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Beltsville Briefs

Volunteers Create Facebook Page to Unite Citizens and Pets

Volunteers at the Prince George's County Animal Management Division have created a Facebook page to assist with lost/found pets in Prince George's County! Dogs and cats get loose every day; it's a fact of life. Our page will provide help and support sharing information about your lost pet as well as sharing information about an animal you might have found. Please "Like" and "Share" our page so that all residents in the county are aware of it and can keep their furry family members safe! Go to <https://www.facebook.com/Lost-Found-Pets-of-PG-County-Md-298360213621232/> today!

Breakfast with Santa Returns to Emmanuel

On Sat. Dec. 12 the United Methodist Men of Emmanuel

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GBBA's "A History of Beltsville" with Ted Ladd

Please join us for a fun and interesting breakfast event on December 16th, 7:30-9:00am at Cross Creek Golf Club, 12800 Bay Hill Dr. Beltsville. The Greater Beltsville Business Association will briefly cover 2015 accomplishments and plans for the future. Ted Ladd, a Beltsville native of 52 years, will also give us a history of Beltsville, a very unique town with many surprises. It has been a hidden gem for many years, offering close-knit communities, large and small businesses and countless resources. Come and join us for much anticipated event and meet with some of the businesses and citizens (past & present) of this great town! Contact us by phone at 240.391.8001 or by email: BeltsvilleBusiness@gmail.com

By Anthony Kling

While you are snug in your beds on Saturday mornings, a dedicated group of athletes are playing ice hockey at the Gardens Ice House (13800 Old Gunpowder Rd, Laurel, MD 20707). They are the Washington Ice Dogs, a team of players with developmental disabilities. Our program has players of all ages and all types of disabilities. They are united by

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Washington Ice Dogs



The Washington Ice Dogs!

Cub Scout Pack 1031 Is Exploring Our World



Members of Cub Scout Pack 1031 exploring the outdoors

Cub Pack 1031 members are working very hard on their advancements. Bears and Webelos took a nature hike, and the Cub Scouts did a fantastic job helping with Scouting for Food!

Even though the pack camping trip was cancelled in early October due to rain, some of the Bears and Webelos managed to get in a day event where they earned their Whittling Chip and hiked along Paint Branch Creek.

The first two weekends in November, the pack participated

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Karen Coakley

By President Karen M. Coakley

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to All!!! The Citizen's Association will not meet in December.

I would like to share a few of my "Holiday Safety Tips." First, get an "RFID" wallet or envelope for your driver's license, passport, credit, and debit cards. Thieves have found an easier way to pick your pocket and your identity at the same time. There are scanners that can obtain all of your account information just by being near you. Second, do not leave gifts visible from your windows. Third, if going out of town for the holidays, have timers on your lights and stop your mail and newspaper. Fourth, thefts from cars are on the rise. DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES IN YOUR CAR!!!! If you have a community concern, I can be reached at 301.937.3490 or karenmcoakley@msn.com.

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On the Agenda



Look what we "Can" do! Mrs. Geitner's first graders at Vansville Elementary School, helped collect 126 cans of food for Beltsville's community food bank.

Holiday Cheer

With holiday music in the air and the festivities beginning, family and friends will be arriving before long. Now is the time to get your home looking its best for holiday entertaining. There are several things that you can do to quickly update your interiors that is sure to evoke a "WOW" from your guests. Wallpapering with a neutral tone on tone pattern or with a simple geometric design above the chair rail in the dining room will create warmth and interest. A large novelty mirror with an unusual shape will accentuate the wallpaper while brightening the room. There is still time to order new drapery panels, sheers and blinds for the windows that will give a finished look to any room. Will's Home Decorating (www.decoratmaryland.com) in Beltsville has a great selection of inexpensive in-stock wallpapers, special order wallpapers, draperies and Hunter Douglas blinds and novelty mirrors and lamps. Will's also does reupholstery and has lots of beautiful fabrics to choose from.



Michael Richards & Valerie Kabelac

Michael Richards, the owner of Will's Decorating, recommends taking a good look at your dining room, kitchen and family room chairs. You don't want your guests taking notice of stained or tattered chairs. Freshen it up with a new fabric. Six dining room chair seats only takes three to four yards of fabric. If the seat is caving in you probably just need new padding. Your chairs can look like new in no time. Will's does expert upholstery work and can do the makeover quickly. For more expert advice on what you can do to spruce up your home this holiday season call for your FREE design consultation at Will's Home Decorating with Michael.

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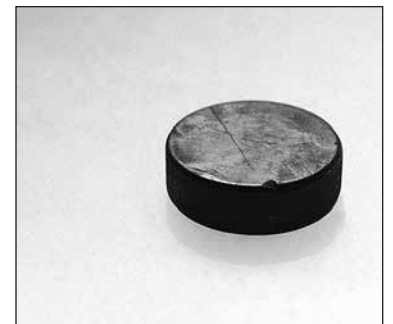
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their love of ice hockey and their desire to improve their lives. The Ice Dogs are led by a dedicated group of coaches and mentors who teach them to play the game, count on their teammates, and have fun! Anyone is able to join the team.

The Ice Dogs are a member of The American Special Hockey Association (ASHA) and Special Hockey International. The team travels both nationally and internationally. A spirit of family runs through all special hockey teams. Their love of the game brings them together! You haven't lived until you've been to a special hockey tournament to see the sportsmanship and family.

The Ice Dogs practice on Saturday mornings from 8:00 am-9:00 am for more experienced players and from 9:00 am-9:50 am for developing players. For more information, go to www.washingtonicedogs.org or email me at apkling@gmail.com.



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A Letter to the Editor

****FORMER PATRONS OF NU LOOK CLEANERS* *PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO READ****

Hello, we received an email from an elderly reader who was a former patron of Nu Look Cleaners. Around Aug. 31, she took a long, dark black "forecaster" winter coat to be cleaned. She came back a few days later and picked up her coat and took it home. She hung it in the closet

and didn't think about it again until it got colder. She went to take her coat out of the closet and realized that the cleaners had mixed her coat up with someone else's. The coat she got back was a dark grey "forecaster" coat. If you happen to have received the wrong coat, could you contact us

at *The Beltsville News*? You can email us at editorbvnews@gmail.com, and hopefully we can return the resident's coat to her. Thanks for reading.

Sincerely,
Rick

Santa Tour 2015

Santa Claus has confirmed his route with the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department! Santa will begin his routes around 6:30 to 7:00 pm. Santa wanted to pass on a few tips so his trip to Beltsville can be enjoyable for everyone involved. If you meet Santa at the intersections listed below on the schedule, he will be able to meet more children and see more of Beltsville. Always use caution when visiting Santa. Please pay attention to the fire apparatus and stay out of the street. Sometimes Santa runs behind schedule by a couple of minutes, so be patient. He will follow the schedule as close as possible. Have Fun and make sure you know what you want for Christmas!

