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Beltsville Briefs

Basket Bingo

St. Joseph's Parish will conduct a Basket Bingo on Friday evening, March 4th, in the Parish Hall at 11011 Montgomery Road from 7:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. (non-smoking). Come join us for this fun-filled event. Bingo winners will receive speciality baskets, pottery and home accessories. There will be door prizes and raffles, too! Tickets are available for \$10.00 (in advance) daily at the school and parish offices, or at the door. Refreshments are available. Snow date is March 5th.

Laurel Regional Hospital Auxiliary to Hold Fundraiser with Uniform City

The Laurel Regional Hospital Auxiliary will hold a uniform sale fundraiser with Uniform City on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The sale will be held in the J. Russell Jones room at Laurel Regional Hospital located at 7300 Van Dusen Road, Laurel. Sale items include quality pants and tops in print or solid colors, white lab coats and shoes. Cash, check and credit accepted. The proceeds from this event will go toward capital equipment for the hospital.

Volunteers Needed at Laurel Regional Hospital

Laurel Regional Hospital is in need of volunteers to assist at the hospital's main information desk and in the hospital's Gift Shop, primarily on evenings and weekends. Volunteers must be dependable, responsible, and friendly adults who are able to commit to a scheduled three-hour shift for the information desk. Shift times available vary but in general are 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Gift Shop shifts vary. Training is provided for all volunteers. For more information please contact the Director of Volunteer Services at 240.456.4764 or apply online at www.dimensionshealth.org.

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Eagle Scout Project Revives Church Pantry



Adrian and his father, Paul Villarroel

By Jennifer Klemens

February 5th saw the successful completion of Adrian Villarroel's (Beltsville Boy Scout Troop 1033) Eagle Scout Project! Adrian's project consisted of engineering, building, and installing a new food pantry at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church, as the old pantry was not up to code. Several scouts helped with the project, including Patrick Deery, Curtis Gill, Eric Matthews, Tyis Robinson, Justin Nowlin, and David Timus, Jr., as well as adults

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Beltsville Girl Scout Creates Comfort Pillows for Breast Cancer Patients

By Mary Johnson

Beltsville resident, Teresa Johnson, a senior Girl Scout from Troop 4129, earned her Silver Award for completing a project to help breast cancer patients. This award represents a girl's accomplishments in Girl Scouting and her community and is the 2nd highest award that can be received in Girl Scouts. Several initial requirements need to be met before beginning a Silver Award project, and the final stage consists of working a minimum of 40 hours on a service project. She will celebrate this event with a party given by her troop where she will be awarded her pin.



Teresa Johnson receives the Girl Scout Silver Award

Inspired by her older brother, who is disabled, Teresa was able to identify issues she cared about, and for many years she has conducted workshops for the disabled elderly in the Frederick community. For her Silver Award project, she began a "Comfort Pillow" workshop, making flannel pillows for patients who had surgery for breast cancer. These pillows are designed as comfort devices and are placed on the area of surgery in order to avoid injury from a shoulder strap of a seat belt. She was able to make a total of 50 pillows that were distributed

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ST. JOSEPH'S SCOUTS CELEBRATE SCOUT SUNDAY

1st row: Tyler P., James M., and Christopher K.; 2nd row: Jeff Kaelin, Olamide O., Bob Miller; 3rd row: JoAnne M., Joseph M., Tim P, Kyle T.; 4th row: Patrick M., Charlotte G., Curtis G., William M., Teresa J, Christina O., Rebecca G., Gloria O'Brien; 5th row: Melissa Gill, Regina Halper



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On the Agenda

BY KAREN M. COAKLEY

Acting Major Rob Brewer is the new Commander at District 6



Karen Coakley

Police Station.
He will give us
an overview
of the various programs
District 6 has
developed for
the residents
of District 6.
Two of the
programs
the police

are offering are "Home Security Inspections" and "Child ID Kits." We will also discuss crime trends within in our community. If you have a specific concern that you would like to discuss please let me know by March 14th. Peg Duchesne of Duchess Enterprise will give a presentation on Pharmacy Discount Card.

VETERANS CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL Ivy Christoffers will give a presentation of the festival that will be held in Beltsville April 9th. The American Legion Auxiliary serves 5 VA Medical Centers in Maryland and they all participate in Veterans Creative Arts. Their local winners are submitted to the National level for competition and many have also medalled there. Because of the numbers of winners in each category, there are 53 different categories of visual arts and then we have the performing arts of music, dance, drama and creative writing; many have never has the opportunity to attend the national festival. We are trying to remedy that by

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25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

Excerpted from the March 1986 issue

Cherry Hill Camp City

A proposal to build a "Camp City" on a 48-acre site within the triangle formed by 1-95, the Capitol Beltway and Cherry Hill Road was discussed at the Citizens' Association Meeting of February 1986.

Engagement Announced

Noelle Marie McElwee of Paoli, Pa. was engaged to John Joseph Hildreth of Beltsville.

Volunteer of the Year

Mrs. Jeanne Smith was declared the winner of the Volunteer of the Year award for Prince George's County Public Schools.

Chen to White House Conference

John H. Chen, owner of

High-Tech International Beltsville was selected as delegate to the National White House Conference on Small Busi-

Happy Retirement

John & Kathryn Miller retired from the Citizen's National Bank and Trust Co. of Maryland. Each worked nearly 31 years at the Bank.

Christy to Coordinate

Dr. A. Lawrence Christy was appointed to coordinate weed science research at the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's Agriculture Research Service.

New Arrivals

Michael & Rose Eugene Beltsville announced the birth of their son, Christopher Michael born on December 4, 1985.

Mary Beth & Jeff Erickson announced the birth of

daughter, their Lucy, on February 20, 1986.

National Award

Joy Elaine Romoser, a student at High Point High School, was named a winner in Speech and Drama of the U.S. National Award Society.

Obituaries

Eugene Thomas McGuire, 65, passed away December 29, 1985 at Holy Cross Hospital.

Charles Thomas Waller, 70, passed away on Feb. 27, 1986 at his Beltsville residence.

Iida Nyberg, 67, passed away Feb 12, 1986 at the Baptist Hospital, Miami, Florida.

Scott D. Fellers, infant son of Dave and Patti Fellers died suddenly Feb. 22, 1986.

Wayne Anderson Mason, 53, died at Presbyterian University Hospital of Pittsburgh awaiting a liver transplant.

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to patients at the Mercy Medical Breast Center in Baltimore and the Center for Breast Care at Calvert Memorial Hospital in Prince Frederick, Maryland. Each pillow was presented with a beautiful handmade card that contained an inspiring message.

