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Boy Scout Troop 1033 Hike Valley Forge



Scouts visit Valley Forge National Historic Park.

By Gary Bauchan

The weekend of September 13th found Boy Scout Troop 1033 camping and hiking at Valley Forge National Historic Park. Scouts who attended the trip were Al, Luis, Yutian, Vladislav, Solomon, Randy, Surya, Trey, Henry, Kyle, Brandon and Luke, along with adult leaders Scoutmaster Rick Deery, Assistant Scoutmasters Eric Saathhof and Budhan Pukazhenthi, and Scout parent Mike Yarmus. The scouts camped at the Valley Forge Volunteer Fire Department camp ground near the National Park. They hiked along the 5 mile historic trail at Valley Forge. Highlights of the trip were watching a video

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October 16

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Briefs

American Legion to Host a Honky Tonk Dance

The College Park American Legion will be hosting a Honky Tonk Dance featuring two bands, Arty Hill & the Long Gone Daddys and Patsy's Honky Tonk Torch & Twang on Saturday, October 5, 2013 from 7:30pm – Midnight. The American Legion Post 217 is located at 9218 Baltimore Avenue (Route 1), College Park, MD 20740. The phone number is 301-441-2783. This event is open to the public. The admission price is \$10 and food and drinks will be available for purchase. The doors will open at 7:00 pm for socializing and eating. There will be free dance lesson at the first band break! The bands will be alternating sets; Arty Hill & the Long Gone Daddys will go on first! There will also be door prizes and a 50/50 raffle!

Basket Bingo at St. Joseph's Catholic Church

St. Joseph's Parish will conduct a Basket Bingo on Friday evening, November 8, in the Parish Hall at 11011 Montgomery Road from 7 until 9:30 p.m. (non-smoking). Come join us for this fun-filled

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Beltsville Evelyn Adkins Lays Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

American Payroll Association was formed in 1982. The following year Maureen Brown founded the Washington Metropolitan Area Chapter of the American Payroll Association (WMAC-APA).WMAC-APA thirty years old this year and the chapter requested the opportunity to lay a wreath

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Beltsville Resident Evelyn Adkins (2nd from the left) participates in a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.



Is this the famous Goatman of Beltsville?

The Legend of The Goatman

By Natasha Okpala

The Goatman Legend began way back in the 1940s and 50s. The Goatman goes by other names like "Pope Lick Monster", "Satyr", and "Faun". He has the lower body of a goat and the upper body of a man with rams growing out of his head. It is said that he is between six and eight feet tall and he makes a very high-pitched squealing sound. Most people that have come close to encountering the Goatman

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On the Agenda

By President Karen M. Coakley

October is Fire Safety Month. Members of the Beltsville Vol-

unteer Fire Department will be our guests. They will give an update on the new Fire Safety regulations. you have a specific concern that you



Karen Coakley

would like them to cover please let me know by October 11th.

Montgomery Road improvement project. The sidewalks are almost complete. The next phase will work on drainage issues along Montgomery Road followed by re-surfacing. We all need to pay attention when driving on Montgomery Road...watch out for sudden stops due to construction vehicles.

Safety Tips for the month: Please follow the speed limit and watch out for students walking to and from our schools. If a school bus has a flashing red light you are required to stop and wait for the lights to turn off. This applies to buses coming at you from the opposite direction too. Lock your cars and remove your valuables!!!!

Please let me know if you have a community concern. I can be reached at karenmcoakley@msn. com or 301-937-3490.

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25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

Extracted from the October 1988 issue

Norris Honored

Karl H. Norris returned to Penn State last month after retiring as a research leader at the Research Laboratory of the USDA, Beltsville Research Center.

March Wedding Planned

Christine Lynn Schamrme is engaged to Dennis Philip Blunt of Jessup, Iowa.

Creative Photographer

George Meuer of Beltsville won the "best in the show" award at the Maryland Professional Photographers competition on September 21, 1988.

50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Mabry celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on September 22, 1988.

New Arrivals

Thomas Lawrence Jarvis, son of Gretchen Elizabeth and John Keith Jarvis was born August 28, 1988

Khellie Lee Braxton, daughter of Sharon Benita Scott and Ken-

neth Marcell Braxton was born Septemer 6, 1988.

Amanda Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Todd Fletcher was born September 12, 1988.

Ashley Irene Francis, daughter of Venus Nadine and Eric Wayne Francis was born September 21, 1988.

Kathelyn Nicole Sharp, daughter of Amy Michelle and Timothy Alan Sharp was born on September 11, 1988.

Karla Thornton, daughter of Marie O'Hagan and Timothy Eugene Thornton was born September 13, 1988.

Terra Helyn Peterson, was born on September 22, 1988. Her parents are Don and Patty Peterson of Springfield, Va.

Patrick Dale Plummer, son of Lisa Karen and Dale Halbert was born September 21, 1988.

Kelly Ann Martinette, daughter of Sandra T. and Michael A. Marinette, III was born September 20, 1988.

Emily Anne Barnhard, daughter of Eileen Marie and Bruce Lee Barnhard was born September 20, 1988.

Amanda Lynn Giamiette, daughter of Mary Jo Ann and Christopher Thomas Giamiette was born September 23, 1988.

Obituaries

Virgil H. Jones (Pete) of Beltsville passed away September 19, 1988

John D. Neal III of Beltsville passed away suddenly September 12 1988

Irene Louise Studds, 99, of Beltsville passed away September 13, 1988.

Homer L. Reece, Sr. of Belts-ville passed away October 4, 1988.

Evelyn Clark Fisher, 73, of Laurel passed away September 10, 1988.

Post Office Hours Reinstated

The United States Postal Service this month reinstated many of the window service hours that had been cut back earlier this year. The Beltsville Post Office is again serving post office patrons Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 5 pm; Saturday 8:30 am to 1 pm. A survey in Maryland was handed out to 16,000 people and nearly 10,000 were returned.

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about what the winter was like in Valley Forge at the Welcome Center Theater, visiting the numerous monuments and cabins, learning about life at Valley Forge during the time of George Washington by talking with Park Rangers dressed in Continental army soldier's apparel, and touring George Washington's headquarters. The scouts enjoyed the beautiful sunny fall-like weather and a warm campfire complete with marshmallow roasting. Everyone got a good workout hiking the trails while learning about Revolutionary War history. Scouts learn best by doing, especially when it comes to history. The scouts can't wait to visit Mount Vernon in November.

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Letter from the News Director

Hello everyone,

First, thank you for all the kind words and emails I have received over the last few months. I feel blessed to work in the Beltsville Community. Now, I would like to take a moment to introduce the Beltsville News' newest staff member, Mariah McKenzie. Mariah

is joining us as our staff photographer. She and her family reside in Beltsville and she is a junior in High School. We are very excited to have her join us and she will be an invaluable member of the Beltsville News. If you would like for us to send Mariah out to cover your event and get some photos for the paper,

please email me at editorbvnews@gmail.com. I do ask that you email me at least a week in advance when requesting the photographer's service. Enjoy this month's issue.

Sincerely, Rick

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor of the Beltsville News –

I am a member of the Belts-ville Recreation Council, but I am writing this letter as a Belts-ville resident. I became a member of the Recreation Council several years ago when there was the possibility of not having Beltsville Day and a call went out to have people from Beltsville help with the event. It was a success and I have been a member ever since. The Beltsville Recreation Council is composed of Beltsville resi-

dents who genuinely care about Beltsville and its residents. We have only a few events during the year, including Beltsville Day in May, two Jazz Concerts during the summer, a Community Health Fair run by students at University of Maryland in November, and a Holiday Concert in December. The Recreation Council does not make a lot of money on these events. They are provided primarily for the enjoyment and benefit of Beltsville residents. Most of these events are well attended because

we advertise them through The Beltsville News, banners, flyers distributed through churches and schools, and step signs at heavily traveled intersections in Beltsville. We are very careful to not put out the signs too far in advance of an event and we try to remove the signs immediately following the event. However, for the past few years, our advertising efforts have been thwarted by someone removing our signs before events. At first, it was thought that someone needed the signs to reuse for their

own purposes. However, it now appears that someone is removing them for another reason. It appears that only the Beltsville Recreation signs are being taken. It costs us money to have the signs produced and replaced, but it is good advertising to our few events. This letter is to ask that whoever is taking the signs to please reconsider and allow us to let the residents of Beltsville know when there is a free event for entertainment and/ or a public service.

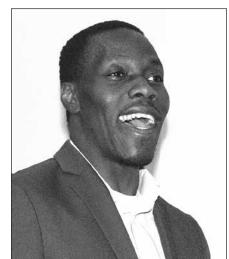
Kathy Mellott

Neighbors in the News

Presentation Reveals What Needs To Be Known About Cyber Security

Greater Beltsville Business Association member, Mr. Femi Dada, Founder and CEO of Smarthost Design Technologies LLC, spoke at the GBBA's September meeting about how cyber criminals are targeting small businesses and what businesses can do to help prevent such threat. During the engaging presentation, Mr. Dada brought these so called technology terms into common language for his audience to understand. The audience was able to well grasp and understand the issue of cyber security and what the ramifications are. Just how cyber criminals are targeting businesses was discussed and how small

businesses need to have critical policies and procedures in place to help prevent employee misuse of the internet and other business assets. Mr. Dada also broke down the misconceptions around botnet, virus and malware and the best strategies to keep these threats away from their businesses. He also took the time to illustrate some of the legal issues introduced with recent laws concerning the disclosures of cyber-attacks. He began his presentation by helping the attendees understand the history of how the internet has become what it is today with the continued growth where almost every person has a mobile device. The use of the internet is no longer an option for businesses but a requirement and the lack of security trends continue into the current cloud computing. He defined cyber security as the secu-



Femi Dada, Founder and CEO of Smarthost Design Technologies LLC. Photo by Jay Williams Design Company

rity of the internet, all electronic devices as footprints that interconnect with data that is passing and being stored through computers, networks and software programs from unintended access by unintended users.

