyrocketing gas prices.

#### Stopping health insurance price hikes

For years, we've worked to expand access to health insurance and to hold down rates. For the past two years, rates have been the lowest in America. To keep them down, we passed Senate Bill 395 which will continue to block rate increases.

#### Fighting climate change

We passed the Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022, SB 528, to cut greenhouse gas emissions 60 percent by 2031 and achieve net zero emissions by 2045. The law requires buildings 35,000 square feet and larger to reduce direct



Senator Jim Rosapepe

emissions by 2030 and achieve net zero emissions by 2040. Separate bills will convert the state's car and light truck fleets from gasoline to electric by 2033 (HB 94) and establish a three-year pilot program to transition Maryland's 7,300 school buses from electric to diesel (HB 696).

#### Investing state budget surplus in local schools

President Biden's economic recovery plan created hundreds of thousands of jobs — and thus boosted state revenues — creating the first budget surplus in a

decade. We put \$800 million in a special fund for teacher salaries and other school needs. We also boosted state funds for schools in Prince George's by \$36 million and Anne Arundel by \$54 million.

#### Boosting funds for community policing and victims of crime:

To protect our neighborhoods from crime, we increased state aid by \$100 million to fill police vacancies and expand victim's services, violence intervention programs, neighborhood public safety grants, and body cameras and de-escalation training.

#### Supporting our community

In the legislative session that concluded in April, we worked together to invest in our Beltsville community:

- To fix potholes and improve local roads, we increased state funding by \$25.4 million for Prince George's
- \$500,000 for the West Beltsville Park

#### Contact us

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## Fight Stress During Uncertain Times by Volunteering in Your Community

(StatePoint) New research suggests that Americans are volunteering to give back to their communities and fight stress during uncertain times.

A recent KEEN/Harris Poll Survey found that a majority of Americans see the direct benefits of volunteering, with 86% feeling helping others reduces stress. It's no surprise then that 59% of respondents say they plan to volunteer in the next two months. But if you're among the 47% of those who say they struggle to find volunteer opportunities near them, there's good news. A new partnership between footwear brand KEEN and Points of Light, a nonprofit that mobilizes people to take action that changes the world, is connecting individuals with local opportunities to make an impact in their neighborhoods and communities.

To provide easier access to volunteer opportunities large and small, KEEN is enabling everyone to search for local or

national volunteer opportunities via KEEN Corps' Volunteer Finder tool at [keencorpsvolunteer.com](http://keencorpsvolunteer.com). The tool can help you search among tens of thousands of volunteering opportunities each day with nonprofit organizations, schools and other local agencies. Now tapping into Points of Light's massive database, you'll be sure to find a volunteer opportunity that aligns with your passions and needs.

"A great many volunteer positions don't require any particular skills, just heart," says Erik Burbank, vice president, The KEEN Effect, the team that leads the brand's social and environmental justice efforts. "Volunteering can be as simple as picking up plastic at the beach or as involved as restoring a wetland. Every action makes a difference."

Interested volunteers may want to consider taking their efforts a step further by joining The KEEN Corps, the

brand's loyalty program and platform for helping others, which rewards participants for doing good deeds. Since its U.S. launch in September 2021, KEEN Corps has grown to over 18,000 members and counting. As of November 2021, over 10,000 volunteer hours have been logged by Corps members. Through the program, the more you volunteer, donate and shop, the more lives you affect, and the more points you earn. Plus, KEEN Corps volunteers receive limited edition gear, member pricing, and special access to all things KEEN. To learn more or to become a member, visit [keenfootwear.com/keen-corps](http://keenfootwear.com/keen-corps).

"Our recent data confirms that many of us are exhausted and looking for ways to relieve stress and feel in control in these unpredictable times," says Burbank. "Volunteering in our communities has the dual benefit of giving back and leaving us feeling more fulfilled, empowered and happy."



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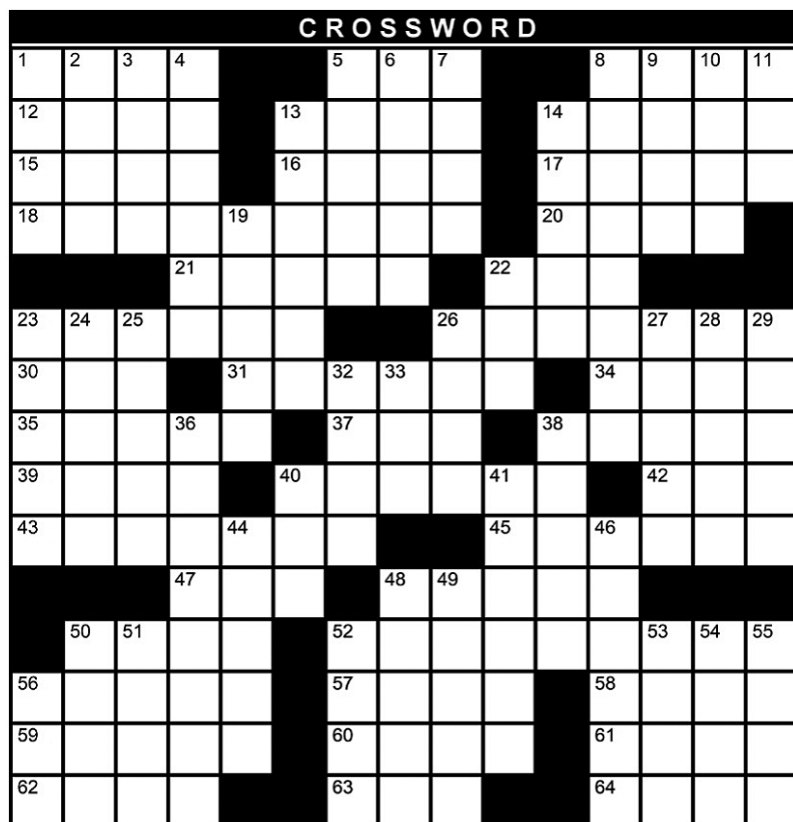
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#### ACROSS

