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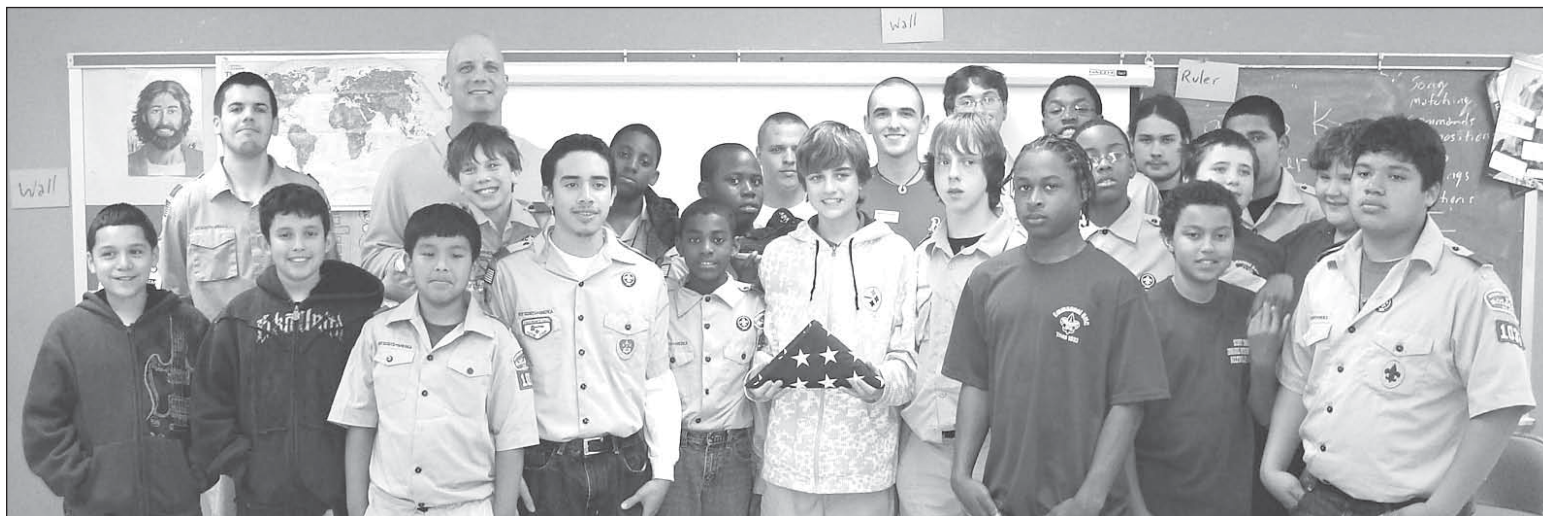
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Army Apache Helicopter Instructor Jason Freeze Visits Scouts



Scouts with flag presented by Chief Warrant Officer Jason Freeze

By Gary Bauchan, Scoutmaster Troop 1033

Chief Warrant Officer Jason Freeze, the father of one of the scouts in Troop 1033, was home from Iraq for a brief holiday from

the war and stopped in to tell the scouts what it's like being an Army Apache Helicopter pilot and instructor. Mr. Freeze shared a music video of his unit training and PowerPoint slides of the locations where he has

served including Bosnia, Afghanistan and Iraq. Afterwards, he spent time answering questions from the inquisitive scouts. The highlight of his visit was his presentation of an American flag that was flown in

battle in Iraq on Christmas Eve, 2008. This flag will be proudly displayed in our troop meeting room in remembrance of his visit and the brave men and women who serve in our military.

Beltsville Briefs

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Teen Club Reunion

Emmanuel UMC, Beltsville, MD is celebrating the beginning of 10 years of Teen Club. Everyone who has ever come to Teen

Lt. Gov. Brown Briefs Prince George's County Reporters

By Jim Butcher

At an April 21 working lunch in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, Lt. Gov. Anthony G. Brown briefed County reporters on several public themes and goals that occupy the attention of the current administration in Annapolis. One major goal, the Lt. Gov. said, is maintaining and improving the quality of education K-through-12 throughout the state. Maryland educational standards and performance are consistently higher than those in many states, Brown said. Still, Maryland has room to improve educational delivery and performance. Educational performance remains a major goal of the Gov. Martin O'Malley administration.

Closely related to the K-through-12 goal, Brown said, is assuring college affordability for state residents. Maryland has done a good job of holding the line on the cost of attending college, he pointed out. Though upward pressures for raising college fees always are out there, Brown said he and Gov. O'Malley are committed to keeping the cost of attending college in Maryland affordable.

Brown talked about public safety as a third central issue. He said the state has managed to grow a modest growth in funds available for public safety even in difficult economic times. Maryland is taking full use of relatively new DNA technologies and tools that enable law

enforcement officers to solve crimes previously thought to be unsolvable. Today, a few skin cells or saliva from a postage stamp may provide the DNA sample that snares a criminal while exonerating others who could stand wrongfully accused of committing a crime.

Better traffic control and management are receiving lots of attention from the state. Drivers in the future will need to be aware of potential speed cameras, especially in the vicinity of school zones. Drive carefully, the Lt. Gov. advises.

Last, Brown talked about strengthening the state's social

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High Adventure for Junior Troop 423

By Kelly Wester

On April 25 and 26, Beltsville Girl Scout Troop 423 went on a camping, ropes, and rock climbing trip. It was the culmination of a year of planning and preparation based on the troop's vote to earn the Junior High Adventure badge. We organized our trip through Calleva, Inc., camped on their property in Dickerson, MD,

and climbed Sugarloaf Mountain on Sunday.

The weekend was filled with even more challenge and activity than we had imagined. On the first day we split into two teams to complete elements of a high and low ropes course, including climbing trees, walking balance

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On the Agenda



BY PRESIDENT KAREN M. COAKLEY

Senator Rosapepe and Delegates Frush, Barnes and Pena Melnyk will be our guests at the June meeting. They will give an update of the 2009 legislative session. If you have specific questions or concerns please let me know in advance so they can come prepared. The June meeting will be on Wednesday, the 17th, at 7:00 p.m. We will meet at Beltsville Elementary School. I can be reached at 301.937.0157 or karen-mcoakley@verizon.net.

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25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

Extracted from the June
1984 Issue

Crisis Center Opened

The Greenbelt/College Park Crisis Center on Greenbelt Road opposite Beltway Plaza opened, and fees would be based on ability to pay.

New Arrivals

Diane Frances Milbourne, daughter of Chris & Bernie Milbourne of Beltsville, was born on May 16, 1984.

Heather May Frederick, daughter of Rick & Donna Frederick, was born on May 10, 1984.

Outstanding Business Student

Miss Diane Nicholson of High Point High School was awarded the 1983-84 Outstanding Business Education Student Award by the Prince George's County School Board.

Faulkner Achieved Eagle Rank

Boy Scout Troop 1272 of Calverton recognized and honored Shawn S. Faulkner as the

Troop's 12th Scout to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.

Scholarship Award

Alan Eugene Borgwardt, a senior at High Point High School, was named as the recipient of a \$10,000 scholarship at Bridgewater College in Virginia.

Delegate Maloney Honored

Delegate Timothy F. Maloney was honored at commencement exercises at Villa Julia College for leading the sponsorship of a \$1.12 million state bond issue bill.

Deegan Named

Charles C. Deegan of Beltsville was named a delegate to the Republican National Convention in Dallas, TX.

Science Fair Winner

Ryan Hackett, a second grader at Beltsville Elementary School, won the Grand Prize for his presentation of "Mouse Maze."

Service News

Airman David W. Creech graduated from the security police course at Lackland Air Force Base, TX.

Marine Cpl. Brian E. Lister completed realistic combat training at Twenty-nine Palms, CA.

Navy Seaman Recruit Robert L. Johnson completed recruit training in Orlando, FL.

Army Spec. 4 William J. K. Merson parachuted in Honduras in exercise training.

John Edmund Weires graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy on May 23, 1984.

Engagement Announced

Sandra Michelle Pilkerton of Beltsville was engaged to James F. Holderbaum of Linden, NJ.

Obituaries

John Hamilton Peterman, 27, died on May 24, 1984 at his home in Beltsville.

Woodrow W. Cox of Beltsville died on May 14, 1984.

Mary C. Grove, 79, died on May 7, 1984 at Greater Laurel Beltsville Hospital.

Herman Hobson Follin ("Happy"), 55, died at Leland Memorial Hospital on May 11, 1984.

Letter to the Editor

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To the Editor:

On Saturday, May 16, former Delegate Pauline Menes, 84, passed away. A longtime resident of College Park and most recently of Riderwood in Beltsville, Pauline represented Prince George's and Anne Arundel residents during her 40-year career in the Maryland House of Delegates. She was our mentor, our inspiration, and our friend. And, most importantly for the many Marylanders she championed, she was an outstanding public servant who led a purposeful life.

From the civil rights movement of the 1960's through the women's rights movement of the 1970's and every social justice cause of her lifetime, including beyond her retirement from the House in 2006, Pauline was on the front lines. She believed that public service was a high calling and she set the gold standard for it.

We will miss her greatly but her works will live for generations.

Senator Jim Rosapepe
Delegate Barbara Frush
Delegate Joseline Peña-Melnyk
Delegate Ben Barnes

Neighbors in the News

By Gary Bauchan, Scoutmaster Troop 1033

Boy Scout Troop 1033 hosted the Cross Over of four Webelos from Pack 1031. The festivities were held at the Beltsville Recreation Center starting at the campfire circle. The ceremony started with the presentation of the colors and the traditional lighting of the campfire by the Boy Scouts. The Cub Scout Pack, led by Cubmaster Melissa Gill, presented awards to the Bear, Wolf and Webelo Scouts which they had earned over the past month. In between presentations, the Boy Scouts performed the ugliest scout, invisible bench, coffee shop, and the always popular gravity check skits to the enjoyment of the scouts and parents. The highlight of the ceremony is the presentation of the Arrow of Light (the highest honor given to a Cub Scout) to Webelo Scouts. Nickolas Nagel, Tyis Robinson, Nujuan Pinnock and Konnor Davis were the recipients of the Arrow of Light by their



Webelos receive their Arrow of Light & Cub Scouts enjoy a campfire program.

Den Leader, Regina Halper. After receiving their Arrow of Light the Webelos led the Pack and Troop with their parents as they crossed over the bridge from the campfire circle to the Beltsville Recreation Centers' picnic area, symbolizing

the crossing over from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts. Everyone enjoyed a picnic of hotdogs, chips, cake and "bug juice" to wash it all down. The weather was perfect and a good time was had by all.