He explained that if these threats are not prevented, they lead to data loss, virus exposures, ransom ware (Software that exploits/extorts computer/mobile users to pay or else be reported to the FBI), malware (Software that steals personal information from computer/mobile users). Also Mr. Dada explained about internet bank account hacks that steal and transfer money from users by creating poisonous links in various internet searches. At the end Mr. Dada presented some solutions and prevention tactics to help businesses be ready for the unknown, such as:

Having conversations with company employees on what is the expected use of business technology resources, such as, computers, printers and mobile devices.

- 2. To implement security devices like a firewall, antivirus, anti-malware and spam filters.
- 3. To continually train and educate their employees about these threats.
- 4. Taking action and down-loading a *legitimate* free antivirus, anti-malware software from Sophos (www.sophos. com) or AVG (www.avg.org) that takes specific advantages of the mobile device protec-

tion tools to scan and check their android mobile device and their computer for these hidden threats.

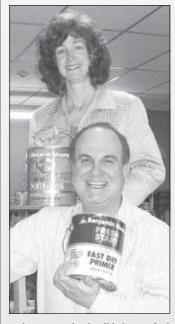
Mr. Femi Dada also welcomes invitations to speak to various organizations in relation to technology, internet safety, cyber security and cyber bullying in schools and in businesses. His company provides computer and technology services around the Beltsville and immediate Washington D.C. area. He lives here in Beltsville with his wife and daughter and he can be reached at femidada@smarthostdesign.com. For more information, go to www. smarthostdesign.com. To see the slide show he used in his presentation go to www.smarthostdesign. com/GBBApresentation.



Ann & Ted Ladd celebrated 55 years of marriage on September 27. Ann & Ted are active in the Beltsville Lions Club along with 42 other friends. They have three children, Cynthia Dana, Greg Ladd and David Ladd; eight grandchildren, Jessica, Katherine, Benjamin, Steve, Stewart, Stephanie, Sarah and Sam and two great-granddaughters, Katie and Leila

OKTOBERFEST

The arrival of autumn brings with it burnt orange leaves, Redskins football and Oktoberfest celebrations. Fall is also a reminder that it is time to spruce up the exterior of your home. Keep in mind that there are only a couple of months left before dropping temperatures make it too cold to paint outside. Benjamin Moore Paints recommends that the painting surface be a minimum of 55 degrees for several hours when applying latex paint. Otherwise, the paint will not cure properly and may peel or crack.



Valerie & Michael will help you find the right paint for your project.

The paint gurus at Will's Decorating (www. decoratemaryland.com), Michael Richards and Valerie Kabelac are seasoned Benjamin Moore Paint pros. Will's Home Decorating features the full line of Benjamin Moore paint colors as well as deck stains. The new Williamsburg colors offer a wide range of traditional shades that supplement the original Historical colors. If you are feeling overwhelmed by the endless choices of colors or just want another opinion then see Michael or Valerie for a FREE personalized color consultation. According to Michael, "The most popular exterior colors are Richmond Bisque, Platinum Gray, Duxbury Gray, and Cottage Red." If you prefer to stay neutral though, Valerie recommends spicing things up by adding a splash of color to the front door with either a bright yellow (336 Bold Yellow), a vibrant red (Heritage Red) or an electric blue (812 Blueberry Hill). Join the paint fest at Will's and get \$5 off per gallon of Benjamin Moore Aura Exterior Paints with the mention of this article now through October 20th.

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Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

By Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-21)

Learn how to reduce your stormwater fee -Oct. 3rd

On October 3, from 7:00-9:00 pm at the Laurel-Beltsville Senior Center, the County will be hosting a workshop for property owners to learn how to receive rebates on the cost of installing green solutions to storm water runoff. Find out how simple actions like putting a rain barrel under your downspout, building a rain garden, or switching to permeable pavers instead of asphalt can beautify your landscape and earn you money through the Rain Check Program. For more information, call 311 or visit www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/StormwaterManagement/RainCheck.

To learn how storm water fees are calculated, as well as information about the appeals process and financial hardship process, visit: www.princegeorgescountymd. gov/sites/StormwaterManagement/CleanWaterActFees.

Update on future Ammendale Road improvements

Beginning in the winter 2014, construction is scheduled to improve the intersection of Route 1 and Ammendale Road. As many residents know, this particular area is prone to frequent flooding, at least one lane on Route 1 is closed 8-10 times per year from rain, and sometimes the entire road is closed. To improve drainage, the



Senator Jim Rosapepe

road will be raised 2 to 3 feet, and a bridge will be constructed to replace the existing culvert. The current bike/pedestrian path will also be widened and upgraded to meet the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

Reminder: Sign up for **Obama health insur**ance plan - October 5th in Laurel

We've all read about President Obama's health plan offering working families affordable health insurance that used to be available only to the rich and poor. Now middle class working people can get a break. Starting October 1 this fall, working people have more choices. Find out if you or your neighbors or friends can get a break.

Who can sign up? Legal US residents with middle class or lower incomes who do not have health coverage through their employer or are unemployed.

There are 3 ways to sign up

1) ONLINE: Starting October 1, 2013, go online to shop, compare and enroll in one place. You can search by your doctor, health plan or location. WEBSITE: MarylandHealthConnection.gov

2) PHONE: Call Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Representatives are available right now to answer your questions, and they can sign you up over the phone starting October 1, 2013. CALL: 855.642.8572

3) SIGN UP FOR OCTO-BER 5 EVENT IN LAUREL To make sure folks in our community have the information they need, Delegates Barbara Frush, Joseline Peña-Melnyk, Ben Barnes, and I are hosting an event in Laurel on October 5 for people to sign up and take advantage of it. Health care navigators will be at Laurel High School from 10:00am-4:00pm. Pre-registration is required -- call 301.858.3141 to register.

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.

Neighbors in the News

Emmanuel UMC to Hold 3rd Annual "A Blessing of the Animals"

~Every creature in the forest is mine, the wild animals on all the mountains. I know every mountain bird by name; the scampering field mice are my friends.

-Psalms 50: 10-11

From the earliest parts of the bible, God's love for animals is evident. From Creation to Noah and beyond the kindness God has shown to animals has always been abundant. Pastor Daniel Mejia and Emmanuel United Methodist Church will be holding a "Blessing of the Animals" Service on Sunday October 13th from 2 to 3 pm at The Beltsville Library Park on Sellman Road. Why bless the animals? When we bless

something, we focus our attention on the perfection that God put into it when God created it. When we bless what is good in our lives we increase it, adding our more blessings to the blessings that



Kathryn Griffin and Victoria Galloway look on as Pastor Daniel Mejia blesses their pet at last year's Blessing of the Animals Service.

are already a part of it. Blessing increases God's positive influence in our lives and the lives of the people and other living creatures around us.

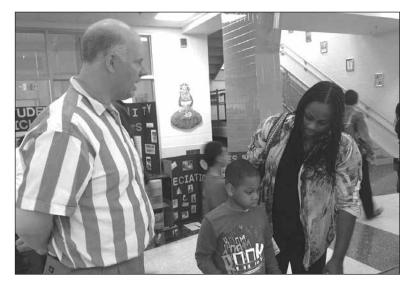
Pets bring a lot of joy and hope

to many in our community. For single householders, a pet can be a true companion. Many people arrive home from work to find a furry friend overjoyed at their return. Many a senior has a lap filled with a purring fellow creature. The bond between person and pet is like no other relationship, because the communication between fellow creatures is at its most basic. Eye-to-eye, a man and his dog, or a woman and her cat, are two creatures of love.

So join Emmanuel as they bless the animals on October 13th at 2pm. There is no need to register in advance, you can just show

up with your pet or pets to have them blessed by Pastor Mejia as part of this special service. For more details email Emmanuel at office@emmanuelumcbeltsville. net or call them at 301.937.7114.

Neighbors in the News



Eric Saathoff talks to a prospective Cub and his parent at the Vansville Elementary Back to School night.

Pack 1031 off to a Great Year

Cub Scout Pack 1031 has begun their new year of Cub Scouting and is off to another fun year. The Cubs and Webelos will be having fun with a purpose all year long on Monday evenings at the Beltsville Academy. Boys and their parents from 1st to 5th grade are invited to come by and visit them. They meet in the Cafeteria beginning at 7 pm on any Monday evening that school is open.

Once again this year the troop will be led this year by

the wonderful Cubmaster Kevin D'Eustachio with the able help of Committee Chair Eric Saathoff. There are a lot of great plans for this year including camping, popcorn sales, the annual Pinewood Derby and Blue and Gold dinner. Cub scouts also learn about citizenship, responsibility, games, and have tons of fun! If you are interested and would like more information contact Regina Halper at 301.937.9136.

