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Significant Development in Beltsville— What Does it Mean, What Does it Bring?

By Tom Aylward of Jackson-Shaw

Nearly seven years ago the Brick Yard site lay fallow. All but abandoned, there were 125 acres of industrial buildings and mine pits extending north from Muirkirk road. This site produced iron ore from the 1850's to nearly 1900 when production switched to fired clay products, primarily bricks. By 1992 nothing was manufactured and minimal mining operations extracted small quantities of clays. Chase Galbraith, of Jackson-Shaw, saw potential in this uniquely positioned property adjacent to rail service, many good highways and an established community.

The early concepts for the Brick Yard envisioned a first class business park of over a million square feet of space. Change was already underway in this part of Beltsville – residential neighborhoods had been established around the western side of the



Artist's concept of the development at the Brickyard

USDA's Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, many of the industrial activities in the area were scaling back. In 2006, as Jackson-Shaw listened to comments made by Beltsville citizens through Park & Planning's RT 1 Corridor study and later the update to the Sub-Region 1 Masterplan it became clear that about half of the property, the portion adjacent to the Muirkirk MARC

station, could be a mixed use residential neighborhood. A planning 'U' turn was made and Brickyard Station emerged on the south half of the property.

Development of the Business Park in the north proceeded while the south worked its way through the design and approval process. A total of 7 commercial buildings were constructed and occupied between 2009 and 2011. These

new buildings have increased the property taxes paid to the County and State by more than \$400,000.00 annually. Of course the new occupants operate their businesses to make additional impacts on individual incomes as well as purchases these employees make in the immediate area. In addition to bringing this direct economic growth to the area, Jackson-Shaw donated 7.5 acres of land to MNCPPC for the Dinosaur Park to preserve the known extent of the valuable fossil deposit. On an average open Saturday The Dinosaur Park attracts over 75 people. They are drawn to the Beltsville area from all over the region, while here you can be sure they use Beltsville restaurant & retail services.

Back to the south, after three years of design, meetings and hearing a Detailed Site Plan was

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On the Agenda

BY PRESIDENT KAREN M. COAKLEY

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!!

Election 2012 is just around the corner. I am sure most of you have decided whom you will vote for President in Nov. We have another important position to vote for this year, our School Board Representative. Our School Board Representative impacts all of our lives, not just the residents with children in the school system. Schools are one of the top "quality of life issues" in a community. Schools are a true sign of the health and stability of a community. Schools are the heart of a community. We must elect a School Board Candidate who cares about Our Children! Our Schools! Our Community!!



Karen Coakley

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School News High Point High School, Martin Luther King Middle School, and Beltsville Academy have students in need of sweaters for the winter months. High Point sweaters should be royal blue or navy. Martin Luther King sweaters could be red, blue or white. Beltsville Academy students do not wear any particular color; however, this is a pre-k to 8th grade school, so the sizes range from 4t to junior XL. If you have new or slightly used clean

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Beltsville Briefs

Holiday Decorating Contest

Do you think you have the most festive house on the block? The Beltsville Recreation Council invites you to enter the 1st Annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest. The Contest is open to houses in the 20705 zip code only. Beginning at the end of Nov., entry forms will be available at the Beltsville Community Center, on the Beltsville Recreation Council website (www.beltsvillerecouncil.homestead.com), the Beltsville Rec. Council Facebook page and in the December Beltsville News. There are three categories in which to enter: Best Holiday Display, Best Lawn Display or Most Energy Efficient (use of LED lights). Entries must be received by December 8th, judging will take place on Wednesday, December 12th between 7 and 10 p.m. and the winners will be announced at the Holiday Concert at the Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Road, Beltsville, Md. on Monday, Dec. 17th. Winners in each category will receive a yard sign to

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Scouting For Food

Nov. is Scouting for Food month in our area. Each year the Boy Scouts of America team up with Safeway and WUSA-TV to collect food for the hungry. Look for plastic grocery bags marked "Scouting for Food" on your doors on the weekend of Nov.

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Volunteer Emergency Medical Technician Janice Gardiner

Janice Gardiner started hanging around the fire station when her oldest brother, Jimmy, decided to become a volunteer firefighter with the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD). Whenever the crews were out on an emergency response, Gardiner would wait at the station for them to return so they could relive the excitement in the stories they would tell her. Eventually, Gardiner became such a fixture at the firehouse that the Deputy Chief encouraged her to participate in the training drills that our members take part in on a regular basis in order to keep their skills fresh.



Janice Gardiner, Emergency Medical Technician

Finally, after 5 years of hanging around, making friends, and learning something about life

as a volunteer firefighter and/or emergency medical technician (EMT), Gardiner decided that she could make a difference and be helping people during this time instead of just sitting around and listening about it. And so she submitted an application to join the BVFD. After 20 years as a member, she still thinks it was a great decision and is grateful for the extended family that she has found in the membership of the BVFD.

Although Gardiner considers the members of the BVFD "family," most of her immedi-

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25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

Extracted from the
November 1987 issue

December Wedding Planned

Lora Lee Casagrande of Beltsville was engaged to marry Stephen Glenn Mangene on Dec. 5 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Beltsville.

February Wedding Planned

Elisabeth Michelle is engaged to marry Alan Eugene Borgwardt in Feb. 1988.

Service News

Airman 1st Class Bernard Williams graduated from the Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Private Sheila Marshall completed the traffic management coordinator course at the U.S. Army Transportation School, Fort Eustis, Va.

Coakley Receives Award

Carolyn Coakley, a speech teacher at High Point High School received a \$25,000 award from the first annual Chrita McAuliffe Fellowship Competition.

Holy Cross Accredited

Holy Cross Hospital received the maximum three-year Certificate of Accreditation by the Joint Commission of Accreditation of Healthcare Organization.

Peltier Wins Award

Joe Peltier won the coveted Outstanding Citizens Award of Prince George's County on Oct. 7, 1988.

Beltsville Optician 45 Years of Service

Bryan E. Brewer is co-owner of Brewer and Marshall Opticians in the Chestnut Hill Shopping Center in Beltsville. Bryan began in 1941 to become interested in becoming an optician.

New Arrivals

Eric William Fletcher, son of Richard and Bette Fletcher arrived Aug. 7 1987.

Blain Michael Ward, son of Richard J. Ward Jr. and Peggy Harrington-Ward arrived Sept. 4, 1987.

Robert Ethan Allen III, son of Patti Ann and Robert Ethan Allen, Jr. arrived on Oct. 2, 1987.

Kelly Marie Farrell, daughter of Lesa Ann and James Angas Farrell arrived Sept. 21, 1987.

Steve Michael Stepanek, son of Jennifer Smith and Gregory John Stephek arrived Sept. 22, 1987.

Robert William Kendall, son of Diana Lynn and Harry Robert Kendall arrived Sept. 23, 1987.

Adyssa Kathleen Origlio, daughter of Sandra and Anthony Origlio arrived Sept. 27, 1987.

Stephan Scott Clement, son

of Cynthia Elise Viant and Stephen Scott Clement arrived Sept. 22, 1987.

