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Cub Pack 1031 Fishing for Fun in the Summertime

By Regina Halper

Cub Pack 1031 finished up the year with fishing at Lake Artemesia on June 12th. We caught at least 4 fish! We released them because they were small, and we are just fishing to learn how to fish. By the way, the first two Saturdays in June and the 4th of July are free fishing days in Maryland.

On Saturday, June 19th, we will be having our big Pinewood Derby and Advancement event -- in the park of course! We think all the scouts will complete their rank this year -- in a Pandemic! Great job scouts!

We are beginning our summer outdoor activities. We will be hiking, biking, and exploring the outdoors and doing fun activities, including playing games, learning about fossils here in Prince Georges and do some service!

For the current time, we are still being cautious with our

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Bear Scout Regina D watches as her father explains how to wet your hands before touching her fish

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July 21

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July 31

On the Agenda



Karen Coakley

By President Karen. M. Coakley

Summer has arrived. The buzz of the cicadas is subsiding. The Beltsville Citizens Association will not have a meeting in July or August unless something pressing comes up.

Summer Safety tips: please make arrangements for your mail, newspapers, and lawn when you go away. Tall grass and newspapers piled up are a Neon Sign that no one is home. Carjacking is on the rise. Please lock your car when you are filling up your gas tank. Be aware of your surroundings.

If you have a topic that you would like to discuss at a future meeting, I can be reached at 301.937.3490 or karenmcoakley@msn.com.

Emmanuel United Methodist Church Bids Farewell to Pastor Jalene Chase

By Rick Bergmann

June 12, 2021, was the first time that members of Emmanuel United Methodist Church got together in person since March 17, 2020. The occasion was

bittersweet for the members of Emmanuel because, while it was nice to be able to see their friends face to face, it was time for them to say goodbye to their beloved Pastor, Jalene C. Chase.

Pastor Chase joined Emmanuel in July of 2018 she was immediately loved by the congregation. She was a compassionate, loving, caring, and funny leader. In the Methodist tradition, Pastors are itinerant, which means they are appointed by the bishop to the churches they serve and that they can be moved at any time. The average length of an appointment is 7 years but that isn't always the case. Emmanuel is saying goodbye after just 3



Pastor Jalene Chase looks on as members of Emmanuel speak about what she has meant to them.

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Cpl. Kenneth Hibbert received two awards on June 16th, 2021, at the annual Prince George's Police Officers Awards Ceremony.

Cpl. Kenneth Hibbert Receives Two Awards

By Karen Coakley

Cpl. Kenneth Hibbert received two awards on June 16th, 2021, at the annual Prince George's Police Officers Awards Ceremony. This Ceremony recognizes officer from

all of the Municipal Police Departments, the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department and Prince George's County Police Department.

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Neighbors in the News

Reflections on a school year unlike no other

By Rick Bergmann

To say the 2021 school year was a unique challenge doesn't quite tell the story of this school year. I have been a public educator since 2003 and each year has had its share of challenges but none of what we were taught prepared us for the challenges of this year. Public educators are some of the most under-appreciated yet extremely vital people in our society. As I end this school year and look back, I think it is time to show some appreciation for my colleagues across the state and country for the sacrifices and struggles that we have endured. Although we say that it was this school year that was different, the reality is that it was just a hair over one and half school years. We began this journey in March of 2020, right before the 2nd semester of the 2019-2020 school year. It began as a 2 week pause and ended up being a 15-month journey.

Back when this all began, we were preparing to get the second half of the year going. Spring break was a month away, kids were finishing by getting ready

to submit papers or take midterm exams. Teachers were preparing to shift to second semester mode when it all stopped, and no one knew what to expect.

The reality is when this all happened no one really asked the teachers for input on how to best work with students who were locked into their homes. We all tried different platforms to reach out to our students before many counties made decisions about what they were willing to pay for and what they wanted us to use. Teachers began to adapt lessons that were meant to be presented to classrooms full of smiling children to bite sized chunks that we could give to children through a screen. We began to deal with the reality that everything we were taught and everything we learned would have to be fundamentally changed because we were in an environment we had not been in before. Many people compared what we were doing to flying a plane while building it, but the truth is we weren't just flying the plane, we were also the cabin crew trying to fulfill everyone's needs while building the plane. We were

getting people their extra pillows, their food and drinks, calming passengers down, all while trying to put the plane together.

When September rolled around, and we began the school year 100% virtual and it was a lonely feeling. We were often trying so hard to connect with students who were intimidated by the camera. They didn't want to let us peak into their homes for various reasons. Some were struggling with siblings and parents in the same room trying to learn and work at the same time, some were embarrassed by the way their home looked, some were just frustrated and didn't want us to be able to see that look on their face. It was difficult. My colleagues and I had to find ways to connect with students that we couldn't see. It was like teaching in a classroom where every student has a black box surrounding their desk and you're never quite sure if they are actually there or not. Often, we were teaching to a screen filled with black boxes with student names imprinted on them.

When teachers are having a rough time, they normally have other staff they can talk to in order to get some perspective, but that piece was missing because

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Beltsville Briefs

Restoration House Internation is “Kickin’ it Old Skool!”