Daughters of the American Revolution Celebrate Constitution Week 2013

The Colonel Tench Tilghman Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) celebrated Constitution Week, September 17-23, 2013. At the Chapter meeting on Tuesday, September 10th, the members of the Col Tench Tilghman Chapter put up a display in Bethesda, where the Chapter is located, to commemorate the 226th anniversary of the Signing of the Constitution. The display included a Proclamation, from Montgomery County Executive Isaiah Leggett, declaring September 17-23, 2013 as Constitution Week. A similar Proclamation from Governor Martin O'Malley was received after the meeting. Also included in the display was a photo of the bell on the historic Tabernacle at Emory Grove, Glyndon, MD, that was rung at 4 pm on Tuesday, September 17th, the time of the signing of the original Constitution. Photos of members giving out flags during Memorial Day and Independence Day celebrations and placing flags on graves of American patriots



from the Revolutionary War, the Civil War and World War II were included in the display.

As a special recognition of veterans of all branches of the service, an enlarged copy of a card thanking veterans for their service was included in the display. The card reads: Dear Military Veteran, thank you for your service, sacrifice, and commitment to the preservation of our freedom. - A

grateful American. These cards are given out by members of the DAR on a daily basis.

For the 2013-2014 year, the Colonel Tench Tilghman Chapter is represented by Kathy Mellott as Regent and Becky Cavallo as Editor, both residents of Beltsville. If you have interest in joining the Chapter or the NSDAR, please contact the Chapter at ColTenchTilghman@gmail.com.







The Greater Beltsville Business Association and the Beltsville Rotary Club wish to extend warm thanks to those who made our Golf Tournament on September 13 a great success. We express special thanks to the following supporters:

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A list of vendors and contact information can be found at our website: http://www.hollywoodmarket.org/.





Neighbors in the News

GOATMAN

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have said that there was a certain odor that you would smell that would be a dead giveaway that he was near.

The Goatman is said to live in caves, under bridges, and outside of cities and towns. He has been seen holding an ax to kill its prey or victims. It is not a supernatural creature; so it is vulnerable. The first actual report of the Goatman was in 1957, where some people reported that they saw a



I'd like you to smile into sunshine, into autumn's soft, cool air!

I'd like you to be happy at this special time of the year when even the trees show their faces in beautiful color and their leaves begin dancing to the ground!

Enjoy each day of October do smile!

© Ingeborg Carsten-Miller September 13, 2013

hairy monster in the Forestville and Upper Marlboro area.

The story of the Goatman began at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. It's said that the Goatman was created by a scientist, Doctor Scott Fletcher, who used to work at the research center. He was experimenting with goats with his assistant, William Lottsford, when something went wrong with the experiments and that's how the Goatman was created. It is said that he then started attacking cars with an axe and roaming the back woods of Beltsville, MD.

This is not the only story that was created about how the Goatman came about, but it is the one most people have heard. Other stories are of a half-man, halfanimal that walks on two legs or of a hermit who just roams around in the woods and when anyone approaches him, he runs away.

The Goatman has been seen in Louisiana, Kentucky, Texas, Maryland, and many other states. The story in Texas is that the Goatman was a man named Jack who was very close to his goats. One day some men came to bother Jack and his goats. The next night, deputies came to look for Jack and could not find him. A couple weeks later, people started hearing odd noises from under a bridge and smelling a very foul odor in the air. When some deputies went to go investigate this, they didn't expect to see what they saw that night. When they turned around, they saw a very tall creature with red eyes holding the head of Jack's favorite goat and Jack's body.

Also, it is said that if you park your car on Goatman's Bridge, which is located in Texas, turn off all the lights, and honk your horns three times, the Goatman will appear. Goatman is believed to be

responsible for the deaths of pets that are just roaming around the woods or area, and couples that are parked in cars in the woods or secluded place. It can jump very high and to great distances.

In 1957, some people said that they had seen the Goatman themselves. In 1962, it reportedly killed fourteen hikers. So far, the Goatman is believed to be responsible for the death of 15 people. Survivors of the Goatman said that it hacks its victims to pieces while making weird sounds. When authorities come to the scenes, all they find are lifeless bodies that have been decapitated.

The Goatman is known particularly to hang around Governor's Bridge in Davidson, MD. Governor's Bridge is also known as "Cry-Baby" Bridge because of another tale about a mother who threw her baby over the bridge and people who crossed that bridge would hear a ghostly sound of a baby crying. Some have also said to have seen a creature wielding an axe called the Bunnyman near Fairfax County, known as Bunny Man Bridge.

There is a documentary called Legend of the Goatman: Horrifying Monsters, Cryptids, and Ghosts. It was released September 1, 2013 and tells of someone who was kidnapped and forced to live in a cave for six days by these creatures. A swamp covering two states in Virginia is said to be filled with these creatures

There is also a movie titled Jimmy Tupper vs. The Goatman of Bowie and it was filmed approximately three years ago. The plot of the movie is Jimmy is intoxicated in the woods after a prank his friends played on him. When he returns, he is covered in blood. Jimmy and his friends head into the woods with a video camera to prove that the Goatman is real and not just a story. The director of that film was Andrew Bowser and he submitted this film at the South by Southwest (SXSW) Film Conference and Festival.

There are so many stories of the Goatman and where it is located. There are even some folk songs about this mysterious creature. Some people have witnessed the Goatman himself and some have just made up some stories. So beware of the Goatman and be careful roaming around the back woods of Beltsville. Happy Halloween!



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By the People, Riderwood Wins Best Vegetable Crab Soup Award at 2013 Maryland Seafood Festival

Culinary professionals of Riderwood have made Crab Soup Cook-Off a rewarding & successful tradition

SILVER SPRING, MD-In Texas, it's homemade barbecue. In Louisiana, it's fresh gumbo. But in Maryland, crab soup is undoubtedly king.

Marylanders have taken advantage of the Chesapeake Bay's famous blue crabs to create homemade recipes that feature "secret" blends of spices and ingredients. This tradition was celebrated at the Crab Cook-Off, a highlight of the prestigious 46th Annual Maryland Seafood Festival at Sandy Point State Park on September 7-8.

So when the culinary team of Riderwood, the Erickson Living retirement community, entered recipes in three categories, it was done knowing the high standards of Maryland crab soup connoisseurs. Sponsored by The Capital, the 2013 competition featured a star-studded field of sixteen restaurants from across the state.

Under the leadership of Executive Chef Victor Cirrincione, Team Riderwood won first place for its entry in the Best Vegetable Crab category (People's Choice). The team also earned second place honors in the Best Cream of Crab (People's Choice) and Best Vegetable Crab (Judge's Choice) categories.

In its five years of participation in the Crab Soup Cook-Off, Riderwood has finished in the top three an amazing sixteen (16) times, including six (6) first-place

"The Maryland Seafood Festival provides the perfect venue for Team Riderwood to showcase our culinary skills in front of a



Team Riderwood earned first place honors in the People's Choice Award for Best Vegetable Crab Soup at the 46th Annual Maryland Seafood Festival on September 7th. Pictured from left to right are the culinary professionals from the Dining Services Department of Riderwood: Willie Wanzer (Chef de Cuisine), Demetreus Wills (Sous Chef), Derrick Gregg (Chef de Cuisine), Evroy Wright (Chef de Cuisine), Victor Cirrincione (Executive Chef) and Carlos Gauna (Chef de Cuisine).

statewide audience," stated Chef Cirrincione. "But it's more than that. Our team takes great pride in the collective process of refining our recipes and respecting each other's abilities."

"For us, the Crab Soup Cook-Off has evolved into a tradition, a rite of passage for the different culinary professionals who join this competition," continued Chef Cirrincione. "It's especially rewarding to win the People's Choice Award because hundreds of guests with different tastes agreed that our vegetable crab soup was the best."

Led by Director Cathie Reichman, the Dining Service Department at Riderwood is composed of 600 employees. Its on-campus restaurants feature a wide variety of dining experiences from formal to casual for residents and employees. The department also includes a catering team that creates menus and prepares appetizers, meals and deserts for special events such as wedding receptions and private parties.

Held at Sandy Point State Park, the Maryland Seafood Festival is an Annapolis family tradition, featuring great food, live music, exhibits and arts and crafts. For more information, please visit www.mdseafoodfestival.com.

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at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington, VA which was granted for September 7th. Evelyn Adkins, who joined the chapter in 1984 along with Ms. Brown

and National member Michael O'Toole had the honor of laying the wreath. The chapter celebrated National Payroll Week by honoring those who have protected us so we, in the United States can have freedom in our daily lives.

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Warmed by sun, reflecting moon and stars like many jewels

Constantly accompanied by those who swam in schools Steadily our paths were set by Him Who made the rules Destined for God's glory, and content to be His tools.

Breezes danced upon our mantles, to their tunes we played Bearing easily the crafts we met along the way Visitors from heaven often came to us and ate

Joyfully we shared our treasures as an act of praise.

Soon we fastened on our goal and rushed to meet the shore Tum'bling waters happily until there were no more

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Girl Scout Troop 2751 Visit New York City

On the weekend of June 28-30, 2013, Teen Troop 2751 took a trip to New York City. The two girls, Rebecca Vaughan and Erica Belshay, and two leaders, Mary Ann Vaughan and Gail Belshay had a good time and did a lot.