William Wayne Gorce, Jr. son of Patricia Mae and William Wayne Gorce arrived Oct. 5, 1987.

Stephanie Diane Phobeus, daughter of Lois Ann Taft and Howard Murrell Phobeus arrived Oct. 9, 1987.

Peter Charles Lightfoot, son of Carol Potter and Scott Edward Lightfoot arrived Oct. 16, 1987.

Melanie Jay Banks, daughter of Jacqueline and Renard Steven Banks arrived Oct. 19, 1987.

Obituaries

Flora Lucille Kavakos passed away Oct. 6, 1987.

John J. Schiavone, Sr. passed away Oct. 11, 1987.

Barbara J. Panizaro passed away Oct. 1987.

Edythe A. Logan Harden passed away Oct. 23, 1987.

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3rd and 4th. Please fill these bags with canned goods or non-perishable food and place them near your front door on the morning of Saturday, Nov. 10th. It's best to place them outside your door on Friday evening so you don't forget. Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 1033 and Cub Scout Pack 1031 will come by between 9 a.m. and 12 noon and will pick up the bags of canned goods. Please no glass containers! The food collected will be given to St. Joseph's Catholic Church and Emmanuel United Methodist Church, which have food pantries for distribution to the needy in the Beltsville area. Please be as generous as you can.

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Letter to the Editor

There is a travesty about to be perpetrated on the residents of Montgomery Road. In the guise of improvement, it is the total destruction of our neighborhood and the lives of those of us who live along Montgomery Road. The last most of the residents along Montgomery had any contact with the County DPWT on the proposed plans was in 2007, when there was a community meeting. At that time, residents asked for a sidewalk and for help in reducing speeding. Since that time there has been silence from DPWT about the project. Now we have stakes all along the roadway with pro-

posed L.O.D. (limit of destruction or disturbance, depending on to whom one speaks). The whole project has gotten out of hand. It has become grandiose and is complete over-kill. We are going to lose some of our big trees, and some of the residents will lose a large portion of their front yards. While I understand that some of this land might be on county right-of-way, those houses have been here for decades. Surely there must be a grandfather clause of some kind, which could guard against this destruction. The County will tell us that they will do everything possible to save

the biggest of the trees; some are marked with colored tape. But there are also LOD stakes abutting some of them. If there is any digging near those trees, it will cut the roots, the trees will eventually die.

This roadwork will not accomplish what was originally requested. It will make the speeding worse as the road way is widened, and bike lanes added. It will put more traffic on our street, as drivers bail out onto Montgomery to avoid snarls on Routes 1 and 95, and on the Beltway. The best way to reduce speeding is the installation of cameras. Montgomery Road should be paved

from gravel edge to gravel edge, and one sidewalk installed with a crossing guard at Wicomico Avenue to get the children to school safely. We do not need bike lanes, as there is a wonderful park off Sellman Road with a nicely paved path for walking and bicycling. One of the beauties of living on Montgomery Road is that it is a respite from the noise, congestion and traffic of the surrounding highways. It is a beautiful tree lined lane of well-kept, single-family homes. That will disappear if this project is completed.

A. Conrad
Beltsville

Neighbors in the News

New Business in Town

On Baltimore Avenue/Route 1, just north of Costco and just south of Powder Mill Road, nestled in the rear of the shopping center in the location that formerly housed Circuit City is Beltsville's newest treasure, Old Line Fine Wine Spirits and Bistro. It's an amazing store featuring beer, wine, liquor and a restaurant and gift shop. Over two years ago when Joe Lassick decided to sell his liquor license, a group of local investors jumped at the opportunity to create the most unique liquor store, restaurant, gift shop combination anywhere! The best part about this decision is their choice of location, Beltsville. Although regulated geographically as to where the new location could be, the team decided upon Beltsville as their first choice and were fortunate to be able to work with Beltsville business owner Joe Nazario to negotiate a long-term lease in the location of the old Circuit City store, a long time Beltsville landmark. Lots of us have watched this project creep along over the past two years wondering if it was ever going to happen. Well, at long last, they opened the doors on October 1st! After lots of planning, permit and construction setbacks, bank funding issues and many appearances before the county liquor board, the dream has become a reality! The team is led by managing partner Larry Pendleton and Beltsville native Vaughn Riffe as General Manager. You have got to see this place; no verbal description can do it justice. Old Line occupies 21,000 square

feet in total. As you enter thru the electric sliding doors under the big red column (they kept the circuit city icon intact) the store opens up to a vast view of row upon row of shelving, beautifully lit and clean and new! Upon these shelves you will find the best selection of bourbon, whiskey, scotch, rum, vodka and tequila for miles, not to mention all of the other various liquors. Old Line's wine expert, Jon Webster, tells us they have over 1000 different brands of wine in stock, so you can find your favorites as well as discover new treasures from around the world. According to their craft beer expert Rob Goss, the craft beer selection has already gained notoriety as being the best selection in Prince George's County if not the entire state with over 730 craft beers to choose from as well as many imports and domestic beers. They offer free beer and wine tasting on Friday afternoons, Saturday and Sunday. Visit their website for times www.oldlinewine.com, <http://www.oldlinewine.com>, <http://www.oldlinewine.com>.

In the far front corner of the liquor store you will find a quaint marketplace and gift shop. It is still a work in progress, but their idea is to feature wine and beer related accoutrements, with gourmet cheeses, meats and breads to follow soon. As you walk thru the store in the far back corner is Beltsville's new best-kept secret "The Bistro." The atmosphere is casual country French, the food is amazing with price points so low they will sur-

prise you. One guest shared with us, "Nowhere in the Washington metro area can you find gourmet food like this at these prices." Beyond the great food they have 20 beers on draft and a very nice wine list. The Bistro will have happy hour

from 3 to 6 p.m. with beer, wine and food specials, and plan on having Wine dinners and Beer dinners in the near future. You owe it to yourself to hurry over to Old Line and check it out! You won't be disappointed.

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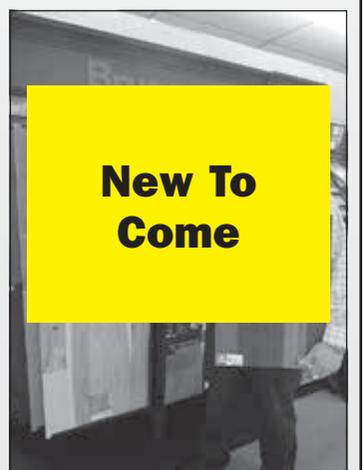
sweaters, they would be greatly appreciated.

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Please give me a call or send an email if you have a community concern that you would like to discuss at a future Citizens' Association meeting. karenmcoakley@msn.com or 301.937.3490.

Natural Splendor

Want to beautify your home and increase its resale value while reducing allergens? Try a hardwood flooring upgrade. Wood is rich and elegant and instantly adds warmth to any room. For the best selection of top quality flooring as well as advice on the perfect wood flooring for your home consult with Michael Richards or Valerie Kabelac at Will's Home Decorating (www.decoratmaryland.com). Will's has a wonderful display of environmentally friendly bamboo in addition to wood flooring by Bruce, Mirage and BR111. They also have an interesting product called "StareCasing," which converts a carpeted or worn staircase into stunning wood stairs using an overlay system made of 100% genuine hardwood.