RHI is going to be Kickin’ It Old Skool at our outdoor game event on June 26 from 1PM to 5PM. Games will include dodgeball, kickball and more. Bring your friends, and your own chair if you'd like, to our location at 4600 Powdermill Road in Beltsville. To register click <https://form.jotform.com/211473839183158>. If you have questions, contact us at ndw@restorationhouseintl.org.



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Those Pesky Insects

Mosquitos, fleas, and ticks. Warm weather means the return of these nasty little bugs that can spread illness and disease to pets and humans. From malaria to tick-borne diseases, these annoying critters are a health risk to two and four legged populations.

To help protect your family, Beltsville Community Cats (BCC) offers some simple non-toxic ideas for keeping bugs under control.

- 1. Bug Lamps:** These electronic, ultraviolet light devices attract insects, zapping them when they land.
- 2. Citronella:** Both candle and plant forms repel numerous biting insects with a lovely scent.
- 3. Ecologic's Bug Spray:** Uses natural herbs and oils that are safe for pets and children.
- 4. Cedarcide:** Derived for natural products, it can be sprayed on shrubbery for mosquito control.
- 5. Diatomaceous Earth (DE):** Food grade DE is extremely effective for killing fleas and a variety of other bugs. Spread a fine, even coat on carpets and hardwood floors. Vacuum after 2-3 days. Use in gardens, yards, and your pet's bedding. Apply when everything is dry as moisture significantly reduces DE's effectiveness. Don't use directly on a pet as it can cause dry skin.
- 6. Apple Cider Vinegar:** Soak a flea comb in a solution that is 2-parts vinegar and one-part water and flea comb the cat. Dip comb and drown any fleas in same solution or in rubbing alcohol.
- 7. Lemon juice:** Cut up lemons and soak in water overnight. Strain and spray the cat. Or, soak a flea comb in the solution and comb the cat.
- 8. Lavender and Water:** Make a spray of lavender and water. Let sit overnight, strain, and spray on cat, preferably after a flea bath.
- 9. Rosemary:** Soak leaves in hot water, cool and then spray the cat after a flea bath. This is reportedly an anti-inflammatory. You can also grind the



leaves and sprinkle around bedding.

Learn more about natural treatments for fleas by visiting: <https://cattime.com/cat-facts/health/22837-10-natural-flea-treatments-for-cats#3>

Safety Notes: Before spaying anything on your cat after a flea bath, first check to make sure the cat didn't react to the flea bath. Also, be aware that cats that over-indulge in Cicadas may experience an upset stomach, including vomiting and diarrhea.

If you love cats, consider volunteering for BCC. BCC can always use more foster homes. Fostering provides the joy of having a feline companion without having to make a long-term commitment. Apply to foster for BCC at: <http://www.shelterluv.com/matchme/foster/BCC/Cat>.



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Chip Shortages

I thought for this month's column it might be interesting to explore the chip shortage which is having an impact on everything from appliances to computers, jobs, and cars. Chips are the little devices that provide the various electronics used in most of the devices we use today. These chips we are talking about today are specifically programmable chips that provide computing functionality. These chips are frequently call SoCs which is an acronym for System on a Chip. A SoC typically contains all of the major functions of a computer including:

- A Central Processing Unit or CPU
- Random Access Memory or RAM
- Erasable Programmable Read Only Memory or EPROM
- Input and Output channels or I/O

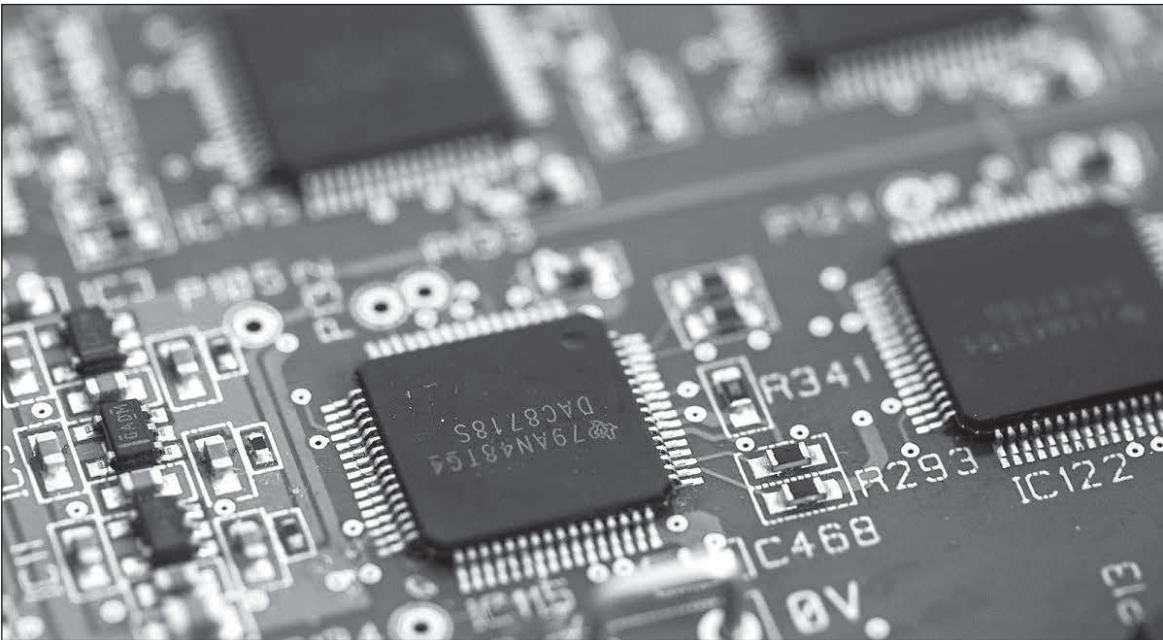
The chips are programmed by the manufacturer to do various jobs like reading the state of buttons, turning lights on and off, controlling the speed of motors, or determining how fast something is going. Many SoC chips are used for a complex device like a car, or one or two chips might be used to control your microwave oven or laundry machine. Often these chips replace mechanical controllers that were used many years ago and were less accurate and more prone to failure.