On Friday, they arrived outside of the city where they stayed, then went into the city in the early evening. They spent the evening at Times Square where the girls were on the Jumbo-Tron; ate an Italian dinner and did some shopping. They returned to the city on

Saturday and walked to the waterfront where the Intrepid Air Craft Carrier is docked. They didn't go inside but had some good views of the outside. They took a water taxi, which was a fun boat ride, down to the 9-11 Memorial. They spent a lot of time at the amazing Memorial. While walking down Wall Street, they saw the bull, then ate lunch. They had a chance to find the Girl Scout Headquarters before returning to the dock. On the ride back, the view of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island was beautiful. Once on land, they took a taxi ride to the Empire State Building. It was a nice clear



Girl Scouts Erica Belshay and Rebecca Vaughan in front of the Girl Scouts of America Headquarters in New York City.

day, so the view was awesome. They also went on a simulator ride which was a tour of the city in itself and well worth checking into at the Empire State Building. After that, they went to Grand Central Station to see the History of rail transportation and the nice architecture of the building inside and out. They took a subway train from there to Central Park where they enjoyed a long walk and a Concert featuring a Band from Canada called "Lights". Erica and Rebecca really enjoyed the con-

While in New York City, they saw so much of the skyline of buildings and many stores and Museums. This teen troop is small, but the two girls did some Community Service last year, helped with Service Unit events, sold lots of cookies, and Erica worked the Summer Day Camp for the younger Girl Scouts. Rebecca is a senior at Seton High School and a second year Ambassador and Erica is a junior at High Point High School and is a first year Ambassador. Both of these girls have worked hard for years and are wrapping up their time as youth in Girl Scouts. Rebecca has one more year, and Erica, two.

October Is National Protect Your Hearing Month

Audiology Unlimited And College Park Hearing Aim To Curb Noise-Induced Hearing Loss

Thirty-six million Americans have hearing loss. One in three developed their hearing loss as

a result of exposure to noise. This October, National Protect Your Hearing Month, Audiology Unlimited and audiologists across the nation are encouraging Americans to protect their hearing by:

- Wearing hearing protection when around sounds louder than 85dB for a long period of time;
- Turning down the volume when listening to the radio, the TV, MP3 player, or anything through ear buds and headphones; and
- Walking away from loud

"Noise-induced hearing loss is caused by damage to the hair cells that are found in our inner ear. Hair cells are small sensory cells that convert the sounds we hear (sound energy) into electrical signals that travel to the brain. Once damaged our hair cells cannot grow back, causing permanent hearing loss," explains Dr. Kathy Mellott, Audiologist.

The loudness of sound is measured in units called decibels (dB). Noise-induced hearing loss can be

caused by prolonged exposure to any loud noise over 85 (dB), such as concerts, sporting events, lawnmowers, fireworks, gun shots, custom car stereos at full volume, and more. A brief exposure to a very intense sound, such as a gunshot near the ear, can also damage your hearing.

Noise is considered dangerous if you have to shout over background noise to be heard, it is painful to your ears, it makes your ears ring during and after exposure, or if you have decreased or "muffled" hearing for several hours after exposure.

Hearing impairment not only affects your ability to understand speech but it also has a negative impact on your social and emotional well-being. If you suspect you may have hearing loss, make an appointment to see an audiologist. He or she will perform a hearing test to determine the type and severity of hearing loss you may have.



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Greater Beltsville Business

Konterra Style Innovation – Game Changer

Unique Solar Microgrid set to launch at Konterra headquarters

By Paul G. Zurkowski, **GBBA Founder**

From the introduction of Konterra's plan for development between Laurel and Beltsville there has been speculation about what kind of business and social genie will be let out of the bottle when Konterra East is opened in a couple of years.

Now here comes a creative and resourceful demonstration of Clean Energy Innovation right in the parking lot at Konterra's headquarters at 14401 Sweitzer Lane, Laurel, MD. A large segment of parking lot space has been covered over with canopies supporting solar panels and will include two charging stations for rechargeable electric cars.

Speculation is again heightened by this project when one considers what further Konterra innovations will bring as they unfold over the next couple of years. It says a lot about the vision of Konterra man-

The 402 KW Photovoltaic system provides a unique solar power system at the Konterra Headquarters building. The unique aspect of the system involves the colocation of a battery system that will provide certain power backup advantages to the headquarters building as well as financial

The micro-grid integration system is the first of its type in



Konterra's Game Changer Microgrid facing East from the entrance to Konterra Headquaters at 14401 Sweitser Lane, Laurel

Maryland. The Konterra power team was awarded a \$250,000 grant from the Maryland State Energy Administration as a Game Changer technology.

Benefits to Konterra include:

- · Renewable power that is expected to provide 25% to 33% of the needs of the headquarters building's needs.
- Covered parking for a significant percentage of tenant's cars.
- Innovative technology that promotes Maryland's position as a leader in sustainable energy production.

The system was supplied and installed by Standard Solar, a large, experienced highly reputable supplier based in Rockville, MD. The battery system uses Princeton

Power Systems equipment and will be contracted through Solar Grid Solutions.

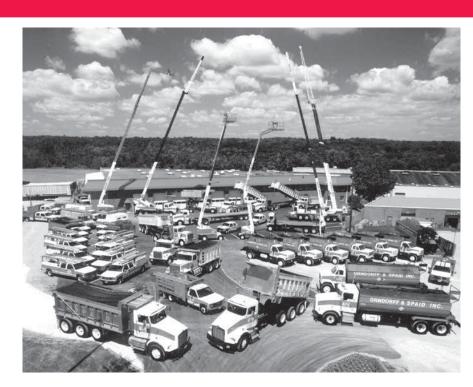


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Tips for Sharpening Your Children's Math Skills

(StatePoint) Math is often a student's most challenging subject. And if your kids aren't keen on it, it may not have anything

to do with their natural aptitude, but that they could simply be lacking the tools they need to succeed.

There are many ways parents can help children do better in the classroom and unleash their math potential. After all, today's crowded classrooms don't always allow teachers the time to deliver

a personalized approach to math math, which is all around us, and instruction — a subject where it is your children's interests. especially needed.

Reinforcing math concepts at home goes beyond improving grades, as elementary math skills are essential for success in the real world and are the basis for more advanced concepts. As more jobs require a solid math foundation, getting kids excited early is more important than ever.

Math in the Real World

Education does not just need to happen inside the classroom. Draw on the connections between



For example, if you're at the ballpark, use the time between hot dogs and cracker jacks to calculate batting averages and other vital statistics. Go bowling and let your children work out the score. Or take a trip to the park to reinforce the concepts of percentages and

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Five Tips for Haunting Your House this Halloween

(StatePoint) Americans spent close to \$8 billion on Halloween last year, according to the National Retail Federation. With scary celebrations getting bigger every year, becoming the best-decorated house on the block may seem difficult — but it's easy if you have insider tips and tricks.

"Giving your home a spooky look for Halloween can make or break your trick-or-treaters' night," says Larry Kirchner, publisher of Hauntworld.com and owner and operator of the world's number-one rated haunted house, "The Darkness."

Kirchner, who has been building and operating Halloween amusement attractions for 25 years, has some tips for turning your home into a spooky haunted

• Create a cemetery: "Haunting" your yard sets the tone for your whole haunted house. One of the easiest, most fun, yet eeriest things you can do is turn the space into a graveyard. Let your grass

grow long, add a gothic fence and a zombie or two popping up through the ground and make your own tombstone or coffin to complete the look.

Start by getting pink or blue foam from the hardware store. Cut the foam into the shape of a tombstone and then coat it with light plaster, thin concrete or other textured material found at the hardware or art supply store. Finally, paint it gray, and use a hotwire knife to carve in RIP and a name.

To make a coffin, use 1x6 pine boards and 2x2s nailed together into a box. Paint the outside and then get creative with your theme. For a Victorian vampire style coffin, line the interior with velvet curtains. For a deserted Old West theme, use jute or burlap on the

• Spin cobwebs: Achieve that old, abandoned, dusty look inside, or create creepiness outside, by spinning your own cobwebs. Most haunted house supply websites sell cobweb glue guns that use air to spray thin strands of glue.

- Creepify your windows: Add a red light to the bottom of the windows, and hang torn black curtains to make the windows look creepy when they're lit. Hang boards across the outside to give the house an abandoned look.
- Add eerie effects: Play spooky sounds on a stereo outside or through open windows. You can find great Halloween soundtracks online. For a dramatic effect, use a fog machine to make the house look otherworldly. You can rent or purchase fog machines at most party stores.
- Break out some black birds: Dollar stores often sell black birds, which you can make frightening by gluing scraps of gray fabric to their feathers and buttons over their eyes. Hang them in the yard or throughout the house with black gauze or spider webs from the party store.

For more inspiration on Halloween decorations or haunted houses, visit www.HauntWorld.com.

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ratio. For example, have your children determine the percentage of people in the park walking dogs, or the ratio of boys to girls on the playground.

Go Digital

If you're looking to squeeze extra math instruction and practice into a busy schedule, think about capitalizing on your children's love for mobile technology. Kids can use digital math worksheets on iPads to solve problems just as they would on paper, at home or on-the-go.

Programs like Tabtor for example, an iPad-based e-learning program with personalized math tutoring uses highly visual and interactive worksheets to keep kids engaged and can help pinpoint where students are struggling, not just whether they got the correct answer.

Such technologies are being used in the classroom to unburden teachers of manually tracking student progress. And now, parents are catching on at home, using Tabtor as a unique, affordable and convenient math tutor service that provides personalized attention, feedback from a

dedicated instructor and a reward system that makes learning fun. More information and access to a free trial can be found at www. Tabtor.com.