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Mon. Dec. 7

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Fullerton St. @ Ivy Ln.
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Stone Hall @ Castleleigh Rd.
Ingleside Dr. @ Dunnington Rd.
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Chapel View Dr. @ Ellicott Rd.
Craiglawn Rd. @ Lemar St.
Galway Dr. @ Cardoba St.
Galway Elementary @ Galway Dr.
Kilkenny St. @ Somerwood Dr.
Harbour Town Dr. @ Shoal Creek Terr.
Briggs Chaney Rd. @ Greenmount
Briggs Chaney Rd. @ Dunnington Rd.
Briggs Chaney Rd. @ Castle Pines Dr.
Old Gunpowder Rd. Spur
Bayhill Drive and River Creek Area

Wed. Dec. 9

Indian Creek St. @ Lime Tree Way
Hockberry Way @ Hammett St.
Old Baltimore Pike @ Brewer Rd.
Brewer Rd. @ Cordwall Dr.
Odell Rd. @ Old Baltimore Pike
Odell Farms Ct. @ Barkwood Ct.
Odell Rd. @ Ellington Dr.
Lighthouse Dr. @ Ashcroft Dr.
Clocktower Ln. @ Admiral Dr.
Boulder Dr. @ Cap Ct.

Boulder Dr. @ Trade Wind Terr.

Summer Grove Dr. @ Hickory Grove Ct.
Summer Grove Dr. @ Poplar Grove Ct.

Fri. Dec. 11

Snowden Wood Dr. @ Loch Lynn Ct.
Snowden Wood Dr. @ Meadow
Fields Way
Snowden Wood Dr. @ Summerville Ct.
Old Muirkirk @ Muirkirk Rd.
Old Muirkirk @ Longwood Dr.
Longwood Dr. @ Cailen Ct.
Longwood Dr. @ Belmar Ct.
Stanmore Dr. @ Breyers Pl.
Stanmore Dr. @ Blue Pond Terr.
Sullivan Ct. @ Burdette Way
Longwood Dr. @ Pawling Way
Longwood Dr. @ Loughborough Pl.
Longwood Dr. @ Blue Pointe Ave.
Alloway Ln. @ Northhampton Dr.
Northhampton Dr. @ Crossfield Dr.
Gordon Ave @ Blackpool Dr.
Gordon Ave @ Flash St.
Franklin St. @ Flash St.
Franklin St. @ Franklin Terr.
Franklin St. @ Ammendale Rd.
Ammendale Rd. @ Holly Tree
North Lincoln @ Vergie St.

Sun. Dec. 13

Garove @ Hennessey Dr.
Indigo @ Barbara Dr.
Longhorn @ West View Ct.
Montgomery Place @ Montgomery Ct.
Montgomery Rd. @ Kenny St.
Kenny St. @ 34th Place
35th Pl. @ Yates Rd.
35th Pl. @ Sarasota Pl.
Montgomery Rd. @ Forrester Rd.
Forrester Rd. @ Stephen Ln.
Cedar Ln. @ Cedar Ct.
Howard Rd. @ Home Acres Terr.
Stoconga Dr. @ Dresden Dr.
Sellman Rd. @ Weymouth Ave.
Ulster Rd. @ Woodbine Rd.

Tue. Dec. 15

Prince George's Ave. @ Wicomico Ave.
Howard Rd. @ Queen Anne Ave.
Rhode Island Ave. @ Garrett Rd.

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Veterans Education Challenge

Attending college seems like the natural next step for most high school seniors upon graduation. For those who have just recently separated from the military, financial and family constraints may make going to college a more difficult decision. The majority of veterans on college campuses are considered "non-traditional students" in that they did not go to college directly after high school. This means that they are older than the general college population, with forty-seven percent having a spouse and/or children. Sure the GI Bill and Pell Grants pay for a lot of the expenses, but they do not pay for all of them. To bridge this burdensome financial gap for our ex-service members, two scholarship funds were established this past Veteran's Day as a way of assisting our brave veterans as they embark on the next

phase of their lives outside of the military. One fund is the \$1 million dollar Veteran's Scholarship Fund at The University of Maryland. The goal of this fund is to help eliminate the \$6000 debt load that many UMD veterans incur. The other fund, the Veterans Education Challenge depends on public support to be successful. With this fund, a generous donor will match every dollar up to \$1 million donated by the general public, with 100% of the money going towards veteran scholarships at select colleges outside of Maryland. To make a donation or find out more about the Veterans Education Challenge go to www.crowdrise.com/veteranseducationchallenge or contact Michael Richards or Valerie Kabelac of Will's Home Decorating at 301-937-6100 or willsdec@aol.com.



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Obituaries

Ines Comuzzi Gomez

On Sunday, October 25 Ms. Gomes of Beltsville passed away. She was the beloved wife of 68 years to Frank Gomez; loving mother of Gloria Valentine, Linda Schuhmann, Barbara Davis, Donna Saur, Carolyn Rehwoldt and Frank Gomez; sister of Elsa Nardone; also survived by 11 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild; Memorial service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association.

Luther (LJ) J. Bryan

On Monday, October 26 Luther Bryan of Silver Spring, MD was called to rest by his Lord and Savior. Born September 21, 1930 to Glen and Inez Bryan in Detroit, Michigan. Luther's family moved to Asheville, NC in 1931. Luther is survived by his loving wife Ruth Louise of 65 years, son Ronald (Joanne) of Glenwood, MD; daughter Catherine Muskovac (John) of Ft. Myers, FL; grandchildren Scott Bryan, Allison Hardesty; great-grandchildren Greyson Bryan, Collin Bryan of Bethesda, MD, Sloane Hardesty, Luke Hardesty of Chicago, IL. Luther and Louise

relocated from Asheville, NC to Beltsville, MD in 1950. Luther and a partner established Rivers & Bryan Masonry, Inc. in the 50's. Luther established KaRon Masonry in 1967. Luther's son Ronald and grandson Scott currently own and operate KaRon Masonry. In April, 2015 Luther was honored for 50 years of service as a member of the Masonic Temple of the Birmingham Lodge of Maryland. He was deacon of Beltsville Baptist Church for many years and currently a member of Olney Baptist Church of Olney, MD and Bayshore Community Chapel of Ft. Myers, FL. He was also a long time member of the Beltsville Lions Club and served as Lion King. Subsequent to retirement, Luther and Louise spent the winter months in Ft. Myers, FL. Please make donations to Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard Dr. Ste. 100 Rockville, MD 20850 or Olney Baptist Church Building Fund 17525 Georgia Ave. Olney, MD 20830.