Hair Salon Helps Women with HIV/AIDS

By Dalila L. Muir

On Monday, June 15, 2009 The Hair Marqui, LLC salon will join forces with Miriam's House to raise money in support of women with HIV/AIDS. The Hair Marqui, LLC, located in Beltsville, Maryland, will offer shampoo sets, blow-dries, and mini-facials for \$25.00. Haircuts for men and boys are \$12.00. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Miriam's House. This fundraiser is the second of two events designed to support the Miriam's



House, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing a dynamic residential community for women living with HIV/AIDS. "I learned about this organization through Kim Carter of the

Crossover Church. The goal of Miriam's House is to empower women regardless of their physical ailments or past history," states Marquisia Bullock, owner of The Hair Marqui, LLC. "It's about helping women and I am proud to be a part of that!" If you are interested in supporting the fundraiser for the Miriam's House, call 301.595.7040 to schedule an appointment today. You may also visit www.miriamshouse.org for additional information.



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Obituaries

Conley, Gladys Pauline Booth

Gladys Pauline Booth Conley, 85, of Bowie died on Wednesday, April 22, 2009. Mrs. Conley was the widow of Woodrow Conley. Three children and their spouses survive her: Gilliam & Janet Conley, Ava & William Archer, and Bruce & Linda Conley. Nine grandchildren and one great granddaughter also survive her. A memorial service was held at Cresthill Baptist Church, where Bruce is the executive pastor, at noon on Saturday, May 2, 2009. Gladys' remains will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery next to her husband and her first child, Evah Conley, at a future date. The family requests that memorial donations be made to the American Cancer Society.

Kirby, Margie D.

Margie D. Kirby, 89, died on April 23, 2009. She was the beloved wife of the late Robert J. Kirby, Sr. and mother of Robert J. (Carolyn) Kirby, Jr., Janice M. (Dennis) Moler, Julie K. (William) O'Hagan, Lynn E. Kirby Ronayne and the late K. Patrick Kirby. She was the mother-in-law of the late Sharon Kirby. Seventeen grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren also survive her. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary of the Mills Catholic Church, 114 St. Mary's Place, Laurel, MD at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 28. Interment Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association National Capital Area, 11240 Waples Mill Road #402, Fairfax, VA 22030. Arrangements by Borgwardt Funeral Home.

Lawrence-Fisher, Deborah Midkiff

Deborah Midkiff Lawrence-Fisher, 53, formerly of Beltsville, passed away on Tuesday, May 5, 2009. She was the beloved wife of Brian D. Fisher, mother of Stacey and Johnny Lawrence, and the daughter of Patricia and the late Carlos Midkiff. She was the sister of Carol Reinking, Dolores Powell, and Jimmy and Mike Midkiff. She was the grandmother of Brandi, Tyler, Brett, Joey, Kyle, Taylor, Kyleigh, Riley and Keegan. Funeral service was held at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville on Friday, May 8, at 10:30 a.m. Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to The Lawrence Grandchildren Scholarship Fund, 6015 Bicknell Road, Indian Head, MD 20640. Borgwardt Funeral Home

made the arrangements.

Former Maryland Delegate Pauline H. Menes

Pauline H. Menes, co-founder and first chair of the caucus of women legislators in the Maryland General Assembly, died of pneumonia Saturday, May 16. She was 84.

Mrs. Menes was elected to the House of Delegates by the same Democratic wave in 1966 that brought Benjamin Cardin and Paul Sarbanes to the House and Steny Hoyer to the State Senate. Del. Menes represented College Park, Beltsville and other areas of the 21st District in Northern Prince George's County for 40 years, until she retired, in 2007, having served longer than any other current member of the General Assembly. She was the first woman to serve on the Judiciary Committee, from 1979 on, and used the assignment to work on legislation for juvenile justice and criminal justice, as well as aging, the arts and a broad range of women's issues.

For many years she chaired the Special House Committee on Drug and Alcohol Abuse. She successfully sponsored legislation mandating AIDS testing of prisoners, setting up needle exchange programs and requiring that suspected child abuse be reported by medical personnel, teachers and social workers. She also served on the Rules Committees, and in her last few terms she was the House's Parliamentarian. When she announced her retirement, Speaker Michael Busch of Annapolis said, "No one knows the rules and procedures of the House better than Pauline."

In 1967, there were eleven women in the General Assembly – six in the House, five in the Senate. She told an interviewer that women were not given substantive committee assignments, and she felt resented by many of the male legislators. Forming the

Women's Legislative Caucus, she said, was a way to fight the intimidation and isolation.

One of the best documented episodes sprang from the fact that there was no ladies room near the House chamber. The female delegates had to walk to the other side of the Capitol, across a hallway often filled with lobbyists, to reach the public rest room. After Del. Menes's female colleagues picked her to talk to Speaker Thomas Hunter Lowe about the problem, he named her chair of the Ladies Rest Room Committee in 1971.

The following year, at the suggestion of the late Sen. Rosalie

Abrams, D-Baltimore, the female legislators started their caucus. Del. Menes said it was the first in the nation, before there was a women's caucus in Congress. Several years later she organized the women's Legislative Network of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

She was inducted into the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame last year. The Maryland National Organization for Women gave her the Ann Landon Scott Award for Legislative Excellence in 1976, and the College Park Business and Professional Women's Association named her Woman of the Year in 1978.

Pauline Herskowitz was born in New York City in July 16, 1924. After graduating from Grover Cleveland High School, she earned Bachelor of Arts degrees in business economics and geography from Hunter College in 1945. As soon as she finished college, she came to the Washington area to work as an economist in the Office of the Quarter Master General. It was a temporary wartime job, and she trained a young officer named Melvin Menes to replace her. They fell in love, and were married Sept. 1, 1946.

Mrs. Menes worked as a geographer for the Army Map Service in 1949 and 1950. Her husband died in 2000. Survivors include three daughters, Sandra Ashe of Atlanta, Robin Elvord of Chicago and Bambi Menes of San Francisco, and a sister, Shirley Schwarz (cq) of Coconut Creek, FL.

Expressions of sympathy can be made to The Pauline Menes Fund at the Maryland Women's Heritage Center, PO Box 719, Brooklandville, MD 21022-0719.

Seeger, Ruth R.

Ruth R. Seeger of Beltsville, 92, died on April 22, 2009. She was the beloved wife of the late Bernard L. Seeger and mother of Juanita (Danny) Olson, Audrey L. (Dave) Ogden, Barbara A. (Kenny) Lammers, Lewis E. (Darlene) Seeger and Donald E. (Annie) Seeger. She was the sister of Fae Walton and Donald Richards. Fourteen grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren also survive her. Her grandson, David Olson, preceded her in death. Funeral service was held at Good Tidings Tabernacle, 4909 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, April 27 with the Reverend Danny Slye officiating. Interment Maryland Veteran's Cemetery, Cheltenham, MD on Wednesday, April 29 at 11:00 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Good Tidings Tabernacle. Arrangements by Borgwardt Funeral Home.



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Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

By Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-21)

Friends and Neighbors Celebrate Life of Del. Pauline Menes

As you may have heard, Pauline Menes, 40 year representative of Beltsville in the Maryland House of Delegates, died in May at the age of 84. After she retired from the House in 2007, she moved from College Park to Riderwood retirement community in Beltsville. Delegates Frush, Peña-Melnyk and I had the chance to visit her there just a few days before her passing. As always, she was interested in current community and state issues. During her service for our community, she was a champion for senior citizens, public schools, and civil liberties. She was national leader of the women's rights movement organizing the women's caucus in the Maryland legislature, the first one in the United States. Hundreds of friends and neighbors joined her family, former State Senator Art Dorman and his wife Betty, former US Senator Paul Sarbanes, and many legislative colleagues for her funeral at Beth Torah Synagogue in Adelphi. For more details on her life and achievements, go to www.jimrosapepe.com.

Saving Money on Financing and Taxes When Home Values Fall

To help working families survive in these tough times, Laurel Mayor Craig Moe, the Delegates, and I sponsored a forum in May for local homeowners to talk with volunteer housing lawyers, state experts, the local tax assessor, and local banks. For help with foreclosure prevention assistance, contact the state Department of Housing and Community Development: <http://www.dhcd.state.md.us/Hope/Index.aspx> Toll-free: 1-877-462-7555 or Email: info@mdhousing.org Given the decline in so many home values caused by the foreclosure crisis and the national recession, the assessment on your home, set several years ago, may be higher than its



Senator Jim Rosapepe

real, current value. Additionally if you bought your home recently and values in your neighborhood have dropped below what you paid, it may be worthwhile for you to appeal your assessment now. To do so, contact the Prince George's assessment office at: 14735 Main Street, Suite 354B Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772 301.952.2500 fax: 301.952.2955 e-mail: princeg@dat.state.md.us. They can get you the form to appeal and explain the process to you. There's no guarantee your tax will go down, but it may be worth the modest effort to make sure the assessment is correct.

Join Us at June 17 Beltsville Civic Assoc. Meeting

Delegates Barbara Frush, Ben Barnes, and Joseline Peña-Melnyk and I will be meeting with Beltsville residents to report on the 2009 Maryland legislative session on Wednesday, June 17th, at the Beltsville Civic Association meeting. The event starts at 7:00 p.m. and is located at Beltsville Elementary School. We'll be discussing:

- Aid for the unemployed
- Dealing with home foreclosures
- Holding down college tuition
- Improving public safety
- School funding

Other issues of concern to you

We invite you to share your views on important community issues.

College Scholarships for Beltsville Students

This year, as in the past three years, I successfully urged the governor to freeze college tuition rates for local students. Undergraduate tuition at the University of Maryland and our other public colleges will be the same this fall as it was in fall 2005. This is a significant break for working families who are facing declining incomes and layoffs.

Another way we can help local students is the legislative scholarship program. Each Senator is allocated funds for scholarships to students in our district who attend Maryland colleges. My committee of local citizens review student applications and recommend scholarship awards of \$400 per student. To apply for a Senate scholarship, students should email 21stScholarship@gmail.com or call 301.858.3141 to request an application. Information on other financial aid for Maryland college students can be found at www.mhec.state.md.us.

Be in Touch

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

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The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) recognized Arianna Cooper as a Service Star Recipient at the Maryland Service Learning Recognition Reception on May 12th, 2009. She was one of two students representing Prince George's County, Maryland, for her outstanding community service. Arianna is a 7th grader at Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School in Beltsville, Maryland. She has earned over 500 community service hours for volunteering with the Good Knight Child Empowerment Network Inc. (www.goodknight.org) for the past two years. As a volunteer she helps children learn how to stay safe from crime and violence. She also performs magic during birthday parties and safety programs. She volunteers at programs at the Good Knight Kingdom as well as other Good Knight safety activities during national volunteer days (e.g. Youth Service America, Make A Difference Day), at community events (e.g. Beltsville Day, NBC4 Health & Fitness Expo), and at schools (e.g. Beltsville & Calverton Elementary Schools). Only two students from each County received such recognition.



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safety net. The state will work to improve help to low-income households, facilitate Medicare assistance, and strive to reduce unemployment, Brown said.