1. Mauritania's neighbor
5. Arrest
8. Daughter of Zeus and Hera
12. Like fist of some rulers
13. Containing limestone
14. \* "Misery" Oscar winner
15. Gulf War missile
16. Throat-clearing sound
17. Earp of the Wild West
18. \* '58 Plymouth Fury in a Stephen King novel
20. Hole punchers
21. G in SAG
22. Lennon's wife
23. Napoleon's hat
26. Old tree description
30. Ryder Cup team
31. Forecastle, for short
34. Ruptured
35. Harangues
37. Tiny guitar
38. East side of Jersey
39. Brussels' org.
40. Genie, alt. sp.
42. Soak through
43. Autumnal zodiac sign
45. Stomach sores
47. Basketball hoop
48. Down Under marsupial
50. Ginger-flavored cookie
52. \* "It" clown

56. Nary a soul

57. Larger-than-life
58. Like some rumors
59. Smart \_\_\_\_\_, pl.
60. Pilaf grain
61. Close in proximity
62. \* "The Green \_\_\_\_\_"
63. Don't waste
64. Risqué

#### DOWN

1. Catchall abbr.
2. St. Louis tourist attraction
3. Displeasure on one's face
4. Rainbow color
5. Root of nihilism
6. Set right
7. \* "Stand \_\_\_\_\_," film based on "The Body"
8. \* "Rita \_\_\_\_\_ and the Shawshank Redemption"
9. Bibliographical abbr. (2 words)
10. Risky business, pl.
11. "Is" in Paris
13. Hispanic American
14. Boss, in Swahili
19. Rides the waves
22. Buck
23. "Auld Lang Syne" poet
24. \* "Children of the Corn"

- cult leader Chroner
25. Subsection of a poem
26. "Rhinestone Cowboy" singer
27. Kind of change
28. Mistake
29. Oceanic trenches
32. \* Rabid Saint Bernard in Stephen King book
33. Mogul rider
36. \* Nicholson in "The Shining"
38. Foolish
40. Not bright
41. Subtlety
44. Plumber's concern, pl.
46. Crying like crow
48. Type of cap, pl.
49. Chilled (2 words)
50. Same as solos
51. Yuletide
52. Paddington Bear's homeland
53. Beginning of a story?
54. Grand \_\_\_\_\_
55. \* Like a Stephen King story
56. "Platoon" setting

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## Obituaries

### Decker, Dorothy B.

Dorothy Emma Decker died peacefully at Angels Garden, Silver Spring, Maryland on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, just 13 days short of her 99th birthday. Dorothy was the daughter of Jacob and Louise Bladt and was born and raised in Washington, D.C. After her marriage to Harold Decker, Sr., (deceased), she raised her family in College Park and later in Beltsville, Maryland, where she was active in her church and several civic clubs and groups. She is survived by her four children; son Harold Jr. (Deck) and his wife, Kathy, of Berlin, MD, and their children grandson Christopher

and great-grandsons Aaron, Kevin, grandson Joseph and his wife, Erin, great-grandson Ramsey, and granddaughter Kacey; son John of Pearl City, Hawaii, and his son Sean, granddaughter Jessica and great-granddaughter Zuri; daughter Jeanne Fahrner and her husband, Jeff, of Frederick, MD, and their children granddaughter Laura Johnson and her husband, Peter, and great-grandchildren Bennett, Marie, Emma and Sean, granddaughter Katie Vernon and her husband, Corey, and great-grandchildren Judah, Kathryn and Evelyn, granddaughter Emily Crowell and her husband Adam, grandson Michael and his wife Abby and great-grandchildren

Anna, Jeremiah and Ellie, and; son Ron and his wife, Bridget, of Cave Creek, AZ. and grandchildren William (deceased), Liam and Emma.

Dorothy, or Aunt Dottie as she was lovingly known, is also survived by many nieces and nephews and their families. In addition to her husband and precious grandson, she was also preceded in death by her siblings, Helen, Jack, Rob and Frances.

Dorothy graduated from McKinley Tech. High School in Washington, D.C. After graduation she worked at Garfinckel's Department Store as a secretary. After her marriage, she and her husband, Harold, lived in Washington, D.C. for a couple years. Following the birth of their first child they moved to College Park, MD where they lived for 16 years, and then moved to Beltsville, MD. While raising her four children she also managed the bookkeeping for her husband Harold's commercial maintenance businesses. They sold their businesses in 1979 and moved to Ocean City, MD where they took a position as the resident managers of the Irene Condominium. After nine years, they decided to fully retire and moved back to their home in Beltsville.

Services will be held at an as yet undecided time and place. Information will be forthcoming. Dorothy will be interred in the columbarium at Arlington National Cemetery (date to be determined) where she will rest beside her late husband, Harold, and will have the honor of resting at Arlington along with her mother, father, brother Jacob (Jack), brother Rob and his wife, Pat. [www.borgwardt-funeralhome.com](http://www.borgwardt-funeralhome.com)

Church.