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Neighbors in the News

Prestandrea Retires as CEO of Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union

BOWIE, MD (10/16/12) — Cindy Prestandrea, Chief Executive Officer of the Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union (PGCFCU), will retire from her current post on Dec. 31, 2012.

"Cindy has been an outstanding leader whose hard work and dedication to Prince George's Community FCU and to the entire credit union movement has set a standard of excellence for all of us to emulate," says Charlie Deegan, Chairman of the PGCFCU Board of Directors.

"Since Cindy was named CEO in 1995, PGCFCU has more than doubled in size as she guided efforts to attract more people who live, work, worship, or volunteer in Prince George's County to join," Deegan continues. "But her leadership and influence extends well beyond the business side of the ledger. Cindy invested a great deal of herself in helping the PGCFCU team to be one of the most professional and knowledgeable in the credit union industry, and has been a driving force in the financial literacy movement."

Under Prestandrea's leadership, PGCFCU teamed with the Maryland Department of Corrections and the Women Empowerment Program to bring financial literacy programs to women inmates. She also spearheaded efforts to bring the City Dance Program into Prince George's County and provide school boxes to underserved children.

Earlier this year, PGCFCU raised more than \$3,000 to benefit Children's Miracle Network Hospitals through the Credit Unions for Kids program.

At PGCFCU, Prestandrea oversaw changes in the credit union's charter that allowed it to change its name and aggressively pursue more business and individual members in Prince George's County. She was responsible for implementing a required eight-week training course for all staff that focuses on meeting customer needs. She also structured an incentive package that rewards employees for cross-selling credit union services.

A graduate of the CUNA Man-

agement School, Prestandrea has served on several credit unions boards, including MACUMA and the CUNA Awards Committee. She has also been Chapter Director of MDDCCUA' Suburban Maryland Chapter and was named the 2008 MDDCCUA Professional of the Year.

A new CEO will be announced shortly.

Membership at PGCFCU is open to consumers and businesses in Prince George's County, MD. Consumers who live, work, worship or volunteer anywhere in the county are eligible to join. Businesses that are located in Prince George's County are also eligible to join. Both memberships only require a \$50 deposit in a share savings account. Once the primary membership is established, immediate family members are also welcome. For more information about PGCFCU, visit www.princegeorgesfcu.org.

Renaissance Gardens at Riderwood in Silver Spring to Conduct Free Memory Screening for Public on Tuesday, Nov. 13

Silver Spring, Md. (Oct. 16, 2012) -- The Alzheimer's Foundation of America has selected Riderwood to be a host site for its Tuesday, November 13, National Memory Screening Day. As such, Riderwood, which is the nation's largest continuing care retirement community with nearly 3,000 residents, will play a key role in a national initiative to promote early detection and intervention for individuals concerned about memory loss, as well as to educate about successful aging.

Riderwood social workers will conduct free memory screening for the general public from 10 to

11:30 am, and from 2 to 4 p.m. at Renaissance Gardens at Riderwood, 3160 Gracefield Road, Silver Spring.

Results will be given to each participant along with a letter to give to their physician so they can discuss the results and to help the individual understand the finding. A memory screening is not used to diagnose any particular illness and does not replace consultation with a qualified physician or other healthcare professional. Riderwood encourages medical follow-up. Please contact Sharon Flowers-Williams at 301572.8420 to register.

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O what liberty
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O what blessings we
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by those in our stead,
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of exquisite cost;
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have the right to speak
At the ballot box
and out in the street,
Of what we believe
be it bad or good,
In the pulpit and

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Should we close our hearts,
To our grim disgrace,
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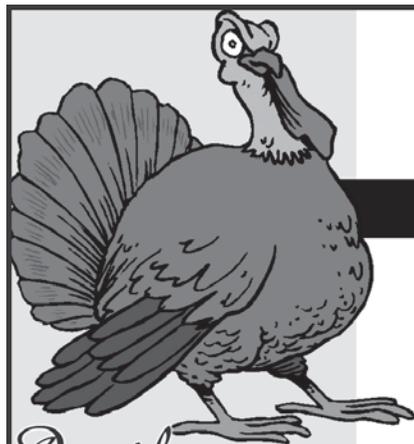
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In the Greenhouse

- Brightly colored Mums, Kalanchoes, and more flowering plants for the Thanksgiving Holidays along with an assortment of Crotons & Bromeliads

- A Christmas Shop full of decorations and collectibles including Steinbach Nutcrackers, Dream-Snowbabies 25th Anniversary from Department 56, Jim Shore & Byers' Choice Carolers

- Amaryllis and Paperwhite Bulbs, along with great gifts for gardeners

November

Activities and Events in Beltsville

Preparing Your Garden for Winter
Saturday, November 3 — 12 noon
FREE talk with Carol Allen, Horticulturist

Soap Making Class — Cold Process Soap 101
Saturday, November 3 — 1:30 to 3:30 pm
w/ Michelle Kwiatkowski, Wild Rose Soap Co.
Cost: \$90/person (Pre-registration a must.)

Orchid Diagnostic and Repotting Clinic w/ Carol Allen
Saturday, November 24 — 9 am to 4:30 pm
Have an orchid question? Bring in your orchids and ask Carol!
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Holiday Workshop Weekend
Saturday, November 17, and Sunday, November 18
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Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

By Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-21)

Reminder: Dec. 31 deadline to apply for Homestead Property Tax Credit

Delegates Barbara Frush, Josefine Peña-Melnyk, Ben Barnes, and I want to remind all homeowners that they only have until December 31, 2012 to file the Application for Homestead Tax Credit Eligibility to continue to be qualified for this property tax credit that limits the amount of assessment on which a homeowner actually pays taxes on their principal residence.

To find out if you have already filed the one-time application in the past five years, go the Department's website at www.dat.state.md.us and click on "Real Property Data Search". Click on the County name where your property is located and enter the street address. A page on your property will be displayed; look across the bottom of the page to see if you've submitted the Homestead application.



Senator Jim Rosapepe

New plan to help pay off student loans

Over the past several years, the Obama Administration has worked to improve repayment options available to responsible student loan borrowers. Former students are now able to enroll in an "Income Based Repayment" (IBR) plan to cap their student

loan payments at 10 percent of their income if they make their payments on time. So if your student loan debt is high but your income is modest, you may qualify for the plan. More information is available at: <http://studentaid.ed.gov/repay-loans/understand/plans/income-based>

Improving Safety at High Point High School

The 21st District Delegation has been working with Councilwoman Mary Lehman and citizens to explore getting a speed camera at High Point. We are also advocating for completing the sidewalks for pedestrian usage and reducing the speed limit. We've been including local police in these conversations and requested that they step up patrols.