Chips and Cars

When COVID-19 hit, the automotive industry had to close for a period of time. This meant the auto manufacturers no longer had a need for the chips they usually ordered for production. Because the auto industry uses just in time inventory, chips are made and delivered as they are needed. The auto industry stopped buying chips because they were not building cars. The chip manufacturers shifted to build more chips for consumer products like TV's and appliances and stopped making the automotive chips. Now that the auto industry is trying to restart, they have to wait for the chip factories to switch back to producing the automotive chips. This means that cars are now being built to be stored and not sold until the electronics that run the cars become available again. This means fewer cars to sell and higher car prices. The higher prices and unavailability for new cars has also impacted the used car market since more people are buying used cars because the new ones are not available. I watched, for example, prices of used Nissan Altima's jump over \$2,000 in a period of two weeks. Now is not a good time to buy a car.

Computers

So, if all of the chips are being made for consumer electronics



why are computers so expensive? Well, we can blame that on COVID too. When people could no longer work in their offices and children had to home school there was a sudden demand for computers at home. Not just one computer that everyone can share but separate computers for everyone in the home. Printers were also needed. There was a period in the past year where a home printer could not be found for less than \$150. I have already seen printer prices dropping but there is another force keeping computer prices high, graphics.

Graphics Cards

Graphics cards contain graphic processing units or GPU's. A GPU is a specialized processor

that handles a few simple functions but does them very quickly. These functions are very useful for drawing things on the screen and doing it very quickly. Most modern video games count on this high-speed capability to render the scene on the screen fast enough to achieve 60 to 120 frames per second at HD and UHD resolutions. HD is 1920 by 1080 pixels and UHD is four-time HD in the number of pixels rendered.

It turns out that the processing needed to mine Bitcoins and other crypto currencies is closely related to the processing needed to render images on a screen. High end graphic cards that used to be available for gamers \$150-\$200 each can't even be found. These GPU cards have been sold

out for months. The GPU cards that are left are either too slow or too expensive (some at \$600 to \$1,000) for most gamers.

The End

Is there an end in sight? Yes, I believe there is. As more and more people become vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus and the world around us returns closer to normal, the demand for these chips will shift back to reflect the demand for the products they support. When this happens, the prices will normalize reflecting the basic rules of supply and demand. Until then, keep looking for bargains.

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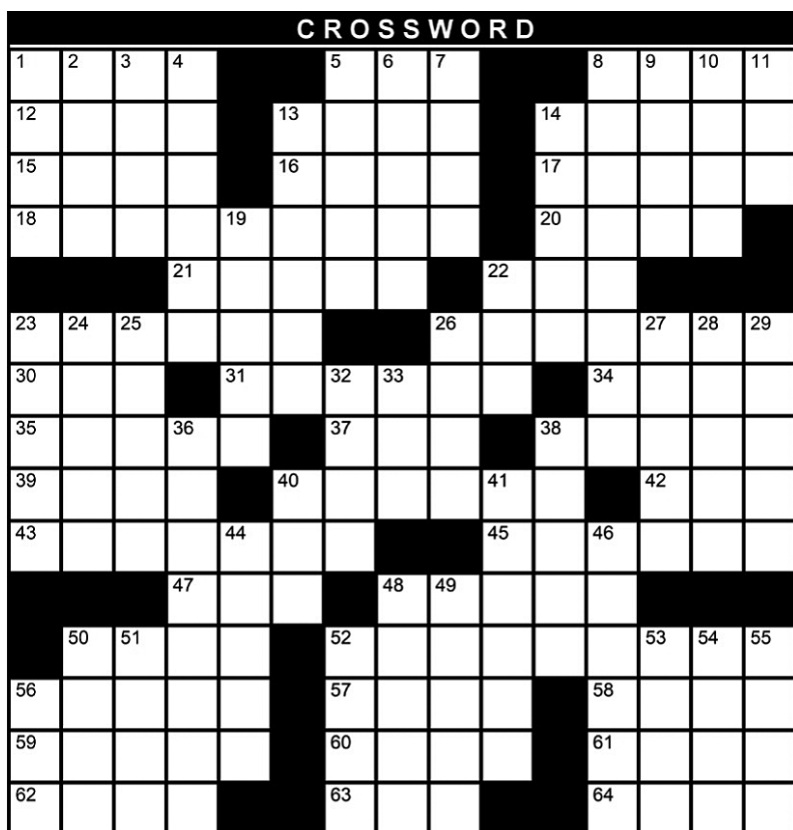
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Statepoint Crossword: The Fourth of July