Patricia married to Carlos Midkiff on August 6, 1955, in Beltsville, Maryland. She is loved and survived by her children, James (Betty) Midkiff of Glen Burnie, Maryland, Carol Reinking of Chester, Maryland, Mike Midkiff of Keyser, West Virginia, and Dolores (Scott) Powell of Ionia, 12 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, and 1 great great grandchild, and her brother Jay (Vicki) Starry of Florida.

Patricia was preceded in death by her husband Carlos in 2000, her daughter Debbie, her parents, and her brother Edward Patton, Jr.

Funeral services will be 11:00 AM Saturday, May 21, 2022, at Shiloh Community Church, Orleans, with Pastor James Floyd presiding. Visitation will be one hour before the service. Following the funeral, a luncheon will be held at the church. A graveside service will be 1:00 PM Wednesday May 25, 2022, at Fort Lincoln Cemetery in Brentwood, Maryland. Memorials may be given to the Shiloh Community Church. Funeral care has been entrusted to Johnson-Feuerstein Funeral Home, Belding.



William "Willie" Spicknall

Spicknall's Farm Market on Old Gunpowder Road in Beltsville. He leaves behind his wife Karen and daughter Kaylin; brothers Jimmy (Cyndy), Sammy (Lauri), Bobby (Mimi), and Mark (Bonnie) and their families; and a large extended family of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Willie was a good athlete and played many Beltsville Boys and Girls Club sports growing up. He graduated from High Point High School in 1972, where he was a standout football player. Willie was a fierce two-way player, defensive captain and named to the All-County team. He also played for Delaware Valley College where he graduated in 1976.

Willie was an avid sportsman and loved to hunt, fish and golf. He enjoyed being outdoors and always appreciated the natural beauty that surrounded him, whether it was on the farm, in the woods, or in Key West, his favorite winter vacation spot.

After college, Willie returned to Beltsville to work with his parents on the farm. He built the small roadside stand on Old Gunpowder Road in the early 1980s and gradually expanded it each year with hard work and fierce determination. His brother Bobby soon joined Willie and they enjoyed a long partnership.

Friends of the Spicknall boys often helped work on the farm in their youth and many local teenagers had their first jobs at Spicknall's market. Willie did not suffer fools and you needed to be a good worker with common sense to last a full season. His many friends came by the market often just to talk. Those who knew him best, knew Willie kept his own counsel, shunned the limelight, and let his actions speak for themselves. Willie was a generous man who supported many local organizations these last 40+ years, something he learned from his parents Bill and Betty. He loved his neighbors and the Beltsville community.

The funeral was held on May 13, 2022 at Emmanuel United Methodist Church on Cedar Lane and was packed with friends and family, an outward expression of the love and respect many had for Willie Spicknall. He will be greatly missed.



Vaughn Kyle Riffe

### Riffe, Vaughn Kyle

Vaughn Kyle Riffe was a loving husband, father, and grandfather who passed away May 11, 2022. Vaughn was born in West Virginia on July 16, 1960 to Arnold and Shirley Riffe. He was one of three children, with an older sister, Shirleen Riffe and a younger sister, Darleen (Riffe) Sheedy.

Vaughn married Diane Swanson July 25, 1987. He was blessed with two children, Kyle D. Riffe and Carlie (Riffe) Mace. Carlie and Dalton gave him three beautiful grandchildren, McKenzie, Bailee, and Daxton Mace.

Vaughn lived his life for his family, friends, and baseball. He will always be remembered for his big heart, great sense of humor, and his unbelievable memory. He will be deeply missed.

### Spicknall, William T.

William T. Spicknall, lifelong Beltsville resident, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, May 6, 2022. Willie was the owner of



Patricia Ann Midkiff

### Midkiff, Patricia Ann

Patricia Ann Midkiff, 83, of Belding, Michigan, passed away Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing. Patricia was born on March 15, 1939, in Washington, DC, the daughter of William and Goldie (Testerman) Patton. She spent her earlier years living in the Maryland - Washington, DC area, and moved in 2011 to Michigan to be closer to her daughter and grandchildren. She was a breast cancer survivor and a member of Shiloh Community



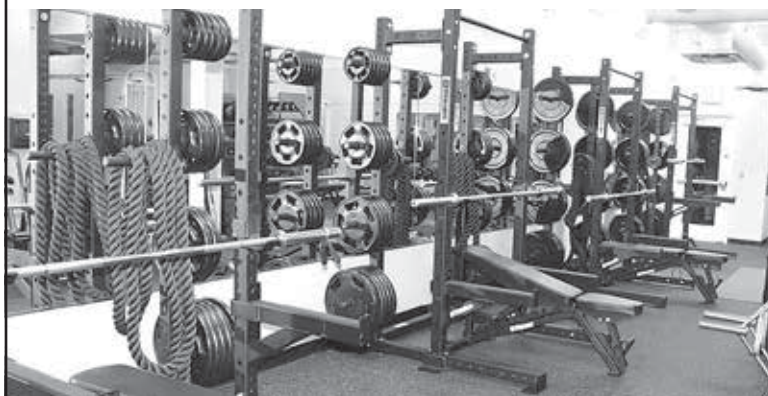
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# Marsh 50th Anniversary