Contact Us

As always, 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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Slavic Food Festival at St. Gregory's

St. Gregory of Nyssa Byzantine Catholic Church, 12420 Old Gunpowder Road Spur, Beltsville is holding their Annual Slavic Food Festival, Bake Sale and Raffle on Saturday, Nov. 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Featured will be Eastern European foods including pirohi, holupki, halushki and kolbassi with sauerkraut. All food will be available for eat in or carry out. Our bake table will offer

Kolachi - homemade bread filled with walnuts, poppyseed, apricot, raspberry and lekvar (prune) and a wide variety of other homemade goodies. Admission and parking are free. For details call 301.552.2434 or go to www.stgregoryofnyssa.net.

St. Joseph's Christmas Bazaar Coming on Nov. 10

Saturday, Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. is the date for St. Joseph's annual Christmas Bazaar. Please join us at 11007 Montgomery Road, Beltsville, Md. for a day of fun and games, lunch and snacks, raffles, collectibles, baked goods, plants, jewelry, crafts, white elephant items, religious articles, books, tea room,

cake walk, many other booths and, of course, Santa. Please join St. Joseph's parishioners for a day of fun, good food and community spirit. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SAVE THE DATE!!**

Winter Bazaar at Vansville Elementary Scheduled for Dec. 8

Vansville Elementary School PTA will be hosting its 3rd annual winter bazaar fundraiser on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is a PTA fundraiser to bring cultural art programs to the students at VES. We still have tables available for vendors. Interested vendors can contact Kim Lockett at chriskim@msn.com.

Children's Corner

By Denita Johnson

I enjoy watching the leaves change colors, feeling the cool air and spending time with my family. Nov. brings all the joy of family time, with planning for Thanksgiving and being able to continue in all the Fall time activities. Sometimes planning and getting ready can be stressful but if we plan early and make it fun by including our family it will at least make the events more joyful.

As we do enter into our planning here are a few ideas to keep the children busy and to help them feel included with all the planning

to prepare for Thanksgiving and Family before and on that day.

- Make a centerpiece with flowers in a pilgrim hat or inside of a pumpkin

- Make a thankful tree where the children can write on leaves what they are thankful for and pin it on the tree

- Collect acorns, sticks and rocks, hot glue together and make photo holders (display all those great Fall pictures)

- Make a large turkey picture, cut out feathers and play pin the feathers on the turkey

- Make hand turkeys of the

family and line them up in a row

- Print coloring pages of fun Thanksgiving pictures or of Fall

- Play the hot potato game with fun music the children can sing along with

- Make a corn meal sand box to play in

- Break out some of the game boards that you didn't have time to play with this year

- Make some pies or snacks to enjoy

The most important thing of all, enjoy the rest of this beautiful Fall Time and your Family!

Obituaries

Ashley, Larry H. (Age 75)

On Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012. Beloved husband of Carol Ashley for 56 years. Loving father of Allen Ashley, and Sharon Ashley Rodgers. Grandfather of Jennifer (Justin) Murrah, Melissa (Shane) Shepherd, and Emily Rodgers. Great-Grandfather of Max Murrah, and Reagen Shepherd. Nephew of Iris Knott. Brother in law of John (Karen) Gettleman and Larry (Mai) Gettleman. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Funeral service was held at the Borgwardt Funeral Home 4400 Powder Mill Road Beltsville, Maryland on Saturday, Oct. 20, at 10 a.m. with the Reverend Jim Mitcham officiating; Interment was held at Wisconsin Memorial Park, Brookfield, Wisconsin on Tuesday, Oct. 23, at 2 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Margaret Brent School, 5816 Lamont Terrace, New Carrollton, MD 20784. Arrangements by Borgwardt Funeral Home (www.borgwardt-funeralhome.com)

Burch, Thomas Alfred

On Friday, Oct. 5, 2012 of

Beltsville, Maryland; beloved husband of 32 years to Judith Burch; father of Michelle Schulze and James Burch; stepfather of Selena Owens, Christina Mueller, Kimberly Zembower and Martino Galaez; also survived by 11 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and 4 siblings; Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph Catholic Church 11007 Montgomery Road Beltsville, Maryland on Saturday, Oct. 13, at 10 a.m.; Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery. Arrangements by Borgwardt Funeral Home. (www.borgwardt-funeralhome.com)

Freeman, Beulah E.

On Sunday, Sept. 30, 2012. Wife of the late Otis G. Freeman; mother of William G. Morris, Sr., Thomas O. Morris and Betty Palumbo; grandmother of Joanne, Katrina, Tom, Beverly, David, Matt, Andy, Billy and the late Gene; also survived by 14 great grandchildren. Relatives and friends called at the Borgwardt Funeral Home 4400 Powder Mill Road Beltsville, Md. on Oct. 4 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Graveside service was held on Friday, Oct. 5 at Holly Memorial

Gardens Charlottesville, Va. at 1 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to your favorite charity. www.borgwardt-funeralhome.com.

Oldenburg, Elizabeth "Betty" (age 104)

On Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2012; wife of the late Lester W. Oldenburg; sister of Thomas "Penny" Collins and the late Mary Ursula "Dolly" Edwards; aunt of June Presti, Claudette Hoover, Wayne, Kerry and the late Steven Collins; also survived by nine great nieces and nephews, 19 great-great nieces and nephews, nine great-great-nieces and

Nephews; Relatives and friends called at the BORGWARDT FUNERAL HOME 4400 Powder Mill Road Beltsville, Maryland Monday, Oct. 8, 10 a.m. until time of funeral service at 11 a.m.; Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to your favorite charity.

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Neighbors in the News

Wedding Announcement

Daniel and Karen Sillers of Beltsville are happy to announce the marriage of their son, Andrew Sillers, to Jessica Jonas, daughter of Bruce and Astrid Jonas of Bowie, Md. on Saturday, October 20. Andrew is working in network security and Jessica is working in publishing. The couple will honeymoon in Bali, Indonesia and live in Baltimore, Md.



Andrew Sillers and Jessica Jonas were married on Oct. 20, 2012

Riderwood Retirement Community Residents to Read "The Cellist of Sarajevo" as Part of One Maryland One Book Project

SILVER SPRING, MD (Oct. 15, 2012) Riderwood retirement community's partnership with Beltsville Library this year will read Steven Galloway's novel "The Cellist of Sarajevo" as part of One Maryland One Book project held under auspices of Maryland Humanities Council. Barbara Spears, Branch Manager of Beltsville Library, will lead the book discussion by residents. It will be on Monday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to noon, in Village Square Classroom.

Nearly 100 residents have par-

ticipated the past three years in the One Maryland One Book project held at the 120-acre Riderwood campus in Silver Spring, Md. Residents also participate in an Issues Discussion Group and a Short Story Ideas Group throughout the year.

Inspired by the actions of a real cellist during the siege of Sarajevo, "The Cellist of Sarajevo" is a haunting and beautiful tribute to the endurance of humanity in the face of merciless horror. After witnessing the death of twenty-two of his friends and neighbors in a mortar attack, the cellist sits at

the site of the attack, a small crater left at the point of contact, where he plays Albinoni's Adagio in G Minor each day for twenty-two days -- once for each of the dead.

The story is told through the eyes of three individuals—one man braving the streets under threat of snipers to collect water for his family; one man who makes his way through the city in search of a meal and instead runs into an old friend who reminds him of the city before the war; and a young woman recruited for her expert marksmanship.