Ronald E. "Hutch" Hutchison

On Wednesday, October 28, Mr. Hutchinson passed away. He was husband of Eileen nee Sullivan Hutchison for 63 years; father of Michael (Bettye), Ronnie (Lynn), Gary

(Theresa), and Mark (Linda) grandfather of ten and great grandfather of 7. Preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Margaret Hutchison, two brothers, Joseph and John and Sister Ann Marie Fencil. Ron was born and raised in Washington, DC. He retired from IBM Corporation in 1992 after 39 years of service. A member of The VFW, American Legion and The Knights of Columbus. He served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict. Memorial contributions may be made to Little Sisters of the Poor, 4200 Harewood Road, NE Washington, DC 20017.

Donald C. Galloway

On Sunday, November 1 Mr. Galloway passed away. He was the beloved husband of the late Mary Lou Galloway; son of the late Alexander Galloway and Elva Leoline Black; father of Stephen, Paul, Kathleen and Douglas; grandfather of Ben, Katie, Alex, Jordan, Adam, Matthew, Christopher, Robert and Victoria; great-grandfather of Liam; brother of Elva Lou and the late Doris Jean; guardian of in laws Nancy and Bill Bell. Condolences may be sent Online to www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com.



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Christmas Eve Services at Calverton Baptist Church

Calverton Baptist Church invites you to their Candlelight Christmas Service on December 24 at 6:30 PM. Church is located at the corner of Fairland Road and Galway Drive. Please come join us during this special time of the year as we come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ

our Lord. All are welcome to come celebrate with us as we worship together, sing praises and hear the meaning of this joyous season! We will have a dessert fellowship after the service.

Christmas Cantata at Beltsville Seventh Day Adventist

Beltsville Seventh-day Adventist Church presents its annual Christmas program for the community on Saturday, December 12, at both 9:30 a.m. and noon.

"The timing is perfect for families," said Sheri Clemmer, director of the church's choir and orchestra. "Children are awake and eager for something to do on Saturday morning, and the church's presentations are a great family activity."

This year's cantata is "Christmas in His Presence." More than 50 people make up the church's choir and orchestra, which will present the cantata.

The church's normal worship services are Saturday mornings at 9:30 and noon. The public is invited to any worship services, but especially this special Christmas service.

Central Maryland Chorale presents Poulenc's Gloria and Messiah Sing-Along

The Central Maryland Chorale, directed by Monica Otal and accompanied by the Montgomery Philharmonic, presents Francis Poulenc's *Gloria* on Sunday, December 13, at 4:00 pm at The Lutheran Church of Saint Andrew, 15300 New Hampshire Avenue, in Silver Spring, Maryland. Our featured soloist is soprano Kimberly Christie. After intermission, the chorus will lead the audience in Part I of Handel's *Messiah*, finishing with the "Hallelujah Chorus." Bring your own score or rent one at the door for \$1. Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$15 for students/seniors. For tickets and information, call 240.478.7952 or see www.centralmarylandchorale.com.

Living Nativity

The First Baptist Church of Beltsville invites you to see the Christmas story come to life on Dec. 5 and 6 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Come out and live the story of the season!

Neighbors in the News



The Diversity & Inclusion Committee of Riderwood hosted the first of a four-part series on Breaking Barriers. The first event, entitled “What Is the Meaning of Race?,” was held on November 12 at the campus of the Erickson Living retirement community.

Riderwood’s Diversity & Inclusion Committee Hosts First of Breaking Barriers Series

The Diversity & Inclusion Committee of Riderwood hosted the first of a four-part series on breaking barriers with a panel discussion entitled What Is the Meaning of Race?

Over 200 residents and guests attended the event on November 12 at the Erickson Living retirement community’s Encore Theater. The distinguished, five-member panel consisted of Rabbi Stan Levin, rabbi, Riderwood Jewish Community, and lecturer; Rev. Dr. Bruce Marshall, chaplain, Unitarian Universalist Community at Riderwood, and author; Dr. Jeffrey Perry, independent historian and author; Dr. Audrey Smedley, resident of Riderwood and pro-

fessor emerita of anthropology and African-American studies at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU); and Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Watson, author, adjunct faculty, University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC), and director of operations for resident life and philanthropy at Erickson Living; and Rev. Dr. James T. Bell, author and pastoral ministries coordinator at Riderwood, served as the moderator for the discussion, which featured a scholarly, theological, and historical overview of the definition of “race” in world history, particularly as it relates to the United States.

The panelists also talked about

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How could You, Who gives power to the mightiest of men, Place self at their disposal to endure the hate of them?	There is no one like You. There is no one who can come near, Displaying boundless splendor of the God of Heaven's sphere.
How could You, One so perfect, not a mark upon Your face, Bow down before such suffering, such mocking, such disgrace?	It was Your humble advent in the weakness of a babe, That put to death the pride which wants to hold us in the grave.
How could You, Who cannot bear even one glimpse of our sin, Allow Yourself to be the sponge absorbing it for men?	Oh, thank You Holy Spirit, for revealing this pure Son, The King of kings, our Savior, and how far Your love has come.
How could You, Who loved Father God, completely ev'ry day, Let Him abandon You, because of us, and turn away?	Rebecca Hutchings 11/13/15

By John Bell

Gifts of Games

Believe it or not, games are one of the largest segments of software sales, and with the giving season coming, I thought games might be a good technology topic. The traditional way of purchasing games has been to buy CDs, DVDs, floppy disks, cartridges, or other media that are used to install the software on your computer. In recent years, the trends have changed, and new games are purchased and downloaded over the Internet.

Steam

Valve, a maker of computer games, realized it had a problem distributing patches to its games that were sold through the traditional channels. Valve decided to solve to this problem by creating a system to send out patches or entire games. This platform also provided a form of Digital Rights Management (DRM) that allows the user more freedom in installing games for play on multiple computers. Eventually, this solution became known as Steam and is now the largest online distribu-

tor of games. Steam has several thousand games available in its catalog. When a purchase is made, the game is downloaded using the Steam application and installed onto the computer. The Steam application allows the game to be installed on multiple computers but enforces the rule that only one person may be playing the game at a time. The authorization to launch a game is web based, but Steam allows most games to be played even when disconnected from the web as well. Steam almost always has a number of games on sale and several times each year Steam has very large sales with significant savings on even the most popular games. Steam also has provision for purchasing games to give to others as gifts. You can access Steam with your browser at the URL <http://steampowered.com>.