One patient who received a pillow sent Teresa a thank you note to express her appreciation and commented how much the pillow helped her through her difficult

Special acknowledgements of

gratitude go to Rebecca and Joanna Bell for putting in many hours to help Teresa make beautiful cards and sewing pillows, to Manasi Pukazhenthi for helping to make cards, to Tammy Bell for donating her sewing machine for the project, to Barbara Butcher and Tammy Bell for donating stuffing and supplies for the pillows, to Lacy Fadely and Annette Wasno for donating material, and to her troop leaders, Gloria O'Brien and Deborah Mast, for giving Teresa guidance with her project. Teresa hopes to continue to make a lasting impact by conducting more workshops in the future. Congratulations, Teresa, on completing a wonderful and helpful project for the community!

Beltsville

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shining the spotlight on them and their accomplishments as well as focusing more public attention on this great program that benefits so many Veterans who have suffered so much from their war experiences. Over 3,600 entered the competition last year representing 123 VA Medical Centers.

Safety Tip: Avoid walk up and drive up ATM machines that are located outdoors after dark. Look around and be aware of your sur roundings.

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, March 16th 7:00 p.m. for the next Beltsville Citizen's Association Meeting. Bring a friend ...Bring a Neighbor. Please let me know if you have as topic that you would like to discuss at a future meeting. I can be reached at 301-937-0157.

New Beltsville Business Association Formed

By Paul G. Zurkowski, President, Greater Beltsville Business Association

The Beltsville News has been reporting on the Beltsville Business Breakfast for the past year. The Breakfast meets at 7:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the Cross Creek Club House and is hosted by Senator Jim Rosapepe and the 21st District Delegation. It is a hot networking occasion and an opportunity for the legislative team to take monthly soundings of the business community, help arrange for future months' speakers and generally pitch in wherever possible.

It will continue at the same time and under the sponsorship of the new association, the Greater Beltsville Business Association and the 21st District Delegation.

"The Beltsville Business Breakfast has developed some muscle as a networking event," Paul G. Zurkowski, newly elected President of the group said. "We will build on that muscle and move forward to a bigger role in the lives of our businesses and Beltsville."

The February Breakfast meeting explored that bigger role. The business community discussed and embraced the new organization: a talented and multi-faceted Board of Directors was introduced; nearly a dozen committee members signed up and membership applications and dues payments were received.

The Board officers include:

President: Paul G. Zurkowski, has served as coordinator of the Beltsville Business Breakfast, and is the marketing manager for his daughter Paula's firm, Ready Real Estate, WMA, LLC.

Vice President: Henry (Buddy) Clark IV, Sales, Joseph W. McCartin Insurance Company, Beltsville. Secretary: Keith B. White,



Paul G. Zurkowski, President of the Greater Beltsville Business Association, introduces members of the Board of Directors on February 15.

Director, High Road School of Prince George's County, Beltsville

Treasurer: Cindy Prestandrea, CEO, Prince George's Federal Community Credit Union, Beltsville.

The board includes:

Director: Thomas Aylward, Vice President for Development, Jackson-Shaw, with three projects in Prince George's County including the Brick Yard development along Route 1 in upper Beltsville.

Ex Officio: Diane Brown, an executive with Prince George's Federal Community Credit Union, serves as Assistant to the President, an ex officio member of the board.

Director: Peg Duchesne, a business and social networking authority, owns Duchess Enterprise. Peg is chair of the Greater Beltsville Business Fair Task Force charged with planning the first major public event in the life of the association, scheduled to present itself at Beltsville Day in May

Director: Bob Mignon, owner of the Beltsville Minuteman Press opposite the Beltsville Post Office is Membership Committee chair and is planning a membership

drive to involve the entire Beltsville Business community.

Director: Fran Smith and her husband David operate Uphoto, a Beltsville source of photo related products and services.

Director: Jay Williams of Jay Williams Design Company, Chairman of the Communications Committee, is in charge of the GBBA web site (www.Beltsville-Business.com) and is developing publication and promotion plans for the group. He created a newsletter to announce the February launch of the new association, one month after the Breakfast group gave their blessing to the new initiative. Call Bob for membership: 301-937-1904

Breakfast Serves Legislative Function

Senator Jim Rosapepe opened

the breakfast and said he was excited to see the group growing in size and mission. He stayed for the meeting and rushed back to Annapolis where his bill (SB 724) was up for hearings. It would require any Small Business Health Options Program to allow employers with 100 or fewer employees (up from 50) to purchase health insurance through the SHOP exchange. The Senator said the idea for the legislation grew out of remarks by Honorable John Colmers, Secretary of Maryland Dept. of Health before the Beltsville Business Breakfast last July. The Senator saw the needs of companies with up to 100 employees and introduced his bill. That's how the breakfast and the 21st District Delegation work together. We will let you know how it goes during this session.

Spring Forward

The peerless prognosticator, Punxsutawney Phil's, call for an early spring is proving correct, as spring has already begun arriving at Beltsville's very own Will's Home Decorating. The owners of Will's Home Decorating, Michael Richards and Valerie Kabelac, have been busy unpacking oversized boxes containing fresh, new bursts of colors in the form of delightful wall covering books and drapery samples in anticipation of spring's onset.



Brother-Sister design team, Michael and Valerie

Particularly exciting is the recent arrival of two acclaimed wall-covering books. The Artisan Collection by Thibaut combines beauty tradition in soft, refreshing colors, and Ronald Redding's Monogram is literally a work of art with recycled glass beads and sand designs exquisitely blended into its newest wall coverings. "The geometric, transitional shapes, graced with unusual textures in a soothing color palette make both of these collections truly unique. You can't capture this type of warmth and interest from paint alone," says designer, Michael. Stop by Will's Home Decorating to see the newest spring colors in drapery and reupholstery fabrics, wall coverings and Benjamin Moore paints.

Community Organizing Skills

President Paul Zurkowski, who holds a law degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School, and his wife, Margaret, a native Washingtonian, live in Beltsville's Cross Creek community, where, for two years of their five-year residence they ran a Good Neighbor Breakfast for Cross Creek residents. He was the founding President of the Information Industry Association in 1969 and built a 900 member (pre-internet) international trade group over a 20 year period. Paul is the 1992 founder of the Catholic Business Network in Montgomery County and also served on the CBN-Prince George's Board of Directors. He founded and published a Catholic Parish community newspaper, Our Parish Times, for 15 years in Montgomery County before moving to Beltsville. He also heads CBN-USA a nationwide service encouraging the creation of business groups to support Catholic education. He recently announced the successful first year performance of the newest such effort, CBN-Greater Philadelphia where he is an advisor to the board.



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and friends: Paul Villarroel, Jenny Villarroel, Kristie Villarroel, Kelly Sosa, Laurie Deery, Rick Deery, David Timus, Sr., and Julio Tejada. In addition to rebuilding the pantry, Adrian also led a food drive to re-stock the pantry.

Adrian, along with fellow members of the troop, tore out the existing pantry shelving and lined the walls with stainless steel sheet metal. Shelves were installed which were made by recycling wood taken from pallets. Before the pallets could be used, they had to be de-nailed, milled, and

cut to size. Once the shelves were constructed, they were stained and finished with a polyurethane semi-gloss high build finish. The shelves fit perfectly, and Adrian was able to maximize shelf space, accessibility, and aesthetic appeal. While the pantry demo and reconstruction was going on, other scouts and helpers sorted food that came in from the food drive.