Reporters had time to pose a few questions or comments. Some inquired about state efforts to reduce auto theft. Car theft is a serious problem near the Prince George's County-District line, they said. Some car thieves, it might appear, all but taunt police by rushing from one jurisdiction to another in stolen cars. That practice has become so prevalent as to acquire working titles on its

own. The "Cross Border Problem" appears to be operative working title of the moment. Brown commented that jurisdictions are cooperating across state lines to deal with the issue.

A native of New York, Brown is the highest-ranking elected official in the nation to have served a tour of duty in Iraq. He was elected Lt. Gov. in 2008 on a ticket with Gov. Martin O'Malley. Previously, Brown served two terms in the Maryland House of Delegates, representing Prince George's County's District 25. Brown is a graduate of Harvard Law School, where he was one year behind Barack Obama.



Parents, don't let tuition costs scare you.

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To set up a table contact Nikki Goldschmitt at 301.953.0100, extension 113, or e-mail nikkiG@thegardensicehouse.com. Reservations must be made no later than Friday, June 5. The cost is \$20 if the Ice House provides the table and \$10 if you bring your own table. Tables are limited to one per household.

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Calverton Career Day

Calverton held its 2009 Career Day on May 14. This event, sponsored by the school counselor, Ms. Pam Roberts, was a big success. The students warmly welcomed the twenty-six parents and community leaders who came to share their interesting occupations.

Mrs. Freeman's class joined the other kindergarten classes as well as the Pre-K and first grade students in getting to hear real firemen show and tell about their big fire engines. The firemen showed the students their protective clothing, including heavy helmets and boots attached to the pants so they can be put on quickly. Each child got to climb on board and walk to the rear compartment.

Mrs. Cheresky, who also volunteers at Calverton, teaches

Chinese at a private school. She visited Mrs. Freeman's class and taught them to sing, "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes" in Chinese as well as how to say "hello" in Mandarin (Ni hao) and to write the word in Chinese characters.

The biggest hit, according to Mrs. Freeman, was Mr. Bergsten, whose son Samuel is in Mrs. Albert's first grade class. Mr. Bergsten works for the Department of Agriculture as a toxicologist and entomologist. His primary task is to help geographic areas experiencing insect infestations. There are ways of controlling harmful pests without the use of pesticides. For example, ladybugs eat aphids that eat plants. Mr. Bergsten also told the students about how ticks cause Lyme disease. Ticks do not like soap; so take a bath with soap and water after you have been in the woods. Mr. Bergsten brought two large collections of insects to show the students.

Ms. Bellows' second graders enjoyed the "Bug Man's" visit as well and were fascinated by his insect collections. They also had two parents come to share details about their occupations. Treyvaughn Johnson's mom, Mrs. Starr Filorimo, told the students about what it is like to work at Friendly's. Lea Mejia's dad told about being a traveling salesman. Mr. Mejia sells items to Hispanic stores; he travels all over the United States and sometimes is gone from home for two weeks showing his wares to potential customers who take orders from him.

All in all, Career Day was a great success. Students and staff are very happy that their visitors took time out of their busy schedules to come and share information about their careers.

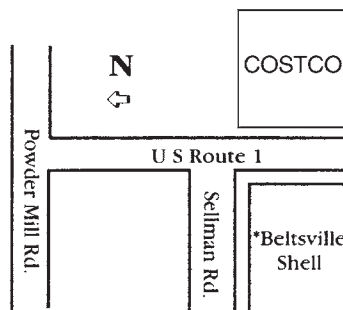


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District 1 Digest

By Councilman Tom Dernoga

Spring is the time for getting out of doors, working in the garden, planting your flowers and vegetables, meeting new neighbors who you might have missed moving in over the winter months and re-connecting with old neighbors who were hibernating over the winter just as you were. I hope you have been able to do some of these activities. I wish I could. In Upper Marlboro, spring-time is budgets and committee meetings and participating in innumerable events from a variety of wonderful groups. It is very busy, but it is all part of what it means to be a Council member.

My staff and I have been busy in Upper Marlboro with the budget, overseeing new legislation being written, attending public meetings all over District 1, and meeting with many local residents. In particular, we have been working on getting two transportation projects properly evaluated for inclusion in the Subregion I Master Plan. None of us are pleased with the traffic in the area and you and I share major concerns about traffic. We have been working with the Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT), MNCP-PC's Transportation Division, local residents and the developers of Konterra and the Brickyard to make sure that the existing situations (and the future impacts) on Muirkirk Road and Old Gunpowder Road are properly evaluated and addressed. I know that we need to assess traffic BEFORE the projects are completed, not afterwards. As part of the Subregion I Master Plan, we are evaluating all of the major roads in the Beltsville area. As we continue forward, we will continue to hold forums to get your input.

Duckworth Challenge Day

On May 1st, I attended "Duckworth Challenge Day" at **James E. Duckworth School**. As a long-time supporter and this year's "Honorary Coach" I received a special award that I hold near and dear and that sits now in a place of honor in my office. I gave the keynote speech at the Opening Ceremony, and while its just a little speech, to me, talking to the students, the faculty and the families at Duckworth is a really important honor. Duckworth is a very special school in Prince George's County and I am so pleased that it is in Beltsville. As the "Honorary Coach" one of my assignments was to present gold medals to the winners of the swimming races,



Councilman Tom Dernoga

and in this case everyone was a winner – student and parent alike. What a thrill that was! I cannot wait until next year.

High Point High School Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

On May 8th, my staff and I joined the **PTSA at High Point High School** and helped serve lunch to teachers and staff alike at the "Teacher Appreciation Luncheon." This is always a fun event and this year was no exception. Pizza, chicken wings from **Buffalo Wild Wings**, salads, lasagna, desserts and sodas made quite a hit with everyone. We partnered with the new Buffalo Wild Wings – my office contributed the wings, but Buffalo Wild Wings helped us out with a greatly reduced price. So, thanks to the management of **Buffalo Wild Wings** for helping out and thanks to the PTSA and **Judy Thacher**, my Aide, for letting our teachers know that we appreciate them.

DER District 1 Zoning Enforcement Office on Ammendale Road

In our continuous efforts to improve the quality of the appearance and property standards in our district, I have worked with the Department of Environmental Resources (DER) in having a satellite office located in the community for the convenience of the citizens. This is a "walk-in" office where anyone can visit and discuss property standards issues that may exist in your neighborhood with a DER staff member. They will listen to your concern, explain what the county code is regarding your issue, determine if a violation might exist, and make a

timely inspection to begin the process of having the property come into compliance. This office is coordinating directly with the DER Headquarters in Largo to ensure that any property, especially vacant real estate that is not being properly maintained, is cleaned up by the owner (often times a financial institution) or is "force-cleaned" by the County and then charged to the property owner's tax bill. Please take the opportunity to familiarize yourself with the staff and what their duties are by visiting the office sometime. The office is open three days a week, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and is located at 4345 Ammendale Road, across from the **Martin Luther King Middle School**. For more information, you can call the supervisor at 301.883.6075.

Old Gunpowder Road and Ammendale Road Update

Finally, I am happy to announce the overhead streetlights at the intersection of Old Gunpowder Road and Ammendale Road have finally been turned on! Even a year after having this new road re-configuration completed, we have had some challenges in getting the State and County to agree on the specifics of light fixtures, sidewalks, and other amenities. Finally, we got the utility company to connect the circuits and turned the switch on. Citizens will now find driving through the intersection at night to be much easier and safer. My thanks go to **Mary Lehman**, Aide to **Delegate Joseline Pena-Melnyk**, and to **Alex Hirtle** in helping get this accomplished.



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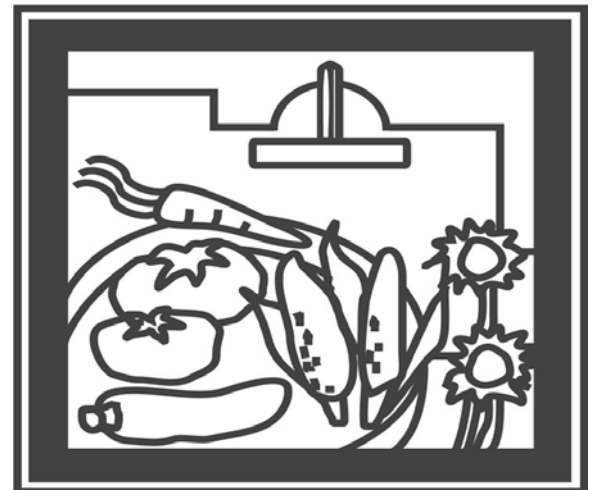
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Eagle Scout Project – Christmas in April



Scouts who helped with my Eagle Scout project

By Charleston Laymon

One bright sunny morning on Saturday, April 25, 2009 I realized that I had a bright future. For weeks I had been working to plan and organize a project that could possibly advance me to the rank of Eagle Scout. The project required me to think, get approval signatures, request donations, and purchase materials in order to beautify the yard around a home of an elderly disabled person in Beltsville. After all of the planning for the project was completed, it was ready to actually execute. I wondered all night if I would have enough help to tackle such a monumental job. Well, much to my surprise, ten boy scouts came out to help. We started at 8:00 a.m. as we started pruning bushes and wrapping the branches with twine, cleaned out debris and loaded a dump truck provided to us by

Prince George's County. The early morning was focused on clean up. We tilled the soil, raked the grass, and spread topsoil, lime and fertilizer. By mid morning some of the scouts focused on helping to assemble a metal shed in the back yard. After a strenuous morning of planting and cleaning, we decided to have lunch donated by Raulin's Bakery, Buffalo Wild Wings Grill, and Papa John's Pizza. Since our energies were replenished we continued to work. We planted different types of flowers: Vinca, Marigolds, Impatiens and Azaleas. By 1:00 p.m. Mr. Morris's yard was transformed into a garden of beauty that he would be proud of. I would like to acknowledge the people who helped with my project: my fellow scouts Eric Matthews, Patrick Derry, Even Carr, Nathaniel Pinnock, Sean Halper and David Timus II. A special thanks to my parents;

my grandpa; Billy Wauschek, an Eagle Scout home from college; Scoutmaster, Mr. Gary Bauman; Assistant Scoutmaster, Mr. Rick Deery; Scout mom, Mrs. Regina Halper; and Troop Committee Chair, Mr. David Timus. I would like to also say thanks to Cpl. Kashe of the Prince George's Police Department and the Prince George's Christmas in April Project. A huge thanks goes out to those who donated funds towards this successful project including: The Rotary Club of Beltsville, Dr. Hammil, Pastor Cliff Beckford of Laurel Lakes Christian Center, Margaret Hicks, and Flora and Bobby McKenzi, for without them I would not have been able to purchase the materials. As I reflect on my Eagle Scout project it was awesome experience and I could not have done it without the assistance of the scouts that came out to support me.