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1. Steps to the river, in India
5. Hot springs resort
8. Meal in a shell
12. Driver's misbehavior?
13. *Grilling technique
14. Medal of Honor descriptor
15. Cracked open
16. What Knave of Hearts stole from Queen of Hearts, sing.
17. Raise one's rank
18. *July 4th pyrotechnic display
20. Hubble Space Telescope operator, acr.
21. Chip dip
22. i topper
23. *Main Street tradition on the 4th
26. Superlative of fummy
30. Ribonucleic acid
31. Store as fodder
34. Moonfish
35. Rose oil
37. Number cruncher
38. Fairytale garden dweller
39. Indian Lilac tree
40. Extinct type of zebra
42. Steampunk decoration
43. Did 2 + 2 (2 words)
45. Crocheted blanket
47. Swedish shag rug

48. Ancient port city in Israel
50. Smiley face
52. *First President to hold July 4th celebration at the White House
56. Snoop Dogg's "Gin and ____"
57. Medicinal succulent
58. Hit the bottle
59. Earthenware pots
60. View from a high-speed train?
61. Observer
62. "Glengarry ____ Ross"
63. G, in solfa
64. "The Fountainhead" author

DOWN

1. Former tennis pro Steffi
2. One who's made the pilgrimage to Mecca
3. Petri dish filler
4. Mother of Calcutta
5. Roebuck's partner
6. a.k.a. anorak
7. A in B.A.
8. *No ____ without representation"
9. Unfortunately, exclamation
10. *Drink to wash down burgers and hot dogs?
11. Table scrap
13. Steal, past participle

14. What haters spew?
19. Crane or heron
22. Expecting woman's date
23. Life force in Sanskrit
24. Chipped in
25. What Motion Picture Association of America did
26. *Most popular July 4th decoration
27. Notable period
28. Polynesian island country
29. Feudal lord
32. Fish a.k.a. porgy
33. Beer acronym
36. *Lee Greenwood's "Proud to Be an ____"
38. Blooper
40. Sine ____ non
41. Old-timer
44. Force units
46. Wedding tossable
48. Jiggly dessert
49. Run ____ of the law
50. Type of sea bird
51. Agitate
52. Kickboxing moves
53. Miso bean
54. U.S. ____ in golf or tennis
55. Egghead
56. Leisurely run

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Latest Update: Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

For those who have not followed this issue, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) has proposed moving to the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, replacing the poultry barns. In this potential move, the new BEP facility will cover 122 acres with a 1 million square foot building and 1,600 employees. Access will be off an entrance on Powder Mill Road. The actual facility is located adjacent to Odell Road and Vansville where the current poultry barns are located today.

Federal projects go through a multi-step process including a comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement. Many of you provided inputs to me when the **draft** version was published, and your comments were incorporated into my formal letter of feedback. The **final** Environmental Impact Statement was recently published with a comment period that will end July 4, 2021. The full document and project details are available at http://bit.ly/BEP_BARC. If you have any additional comments, please provide them to my office.

Top Community Police Officer – Cpl. Kenneth C. Hibbert

The Prince George's Police Chiefs' Awards were recently announced; for anyone who has had the privilege of working with Cpl. Hibbert, you'll be pleased to know that he received top honors for his work in Community



Council Member Tom Dernoga and District 1 team members (and Beltsville residents), Michelle García, Nicole Ríos, and Andrew Jacobson, at West Laurel Civic Association's Annual Dumpster Day.

Policing. In addition to his regular policing work in our community, Cpl. Hibbert leads the local Police Explorer unit, a special Boy Scout unit that gives young adults the opportunity to explore a career in law enforcement by working with local police. Under Cpl. Hibbert's leadership, Police Explorer Post 600 has flourished. Members of the Post routinely participate in community activities including regular litter pick-ups to improve the community. Congratulations to Cpl. Hibbert!

Prince George's County Schools Announces Fall Plans

The County schools announced recently that in the fall, full-time, in-person learning will be available 5 days per week for children at all levels. There will be several limited on-line options as well. For more information go to http://bit.ly/PGCPS_fall

Prince George's Parks Summer Programs

While the Beltsville Community Center is still closed, the Parks Department has a number of summer programs available. You can choose from summer day camps, playground programs, and Xtreme Teen programs. The programs run from June 28 through August 20. To register go to: <http://bit.ly/PGCsummer2021>

Save the Date

On the morning of Saturday, August 14, I will host a Beltsville Community Dumpster Day with secure shredding. More details will be available in next month's Beltsville News.

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Cpl. Hibbert received an award from Prince George's County Police Department for the 2020 Community Police Officer of the Year as well as an award voted on by all of the Police Chief's across our county as the Police Chief's the Top Community Police Officer of the year for 2020.