This project was made possible with contributions from business supporters as well as individuals. Companies such as Lowes, Safeway, Costco, Kalkreuth Roofing and Sheet Metal, and Morris Ginsberg all contributed to the success of the project.

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An Irish Blessing to Uncle Ray Midkiff, Doug Midkiff, Sr., Elva Midkiff Brocht, Lisa Midkiff Puckett and in memory of my parents, Cecil & Georgia Midkiff, and mother-in-law, Jane Curatolo, all of whom have birthdays in March.

Irish Blessing

With the first light of sun-

Bless You When the long day is done-Bless you In your smiles and your tears-Bless You Through each day of your years-Bless You

Happy Birthday Love, Linda

Scouts Lawn and Garden Fundraiser

By Jennifer Klemens

Spring must be right around the corner, as Troop 1033 will hold its Annual Spring Lawn and Garden Fundraiser on March 26th. Look for order forms in your doorways the weekend of March 5 & 6. The scouts are selling top quality mulch, fertilizer, manure and topsoil. Again this

year, Behnke's Nursery products will be sold. There are several advantages to purchasing from the Boy Scouts including: First -We deliver to your home, saving you time, energy, gasoline and keeping your car clean; Second - We provide competitive prices because of the substantial discount given to us by Behnke's Nursery we can offer the products at a competitive price; and Third - 33% of your purchase can be deducted from your taxes as a gift to the Boy Scout Troop. The deadline for placing your order is March 18. Our goal this year is to send every scout in our troop to summer camp. A weeklong Boy Scout camp is what most boys remember their entire life, and we want each boy to have the opportunity to attend camp this year. Your support of our fundraiser will allow this to happen. In addition, this year's fundraiser will provide for the continuation of the award winning Boy Scout program in Beltsville. Our troop has given back to the community over 700 hours of volunteer work including river clean up at Rocky Gorge; roadside clean up along Powder Mill Road; gardening at the Beltsville Academy; planting flower bulbs at the Beltsville Recreation Center; collecting food for the hungry and collecting toys for Children's Hospital. Please note that all efforts to organize and operate this sale are 100% volunteered by supporters of Scouting in Beltsville.



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Tell me of the little winter bird who flies high up onto the top of the maple tree to sing his love to the world:

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Obituaries



George A. Klisher, Jr.

Klisher, George A., Jr.

George A. Klischer, Jr., age 90, of Milford, PA, formerly of Beltsville, MD, passed away on Wednesday, February 2, 2011, at Bon Secours Community Hospital, Port Jervis. He was born August 21, 1920 in Philadelphia, PA, the son of the late George A. Klischer, Sr. and Josephine Broskosky Klischer.

He was a retired engineer for Litton Industries, Inc., at College Park, MD. George proudly served our country in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of the Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Beltsville, MD; a member of the Berwyn Rod & Gun Club in Berwyn, MD, and the Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Assn. in Pennsylvania.

George is survived by his wife of 68 years, Ortha S. Gilmore Klischer. He is also survived by his son, George A. Klischer III and his wife, Mary, of Lothian, MD; his two daughters, Ortha Sosiewicz and her husband, Stanley of Milford, PA, and Darlene Norris and her husband, Mark of Sykesville, MD; his sister, Virginia Verdi of Philadelphia, PA; eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren;

one nephew and two nieces. He was predeceased by his son, Sterling Chace Klischer.

Funeral services were held Friday, February 4, at the Knight-Auchmoody Funeral Home, Inc., in Port Jervis, NY. The Rev. Nancy Vonderhorst officiated. Interment was Wednesday, February 9, at Green Mount Cemetery, West Chester, PA.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Assn., Hudson Valley/Rockland, NY Chapter 2, 2 Jefferson Plaza, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601-4060.

Arrangements by Knight-Auchmoody Funeral Home, Inc., 845.856.3312. To send condolences, please visit Knight-Auchmoody.com.

Payne, Oscar W.

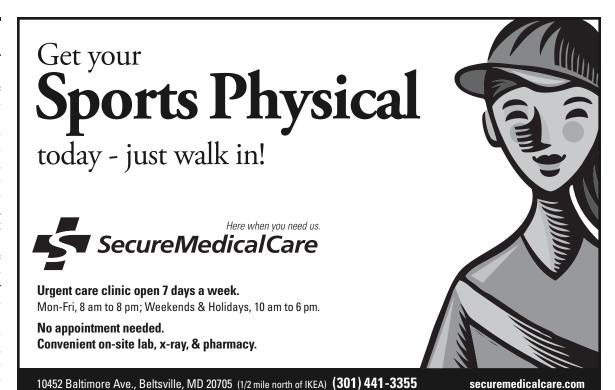
Oscar W. Payne 78, who retired in 1988 after working 35 years at the Naval Ordnance Lab (NOL) in White Oak, Maryland, passed away on December 10. He joined the Navy and served during the Korean War. After getting out of the Navy he worked at NOL and was assigned to the Mechanical Engineering Division in the underwater Systems Department, which was responsible for designing safing & arming devices. After retiring he worked with other retirees at BPOCH Engineering on warhead and sonobuoy projects.

Mr. Payne was very active in the Beltsville Boys and Girls Club and coached baseball, basketball and soccer. He was named "Adult of the Year" from 1961 to 1962. He was a volunteer at the Patuxent Wildlife Center. He was the husband of Sara Hiers Payne and father of Julie Arrowood & Kevin Payne, step-father of Toni Silber and Dr. Bonnie Hiers; grandfather of William, Christina and Katie and step-grandfather of Dane, Nicole, Joey, Jared and Sam. He was the husband of the late Darlene Kingsbury Payne.



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Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

By Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-21)

Concerns about School Budget Cuts

Last month I attended a Vansville PTA meeting and heard your concerns about budget cuts, specifically the possibility of losing full day pre-K, the full-time media specialist, and the 11-month term assistant principal.

I strongly oppose cuts in state education funding for Prince George's. Delegates Barbara Frush, Joseline Peña-Melnyk, Ben Barnes and I have repeatedly urged Governor O'Malley to protect funding for local schools, even in the context of the Great Recession, which has cut state revenue. We will continue to fight hard to protect our schools.

College Scholarships for Beltsville Students

This year, as in the past 5 years, I successfully urged the governor to hold down college tuition rates for local students. Undergraduate tuition at the University of Maryland and our other public colleges was frozen from fall 2005 through 2009. Last year the governor limited the increase to 3%. 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. Appli-



Senator Jim Rosapepe

cations are reviewed for 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.