Velasco Named Outstanding Teacher

Bonnie Velasco, a veteran educator with 34 years of experience and an art teacher with Frederick County public schools since 1996 is the Frederick County recipient of the 2009 Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award. The Washington Post presents these awards annually to recognize excellence in teaching, encourage creative and quality instruction, and contribute

to the improvement of education in the Washington metropolitan area. Mrs. Velasco earned her Bachelor's degree in art education at the University of Maryland and she has her A.P.C. certificate for teaching art to grades K-12. Bonnie and her husband Jamie graduated from High Point High School in 1970.

Share Your News! send your neighborhood news items to tedladd02@aol.com.

Neighbors in the News

Emmanuel UMC Vacation Bible School

By Todd Reitzel

Emmanuel United Methodist Church will hold its 2009 Vacation Bible School (VBS) the week of July 20-24. Emmanuel VBS welcomes both children and adults from throughout the community to join us for a week of evenings together. The registration fee will be \$10 per child and \$10 per adult, but there is a \$40 maximum fee per family and adults bringing children to VBS attend for free. Also, anyone who attends all five nights gets his or her money back.

Each evening together will include dinner at 5:30 p.m. and learning and activities from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This year's theme for young people is Camp E.D.G.E., or Experience and Discover God Everywhere. Activities will include Bible lessons, crafts, music, and science. Emmanuel VBS is open to ages 4 and above, and volunteers



(From left) Monica Hatton, Tyler Pulik, Timmy Pulik, and Angela Hatton attended Vacation Bible School at Emmanuel United Methodist Church last year.

are also welcome.

The adult curriculum will be determined in coming weeks. Adult classes will include an English-Spanish bilingual component.

Registration forms are available on the church website at [http://](http://www.emmanuelumcbeltsville.net)

www.emmanuelumcbeltsville.net, or contact the church office at 301.937.7114 or at eumcbeltsville@earthlink.net. Emmanuel UMC welcomes all members of the community to join in the VBS fun this summer.

Expanded Greenbelt Farmers Market is Open

A larger Greenbelt Farmers Market, with more variety, more chef demos, and more children's activities, opened at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 17th on the west parking lot of Roosevelt Center. A total of 19 local farms, orchards, and other producers will bring their best offerings to market Sundays (except Labor Day weekend) through November 22nd.

The market vendors will offer produce, pasture-raised meats, sustainable seafood, soaps, herbal vinegars, ice cream, breads and baked goods, flowers, bedding plants, vegetable and herb plant starts, honey, coffee and goat cheeses.

"Shoppers are going to be knocked out by the variety and the quality of this year's market offerings," Greenbelt Farmers Market

president Kim Kash said. "The parking lot where the market is held will be packed as full as it can be with vendors this year. Most farmers markets don't see this kind of growth in their second year, and I think it says a lot about the Greenbelt community that so many new vendors want to be a part of this."

Many artsy and educational activities will also be woven into the Sunday market throughout the season, including a children's scavenger hunt, a Second Sunday Chef at the Market series, and plenty of musical performances for both children and adults.

IMPORTANT: There will be no parking in the central parking spaces on the west parking lot of Roosevelt Center from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sunday mornings,

to make room for the farmers market. Parking will be available at the periphery of the lot, and in the front and rear lots of Roosevelt Center.

About Greenbelt Farmers Market – Located on the west parking lot at Roosevelt Center in Old Greenbelt, MD, on Sunday mornings from May 17 through November 22 (excluding Labor Day weekend), the Greenbelt Farmers Market is a producer-only market emphasizing locally grown produce and other foods. The market is a 501(c)3 non-profit and a Maryland Charity; it is supported in part by grants from the Greenbelt Community Foundation and the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission. For more information, visit greenbeltfarmersmarket.org.

Activities Around The Girl Scout Council Of The Nation's Capital

In service unit 23-7, Beltsville, MD a Junior Troop worked with College Park Animal Shelter. The shelter houses kittens/cats for adoption. The four girls cleaned the exterior of the cat play area, hung sun catchers, weeded and cleaned around the shelter. They held a food drive at a local grocery store and they collected 91 cans of cat food, 3 bags of litter, 10 cat treats and 2 boxes of dog bones. The girls also wrote letters to the community to receive more supplies. The community was very supportive. They received five gallons of paint to re-paint the shelter and plants to put in and around the building. The Aktion Club at Duckworth School worked with the girls to make kitty toys to give out when the cats are adopted.

The following troops from Bowie: 5094, 570, 639, 2432, 6417, & 2576 participated in Bowie's bi-annual stream cleanup. Nearly 50 pounds of garbage was picked-up. More than 1,000 pounds of trash was pulled out of the creek between Mount Oak Road & Pointer Ridge Drive in Bowie.

Ambassador Girl Scout & Gold Awardee Aria Miles from 22/6 & Troop 6131 spoke about leadership and Girl Scouts before a Congressional Briefing on Capitol Hill at the Rayburn Building on April 28th. Aria was one of two Girl Scouts representing Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, DC. Aria received this surprise call to participate from Girl Scouts of the USA only days before the briefing. Aria, along with another Gold Award

Girl Scout from Virginia, briefed six Congresswomen. Also present at the briefing were the National Board Chair for the Girl Scouts of the USA; President of GSCNC; Girl Scout Board Members, and staff from GSUSA.

Over 150 Girl Scouts and their families participated in the ninth annual HIKE BIKE Day on April 26th. The event was held at Glenn Dale Community Center. Six Troops conducted activity events for participants. Girls from Troop 1192 in south Bowie conducted their Bronze award at the event by conducting a bike safety clinic.

If you are interested in joining Girl Scouts or becoming a volunteer, please contact Lori Davis at 1.800.834.1702 or 301.638.5373 or ldavis@gscnc.org.



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Scout crossing the Monkey Bridge

Scouts Erect Monkey Bridge

By Gary Baughan, Scoutmaster Troop 1033

The Troop made an appearance at the annual Beltsville Day on May 17th. Using their pioneering and engineering skills of lashing and knot-tying, they constructed a Monkey Bridge made entirely of logs and rope. The scouts involved in building the bridge included: SPL Evan Carr, ASPL David Timus II, Eagle Scout Sean Halper, Mick Cotter, Curtis Gill, C.J. Williams, Jason Freeze, and

Chaim Johnson. The adult leaders for the building project included Assistant Scoutmasters Paul Villarreal and Rick Deery and Scoutmaster Gary Baughan. Throughout the day, children tested their balance crossing the Monkey Bridge, even a 3 year old "Batman" made it across safely. The scouts enjoyed showing off their skills and inviting boys to join in the fun of Boy Scouting. If you have a son who is interested in scouting, please contact Gary Baughan at 301.937.0944.

Science Accolades and Activities

The Prince George's County STEM/Science Fair was held on Saturday, May 16, at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Calverton Elementary sent six student projects, all of which won awards. Fourth grader Nana Agyemang's project won an Honorable Mention. Fifth grader Pedro Aguilar's project won a second place ribbon as well as the Howard B. Owens Science Center's Best Exhibit award. Sixth grader Nina Johnson garnered a second place ribbon as well as the Best Photography Award. Jaian Cuttari, sixth grade student, won a first place ribbon and the Physical Science Award. Matthew Burge, also a sixth grader, won a first place ribbon and the USDA award.

While the science fair winners were preparing to go to the county fair, the fourth graders at Calverton were concentrating on a big project that will help clean up the Chesapeake Bay. With the help of a grant from the WSSC, the Maryland Waterman's Association, and

the Chesapeake Bay Foundation spent many hours constructing "oyster balls," or artificial oyster habitats. The students, under the direction of the fourth grade teacher and science coordinator Ms. Levin, built the oyster balls with concrete, mortar, and special chemicals used for strengthening. The balls will be used to fill the bay back up with oysters.

One-hundred years ago the water in the bay was so clear that one could see the bottom, thanks to the abundance of oysters. Seven oysters can filter a tank of dirty water in an hour, so the plan is to replenish the oyster population and filter the water in the bay. Four lucky students accompanied Ms. Levin to the Chesapeake Bay on May 21: George Martin (from Levin's class), Ashley Flores-Santos (Gibson's), Angela Sierra (Upchurch's) and Zaid Whitney-Wiles (Fulcher's). They traveled to the Memorial Stadium Reef to watch their oyster balls drop into the bay.



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Neighbors in the News

Putting Fore Pink Golf Classic



Kim (Thrush) Weber

On Monday, June 15, 2009, friends and family of the late Kim (Thrush) Weber will host the Annual *Putting Fore Pink Golf Classic* at the Glenn Dale Golf Course in Glenn Dale, MD.

Putting fore Pink was organized to raise funds for the AMW Education Trust Fund, founded by friends and family in memory of Kim Weber. The objective is to raise monies for the educational expenses of her children Ashley, Austin, Aimee and Aspen.

Kim (Thrush) Weber was very active in the Beltsville community and St. Joseph's School that her three young children attend.

Participation in the golf event includes a good luncheon and a silent auction. To register, or for more information, call Tish at 301.448.4276, Ed at 301.210.4410, or go to the website at www.amweducationtrust.com.

Engagement

Nadia Haydee & Steven Jennings Engaged

Victor & Martha Nava announce the engagement of their daughter, Nadia Haydee' of Cuernavaca, Mexico to 1st Lieutenant Steven James Jennings, son of Joseph & Patricia Jennings, residents of Beltsville. An August wedding is planned. Haydee' is an Administrative Assistant at the Universidad Internacional Calle San Jeronimo in Mexico. Steven is a 2006 graduate of McDaniel College. He is assigned to the 330th Transportation Battalion, Ft. Bragg, NC and is currently serving in Iraq.



1st Lt. Steven Jennings & Nadia Haydee' Nava are engaged.

Anniversary

Stello Sixty-sixth Anniversary

Harry and Janet Stello of Silver Spring will celebrate their sixty-sixth anniversary on June 1. They were married at St. John's Episcopal Church in Beltsville. Both were long-time residents of Prince George's County. Harry's family moved to a farm in Beltsville shortly after his birth in 1920, and Janet grew up in the Berwyn area. After their marriage, they lived in College Park, and later moved to University Park, where they lived for 50 years. After serving as a Seabee in WWII, Harry built and operated a bicycle sale and repair shop in College Park, and later built Maryland Cycle & Equipment Company on Greenbelt Road. Harry ran the business for fifty-three years, with Janet doing the secretarial and daily bookkeeping work. The couple now lives in Riderwood Village. (Harry remembers when the site was a farm and can tell you who owned most of the land in that area.)

They have been blessed with two children, Harry E. Stello, Jr. of Jessup, MD, and Janet S. Menassa, of Linden, VA, four grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.



Mr. & Mrs. Harry E. Stello, Sr.



