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Girl Scouting

Girl Scouts do more than Sell Cookies. There are over seventy seven registered Girl Scouts in Beltsville. We sell cookies Dec. 19, 2014 through Mar. 29, 2015. With the proceeds we make from the sales, we have educational trips that help us learn necessary skills needed for life. Some of the trips we have done in the past are: Going to the Air & Space Museum, Botanical gardens, Sculpture Gardens, American History Museum, Spy Museum, and the Montpelier Mansion. In addition to our educational trips, we take an annual camping trip. This year we went to Camp Winona, where we worked on the Media Journey. We incorporated media into the trip. Media is linked through every part of our lives, so we learned more about how it links into our culture.

Scouting News



The Girl Scouts of Troop 2751!

We, as troop 2751, think Girl Scouting is important because it gives us opportunities to make friends, be creative, be respectful/

responsible, and it helps us learn that we play a very important role in our community.

The above article was written

by troop 2751, which consists of sixth through eighth graders with a twelfth grade mentor. Girl scouting is so much more than cookies. I hope that when a girl approaches you and asks, "Do you want to buy Girl Scout cookies?" you will stop and think about it's more than the cookies, it's about giving opportunity.

Cub Scout Pack 1031 Is Climbing to New Heights

11 scouts from Cub Pack 1031 attended the Prince George's District Cub Carnival on Dec 13. They were introduced to Archery, Slingshot shooting, scout skills and climbing. The National Capital Area Council was recently donated a wonderful climbing wall and the Cub Scouts at the Cub Carnival were the first

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Beltsville Briefs

Basket Bingo

Basket Bingo is back at St. Joseph's in the New Year! The date for St. Joseph's Basket Bingo is Jan. 23, the snow date is Jan. 30.

5901 Ammendale Road, Beltsville, Md., Sold for \$16,850,000

Colliers represents seller of 105,673 SF Class A office/flex property

BELTSVILLE, Md.—Boyd Watterson GSA Fund LP has purchased 5901 Ammendale Road in Beltsville for \$16.85 million. Part of the Ammendale South Technology Center, the Class A building was 88 percent leased to the United States government at the time of sale.

Colliers International represented the seller, an affiliate of Manekin, which owned the property since developing it in 2004. The Colliers team consisted of David Dannenfelser, Robert Freedman and Colin Penoyar of the Colliers Baltimore office, which collaborated with Keith Lavey of Colliers Government Solutions in Washington, D.C., and Bob Cottle of GSAXCHANGE, the investment sales arm of the Colliers Government Solutions platform. The buyer represented itself in the transaction.

Local Dancers Perform for the Community

Dancers from Eleanor Pernia Studio of Dance were invited by The Loyal Order of the Moose 453 and the Women of the Moose 1262 to provide entertainment for the annual Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 23rd. The dinner was free to the senior residents of Attick Towers, Sellman House, and Friendship Arms Apartments by men and women of The Loyal Order of The Moose.

This is the 6th year the dancers from Eleanor Pernia Studio of



DANCERS
continues on page 14 The dancers of Eleanor Pernia Dance School.

MCVET - A Haven For Homeless Veterans



Pictured above in an attitude of welcome, is Jeffrey L. Kendrick USAF (Ret) Executive Director of MCVET. "A Haven For Homeless Veterans" located on High St. in Baltimore. Their mission is "to provide homeless veterans in need with comprehensive services that enable them to return to their communities as productive citizens."

By Ivy Christoffers

The first ever report on homeless veterans reported that in 2009 there was in excess of 76,000 veterans who found themselves homeless and at least 136,000 spent at least one night a week in a homeless shelter. This study was conducted by The Veterans Administration in conjunction with the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development.

Those men and women who have served their nation as members of our armed forces

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Karen Coakley

By President Karen Coakley

Happy New Year! Get ready to bundle up if the weather forecasts are correct. We are supposed to have a colder than normal winter and a higher than normal amount of precipitation. Let's hope the coldest days are not the same days as the precipitation. If they are we will have a repeat of snowmageddon! Below are a few safety tips from Cpl. Woody.

- Do not leave your car unattended while it is warming up! Two reasons 1) it is against the law. 2) Someone may come along and steal it. Cars have been stolen while the owner is in the house and the car is warming up!!!
- Keep your headlights clear with car wax! Just wipe ordinary car wax on your headlights. It contains special water repellents that will prevent that messy mixture from accumulating on your lights - lasts 6 weeks.
- Squeak-proof your wipers with rubbing alcohol! Wipe the wipers with a cloth saturated with rubbing alcohol or ammonia. This one trick can make badly

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On the Agenda

Letter from the Editor

Hello everyone, I hope you had a wonderful holiday and are looking forward to 2015. I can't believe I have been working for the paper and working with all the wonderful people on staff for 2 years now. As we roll out 2015, I am excited to announce a new col-

umn, Tech Sense, that will be written by Beltsville Resident John Bell. The column will focus on the technical world that surrounds us. It is an exciting addition to the Beltsville News. Also, keep your eyes open in the coming months because the Beltsville News will

be holding a meeting so that you can come out and meet our staff and talk to us about the paper. I look forward to 2015 and all of the blessings it will bring.

Happy New Year,
Rick

Engagement Notices



Stephen Faulconer and Sakeenah Shakoor

Mr. and Mrs. James Faulconer are happy to announce the engagement of their son, Stephen Faulconer, to Sakeenah Shakoor on Oct. 4. The couple were vacationing in Orlando, FL when Stephen proposed. Family and friends made a surprise visit to FL to join them in celebration of this blessed occasion. The wedding is being planned for Oct. 13, 2015 in Paradise Cove, Orlando, FL. We wish them a lifetime of happiness as they begin their life together.

Mr. & Mrs. John Bell of Beltsville, Maryland are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristine Nicole Bell, to Michael Simmons Jr., son of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Simmons of Odenton, Maryland.

Miss Bell graduated from Roosevelt High School in 2007 and graduated from the University of Maryland in 2012 with a degree in Animal Science. She is currently employed as a Business Operations Associate with TEKsystems.

Mr. Simmons is a 2005 graduate of DeMatha High School and a 2009 graduate of Wesley College. He is currently employed as a Security Specialist with the US Capitol Police.

A wedding is planned for March of 2015



Kristine Nicole Bell and Michael Simmons Jr.

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Ask Chef Cole!

Beginning next month, our food columnist and owner of the café Rue would like to answer your questions. If you have a question about food, cooking or related item email Chef Cole with your question at Cole@thecaferue.com. Chef Cole will then select a question or 2 at random and respond in the next issue of the Beltsville News.

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Thank You, Teachers

By Pastor Jacob Young, Ph. D.
of Emmanuel United Methodist
Church in Beltsville, MD

Nov. is a month when many people take time to count their blessings and give thanks to family, friends, and others whose lives cross our path. At Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Beltsville, where I am pastor, we appreciate the commitment that the teachers and staff in our Beltsville schools make every day, and we thought that it would be especially appropriate to show our gratitude to the people who work in our schools during the Thanksgiving season.