Humble Bundle

My personal favorite way to purchase games is through the Humble Bundle (HB). This organization sells games and donates some of the proceeds to char-

ity. It offers games for computers and mobile platforms (Android and iOS) as well as eBooks for your Kindle or other eReader. Normally, HB offers "bundles" of games where you can name your own price for the bundle and even determine how the money is divided between the developers, the charities, and the Humble Bundle organization. Many games are DRM free or can be enabled on Steam. Also, many games can be played on multiple platform including Windows, Apple, and Linux. Humble Bundle allows games to be purchased as gifts. In this case, the recipient is sent an email with a download links for the games. Humble Bundle can be found online at <http://www.humblebundle.com>.

Good Old Games (GOG)

OK, so you had this favorite great old game on Windows 98 or even DOS, and it doesn't run on new Windows. Good Old Games, better known as GOG, comes to the rescue. It offers a number of older titles that have been updated

to work on the newer Windows platforms (and sometimes Mac as well). Just for joining, you will receive a small collection of classic games. All of the games are DRM free and include electronic copies of all of the manuals and documentation. GOG has frequent sales and even offers a service to notify you when a title you want goes on sale. GOG can be found at <http://gog.com>.

Others

There are other game sites of note as well. Origin (<http://www.origin.com>) is a good source for games created by origin and Electronics Arts (EA). These include The Sims, Sim City, the Command and Conquer series, and Spore. These games typically employ a web-based, DRM strategy and require a web connection to play. Amazon also has a large games section. Games can be purchased old style on media shipped to your home or can be purchased for download. Go to <http://amazon.com> and search for video games.

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By Pastor Jacob Young, Ph.D.

In the early mornings of November 9th and 11th, several members of Emmanuel United Methodist Church (EUMC) distributed coffee and donuts at High Point High School and Beltsville Academy. The purpose behind Emmanuel's visit was to give thanks to the staff members who serve and support the children of the Beltsville community.

The members of Emmanuel UMC thought that the Thanksgiving season would be an appropriate time to give thanks to the schools. Early in the morning,



the church members arrived at the schools with breakfast in hand. They took time to talk with the staff members about their jobs until the school day began.

November is usually a month to count blessings and give thanks to family, friends, and others around us. We should always remember to share tokens of gratitude with one another. It is my desire that the members of EUMC will continue to give thanks to the schools in the community. They look forward to supporting local schools by all means.

On behalf of the congregation of Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Beltsville, I would like to give heartfelt thanks to the schools, teachers, and staff members for serving our children. Happy Thanksgiving to all residents of Beltsville.

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center Named National Historic Chemical Landmark for the Discovery of Phytochrome

By Jim Butcher

Why do plants start growing in spring? Why do some seeds germinate at the barest glimpse of light, and then become sturdy and green as they poke through the soil. How do plants sense their neighbors, and how do sun-loving plants know to overtop their neighbors? How do plants of the same species bloom at the same time every year, and why do some bloom early (tomatoes) or later (chrysanthemums) in the growing

season? What makes the regularity of plant growth and development so predictable year-after-year? How is it all possible? "The explanation came as one of the 20th century's greatest plant science discoveries," said Dr. Dariusz Swietlik, Area Director, North East Area, Agricultural Research Service (ARS), in opening remarks at the October 21, ceremony to honor the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center as an American Chemical Society National Historic Chemical Land-

mark for the discovery or phytochrome. Unable to better their locations, Swietlik said, plants monitor light quality second by second and adjust their development accordingly to changing conditions. The substance that allows plants to do so is a bright, blue colored pigment. Once ridiculed by skeptics as a "pigment of the imagination," the pigment now is recognized world-wide by the scientifically

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Club News

The Beltsville Young at Heart Club

At the November 5th meeting, we celebrated our Thanksgiving luncheon. Bill Miles catered the delicious meal of turkey; dressing; mashed potatoes; sweet potatoes; other side dishes; a scrumptious, caramel, chocolate apple pie; and some other dessert. Thanks Bill, you always do a great job. Lois Hamilton put together the raffles. Behnkes

Nursery and TJ's restaurant each donated two gift certificates. Marlene Adams donated a latch hook rug; Catch Giddings, two bottles of wine; and Lois Hamilton, a foot massager. Good food and a good time were had by all.

Lena Reap is leaving us to go live with her son in Vermont. She was one of our 90-plus members

and will be missed. On November 12th, club members went to Dutch Apple Theater in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, to see The Christmas Story. This was the last trip for this year. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New from Beltsville Young At Heart members. The smile is the lighting system of the face and the heating system of the heart.

Holiday Food and Gift Program 2015

The Women's Community Club of Beltsville is again coordinating our holiday food and gift program. We are asking Beltsville businesses, schools, service organizations, social clubs, churches, and individuals to help us provide food and gifts to needy families within our community for the holidays. We hope you can assist us in this worthwhile effort.

For Christmas we provide a

holiday meal and presents for children. We accept non-perishable food, new toys and new clothes for children, monetary contributions, grocery store gift cards and Visa Debit cards. You or your organization are welcome to sponsor a family. As a certified 501 © 3 organization, contributions are tax deductible. A list of donors will be publicized in the January Beltsville News. Monetary contributions and

gift cards can be mailed to: *Women's Community Club of Beltsville c/o Emmanuel United Methodist Church 11416 Cedar Lane Beltsville, MD, 20705.* The deadline for receiving your Christmas donation deadline is Wednesday, December 16. Contact Karen Coakley with questions and /or to schedule a pick up or delivery time of your donation. Karenmcoakley@gmail.com or call 301.937.3490.

Patsy's Honky Tonk Torch & Twang to Perform at the College Park American Legion

Patsy Stephens and The Hall Brothers (as Patsy's Honky Tonk Torch & Twang) will be performing Saturday, December 12, from 8:00 pm-11:00 pm. The cost is \$10 (cash only). Doors will open at 7:30. Patsy's Honky Tonk Torch & Twang plays a mix of classic coun-

try and honky tonk music in the Baltimore/Washington area. They mix it up with some other styles thrown in for good measure...a little Western swing, some rockabilly, a few jazz standards, and plenty of Patsy Cline!

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society

The monthly meeting of the Prince George's County Genealogical Society will be on December 2nd at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway, New Carrollton, MD 20784 at 7:00 pm. Certified Genealogist Rebecca Koford will speak about "Researching War of 1812 Ancestors." Refreshments will be served.