Preparing for the Next Snowstorm

The snowstorm at the end of January demonstrated yet another episode of PEPCO's failing to deliver the electricity we pay for. After deregulation in 1999, our rates went up more than 70% -but the reliability of our service went down. We have worked with Governor O'Malley on legislation

(SB 692 / HB 391) which would get new, tough mandatory requirements for PEPCO to restore failed service quickly and pay significant financial penalties when they do not. I've also introduced a bill (SB 766) that directs the Maryland Commission on Climate Change, in cooperation with the Department of Transportation and the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, to identify investments to improve the State's ability to respond to severe weather.

Beltsville Clergyman Opens Senate Sessions with Prayer

As you may know, each daily session of the Maryland State Senate begins with a prayer, generally offered by a member of the clergy. This year, at my invitation, Pastor Kermit Netteburg of Beltsville Seventh-day Adventist Church came to Annapolis to lead the Senate in prayer. If you know of clergy who would be interested in offering an opening prayer in the Senate, please contact Carolyn Brenner at 301.858.3141 or rosapepe.aide@inbox.com.

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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Beltsville Strategy Games Club

The Beltsville Strategy Games Club meets every Monday evening in the multi-purpose room of the Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Road, Beltsville from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. The program is open to all ages and is free. The games club has been a community center weekly event since 2002. Call John at 301.613.8297 or write to spineyone@yahoo.com for more information.

Calverton Recreation Council Soccer & Baseball Registra

Spring Soccer and Baseball Registration for kindergarten through 8th grade will take place on Tuesday, March 1st at the Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Road from 7:00 -9:00 p.m. www.calvertonrec.org. We look forward to seeing you

Meals on Wheels St. Patrick's Day **Corned Beef Dinner**

On Saturday, March 12, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. a St. Patrick's Day corned beef dinner is being offered at the College Park Methodist Church 9601 Rhode Island Avenue, College Park. The cost is \$9 for adults and \$7 for children 12 and under. For tickets call 301.474.1002 or E-mail: mow. cpchair@gmail.com. For planning purposes please reserve tickets early. Take-out will be available and tickets may be purchased at the door. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there! Meals on Wheels services Adelphi, Beltsville, College Park and Greenbelt area residents. Visit us on the Internet at www.mowcp. yolasite.com.

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In Prince George's County, Camp Wonderland is open during April 18-21 at Bowie High School Annex, Bowie, MD. In Charles County, It's A Girl's Life is open during April 18-21 at William B. Wade Elementary, Waldorf, MD

In Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's Counties, The Sweet Life is open during April 18-21 at Camp Winona, Hughesville, MD

Adult and Teen Volunteers Always Welcomed!! Registration is Limited So Register Soon! Visit http://www.gscnc.org/camping/ SDEP.html or contact Lori Davis at 1.800.834.1702 or ldavis@ gscnc.org for more information.

Neighbors in the News



Scouts cleared the walkways at Emmanuel United Methodist Church

Scouts Give Back

By Jennifer Klemens

Following the January 26th winter storm, which left thousands in the D.C. area without power, Beltsville Boy Scout Troop 1033 gave back to Emmanuel United Methodist Church, which pro-

vides the Troop weekly meeting space. Six scouts and five adults shoveled all walkways around the church in order to enable all users of the church a safe environment for coming and going. Scouts who shoveled the walks were Patrick Deery, Al Diagne, Tyis Robinson, Charleston Laymon, Justin Nowlin, and David Timus, Jr. Parents and Leaders who assisted were Rick Deery, Jennifer Klemens, Skep Nordeck, Bill Wauschek, and David Timus, Sr.

Women's Community Club of Beltsville

This year's regular daytime meetings will be held, as usual, on the second Monday of the month, March 14th, April 11th, May 9th, and June 13^{th} at 12:30 p.m. at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church on Cedar Lane. Our next evening meeting will be held 7:00 p.m. March 9 at Three Brothers

Restaurant in Beltsville.

Our mission is to serve Beltsville, by impacting our community through beautification, scholarship, and helping those in need in addition to partnering with schools, churches, local government and other organizations to help accomplish those goals and

identify additional ways to serve Beltsville. Please remember we are a 501(c) 3 organization and all donations are tax deductible!

If you would like more information about our club, please contact Elaine Chabot, President at ecchabot@aol.com

Women's Community Club of Beltsville Scholarship Program

The Women's Community Club of Beltsville announces the 2011 scholarship program. The requirements for consideration of a scholarship include the following:

Must be a Beltsville Resident. Previous recipients of this scholarship are not eligible to apply. Must be a High School Graduating Senior or 1st Year College or Trade School Student. GPA must be 2.75 or above. Must have completed 36 or more Community Service Hours. Must complete the following application, with relevant attachments, including an essay.

Essay Contest application for scholarship to further your education endeavors in college or trade school

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Student Telephone number or e-mail address:
Student Identification #:
Current School:
Cumulative GPA:

Community Service Hours Completed:

Attach separate papers as follows:

- 1. List school activities, community service activities, awards, leadership positions held,
- Write an essay of not more than 400 words on the following subject: "Describe your most meaningful achievements and how they relate to your field of study and your future goals."
- Verification from current school of GPA and Community Service Hours
- Letter of Acceptance to College or Trade School. (This is to be turned in later in order to send scholarship to correct school.)

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The monthly meeting will be 301.441.1096, Dial 0. You do not at 1:30 p.m. on March 9 at the need to be a member to attend. Our speaker will be Nadine Maye, ing, Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover President, SpiritWorks Unlimited, Inc. speaking on "Financial Fitness." We usually serve refresh-

ments at our social gathering after the meeting, where you may meet old friends or make new ones. Any Beltsville resident needing a ride please call Bob Haas at 301.937.7987.

Open House at Birmingham Lodge #188 on April 2nd

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Come join us and discover what many great men have before you. Birmingham Lodge #188, located at 10800 Edmonston Road in Beltsville, will be open to receive you from 10:00 a.m. 'til 6:00 p.m. Please bring a can of food to benefit our local food bank. See you



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Club News

By Ivy Christoffers

Did the groundhog see his shadow? We all hope not as this frigid winter has been tough on all of us except for the fuel companies. We need some relief from shivering to keep warm. One place we have found a little warmth in January and February has been at our weekly meetings at The Holiday Inn in College Park. The fun and fellowship we share is a welcome respite during our workweek. We also welcome and thank those who come to speak to our members on a variety of issues.

Recently we welcomed a delegation from High Point High School, a school we have had the pleasure to work with over the years through student activities such as RYLA, a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program where we sponsor students each year (paying all expenses). We award scholarships to deserving students seeking higher education; this has been a long-term relationship. Rotary has also worked with High Point on their physical needs such as the new lights in the gym and the running track that needed replacement. We are proud to say that Principal Michael Brooks and teacher Barbara Hughes are members of Beltsville Rotary.