Leon W. Marsh Jr., “Lonnie” and Virginia A. Marsh (Wray), “Ginny” of Greensboro, NC are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on June 10, 2022. They were united in marriage on June 10, 1972 at Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Beltsville, Md. Lonnie, a native of Prairieville, La. and Ginny, of Beltsville, Md., met while serving in the Army at Ft. Polk, La. Lonnie is a graduate of Dutchtown High School (Dutchtown, La.) ’62 and the University of Southern Mississippi, ’69 (B.S. Speech Pathology), Northwestern State University of Louisiana, ’74 (M.S. Speech Pathology) and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, ’88 (M.A. Christian Education). Lonnie retired in 2014 after a career in Speech Pathology and Chaplaincy. Ginny is a graduate of High Point High School (Beltsville, Md.) ’67 and the University of Maryland/Walter Reed Institute of Nursing ’71 (B.S. Nursing). She served in the United States Army Reserve and was

deployed for Operation Desert Storm/Desert Shield (’90-’91) with the 312th Evacuation Hospital, Greensboro, and retired from the Army Reserve in 1999 with the rank of Lt. Colonel. She retired after a career as a Neonatal Intensive Care Nurse in 2015. They moved to Greensboro, NC in 1992 and are faithful members and volunteers at their church, First Baptist Church, Summerfield, NC. They have four children, Kristen Waldrup (Chad) of Dallas, NC, Laura Strahl (Kenneth) of Malaga, Spain, Robert Marsh (Lindsay) of Charlotte, NC and Jonathan Marsh (Katie) of Kernersville, NC. They have five grandchildren; Lylah and Vivien Strahl, and Liam, Addison and Caleb Marsh. Lonnie and Ginny will celebrate their 50th anniversary with a vow renewal service on June 11, 2022 at First Baptist Church, Summerfield, NC, officiated by their son, Rev. Robert Marsh followed by a reception with their family and friends.



# From the Office of Councilmember Tom Dernoga

## Council Budget 2022

By the time you read this the County Council will have voted on the County Budget. There are several priorities that I am advocating for, and for which I am hopeful to have success. First, the county libraries need financial support for additional staff and technology upgrades. Second, we need funding to implement the Climate Action Plan. Third, I am supporting increased funding for mobile health services to provide better healthcare to many of our residents. Also, the Nuisance Abatement Board is doing a great job seeing that code enforcement issues are being addressed; however, the board is understaffed and must be funded appropriately. Additionally, I have proposed that the police department budget have a line item to support the police explorers. We have a great group of explorers in District One, and the County will benefit greatly with the participation of additional youth involved in public safety.

I am also hopeful to get the funding for some Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) Park and Recreation projects. The North College Park Community Center will be accessible to the Beltsville community as an additional resource. We have received State and municipal funding, so I am working to get construction funding from Park and Plan-



Council Members Tom Dernoga and Jolene Ivey with federal officials at Kingdom Fellowship AME Church's groundbreaking with Reverend Matthew L. Watley for their new Kingdom Worship Center in Calverton.

ning. Dinosaur Park has been very popular, but the full vision for a science center has not been implemented, and I am seeking funding to move this project forward. Along with the Dinosaur Park, the companion of a dog park in Beltsville is an endeavor I am striving towards. Finally, in a bid to help the Beltsville-Adelphi Boys & Girls Club, I am asking for M-NCPPC to double the funding for the program.

On a troubling note, M-NCPPC has been planning a new headquarters building. Originally, the proposal was for a \$155 million building in Largo. Until two weeks, I had been the only council member opposed when M-NCP-PC requested to increase the bud-

get from \$155 million to \$300 million. This outrageous request has finally stirred broader opposition and I am hopeful that a more practical option may be found.

Please look for an update on the final Budget next month, or in our weekly electronic newsletter which you can sign up to receive by contacting us.

## Contact Us

Please keep in touch. Email us at [councildistrict1@co.pg.md.us](mailto:councildistrict1@co.pg.md.us) or call 301.952.3887. Se habla Español. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram: @Tom-DernogaD1.

## RIDERWOOD

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### Stress-free travel

Whether listening to the symphony, experiencing a gourmet meal, or contemplating a work of art, Riderwood's dedicated transportation team provides door-to-door service to and from all the special trips.

“Our team works to ensure that residents enjoy a safe and comfortable trip,” says Riderwood transportation manager Bob Porterfield. “Almost everyone comments on how nice it is to no longer have to worry about traffic and parking.”

This summer, Bob and his team look forward to providing transportation to some of the hottest tickets in town - *Hamilton*, *Dear Evan Hansen*, and *To Kill a Mockingbird* at the Kennedy Center. Residents are also excited for the upcoming high tea at the Mansion at Strathmore, shopping at a variety of craft fairs, and eating their way through the Amish Market.

“There really is something for everyone,” says Elaine. “And if you can’t find what you’re looking for - just ask!”

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# Hosting Tips for Backyard Summer Gatherings

(StatePoint) It's the time of year for backyard bashes with friends and family. The best part about being the host? Creating relaxing summer vibes with great food and wine.



and in many cases, sharpness of aged cheeses full of rich, fatty and savory flavor, choose old, bold and rich wines with good tannins that leave a tacky feeling on your tongue.

Joe Welch and Zach Feinberg, good friends and co-founders of In Good Taste, a new kind of winery on a mission to make wine more accessible and less intimidating for the everyday drinker, offer these backyard party tips for warm weather fun:

## Summer Sips

The best wines for summer are refreshing and feature high acidity, a light-to-medium body, and a dry flavor leading to a crisp finish. Think whites, rosés and light-bodied reds. To invigorate your guests and enhance the subtle tasting notes of these wines, serve them at a slight chill. Be sure to consider your glassware, too. "Stemmed glassware keeps warm hands off cold wines and helps maintain the right temperature for longer," says Welch.