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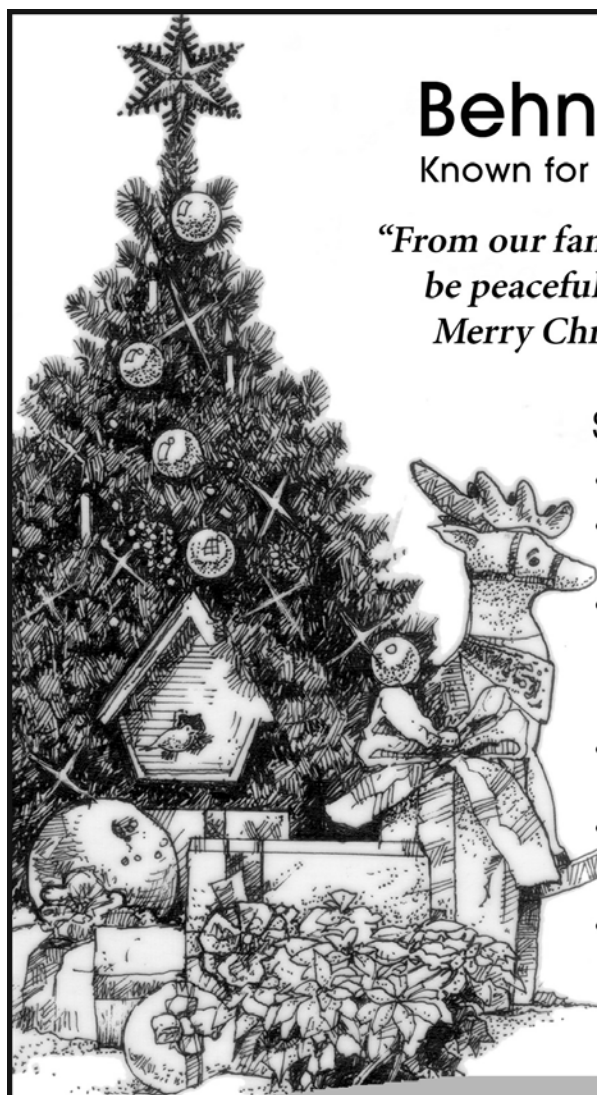
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Happy Holidays from Post and Unit #217

By Ivy Christoffers

We are officially into the blessed holiday season. By the time you read this, we will have already enjoyed the feast of Thanksgiving with our family and friends. We hope you remembered our veterans this past month and attended a ceremony in their honor. We at Post and Unit #217 were in attendance at the College Park Veterans Memorial on Veterans Day where our color guard advanced and retired the colors, our acting chaplain offered the opening prayer, and the College Park Chorale sang. The mayor of College Park, Mayor Brayman, brought greetings and introduced all the city officials in attendance, the Armed Forces Medley, and our guest speaker, who was very interesting relating the history of Armistice Day, which later became Veterans Day. Special recognition was given by Mary Cook, who was chairman of the program. Our M.C. was Tom Davis, and the benediction was given by our friend from the V.F.W. in College Park. Everyone was invited to come back to the Post Home to enjoy a bountiful lunch of chili, cornbread, and desserts. Post Chaplain Jim Hunter offered a moving prayer and blessed the food.

The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA), Department of MD, hosted the women veterans from MCVET (Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training) on Saturday, Nov. 14, at Toby's Dinner Theater in Columbia, MD. There were 23 in attendance, which included students and staff from MCVET, and seven Southern Maryland Auxiliary members who supported them. The show, *Ragtime, The Musical*, was phenomenal, and the food was *superlative*. Suffice it to say everyone had a great time. These women veterans from MCVET have not had such an experience as this in a long time, if ever. We all had a terrific time and really enjoyed being served by the actors. The department gave the students and staff a beautiful vase of red and white roses. This was donated by Bea Bowman, manager of Giant Food Store in Calverton, and the ALA presented the students with a Toby's t-shirt and commemorative glass with Toby's on one side and "Ragtime" on the other. Toby's also presented the tour director with a "sweet" gift.

We continue to hold our Friday night dinner dances, which are open to the public; Big Bingo

every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at noon; and Blob's Park Dancers in the hall on Saturday nights. Call the post at 301.411.2783 for the schedule of bands and dates. The post is also available for your function. All it takes is a call to the manager, Gary Kingery, at 301.411.2783 to get on the schedule. We even have a great crew to serve the delicious food cooked by our awesome chef, Brian.

We will soon begin our holiday festivities for our Special Olympic children starting on the first Monday in December at the Fontaine Bleue in Lanham, where they will meet Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. It is time to get out the red dress trimmed in white fur and the special booties the kids all seem to love.

The VA hospital gift shops also begin the end of November and continue through December where the hospitalized veterans are given the opportunity to shop for their loved ones at no cost. We purchase the gifts, wrap them, and in some cases, send them, via mail, to their homes. Others we give to the veterans to present to their families when they visit. The gift shops are held at the Baltimore, Perry Point, and Loch Raven VA's as well as MCVET and Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. Other accommodations are made at Washington and Martinsburg VA's. Hundreds of veterans are thus served. We will also hold two special holiday

parties, one at the Washington VA and one at the Perry Point VA. These programs cost several thousand dollars each year, but we are happy to do this for our heroes.

The next column you see will be in 2016. Isn't it amazing how quickly the time flies when you are busy helping someone else?

We wish for you and your loved ones a most blessed holiday season and pray God spreads his loving arms far and wide to protect our troops serving around the world. See you next year.

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Club News

Johnny Seaton Christmas Show at the College Park Moose Lodge

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Christmas songs.

Johnny is well known as a rockabilly artist for his tribute shows to Elvis. Originally from Beltsville, he has been amazing audiences all over the world from Las Vegas to New York City to Europe.

Tickets can be purchased at the College Park Moose Lodge for \$20 per person for the show,

which is from 7 pm-10 pm. Dinner is optional prior to the show beginning at 6 pm for \$10 per person. This event is open to the public.

The College Park Moose Lodge #453 is located at 3700 Metzger Road, College Park. For tickets and information, please call 301.935.5525.

School News

High Road Helps Support the Cause

On October 15th, the staff and students at High Road Upper School (HRUS) in Beltsville participated for the second year in a fundraiser to support All Shades of Pink (ASOP), Inc., for Breast Cancer Awareness.

All Shades of Pink, Inc., is a Maryland non-profit 501(c) 3 corporation founded in the summer of 2007. Its mission is to assist men and women diagnosed with breast cancer by addressing the emotional, physical, and financial stresses they will encounter during their journey to survivorship. The organization is committed to taking the *stress* out of breast cancer.