Emmanuel United Methodist Church and Behnke Nurseries Co. Partner on Toy Drive

By Rick Bergmann

Emmanuel United Methodist Church and Behnke Nurseries Co. are partnering on a Community service project for the Holidays this Dec. They are holding a toy drive for needy families in the Beltsville Community. Behnke's and Emmanuel have already had a successful partnership in the past with their community garden

that provides produce to those in need in the Beltsville area. They hope to be able to provide a toy to as many children as possible. Beltsville resident Julie Pavelka is spearheading the drive. They are requesting new or gently used toys that can be dropped off at Behnke's during regular business hours or at Emmanuel between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. The collections are tak-

ing place now through Monday Dec. 10. If you have any questions contact Emmanuel UMC at 301.937.7114 or email them at office@emmanuelumcbeltsville.net. Behnke's is located at 11300 Baltimore Ave, Beltsville, MD 20705 and Emmanuel is located at 11416 Cedar Lane Beltsville, MD 20705. Make a difference in a child's life this year by donating to the toy drive today.

Consignment Furniture Gallery Closing

Joel and Liz Appelbaum opened Consignment Furniture Gallery on March 10, 1998 at the current location on Sunnyside Avenue. After some 14 years of business, the store will close on Nov. 30.

The reasons for closing the store involve the state of the economy that has affected sales and made the cost of rent and overhead unaffordable.

Joel commented, "I've always loved and believed in the concept of our business. Unfortunately most of what we sell are "wants vs. needs. The premise of the busi-

ness has stayed the same. We sell furniture, art, and decorative items ranging from antiques to new, in partnership with the owners. We have worked with over 3000 consignors since we opened. It was an extremely difficult decision to close. I enjoy so many things about our business but ultimately it is a financial decision."

Over the last 14 years, Joel and Liz have enjoyed meeting and getting to know so many special customers, helping people downsize as well as furnish their homes, and being part of the Beltsville business community.

They express special thanks to Marcia Gill, longtime Beltsville resident, who started as one of their original customers and worked with them for 12 and a half years. They note that Marcia was always a dependable, valued and appreciated asset to the store. They extend special thanks to Sebastian Arostegui and Thomas Harrington for their loyalty and hard work.

Last but not least, they wish to thank the many members of the Beltsville community that have supported them over the years.



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GBBA Speaker Addresses Role of Maryland Air National Guard in Afghanistan

By Paul G. Zurkowski, GBBA Founder

We Americans have little sense of what the war in Afghanistan is like. The all-volunteer force insulates most Americans from the combat there and its effect on the lives of our service men and women.

A combat video surfaced recently on the Internet centered on a Maryland Air National Guard unit flying the A-10C ground support airplane in Afghanistan. It illustrates the nature of combat today. The squadron commander found himself on station near the Pakistan-Afghanistan border while his wingman was refueling. Insurgents had 90 coalition soldiers pinned down on a ridge with fog and rain closing in. The pilot repeatedly rolled in low firing the plane's cannon to allow coalition forces to break contact and recalls seeing tracer fire on the attacks. Finally, having fired all the gun's ammunition and being hit twice from ground fire, the pilot, short on fuel, had to return to base as other A-10Cs arrived



Lieutenant Colonel Paul C. Zurkowski with Major General (ret.) Chuck Yeager, test pilot for the first A-10.

video is our son Lt. Colonel Paul C. Zurkowski serving his ninth combat tour including Yugoslavia, Iraq, Kuwait, and Afghanistan. He has served in the Maryland Air National Guard for over 24 years. Buddy Clark, with McCartin Insurance and interim president of the Greater Beltsville Business Association, invited Lt. Colonel Zurkowski to speak at the Oct. GBBA meeting.

Lt. Col. Zurkowski explained the capabilities of the A10C aircraft, as well as how the Air National Guard integrates with the U. S Air Force.

The program included a kick off presentation by Senior Pastor Kermit Netteburg of the Beltsville Seventh-day Adventist Church who offered an example filled description of how businesses can help first-time customers feel immediately at home in their business, based on the Church's experience with first time visitors to his Church.

on station. The battle continued for 13 hours and was supported by eight A-10Cs from the Maryland Air National Guard. All coalition forces survived.

To see this video go to: www.thedaily.com/article/2012/08/25/082512-news-a10-firefight.

The squadron commander in the

Trash to Treasure Green Craft Fair Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012 at Watkins Nature Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A "Trash to Treasure Green Craft Fair" is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 10 at Watkins Nature Park in Upper Marlboro from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This 4th annual fair will feature over 30 local artists that create hand-made goods from at least 50 per cent recycled, responsibly/locally harvested/natural or sustainable products. Items for sale include jewelry, soaps and candles, woodcarvings, clothing, bee products, gardening supplies and much more.

There will also be environmental, non-profit groups and local green businesses with display tables and kids crafts, an art/craft donation station at the SCRAP DC booth, as well as a book exchange, concession sales, and raffle items (proceeds go to benefit the animals at the center).

This event is FREE to the public, all indoor, and happening rain or shine. Come find something for everyone on your list this holiday season.

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Club News

American Legion Auxiliary Fall Conference

By Ivy Christoffers

This last month was chock full of very interesting events. Our September Southern Maryland District meeting was a pleasant surprise for Unit #217 as we received several district awards for our work over the past year. This was followed by our Senior Fall Conference held at Hunt Valley. This event commenced on Friday, the 5th of Oct. and adjourned on Sunday, the 7th at noon.

Before the beginning of the Friday Leadership session there was a special Department Executive Meeting held, just to handle some things that could not wait until our scheduled Nov./Dec. meeting. Our Leadership Chairman, Bonnie Rae Lamson did a great job presenting leadership. Her "To Tell The Truth" skit was hilarious. Our panelists got right into the lying bit. Some more convincing than others. After the close of this

leadership forum, our folks had a social time that lasted into the wee hours of the night. Beginning sharply at 8 a.m. on Saturday, our sessions were under way with all of our chairmen presenting their programs. We adjourned at noon for lunch after which we held a breakout session with Bonnie Vest on membership and with Joe Gladden on the I.R.S. issues that impact the units.

Following this was the reception held in my suite at 5:30 p.m. and the banquet that began at 7 p.m. in the Valley Ballroom. Or entertainment was by, "The Brothers of the Same Heart," a duo of Veterans Creative Arts Performers, Wayne Miller and Mark Beard. They were great. A BIG thank you goes out to J.R. Hall and the SAL as they provided Karaoke for the rest of the evening's entertainment. Everyone had a ball. Our invited guests, Department Detachment Commander of the Sons of The American Legion, Bill Hill, and our Eastern Division National Vice President of The American Legion Auxiliary, Joan Regional, brought greetings. Our past department president and N.E.C. woman, Yvonne Rhone, lost her voice again during dinner so we did not hear from her.