I have worked closely with Cpl. Hibbert since he arrived at District 6. One of his many responsibili-

ties has been the Police Explorers Youth Program. Over the years he has touched the lives of many children serving as a role model. He has encouraged and helped teens who did not think they had a chance to go to college to believe anything is possible. He helped them to set a course in high school, apply to college, apply for college grants and scholarships. The Beltsville/Police District 6 community is blessed to have Cpl. Kenneth Hibbert.

Obituaries



Ming Yee Chen

**Chen, Miny Yee,
February 24, 1935 –
May 17, 2021**

Ming Yee Chen, beloved teacher and long-time resident of Beltsville, Maryland passed away peacefully in her home on May 17, 2021 at age 86. Mrs. Chen, as her former students still fondly called her, touched the hearts and minds of generations of community members as a second and third grade teacher in Beltsville for 24 years. It was not uncommon for her to have taught the sons and daughters of her former students.

Ming Yee Wang was born in Shanghai, China in 1935 and experienced a childhood directly affected by this difficult and turbulent period of Chinese history. Her father, a senator in the Nationalist government headed by Chiang Kai-Shek, moved the family to south China to avoid the Japanese occupation during World War II. In 1949, the family moved to Hong Kong just before China fell to the Communists. It was in Hong Kong that Ming Yee Wang learned English while attending New Asia College (1951-1955). She came to the United States in 1956 to attend Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington. Upon graduation, she taught four years at the elementary and middle school levels in the state of Washington.

During this time, she met and married John Hou-Shi Chen and had her first daughter, Teresa.

A few years later, the Chen family moved to the East Coast and settled in Beltsville. She began her teaching career in Prince George's County as a second grade teacher at Holly Park Elementary in 1966 and had her second child, Terra, in 1967. In 1968 she began teaching second grade at Chestnut Hills Elementary and continued to teach as Chestnut Hills Elementary became Beltsville Elementary in 1981 and then Beltsville Academic Center in 1987. When Mrs. Chen retired in 1992, more than 300 people in the Beltsville community came to honor her. Her reputation was legendary. Certificates honoring Mrs. Chen's teaching career were presented by various local and state

government officials. Numerous tributes were given by families whose children had had the good fortune and privilege of having Mrs. Chen as their teacher. She always emphasized positivity and instilled a joy and love of learning in all her students. By integrating her Chinese heritage, customs, and language into the school curriculum, her students also received a rich, cultural education and appreciation of the world that went further than any textbook. An extraordinarily generous teacher, her commitment, enthusiasm, and dedication reached far beyond the walls of her classroom.

After Ming Yee and John retired, they took up ballroom dancing and discovered polka dancing, a European, predominantly Polish and German traditional dance. Without children or work, they developed a passion for polka dancing and related social activities. They became regulars at Blobs Park in Jessup, Maryland, often dancing every Friday, Saturday and Sunday to a live polka band. They also travelled extensively throughout USA to various polka festivals. Due to John's dancing skills and Ming Yee's friendly and social nature, they became well-known in the polka dancing circuit and were often photographed for the monthly polka newspapers.

Ming Yee Chen radiated positive energy to everyone around her, she loved to laugh, and she had a gift for encouraging and making others happy. We remember her small presents and notes decorated with her trademark smiley face to cheer us up and her beautiful singing, especially on our birthdays. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and former students but will live on through the many people she taught and inspired and the memories of those who loved her. She is survived by her children: Teresa (husband Andreas Bertsch) and Terra (husband Marc McClintock); her grandchildren, Kira, Leo, Klea, and Kiana; her sister Grace (husband I-Chung Chien); her brothers Tsien-Wu Wang (wife Mei) and Philip Wang (wife Phyllis); her nieces Shirley, Jeannie, and Ruth; and her nephews Stanley, Stephen, and Samuel. She is preceded in death by her husband of nearly 50 years, John Hou-Shi Chen.

Ming Yee Chen was a long-time member of the Abiding Presence Lutheran Church in Beltsville, Maryland and sang regularly in the choir. Her faith was always an important part of her life. Her children thank all of those who knew and loved her.

A Celebration of Life service will be held online via Abiding Presence Lutheran Church in Beltsville, Maryland on Saturday, July 10, 2021 at 11:00 am.

Email ms.teresachen@gmail.com for details. A memorial

website is available at: <https://memories.net/timeline/mingyee-chen-96739>. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Ming Yee Chen Endowed Scholarship Fund for Future Teachers at Pacific Lutheran University (<https://plu.edu/tribute>).



Marian Joyce Lennox

Lennox, Marian Joyce

Marian Joyce Lennox (Ballentine), 87, of Beltsville, MD, died May 27, 2021, with her daughter by her side.

She was born to the late Francis Kennedy Anderson and Clemence Lenore Dobbins, September 11, 1933, in St. Louis, MO. After her father's death, Marian was adopted by her stepfather, Ralph Ballentine. Marian graduated from Massachusetts Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Boston, in 1956 and served as an RN in various settings including Prince George's Memorial Hospital in Cheverly, MD, and most recently with the office of Dr. Yibas of Greenbelt Pediatrics in Greenbelt, MD.