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Willow is a gorgeous 3-year-old Akita. He was found limping in the snow with a rope tied around his neck. Willow is in current need of a cruciate surgery for both back legs. This is a costly procedure and we need your help to get willow the surgery he needs so that he can run and play like he so desperately

wants to. Every little bit helps! All donations can be mailed to College Park Animal Welfare Committee, Attn: A. Lightning, 4601 Calvert Rd College Park, MD 20740. Checks can be made out to College Park Animal Welfare Committee. Thank you!



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Club News

Beltsville VFW

By Ray Schar, Sr.

The Jacob A. Blatt Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10260 held its meeting on May 19 at the Beltsville Boys and Girls Club on Roby Avenue. The major item for action was the election of the Post's officers for the coming 12 months. After the nominations were closed, the following officers were elected: Post Commander, Walter Snow; Sr. Vice Commander, Alvin L. Beecraft, Jr.; Jr. Vice Commander, John T. Worthington, III; Quartermaster, Walter S. Mietus; Chaplain, John Garofolo; Service Officer, Daniel Dove; Surgeon, Ray Schar; Trustees, George W. Barclay and Daniel Dove.

Memorial Day ceremonies will be held at the Beltsville Post Office parking lot on Monday, May

25 starting at 11:10 a.m. Members and guests are encouraged to attend.

Following the usual custom of the Post, summer meetings for the months of June, July and August were discussed. Since attendance for these months has been very low in past years, it was voted that meetings during these months be cancelled and that the next meeting be held on September 15, 2009 starting at 7:00 p.m.



The United States Air Force band will hold its television broadcast taping of their musical tribute to American veterans on June 17 from 8:00 to 10:30 p.m. at the music center at the Strathmore in Bethesda. If interested in attending this free television broadcast taping, please call SMSgt Jennifer Pagnard at 202.767.4310 or e-mail her at Jennifer.pagnard@afncr.

af.mil for free tickets. The USAF orchestra, the Singing Sergeants and other guest artists will perform.

Beltsville Young at Heart Club

By Barbara Schofield

Hi, good members. The May 7 meeting was business as usual and our outstanding executive people did a fine job as they normally do. Marge gave out certificates of appreciation to the anniversary luncheon committee headed by Norma Good for a job well done. We are losing Ann McClan-

nahan who has been running the ways and means table. She will be sorely missed as the table finally started to make some money. Marge presented her with a certificate of appreciation for such good work. Eighty-two members and seven guests attended this meeting. 50/50 was won by Ray Nagel, Mary Smith, and Livia Foley. May 21 was entertainment

time with The Season Players, a senior group that dances and sings. Everyone enjoyed them. Our new directories are in; you can pick up one at the front table. Pat Midkiff, Pearl Stavely and Elmo Webb won the 50/50 today. Remember that everyone should have a friend like you and joy can find you anywhere and anytime. Goodbye.



PreK had a wonderful tea party with their Moms at St. Joseph's School. They brought their own teacups from home & enjoyed cookies together. They loved making their mom gifts, including a change purse, marigold plant and beautiful cards.

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Club News

College Park Unit 217 Celebrates Patriotism in Essay Contest

By Ivy Christoffers

"Soldiers, Past and Present: America, Honor Your Veterans" is the title of the Americanism Essay Contest that was distributed to 18 schools in our area in November of 2008. There were 220 students in seven schools who participated. The essays were picked up the first of February and sent to judges who chose the winners. The first place essays were then sent on for judging by Southern Maryland District. From the Southern Maryland District, the winning essays were sent to the Department of Maryland, American Legion Auxiliary, for further consideration and the winners there were forwarded to the National level for consideration. We are now presenting our area winners with their certificates and monetary awards. Of all the essays received from Group II - Grades 5 and 6 and Group III -

Grades 7 and 8 the following students were recognized: Group II - First Place, Danielle Hatchett of Holy Redeemer, Second Place, Angelique Meday of Beltsville Elementary and Marcus Rindal of Holy Redeemer, Third Place, Mary Dawit of Beltsville Elementary and Marco Martinez of Holy Redeemer, and Honorable Mentions went to Jazmine Beatty of Beltsville Elementary and Lena Dullnig of Holy Redeemer. The essays were so good it was very hard to choose definite first, second and third place winners; so additional students were recognized for their work. Group III winners: First Place, Annalina Perovic of Holy Redeemer (she also took second place on the District level), Second Place, Marco Pittarelli, Holy Redeemer and Third Place was a tie between Jamal Browne of Holy Redeemer and Kevin Flores of Martin Luther King Middle School. In this group Honorable mention went to Elliott Watson of Martin Luther King and Taylor Witte of Holy Redeemer. The winners at Beltsville Elementary have received their awards and the others will receive theirs at their award assemblies in June. We congratulate all the students for their accomplishments.

Other activities this past few weeks have been the Miss College Park contest which was held in



Presenting the new Miss College Park, 2009, Elise Pittman, being crowned by outgoing Miss College Park, Heather Molnar. Elise won a total of \$2,150 from her sponsors that include American Legion Post 217 and the City of College Park Community Service Grant. She was crowned on April 19th at the College Park Moose Lodge.

April. We congratulate Miss College Park, Elise Pittman, a student who will graduate from Maryland University this year. We look forward to her representing us throughout the year at special events. Our thanks to Heather Molnar for the excellent job she did last year as Miss College Park.

We continue to be involved with the Special Olympics of Prince George's County and hosted their bowling banquet on May 9th at our Post home which was a grand time for all the special athletes as they all received trophies and had a great feast and danced to the music of D.J. Wayne "Half-step" Miller. Our Unit and Post is very proud of the hours our members contribute on behalf of the Special Olympics year round. We get a lot of joy from our work with the Special Olympics.

The "Heroes To Hometown/ Wounded Warriors Fund" NASCAR Project that was a collaboration between the American Legion and Behnke Nurseries Co. is nearing completion. The winning tickets will be drawn on May 31st. Good luck to all who participated by buying tickets on the raffle. A GREAT BIG yard sale/ flea market was organized and held at the Post Home, inside and out, on May 16th. This was very well organized and the weather, which threatened to be rainy, held off until 8:00 p.m. A blessing from

above.

Upcoming activities are the initiation of Unit members on June 2nd who have not yet been given that courtesy and the joint installation of newly elected officers on June 28th. Our Sunday dinners continue to be a BIG SUCCESS as well as our fifth Friday Spaghetti Dinners. We still make our monthly visits to Washington VAMC to entertain the residents in The Community Living Center.

Volunteers are always welcome and greatly appreciated. Remember to attend a Memorial Day ceremony, fly your American Flag on June 14th, Flag Day, and wear your Poppy proudly any day of the year. It is the "flower of remembrance." God Bless our Troops and may God continue to bless America.




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Beltsville Rotary Club Sails Away . . . to Bermuda

By Ivy Christoffers

At least one of us did. District 7620 Governor, Betty Lewis, whose theme was "Catch A Dream" decided last year to hold her District Conference aboard a ship bound for Bermuda during the month of May 2009. What a splendid idea! In fact, it was such a good idea that another District, 7260 out of New York and New Jersey, teamed up with us and made this a very special time. We sailed from Cape Liberty in Bayonne, New Jersey on May 9 and returned on May 14 aboard the Royal Caribbean Line's "Explorer Of The Seas." What a Ship. I was aboard five days and never saw the entire vessel. Seminars were held on the way to Bermuda and

again on the way home. Yes, some business was conducted amid all the fun times. A special memorial service was held to commemorate the lives of those Rotarians who we lost during the past year. There was a silent auction that took place during the cruise and all the funds realized were donated to The Rotary Foundation. There was much fun and fellowship shared among the 320 Rotarians on board. There was a total of 3,568 passengers and more than 1,500 crew members making this trip. Two days in Bermuda just were not enough, although we did get some shopping done and some sightseeing in St. George and Hamilton. The weather was delightful, the food superb and the entertainment was Broadway quality. As you can see,



Junior Past Beltsville Rotary President Yuksel Sagirlioglu and President John Moynihan on the event of the history of the life of Sagirlioglu on May 12th.

appreciated. There were several Rotarians and their spouses on the lot from 6:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. stocking tables and selling items. Many people donated items and space was made available by Don Borgwardt to store these items until the day of the sale. Thanks also to the truck drivers and those who helped cart the items to the sale site. One Rotarian baked several items and the wife of Rotary President, John Moynihan, baked 6 of her delicious Irish Soda Breads that are always a big hit at the Bake Table. Raulin's Bakery doughnuts and coffee was a big item in the early morning. Many thanks go out to all who supported this fundraiser for our Scholarship Program for the students at High Point High School, either through donations of sale items, assistance during the sale and clean up after the sale. It goes without saying this could not have been successful without the customers and we heartily thank you, especially the group from New York who went home with quality electronic items at a bargain basement price. Our next fundraiser will be the Rotary Golf Tournament held July 14th. We are actively soliciting participants. If you would like to join us please give President-Elect Richard Salamy a call at 301.595.8900 or President John Moynihan at 301.937.4448. We can guarantee you a good time.

The Beltsville Rotary Club meets at 12:00 noon every Tuesday at the Holiday Inn Hotel in College Park. You are welcome to join us for lunch and become familiar with our members and our programs to aid the community, the nation and the world.

I really enjoyed myself. Cruising is the way to enjoy a vacation.

Now back to the everyday life of a Rotarian. Our speakers this past month have been Jr. Past President, Yuksel Sagirlioglu, who gave an oral autobiography. He has lived a very interesting and colorful life since his birth in Turkey many years ago. Life has changed much since his earliest days. Yuksel has had many and varied experiences on his journey to the position he occupies today. Although I was not present for this revelation as I was on the cruise, I am told it was very interesting. Another Rotarian, John Tvelia, shared a video presentation of his trip with his family to Alaska. The photographs were very lovely and

John's enthusiasm as he narrated the presentation proved to be infectious. Thank you, John, for sharing your vacation with us. May 16th was the date of our annual yard sale/ flea market held at the corner of Powder Mill Road and Pine Street in Beltsville. This venue was organized and orchestrated by Rotarian Howard Phoebus, who did a great job. He contacted Boy Scout Troop 1033 in Beltsville who came out at 6:00 a.m. and set up tents and tables for us and they were there at 1:00 p.m. to help box up the items that did not sell which were picked up by the Amvets truck. A big thanks to these youngsters and their mentors for being there. Their help was sorely needed and greatly

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The school community enthusiastically received Paint Branch Montessori School's Music Assembly. Music lessons with a professional music teacher are an important aspect of the learning experiences at Paint Branch Montessori School, as they learn to read music, to sing, and to play instruments such as recorders and xylophones. Kindergarteners and Elementary students performed at their annual musical recital with much gusto. It was a great way to showcase their much-practiced musical skills.