Sheila M. Braxton was our guest speaker on Feb. 1st and shared much knowledge gained over her 39 years at High Point. Along with the years go many titles such as English Department Coordinator/ Chair, Instructional Coordinator and Staff Development Coordinator. Sheila shared some of the following facts: High Point is the most diverse high school in Prince George's County. They are very proud of their AP program. The number of AP courses required in the county schools is 8; High Point

Beltsville Rotary News



High Point High School Barbara Hughes and Sheila Braxton along with High Point High School Principal, Michael Brooks and Rotary President, Howard Phoebus.

offers 17 and approximately 513 AP tests are administered. High Point also has a rigorous Honors program in all grade levels. Some courses offered include Japanese, TV Production, Financial Literacy, Journalism and three levels of Drama. Text Alive offers students an opportunity to work with professional actors at the Shakespeare Theatre throughout the year and at the end of the school year, perform a Shakespearean play on the stage of Shakespeare Theatre. High Point provides a development site for students aspiring to pursue a teaching career. The school serves as a model for students from other areas. Each year students from Wisconsin visit High Point in order to gain a broader knowledge of teaching and working in a school that exemplifies excellence in the education of such a diverse student body. More than 57 nationalities make up the student body at High

Point High School. Although all high schools are experiencing hardships with the recent budget cuts and problems with truancy, we are proud of our relationship with this school.

Other visitors this past month were another three party delegation from the newly named Capitol One Bank, formerly Chevy Chase Bank. Branch Manager, Rosana Williams, Small Business Loans Manager, Jan Walker and Simons Acquah, Relationship Managers were anxious to introduce their presence in the community and make themselves available to all who needed specialized or personal banking assistance. Their presentations included their background and banking experience prior to their recent arrival in Beltsville.

In last month's article, I mistakenly introduced Robert Nixon

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Beltsville Lions Club

The Beltsville Lions hosted a Leadership & Growth Conference at Emmanuel United Methodist Church on Saturday, February 12. Thirty-nine Lions attended, representing 22 Lions Clubs in this Lions Clubs International District, which includes all Lions Clubs in Washington, D.C. and the Maryland Counties of Montgomery, Prince George's, Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's. Guest speaker was Past International Director Ed Lecius from Nashua, NH. Topics by other presenters included

the history of Lionism, running a meeting, building membership, describing in detail various Lions programs, club reporting responsibilities, fundraising, and club financial reporting obligations.

Club members wish to express appreciation to Emmanuel United Methodist Church for facilitating the conference.

Club membership currently stands at 42 men and women who are actively involved in serving the community.

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Beltsville Young at Heart

By Barbara Schofield

We had very good attendance of our members this last month, considering the weather. Also gained some new members. You are welcome to join us for our friendship and activities. There are refreshments to be enjoyed and entertainment once a month. Six day trips and two longer ones have been planned this year. Crabs, shows, everything is good on our trips. Hope you will visit us as a guest and see what we our about. Here are a few things to think about: If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked? And, can vegetarians eat animal crackers? Well, enough of that nonsense; let's just be extra kind to each other and enjoy the fact that spring is just around the corner.

Beltsville Garden Club

By Louise DeJames, Publicity Chair

The Beltsville Garden Club will hold a general meeting on Wednesday, March 23, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville. The speaker for this month is Susan Bell. Her topic will be "Adding the "WOW!" Factor to Small Garden Spaces." Susan's lifelong passion for gardening and design led her to the Master Gardener program and then to Landscape Design at George Washington University. Nine years ago, Susan started her own business as a licensed landscaping contractor in MD and DC. Susan helps homeowners increase their property values by adding the "WOW!" factor to their gardens, while also improving the homeowners' enjoyment of their property. Her company, Hilltop Gardens, performs garden makeovers and seasonal maintenance that makes homes stand out.

Please join us to hear this informative speaker. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. Bring a plant or plant-related material for the club's door prize table. The public is welcomed and admission is free. For more information, contact Louise DeJames at 301.890.4733 or visit our website at www.beltsvillegardenclub.org.

March Happenings at College Park Moose Lodge #453

HO-KISS PO-KISS returns on Friday, March 4. This group performs songs of the original artists while dressed in attire of that era. You might hear Willie Nelson, Dolly Parton, Tom Jones, Alan Jackson, the Blues Brothers, and more. The band members are great musicians and talented singers. Ticket price includes a full dinner with dessert. This is a popular event, so for best table seating purchase your tickets early. You won't want to miss this special event

COUNTRY & WESTERN NIGHT will be held on Saturday, March 12, at the Lodge. Put on your western attire (or not) and come out and dance and listen to the sounds of THE DIXIE WIND BAND. Dinner 5:00-7:00 p.m. Music 7:30-11:30 p.m. A full dinner including dessert is included in the ticket price, so GET THEM WHILE THEY'RE HOT!

The Women of the Moose #1262 will sponsor a QUARTER AUCTION on Saturday, March 19 at 12:00 noon. Vendors auctioning off their wares will be: CELE-

BRATING HOMES, PAMPERED CHEF, LONGABERGER, THIR-TY ONE (accessories), BROWN BAG, CANDYHAIR STUDIO, and SCENTSY (candles.) Food will be available for purchase. Bring your friends and come on out for a fun filled afternoon.

BINGO every Thursday night beginning at 7:00 p.m. Big jackpot and specials. Food is available to purchase for nominal prices.

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as a "farmer and gardener" when, in fact, he is an attorney whose hobby is gardening. Sorry, Robert, at least now I know someone is reading the article. Even the Washington Post must print corrections now and then.

Now is the time to contact our golf coordinator, Richard Salamy, if you are looking forward to joining us on June 14th for our yearly golf outing and fundraiser. He can be reached at 301.595.8900. This is always a great day of fun, fellowship and good-natured rivalry. Just who will win the trophy "hat" this year?

You are invited to join us for lunch on Tuesdays at The Terrapin Room in The Holiday Inn if you are ever curious enough to see what Rotary is all about. You may be delightfully surprised. It is addictive; it can become a habit you will never want to break.

Club News

Cupid's Arrow Hits College Park Unit & Post #217

By Ivy Christoffers

Can you believe it? I think a love virus has descended on Post and Unit members at College Park #217. Two, count them, two marriages in one month, or at least within weeks of each other. Bartender C.J. and Steve followed by Unit President Diana and Howard. With all that has gone wrong in this world, it is good to have something go right. At least, these four have great hopes for their futures evidenced by the commitments they have made to each other. Way to go. Now if only the warm love in their hearts could chase away the frigid weather for the rest of us. As I write this, it is about 28 outside and very windy.

The fruits of our labors that began in November, contacting area schools to place in their hands the necessary information for the American Legion Auxiliary Americanism Essay contest, has reached its second stage. The essays have been retrieved and are in the hands of the judges who now have the awesome task of reading each one and deciding whose essay will take 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place in each of the three groups, grades 3 and 4, grades 5 and 6 and grades 7 and 8. I am glad that is not on my "to do" list this year. Next it is the interviews of our prospective Girls State Citizens from Northwestern and High Point High Schools. If selected, they will be attending this program at Salisbury University in

June. These are costly programs for our Unit as there is much money involved and all of it is paid by our Unit for these students, as we are happy to sponsor and support our youth.