Beginning at 7 a.m. on Sunday, we had a lovely religious service performed by our Chaplain, Paulette Caron, which was followed by a buffet breakfast and session began at 9 a.m. The remaining programs were presented, our Junior and Senior Girl's State Senators were heard from and Joan Reinoehl addressed the assembly. Our membership skit was performed with me joining in with others wearing beautiful white angel's wings and halos that exemplified our theme for this year, "Earth Angels United In Service For God And Country." The door prizes were distributed, 50/50 drawing was held and a special drawing for a lovely angel afghan that was crocheted and donated by Betty Gentile, was

held. Our "Poppy Hat Parade" with the winners announced by Carolyn Wilhelm took place. Lovely hats, ladies.

We adjourned on Sunday at noon and the more than 200 auxiliary members thanked our Fall Conference Chairman, Brenda Miller, with a resounding standing ovation. She and her committee outdid themselves in assuring that all the members had everything they needed and wanted to have a successful and enjoyable Fall Conference. Sandi Dutton and her assistants did a tremendous job manning the Chinese auction and silent auction tables while Eva Browning was busy selling our wares.

All in all, I must say the Fall Conference was a huge success. We had the American Legion and a lot of the Sons of the American Legion in attendance. It takes a tremendous number of volunteers to pull off something of this magnitude. I want to express my eternal gratitude to everyone who stepped up to lend a hand. A very special thank you to my good friend, Elizabeth Rice, for all her assistance. She has been a God-send.

A coming attraction is our third annual Coach Bag Bingo scheduled for November 24th at College Park Post #217. See Angie Dixon or Deanna Hays for your tickets or you may want to call 301.441.2783 to ask about tickets. There is a limited number being sold. This is always a very popular event with great Coach Bags and just in time for the gift-giving season.

Are you eligible for membership in the American Legion or the American Legion Auxiliary? If so, why not join up today? You could be a part of the largest patriotic organization on earth and for once, your voice will be heard. There is an American Legion Post just around the corner. God Bless our Troops and may God continue to bless America.

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A QUARTER AUCTION sponsored by the WOMEN OF THE MOOSE #1262 will be held on Saturday, Nov. 17.

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Both events are OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. The College Park Moose Lodge is located at 3700 Metzert Road, College Park, Md. For information and tickets, please call 301.935.5525.

Club News

Beltsville/Adelphi Boys & Girls Club 2012 Fall Harvest Soccer Classic

The 2012 Fall Harvest Soccer Classic is scheduled for Nov. 10 and 11 at High Point High School, 3601 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville. Classic tee shirts will be given to all participants, two for each coach.

The soccer divisions are listed below. Age will be determined by the calendar year in which participants were born, except in cases where the birth date is between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31, in which case the participant may play in the younger age category as in years past. For example, a participant born on Oct. 2, 1999 could play in the 12-year-old category.

• 7 versus 7 Coed and girls divisions for ages 10u, 9u, 8u, and 7u. Cost is \$220 for 10-person roster, \$22 for each individual over

10. Top two teams in each age division will play for championship trophies. No offsidies.

• 7 versus 7 14u girls, 14u coed, 12u girls, 12u coed, (11u coed if enough teams) Cost is \$220 for 10 person roster; \$22 for each individual over 10. Top two teams in each age division will play for championship trophies. Offsidies is played.

• 7 versus 7 High School Age Division (19 and under). Cost is \$220 for 10-person roster, \$22 for each individual over 10. Same number of games, game time and awards as above. Off sides is played.

Teams will be put into brackets (ex. 8 teams will be set up as two four team brackets with the bracket winner playing a cham-

pionship game. 7 or fewer teams will form one bracket with the top two point teams playing a championship game.

Each team will play a minimum of three games. If a fourth game is required due to an odd number of teams in the bracket, the team playing the fourth game can elect to throw out any game played; only points for three games count toward standings. (This team getting the fourth game will be drawn by the Classic Committee before play of the bracket starts).

CONTACT: Gary Stewart, 301.526.5681, gstewart@trippe-sports.com

Rain Date: November 17 &18 website: www.beltsvillead- elphi.com.

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Chapter 1122 Northern Prince George's County

The monthly meeting will be held on Nov. 14, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Bldg. Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway,

Greenbelt, Md. Speaker will be Robert Luddy, who will give a PowerPoint presentation on the Civil War in Prince George's County.



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Club News

Beltsville Rotary Club

Members of the Beltsville Rotary Club were extra busy during Sept. and Oct. On Sept. 15, our club, in cooperation with the Greater Beltsville Business Association, organized for the first time a joint golf tournament at the Cross Creek Golf Club. More than 120 golfers enjoyed play on a beautiful day, a great lunch, good fellowship, and fun. More than 40 sponsors made the tournament a big success. Proceeds will go to community organizations selected by the Greater Beltsville Business Association and the Rotary Club. We are already looking forward to next year's tournament, scheduled for Sept. 2013.

Our club's second fundraiser of the year took place on Saturday Oct. 13. It was the 5th annual Chili Cookoff, held at Behnke's Nursery in Beltsville. As always, Behnke's staff, with able leadership from Stephanie Fleming, organized the layout and raffle, helped everyone to have a great time, and won a good number of raffle prizes. Rick Salamy and his band provided more than an hour of wonderful music – classic rock and roll at its best. Both the "professional" and "amateur" chili cooks prepared tasty concoctions for judging and tasting by those attending the cookoff. Newcomers this year, our very own Police Department unit from Beltsville, won the "People's Choice" award, which means they garnered the most votes from members of the public who tasted all the chili choices and voted for the Police Department's masterpiece. It was great to see so many young people come out to support the Police Department booth. It was also great to see the Beltsville Lions Club prepare chili for the second time, and the Fire Department's



Aaron Marcavitch, Edward Day, and Rotarian Nancy Randall following the Oct. 9, 2012 Beltsville Rotary Club presentation

truck, which was toured by enthusiasts of all ages (was that REALLY a prominent Rotarian who almost left with the truck when it was called away?) Our thanks go to Rotarian Karen Coakley, who worked with Stephanie Fleming of Behnke's to organize the day, and who was responsible for an impressive growth in the number of raffle prizes, which included a football autographed by Redskins legend Larry Brown and a valuable home security system. Our thanks also go to Rotarians and the many Beltsville stores, restaurants, and service providers who donated raffle prizes.

Thanks to donations and grants from Councilmember Mary Lehman and Rotary District 7620, in collaboration with the National Capital Region Food Bank and the Beltsville Seventh Day Adventist Church, our club will begin a new project in the next few weeks to provide bags of food on weekends for students at the Beltsville Academy. Academy staff have selected the students who will participate. Community volunteers and Rotarians will assemble the bags at the Beltsville Seventh Day Adventist Church, including food selected by the Food Bank as providing appropriate nutrition and variety, as well as cards with tips for using the food. Each bag will contain food for the student's weekend breakfasts and lunches, plus a meal for four. If you are interested in contributing to this new initiative, which will begin with distributions every two weeks until funding is raised for weekly

distribution, please contact Eleanor Frierson, Past President, on 301.562.1584. The Club is hoping to be able to continue the program after this school year.