## Pairing Tricks

When pairing wine and cheese, an easy place to start is by looking for cheese from the same region where the grape first originated. While this works in most cases, these quick, additional rules that look at age, depth and complexity can help you take pairing a step further:

- Young and soft cheeses with silky textures and creamy body pair especially well with young and lively wines full of fruit, good acidity and spirited aromas.
- To stand up to the richness

• Salty cheeses pair especially well with sweet wines, as the saltiness brings out the sweetness even more.

## Take a Flight

Anyone who has enjoyed a thoughtful wine flight knows that variety is the spice of life. Whether you're throwing the party yourself or need the perfect hostess gift, consider In Good Taste's flights, which are offered at every price point in the brand's patented 187 milliliter mini bottles, giving hosts the ability to put eight different wines on ice. Really delivering on those light, summery vibes is their California Wine Mixer tasting flight, which includes all the greats, including Rosé, Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay, along with some surprises. The brand makes snacks easy for hosts too, offering a premium selection of meat and cheese with Antonelli's Cheese Shop's carefully curated Cheese Meats Treats tray. To shop flights and gifts, book a virtual or in-person wine tasting with an expert, or for additional wine 101, visit [ingoodtaste.com](http://ingoodtaste.com).

"You don't need to be a sommelier to get wine right at your backyard gatherings and other events," says Feinberg. "Wine is for anybody who enjoys it, and with a little bit of know-how, this aspect of summer hosting can be fun, not stressful."

## Tech Sense

# Computers and Cars

By John Bell

I have been writing this column for several years now and it is hard for me to believe that I have never written about computers and cars. Especially since I spent several years flying to Detroit every week to support projects at various auto manufacturers. While Electronic Control Units (ECU's) have been around since 1968, in 1976 GM announced a partnership with Motorola and a plan to eventually include a microcomputer in every car they built. This microcomputer was the 6802, and by 1981 GM had achieved their goal. By the way the 6802 just happened to be the same microcomputer that I used to design and build my first computer as my senior project at University of Maryland. A car built today typically has hundreds of microprocessors.

## Before Computers

Before computers were put into cars, everything was done mechanically. A modern car of the 1960's and 70's would typically control the air and fuel mix using a carburetor with a valve and throttle. A distributor controlled the timing of the spark from the spark plugs by spinning contacts across the points. Your foot provided pressure to hydraulic brakes and a cable was often used to tighten the emergency brakes.

This mechanical system worked and in general worked well, so why the move to electronics? It seems there were several forces at work; a desire to reduce air pollution caused by cars, a desire to improve fuel efficiency, and a desire to improve car safety.

## 1. That was Then, This is Now

Today, a computer system controls the spark, the amount of fuel injected into the cylinder, and the air intake to optimize performance, minimizing fuel consumption, and

creation of pollutants. Another computer system controls the brakes adding features like anti-lock braking (no more manually pumping brakes on slippery roads) and traction control to reduce the slipping and sliding on wet roads. We also have safety airbags that can respond in milliseconds when a crash is detected to protect the car's occupants.

## 2. Vehicle Diagnostics and OBD II

The U.S. Government wanted a way to easily test cars to determine if all of the pollution equipment was working. With the computer-controlled automation being added to the cars the government pointed out to auto manufacturers that NASA was using microcomputers to diagnose and sometimes even repair satellites while in space and pointed out that the diagnostics could be done for cars. This would allow periodic inexpensive testing to make certain the pollution controls were working. They also worked with the industry to create a standard connector, buss, and set of messages that could be used to connect to the vehicle and read information from it. The current version of this is called OBD II (On Board Diagnostics). This has been standard on US cars since 1996.

If a problem is detected on the car it puts up a signal which causes the check engine light to illuminate. An OBD II scanner can be attached to the OBD II connector (normally found under the dash near the steering wheel) and the error code can be read. The error code can then be looked up online to find the likely cause of the problem.

There are many scanners available for purchase. I typically use a scanner that connects to a phone or computer using Bluetooth. These are available through sites like Amazon for under \$20. Many parts stores like auto Zone and Advanced Auto Parts (both in Beltsville) will also read the OBD II bus for you for free. A dealership service department will often bill more than \$100 to read the diagnostic.

A car has a lot of data it collects to send to the computers. This data comes from sensors. For example, there is a temperature sensor in the oil that measures the oil temperature. It may show this on the dash in degrees or the dash may simply show a red-hot light if the oil gets too hot. Simple lights that don't show a measurement but just an indicator are called idiot lights. The same for water temperature for the coolant system. An OBD scanner often allows reading of the actual values coming from the sensors even if the dash only has idiot lights.

## 3. Additional Features through Software

If a system on a car is computer enabled, it is often possible to add features without the need to add additional hardware. For example, if you have electronic door locks, it is often possible to program the door to unlock automatically when the engine is turned off and lock again. Some makes of cars will even enable features to their car for a fee. On some cars, BMW will enable a heated wheel feature for an annual fee. I don't consider this a good thing, essentially, they want you to pay for using something that is already built into the vehicle.

## 4. Firmware Updates and Changes

Computers also means software or in this case firmware. It is the firmware that makes the computers so flexible, instead of changing the computer, the firmware can be changed to give the computer new instructions either fixing things that were broken or giving the car new capabilities. If something is broken due to a programming error it can be fixed by installing an update. Some cars will allow you to do this over Wi-Fi, but most require the car to be serviced by a dealer.

Several States are passing laws that mandate that car companies make the tools and code required to repair cars with built-in computers to be made available so that non-dealer repair shops and do-it-yourselfers can update, modify, and repair the code in the cars computers. This is known as "the right to repair" and impacts tractors, bulldozers, and other large machinery. There have also been discussions about creating a federal law protecting consumers but being locked out of choosing who can work on their car.