Therefore, a few days before Thanksgiving, several representatives from Emmanuel UMC accompanied me to 2 local schools before the school day began. At 6:30 a.m. on Nov. 21st, we visited High Point High School. At 7:30 a.m. on Nov. 25th, we visited Belts-

ville Academy, which has students ranging from pre-kindergarten through 8th grade, as many of you know. We brought with us coffee and doughnuts to share with all of the teachers and staff members in that school.

Although there was a limited amount of time before the teachers and staff had to begin their duties, we visitors did have an opportunity to introduce ourselves and meet the principal of each school - Sandra Jimenez of High Point High School and Leslie Lowe of Beltsville Academy. We also were able to chat briefly with some of the school employees. I expressed Emmanuel's willingness to partner with each school to help serve the children, perhaps by supporting a backpack or lunchbox project for students.

After the visits were over, the participants from Emmanu-



Members of Emmanuel wear their Emmanuel T-shirts as they bring coffee and donuts to the teachers of Beltsville Academy to express their thanks for all that the teachers do.

el discussed the events among ourselves. We were grateful to have had the opportunity to provide coffee and doughnuts to the school teachers and staff members as a token of gratitude. We agreed that this would be a good way to express our thanks to the schools on a regular basis.

I know that many other community organizations support our

schools in various ways. Emmanuel United Methodist Church will continue to look for ways to support our local schools, also. We encourage everyone to find a way to give special thanks to those working in our schools.

Once again, I would like to give heartfelt thanks to the teachers and staff members in Beltsville's schools for their dedication.

An Unexpected Benefit

By John Drago, Parish-
ioner St. Joseph's
Catholic Church

Each year, I look forward with joyful anticipation to attending my church's pre-holiday bazaar. I make a day of it! I'm there when it opens and go home only after it ends. But this story isn't about my day at St. Joseph's Catholic Church bazaar. That would be a typical tale of treasures found, bought enthusiastically and carried home. Or, being a man, how I stuffed my face with pork barbeque sandwiches and Italian sausages with peppers and onions, etc. Instead, I wish to relate how a simple act of giving on my part returned to me a priceless solution to a dilemma. Most American households are burdened with possessions they no longer need. But because some of these objects fall into the category of cherished family heirlooms, they are almost impossible to part with in good conscience. My dilemma came in the form of a hand crafted toy wooden bed my father made for my daughter's Cabbage Patch doll. Needless to say, the doll bed was made by my father with all the love and tenderness that real grandfathers have towards their grandchildren. The evening before the bazaar it came to me that this might be the right venue for that doll bed to find a new



A keepsake from St. Joseph's Bazaar

home. In the morning, armed with my adult daughter's previously granted permission, I took the doll bed to the bazaar just before opening time. And, with a little mist in my eyes, presented it to the appropriate booth. I later learned that a grandmother bought it for her 2 year old granddaughter and that a new baby was due in that same home on Dec. 5. By coincidence, my own daughter's birthday is Dec. 4, and I found peace in the knowledge that I made the right decision. I honored the memory of my father and another child is now enjoying my father's handiwork. He would be pleased. It is my hope that this story will provide a solution for others making similar difficult decisions about family treasures.

Peace and Good Will,
John Drago

Community Thanksgiving A Success at Emmanuel

By Patrick Elliott

Emmanuel United Methodist Church held its second-annual, free Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day 2014. We welcomed 56 guests who feasted on turkey, chicken wings, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, sweet potatoes, salad, rolls, and many desserts. We served leftovers to 16 local homeless persons and donated the rest to Sarah's House in Fort Meade, Maryland. Our Thanksgiving meal is open to everyone; our goal is to provide food and fellowship on what otherwise might be a feastless day. We look forward to continuing the tradition next year.

We would like to thank our congregation and community sponsors, who made this free event possible. With their support, we raised over \$500 in donations. We ask that you consider supporting



One of the many attendees of Emmanuel's Community Thanksgiving enjoys some home cooked food.

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Tech Sense

By John Bell

Post Christmas Software Blues

So you got a new computer for Christmas and now you are faced with the prospect of spending hundreds of dollars to purchase new software to use on your new computer. In this column we will look at some free alternatives to the software most people use on their computer.

Antivirus

Antivirus software protects your computer from being infected with a computer virus. Most new Windows computers come with a pre-installed trial copy of one of the popular Anti-Virus software packages. This trial software will normally expire after 30 days after which you are prompted to pay a fee to continue the protection for another year. Windows 8 and 8.1 also includes Microsoft Windows Defender, however this product is ranked very low when compared to other antivirus products.

The products listed below all provide good antivirus protection for personal use for free.

Avast Free Antivirus: <http://www.avast.com>

AVG Antivirus Free 2105: <http://free.avg.com/us-en/homepage>

Avira Free Antivirus 2015: <http://www.avira.com/en/avira-free-antivirus>

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Office Suites

Office Suites typically provide as a minimum word processing, spreadsheets and presentation software. Microsoft Office is the most popular Office sold today. A Home and Student edition of Office normally sells for over \$100. Several good free alternatives to Microsoft Office exist:

LibreOffice

LibreOffice: <http://www.libreoffice.org/>

LibreOffice is free and Open Source software that implements a full office suite including; A word processor, a spreadsheet, a presentation program, a database program and several other utilities. It supports reading and writing Microsoft Office compatible files and is considered by many to be the best free office suite available. This article was written using the word processor included as a part of LibreOffice.

Google Drive Apps

Google Drive: <https://tools.google.com/dlpage/drive>

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The Google Drive apps are a collection of programs designed to be used with Google Drive. Google Docs provides a very basic word processor that can be used via the web browser or on your tablet or phone. Google Sheets is a simple spreadsheet program and Google Slides is a presentation builder. These applications are tied to the Google Drive application which allows files to be stored on the web and shared. The Google Drive Applications even allow multiple people to work on a document at the same time. The applications can be used when you are not connected to the web but they are not as powerful as the applications found in LibreOffice. Google Drive allows you to convert Microsoft documents into documents that can be edited on Drive.

Microsoft Office Online

Microsoft Office Online: <https://office.com/start/default.aspx>

Microsoft Office Online provides free access to web versions of the popular Microsoft Office applications. These free applications only work when you can connect to the Internet and require you to login using a free Microsoft account.

Prince George's County Library helps facilitate health insurance enrollment

HYATTSVILLE, Md. — Prince George's County Memorial Library System partnered with the Prince George's County Health Department to provide computer access for self-directed online health insurance enrollment until Sunday, Feb. 15, 2015.

Individuals and families can shop, compare and enroll in health insurance plans at any library branch throughout Prince

George's County. Shoppers can receive special assistance at the Spauldings, Oxon Hill, Accokeek, Hyattsville, New Carrollton and South Bowie branches during normal branch hours.