Speakers at weekly meetings included Stephanie Fleming of Behnke's, who discussed plans for the Chili Cookoff; Lynne Loughlin Skerpon, a Calverton Maryland Estate Attorney, who discussed critical documents we should all have in place; Rotarian George Kryzwicki, who discussed income-producing stock investments; and Edward Day, Museum director for Riverdale and Aaron Marcavitch of Anacostia Trails, Heritage Area Project, who discussed the 100 year commemoration of the War of 1812 and the Bladensburg Battle. Along with business and government partners Bladensburg is being set up with commemorative signage, a walking trail and general upgrading to accommodate tourists. Local events now enjoy University of Maryland produced 1812 ice cream, and Franklin's 1812 beer. It is great to see this forgotten area of Prince George's County get some attention and capital.

At another regular weekly meeting we hosted a membership meeting to welcome potential new members. More such occasions are planned and we invite you to come join us for lunch at 12:15 on Tuesdays at the Holiday Inn if you are interested in becoming a Rotarian and joining our club. For information about our club, contact Dr. John Moynihan, this year's President, on 301.937.4448.

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The William Francis Smith, American Legion Post #235 will hold its annual Veteran's Day celebration on Monday, Nov. 12, 2012, at 11 a.m. This year's celebration will be held at Queen's Chapel United Methodist Church, 7410 Old Muirkirk Road, Beltsville, Md. and will feature the ROTC Color Guard from Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt, Md. The program will also include recognition of the Tuskegee Airmen. Following the program, members will adjourn to Post #235, located at 7813 Muirkirk Road, for a reception.

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School News

High Road School in Beltsville Expands Services for Students with Autism

The High Road Upper School in Beltsville has always been committed to provide comprehensive services to students with behavioral, emotional and social challenges. With a focus on providing an environment most conducive to their learning and growth, High Road School is continuously improving their programs. With



Staff members showing the new sensory room

this in mind the school is seeing that the students with Autism receive the highest quality supports and education that will help them become successful in and around their communities.

When considering new programs and curriculum, the administrators work in accordance with the Prince George's County and Maryland State Curriculum. Additionally, other national and local agencies provide resources to the school in enhance these programs such as the Department of Health and Human Services, who define Autism and autism spectrum disorder as: "...a group of complex disorders of brain development... characterized by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and non-verbal communication and repetitive behaviors. They include autistic disorder, Rett syndrome, childhood disintegrative disorder, pervasive developmental disorder-not otherwise specified (PDD-NOS) and Asperger syndrome. ASD can be associated with intellectual disability, difficulties in motor coordination and attention and physical health issues such as sleep and gastrointestinal disturbances."

As a result, the High Road

Upper School has expanded its services and physical space of its Autism program in order to meet the needs of greater number of students.

The New wing of the school dedicated to students with autism was completed just before the start of this school year and is currently serving 10 students. Referrals are made to High Road by local school districts that are not able to serve the needs of these students. According to Michelle Anderson, Education Director, "As with our other students who attend High Road, students with autism are provided the opportunity to an individualized approach to education, small class sizes, one-to-one supports, as needed and are also provided a sensory stimulation room which is equipped with items that will help each student be successful in the school environment."

Students are also afforded the same opportunities to participate in the "in-school" employment program, participate in external work experience opportunities and perform community service activities through the schools' Transition Department. Currently the

Transition department has partnered with a number of businesses to specifically develop meaningful work experience opportunities for the students that would allow each student to develop and utilize basic employment skills and to apply those skills to before industry related tasks.

Ms. Maleeca Bryant, head teacher, states, "Each student we serve receives direct instruction and utilize the sensory room to process what they have learned. Those whose difficulties are most severe continue to improve with staff support."

Nancy, a student in the program, enjoys using the sensory room and says, "The sensory room helps me to relax. I use the sensory room whenever I get mad, frustrated or uncomfortable. When I am able to relax while swinging on the hammock or listening to music, I am able to focus on my work."

For further information regarding the Autism program at High Road, please contact Mrs. Anderson or Ms. Bryant at 301.210.4860

Men Make a Difference Day

"Men Make a Difference Day" was observed at Calverton Elementary School on Oct. 8, 2012. This is an initiative to increase the involvement of fathers and significant male role models in the academic lives of children. It was held at public schools throughout Prince George's County, providing students the opportunity to connect with male role models.

About 40 men — fathers, male guardians, brothers, and friends — participated in the event at Calverton Elementary School. They

were invited to:

- Read to the class
- Sit with their child
- Assist with lunch duty or
- Assist the teacher as needed

Men who arrived early were able to enjoy light refreshments before going to the classrooms. They were encouraged to come for a few minutes or stay all day.

Fathers/significant male role models have a major impact on student success. Data shows that, when fathers and significant male role models are involved, students:

- Make As and Bs
- Have greater motivation to succeed
- Have higher self-esteem
- Have less health and emotional problems
- Have more confidence
- Are less likely to use drugs
- Girls are less likely to engage in pre-marital sex
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The event was coordinated by Mr. Daniels, Assistant Principal and Mrs. Pollock, Professional School Counselor.

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School News

High Point PTSA

At this past month's PTSA meeting, we celebrated the first 36 days of school at High Point High School with students, parents, Principal Jimenez and special guest Karen Coakley, President of the Beltsville Civic Association. Coakley has been a tremendous help at High Point. She has been very supportive and has been there for the PTSA, students and staff. We were glad to have her join us for pizza and drinks.

We started the night off by listing a number of good things that have been going on at High Point:

- High Point Football team has won 2 games. They have also scored during several games.
- The Homecoming game was very exciting and you could feel the HP Spirit.
- Spirit Week at High Point was a huge success as was the Homecoming dance where everyone enjoyed himself or herself.
- There have been very few fights and all is pretty calm at High Point.
- The change in uniform shirts has been a tremendous help to the staff, white shirts for the freshman, blue for sophomores and juniors and gold for the seniors.
- The PTSA with the help of Ms. Jimenez has

started several groups under the PTSA umbrella and the PTSA thanks the other groups for helping us out.

• The PTSA is working with Principal Jimenez and Councilwoman Mary Lehman on some building issues we are having and work will be beginning soon.

• Several High Point Groups participated in the Chili-Cook Off and had a very good time.

• High Point High School's Band participated in Bowie State College Homecoming.

• The PTSA currently has 91 members and that is a record for so early in the school year.

SGA students spoke, along with the *Youth With A Purpose* students, and parents were happy to hear about the work those students are doing.

We would like to thank Principal Jimenez and the staff of High Point High School for all the hard work they have done to help turn around this school. We still have a long way to go, but these small steps have worked wonders. We would also like to thank Principal Jimenez for a lot of great initiatives she is implementing in the school that are working. She and her staff have also gotten the word out to a number of parents to come out to our meetings, which is a positive thing. If you wish to attend the next meeting it will be held on Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria.

From the Hilltop: High Point News

By Sandra Jimenez, Principal

High Point High School is celebrating our early success and enjoying a very peaceful school year. Back-To-School Night, Ninth Grade Orientation, and Homecoming events were well attended and enjoyed by all. High Point also rolled out a new Ninth Grade Academy and a new ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) co-teaching program in order to improve academic performance and student success. We are also implementing a brand new 3-tiered dress code this year. Ninth grade students wear white shirts, tenth and eleventh grade students wear royal blue, and seniors "go for the gold" in their attractive gold shirts. The new uniforms allow us to provide support to ninth graders while providing recognition to seniors for the success they have accomplished. It also allows our seniors to assume leadership roles within the building. So far, it seems to be a success!