She married Herbert Lennox in 1956, and they lived in Groton, CT for seven years before relocating to Beltsville. Marian is survived by three children: Holly del Pino (Andres) of New Freedom, PA, Wayne Lennox of York, PA, and Todd Lennox (Debra) of Owego, NY. She is also survived by eight grandchildren: William Lennox (Megan), Kendall Snow (Brennan), Sara DiDonato (Alex), Cristopher del Pino, Bethany Lennox, Ethan Lennox, Blair Lennox, and Jackson Lennox and six great-grandchildren: Langdon DiDonato, Henry DiDonato, Mary Snow, Lucy Snow, Ryan Lennox, and Alex Lennox. Marian was predeceased by her husband in 1992 and son Mark Lennox in 2016, as well as her brother John Ballentine and sister Martha Ballentine.

Marian loved her poodles, breeding and showing them in obedience training events. She was a skilled knitter and crocheter – everyone had potholders and dishrags from Grandma and they will now be treasured more than ever. She and her husband, Herb, loved to go dancing and travel

in the years they were together. In more recent years, Marian enjoyed keeping up with family and friends via phone and computer and faithfully cared for her last poodle, Jake.

Interment will be private at

Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. The family requests, instead of flowers, that memorial donations be made to the Canine Training Association (CTA), 6826 Distribution Drive, Beltsville, MD 20705.

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scouts, but we just have to stay arm's length apart and wear our masks and we can still keep it fun! We hope we can be back inside in

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Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

Senate College Scholarship Application Deadline — Friday, July 9

Each Senator and Delegate is allocated funds for scholarships to students in our district who attend Maryland colleges. There are so many deserving students in Beltsville. With college tuition a struggle for many families, we need to do everything we can to help hardworking students get a good education. We can't help everyone with Senatorial Scholarships, but we can certainly help some.

To apply online for a 2021 - 2022 Senate scholarship, students should visit www.21stdistrictdelegation.com/college-scholarships, and the deadline to apply is Friday, July 9. The application period has ended for a separate Delegate scholarship from Delegates Joseline Peña-Melnyk, Ben Barnes, and Mary Lehman, but look to apply early next year.

Help for overdue utility bills

The Delegates and I got \$83 million dollars in to help struggling customers who fell behind on their bills during the pandemic. Companies will begin reaching out to customers who qualify, with



Senator Jim Rosapepe

plans to start using the funds as bill credits in the coming months. The deadline to apply is (fill in). You can learn more at www.psc.state.md.us. If you need help, call our office.

COVID-19 Vaccination Updates

Beltsville residents aged 12 to 15 are now eligible for the Pfizer vaccine! Visit marylandvax.org to sign up at one of the 11 state mass vaccines sites.

No-appointment vaccinations are now available at nine mass

vaccination sites, including in Greenbelt. You can also register for an appointment at covidvaccinereg.princegeorgescountymd.gov. The address for the Greenbelt site is

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 Monday-Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Wednesday-Thursday, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
 Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Happy 4th of July!

I'll be at the Laurel 4th of July parade on Saturday, July 3rd from 11am -12 pm. The best place to watch the parade is on Domer Court, behind the Laurel shopping center. Then, come back for the firework show at Laurel Lakes at 9pm. Hope to see you there!

Contact us

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.

Jason's Jive

By Jason Inanga

It's that time of the month again, where I can sit and share part of my world with you. I will start by congratulating all parents, uncle, aunts, grandparents, and everyone else who has had somebody graduate from the educational system, this season. My oldest boy just graduated from High School here in Dallas, a journey which started off in Beltsville, at Kids in His Care on Ammen-dale Road and subsequently the Basseterre Seventh Day Adventist School. The Frisco School District used the practice facility of the Dallas Cowboys, for the graduation service. It was interesting to see how well the entire function was organized. The hardest part was waiting through each of the 427 students being called up to the podium.

As a former teacher in Brooklyn New York and St. Kitts in the Caribbean, I appreciate the efforts of all the teachers who year in and year out, help guide our young people. It takes a whole village to raise a child. It takes a lot of teachers to guide our young people right.

I look back with pride on some of my former students. Some are pilots and I have had the honor of flying with some commercially, in the Caribbean. Was a bit scary flying with people I saw learning how to drive their parents' cars.

One flew me on LIAT, a Caribbean Airline, from Trinidad to St. Kitts. I have students I taught who are now Ministers of Government, Leaders of Political Parties, and other important jobs in society. So, I know many of our Beltsville Teachers will be proud of their efforts. Congratulations and thank you for your hard work.

Dear Reader, I am getting old (er). My first son is 18 years old and God willing will be off to College in the Fall. Recently, my son decided to treat me to breakfast. It felt great to go out with my son – he picked the venue. It was a nice breakfast place, and we had a nice server. When the bill came, as is customary, the server put the bill next to me. It felt strange telling her that he was actually the one paying. What was nice was us having a conversation as two grown-ups. He is no longer the little boy. Parenting a young adult will be an interesting experience. I am teaching him how to drive and he will have his first real test in a few weeks when we go on a family road trip. In the past, I would be the one doing the entire 12-hour drive, but I have advised him that he will have to help me with some of the driving. He is excited about it.