By law, under the Affordable Care Act, most people over age 18 must have health insurance coverage beginning in 2014 or pay a fine.

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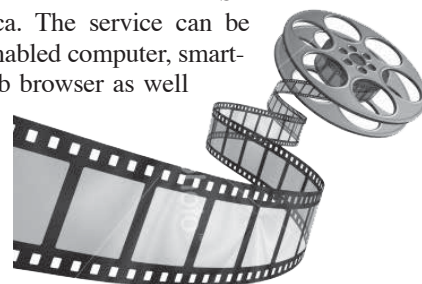


Prince George's County Library introduces IndieFlix

HYATTSVILLE, Md.—Prince George's County Memorial Library System now offers customers access to IndieFlix, which provides online streaming of award-winning independent films, shorts and documentaries from around the world.

IndieFlix offers access to thousands of films, including films from major festivals all over the world such as Sundance, Cannes and Tribeca. The service can be accessed on any Internet-enabled computer, smartphone or tablet with a Web browser as well as devices such as Roku, Xbox and Apple TV.

To access IndieFlix, library-card holders must create an RBdigital Gateway login with their library card and email address. For more information and access to IndieFlix, visit www.pgcmlls.info.



Neighbors in the News

Achieving Something New with Riderwood's *Art of Ceramics* Class

SILVER SPRING— They came to Riderwood from all walks of life--designers, writers, scientists, teachers and more, but a creative endeavor brought them together.

About twenty residents of the Erickson Living retirement community are in the *Art of Ceramics* class, and on November 11th, their work was displayed at the group's 2nd Annual Exhibition 2014.

One of those residents is Dorothy Liddel. The former professor of nursing from Bethesda joined the group as a novice working with the medium of clay. But through weekly class attendance and practice, her pieces were among the colorful plates, bowls, lamp stands, mirrors and other unique designs showcased at the exhibit.

"We strive for creative, technical, and artistic growth," said Ms. Liddel. "But most importantly, we are supportive of each other during class. Sharing our talents with friends and family is very gratifying."

The group studies and grows under the tutelage of Won Yin, a resident of Riderwood and experienced ceramics teacher. She studied with Richard Lafean, a master potter, teacher and former curator of Corcoran Gallery.

With a BS in Design from the



Won Yin, a resident of Riderwood and experienced ceramics teacher, displays her work at the 2nd Annual Art of Ceramics Exhibition in November.

University of Michigan and a Master's in Art Education from the University of Maryland, College Park, Yin taught ceramics in the Montgomery County Public School system. Her former home in Silver Spring featured a studio and reduction kiln.

"My passion has always been ceramics," Yin said. "Although we develop technical and design skills along with good craftsmanship, there's nothing like seeing the wonderful ideas unique to each individual come to life through clay."

To her, the opportunity to work with so many enthusiastic people

in *Art of Ceramics* is unbelievably rewarding.

"I don't think of the participants as students. They are also my teachers," she said. "I learn from everyone in the class, and together, we're always thinking about the next project."

As the holiday season approaches, she notes that gifts made personally for friends and family members can be especially meaningful.

"A beautiful custom-designed work is a beautiful gift from the heart," she said.



The Greenbelt Concert Band plays at the Beltsville Recreation Center.

The Beltsville Recreation Council Says "Thank You"

The Beltsville Recreation Council would like to thank the Beltsville Community for supporting their events throughout the year: Beltsville Day, Concerts under the Stars, the Holiday Home Decorating Contest and the annual Holiday Concert. For years, these events have been a mainstay in the Beltsville community and are enjoyed by many in the surrounding areas.

As we look back on 2014, we would like to thank all of those who participated in our activities. Without the active support of the MNCPPC, the events provided by the Beltsville Recreation Council would not be possible. We would

also like to thank Old Line Fine Wine, Spirits & Bistro, for selling our I Heart Beltsville t-shirts throughout the year.

The Beltsville Recreation Council congratulates the **Winners of the 2014 Beltsville Holiday Decorating Contest**, who were present and received a prize: "Best Holiday Spirit" - 4602 Marie Street and "Best Use of Animation" - 4218 Kenny Street, and "Best Lawn Display" - 4211 Ulster Road. Look for the "Winner" sign in the front yards.

Meetings of the Beltsville Recreation Council are held at the Community Center on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm.

Members of the Beltsville Community Center staff attend the meetings to help with successful coordination of planning and set up for all of the events. A calendar of events and meetings can be found on our website www.beltsvillerecreationcouncil.homestead.com or our Beltsville Recreation Council Facebook page.

Below is a list of those who supported at least one of the Beltsville Recreation Council programs in 2014. If we excluded anyone, it was inadvertent. We sincerely appreciate everyone's support and look forward to a great 2015 in

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at the entrance, then follow the signs for the Conference Center. We look forward to seeing you!

State Legislative Session Starts Jan. 14

Delegates Barbara Frush, Jose-line Peña-Melnyk, Ben Barnes, and I will be back in Annapolis representing you in the 2015 Maryland legislative session starting on Jan. 14.

Please let us know your opinions on issues of concern and contact us with any questions. And, of course, feel free to be in touch if the Delegates or I can be of help to you. Just email 21stDistrict-Delegation@gmail.com or call 301.858.3141.

Club News

The Women's Community Club of Beltsville

The Women's Community Club of Beltsville would like to thank all the people that helped us provide food and gifts for Beltsville Families in Need this past Thanksgiving and Christmas. We were able to help 27 families for each of those holidays. A special thanks to St. Gregory's Catholic Church! They provide food to us year-round so that we can provide on-going help to families beyond the holidays. Also, a very special thanks to the Principal and 8th grade students at the Beltsville Adventist School. They sort and box all of our donated food helping us greatly with our distribution process!

The following individuals and groups supported us for our 2014 season of giving with donations of varying kinds (monetary, food, gifts):

St. Gregory's Catholic Church, Beltsville Adventist School, Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School, Beltsville Academy, First Baptist Church of Beltsville, Route 1



Beltsville Adventist School Students helped collect, sort and box non-perishable food for the Women's Club. Katherine Wycliff, Nick Toscano, Nathan Chhakchhuak, Brittany Murillo, Jane Yoon, Erin Beers, Rhymiel Pruenete, and Anjali Panacker.

Liquors, Cherry Hill Camp City, Donald Borgwardt Funeral Home, Beltsville Costco, Safeway, Belts-

ville Lions Club Foundation, Mary Kirk, Donna Mertens, Dr. John Moynihan, DDS, USDA Beltsville, Crescent Nursery

The Beltsville Rotary Club

By Howard Phoebus, Past President

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! 'Tis a time of year for joyful sights and sounds.