In an effort to reach 20,000 women to take a pro-active stand for their breast health, over the next year All Shades of Pink, Inc., will host monthly seminars and presentations for community, civic, and religious groups/organizations throughout Prince George's County and the surrounding jurisdictions.

High Road Upper School's sponsored event was in support of ASOP's "Wrapped in Com-

fort" program. This award-winning program (formerly known as the Comfort Blanket Program) allows "comfort liaisons" to create beautiful, hand-crocheted, pink and white blankets for the school's partner hospitals' newly diagnosed breast cancer patients. These blankets are provided free of charge to the patient as a symbol of strength and encouragement and as a reminder that they are not in this fight alone.

Each blanket is as unique as the person who receives it. Once the blankets are completed, a custom tag is sewn on each blanket, and the blanket is packaged for delivery. The designated hospital representative presents each breast cancer patient with their blanket before or directly after surgery.

HRUS Director Michelle Anderson's mother was the recipient of one of these special blankets in February 2010. Anderson said, "This is a cause that is very dear to my heart. My mother, god-mother, and a family friend of over 30 years are breast cancer survivors. It starts off as just a day

to wear a pretty color, but many of my students have begun asking the question, 'What does the pink mean?' These young girls need to know their family history and be aware of the signs, symptoms, and people to see if they have concerns regarding breast cancer. So many women of all ages endure this fight every year, and unfortunately many of them lose their battle with cancer, but for just one day in our school, we were able to bring awareness and encourage anyone dealing with this disease to keep fighting! We plan to support All Shades of Pink for years to come."

For more information about or to support All Shades of Pink, please call 301.356.4688 or visit www.asopinc.org. For information about High Road Upper School, please call 301.210.4860 or visit www.sesi-schools.com





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1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Dr., College Park, MD 20740. Phone: 301.864.6029. TTY: 301.699.2544. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, except for major holidays. Cost: \$4/adults, \$3/seniors, \$2/children, free/age 1 and under. Questions? Please don't hesitate to call us. See CollegeParkAviationMuseum.com for more information and events.

SANTA FLY-IN

Sat., Dec. 5 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Watch Santa fly into the historic College Park Airport! Make holiday arts and crafts, then have your picture taken with Santa. Cost: \$5/participant. **Santa will arrive at 12:30 p.m.**

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

CUB SCOUTS

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in the all important Scouting for Food Drive collecting over 283 lbs. of food and doing 80 hours of service. The food was donated to the St. Joseph's Food Pantry. The food pantries in Beltsville will welcome any additional donations for the upcoming holiday season.

The Wolves have learned to fold the flag and tie the square knot. The Bears and Webelos are learning the taut line and other knots.

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

DECEMBER 2015

Calendar of Events

SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Friendship Club regular office hours are Mon. – Fri. from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Phone: 301.206.3380. The monthly meeting will take place on Wed., Dec. 9 at 10:30 a.m. Come and learn about our club, hear about our planned trips for 2016, and enjoy a special *Christmas Wishes* music program by the New Dimensions Singers. If you would like to attend our roast beef luncheon, please sign-up by Wed., Dec. 2. The luncheon is being provided at no cost and is open to all seniors.

THURSDAY MOVIE MATINEES

The movie for Thur., Dec. 10 is *Sherlock Holmes* and the movie for Thur., Dec. 24 is *Elf*. Movie time starts at 10 a.m. and ends around 12 noon. We'll supply the popcorn and you enjoy the movie. Free.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER

10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. Main phone: 301.497.5772. See fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent/visit/NWVC.html. The entrance is accessed from Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore–Washington Pkwy. and Rt. 197. **The center and trails will be closed on Friday, Dec. 25. The center will close at 1 p.m. on New Year's Eve (Thur., Dec. 31), but the grounds will remain open until sunset.** Regular hours of operation for the Visitor Center are: Fri. – Wed. from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closed Thursday's and federal holidays. Regular hours of operation for the trails and grounds are: Open daily from sunrise to sunset, except for federal holidays. Free admission to the Visitor Center and its exhibits, grounds, and trails. **Space in public programs is limited and registration is required unless otherwise specified** — call 301.497.5887. Activities and events are free of charge if not noted. Please advise us of any special needs so that we may accommodate you.

HOLLINGSWORTH ART GALLERY

The featured artist for December is Gloria Hynes. The gallery is open when the Visitor Center is open. Registration is not required. All ages.

HUNTING SEASON

Hunting is now in session and may be occurring in various areas in the refuge this fall season through Jan. 31, 2016. *Make*

sure to stay on marked trails at all times and find out about closed areas when visiting.

NATURE TOTS: HELLO HIBERNATION

Wed., Dec. 9, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Ages 3 – 4. Introduce your preschooler to animals that hibernate through songs, stories, and crafts.

TINY TOTS: NATURE AND MUSIC

Sun., Dec. 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and Mon., Dec. 14 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Ages 16 – 42 mos. Come learn about the wildlife at the refuge through songs and rhyming. **Parental participation is required.**

AMAZING ADAPTATIONS

Wed., Dec. 16 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Ages 5 – 7. Reptiles, amphibians, birds, fish, insects, and mammals! Learn what makes these animals different and how adaptations help them survive in this fun hands-on interpretive program.

Living In The Dark

Fri., Dec. 18 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Ages 8 – 11. Nocturnal animals have to rely on senses other than sight to navigate and find food in the dark. Could you do that? We will put our senses to the test with games and hands-on activities, all done in the dark!

Bird Walk

Sun., Dec. 20 from 8 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Ages 8+. Search for birds in several refuge habitats on this guided hike. Field guides and binoculars recommended.

BELTSVILLE EVENTS

Please contact the individual facilities regarding late changes or updates to hours of operation, especially for holidays.

THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)

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

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11300 Baltimore Ave. Please call 301.937.1100, ext. 0 or see Behnkes.com for more information, additional events, and to register if requested.

Orchid Diagnostic And Repotting Clinic

Sat. and Sun., Dec. 12 and 13 from 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. If you have questions about a specific orchid, bring it in, and let the orchid lady, Carol Allen, take a look. If you need your orchid repotted, she will take care of that for a fee and also show you how.

BELTSVILLE LIBRARY

All library branches will be closed Dec. 24, 25, and 31, 2015 and Jan. 1, 2016. The library is located at 4319 Sellman Rd., Beltsville, next to the police station. Main phone number: 301.937.0294. Regular hours of operation are Mon. – Tue. from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., Wed. – Fri. from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sat. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Sunday. Visit our library system website at www.pgcmils.info to use our online library services.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

PRESCHOOL STORYTIMES

Tuesdays at 7 p.m., repeated on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Ages 3 – 5.