Be Vigilant

Once a student falls behind in math, playing catch-up is tough, as math concepts are not stand alone facts, but ideas that build off one another. Stay vigilant by regularly reviewing test scores. This is a good way to determine where students need extra help. An athome digital tutoring program that delivers regular reports on student progress can help you effectively monitor the situation.

Whether your children are gifted math students looking to go above and beyond their grade level and school curriculum, or need extra help with their school work, parents can play a key role in sharpening the skills they need to achieve their goals.

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Club News

Beltsville Young at Heart Club

Bingo is now here at Beltsville Young at Heart because the members requested it.

The bingo chairman Lois Hamilton along with helper Elmo Webb did a wonderful job of running the first bingo game at the Sept.18 meeting.

The next game will be at the third meeting next month on Oct.17th.

Hugh Gribben, the treasurer won the Football raffle at the first meeting of the month. A sign up book will be out soon for the Savage Mill Thanksgiving luncheon, be sure to watch for it. Bob has a list of trips for next year that he will put out for the next meeting.

Norma Good is looking for a plate she left at the picnic party, if you have seen it or took it home by mistake please bring it in and let her know. You are here for a purpose, there is not a duplicate of you in the whole wide world. You were brought here to fill a certain need. Take time to think that over.

Come join and have fun with the Young at Heart Club.

American Legion & Auxiliary Meet

By Ivy Christoffers

August 23rd saw many Legion and Auxiliary families departing for Houston, TX to attend the National Convention where many awards were presented, elections held, new officers installed and plans of work presented for the coming year.

There were many other activities as well such as the National Parade on Sunday, the National Commander's Banquet where guests enjoyed entertainment by The Temptations, and the incoming National Sons of the American Legion (S.A.L.) Commander, Joe Gladden's reception. Commander Gladden is from Maryland and the fellow Marylanders were very proud of his election to National Commander of the S.A.L.

Texas is famous for claiming that "everything is done big in Texas" and they did everything in a big way. The weather was a little warmer than Maryland however we all survived. The warmth of the welcome the guests received was wonderful. Houston is a beautiful city; the

only regret that was voiced by many was that so many businesses and restaurants closed at 5:00 pm. It seems that the residents come into Houston to work and flee to their homes in the suburbs in the evening. The Convention Center was enormous, so much so that there were electric carts everywhere for guests to go from one location to another.

The delegation from Maryland enjoyed their time in Houston, once again meeting up with friends made over the years from across this great land of ours. Next year this event will be held in Charlotte, NC.

And who knows, after experiencing the warmth you will receive at Post #217, you may want to join us and become a member with all the benefits that accompany that privilege.

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event. Bingo winners will receive specialty baskets, pottery and home accessories. There will be door prizes and raffles as well. Admission is \$12. Refreshments will be available.

Fun Walk/Run for Child Safety

The Good Knight Child Kingdom is sponsoring its 1st Annual Fun Walk/Run for Child Safety on Make A Difference Day, Saturday October 26, 2013. The Fun Walk/Run will benefit the Good Knight Child Empowerment Network's bully prevention programs. Advanced registration is required. Please visit www.goodknight. org to download the registration forms. The event begins at 8 am in College Park, Maryland at the 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant off of Paint Branch Parkway. For additional information please call 301-595-8989 or email goodknighthood@aol.com.

Women's Community Club of Beltsville Celebrates Make A Difference Day

On Saturday, October 26, at 9:00 am, the Women's Community Club of Beltsville would like to invite everyone who can to meet at the Montgomery Road entrance to the Beltsville Community Center Park. They will be planting bulbs and other greenery along the path at the Beltsville Community Center. If you are a teen and need some hours for Community Service please join them. For more information please call Carolyn Scarcia at 301.937.7765.

Mother's Morning Out Program at First Baptist Church of Beltsville

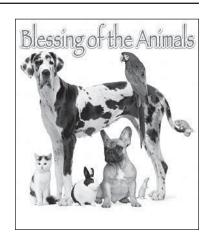
You can now register your 2 or 3 year old for the Mother's Morning Out Program (MMO). Twice a week the First Baptist Church of Beltsville offers a time of learning, Bible stories, crafts and playtime in a loving Christian environment. Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Beltsville. 4700 Odell Road, Beltsville, MD 20705. Children must be 2 or 3 years by 9/1/13. Potty training is not required. Registration fees are \$75.00/child and class fee is \$24 per day. Classes run from September until May. There is currently space available. For more information or to register contact MMO Director, Joan Allman at 301-908-9960 or gman_jr@msn.

Slavic Food Festival

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, November 2 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be Eastern European foods, including pirohi, holupki, halushki and kolbassi with sauerkraut featured. All food will be available to eat at the festival or carryout. Our bake sale will offer kolachi and a wide variety of homemade goodies. Admission and parking are free. For details call 301.552.2434 or go to ww.stgregoryofnyssa.net.

St. John's Will Bless Pets on October 6, 2013

In celebration of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, who is said to have loved animals and all nature, St. John's Episcopal Church, Zion Parish, will have a service of the "Blessing of the Pets," Sunday, October 6, 2013, 1:00 pm, in the Church Upper Parking Lot, 11040 Baltimore



Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20704. Pets and owners from throughout our community are invited and encouraged to bring their pets dogs, cats, gerbils, rabbits, etc - to this special ceremony. Saint John's has hosted this fun event for the last three years, and looks forward to having pets from our community come out for this happy activity. We ask that pets are caged or leashed at the service for the comfort of all involved. The service is short, and all pets present (or brought by photo) are blessed. Water, cat and dog treats will be provided for all pet participants.

Come out, bring your pets, and invite your neighbors to do likewise. It will be a nice time for all. In case of rain, the Blessing of the Pets Service will be held on Saturday, October 13, 4:00 pm.

Trunk or Treating returns to Emmanuel UMC

Emmanuel United Methodist Church will be holding their annual trunk-or-treat this year on Thursday October 31 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. The trunk-or-treat was started in 2001 after the sniper attacks in DC. During that terrifying time children were not allowed to go out during recess and many parents kept them inside once they got home. The members of Emmauel felt that

ty of their parking lot in the back behind their buildings, they could provide an opportunity for the children to trick or treat safely

with the safe-

Each year, more children and their families come out and participate. The church community loves seeing the children in their costumes. If you would like to hand out candy please park your cars between 5:45 and 6:30. From 6:30 until 8:00 the church asks that you don't leave to ensure the safety of the trunk-or-treaters. We hope to see many of you there handing out candy. The members of Emmanuel hope to see you and your families on this Halloween!

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Club News

American Legion Auxiliary News

The American Legion in College Park, 9218 Baltimore Blvd, is holding Bingo on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, with gigantic payouts to the lucky winners. The legion also holds Friday night dances preceded by dinner.

The September 14th

event, Johnny Seaton and his Group, was a resounding success. A great time was

had by all. The next musical event will be on Oct. 5th, "Patsy's Honkey-Tonk Torch & Twang." If country music is your genre, you won't want to miss Patsy Stephens. The doors will open at 6:00 pm and show begins at 7:00, tickets are just \$10. On Oct. 12 the Surf Club Reunion begins at 5:00PM. For those who remember the Surf Club in Bladensburg, this will bring back great memories. The cost is \$10 at the door and you will be treated to the music of several bands, including the great Hall Bros. Following that on Oct. 19, Ronnie Dove and the Doug Lester Band will be performing. Once again the doors open at 6:00 pm and the show starts at 7:00. The cost for this event is \$30.



Attendees at the Johnny Seaton show at The American Legion Post #217 dancing up a storm. Inset: Singer Johnny Seaton performs.

able before the show starts. It has been some time since the College Park Post Home has hosted such events and the members send their gratitude to Tina Zook and Co. for arranging all this great entertainment. All these shows are open to the public, you do

not have to be a member of the Post or Legion to attend. Make the Legion your home away from home when you are searching out some inexpensive entertainment for the weekend and you won't be disappointed.

Beltsville Lions Silent Auction

The Beltsville Lions will conduct their annual banquet and silent auction in the Grand Ballroom of The Villa, 4060 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD on Wednesday, Oct. 30. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. From 6 to 8 p.m. attendees will be able to bid on a variety of outstanding items.

There will be a hot buffet avail-

Starting at 8 p.m., a live auction of selected items will be conduct-

ed by our usual auctioneer, Past District Governor Bill Lynch of the Laytonsville Lions Club. He's a laugh a minute.

The banquet is prepared and served by Uptown Caterers. Entrée selections are grilled tenderloin of beef, pan-seared mahi mahi, and chicken Devonshire. Cost per person is \$35. You may mail reservation information to Beltsville Lions, P.O. Box 252,

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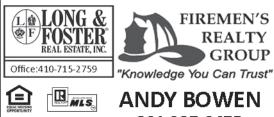
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Club News

The Beltsville Rotary Club's 6th Annual Chili Cook-Off At Behnke Nurseries

The Beltsville Rotary Club is having their 6th Chili Cook-Off at Behnke Nurseries, where the charity is always the winner! The Chili Cook Off will take place on Saturday, Oct. 5. The chili tasting will begin at noon, but the festival runs all day long.