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High School Student Conducts Important Research for MSC

By Meghan Patrick, Military Sealift Command Public Affairs Department

As high school seniors around the country calculate graduation plans, one Beltsville, Md., student is calculating fuel consumption for ships operated by the U.S. Navy's Military Sealift Command, the primary provider of ocean transportation for the Department of Defense.

Seventeen-year-old Molly Divens' research was born out of an internship opportunity the A-student's science and technology magnet school, Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt, Md., offers senior students who have demonstrated proficiency in the rigorous curriculum. While some of her friends chose to screen blood in medical labs, Divens opted for an engineering internship and the chance to gain practical experience before receiving her high school diploma.

Although MSC does not have a high school internship program, Divens sought out an opportunity to assist the organization. Charlie Fisenne, a project officer in the Special Mission Program at MSC headquarters in Washington, D.C., learned about Divens' interest in the command from her mother, Joan Divens, MSC director of engineer policy and regulatory services. At the time, Fisenne was



Molly Divens, MSC high school student intern and Charlie Fisenne, MSC headquarters project officer in the Special Mission Program, Divens' mentor and supervisor. Divens and Fisenne are standing in front of the poster Molly used at her high school science fair. U.S. Navy Photo by Barry Lake.

preparing to examine the relationship between fuel usage and ship hull modifications, and he needed someone to conduct the time-consuming research that the project would involve. "Molly seemed like a good match," said Fisenne. "I was right."

Since September, Divens has split her days. She spends mornings – 14 hours weekly – working at MSC and afternoons at school, where she is finishing up her final credit hour requirements. While Divens set out to determine whether the addition of hull extensions used for directional stability

could make a ship more fuel efficient, she discovered something more broadly important to fuel economy.

Rather than finding fuel consumption rates the traditional way, which involves installing instrumentation and capturing on a control panel how much fuel is being used at a given speed; Divens mined and correlated data from deck and ship-engine logs.

"I found out how much fuel the ships burned at various mission speeds," explained the 12th grader to the parents and classmates clustered in her high school

gymnasium in February. "I also evaluated kilowatt loading on the ships' generators, and based on that, I was able to determine the optimum number of generators a ship should have online under different mission scenarios."

Her research shows that oceanographic survey ships can run on fewer generators than they have been, providing an opportunity to turn off generators and improve their total fuel economy.

"This research is greatly significant to MSC," Fisenne continued. "The techniques that Molly used for determining fuel economy may be used elsewhere in the command to show the effectiveness of modifications on other shipboard systems."

Divens repeated her findings at a later date to another group, this one including MSC commander Rear Adm. Robert D. Reilly Jr., and other leaders of the command, which employs more than 9,000 civilian, and military personnel worldwide. When she finished, Reilly broke from his strong round of applause long enough to say, "I don't remember exactly what my [high school] science project was, but I think it involved balsa wood and glue. This is quite impressive."

The maritime industry is in her genes. In the fall, Divens will matriculate at the State University of New York Maritime at Fort

Schuyler in the Bronx, a friendly rival of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at King's Point, the maritime university from which both of her parents graduated. Divens plans to pursue her interest in naval architecture, but first she wants to "get a deck license and sail on MSC ships for five or 10 years," she said.

"She's got a bright future, and she's sure off to a good start," said MSC Special Mission Program Manager Rusty Bishop, who also played a role in mentoring Divens' research.

Fisenne agreed. "She does a great job," he said. "I just point her in the right direction, and she figures out how to do it. Molly's a self-starter and highly motivated. She always gives me more than I ask for, and she's always much quicker. Her science fair results aren't too shabby either."

Divens' project placed second in her high school's engineering category, which progressed her to compete in Prince George's County regional finals, where she received a silver medal in the energy and transportation category.

When asked how she thinks this year's experience will help her studies next year, she responded enthusiastically. "What I've heard is that I'll have a big advantage because I've learned so much already."

New Butterfly at Paint Branch Montessori School

The coming of spring brings sunshine, flowers, gardening, and, best of all to a group of two and three year old children, the arrival of insects! There is nothing finer than a fuzzy, creeping caterpillar, especially the kind that produces a beautiful Painted Lady Butterfly!

Our two and three year olds witnessed first hand the emergence of one of these Painted Ladies from a chrysalis they have been watching daily for about five days. What excitement in the classroom! We have been reading books and looking at pictures about the life cycle of a butterfly since the chrysalis arrived in the mail. Everyone has been peering in the netted enclosure hoping to see a butterfly. None of us expected to see the actual process! As we gathered around at circle time to see the chrysalis, it started to move around, kick its legs, and flutter its



newly formed wings until it came out! It was one of those teachable moments that could never be planned as well! Since this is a Montessori class, it was even more appropriate that the class was able to see for themselves how the whole process works. Montessori is all about nature and its interconnectedness with our well being and learning. What

the child learns becomes a part of them, not just something that has been memorized.

Our toddlers won't have to remember the order of the butterfly's life cycle, they have seen it, experienced it, and will carry their enthusiasm of science with them in the years to come. Meanwhile, we are hoping our second chrysalis will come out soon!

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Earth Day Celebration

Students, parents and teachers at Beltsville Elementary enjoyed an Earth Day concert on April 24,

chorus of 3rd grade students in several songs that focused on protecting and caring for the earth. The



Ms. Nancy Allison from the Riderwood Earthday Group presents a check to principal Mr. Steve Beegle.

concert included the school band led by Mr. Lionel Harrell. The 'Recycle Rap' and 'What do you do with a Water Waster' included dancers and singers promoting the message to recycle, reduce and reuse. At the end of the program Ms. Nancy Allison from the Riderwood Earthday Group presented a check to principal Mr. Steve Beegle. The money will help the school purchase garden supplies such as equipment and plants for the School Courtyard Garden Project.

2009 that inspired awareness and appreciation for the earth's environment. Music teachers Denise Barone and Jeni Maneva led a

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Beltsville Elementary School Write-A-Book County Winners

Beltsville is proud to announce that they have several winners from this year's countywide competition. Carlee Meadows, Alexandra Papanicolaou, and Mary Dawit won 2nd Place for their 5th grade fiction story entitled, The Middle. This story was about being stuck between two different social groups at school. Elborz Mazanderan won 3rd Place for his 5th grade play, The Chosen Dragon. Winners were honored at an awards ceremony this month and received medals for their work. The school will be awarded plaques to be placed on display. All the students worked very hard on their stories. Congratulations!



Beltsville Elementary winners Carlee Meadows, Alexandra Papanicolaou, Mary Dawit, and Elborz Mazanderan with Principal Beegle.

Calverton Elem. Celebrates Earth Day!

By Katie Swanson,
Save the World!
Environmental Club
Sponsor

On Friday, April 24, Calverton Elementary continued its tradition of celebrating Earth Day in a big way! We began with a program of green tips, music, and poetry. A fifth grade ensemble recited Joyce Kilmer's poem "Trees." Save the World! Environmental Club members shared some beautiful original poetry in honor of Earth Day. We then shared thoughts on recycling and sang a song promising to care for the planet. The entire school completed the program by reciting the Pledge to the Earth written by Save the World in honor of Earth Day last year.

Throughout the day, students went outside with their classes to pick up litter around the school grounds. In the morning, a group of students chosen by their teachers because of their dedication to the environment planted more than 200 flowers around both entrances to the school. In competing to be chosen to participate in the planting, the children wrote about their feelings for the Earth. Ashley Bonilla (kindergarten) wrote: "To save the world, I can plant flowers. To make the world beautiful, I can plant a garden." Sahil Talati (2nd grade) wrote: "I save the Earth by



Calverton Elementary Students involved in planting on Earth Day.

getting the trash off the sidewalk and the road.... I would recycle the things on the sidewalk." Crystal Boateng (3rd grade) explained: "Planting flowers is a good way to celebrate because after all the pollution and trash, we clean up and make the Earth beautiful."

Calverton would like to thank Country Nursery & Amanda's Arrangements on Route 198 in Burtonsville for their kindness in donating flowers for our Earth Day planting for the second year in a row. Also, many thanks to third graders Jasmine Maddy and Crystal Boateng, who donated gloves for our litter pick-up.

One of our students captured the need for change in our world and the hope that rests in our children and their future in her stun-

ning Earth Day poem:

A Peaceful World

By the Poet Onyinye Obiefuna
(4th grade)

The world is peaceful
When you look at it in a way.
And if you care for it, it's here to stay.
When I hear the robins singing,
And see the trees sway side to side,
That reminds me of how wonderful the world is.
But when I look at the cars passing by,
That reminds me of global warming and pollution,
And makes me think that we won't make it...
But now, I know we will.

School News

Essay Winners Recognized at Beltsville Elementary School

Mrs. Rodriguez from the American Legion Unit 217 in College Park surprised three students from Beltsville E.S. on Friday May 15, 2009 announcing that they were winners of the essay competition: Remembering Our Veterans — Soldiers Past and Present. After evaluating more than 225 essays three of the winners were fifth grade students from Beltsville. Angelique Medley (2nd place), Mary Dawitt (3rd place) and Jazmine Beatty (Honorable Mention) received certificates and cash awards.



Angelique Medley, Mary Dawitt and Jazmine Beatty receive certificates and cash awards from Mrs. Rodriguez



Faith and Tradition Celebrated At St. Joseph's Catholic School

We congratulate our St. Joseph's parish school and religious education students for continuing on their spiritual journey. On May 2, 2009, they received the Blessed Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The school then held its annual May Procession in honor of Mary on May 4th. The crowning of the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the adoration of flowers allows us to show our devotion to the Holy Mother as our intercessor to Her Son. Thank you to Mrs. Altemus and all the religious educators who helped to sponsor this event and those that help guide our children's faith.

FAR-B Hosts In-School Field Trip for Beltsville Elementary School

FAR-B (Friends of Agricultural Research at Beltsville) a group of research scientists from USDA-BARC and UMD hosted an in school field trip for Beltsville Elementary students in grades 1-6 during the last week of April. As students rotated through three 20-minute sessions they participated in hands-on exhibits, learning about environmental chemistry, nutrition and different types of insects. Students learned about the different foods that comprise the USDA's food pyramid and how to choose healthy foods. At the insect station, scientists helped students understand the basic chemistry involved in insect



Alyssa Russel, Karla Platero, Jessica Pena, Gabriela Gonzalez, Tatyana Theranus, Bianca Wright, are looking at different types of insects.



Science2 Nadia Louis, Jose Chuquitaip, Santiago Flores and Iris Chavez use spray bottles to demonstrate how rainwater mixed with pollutants contaminate rivers.

communication and how to use this knowledge for pest management. They also learned ways to protect themselves from biting insects during outdoor activities.

"We are fortunate to have such highly talented and dedicated scientists participate in our schools educational program. These types of programs enrich the educational curriculum for our students by providing hands-on real world experiences," said principal Steve Beegle.