What sight could be better than a family receiving ample food over the Holidays-Beltsville Rotary does that! What sound could be better than joyful laughter from a united family that was once

fragmented-Beltsville Rotary does that! What sight could be better than a graduating High Point senior receiving a scholarship contribution-Beltsville Rotary does that! What sound could be better than an assistance dog gleefully greeting it's owner-Beltsville Rotary does that! You too can receive the blessings of these inspirational sights and sounds. Come to our alternating lunch and breakfast meetings at the Holiday Inn on Route 1 in Beltsville. Lunch at 12:15 and breakfast at 7:30. Food for the soul and sights and sounds to warm your heart. E-mail me at WEATHER53@aol.com for our upcoming January schedule.

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College Park Unit #217 Enjoys the Season

By: Ivy Christoffers

This has been a very active time for some members of College Park Unit #217. Beginning Dec. 1, one of our members has been donning her red and white Mrs. Santa Claus outfit and entertaining many in our community, beginning with the Special Olympics of Prince George's County. Their annual Holiday party is held at La Fontain Bleu in Lanham the first Mon. in Dec. each year, complete with Santa, Mrs. Santa and several Elves. More than 125 children were in attendance, along with their teachers. A special stuffed bear, made by volunteers, was presented to each child by Mrs. Santa along with a candy cane presented by Santa. It was a very festive time for these special children who enjoy dancing, singing and dining in a holiday atmosphere.

The Christmas gift shops for our hospitalized veterans were held for Perry Point, Loch Raven, and Baltimore VA Medical Centers, our retired veterans residing at Charlotte Hall, and our homeless veterans housed at MCVET (Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training) located in Baltimore. These events were very well attended by volunteers. They assisted our veterans as they chose gifts for their loved ones.

These gifts were wrapped in festive paper and ribbons and given to the veterans, except from Perry Point, where they were shipped to their homes. We also held holiday parties for our Veterans in Washington VA Medical Center and Perry Point VA Medical Center. The American Legion Auxiliary also contributed a few thousand dollars to the personalized gift programs at Washington VAMC and Martinsburg VAMC. No veteran pays in any way for these holiday programs. The cost is borne by The American Legion Auxiliary by soliciting donations from the 118 Units in Maryland. Our members consider it an honor to shower our veterans with the blessings of the season which is borne out by their generosity.

Unit # 217 hosted our annual Christmas Party for the community where Santa gave a gift to each child. The children and their parents enjoyed a day of making crafts, musical chairs, a festive lunch and enjoying holiday tunes. We were assisted by Miss College Park and several Princesses.

Post and Unit #217 also catered the Carpenters Union holiday party again this year. It was a very well attended affair.

Our next event will be our annual New Year's Eve party. This is a great way to ring out the old year and ring in the new. Complete

with dining and dancing with your friends and champagne at midnight. It promises to be a great time. Tickets (\$25) can be obtained at the Post.

Remember our Bingos held on Tue., Wed. and Thur. each week beginning at 12:15PM.

The hall of Post #217 is available for rental for wedding receptions, parties or special events. Call 301.441.2783 to plan your event.

Our Friday night dances continue to bring in a good crowd. It helps to have good bands scheduled to perform. There is something about dancing that places wings on one's feet and lightens the heart. Welcome to 2015. Let this be the year that we see all of our troops coming home and let us pray for peace around the world. God bless you, God bless our troops and may God continue to bless our great country.

The Beltsville Young At Heart Club

Happy New Year! Our Thanksgiving luncheon was very nice. The food was catered by Laurel Meat Market and was delicious. We had door prizes, a raffle and 50-50 with music by John Schneider. Everyone enjoyed the luncheon. There is a renewal scam going around for papers and magazines and they are authentic looking so call the publication to confirm before sending any money. One person can make a difference, and blessings multiply when you start counting them.

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Chapter 1122 Northern Prince Georges County

Our monthly meeting will be held on Jan. 14 at 1:30 PM at the Greenbriar Community Center, Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, MD. Our speaker will be our own Lee Shields who will tell us all we should know about Greenbelt, where he has lived for over 70 years. As a starter - did you know Greenbelt is one of 3 cities designed by the Federal Government? Refreshments will be served. All Federal Workers and retirees are welcome.

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Scouts to try it out. All the Cubs did a great job climbing! The Cub Scouts also were served a hot dog lunch. It was cold but sunny, perfect scouting weather!

In late November the Tiger Scouts went to the ABC News studios in Washington DC and had a tour of the studio, the offices and the news trucks. They all had a wonderful time – Thanks, Tiger parent Pat French and the staff at the ABC News Television studio for a great tour.

The Wolf den worked on Collecting Beltloop and their next achievements. The Webelos have almost completed Engineering Activity Pin.

Cub Pack 1031 ended the year with a Holiday party with food, crafts singing and a visit from Santa Claus!

In January we are planning to visit the police station and work on our Pinewood Derby cars.

Are you interested in discovering the fun of Cubs Scout with your son, if you would like more information contact Regina Halper through www.BeAScout.org -- just put in our zip code and look for Cub Pack 1031.

Scouts Go Cabin Camping

By Gary Bauchan,
Assistant Scoutmaster

Troop 1033 went cabin camping to Hard Bargain Farm in Accokeek, MD to celebrate the activities of the year. The troop stayed in Wareham Lodge which has a great facility for scouting activities. The lodge has a large central area for indoor activities and eating; a large fully equipped kitchen, and sleeping facilities. Nine scouts with three adult leaders had a good time touring the farm despite the cold weather. Two bald eagles were seen doing housekeeping on



Tiger Cubs from Pack 1031 beginning their ascent on a climbing wall

their nests along the Potomac River. The scouts enjoyed meeting the farm animals such as goats, sheep, donkeys, cows, pigs, chickens, and turkeys. Those scouts working on their cooking merit badge also made venison chili for dinner.

Reflecting back on the year 2014, Boy Scout Troop 1033 had a tremendous year of growth. The troop grew to 21 boys with the addition of 7 new scouts who crossed over from Cub Scout Pack 1031 in Beltsville or who joined later in the year. Again this year, our Troop earned the Boy Scouts of America Quality Unit Award. The troop has 12 active parents who serve and guide the troop beginning with the leadership of Troop Committee Chair, Vicki Wauschek; Scoutmaster, Rick Deery; 4 assistant scoutmasters (Gary Bauchan, Eric Saathoff, Budhan Pukazhenth and Kevin d'Eustachio), Charter Organization Representative, Julie Pavelka; Activities Chair, Paula Crowley; Advancements Chair, Laurie Deery; Committee members, Jennifer Klemens and Bob Thomas; and the support of all the parents. The troop is sponsored by the Emmanuel United Church

on Cedar Lane which graciously provides meeting space for our 7:00 p.m. Thursday weekly meetings and has done so for the past 54 years. This past year, the troop went on 5 trips which involved camping in freezing weather as well as 90 degree heat, swimming, climbing, hiking, biking, tubing, orienteering, and a week long summer camp. Eleven

Scouts attended summer camp and obtained 22 badges including Archery, Art, Camping, Cooking, Environmental Science, Leatherwork, Reptiles and Amphibians, Swimming, Wilderness Survival, and Wood Carving. The Troop contributed over 500 hours of service to the local community. The troop had two Eagle Scout Projects completed this year which included painting classrooms at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church and collecting Coats for the Homeless. Additional service projects included: gardening around the grounds at the Methodist Church; helping the Rotary Club with their annual chili cook off at Behnke's Nursery; Scouting for Food for the needy in the Beltsville area; and collecting toys for Children's Hospital. Our spring and fall fund raising involving the sale of Behnke's mulch, top soil, Leaf Grow, pansies and mums continues to be a huge success due to the kind support of the Beltsville community. If your son is interested in Scouting, Troop 1033 is a great choice and we welcome new members who want to become scouts all year long.