CHESS CLUB

Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Drop in to learn to play or improve your game. All ages.

TODDLER STORYTIME

Wednesday mornings at 11:30 a.m. for ages 2 – 3.

SPECIAL EVENT: FOLK MUSIC

Sat., Dec. 5 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Music provided by Hungrytown. All ages welcome.

TAIL WAGGIN' TUTORS

Sat., Dec. 19 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Children read to a dog. Registration recommended. Ages 6 – 12.

HOLIDAY FUN NIGHT

Mon., Dec. 21 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Decorate an ornament for an arts and crafts extravaganza. All ages.

BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

3900 Sellman Rd., Beltsville. Phone: 301.937.6613. Spanish line: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512. Regular hours of operation are: Mon. – Thur. from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fri. from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sat. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed on Sunday. Hours of operation for Xtreme Teens and Pre-teens: Fri. – Sat. from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Contact the Center regarding other events for December.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA CLAUS

Sat., Dec. 12 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Have a morning of fun with Santa Claus and make a craft for the holiday season. Children will be able to take a picture with Santa. Breakfast will be available. Reservation required by Sat., Dec. 5. Free. All ages welcome.

WINTER WEDNESDAY WONDERLAND

Wed., Dec. 16 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Families are invited to have some hot chocolate and have seasonal treats as we show a classic winter film. Reservation required by Dec. 14. Free. All ages welcome.

HOLIDAY CONCERT

Mon., Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. Come hear the Greenbelt Concert Band. There will be door prizes, refreshments, and announcement of the winners of the Holiday Decorating Contest. Sponsored by the Beltsville Recreation Council. Free. All ages welcome.

SENIORS ON THE MOVE

Tue., Dec. 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Join us as we take a trip to Arundel Mills for fun and last-minute shopping. The cost of the trip is free, but money is needed for other activities. Reservation required by Dec. 18. Ages 60 and up.

YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

The Beltsville Young at Heart Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 12 noon. Members must be at least 55 years old. If you visit us three times you can become a member. We have speakers, entertainment, trips, 50/50, bingo, plus light refreshments. Call Jean at 301.879.4304 with any questions.

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Mondays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Enjoy board games, strategy games, and tons of fun. All skill levels welcome. Any game can be played as well as brought to the club to be played. Free. All ages.

XTREME TEEN REGULAR EVENTS

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

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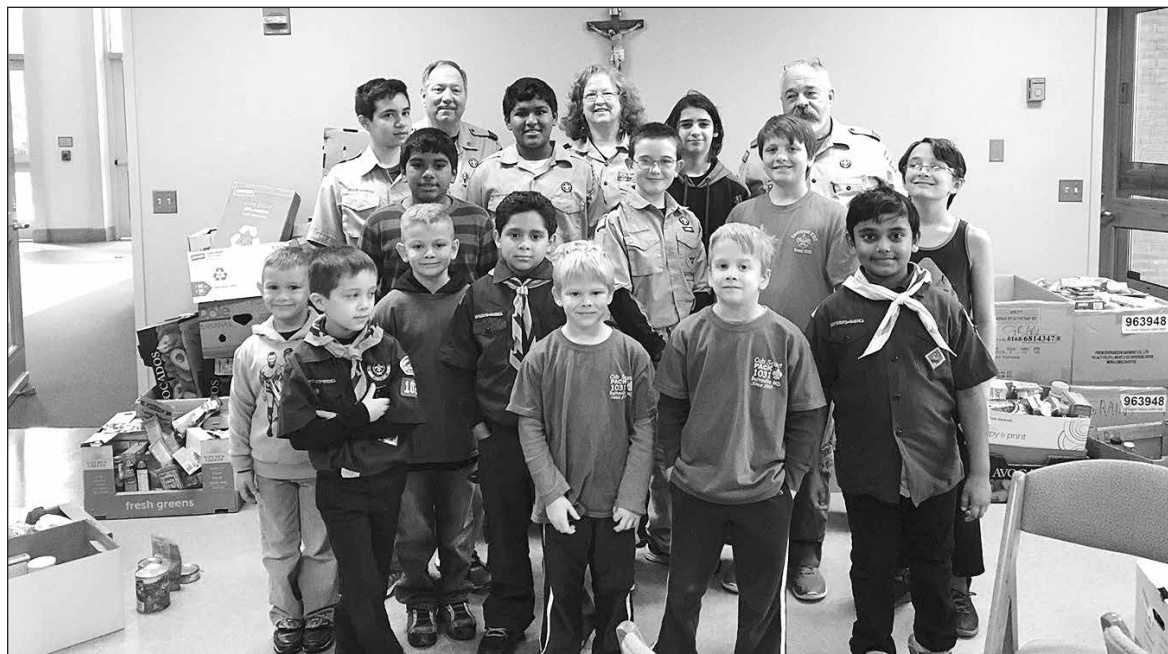
Thur., Dec. 17 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Reservation required by Dec. 14. Free. Ages 5 to 12.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION AND LUNCH WITH SANTA

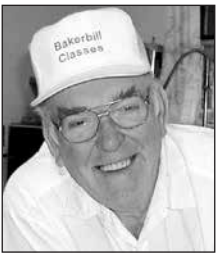
Sat., Dec. 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. Ages 12 mos. to 12 years, with parent.

XTREME TEENS REGULAR EVENTS

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



Members of Cub Pack 1031 and Troop 1033 collected over 1400 lbs. of food for the Saint Joseph's Food Pantry during their Scouting for Food collection during the first two weeks of November.



Baker Bill

STUFF 'N THINGS

If you watch sports as much as I do, you see ads that glorify Fantasy Football. In past years, the only place you could lose your money was on cable. Now you can go into debt online. One site requires you to put \$200 on your credit card! The thing I wish to say is, if you think you can go up against a computer and win, then your only fantasy isn't in football. There is an old saying, "A fool and his money are soon parted." It's my opinion only, but here are 2 observations I have about this scam. I think employees have rigged the line so they win or one of their friends. Out west, there was a case of the same thing where a man rigged the computer in a state lottery. He was caught and charged with fraud but he pocketed over \$1.5 million. My point is you can't trust this type of scam. You may win money at first, but this is to sucker

you in. If you send them your credit card number, you're hooked. Let's say one day you check your balance and find a charge of \$300 on it. They claim you bet it on a fantasy football game and lost. Whom do you call to get your money back? Another old saying applies here, "Never buy aluminum siding from a company that has no fixed address."

Well enough of that; this is the happy season, Christmas, a time of joy and sometimes sadness, a time you may see all your holiday kids (you know the ones you only see on holidays). I hope you do not have any deployed in the armed forces. They have no idea what to do next under the current administration.