MLK News

By Michelle Mariani Williams

Prince George's County Public Schools has made two adjustments to the 2008-2009 school calendar due to inclement weather. The last day for students is now Thursday, June 18th and the last day for teachers is Friday, June 19th.

Upward Bound at the Uni-

versity of Maryland is encouraging 8th grade students to apply to their academic enrichment/college preparation program. Upward Bound is a free program for students who are scheduled to attend High Point, Northwestern, or Bladensburg High School and provides guidance for students with: Saturday Academy- students receive supplemental instruction in Literature/Composition, Sci-

ence, French/Spanish, Mathematics and Computer Applications; a Summer Residential Session at the University of Maryland, College Park; Group and Individual Advising/Counseling; College Entrance Exam (SAT/ACT) preparation; and college tours and cultural activities. If you want more information about Upward Bound or need an application, visit www.precollege.umd.edu or call 301.405.0952.

Calverton Elementary Staff Garners Awards

The Prince George's County Public School System held its annual awards night on May 13 at Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt. Several staff members were honored. Principal Mary Tschudy was recognized for forty years of service. Mr. James Murray, Calverton custodian for

twenty years, was recognized for retiring. Mrs. Laura Tyler, office secretary, was awarded the Outstanding Supporting Personnel award and Ms. Jhanna Levin was awarded two awards, Outstanding Teacher and the Christa McAuliffe Award. We are very proud of these deserving staff members.

At the MICCA conference in April, two staff members were honored as well. MICCA, an association for Educators Using Technology, was held April 21-22 at the Baltimore Convention Center. Principal Mary Tschudy was awarded the MICCA 2009 Outstanding Technology Leader Award for Prince George's County. The award recognizes an educator outside the classroom who has made exemplary contributions to the implementation of technology in Maryland schools. Fourth grade teacher Mrs. Shirley Upchurch was awarded the MICCA 2009 Outstanding Educator Using Technology Award for Prince George's County. The award recognizes pre K through 12th grade classroom teachers who have made exemplary use of edu-



(From left) Mrs. Laura Tyler, Mr. James Murray, unknown person, Ms. Jhanna Levin, and Mrs. Mary Tschudy at the PGCPs Awards Ceremony



Mrs. Tyler, Ms. Levin and Mrs. Tschudy pose with Ms. Levin's Christa McAuliffe Award—all three were honored at the PGCPs Awards Ceremony

cational technology in the teaching process in Maryland Schools. Dell Computer Corporation sponsors the awards and the honorees are selected by the local educational system.

A Friend Never Forgotten

By Lisa Middleton

It's been a year since I walked in my front door and found my husband sitting in the living room chair severely distraught watching the news. I thought maybe he received the dreaded call that his sick Uncle had passed away. After asking what's wrong a cou-

ple of times, he finally choked out "Richard was killed today." I was confused – Richard? Then I looked at the TV and saw a picture of a police officer with Richard's face attached to it. It couldn't be real. I sat stunned. I watched as they ran the loop of Kelly being flown on the helicopter to Lau-

rel Hospital. She stopped, gave someone a hug, and started briskly walking to the hospital door. We wondered: did she have a chance to say goodbye?

My husband, Darrin, and Rich were best friends growing up. They were two peas in a pod. They rode bikes together after school every day. They played in the woods behind Richard's house on Dunnington Road – climbing trees and digging for old bottles. They went to prom and celebrated their graduation from High Point High School together. As they grew older, their interests took them on separate paths but they always kept in touch. It turns out, once Rich considered you a friend, you were always a friend. I was blessed to be counted as a friend when Darrin and I started dating. My favorite memory is of Rich sitting at our kitchen table closing out our holiday party 'til 3:00 a.m. just catching up on life's happenings. He was working on his paramedic certification. He surely had stories to tell as a paramedic and volunteer fire fighter.

After his death, so many people shared memories of Richard and two common themes emerged – he was a gregarious guy who liked to

crack jokes, make funny sounds, and do impressions. He was also a devoted public servant and loving husband and father. After volunteering for the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department for 10 years, he added Prince George's County Police Officer to his call of service. He was stationed in Beltsville in 1998 and continued volunteering at the fire department. He married Kelly in 2000 and grew his family by two – Nicole and Lauren. They settled in a quaint New Windsor home and became part of another community.

If you live in Beltsville, you may not have known Rich but there's a good chance you remember his funeral. According to media reports, there were 3,000 people outside of St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Sellman Road (I estimated about 700 inside). They watched the casket arrive on a fire truck, listened to the bagpipers, and stood outside listening to the eulogy and service through speakers outside the church. From the church, the attendees drove to the funeral, single file, behind the fire truck carrying Rich's casket. We drove past the police department, the fire department on to Route 95, 495, then to Route 50. The highways were closed for us and people gathered along median strips, some waving, and some saluting.

I later saw video on TV of Kelly and her two girls in the funeral procession. Kelly made it through that day without collapsing. A hero in her own way, she made it through those days and even months since then. She told me each day is for her girls – helping them adjust to their new "normal."

When asked about his favorite memory of Rich, Darrin stated "definitely riding bikes everyday after school. We'd play the woods behind his house and climb trees. We'd climb these skinny trees all the way to the top, hang on as it dropped to the side and then let go. We played marbles on the sewer tops; played kick ball on Dunnington Road. There were a lot of kids ready to play."

With shared memories and a desire to honor Rich, his childhood friends have arranged for a *Funds for Friends Night* at **The Greene Turtle in Laurel on June**

30th. All are welcome to help support our friend and local hero at **The Greene Turtle from 11:00 am until closing at 2:00 am. on July 1st**. The Greene Turtle will donate 10% of its sales from open to close to Nicole and Lauren Findley, Richard and Kelly's two young daughters.

Danny Deltufo, long-time bartender at The Greene Turtle, grew up on Stonehall Drive in Calverton. He played baseball and football with Rich in the Calverton Rec leagues and then played football at St. Johns' CYO until high school. He says, "first and foremost, Richard is dearly missed, by not only his family, friends, and fellow Police Officers, but also by the community he so bravely served. As a childhood friend of Richard's, I feel it an honor for The Greene Turtle to hold a fundraiser that would help make things more comfortable for Kelly and the girls."

It was with bagpipes, 21-gun salute, color guard and helicopter fly-over that we bid farewell to a friend who liked to ride bikes and play sports and then became a hero. My husband kept saying "it's Richard, just Richard" – all innocence lost, the marbles left behind long ago to become a man who put himself in danger every day that he put his badge on. He became a hero for not only standing up for what he believed in, but for being a devoted husband, father, and friend. There isn't a day that goes by that we don't think about him. A police siren, a fire truck, a drive through Beltsville or Laurel, a picture of his contagious grin.... Please join us on **June 30th**. Even if you didn't know Rich personally, you can honor a man who fearlessly served his community and faithfully loved his family. We'll gather together to share memories and hopefully ease the ache that still settles in our hearts a year later.

If you can't make it to The Greene Turtle but would like to honor Richard's commitment to the Beltsville community and his family, you can send a check to Beltsville VFD 4911, Attn: Chief Schwartz, Prince George's Ave, Beltsville, MD, 20705. Make the checks payable to Beltsville VFD 4911 and in the memo line write Findley.

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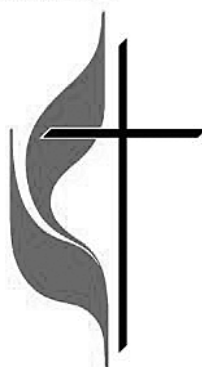
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Special Olympics Challenge Day at James E. Duckworth School

Special Olympics Challenge Day was held at the James E. Duckworth School in Beltsville on May 1, 2009. This is a traditional annual event at the school that began in May 1994, when Duckworth held the very first Challenge Day in the state of Maryland.

Opening ceremonies began at 9:00 a.m. An honor guard of Greenbelt Police officers presented the colors, and Duckworth student Jerel Layne led the pledge of allegiance.

The procession of student athletes was accompanied by music provided by the Buck Lodge Middle School band. Peer coaches from Beltsville Elementary School, John Nevins Andrews School, Concordia Lutheran School, or Beltsville Seventh Day Adventist School accompanied each student athlete. Robust cheers and sustained applause from an audience of several hundred marked the procession. The motto for the peer coaching/mentoring program is, "Behind Every Champion is a Great Coach."

The national anthem was presented by Ms Joyce Cooper-



(From left) Adofolabi "Bobo" Adewunmi, Kevin Harrell and Peer Coach Alex Washington from John Nevins Andrews School make their way to the podium to light the Special Olympics torch.

Brooks, followed by opening remarks and introduction of guests by Duckworth's Principal, M. Catherine Sabatos.

Representatives of the peer coaches from each of the participating schools were invited to comment on their experiences. Gabriela Hernandez from Beltsville Elementary School said that the idea of being a peer coach made her a little scared at first, but she later became very happy and learned that, "Everyone can succeed." Other peer coach rep-

resentatives had similar uplifting remarks. These included Emily Reavis from Concordia Lutheran School, John Vaughese from Beltsville Seventh Day Adventist School, and Preston Shirsat from John Nevins Andrews School.

Councilman Tom Dernoga, serving as Honorary Head Coach, noted that, "Everyone needs a peer coach," and cited Delegates Barbara Frush and Joseline Peña Melnyk as his personal peer coaches. Both were in the audience. He thanked all who came and helped

out, "especially the peer coaches."

Duckworth students Kevin Harrell and Adofolabi "Bobo" Adewunmi ceremoniously lit the Olympic torch. Honorary Head Coach Tom Dernoga then announced the official start of the games, and student athletes, peer coaches, faculty members and volunteers moved to various inside and outside venues to begin the games. The games included soccer, aquatics, tennis, adapted golf, adapted lacrosse, kickball, pacer-racer, adapted trike relay and vol-

leyball. The games were part of the motor activities training program designed to address the needs of students with multiple and or severe disabilities who could not compete in the traditional Special Olympics. The program emphasizes specific sport training and participation rather than competition. The team or individual sport is modified. All athletes trained a minimum of two months with their peer coaches.

Many among the crowd of attendees were parents and close relatives of Duckworth's student participants. One of these was Joyce Onadipe of Laurel, mother of student "Bobo" Adewunmi. Joyce said that Bobo had attended Duckworth for some 15 years, since he was six years old, and would graduate on June 2, 2009. He would then be going to the Melwood Garden Center in Upper Marlboro. She expressed pride in his development at Duckworth, and was very pleased that he would be working at the Melwood Garden Center.

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BELTSVILLE EVENTS

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CLUB OF BELTSVILLE

Monday, June 8 at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane.

VANSVILLE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

Monday, June 8 at 7:00 p.m. at Franklin Brown Building, Vansville Recreation Park, 11733 Old Baltimore Pike, Vansville.

BELTSVILLE RECREATION COUNCIL

Monday, June 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Beltsville Community Center.