Reminds me of when we drove the Penske truck from Columbia, Maryland to Dallas in 2019. We

were on the road for a long time. We drove away from Beltsville about 2 a.m. on a Thursday morning, arriving our destination in Dallas close to 530 a.m. Saturday morning. The father-son time and experience was priceless. We talked, he slept a lot, we had fun sharing music play lists and then the greatest challenge was finding spots to eat, along the way.

Talking about food, I miss my favorite spots in Beltsville – Sardis on Route 1 by the Wawa Gas Station and the other Peruvian spot, Chicken Camponero in the Maryland Farms Shopping Center on Cherry Hill, beside the 7-Eleven. There is also The Jerk Pit on Rt 1 and Rt 193. I miss that proximity of shopping places in Beltsville. By the way, I hear my favorite store, Shoprite, on Cherry Hill Road, has gone out of business. I had always loved that store, right from when it was called Super Fresh, in the late 1990's.

Well, I cannot wait to visit Beltsville in 2022, God sparing my life. I doubt I will make that trip this summer as I have seen and heard about the cicadas, and I don't want to mess with them. Not that I am scared but there is a proverb that says, "Let sleeping dogs lie..." That's The Jive!

Profitable home sales for local retirees moving to Riderwood

Silver Spring, Md. – According to The National Association of Realtors, existing home sales in the U.S. have risen by almost 20%. On May 12th, WTOP news reported that, “D.C. metro area homes continue to sell at the fastest pace on record, with the number of pending sales up 74% from last year.”

As a result, George Mishraky, sales director at Riderwood, an Erickson Senior Living developed and managed community in Silver Spring, Md, is meeting daily with people eager to sell their homes and move to the sought-after Erickson Senior Living community in Silver Spring.

“After a year of uncertainty, everything is coming together to make this spring and summer the

optimal, and financially sound time to move to Riderwood,” he says.

In an effort to help prospective residents maximize their current house investment with the peace of mind that comes with moving to an Erickson Senior Living community, Riderwood personal moving consultant Diane Thometz, and her team of highly respected, vetted preferred vendors, work directly with new residents to sell their home, downsize, pack, and move.

This past winter, Linda Yee, experienced, first-hand, the numerous benefits of the current seller’s market coupled with Diane’s personalized approach.

“I’m old school, I believed that the winter was a bad time to sell a house,” she says. “Boy,

was I wrong. Diane suggested I work with Rob Foy, [with ReMax Advantage], to help sell my home. He is amazing. Not only does Rob have a lot of experience, but he also knows the Silver Spring area very well. As a result, my house sold quickly, in less than five days.”

According to Rob, Linda’s experience is now the norm thanks to a precedent-setting, strong seller’s market.

“The real estate market is on fire in the DC metro area,” says Rob. “I have not seen inventory this low in the 29 years I’ve been in the business. A stable market is noted when we have a 6-month supply of available homes. In some markets, in and around the Capitol Beltway, there is currently only a 1-month

supply. As a result, the seller is really in the driver seat when it comes to negotiating. Many homes are selling in less than a week, above asking price with some selling without appraisal or home inspection contingencies.”

Excited to move as quickly as possible to her new Riderwood home, Linda experienced, first-hand, the many benefits of this hot seller’s market.

“Rob listed my house on a Friday and by that afternoon we already had several appointments scheduled,” she says. “Over the next few days there was a lot of interest and competition. I received

more than 12 offers, all above the asking price. By Tuesday, I’d accepted an offer.”

On January 22, 2021, Linda officially became a member of the Riderwood community.

“I absolutely love it here,” she says. “There is such a strong sense of community, fostered by both the residents and staff. As neighbors, we all look out for each other, everyone is very friendly. I believe a lot of people are taking advantage of the market and moving in. All of the newcomer meetings are filling up with people excited about their new lives.”

Michaela Victoria West to Take Part in Envision’s National Youth Leadership Forum National Security, Intelligence and Diplomacy

BELTSVILLE, MD – This summer, June 20-25, 2021, Michaela West from Beltsville, MD will join outstanding high school students from across the nation to take part in a unique academic and career-oriented development experience, **NYLF National Security, Intelligence and Diplomacy**, Pentagon City, VA.

NYLF National Security, Intelligence and Diplomacy is one of the Envision by WorldStrides family of programs (www.envisionexperience.com) that enable students to explore their interests and experience learning beyond the classroom.

Michaela was nominated by her guidance counselor due to her natural leadership, outstanding academic achievement, and her visionary work. Michaela is a student leader in Seton Speaks, at Elizabeth Seton High School in Bladensburg Maryland. Seton Speaks is an initiative to inform and discuss issues regarding diversity inclusion, tolerance, and acceptance of all persons. Michaela also founded the 144 Acts of

Kindness Project under the Good Knight Child Empowerment Network, www.gooknight.org, which includes the Bundles of Love Club, <https://bundlesofloveclub.wordpress.com>, for the homeless, an initiative to bring about change

through positive reasoning and kindness in the world. Michaela is a four-time Carson Scholar Awardee, a recipient of the Maryland Governors Volunteer Service Award, a recipient of the Prudential Spirit of Community Award, a recipient of the Points of Light Award, The NFL Ravens’ Community Quarterback Award, Kohls Care Award, Hasbro Hero Award, and a five-time recipient of the President’s Volunteer Service Award.