We saluted our Hospitalized Veterans during the entire week of Valentine's Day. The VA Hospitals had events every day to entertain our veterans and we were in attendance on Thursday, the 17th, and Friday, the 18th. Each year there is a "Casino" Day" where a room is decorated, entertainment and refreshments offered and a mock gaming casino set up to entertain our heroes. I ran the roulette wheel. You can bet on it, everyone was a winner, no losers at this wheel.

Coming up next month will be THE Day For God And Country, which will be held at The Southern Maryland Youth Camp in Cheltenham. This is always a very inspirational and moving day and is open to the public.

Unit # 217 adopted the fifteen female Veterans at McVets in Baltimore, filled a goodie bag for each and delivered them to these women for Valentine's Day. McVets is a Veterans training facility located in Baltimore, which offers a two-vear scholarship to Veterans while they are studying and places them in gainful employment upon graduation. We recently contributed \$1,000 to their Building Campaign

Now we are working hard on the upcoming Veterans Creative Arts Festival, which is scheduled to be held At High Point High School on April 9th at 1:00 p.m. More information on this event can be found within this newspaper.

Our Post and Unit # 217 still serves dinners on Sundays and we thank all who assist with this weekly event. The Post and Unit also holds a bingo party at noon every Tuesday that is open to the public. Why not try your luck at one of the big prizes?

Are you qualified to become a member in the American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary: Call 301.441.2783 and speak to someone about membership. You may be glad you did. God Bless our Troops and may God continue to bless America.

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School News

By Becky Cavallo (and staff)

On Friday, Feb. 4th, the fourth grade classes of Mrs. Fulcher, Mrs. Gibson, Ms. Levin, and Mrs. Upchurch celebrated the Chinese New Year with a delicious catered lunch of "Triple Delight," egg rolls, and fried rice from Mandarin Delight, a local Beltsville restaurant. Students made Chinese dragons, dragon masks, and tried their hands at writing Chinese character writing. We also learned about Chinese daily life and customs through the story "The Last Dragon." What a wonderful end to our unit on Winter Holidays!

Mrs. Freeman's kindergarten class was one of the many classes that celebrated the 100th day of school on February 9. They had a special breakfast treat with a sausage link representing a "1" and two mini bagel halves representing the zeroes in "100." They also made structures with 100 toothpicks and 100 mini marshmallows, searched for 100 hidden Hershey kisses, and shared their own 100 projects that they had brought from home. First grade teacher Mrs. McCollum led all five first grade classes down the hall counting 100 steps from their classrooms. There are 100 steps from Mrs. McCollum's classroom to the media center. Each first grade teacher had a "100" activity and the students rotated through each room. Students could be seen wearing glasses or hats sporting that number.

Calverton Tidbits



Fourth graders pose in front of Chinese characters and masks that they made in celebration of Chinese New Year. (From Left) Peter Gomes, Joselle Quijano, Jennifer Juarez-Martinez and Randall Perez-Lemus.

The Spring Book Fair is scheduled for the week of April 4 with a Family Fun Night scheduled for Wednesday, April 6, from 6:00 to 8:00 in the media center. The theme of the book fair is "Carnival" so there are games and prizes planned for those who can attend.

The Young Authors program continues to encourage students to express themselves in a variety of genres. Young Authors maintain a writer's journal and portfolio for their creative writing. The more children write in pleasant, welcoming environments, the more comfortable they become with written expression. Therefore, students should be offered ample opportunities to write both at home and in school.

Calverton students wrote about intangible gifts that they can give to loved ones throughout the year. These are gifts that do not cost money and are given from the heart. Some intangible gifts include friendship, honesty, loyalty, forgiveness, kindness, gratitude, understanding, sharing, patience and loving. Two poems follow:

The Gift of Love

Love, Zaria

Written by the Poet Zaria Williams Grandma,

I give you the gift of love for all those summers you watched me and shared so much love with me.

The Gift of Peace and Respect

Written by the poet Violeta Brito Mommy,

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Love, Violeta

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lot near the playground. We take newspapers, magazines, catalogs, file folders, office papers, old mail and any soft cover books, but no cardboard. You would be helping our school science program and the environment! Thank you for taking the time to stop by and drop off your recyclable paper at St. Joseph's Regional Catholic School.

St. Joseph's National Junior Honor Society Presents Historical Personages

Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society donned costumes, assumed accents, and presented founding personages from American History to the younger grades. Six of the 8th grade members assumed the characters of Betsy Ross, George Washington, John

Members of the St. Joseph's Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Regional Catholic School Sacagawea and Abraham Lincoln. The presentations were informative, dramatic, and well received. The St. Joseph's School community is extremely proud of these high achieving students who go above and beyond normal student expectations to serve their school community.

School News

By Becky Cavallo

On February 9, students in Pre-K, kindergarten and first grade were invited back to school by Calverton principal, Mrs. Sloan. A number of students returned to school with a favorite book, a comfy blanket, a snuggly bear and a grownup to read to, and settled in the school cafeteria for a bedtime treat. Some younger and older siblings came as well. Others had a special time for one-on-one cuddling. In addition to the opportunity to share books with family members and with teachers--reading teachers Mrs. Berngartt and Mrs. Price, media specialist, Mrs. Cavallo, and ESOL teacher Mrs. Donnella were there with Mrs. Sloan—the gathering was entertained by the very talented Mrs. Donnella who did an animated reading of the February book-of-the-month, Chrysanthemum, by Kevin Henkes. The guests were also treated to the perfect story time snack, milk and cookies. Another "Book, Blanket and Bear" evening will be scheduled for the

Reading with and to your chil-

Book, Blanket and Bear



Children and Parents gather for Calverton's Book, Blanket and Bear event.

dren is one of the most important things you can do to help your children on the road to success. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) "strongly recommends reading to children every day, starting after they are first born," because "reading stimulates the development of the brain, language and a closer emotional relationship with a child." Not only does it give parents a special time to bond

with their children, but as children get older, parents and children can discuss book characters, predict what will happen next, and further pursue topics that are interesting to the students. Different versions of the same fairy tale can be compared and contrasted. The paths that books can lead you to are infinite, and the journey you take with your child will be one you will both remember for the rest of your lives.

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Calverton Elementary Students Speak Out for Environmental Education at Board of Education Hearing

By Katie Swanson, Save the **World! Environmental Club** Sponsor

On February 10, three Calverton students: fifth graders Caroline Dabre and Andrea Martinez, and fourth grader, Laura Espinal, testified at the public budget hearing before the Board of Education about the importance of keeping the William Schmidt Center for Environmental Education open. All three girls put together well-reasoned, persuasive, passionate speeches about the importance of environmental education. Laura explained that, "Environmental education is more important than money," and that, "It's important to learn about the environment because that's what you need to live." She drew applause when she argued: "It makes no sense to close Camp Schmidt when it can make you more money by renting itself.'