BELTSVILLE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, June 17 at 7:00 p.m. at Beltsville Elementary School, 4300 Wicomico Ave.

YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

1st & 3rd Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. at the Beltsville Community Center

BELTSVILLE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTER (BARC)

ANNUAL FIELD DAY has been cancelled.

BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, June 4, 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Med-Star Health Blood Drive. Bldg. 005, Room 021, BARC-West, 10300 Baltimore Ave., Beltsville. Please contact Tina Paul for an appointment at 301.504.7657 or e-mail Cristina.Paul@ars.usda.gov.

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PROGRAMS FOR EVERYONE

CHESS CLUB

Tuesdays, June 9 and 23 at 7:00 p.m. Come to learn or just to play with other players and have fun. For all ages and levels. Everyone welcome.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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TODDLER TIME

Mondays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs, and fingerplays especially for children ages 18 months-3 years old.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM KICK-OFF

Tuesday, June 2 at 7:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social: Kick off summer reading with a tasty summertime treat. Free ice cream and lots of toppings. Special appearance by a mystery guest. Sponsored by the Friends of the Beltsville Library. All ages.

STORYTIME

Wednesdays, June 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs, and fingerplays. Ages 3-5.

FAMILY GAMING DAZE

Monday, June 8 at 6:00 p.m. Play video games at your library. Participants will have the opportunity to play games on a Nintendo Wii; Xbox 360, including Mario Kart, Super Smash Bros. Brawl; Madden; and multiple board games. Sponsored by the Friends of the Beltsville Library. Families welcome.

DINOROCK'S DINOSAUR BABIES

Monday, June 15 at 2:00 p.m. Interactive musical puppet theater for preschoolers and children 6-12.

DADDY AND ME SPECIAL STORYTIME

Tuesday, June 16 at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, June 18 at 10:30 a.m. Songs, fingerplays, and stories celebrating fathers and their families. Ages 6 and under and their families.

MADAMA BUTTERFLY

Wednesday, June 17 at 7 p.m. Free family opera workshop by the Washington National Opera. Teaching artists will introduce families to the stories and music of opera. Children will explore how music communicates plot, character, and emotion through hands-on crafts and creative music activities. Ideal for children ages 4-10 and their families.

MARYLAND SCIENCE CENTER

Tuesday, June 30 at 7:00 p.m. Brain benders for children 6-12.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

ESCAPE TO READING

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FRIENDS OF THE BELTSVILLE LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION

Wednesday, June 10 at 7:30 p.m. Muriel Spark's *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*. Drop by the library to pick up a copy.

MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesday, June 17 at 10:30 a.m. Edward Jones's *The Known World*. Copies are available at the library.

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Express Yourself @ Your Library: express, explore, expound, and expand your world through reading this summer. Win a small prize and become eligible to win a gift card by reading and attending events. Fill in your Reading Log and turn it in to win prizes. Attend special events in July. Drop by the library for more details.

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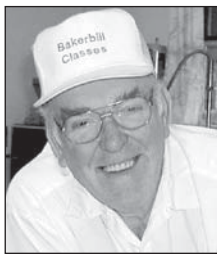
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Baker Bill

STUFF 'N THINGS

June is a warm month. May was as well, but now the really hot weather comes. Graduations and party time, well maybe for

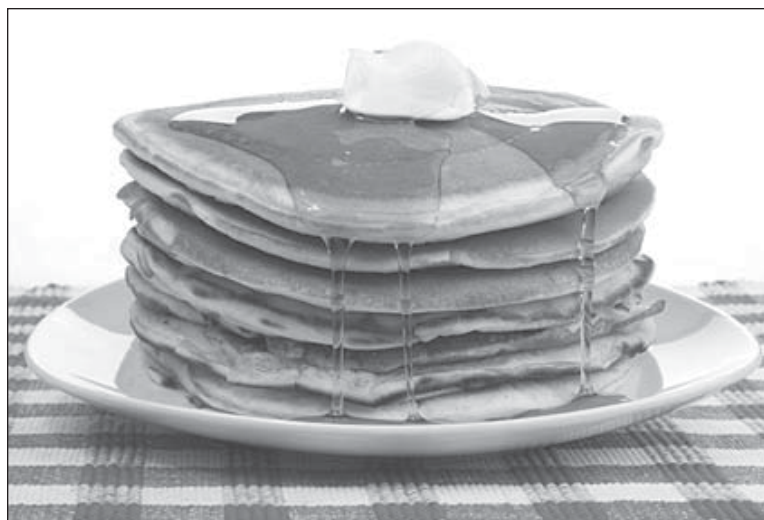


you, I am too old. I was talking to a friend just today. He's the same age as me. I said, "It's tough getting old." He said, "Yes but we remember when." Too true. If we had Alzheimer's we wouldn't remember the last ten minutes. But thirty years ago, clear as a bell.

In the consumer corner, doesn't it gall you when people think they have a right to park in the fire lane instead of a parking spot just a few yards away? I got a ticket a few years ago for doing this. When I pointed out that there were unauthorized cars parked in handicap spots, he just smiled. I know I was wrong and paid the price. The Center is located on Briggs Chaney Road. All the employees park in the close up places. Other than Safeway, I shop elsewhere because of this. To me this is poor management of the Center.

When I owned the bakery in Chestnut Hills the landlord sent out notices about every six months asking employees to park lower, leaving the up front spots for customers.

More consumers' corner: If I want to have a bad day all I need do is call any company that has an automatic voice helper. As you



may know none are good and most are very frustrating. They never stop talking, and if you answer the question before they stop they say I didn't understand that and you need to start over. And I have had a bad day today; I needed to call two companies. I am glad this day is almost over.

My wife buys pancake mix in a plastic jug adds water and pours. Great, but expensive. Here's a recipe to try.

Pancakes (Home Made)

In a small bowl place $\frac{3}{4}$ cup flour all purpose, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon baking powder, 1 tablespoon sugar,

stir together add 1 tbsp oil and 1 tsp. oil. To the flour mixture add one egg and slowly add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk more or less. Also add flavor Vanilla or maple are good. I write this because as a man I always guess at the flour. Whip the mixture well with a whisk until all

the lumps are gone. The mixture should be a bit runny so it will pour into the pan. Fry as normal.

What is above is exactly what is in the bag or box. The only difference is they use cake flour that is hard to find, if at all. If your bag is a bit yellow it is because they use some corn flour (cheaper). This recipe will make 4 good size pancakes. Yes it will store well in a plastic bag ready for future use!

I am not one that dwells on birthdays. If everyone forgets it that's fine with me. But on this birthday my family surprised me. All of them chipped in and bought me a Cadillac grill. Stainless steel the works. I was speechless I never could have afforded one like this. The best birthday since my youngest grandson was born just after my birthday a few years ago.

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Family-oriented service: 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Between September and June

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TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Saturday, June 13 at 2:00 p.m. Join us for snacks, brainstorming, discussion, and more. Bring your friends and ideas. Suggest books, magazines, CDs, and movies for the library. Plan programs, become involved in your community, and earn service hours. Fun! Ages 13-18.

BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

3900 Sellman Rd., Beltsville. Please call 301.937.6613 for information regarding more June programs, services, and courses. TTY: 301.445.4512. Hours of operation: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m., Friday-Saturday 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., Sunday 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

HISTORY OF WIMBLEDON

Tuesday, June 2, 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Learn the history of one of the most prominent tennis competitions of our time and learn some

interesting tennis techniques. Reservation required by June 1. Ages 6-12. FREE.

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY DAY

Monday, June 15, 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. The Beltsville Community Center is surrounded by trees, bushes, flowers, a 3-mile nature trail, a stream, and scenic panoramic views. Join us on a tour and build a scrapbook of great nature photography. Cameras optional. Reservation required by June 12. All ages. FREE.

BUSINESS ETIQUETTE

Saturday, June 20, 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Have you ever wanted to know the right way of communicating at work? How about learning the best way to make long-lasting business relationships? Ask our professional etiquette coach for the answers. Reservation required by June 18. Ages 16 and up. FREE.

XTREME TEENS EVENTS

Fridays and Saturdays, 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Ages 13 - 17. FREE with Xtreme Teens ID card.

VANSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

6813 Ammendale Rd., Vansville. The Vansville Community Center offers programs in Fitness & Health and for people with disabilities. Call 301.937.6621 for more information on these and other programs. FAX: 301.937.6623. TTY: 301.445.4512. Hours of operation: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., and Sunday, 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

CELEBRATE ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR GONE

Friday, June 19 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Start the summer with our end-of-the-year sundae social. Pick your ice cream flavor and favorite toppings. Ages 10-13. FREE with valid center ID.

FATHER / SON SPORTS DAY

Saturday, June 20 at 11:00 a.m. Make us part of your Father's Day weekend plans. Have brunch and then get active in our gym or outside on our soccer field or tennis courts. Ages 5 and over. FREE with valid center ID.

XTREME PRE-TEENS EVENTS

Fridays, 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Ages 10-12. FREE with Xtreme Teens ID card.

XTREME TEENS EVENTS

Saturdays, 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Ages 13-17. FREE with Xtreme Teens ID card.

ADVENTURE

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beams, and riding the zip line. After a campfire dinner, the instructors taught the girls how to tie on their own ropes and safety gear for rock climbing. The girls spent the evening climbing an indoor rock wall. Before bed they enjoyed a "no flashlights" night hike.

On Sunday at Sugarloaf Mountain they put their climbing skills to the test on real rock. We hiked to the top of the mountain where our Calleva instructors had set up two rock-climbing sites and a rappelling site. Throughout the day, girls were encouraged to take turns trying out the different rock climbing paths and to practice rappelling from the top down.

When asked about their personal accomplishments, many of the girls talk about overcoming their fear of climbing higher on the rock wall or rock face. They say it required a determined, positive attitude to keep going and trust in the belay system and the guides. Others mention successfully rappelling over the edge of Sugarloaf or stepping off of the platform to ride the zip line because those were creepy feelings. Sleeping away from home and in the open air of a rough cabin was new for some of the group. For a few of the girls, the activities were not scary, so they worked on more challenging climbing paths.

Troop 423 members are Kelly Carpenter, Grace D'Eustachio, Rachel DeVore, Kaitlyn Ellison, Lillian Enoch, Jaylen Harris, Dezerai Thursam, Mikyia Thursam, Mendy Tossou, Abigail Wester, and Asia Williams, with guest Mary Wester from Troop 2751.

Thanks to the adult chaperones who gave of their time and also faced their own camping and climbing challenges: Margo Carpenter, Deanna Ellison, Kirk Ellison, Andria Stafford, and Kelly Wester. Thanks also to our Calleva guide, Karen Seibert, who clearly loves her job and gave our girls her undivided attention.

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Sunday Worship:
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Wednesdays:

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Mah Jong players needed for Tuesday evenings 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. If interested, call 301-474-7842.

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