## 5. Car Hacking

Of course, in this day and age, anytime there is a computer there is the possibility of hacking it. Today the most common hack is the remote unlocking of the car doors without physical access to the keys. Most of the others seen on TV shows and movies where someone takes control of your car and steers it into something, accelerate, or slam on the brakes, are just story telling. At least for normal unmodified cars that most of us drive.

## Wrap Up

I hope you enjoyed out short discussion of about computers and cars. When you reach out to your favorite politician don't forget to request the right to repair. And while you are visiting the car dealership ask why it may cost up to \$400 to get a duplicate key that should only cost about \$50. But that's another story.



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# Prince George's County Police Explorer Post 600 to Participate in Leadership Program

By Ted Ladd

In July the Explorers will participate in a leadership program in Haymarket, VA. The Beltsville Lions Club and the Beltsville Citizen's Association hope you will consider supporting these young men and women by contributing to Explorer Post 600. The estimated cost is \$350 per person, and the Lions have contributed that amount. The Explorer Post is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. Donations may be sent to Cpl. Kenneth Hibbert c/o Prince George's County Police Department 4321 Sellman Road, Beltsville, Maryland 20705.

The Explorers spent part of their spring break picking up trash. On one short street they filled at least 10 bags. During their Christmas in April event, they helped spruce up the home of a Senior Citizen by painting the outside of the house and fence. Over the past few years, they have helped the Women's Community Club of Beltsville with various projects including planting spring flowering plants around Beltsville. And they have participated in Earth



Members of the Police Explorer post helping to pick up trash and make the neighborhood a cleaner place.

### Day Cleanup projects.

Please join the Beltsville Lions and the Beltsville Citizen's Association in helping members of the

Prince George's County Police Explorer Post 600 attend this leadership program.

## Vansville Heights Citizens Association, Inc.

Vansville Heights Citizens Association, Inc is a historic community in Prince George's County and for statistical purposes, Vansville is a part of the Beltsville census-designated place. Vansville, MD was officially designated as a historical site by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission on January 30, 1973.

You may ask why is this significant! It is significant because the Vansville Community historical marker is located at Odell Road and Old Baltimore Pike which is **within 1 block** of the Beltsville Agriculture Research Center (BARC) where the Bureau of Engraving and Printing will house its new facility being re-located from downtown Washington, DC.

The Vansville Heights Citizens Association, Inc. unanimously agrees and welcomes the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) to the historic Vansville/Beltsville community.

The Vansville Heights Citizens Association, Inc. is welcoming of the Bureau of Engraving

ing with the understanding that they will work hand in hand with minimum impact to the community that they will be a part of.

We have met with several representatives of the BEP project and most recently with Mr. Chuck Davis, from the Facility Project Management Office. He and his team feel that they have a great respect and an interest in maintaining our historic area with a desire to develop a good community working relationship.

Additionally, we are encouraged that a great deal of the landscape will remain and enhanced, BEP will reach out to the community for opportunities to share in the actual work they do offering training and job opportunities will be made available.

**HOWEVER, we are not naïve** and we have discussed and shared our concerns of increased traffic with an already overwhelmed road system and with the influx of new/additional employees' traffic will increase

no matter the number of working shifts that will be in place. Therefore, monitoring of traffic during your planning stages should be done at peak traffic hours not off hours. Other areas for continual review are managing Hazardous Materials, Air Quality and proper use of the land.

We are asking for a continual review of plans for specific infrastructure improvement for several major roadways in our area that will be critically impacted, including but not limited to Edmonston Road, Odell Road, Old Baltimore Pike, Powdermill Road and Sunnyside Avenue.

We are hopeful that our neighboring communities will receive the Bureau of Engraving into our area finding substance in broadening our old and new mutual needs.

Vansville Heights Citizens Association, Inc. are encouraged, supportive and look forward to many opportunities to discuss this project in the very early stages of its progression!

## WOODCRAFTERS

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crafters dedicated their time to purchasing and cutting lumber for the creation of Personal Energy Transportation (PET) vehicles. These three-wheeled, off-road carts, operated by a hand crank, provide life-changing convenience to mobility-impaired adults and children in developing countries. Funds for the project were donated by the Circle Fellowship Church Missions Ministry and Riderwood community members.

The wooden pieces constructed by the Woodcrafters were delivered to a plant where they were assembled into carts, then tested, boxed, and shipped. Over the course of two and a half years, the Woodcrafters provided more than 20,000 components that were used to construct 400 carts.

"Although I am not a craftsman, I am interested in doing small jobs or helping out with the day-to-day needs of the organization," says David Bagwell, Riderwood resident and secretary of the Woodcrafters. "I enjoyed working with the group on the PET project. The carts we helped create allow those with mobility restraints to participate more fully in their communities."

### A place to study

In response to the exponential growth of remote learning among local schools that occurred during late 2020, the Woodcrafters began building desks for students to use at home.

"Pam saw a piece on the internet about dads building desks for kids learning at home," says Tom. "She thought it would be a great project for the Woodcrafters. I polled our members and received positive responses. We found some plans for a fairly simple desk, and off we went."

To help identify the most immediate need, the Woodcrafters

reached out to local elementary schools. With materials purchased from local suppliers and funded by generous Riderwood residents, the Woodcrafters delivered 36 desks to local families.

### Everyone is welcome

While some of the Woodcrafters' busiest members bring extensive woodworking knowledge to the shop, others are just discovering a love for the skill.

"I only have a little background in woodworking," says resident John McMahon. "Many of those in the shop have a much more extensive background than I do."