The Mason Dixon Pod is the Maryland-based chapter of the Chili Appreciation Society International (CASI). CASI has been the major organizational body of the chili world for over thirty years, staging chili cook-offs for the purpose of having fun, promoting chili, and helping others. Many charities benefit from the millions of dollars in proceeds raised from these celebrations of

CASI will be raising money for the Beltsville Rotary Club in a few different ways. By selling chili tasting kits to pick a People's Choice Winner. They will also have a "Pick Your Prize" Raffle. Also, new this year there will be a Craft Beer Tasting. Old Line, Fine Wine & Bistro of Beltsville is sponsoring the beer tasting and donating the money made to this worthy cause.

The Beltsville Rotary has donated to the following community groups over the years: High Point High School, Martin Luther King Middle School, Beltsville Academy, District 6 Police National Night Out & Explorer Program,

Beltsville's Emmanuel United Methodist Church Food Bank Program, Weekend Food Project for Kids, Beltsville/Adelphi Boys & Girls Club, Boy Scout Troop 1033, Laurel/Beltsville Oasis (Youth Counseling). The ARC of Prince George's County, Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department, Fidos for Freedom, Friends of Beltsville Library, Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center, Rett Syndrome Research Foundation, Special Olympics, Prince George's County, Trees for the Future, Women's Community Club of Beltsville, Beltsville Elementary School. So bring a friend, bring a neighbor and enjoy the chili and beer.

School News

News from High Point High School

High Point High School would like to encourage all community members to provide input for our Middle States Accreditation process. The Middle States Association of colleges and Schools (MSA) will visit High Point on March 21, April 1, 2, and 3, 2014. In order for our school to be successful in this very important occurrence, it is imperative that we receive assistance from all of our students, parents, business partners and staff. The survey link can be accessed from the High Point website. The link for the survey is included in the Middle States letter on the website at http://www1. pgcps.org/highpoint or from this site, http://tinyurl.com/hpsamsa.

Join us to find out everything you need to know to help our seniors to graduate. Learn about credit, community service, HSA (High School Assessments), The Gear-Up Program and much more. Attend the Roadmap to Graduation event at High Point High School on Thursday, September 26 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m in the cafeteria. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Ms. Adebohun at 301-572-6707.

The PTSA of High Point High School would like to encourage all parents, teachers and students

to attend a special PTSA meeting on October 8 at 6:30 in the High Point cafeteria. Refreshments will be served. The need for a new school building and PTSA membership are on the agenda. Participate in a discussion about information gathered for a feasibility study that will make the case for a new school.

Our case for a new school is strengthened by the number of active members. Parents, teachers, students and community members are all stakeholders. The PTSA is campaigning to increase membership from 70 to a "mission possible!" goal of 500.

If you are a parent, student, or teacher, plan to support the school's effort for a new school by signing up for membership. The cost is \$10 per student, teacher, or family member. Thank you for your support, we hope to see you there!

The Prince George's County Public Schools system has established a new, county-wide position: Professional Development Leader Teacher (PDLT). Each school has a minimum of one PDLT with a strong background in reading/English and one PDLT with a strong background in mathematics. In addition, applicants for the position must meet the

following qualifications: hold an Advanced Professional Teaching Certificate; have a minimum of five years' teaching experience; have background in the Framework for Teaching (FFT), Student Learning Objectives (SLO's), and the Common Core State Standards (CCSS); have experience in curriculum writing; and have experience in other teacher leadership roles (example: department chair or grade level chair). High Point High School has three lead teachers: Mrs. Sheila Young-Braxton, who is the English Department Coordinator/Chair and Instructional Coordinator; Dr. Rasheedah Sharief, who is the Mathematics Department Coordinator/Chair and AVP Coordinator; and Mrs. Margaret Haines, who is a Special Education Department teacher. The PLDT Team implements systemic professional development workshops, maintains and distributes CCSS and FFT resources within the school, communicates with staff re: necessary updates and forms, and collaborates with administrators about the plan for delivering required, systemic PD initiatives. High Point High School is fortunate to have three experienced, highly qualified educators as its Professional Development Lead Teacher Team.

Box Tops For Education at Calverton Elementary

Last year Calverton Elementary raised over a thousand dollars just by collecting and submitting Box Tops. They are collecting boxtops again this year. If you would like to help out Calverton Elementary there will be a collection box at the customer service desk of the Calverton Giant, or

they can be dropped off at the Calverton Elementary School Office. Please remember that General Mills gives Calverton a dime for each Box Top. For more information you can go to www.btfe.com. Or you can contact Calverton's Box Top Coordinator by email at ptdgarden@aol.com.

News from Vansville Elementary

By Pamela Curtis

New Staff Members

Vansville has several new staff members this year. Their new assistant principal is Jaime Whitfield-Coffen who has been an educator in PGCPS for 14 years. She has served in a variety of capacities from classroom teacher at Greenbelt and Cora Rice Elementary Schools to Instructional Coach at Kingsford and Clinton Grove Elementary Schools and for the last 6 years Assistant Principal at High Bridge and Robert R. Gray Elementary Schools. Mrs. Coffen is a product of Prince George's County Public Schools, attending Laurel Elementary, Martin Luther King Middle School, and Laurel High School. She received both her Undergraduate and Master's Degree from Bowie State University. She believes that all children have the ability to learn and that they all deserve the very best teachers standing in front of them to ensure they reach their full potential. She is excited to join the administrative team at Vansville Elementary School and looks forward to learning more about the students, staff, parents, and community.

Also joining the faculty this year are Ms. Garber, Head Start Teacher, Ms. Hengemihle, kindergarten teacher and Mr. Dorsey, music teacher.

The Vansville Special Education Department would also like to welcome two new staff members. Mrs. Marcia Croll is an experienced special educator and Ms. Danielle Gilchrist is our new paraprofessional. The Vansville Community is pleased to have both join our team and working with our students.

STEM At Vansville

This year Vansville ES became one of the first schools in the county to hire a STEM specialist. The STEM specialist will work with all of the grades to help students prepare for courses and careers related to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

Why is STEM Important in Maryland?

In 2005, a book called *Rising Above the Gathering Storm* was released. It showed how our nation was facing a crisis because students were graduating yet they were not prepared for careers or college courses in STEM fields. As a result Governor O'Malley created a task force to determine how Maryland could become a model state for STEM education. The task force created a list of recommendations for the state that would ensure our students were prepared for the 21st century



Members of Vansville Elementary's PTA enjoy a cookout with the staff and students of the school.

workforce. In the years that followed the task force, Maryland became the first state to create standards for STEM education and to provide professional development on STEM education to one teacher from each school. The STEM standards that Maryland created are being used as a model for the rest of the country. The state's vision is that every student in every class is exposed to STEM education with some of those students choosing to pursue college degrees and careers in STEM.

Maryland continues to stress that STEM is about how students learn. Through STEM education, students learn how to tackle complex problems through creative and innovative thinking. Students work with guidance and support from teachers vs. traditional lecture and reading. Students must use what they know, and learn new information to solve a problem. It is an inquiry-based approach to learning that is often challenge or project based.

In addition to our yearly STEM fair (completed individually by each student in 3rd-5th grade) every student will participate in STEM projects in their classroom throughout the year. Classes will also rotate through the Science Lab for time with our STEM specialist, Ms. Cobb. Ms. Cobb served as a Master Teacher in STEM for MSDE. She will be supporting all of the classes while focusing on the engineering component of STEM. For the first month of school classes have been rotating through the lab to learn more about the Engineering Design Process. Students were challenged with creating the tallest tower. While many of the towers were not standing at the end of time, all of the students learned the importance of working together and creating a plan. Students are now improving upon their ideas and learning critical concepts like how to think big, have wild ideas, try everything, use failure as a way to learn and that teamwork is critical to success. For more information, please visit Maryland STEM

Back To School PTA BBQ

Standards www.mdk12.org

More than 350 school-aged youth and their families lined up to enjoy the benefits of the second

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Congratulations To The High Point High School Football Team

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U. S. NATIONAL ARBORETUM

3501 New York Ave., N.E., Washington, DC 20002. See www.USNA.USDA.gov or call 202.245.2726 for information regarding special events. Autumn brings cool, crisp air and sparkling sunshine, making it an ideal time to visit the U.S. National Arboretum. The exhibits and grounds are open to the public Friday through Monday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, with the National Bonsai & Penjing Museum opening at 10:00 am. We look forward to seeing you at the National Arboretum, where science meets beauty. Admission to the arboretum is free.

66™ ANNUAL ORCHID SHOW AND SALE

Vendor Tent: Saturday through Monday, Oct. 12-14 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Exhibits: Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 12-13 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Monday, Oct. 14 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Immerse yourself in the alluring world of orchids at this event featuring thousands of blooming plants in striking displays, expert advice, free lectures, and a sales tent full of quality plants and supplies. Presented by the National Capital Orchid Society. Free admission.

BROOKSIDE GARDENS

1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton, MD 20902. Phone: 301.962.1400. The grounds of Brookside Gardens are open every day of the year from sunrise to sunset. The Visitor Center is open daily from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Admission to the gardens is free. A fee is charged for certain exhibits and some special programs.

MUSHROOM FAIR

Sunday, Oct. 6 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm Sponsored by the Mycological Association of Washington, Inc.

CONSERVATORY CHRYSANTHEMUM DISPLAY: CHRYSANTHEMUM CRAFTS-MANSHIP

Saturday, Oct. 12 through Sunday, Nov. 25. from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm daily; Free. Brookside Gardens Conservatory. Note: South House closes Nov. 18.

ANNUAL MUM SHOW AND SALE

Saturday Oct. 19 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm and Sunday, Oct. 20, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Sponsored by the Potomac Chrysanthemum Society.