Caroline cautioned that, if

Camp Schmidt were closed, "Younger kids will not be able to enjoy the wonderful experience of learning about nature in nature's surroundings." She illustrated her point, "If you go outside your school, let's say Calverton, there won't be that much excitement in the arms of nature because there are not many trees or creeks outside Calverton, whereas at Camp Schmidt, nature is all around you."

Andrea explained further that, "At Camp Schmidt, you can learn about the environment more than they would have time to teach you at school. They also teach you in such a fun way that it makes sense and makes kids want to learn more... Imagine if grownups had never taught kids how, and why we should take care of the environment. When we all got older, we would literally be destroying the planet... The other thing is that when you try and take something away like Camp Schmidt (a once in a lifetime opportunity), it's

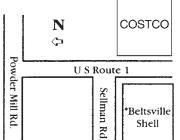
like taking away people's knowledge for us and everyone. So, just please don't take it away, because after I come back, the way I look at the world will be changed."

Their words were very well received. Many people told us afterward that their children had attended Camp Schmidt years ago and loved and appreciated the experience. James Robeson and Travis Long, both on staff at the Schmidt Center, told the girls that their speeches were worth a thousand emails to the Board.

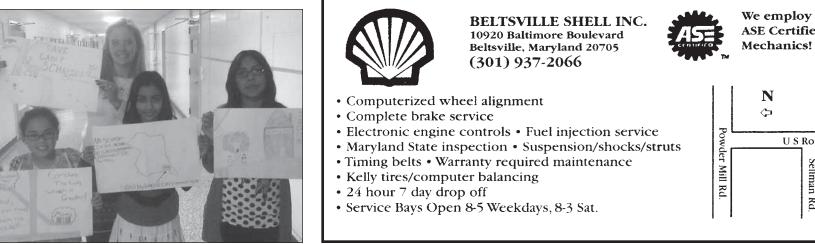
If you'd like to hear their speeches, go to: http://www1.pgcps. org/tv96/index.aspx?id=38874 . Find February 10, 2011 - Budget Public Hearing and click Part 1. Then, advance the seek button to 1:09:30. Each speech is about 2 minutes long, and they're well worth your time. (Ms. Swanson is on there, too, at 1:47.)



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Front (from Left): Laura Espinal, Carolin Dabre, Andrea Martinez, and in back, Katie Swanson are holding posters designed by Save the World and presented to the Board of Education.



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School News

Putting Students to Work

The transition department at High Road Upper School provides students with the opportunity to explore careers that meet their interests and skill levels. These opportunities begin with the student completing an interest inventory and career assessment, which will match the student to careers in his or her interest areas.

Students are then able to explore the education/training requirements for their career areas by researching entrance requirements, attending presentations at area training centers or schools and utilizing computer based career exploration software.

Students have an opportunity to develop basic job skills through participation in our "in-school" employment program. Students perform work within our school that will develop or increase the student's ability to complete tasks to standard, increase punctuality and attention to detail.

Students also have an opportunity to develop job/career specific skills through participation in "job shadowing" activities with local business in the areas of their choice. As a result, the High Road Upper School has made it a high priority to establish a myriad of local business partnerships to not



A student from Beltsville's High Road Upper School working at Behnke Nurseries Co.

only increase opportunities for our students, but also provide future employees for the businesses and organizations in the greater Beltsville area.

Within the last couple of years, Kevin Mattison, Transition Coordinator, has spent a great deal of time contacting and developing partnership opportunities with several local organizations. Recently, our membership in the Greater Beltsville Business Association has helped facilitate several additional partnerships. Currently, our school has working relationships with approximately 10 local busi-

nesses and organizations.

Three organizations in particular, The Behnke Nurseries Company, DW Communications and Sheppards Cove, have been tremendously supportive of our commitment to providing "on the job" training to the students of the High Road Upper School. Currently approximately 24 students are participating in work experiences for these three places alone. In a recent letter, Ms. Stephanie Fleming, Behnke Nurseries stated, "Behnkes has long supported students who wish to learn...Many of our long term employees started out working here as students themselves. ... We really like the whole concept of finding workplace experiences for your students."

With each task, our students are gaining valuable knowledge and skill that will help shape their future beyond high school. Mr. Keith White, Senior Director expressed his gratitude; "We are so pleased with the support our school has received from our local business partners. It is because of their generosity that our students will be better prepared to join the workforce upon graduation."



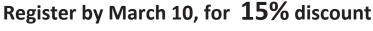
Students from Beltsville's High Road Upper School working at Sheppard's Cove.

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Beltsville students win in "Dare to Dream" National Contest

Timothy Seay, a student at Vansville Elementary School, a Prince George's County Public School located in Beltsville, MD, is the winner of a \$5,000 college scholarship from BrainstormUSA, an Atlanta-based marketer of educational software, videos, and computers. The award is presented as part of the company's 4th quarter 2009 "Dare to Dream... Expect to Succeed" Scholarship Program.

Timothy's winning entry was a Board demonstrating his desire to become an active member of the United States Army. He laid out his plan as well. A moving letter of support from his parents, Timothy and Robyn Seay, accompanied his entry. The project was chosen from among hundreds of entries.

There was a second place winner, another former student of Vansville Elementary School. Abebe Asrat made a huge poster board with pictures showing his desire to become a Doctor. Abebe won a CSI computer with educational software for his project. His project was also accompanied by a letter of support from his mother, Sosena Asrat.

There were also two third place winners. Former student of Vansville Elementary, Lee Hunter, who dreams of becoming a Zoologist, made a poster to explain her dream. London Thompson, a former student of Martin Luther King Middle School, submitted a board showing her desire to become a Veterinarian. Both projects were accompanied by letters of support from their parents. Each child won a bundle of educational soft-

The program at Vansville Elementary School was implemented by Principal, Tom Smith. The program at Martin Luther King Middle School was implemented and overseen by Debbie Davis, AVID Coordinator. Award ceremonies were held at each school on 8 and 9 February, respectively.

of Calverton

Annual Knights of Columbus Oratorical Contest at St. Joseph's

Eleven students from Holy Redeemer School in College Park and St. Joseph's competed in the annual Toastmaster's Oratorical Contest conducted by the Michael J. Curley Assembly of the Knights of Columbus.

The theme of the speeches was "Faithful Patriots." Students gave speeches about Eunice Shriver, John F. Kennedy, Vince Lombardi, and Elizabeth Ann Seton, to name a few. The well-com-



posed students delivered original speeches and were scored based upon the Toastmaster's International Rubric. Each contestant performed marvelously, but three students from both 7th and 8th grades won cash prizes. Luke H., Julie

P., and Mesode E. were the place winners from the seventh grade while Tiffany A., Andrew R., and Laura I. were the winners from the eighth grade. Aside from gaining good experience in the oratorical com-

petition, the competing students learned valuable skills including speech craft, persuasive speaking, and the mastery of nerves in a public speaking scenario.