As a former mechanical engineer, John puts his talents to use by taking on many of the maintenance and repair jobs that come into the shop.

"I worked on the PET project as well as the earlier cabinet-making for Habitat for Humanity," he says. "Currently, I am involved with making replenishment bird-houses for Riderwood. I also assist in repairing furniture for Riderwood residents. Doing something for others just makes you feel good."

This sentiment of good will is a driving force behind the continued growth of the Woodcrafters year after year.

"There is so much to learn from our members, all of whom are happy to teach and share their knowledge," says Tom. "Joining the Woodcrafters is a great opportunity to learn a new skill."

"We are one of the longest-running clubs at Riderwood," adds Tom. "Our members enjoy sharing their love of woodworking. This year, we hope to attract new members and identify new ways to help others."

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## Calendar of Events

Remember that all venues may change or cancel events based on the current health situation in Maryland. It's always a good idea to call ahead before going to an event.

### AREA EVENTS

#### COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM

Address: 1985 Corporal Frank Scott Dr., College Park, MD 20740. Phone: 301.864.6029. Fax: 301.927.6472. Regular hours of operation: Open Tuesday – Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Mondays and major holidays. Cost: Adults/\$5; Seniors/\$4; Children/\$2 (1-year-old and under, free). The museum has an open 1½ story exhibit area which highlights 10 unique aircraft and objects relating the history of early aviation at the College Park Airport. The museum also features traveling exhibits and displays throughout the year. Please contact the museum regarding additional activities and updates to COVID-19 protocols.

#### HOME-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The museum offers at least one Home-School Day during each school year. Activities are provided for all ages to explore various aspects of flight. Home-School Day activities typically include:

- Art activities
- Demonstrations on the science of flight
- Meet a pilot
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- Scavenger Hunts
- Writing activities
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#### LAUREL-BELTSVILLE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

Masks are optional. Contact the center for updates. Membership is free for Beltsville residents who are 60 years old or older. Address: 7120 Contee Rd., Laurel, MD 20707, around the corner from the University of Maryland Medical Center. Phone: 301.206.3350. Fax: 301.206.3387. TTY: 301.446.3402.

#### LAUREL SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB (LSFC)

The LSFC will meet on Wed., June 8 at 10:30 a.m. The meeting room

doors open at 9:30 a.m. We will have a business meeting and special entertainment by a jazz trio and singer.

- **Every Tuesday Bingo:** 12 noon each Tuesday (doors open at 11 a.m.); no admission fee.
- We now have four **one-day trips** scheduled this year – call the office for more information.
- Contact the LSFC office for more details on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 301.206.3380.

#### NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER

**NOTE: Construction on Powder Mill Road is expected to close the main entrance during the first week of June. Contact the Visitor Center for updates.** Main phone: 301.497.5772. Address: 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. The entrance is accessed from Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore–Washington Pkwy. and Rt. 197. Free admission and free parking. Current social distancing and face covering requirements match those of Prince George's County. All dogs must be kept on a leash (no longer than 6 feet) for their own safety as well as that of other visitors and wildlife. Regular hours of operation for the trails and grounds are: Open daily from sunrise to sunset, except for federal holidays.

#### THE BUILDING, ART GALLERY, & BOOKSTORE

Contact the Visitor Center for updates, especially regarding the impact from the construction on Powder Mill Road. Main phone: 301.497.5772. The Visitor Center and the art gallery are usually open Tuesday – Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; closed on Sunday, Monday, and federal holidays. The art gallery is adjacent to the bookstore. **The featured artist for June is watercolor artist Kathleen Ryan Gardiner.** The bookstore is usually open Wednesday – Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Join our e-mail list by contacting [timothy\\_parker@fws.gov](mailto:timothy_parker@fws.gov). More information can be found at [www.fws.gov/refuge/patuxent](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/patuxent).

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### BELTSVILLE EVENTS

#### NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)

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- Face masks continue to be required for all customers and staff over the age of 2 at Prince George's County Memorial Library System buildings.
- Se siguen requiriendo máscaras para todos los clientes y el personal mayores de 2 años en los edificios de la Biblioteca de Prince George.

### WILLIE

Willie was a friend of mine,  
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 Shared his passions and his mind.

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 "Deerly" tried to do his part,  
 Blessed our friendship from the start.

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Never thought he'd leave this way;  
 May his loved ones sense God's grace  
 Holding them before His face.

Beckie Hutchings  
 5/07/2022



Let me share this experience with you. You probably know about how tourists go down to the Caribbean and hook up with members of the opposite sex, for brief flings. Well, in 2004, I had a very crazy experience. I was based in the Caribbean (St. Kitts) at the time, managing sales for the company I worked for. I was responsible for 5 countries. One of the things I did was to enter into negotiations with the now defunct Caribbean Star Airlines (owned at the time by Allen Stanford, the Texan Billionaire). The negotiations surrounded an inter-line agreement between the airline and the air transportation company I worked for. In exchange for discounted shipping for their airline, as well as employee discounted shipping, employees of my company would get discounted air travel on their airline, within the Caribbean, up to Puerto Rico. From the inception, I had been liaising with a colleague in Miami, Miriam, whose department dealt with these Interline Agreements. Over the period, we had communicated very many times a day by phone and email. It was now time for us to go to Antigua, to meet with Caribbean Star's Legal team, to go over the