MONTPELIER MANSION & ART CENTER

9650 Muirkirk Rd., Laurel. Phone: 301.377.7817. TTY: 301.699.2544. E-mail: montpeliermansion@pgparks.com. Contact the Art Center at 301.377.7800 for information on art and photography classes. Due to renovation at the mansion, tours are suspended until further notice. Please call the center for information regarding events for October as well as before visiting. Events held at the mansion location will be held outdoors. The mansion grounds are open from dawn until dusk every day of the year.

COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM

1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Dr., College Park. Phone: 301.864.6029. TTY: 301.699.2544. Museum admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, and \$2 for children. Children under 2 admitted free. Open daily from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, except for major holidays. Tours for groups of 10 or more are available by appointment.

EXHIBIT: THE RESCUE OF COLLEGE PARK AIRPORT

The exhibit continues. In the 1950s and

1960s, College Park Airport almost ceased to exist. Neglected and run-down, it seemed to have lost any purpose or use to the community. But thanks to a decades-long effort by tireless private citizens, College Park Airport was saved. This exhibit is their story — not only of saving a historic site and returning an airport to life, but also of their vision of the airport being a center of education and inspiration. Free with paid admission to the museum. All ages.

GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER

The center is located at 15 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770. The *Greenbelt Recreation Activities Guide* is online. Stop by the center or see www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation for events and class listings. Phone: 301.397.2208.

GREENBELT MUSEUM

The museum house is located at 10-B Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770. Docent-led tours are on Sundays from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, please contact the museum for the latest information. No reservations are required, but we do recommend that you arrive no later than 4:30 pm. Tickets: \$3.00 general admission, \$2.00 adults 55 and older, free for children under age 12. Friends of the Greenbelt Museum are admitted free. See www.GeenbeltMuseum.org or call 301.507.6582 for more information.

LAUREL-BELTSVILLE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

7120 Contee Rd., Laurel, MD 20707. Regular hours of operation: Monday – Thursday from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm, Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Saturday from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, closed on Sunday. Contact the center regarding any changes in hours of operation. Phone: 301.206.3350. Fax: 301.206.3387. TTY: 301.446.3402.

FALL BAZAAR AT ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

Friday October 11 9 a.m. -9 p.m., and Saturday October 12 9 a.m. -2 p.m. St. Nicholas is located at 8603 Contee Road, Laurel, MD. Enjoy crafts handmade by parishioners, homemade baked goods, children's activities, St. Nicholas Boutique, theme baskets to raffle, door prizes, and a 50/50 raffle. The food concession will serve breakfast and lunch on both days, and this year we will host an Oktoberfest dinner on Friday night! For more information, contact Pat at 301.776.4645.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER

Address: 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. Phone and registration line: 301.497.5887. See Patuxent.fws.gov. Stop by to attend a program or walk the trails. Space in our public programs is limited. Registration is required unless otherwise specified. Thank you for your continued support. The Visitor Center entrance is accessed from Powder Mill Rd between the Baltimore-Washington Pkwy. and Rt. 197. The center is part of the Patuxent Wildlife Research Refuge. Hours of operation are daily from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, except for major holidays. Free admission to the center and its exhibits, grounds, and trails. Activities and events are free unless otherwise noted. Please advise us of any special needs so that we may accommodate you.

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION TRAM TOURS

Tram tours will take place on Saturdays and Sundays until November. Enjoy an all-electric tram tour through various habitats on the refuge, weather permitting. Contact the center for a current schedule of tour times. First come, first served. Fee: \$3/person.

PUPPET SHOW: MONARCH MIGRATION

Friday, Oct. 4 at 10:00 am and 11:00 am. Discover where and why the monarch is

migrating in this humorous puppet show. Program is approximately 20 min. No registration necessary. All ages welcome.

ROAMING RACCOONS

Sunday, Oct. 6 from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. Discover the world of these mysterious masked mammals seen roaming the neighborhood. Learn through exploration, identification, and activities. Registration is required. Ages 5 to 7.

BIRD WALK

Wednesdays, Oct. 9 and 23 from 8:00 am to 10:30 am Ages 16 and up. Saturday, Oct. 12 from 7:30 am to 9:00 am Ages 10 and up. Search for birds in several refuge habitats on this guided hike. Registration required at 301.497.5887. Field guides and binoculars are recommended.

BIRD BUDDIES

Saturday, Oct. 12 from 9:00 am to 10:30 am. Is it a robin or a cardinal? No need to worry, just watching birds can be a blast! Search for birds by sight and sound and discover some of the special qualities birds have in this hands-on program and hike. Ages 5 to 10.

WHOSE CLUES?

Wednesday, Oct. 16 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Join us in a fun, interactive program to solve the mystery of who has been roaming the refuge by reading tracks, traces, and scat clues. Registration is required. Ages 8 to 10.

PATUXENT WILDLIFE FESTIVAL

Saturday, Oct. 19 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. No registration necessary. Find out about the ground breaking research being done at Patuxent. Activities include live animal displays, children's crafts, tram tours, research exhibits, and behind-the-scenes tours of the USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center to see endangered whooping cranes, sea ducks and much more. Refreshments are available for purchase. Tours are limited; tickets are available first come first serve on the day of the event.

BASED ON BOOKS: MONTHLY NATURE SERIES

Thursday, Oct. 24 from 10:00 am to 10:45 pm. *Turtles of Patuxent* is featured. Begin each program in this series with a beautifully illustrated children's story about wildlife. Discover more about the topic of the book through activities, props, puppets, and even occasional live animal guests. Registration is required. Ages 4 to 5.

PUPPET SHOW: WHO'S AFRAID OF THE LITTLE BROWN BAT?

Friday, Oct. 25 at 10:00 am and 11:00 am. Who's afraid of the little brown bat? Come find why you shouldn't be afraid! Learn the important role bats have in our environment and get to meet the characters after the show. No registration necessary. All ages.

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BELTSVILLE EVENTS

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LIONS CLUB BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, Oct. 22, 3 to 6:30 p.m. at the Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Road. Sponsored by the Beltsville Lions & conducted by professionals from MedStar. Call Ted at 240-381-2847 for appointment.

BELTSVILLE CITIZEN'S ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. at Beltsville Academy, 4300 Wicomico Ave., Beltsville

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CLUB OF BELTSVILLE

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

VANSVILLE CITIZEN'S ASSOCIATION

Monday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. at Franklin Brown Building, Vansville Recreation Park, 11733 Old Baltimore Pike, Vansville

BELTSVILLE RECREATION COUNCIL

Monday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. at the Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Road, Beltsville

YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

 $1^{\rm st}~\&~3^{\rm rd}$ Thursdays at 11 a.m. at the Beltsville Community Center

HIGH POINT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT GOV'T COMMUNITY CARNIVAL

3601 Powder Mill Rd Beltsville, MD 20705. The Student Government Association of High Point will be hosting a public, festive, fun-filled community carnival on Friday, October 4th, from 3pm to 6pm. The event is open to the public and the cost is \$3-\$5.

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)

10301 Baltimore Ave. The library is free and open to the public. Parking is free. Hours of operation: Monday — Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, except for federal holidays. NAL is one of four national libraries of the United States. Call 301.504.5876 for information on basic services, resources, and special events. See NAL at www.nal.usda.gov or on Twitter at http://twitter.com/#!/National_Ag_Lib.

BELTSVILLE LIBRARY

The library will remain open on Monday, Oct. 14, for the Columbus Day holiday.

Regular operating hours are Monday – Tuesday from 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Wednesday – Friday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, Saturday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, closed on Sunday. Contact the Beltsville Library by phone at 301.937.0294. Visit us at 4319 Sellman Rd., Beltsville, next door to the police station. Visit our library system website at www.pgcmls.info. Please note: The Beltsville Library expects to close for renovation this fall. Currently, we await permits to be issued by the county, after which we will begin improvements. We anticipate being closed for six months during the renovation. Call the library at 301-937-0294 for updates.

PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

STORYTIME

Wednesdays, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 at 10:30 am Songs, stories, and fingerplays for children 3 to 5 years old.

TODDLER TIME

Wednesdays, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 at 11:30 am Songs, fingerplays, and stories for

children 18 to 36 months with caregiver.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION

Monday, Oct. 14 at 7:00 pm Ira Wagler's *Growing Up Amish: A Memoir.*

AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 2:00 pm Ben Carson's America the Beautiful: Rediscovering What Made This Nation Great.

BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Address: 3900 Sellman Rd., Beltsville. Phone: 301.937.6613. Spanish line: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512. The Program Specialist is Michael Hansborough. He can be contacted by phone or at Michael.Hansborough@ pgparks.com. Regular hours of operation are: Monday – Thursday from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm, Friday from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm, Saturday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, closed on Sunday. Hours of operation for Xtreme Teens and Pre-teens: Fridays and Saturdays from 7:00 pm to 10 pm.

ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY

This is a 5 week course starting Wednesday, Oct. 2 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm Contact the center for more details. Take photos of the stars and the universe. Learn how to create your own astrophotography using Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics robotic telescopes. Students will learn how to take and colorize their own images of stars and galaxies the same way that professional astronomers do. The final project will be to create an astrophotography exhibit that will be displayed at the College Park Aviation Museum. Ages 11 to 16. Fee: \$50/Resident, \$60 Non-resident.