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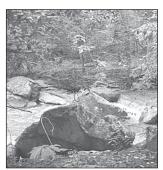
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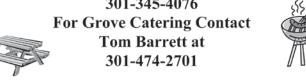
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Baker Bill STUFF 'N THINGS

I write a lot about me. I know because I write about things I see and live. A fan asked Jeff Foxworthy, "Where do you get your material?" His answer is the same as mine, "In life!"

I had to cancel my winter class for the reason that I had to have a part removed. Yeah, a toe. I stumbled over a small concrete ledge on a sidewalk in Kensington and fell into the street, but thankfully I grabbed a Toyota to break my fall or I would have fallen into the street when a car was coming. Not sure he saw me, so I limped to my car and a day or two later I had a black toe because of poor circulation in that leg. My doctor put me into Suburban Hospital on the spot. First I want to write that that this is a great hospital since becoming part of John Hopkins medicine. All new equipment and shining clean. Great personnel. Pretty ladies waiting on me hand and foot. The removal of the toe went well.

They did angioplasty on the leg to get better blood circulation down there, and that went well

I have a new reader or I should say the paper has a new reader. My roommate works in one of the office buildings here in Beltsville. I told him about my Website and some articles there and he logged on and read all of them. I am not sure, but it seemed to impress him and he said he would be sure to read me again. He called himself a bean counter and a former college professor and we had a good laugh over that. When he was giving directions for anything he took 100 words to say 10, if you know what I mean. That's what they laughed over when I pointed this out to him and his wife, also a doctor. I said, "Wow, an academic household." I asked her, "Do you argue a lot?" She said, "No, you heard him, he never shuts up."

Well, I am healing very well and maybe in the spring I'll be able to do the class, and I want to thank all that had signed up.

Remember March can be our snowiest month. Also remember it's not the going that gets us in trouble, it's the shopping.

Here's something new and amazing for me. My daughter has put me on Skype. My Skype name is bakerbillraulin, and now we can talk face to face. All my family was in England for a funeral and it was amazing that we could talk face-to-face, free! I still haven't figured out what Hi FI is, or blue ray but by next month it won't matter. Something new will take their place.

Here are a couple of tidbits. If you watch the water go down and form a whirlpool it will swirl down counter clockwise. Below the equator it will go the other way, clockwise. I think it's the same for tornadoes, but I could be

BAKER BILL

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THE WAR OF 1812 IN PRINCE GEORGE'S

Wed., Mar. 16 at 7:30 pm. Ralph Eshelman, author of the recently published book, The War of 1812 in the Chesapeake: A Reference Guide to Historic Sites in Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia, will speak on Maryland during that war, with special emphasis on Prince George's County. Note: This lecture will take place at the Montpelier Art Center, located on the Montpelier grounds. Refreshments served.

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Sun., Mar. 13 at 1:00 p.m. Breaking Through the Clouds. This documentary film follows the twenty women racing across the country in 1929 for the first Women's National Air Derby. Lemonade and popcorn included. FREE with museum

SCOUT WINGS DAY

Sat., Mar. 26, 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of all levels are welcome to explore the history of aviation and science of flight with a variety of fun, educational activities. Pre-registration is required. Fee: \$4.00.

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For more information regarding these and other activities for Mar. 2011, call 301. 497. 5887 or see Patuxent.fws.gov. 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. The Visitor Center entrance is accessed from Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore-Washington Pkwy. and Rt. 197.

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Sat., Mar. 12, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Celebrate the birthday of the National Wildlife Refuge System! Activities will include live animals with feature performances by Reptile World at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (FREE). There will also be children's nature crafts and other activities (FREE), first-of-the-season guided tram tours (for a fee), and food for purchase from the Crane Café. Sponsored by Friends of Patuxent.

MARCH 2011

Calendar of Events

ANNUAL PATUXENT WILDLIFE ART SHOW

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BELTSVILLE EVENTS

VANSVILLE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

Monday, March 14, 7:00 p.m. at Franklin Brown Building, Vansville Community Park, 11733 Old Baltimore Pike

BELTSVILLE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, March 16, at 7:00 p.m. at Beltsville Elementary School, 4300 Wicomico Ave.

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CLUB OF BELTSVILLE

Monday, March 14, 12:30 p.m. at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane

BELTSVILLE RECREATION COUNCIL

Monday, March 21, 7:00 p.m. at Beltsville Community Center

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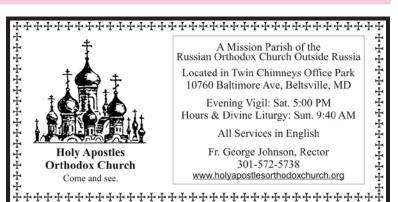
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Adult Choir Practice	7:00pm

Wednesdays:

*Adult Bible Study & Prayer	7:00pm
Team Kids (4 yr. old - 6th grade)	7:00pm
Youth Fellowship (7th - 12th grade)	7:00pm

*Childcare available for children up to 4 years old

CALENDAR

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TUESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION

Tue. Mar. 15 at 2:00 p.m. Tracy Kidder's *Strength* in *What Remains*.

INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT WORD

Thur., Mar. 24 at 9:10 a.m. Don't be intimidated by computers! Be able to identify basic terminology and learn to search how to create and format a document. Leave the library feeling more confident about using Microsoft Word. Limit 16 per class. **Registration required**.

BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

3900 Sellman Rd., Beltsville. The Program Specialist is Michael Hansborough. Contact him at 301. 937. 6613 or Michael.Hansborough@ pgparks.com for information on special events and classes scheduled for Mar. Spanish line: 301. 445. 4509. TTY: 301. 445. 4512. Hours of operation are: Mon. – Thur. from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Fri. from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (except for Xtreme Teen events), and Sat. from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (except for Xtreme Teen events). Closed on Sunday.

SCRAPBOOKING FOR CHILDREN

Tue., Mar. 8 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Kids, bring your favorite pictures, decorations, stickers, and a standard size scrapbook page (12" x 12" sheet) to generate a personalized piece. **Reservations required by Mar. 4, 2011**. Ages 6 – 12. Fee per session: Non-residents \$5.00, Residents \$3.00

MOVE FOR HEALTH

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XTREME TEENS REGULAR EVENTS

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6813 Ammendale Rd., Vansville. The program specialist is **Kathleen Reardon**. Contact her at 301. 937. 6621 or Kathleen.Reardon@pgparks. com for information regarding special events and classes scheduled for Mar. Spanish line: 301. 445. 4509. TTY: 301. 445. 4512. Regular hours of operation are: Mon. – Thur. from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Fri. and Sat. from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Sun. from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

XTREME TEENS REGULAR EVENTS

Every Fri. and Sat. from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Ages 13-17. FREE with valid Center ID card.

BAKER BILL

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Remember my writing about warming the honey in the microwave saying that you need to be careful, it can get to high temperatures quickly? For the same reason, you do not want to heat distilled water in a microwave because it will not boil but get very hot and may explode when it hits the air. The reason? There's no air in it.

Well, that's all the drivel for this month. I can be reached at bakerbill2010@hotmail.com or bakerbill.net

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