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School News

The High Road School

As the New Year approaches, we begin to think about things we want to change. In order to better ourselves, we should take a look on our past year in order to make resolutions for the upcoming year. At High Road, our winter bulletin board theme was "New Year's Resolutions". Students had various goals and achievements for the upcoming year, some school related and some not.

~"I want to do better in the New Year. I am going to work on my behavior, being responsible, and being respectful." -Anton Boulware

~"I want to get a new car. I also want to improve my scores in math and science because they will help me in my career." -Jorge Ocan

~"I want to earn gold level. I've been able to maintain my level on blue for such a long time; I feel that I can achieve silver soon, and then move on to gold." -Destiny Pelaez

~"I'm going to come to school more often." -Rodney Williams & Mohammed Kamara

~"I want a better paying job." -Charles Reed

The students were not the only ones who had new year's resolutions. Teachers also had some goals they wanted to achieve and improve on for the upcoming year. While some teachers knew off the top of their heads what they wanted to improve on, others struggled as they continued their self reflection.

~"I want to live a healthier, more productive life." -Ms LA, Teacher

~"I want to loose weight and win our biggest loser challenge. I also want to improve on my time management and finish school." -Mr. S. Lewis, Teacher Assistant

~"I want to travel more!" -Mr. Rasheed, Teacher Assistant

~"I'm going to finish school and pass my Praxis exam!" -Mr. Hicks, Teacher & Ms Lucas, Teacher Assistant

~"I will surround myself with positivity and positive people!" -Mrs. Shemika, Administrative Assistant



A bulletin board showing High Road's Students dreams for the future

"Imagine Learning Club at Beltsville Academy"

Each year, the student population of Prince George's County Public Schools is getting more diverse. Students, who came from different countries with different cultural backgrounds and languages, continue their education here. It is inevitable for some of these students to face difficulty in transitioning to their new learning environment if not provided with enough necessary support. Therefore, such programs play a vital role for these students to succeed in their academic endeavors.

At Beltsville Academy, a group of teachers initiated to start a "chapter" of the *Imagine Learning Club*. It focuses on offering after-school academic support for ESOL students, improving confidence and language skills for students as they learn English, and encouraging newcomers and their parents to feel involved in our school community. The main focus of the club is the *Imagine Learning* software program, which builds students' oral language, academic vocabulary, and reading skills.

The club is run by ESOL teacher Kristen Benovic, first grade teacher Dana Grimaud, and ESOL paraprofessional Graciela Cedil-

los. It was in Fall 2012 when Ms. Benovic and Ms. Grimaud saw the potential benefits of starting a Beltsville Academy "chapter" of the Imagine Learning Club to the schools' English Language Learners (ELLs). So they took advan-



Beltsville Academy's Imagine Learning Club

tage of the wonderful opportunity to establish the club at Beltsville Academy, which was made possible by Prince George's County Public Schools Title III grant.

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Students use computers to help build language skills at Beltsville Academy

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School News

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Students in first grade through fifth grade are invited to be a club member based on their English language proficiency and reading levels. Teachers collaborate to choose students that can benefit from additional language and reading support. They meet every week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The club starts right after school and begins with time for students to do their homework. Ms. Benovic and Mrs. Cedillos work with second through fifth graders to give them homework support. Ms. Grimaud works with the club members in first grade. The teachers spend additional time teaching mini lessons to support students in areas of academic need. During this recess time, the students are then allowed to play outside for a brief time, where the Imagine Learning teachers support students' use of social language and encourage making new friends. The last session of the club allows the students to spend 45 minutes on the Imagine Learning computer program at the computer lab. The program offers specialized reading instruction for students based on their individual needs and offers first-language support as needed.

The Imagine Learning club highly values the involvement of the parents to their children's learning and progress. In the past, the

club took a tour at the Beltsville Branch Public Library and the librarians assisted the parents in registering for free library cards. However, the greatest highlight activity of the Imagine Learning Club is the *End of Program Fiesta*. It allowed all the families of the students to celebrate together the successes of the club members. In addition, families were able to bring traditional foods from their culture.

The club benefited the students in many ways. The Imagine Learning software improves oral language, reading comprehension, and academic vocabulary. Vocabulary is a key component of language acquisition for English Language Learners. This explicit instruction of academic and content-specific vocabulary words helps students participate more in their daily classroom instruction. The students' social skills were enhanced as well. All these components are vital support in order for the English Language Learners (ELLs) to succeed in their regular classrooms and obtain a quality education.

From the Hilltop: High Point News

During the month of December, High Point welcomed new Assistant Principal Miguel Chacon to its staff. Chacon has joined High Point's administrative team after spending time as a math teacher

and scheduler for Crossland High School. In addition, due to High Point's increase in student enrollment, the staff has also welcomed new ESOL teachers in both the general ESOL courses and ESOL math classes.

High Point would like to congratulate the following students who were inducted into High Point's prestigious National Honor Society during a ceremony in December: Leilani Chavez, Ashley Fernandes, Maranata Keflezghi, Hanqamo Lintiso, Sarah Nelson, Kreena Patel, Stephane Pokam, Jennifer Sam-Ihedioha, Grace Ubaldo, Veronica Ubaldo, Oluwaleke Ajenifuja, Pakhi Akhter, Jennifer Bonilla, Enanga Ndiva, Harrison Razanajatovo, Chuan Zheng. These students have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, character, service, and leadership.

The Student Government Association spent the month of December collecting toys for the Toys for Tots Foundation. For over two weeks, SGA encouraged both students and staff to participate by bringing new toys that brought hope to children who needed it during the holiday season. The Toys for Tots Foundation then distributed those toys to less fortunate children in the community.

High Point's Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)

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First conduct a financial Check-Up with our Online Calculator. Just like an annual physical or your vehicle service schedule, it's a good idea to perform an annual financial checkup to see if you're on track to meet your goals and to see how you've done over the past 12 months. The beginning of the New Year is a great time to do it.