“As an alumna of Envision myself, I am excited for Michaela West to meet, work, and collaborate with other high-aspiring students from across the country and the globe,” said Amanda Freitag Thomas, SVP for Envision. “Hands down, my favorite part of attending an Envision program was being with motivated students in an environment designed to

help us challenge our assumptions, meet new people, and grow. Creating that same learning environment is a central focus for all of our programs. At NYLF National Security, Intelligence, and

Diplomacy, students build the confidence and skills needed to excel at college and in the workplace. They learn how to adapt to and communicate in new situations, to new challenges, and with new people, which, given how rapidly the world is changing due to technology and innovation, are essential skills for success.”

For over 35 years, Envision by WorldStrides has empowered extraordinary students to become their best selves through programs that enable them to discover their passion, explore a career, and positively impact their world. In 2018, Envision became part of the WorldStrides family. The largest provider of educational travel and experiences in the United States, WorldStrides works with over 50,000 educators each year to help more than 550,000 students see the world—and themselves—in new ways.

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years.

During the pandemic Pastor Chase worked tirelessly with her staff and volunteers to keep the church running virtually. She instituted Sunday worship services through Zoom as well as weekly check-ins on Thursday evenings. The Zoom worship services gave her congregation to meet each week and to interact with one another. When there were older members of the congregation who may not have been comfortable with Zoom

or who may not have had a computer, she reached out to them and either helped walk them through the Zoom process or explained to them how they could join the services by telephone. The Thursday check-ins were a time each week when she could just hold conversations with her members, check in on how their lives were going and pray with them.

During her time at Emmanuel, Pastor Chase invited community groups such as Beltsville Community Cats and UpStage Artists to use the building. She sought out community partnerships for

Emmanuel. Her time was brief, but memorable.

June 12 was a wonderful day as the members of Emmanuel shared stories and a few tears with Pastor Chase. They were able to give hugs for the first time in 15 months. The sun was shining, the temperature was moderate, and everyone was both happy and sad at the same time. Emmanuel will miss Pastor Chase, but they will never forget her. They wish her all the blessings in the world at her next appointment, Goshen United Methodist Church in Gaithersburg.





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Whether you're making a salad, sauté, skewers or soup, the best way to ensure you're maximizing the health benefits of these good-for-you food choices is to consider incorporating a fruit and vegetable wash into your kitchen routine. Just be sure that when choosing a wash you look out for the Safer Choice label from the EPA, which



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Beckie Hutchings
May 31, 2021

Club News

College Park Welcomes Ronnie Dove and Johnny Seaton

By Ivy Christoffers

Yes, once again we are honored to host this amazing duo of outstanding entertainers at our American Legion Post # 217. We are so glad the state has opened up for business. Since the pandemic started, we have greatly missed our talented entertainers in College Park. The doors will open at 5:30 pm with dinner available for \$8 with the show starting at 7:00 pm. The very talented Doug Lester Band will be accompanying Ronnie Dove and Johnny Seaton. What a great opportunity to meet and greet your friends while enjoying fun and fellowship. The tickets are a mere \$35 each and can be obtained by calling Tina Zook at 301.935.5308. Tina does a fabulous job in scheduling our very entertaining shows. I don't know what we would do without her.

The annual American Legion Auxiliary convention will be held on



Ronnie Dove and Johnny Seaton together again...July 24th College Park American Legion.

July 11 and 12 and will be hybrid – that is both Zoom and in person with two hubs, one in Ocean City at Synepuxent Post # 166 and the other at Dewy-Lomen Post # 109 in Baltimore. This will be very challenging and will require creativity on behalf of our Department Officers and Department Chairmen.

Our American Legion is once again open for business so if you have an upcoming event why not give the manager Gary Kingery a call at 301.441.2783 to schedule with him? Our new chef, Chef Joe, has obtained quite a following with his mouth-watering menu. Lunch is served on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. Our dinner/dances have resumed on Friday night and bingo will soon resume. Thank you, Gov. Hogan.

Keep our troops and our country in your prayers. May God continue to bless America, Stay safe.

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Wednesday Bible Study is taking a summer vacation and will return in the fall.

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we were all at home. Then came the spring and we were being told we had to go back. Every one of us was afraid of what this would look like, we had heard the stories of teachers dying because schools had opened too soon. The parents who were calling us heroes a year ago were now saying that we should be forced to go back and if we continued to fight the return we should be fired. Morale was low and it didn't seem to be improving. We did it though, we slowly began to have some in-person classes. They weren't huge because the majority of parents chose to keep students' home, but those small interactions made a huge difference. It was still difficult and frightening, but there was a little light.

It is now June and we have made it through the school year. There is still some fear and anxiety about the fall, but it is more manageable. We keep hearing things like "it will be great to return to normal" or "everything will be like it was before the pandemic" but the reality is that we will never be "normal" again. We have to learn from what happened this year and take those lessons and apply them to our future. We have to start looking at how we teach and reach students. It's comfortable to try and hold on to the past, but we have to let go of some of those things, we have to push ourselves out of our comfort zone and be ready to meet challenges head on. To all my fellow educators out there, society wouldn't survive without you. Keep pushing and challenging and teaching because that is the only way we can make a difference.

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