No, I'm not political, I will not back anyone in print. What I won't like is that we have a whole year to listen to all the backstabbing in TV commercials every few minutes

along with the auto commercials that never end. One company claims their car has won more awards than all others. My question is "From who?" Or whom.

The last 2 months my column included recipes for holiday no-spread cookies and great fruit cake. I have had a few ask for recipes again. They can both be found on my website, www.bakerbill.net. Just click on recipes, scroll down, and print them out. You'll find many good recipes on there.

As you know, this is my last drivel this year. Have a very Merry Christmas with no tears, and I'll pick it up again next year.

Sincerely,
Baker Bill, AKA Bill Raulin

P.S. I like e-mail, so drop me a line at bill@bakerbill.net. I love fan mail and answer all who write.

School News

From the Hilltop: High Point News

The fall season was full of positive news and events at High Point High School, and the winter term brings with it many delightful activities and opportunities.

In October, Prince George's County Public Schools started a new Saturday School program for which High Point functions as the host school. The goal of Saturday School is to raise student achievement by improving students' mathematics skills and by preparing students for college success. The Saturday School serves the following area schools: High Point High School, Buck Lodge Middle, Beltsville Academy, and Adelphi, Calverton, Carole Highlands, Cool Spring, Langley Park-McCormick, and Mary Harris Mother Jones elementary schools. If any High Point students are interested in joining the Saturday School program, please contact the school.

In November, High Point honored its senior students who had demonstrated a commitment to community service. The PBIS organization hosted an event where each student received a certificate from the governor's office, acknowledging their community achievement. The celebrations continued in November as twenty-six students were inducted into High Point's elite National Honor Society. Congratulations to Luis Garcia-Cerna, Samantha Venegas, Jenny Chen, Edgar Martinez-Angel, Elisabeth Ramos, Lynn-Marie Vaughan, Zayda Villatoro, Kelvin Mendoza, Keila Lobos-Hernandez, Florence Kyre-

manteng, Angelica Arias, Lydia James, Morelia Mesa, Adriel Espinal, Oluwadamilola Oloyede, Eric Victor, Anaiyah Lynch, Issmatu Barrie, Mohin Uddin, Elias Fekadu, Samuel Doty, Bezawit Tesema, Kimbily Warner, Gabriela Hernandez-Soto, Jordan Major, and Maria Ramirez.

High Point's Student Government Association completed a successful Canned Food Drive. Students were urged to bring canned goods to support those in need. Over 500 items were collected, and all of the donated items were delivered to the Maryland Food Bank to help families in need during this holiday season. SGA is continuing its giving spirit through the holiday season by organizing a Winter Coat Drive as well. If you would like to donate a winter coat, or to make a monetary donation, please contact Mrs. Kashra Shelton, SGA sponsor.

The first quarter ended last month and report cards were sent home on Friday, November 13. Congratulations to all of High Point's honor roll students. Students are a few weeks into the second quarter, which will continue until January 21, 2016. Progress Reports will be released on December 22 and second quarter report cards will be released on February 4, 2016.

Coming in the month of December is the annual winter concert, which reveals the wealth of talented young people High Point has in the fine arts programs. With selections from the band, orchestra, choir, and dance team,

the concert is sure to amaze.

Continuing its work to provide support for parents and students, High Point's PTSA will hold its monthly general meeting on Thursday, December 17, 2015. Parents and students are encouraged to attend. The PTSA meets every third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at High Point High School.

Please remember that schools will be closed from Wednesday, December 23 until Friday, January 1 for the county's winter break.

We invite you to visit High Point's home page online at <http://www1.pgcps.org/highpoint> for current information and High Point events.

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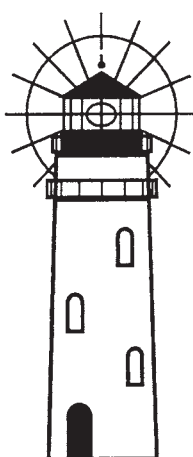
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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24 at 6:00 p.m.

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*Sunday School for all ages 9:45 a.m.

*Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Adult Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

Wednesdays:

Adult Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 p.m.

RA's, GA's, Mission Friends 7:00 p.m.

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11:15 Traditional Service

10:15 am Bible Study & Sunday School for adults & children

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Upcoming Events in December

Dec 12 Breakfast With Santa 9:00 am

Dec. 20 Christmas Cantata Performed by the choirs and Praise band of Emmanuel at

9:00 am and 11:15 services.

Dec. 24th Christmas Eve!

6:30 Interactive Family Service

11:00 Candlelight Service

*May the peace and hope of
Christ's birth
be with you now and in the days ahead...*

RIDERWOOD

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the role of economic power in creating the concept of "race," examples of modern-day institutional racism, the importance of eliminating stereotypes, and future goals for 21st century American society. Following their presentation, the panelists took questions from attendees.

Joyce Turner, a resident of Riderwood, is the co-chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. "We are very proud of not only the substantive quality of the first event but also the high turnout and engaged audience," said Ms. Turner. "This series enhances the signature programs created by our committee."

She noted that future panels in 2016 will highlight Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., women who have broken historical and professional barriers, and those who cope with physical barriers in their daily lives.

LANDMARK

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correct name phytochrome. "The discovery and isolation of phytochrome were the result of a more than 40-years of cross-disciplinary collaboration by researchers at the U.S. Department of Agriculture".

"The discovery opened the way to many valuable leaps forward for agricultural science, such as growing crops in new seasons even creating new ways to protect plants from pests," said Agricultural Research Service (ARS) Administrator Chavonda Jacobs-Young at the award ceremony. For example, knowledge of phytochrome, and related photoperiodism, enabled soybean varieties to be bred to mature at staggered dates, boosting the value and importance of soybeans as a crop.

Awareness of phytochrome also brought the discovery that exposing chrysanthemums to light for just minutes in the middle of night prevents flowering. This allowed growers to time blooming, and turned mums into one of the country's most valuable ornamentals with U.S. sales of more than \$135 million a year.

The ceremony to mark the national landmark honor was followed by a symposium hosted by BARC on past, present and future research related to phytochrome. The keynote speaker was Peter H. Quail, professor, Department of Plant and Microbial Biology, University of California, Berkeley and research director of the Plant Gene Expression Center, Albany, California. His talk was titled *A Pigment of the Imagination*. Also speaking was Karl Norris, a member of the original ARS phytochrome discovery team and the developer of near-infrared reflectance spectroscopy, which can quantify the chemical composition of substances using certain light wavelengths.

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