1. Evaluate your goals. Did you make progress on them in 2014? If not, why? If your goals changed during the year, revise them and commit them to paper. Has your personal situation changed, or do you anticipate any major changes in the near future—like a job change, a divorce, another child, retirement, a new house, getting married? These kinds of events can alter your income and lifestyle significantly, so you may need to revise your budget, your spending, your savings, and your investments.

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1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton, MD 20902. Information Desk: 301.962.1400. Website: MontgomeryParks.org/brookside. The grounds are open every day of the year from sunrise to sunset. Free admission. Limited parking is available next to the Conservatories. Regular hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, enter through the rear double doors.

GARDEN RAILWAY EXHIBIT: SIGHTS, SOUNDS, ACTION!

The exhibit continues through Sun., Jan. 11, 2015. Free of charge, but donations are gratefully accepted. All ages. Open when the Conservatories are open, usually 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. Closed in the evenings and on Christmas Day, Dec. 25. The South Conservatory comes to life with a landscape in miniature, as trains and trollies wind their way through town and country scenes, past one-of-a kind models of the Brookside Gardens Conservatories, the Dentzel Carousel, and the Chautauqua Tower of Glen Echo Park.

MONTPELIER MANSION & ART CENTER

Address: 9650 Muirkirk Rd., Laurel, MD 20708. Phone: 301.377.7817. TTY: 301.699.2544. E-mail: montpeliermansion@pgparks.com. Contact the Art Center at 301.377.7800 for information on art and photography classes. Self-guided tours of the mansion: Thu. – Tue. from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cost: \$3/adults, \$2/seniors, \$1/children ages 5 to 17, free/ages 5 and under. The mansion is closed on Wednesdays as well as Thu., Jan. 1, 2015. The grounds are open from dawn until dusk every day of the year and access is free of charge.

CMIT ANNUAL STUDENT ART EXHIBIT

Tue., Jan. 6-Fri., Feb. 20, 2015 11 am-4 pm (Closed Wednesdays) Each year, different venues host the annual CMIT art exhibit. This year, Montpelier is honored to display the work of these talented young artists from this Laurel charter school. The theme for this year's exhibit is Autumn Landscapes & Scenes; students have interpreted this theme and will display a major art piece from the school year. Exhibition is free with cost of admission.

COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM

1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Dr., College Park, MD 20740. Phone: 301.864.6029. TTY: 301.699.2544. Hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, except for

major holidays. Cost: \$4/adults, \$3/seniors, \$2/children, free/age 1 and under. Questions? Please don't hesitate to call us. See CollegeParkAviationMuseum.com for more information and events.

PETER PAN CLUB

2nd & 4th Thur. of Every Month, 10:30 am. Come to the Peter Pan Club for pre-school fun! Ideal for little learners up to five years old, the club includes story-time and hands-on craft activities. To schedule a group larger than 10, please call the museum to make a private group reservation. Free with Museum Admission, ages 5 and under.

LAUREL-BELTSVILLE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

Address: 7120 Contee Rd., Laurel, MD 20707, around the corner from the Laurel Regional Hospital. Phone: 301.206.3350. Fax: 301.206.3387. TTY: 301.446.3402. Closed Thu., Jan. 1, 2015. Regular hours of operation: Mon. – Thu. from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Fri. from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sat. from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., closed on Sun.. Membership is free for Beltsville residents who are age 60 or older.

THUR. MOVIE MATINEES

Join us for Academy Award® winners. The movie for Thu., Jan. 8 is *The Monuments Men* and the movie for Thu., Jan. 22 is *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty*. Movie time starts at 10:00 a.m. and ends around 12 noon. We'll supply the popcorn and you enjoy the movie. Free.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER

The National Wildlife Visitor Center will be closing at 1:00pm on Christmas Eve (Wed., Dec. 24th) and will remain closed through Christmas Day (Thur., Dec. 25th).Address: 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. Main phone: 301.497.5763. See fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent/visit/NWVC.html. The entrance is accessed from Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore–Washington Pkwy. and Rt. 197. Regular hours of operation for the Visitor Center are Fri. – Wed. from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Center is closed on all federal holidays and may close early the day before. The trails and grounds are open daily from sunrise to sunset, except for federal holidays. Portable toilets are available outside the Center on days when the Center is closed but the trails and grounds are open. Free admission to the center and its exhibits, grounds, and trails. **Space in our public programs**

JANUARY 2015

Calendar of Events

is limited and registration is required unless otherwise specified — call 301.497.5887. Activities and events are free of charge if not noted. Please advise us of any special needs so that we may accommodate you.

HOLLINGSWORTH ART GALLERY

Please remember to stop by the Visitor Center to see the Hollingsworth Art Gallery's artists. December features Steve L. Girdle, and Jan. features Patuxent Research Refuge and Patuxent Wildlife Research Center staff. For more information about the Hollingsworth Art Gallery artists visit <http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent/visit/gallery.html>

HUNTING SEASON

Hunting will be occurring in various areas throughout the refuge through Sat., Jan. 31, 2015. Make sure to stay on marked trails at all times and find out about closed areas when visiting.

ROAMING RACCOONS

Fri., Jan. 9th, 10:30am-12:00pm, Ages 5-7 Discover the world of these mysterious masked mammals that roam our neighborhoods under the cover of darkness. Learn through hands-on activities and make a craft. Registration is required.

WINTER BIRD WALK

Sat., Jan. 10th, 8:00-10:00am, Ages 8+ Search for birds in several refuge habitats on this guided hike. Field guides and binoculars recommended. Registration is required.

WHO'S CLUES?

Wed., Jan. 14th, 10:00-11:00am, Ages 8-10 Join us in a fun, interactive program to solve the mystery of who's been roaming the refuge by reading tracks, traces, and scat clues. Registration is required.

AN OTTER TALE

Fri., Jan. 16th, 10:30-11:30am, Ages 5-7 Live the life of an otter in this "otterageous," hands-on program. Learn why otters are so at home in the water. Registration is required.

STORYTIME

Sun., Jan. 25th, 10:30-11:30am, All Ages Join us for a tale about winter to learn about the wonderful way nature makes it through the cold months. Registration is required.

SKULL DETECTIVES

Wed., Jan. 28th, 1:00-2:30pm, Ages 8-10

Join a refuge naturalist in discovering what different animal skulls can teach us. Learn how to tell an animal's lifestyle just from looking at its bones! Registration is required.

BELTSVILLE EVENTS

Please contact the individual facilities regarding late changes or updates to hours of operation.

THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)

The library is free and open to the public and has free public parking. Hours of operation: Mon. – Fri. from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for federal holidays. The library is located at 10301 Baltimore Ave., near Sunnyside Ave. Main phone number: 301.504. 5755. See NAL.USDA.gov. NAL is on Twitter at http://twitter.com/#!/National_Ag_Lib.