Senior Alonzo Lyles was

selected among the best athletes in the state as an All Star Football player. In December, Alonzo will join other elite seniors from across the state to play in the Maryland Crab Bowl powered by Under Armour. The High Point Football Team, led by Coach Andre Brown, is celebrating two big victories this season and working towards many more. The Boys Soccer Team, lead by Coach Holt, is holding strong. The Girls Soccer Team, Volleyball Team, Golf Team, Cross Country Team, and Cheerleaders are all continuing the High Point tradition as they continue their season and get ready for the playoffs. High Point would like to thank the following coaches for their hard work and dedication: J. Essmacher, Shirley Diggs, George Hughes, Omar Sharief and Denise Nembhard. Winter sports will begin on November 15. Interested students must turn in their athletic packet and complete a physical by November 13. Our band, cheerleaders, dancers, and flag girls are a part of the "team" of support for the athletic program. We invite the

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Beltsville Young at Heart

Well the election sheet is ready for the vote. The new officers will be sworn in at the Dec. 6th meeting. Thank you to Barbara Wargo, Ella Lou Gribben and Wanda Bell who did all the calling for the election. The Nov. 1st meeting will be your last chance to sign up for the Savage Mill Luncheon and for the shuttle bus. The Luncheon at Savage Mill will be on November 15th. We have two new members this month; they are Marilyn Pula and Letitia Yin. Welcome to the club ladies. I hope everyone has a happy and healthy Thanksgiving. Open your eyes and heart and mind to the potential that each new day brings and blessings will flow toward you.

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Tuesday, Nov. 20 at 2 p.m. The group will discuss "The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates" by Wes Moore. All are welcome.

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Monday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. The group will discuss "Water for Elephants" by Sara Gruen. All are welcome.

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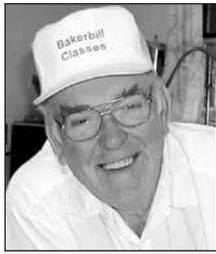
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NEWS FLASH The County is putting in sidewalks on Montgomery road. I have been hearing about this for 45 years. Now it may be happening.

Get ready. It's time for my annual rant on the new TV shows. You will find, if you haven't already, that all the good shows are soaps, because they have added a 3 to 5 minute commercial. That makes the story time shorter and it will take two weeks to tell one story. In "The Mentalist," I am so sick of Red John, whoever he is. NCIS was a good show, complete every week, but now there's not enough time to tell the story. One of the cable networks had a good new show, "Covert Affairs," and it was great. Not only did they make it into a soap, they made it a bad soap. There's no way I can keep up with the story line. I can't remember my golf score from last week.

Question? Do you feel that drivers are pulling out in front of you as if they do not see you? Do you own a black car? The truth is, they

do not see you as soon as they once did. The newer cars have little or no chrome on the front anymore. Chrome bumpers are long gone. and a black auto coming out of a black background is hard to pick up. I recommend driving with your lights on. It's better to be seen.

I had a nice lady here call me about my recipe for yellow cake. Her questions were, "What is Oleo?" and "What do I mean by 4 ounces?" I do my best to not use technical terms; they just confuse people not in the know. BUT, if people do not know what Margarine is or that a stick of butter is 4 ounces, well you see my point. I will try to do better. She did call me at 301.572.4180 and we talked it out. If you have a problem like this call me after 2 p.m. we can talk about it.

My baking class for fall fell through because the economy cannot support it this fall, but I am planning to do workshops making just three items, white bread and dinner rolls, whole wheat bread and

biscuits. Class will be about two hours and cost \$35.00 per person. First class will be on Monday Nov. 5th at 9 a.m. The class will have 4 or 5 students. I supply everything. Drop me a line if interested, bill@bakerbill.net or 301.572.4180.

I was going to write a recipe for pumpkin pie. But frankly, just buy the pie shell and a can of pumpkin pie filling and bake it.

Tip on baking. Set oven at 400 degrees, place pie in center of rack, close oven and bake for one hour. No need to look, it isn't going anywhere. It should be brown around the edge and domed up. It will settle. Do not serve hot, let it cool all day or chill it. Also, make it the day before. If you are cooking the dinner you have enough to do that day.

Have a good holiday! As usual, everything I write is my opinion and mine alone.

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GARDINER

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ate family are volunteers as well. Her husband, John, is a volunteer firefighter at the Branchville Volunteer Fire Department. Her daughter, Sydney, is a member of the Branchville Volunteer Fire Department's Ladies Auxiliary and we are currently encouraging her to become an EMT at the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department. And her son, Johnnie, who is just shy of the age requirement to become a volunteer firefighter, is at the firehouse with his mother

or father on a regular basis and will no doubt be a member at either Beltsville or Branchville in the future.

Gardiner currently serves the BVFD not only as an EMT, but also as the recording secretary of our organization. Her long term commitment and dedication to the citizens of our local communities and to the successful operation of the BVFD are exceptional qualities hard to find in today's busy society. If you want to make a difference in our community are interested in becoming a volunteer

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DEVELOPMENT

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approved for the Brickyard Station, a MARC Planned Community. The 63-acre site is adjacent to the existing Muirkirk MARC Station that enhances transportation options adding rail and bus to the typical automobile only option. Since the site had been a factory the major utility infrastructure – sewer & water, natural gas and electricity – were already available. Minor upgrades, not wholesale replacement or new construction, is all that was required to begin site development.

Ultimately this compact, transit oriented development will provide 1265 residential units in apartments, townhomes and single family houses. Included in the plan are parks, amenities and about 30,000 square feet of retail or commercial office space. The first phase has already had a positive economic impact on the area.

In permitting the first apartments and town homes residential impact fees of \$10.5 million have been paid to the County government for schools and life safety (police, fire & rescue). This is in addition to approximately \$1 million in permitting fees. The new tax bills haven't been issued yet for the property taxes that will come from this redevelopment of the abandoned industrial site and the closed mine. We all know they will be substantially larger than before the new buildings. As people begin to move into the community in 2013 and beyond they will bring their discretionary spending dollars with them. They will purchase needed goods and services right here in Beltsville. By the end of 2013 there will be about 500 new households in the Beltsville community.

While Jackson-Shaw has been on the frontlines of the process necessary to bring this change to Beltsville we have added key partners along the way through partnerships and land sales. JLB Partners has purchased the land for the first apartment building, JLB expects to complete the building and begin renting units in the latter part of 2013. RYLAND Homes has purchased 405 lots for townhomes and single-family houses. RYLAND plans to deliver their first units for sale in early 2013.

This quality growth doesn't just happen. It takes a vision, an engaged citizenry (businesses and residents) and significant investment of human and capital resources. The Brick Yard and Brickyard Station are good examples of how the existing fabric of a community can be redeveloped and rejuvenated for the good of the entire community. Jackson-Shaw is very happy to be part of the growth envisioned in the Sub-region 1 Masterplan.

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