CARD MAKING TRY ME SESSION

Thursday, Oct. 3 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Ready to create your own personalized greeting cards? Working with various mediums, you will learn the basics, as well as tricks of the trade of how to construct beautiful cards in this seminar. Ages 16 and up Free.

BUDGETING CLASS FOR TEENS AND RAISING RESPONSIBLE CHILDREN FOR PARENTS

Thursday, Oct. 10 at 7:00 pm. This seminar is designed to make financial education fun, and also build important family values such as pride, respect, and responsibility. This can be the first step to helping children and teens become financially self-sufficient and to develop a healthy attitude towards money. Register by October 3 or just show up. All ages welcome. Free.

XTREME TEEN OPEN HOUSE

Friday, Oct. 11 from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm Teens and pre-teens come out to the center to learn all about the Xtreme Teen program and all it has to offer. Enjoy food, games, demonstrations, fun with friends, and much more. Ages 10 to 17. Free event and free Xtreme Teen ID's are available.

PUZZLE MAKING WORKSHOP

Saturday, Oct. 12 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm Try not to go to pieces as we create personalized puzzles here at the center. Be as creative as you can and make a masterpiece that can be assembled over and over again. Register by October 5. Ages 5 to 12. Fee: \$2/ Resident, \$3 Non-resident.

HALLOWEEN SPOOKY SKATE

Thursday, Oct. 31 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm Come dressed up in your best costume and have a great time roller skating with friends and family. We provide the roller skates and

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Baker Bill STUFF 'N THINGS

Beltsville News CHURCH DIRECTORY

I am on my soap box again. Over the years I have gone from 325 pounds to a svelte 245, WOW! But that's not why I'm back up on the soap box, in the past 20 years or so most of the clothing we purchase has been made overseas. I think clothing manufacturers have changed the size rating of clothes. As little as 15 years ago a man with a 50" chest was large even x large; but not in today's market. A man like me with a 50" chest is now 2x or even 3x. I think this is because those who are making the clothing are very small people, but the real reason is money. In catalogs the regular sizes (small, medium, large) are a certain amount but the XL, 2XL and up are on average about 10 bucks more. I have noticed that even if I'm only large or XL I need to buy 2XL so I can zip it up and wear a sweater underneath. They are all too small for me, so I need to buy 1XL 44.

Most of you know this but a few may not. When you see the weather map on the local stations have you ever wondered where Beltsville is? Well, I'm going to tell you. The District was cut out of Maryland about 200 years ago. On the map the 3 sided square is DC, look at the top left corner of the DC outline you'll see a dark

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annual Back to School BBQ on Saturday, September 14th at Vansville Elementary.

The Vansville Elementary PTA, in collaboration with the Vansville Community Center, held its Back-to-School Barbecue for its students and their families. The event included free food, games, bounce house, tattoos and most importantly, a chance for students to socialize with one another and meet some of their teachers and administrators. Music was provided by DJ Orkie who kept the crowds moving.

The PTA provided an informational fair to show their efforts in educational enrichment, family fun, spirit nights, community involvement, communications, men in PTA and fundraisers. A trifold board and sign-up sheet was available to volunteers to encourage growth in the PTA members and involvement.

Thank you to the many parents who volunteered and joined in to make this event a success. The Vansville PTA is looking forward to an exciting new year.

line; that's I 95 North. Just to the left is Burtonsville in Montgomery County, just to the right is Beltsville. It may take a couple of sightings but you'll see I'm right.

I have a great recipe for the best cheese cake you'll ever eat, not the box stuff. I can't find good cheese cake anywhere; most restaurants make the box stuff. The formula is simple but the pre mix and the post cake are complicated. If you are interested drop me a line at bill@bakerbill.net and I'll send it

to you, complications and all. It's called California cheesecake made with cream cheese. New York style is made with Regatta cheese and not as tasty. You can also go to bakerbill.net click on recipes, look under cakes and click on California Cheesecake. Push control P to print, be sure to click this page only or you will print out all 100 recipes.

As always, everything I write is my opinion and mine alone. Thank you readers for your support.

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- Stewardship Class: 12:00pm to 1:30pm
- Lunch 1:30pm to 2:00pm
- Have You Considered My Servant Job? Class: 2:00 to 3:00

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- Lunch 1:30pm to 2:00pm
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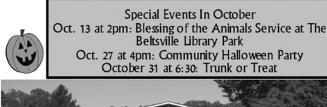
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the music. You just show up and have fun. Admission is free if you come dressed in a costume. Otherwise, \$2/Resident and \$3/ Non-resident.

STRATEGY GAME CLUB

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

XTREME TEEN REGULAR EVENTS

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

VANSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

6813 Ammendale Rd., Vansville. Phone: 301.937.6621. Fax: 301.937.6623. Spanish line: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512. The Director is Jeremy Weiss. He can be contacted by phone or at Jeremy. Weiss@pgparks.com. Regular hours of operation as well as weight room hours for September through June: Monday - Thursday from 2:00 pm to 9 pm, Friday from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Saturday from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm, and Sunday from 12 noon to 3:00 pm. Hours of operation for Xtreme Teens: Fridays and Saturdays from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. GEAR (Girls Excited About Recreation) hours and events are Saturdays from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

SCARECROW MAKING

Saturday, Oct. 5 from 11:00 am to 12 noon. Straw will be provided for families to stuff their own scarecrow. You must provide clothes for your scarecrow. Fun for the whole family. Ages: Families. Reservation required. Fee: \$3/ Resident, \$4/Non-resident.

HALLOWEEN LOCK-IN

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 18 and 19 from 8:00 pm to 7:00 am Participants will stay awake the entire night and enjoy games, food, and scary stories by the camp fire. Participants must have an M-NCPPC ID and a permission slip is required. Ages 8 to 12. Reservation required by Oct. 11. Fee: \$8/ Resident, \$10/Non-resident.

COSTUME PARTY

Friday, Oct. 25 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm Bring your best costume for this fun-filled event. Contestants will be judged and receive prizes in the following categories: scary, cute, original, funny, and overall best costume. Ages 10 to 17. Free.

XTREME TEENS REGULAR EVENTS

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

G.E.A.R. EVENTS

MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, Oct. 4 from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm Come join us to watch a few of your favorite movies. Refreshments will be provided. Girls ages 10 to 17. Free.

PUMPKIN CARVING

Friday, Oct. 18 from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm Come and create the spookiest pumpkin of the century. Girls ages 10 to 17. Free.

CREATIVE COSTUME MAKING

Friday, Oct. 25 from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm Prepared to be transformed into your favorite character for Halloween. Learn how to create vour own costume out of recycled items vou already have at home. There will also be face painting. Girls ages 10 to 17. Free.

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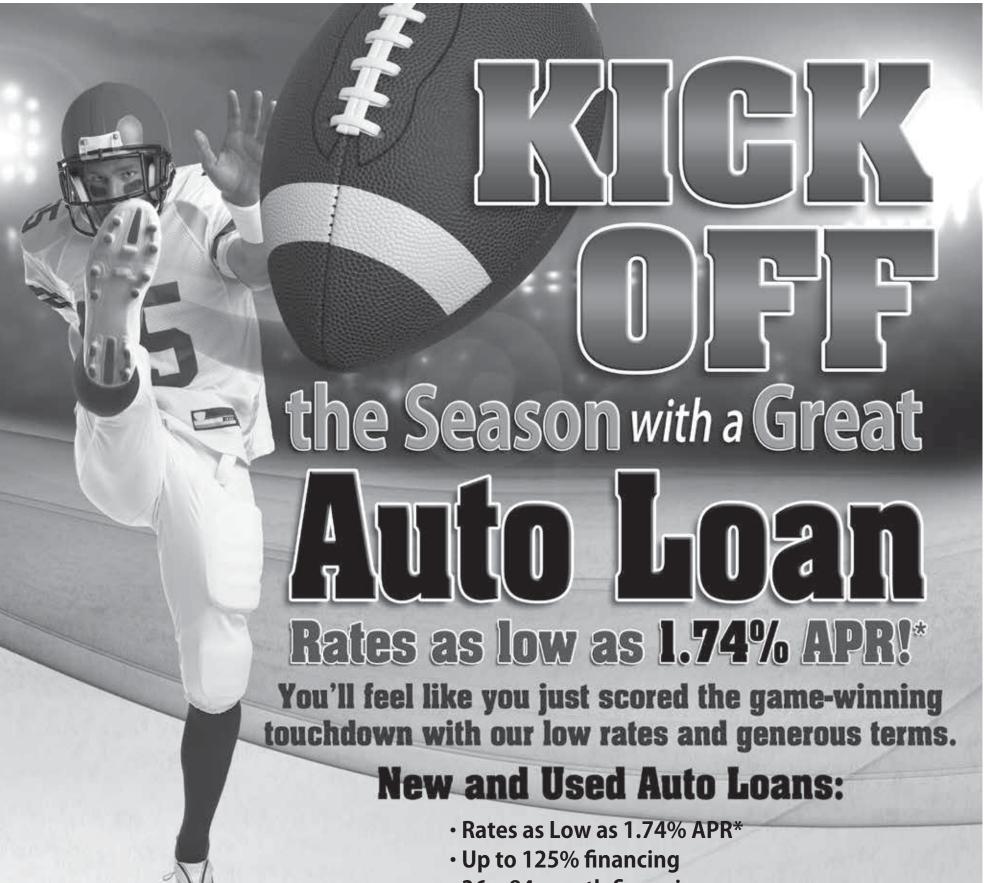
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