BELTSVILLE LIBRARY

The library is located at 4319 Sellman Road, Beltsville, next to the police station. Main phone number: 301.937.0294. **Please note:** The library will be closed on Thu. Jan. 1 19. Regular hours of operation are Mon. – Tue. from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Wed. – Fri. from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Sat. from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed Sun. Visit our library system website at www.pgcmis.info to use our online library services.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

EmPOWER Maryland program, Tue., Jan. 6, at 5:00 p.m. Elementary students, bring the family and join one of the EmPOWER Rangers for a fun, interactive presentation about our energy choices and what we can do today to make our homes and neighborhoods cleaner and greener!

Preschool Storytimes, Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., for ages 3 to 5. Wednesday 10:30 a.m. story time is a repeat of the Tuesday evening story time. (Tuesdays: Jan. 6, 13, 20, and 27; Wednesdays: Jan. 7, 14, 21, and 28)

Toddler Story time, Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. for ages 2 to 3. (Jan. 7, 14, 21, and 28) Tail Waggin' Tutors, Sat., Jan. 24, at 2:00 p.m. Registration required. Ages 6 to 12.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Teen Time, Thu., Jan. 8, at 4:00 p.m. Join in a rousing round of EPYC. Ask at the library!

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Sat. afternoon book discussion, Saturday, January 10, at 1:00 p.m. The group will discuss The Memory Quilt: A Christmas Story for Our Times by T.D. Jakes.

Tue. afternoon book discussion, Tuesday, January 20, at 2:00 p.m. The group will discuss Americanah: A Novel by Chimamanda Adichie.

BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

*****Due to the holidays we weren't able to get all of the events for the community centers in on time. Contact each individual community center for more info about upcoming events.*****

Community Center is closed on Jan. 1. Address: 3900 Sellman Rd., Beltsville. Phone: 301.937.6613. Spanish line: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512. The Facility Director is Leigh Ann Eckenrode. She can be contacted at the center or by e-mail at LeighAnn.Eckenrode@pgparks.com. Regular hours of operation are: Mon. – Thu. from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Fri. from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Sat. from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., closed on Sun.. Hours of operation for Xtreme Teens and Pre-teens: Fridays and Saturdays from 7:00 p.m. to 10 p.m.

STRATEGY GAME CLUB

Mondays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Enjoy board games and strategy games and tons of fun. All skill levels welcome. Any game can be played as well as brought to the club to be played. Games include: Small World, Steel Driver, and Age of Industry. Free. All ages.

XTREME TEEN REGULAR EVENTS

Fridays and Saturdays from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Free with valid Center ID card. Ages 13 – 17.

VANSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Community Center is closed on Jan. 1. Address: 6813 Ammendale Rd., Vansville. Phone: 301.937.6621. Fax: 301.937.6623. Spanish line: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512. The Director is Jeremy Weiss. He can be contacted at the center, or by phone, or by e-mail at Jeremy.Weiss@pgparks.com. Regular hours of operation: Mon. – Thu. from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Fri. from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (except for Xtreme Teens), Sat. from 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (except for Xtreme Teens), Sun. from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. Hours of operation for Xtreme Teens: Fridays and Saturdays from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

XTREME TEENS REGULAR EVENTS

Fridays and Saturdays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Ages 13 – 17. Free with valid Center ID card.

SCHOOL NEWS

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Team rewarded students that had exhibited respectful behavior during their daily school interactions. Those students experienced an afternoon of ice cream and accolades as a reward for their respectful behavior. The PBIS Team is planning an event in January to honor High Point students who have displayed one of the RISE (Respect, Integrity, Service, and Excellence) characteristics.

On Saturday, December 13, HP's drama students, under the direction of Ms. Betty Smalls, English and drama teacher, participated in the

Text Alive program, which allows high school students to perform at the Shakespeare Theater. These students were involved in a semester-long connection with the Shakespeare Theater Company, attending workshops and rehearsing scenes from one of Shakespeare's plays. After collaborating with professional actors and designing their scenes, the students were able perform for their friends and family.

Prior to the winter break, the fine arts department showcased the talents of our choral, orchestra, and dance students in a winter concert that captivated the audience. The winter sports, including basketball,

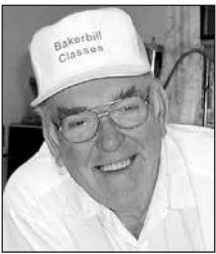
swimming, wrestling, indoor track, and cheerleading began their seasons. High Point would like to welcome Mr. Milton Laurence as its new head boys' basketball coach. Please check the school's website for information on the athletic teams and schedules in order to support the players in their competitions.

Progress reports were released on Friday, December 19, 2014 and report cards will be released to students on February 5, 2015.

The Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) has its next general meeting on Thursday, January 15. All parents and students are encouraged to attend.

Date	Sport	Site	Opponent	Time
Wednesday, December 03, 2014	GIRLS BASKETBALL	Home	Central	scrimmage
Friday, December 05, 2014	GIRLS BASKETBALL	Home	Douglass	JV 5:30/V 7:00pm
Monday, December 08, 2014	BOYS BASKETBALL	Home	Long Reach	JV 5:30/V 7:00pm
Tuesday, December 09, 2014	BOYS BASKETBALL	Home	Laurel	JV 5:30/V 7:00pm
Friday, December 12, 2014	GIRLS BASKETBALL	Home	Roosevelt	JV 5:30/V 7:00pm
Tuesday, December 16, 2014	GIRLS BASKETBALL	Home	NW	JV 5:30/V 7:00pm
Thursday, December 18, 2014	GIRLS BASKETBALL	Home	Parkdale	JV 5:30/V 7:00pm
Tuesday, January 06, 2015	BOYS BASKETBALL	Home	Flowers	JV 5:30/V 7:00pm
Friday, January 09, 2015	GIRLS BASKETBALL	Home	Bladensburg	JV 5:30/V 7:00pm
Tuesday, January 13, 2015	GIRLS BASKETBALL	Home	DuVal	JV 5:30/V 7:00pm
Friday, January 16, 2015	GIRLS BASKETBALL	Home	Oxon Hill	JV 5:30/V 7:00pm
Tuesday, January 20, 2015	BOYS BASKETBALL	Home	Bowie	JV 5:30/V 7:00pm
Friday, January 23, 2015	BOYS BASKETBALL	Home	CMIT/Wise	JV 5:30/V 7:00pm
Tuesday, January 27, 2015	BOYS BASKETBALL	Home	Suitland	JV 5:30/V 7:00pm
Friday, January 30, 2015	GIRLS BASKETBALL	Home	Laurel	JV 5:30/V 7:00pm
Tuesday, February 03, 2015	BOYS BASKETBALL	Home	Roosevelt	JV 5:30/V 7:00pm
Friday, February 06, 2015	BOYS BASKETBALL	Home	CMIT/NW	JV 5:30/V 7:00pm
Tuesday, February 10, 2015	BOYS BASKETBALL	Home	Parkdale	JV 5:30/V 7:00pm
Thursday, February 12, 2015	BOYS BASKETBALL	Home	Bladensburg	JV 5:30/V7:00pm
Tuesday, February 17, 2015	GIRLS BASKETBALL	Home	Wise	JV 5:30/V7:00pm

High Point High School Girls & boys basketball schedule



Baker Bill

STUFF 'N THINGS

I hope all of you had a good holiday season, I have. I'm blessed because all of my family live in this area. That could change soon but for now it's great.