agreement and sign it into existence. Miriam flew in from Miami and I flew in from St. Kitts. Now the fun begins. We had never seen each other before and it had never crossed our minds to exchange photos. So, we had pre-arranged to book into the same hotel and have a meeting over dinner, to go through our end of things, ahead of the formal meeting the next day. I had told Miriam what color shirt I would be wearing so it would be easy for her to identify me. Apparently, she got to the restaurant before me and started walking around, going up to people who were in the same colored shirt, to ask if they were Jason. So unfortunately, people now thought she was there to meet a romantic date named Jason. (I had no idea all this was going on). The dining room was filled with a lot of law enforcement officers who were there for a regional training workshop. I had been delayed en route to the restaurant from my room as two British ladies stopped me in the staircase and engaged me in a brief conversation. I made my way to the hotel restaurant, and as I walked in, a lady

asked me if I was Jason. I looked at her stunned, and said yes, but I knew it wasn't Miriam as the voice and accent were different. I confirmed to her that I was Jason and she pointed out Miriam to me. As I approached where Miriam was seated, the whole restaurant burst into a loud roar/cheer. I had no idea what was going on. So, I walked up to Miriam, we hugged and shook hands, and then there was clapping. As we sat down, she explained to me what had happened. I have never been more embarrassed in my life. I look back and laugh, but I remember a police officer from St. Kitts (Belgrove) looking at me with a strange look on his face, probably trying to figure out what was going on as he knew me. (St. Kitts is a small island of 40,000 people so most people know each other, and to make it worse for me, I was still helping out the local TV Station, ZIZ TV as a newscaster at nights, so my face was well known). My dear reader, I just thought I would share that experience with you. We closed the deal of course and both our companies benefitted from a great project that I am still

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## Mathnasium of Beltsville to Host Open House on June 25, 2022


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Beltsville, May 9, 2022 – On June 25, 2022, Mathnasium of Beltsville ([www.mathnasium.com/Beltsville](http://www.mathnasium.com/Beltsville)), will open its doors to all who want to see just how the Mathnasium Method™ works. From 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. the center will welcome families interested in learning more about how Mathnasium has cracked the code to teaching children math in a way that really makes sense. “We’re excited about this opportunity to introduce ourselves

to the Beltsville and the surrounding community and demonstrate to area residents how Mathnasium forges a positive attitude toward math among kids. We’ve had enormous success in boosting students’ math skills and their understanding of mathematical concepts. Math can be intimidating to both students and parents, so we hope the open house will show how the Mathnasium Method™ makes it interesting and

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Mercies resonate each dawn for us not to despair  
He who shattered Satan’s tunes still sovereignly cares.  
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*Beckie Hutchings*  
5/15/2022

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proud of, to this day.

So, this month I turn 52 years old and look back and wonder where the years have gone. I thank God for life and good health. Let us remember to be kind to one another as we go through our daily activities. Pause and say a prayer for somebody. Pick up the phone and call a friend you have not spoken to in a while. Take the time to write a note and go to the post office and mail it to a friend. As a teenager, I had pen pals and would look forward to writing them every week. I had two pen pals in Alabama, one in Utah and one in Japan. I would do anything to get back in touch with them. Did you have pen pals back in the day? Well, have a nice month and till next month, stay safe, drink lots of water and exercise. That's the Jive.

## BELTSVILLE BRIEFS

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in June before vacation time, so you know who and what we are at Beltsville Young at Heart. Remember, "character is doing what's right when nobody's looking." (J.C. Watts, Jr.)

## Prince George's Genealogical Society; Family Stories is Focus of Society Meeting

by Barbara Hopkins

The next meeting of the Prince George's County Genealogical Society will look at the stories many of our families pass down for generations. Often, these stories contain at least some true facts. But what do you do when almost nothing is true? This program demonstrates how a 25-year brick wall was broken down. Charles "Chuck" Mason, a Certified Genealogist who lectures widely in the Washington, D.C. area, will be our speaker. For an invitation to our free virtual meeting for Wednesday, June 1 at 7 p.m., email [president@pgcgs.org](mailto:president@pgcgs.org).

## District 21 Annapolis Round up Session 2022

The District 21 Annapolis Round up Session 2022 hosted by Beltsville, Calverton and Vansville Heights Citizen's Associations will occur online on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. If you have a specific question or concern that you would like Senator Rosapepe or Delegates Barnes, Pena~Melnyk, or Lehman to answer please email [karenmcoakley@gmail.com](mailto:karenmcoakley@gmail.com) or call 301-741-7672 before June 15<sup>th</sup>. You can use the link below or call in for our Virtual District 21 Round Up Session

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Matthew 25



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## CUB PACK 1031

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Day cleanup We had 34 volunteers show up to help us clean the Little Paint Branch Park. We collected 16 bags of trash and 13 bags of recycling. We also found a door and a window. Building trash has found at our last two cleanups.

Interested in discovering the fun of Cub Scouts for your child? Beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>, we will start a new year. In the summer we do outdoor STEM and nature activities. Please contact Regina Halper at Pack1031cubscouting@gmail.com for information. We are a family scouting unit. We learn outdoor skills, citizenship, STEM, nature and do service. Over 85% of our scouts earn their rank each year! We are still being cautious, we meet weekly (either virtually or in person in the outdoors), stay arm's length apart and we keep it fun! If the numbers are up, we do wear masks unless we are biking or hiking in family groups. Our den leaders are 100% vaccinated and our scouts too!

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fun," says Karen Taylor, Owner/Center Director.

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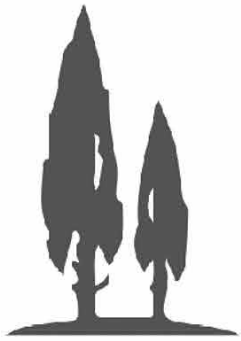
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