I have written about this subject before, on television there are more ads for medications, new stuff. The funny thing is they need to list all possible side effects and they seem to go on and on. I start thinking why in heavens name would I try that. I know why they cost a small fortune and not covered by Medicare.

All the family went to the Yacht club for Thanksgiving dinner. It was arranged by my son in law, who's a member. This is the son in law that has a money tree growing in the back yard. He is a great guy and I think a lot of him. He and My daughter Jane have given me two great grand kids.

So now the food fest is over and you have put on a few pounds, thinking of going on a diet? Well that's great but stay away of the sugar free candies. Why you ask,



because of 3 words, Matitol, Latitol and Sugar alcohols, they all have a laxative effect, enough said.

I googled Resolutions and got a list 100 strong, The first most popular was lose weight, #2 was get into shape, # 3 quit smoking, #4 Volunteer somewhere and #5 cut drinking alcohol. I for one do not make any, never had.

I watch the History channel a lot and they were preaching about bread, something I know about. One bread was corn bread, also something else I know about.

They say bakers guard their recipes with their life. Well I don't take a pencil and copy this recipe from the paper.

Corn Bread!

In a med size bowl place 3/4 cup sugar, 1 cup of flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder/2 teaspoon salt. Mix well and dry. Mix together 1/4 cup milk, stir in two eggs, 1/2 cup crisco oil and stir into dry mix now place 3 heaping tablespoons of cream corn and 4 heaping tablespoons of corn meal, MIX WELL.

This mix will fit into 6 muffins or bake in baking dish. cool and cut into squares. it will not rise a lot. set your oven to 410 degree and bake aprox. 15 minutes.

You can find the recipe on my web sight bakerbill.net scroll down to corn muffins. If you have a question call me 301 572 4180. Also take note, cream corn is best but it will work with drained can corn.

That's all for January 2015,
Baker Bill

MCVET

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should never find themselves living on the streets of this country without care or without hope.

Low income veterans are twice as likely to become homeless compared to non-veteran low income adults.

This is where facilities such as the Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training (MCVET) become a haven for our homeless veterans.

MCVET was founded by 4 veterans of great vision on Nov. 11, 1993 in Baltimore, MD. These veterans, Art Lego of The American Legion, Blair Cross of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Chester Silverman, of the Jewish War Veterans of The Veterans of Foreign Wars, (the only one still living and still involved with MCVET) and F. Douglas Johnson of The American Legion saw a tremendous need and spent their lives in filling this need, thus enhancing the lives of thousands of veterans. The founders believed that a military structured program is the best method to recognize and honor the veterans while challenging and supporting them in their efforts to regain stability in their lives. Their vision included creating a safe and clean facility where America's veterans could be rehabilitated. Since its inception, MCVET has grown from serving 20 veterans in its first

year to more than 240 veterans daily through seven district programs, Outreach; Day Drop-in facility, Short Term Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Permanent Housing, Single Room Housing, and Follow-Up Program. As the participants travel through the continuum, they receive an array of services that support the primary goal of empowering them to return to their families and communities. The support services include Case Management, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Counseling, Health Care, Education and Employment Services.

As MCVET prepares for the future, they anticipate an increase in the number of veterans who will need their help. According to a Veterans Affairs study approximately 12,700 veterans of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) were homeless in 2010 These numbers swell greatly when the Traumatic Brain Injury cases are added.

In order to maintain MCVET as a premier facility \$975,000 is needed to replace antiquated equipment and supplies. Another \$100,000 for technology improvements and media environment to include infrastructure, hardware and software. These improvements will maximize the impact on learning and rehabilitation. Yet another \$75,000 is needed for marketing and development while still

\$100,000 will be raised for new programmatic initiatives. These funds will be used for research and development to address the needs of the growing demographic of veterans who include returning, incarcerated, female veterans and veterans with families.

In the words of the President of the Board of Directors, Sandi Dutton, "The community within MCVET works tirelessly and successfully to assist our veterans from all walks of life, from all states within the USA and from all wars and conflicts. The staff is stellar in providing the services needed. Our students are anxious to learn, to heal and return to society."

The Executive Director of MCVET, Jeffrey L. Kendrick USAF (Ret) says "Although our mission has remained consistent over the years, the services we have provided our students have evolved as the needs of homeless veterans have changed. We've gone from being a place strictly for shelter to being a top tier non-profit organization that provides employment and educational services to our homeless residents."

If you wish to inquire how you can be instrumental in assisting this "haven for homeless veterans" you may call the Development Office at (410) 576-9626. MCVET is a non-profit 501(C) (3) corporation. Donations are tax deductible.

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Wednesdays:

*Adult Bible Study & Prayer	7:00 p.m.
RA's, GA's, Mission Friends	7:00 p.m.
Youth Fellowship	7:00 p.m.

Mother's Morning Out Program For 2 & 3 year old

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 - De-ice your lock in seconds with hand sanitizer! Just put some hand sanitizer gel on the key and the lock and the problem is solved!
- Thank you to the many Beltsville churches, organizations, businesses and individuals who reached out to make the Holidays a little better for our community members who are struggling.

The Citizens Association will not meet in January. If you have a community concern or topic that you would like to discuss at a future meeting please let me know. Please send your email address if you would like to receive public safety and community alerts. Karenmcoakley@gmail.com I can be reached at 301-937-3490

DANCERS

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Dance provided entertainment for this event and as always they were a big hit. The seniors get a lot of joy watching them (a couple of the guests were so moved that they started dancing).

Dancers performed group and solo numbers in various styles of dance, including ballet, tap, lyrical, modern, ballroom and musical theater. Dancers from Eleanor Pernia Studio of Dance have also recently performed at multiple charity community events. The studio is located at 10434 Baltimore Blvd. in Beltsville, MD. To contact the director, Olga Gracheva, about community performances, call 301.937.4230.

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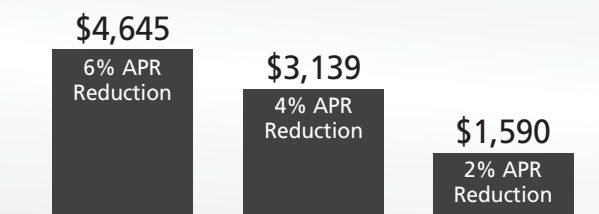


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