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Beltsville Briefs

Beltsville Community Center Holiday Concert

The 2nd Annual Holiday Concert was held at the Beltsville Community Center on Dec. 14. Performers included the Roosevelt HS Dixieland Combo, Jennalyn Yon, Paij Pardy, Mishell Ahmay, J Rome, and the Anointed Dance Ministry and Company. In addition to enjoying the performances, members of the audience got to sing some of their favorite holiday songs. Many of the attendees got to take home a plant furnished by Holland Gardens Nursery.

Annual College Park Preschool Fair

The 4th Annual College Park Preschool Fair is being held Saturday, January 31, 2009 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the College Park Community Center located at 5051 Pierce Avenue in College Park. The event is free for families and refreshments will be served. Teachers and parents from local preschools will be available to hand out information and to answer questions. Leslie Camarano of Beltsville said, "I wish there had been a fair when I was looking for a school for my two children. To have so many schools in one place and talk to teachers would have saved time and given me more choices." The City of College Park Education Advisory Committee sponsors the fair.

Beltsville Lions Blood Drive

The Beltsville Lions cordially invite your participation in their quarterly blood drive on Friday, January 23 from 3:00 to 6:45 p.m. at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville. Professional staff of the Washington Hospital Center, MedStar will conduct the blood donations. This time, donors will receive a free lifestyle profile that will provide their screening results for cholesterol, triglycerides, calcium, and glucose.

The donations are done in a very efficient manner, and waiting time is kept at a minimum. Please consider donating if you are able to do so. You could give no better

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Children Send Almost 300 Pounds of Holiday Cheer to Troops in Iraq

Students at Calverton Elementary School showed the true spirit of the holidays in an extraordinary way. Over the past few weeks, students wrote holiday messages, and students and staff gathered treats and presents for soldiers serving in Iraq. Students at all grade levels from prekindergarten through sixth grade participated in this wonderful project. We shipped eight boxes, containing **286 pounds** of goodies, to **eight groups of soldiers!** Some of these goodies were our students' treasured toys, given to be shared with children in Iraq. We also wrote and drew **445** letters and messages so that **every** soldier in those eight groups will receive a personal message from one of our kids! Many kids chose to give up their recess time to

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Back (L-r) Leah Moreno (5), Rachel Mbulu (3), Nickolet Serrano (6), Yeny Hernandez (4), Donte Willis (4), Godsee Joy (5), Ronald Okanume (1), Nicholas O'Connor (4). Middle L-R: Jennifer Portela (3), Andrea Martinez (3), Jada Willis (2), Sahil Talati (2), Danny Rodriguez (1), Sneha Abraham (1). Front (L-r) Daniela Perez (2), Theophan Tossou (K), Taija Oliver (K), Awa Coulibay (preK), Darian Bonilla (preK), Jeremane Dunkley Jr. (2), Jennifer Juarez-Martinez (2). The numbers in parens indicate the grade of each student.

Comfort Inn Hotel Opens in Beltsville

The Buccini/Pollin Group, developers, owners and managers of over \$3 billion of mid-Atlantic real estate assets including hotels, has announced that the Comfort Inn Capital Beltway, I-95 located at 4050 Powder Mill Road is now open. The Comfort Inn brand is franchised by Choice Hotels International, Inc. (NYSE:CHH), one of the world's largest lodging franchisers. Comfort Inn is one of the best known hotel brands

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"Choice Hotels has been our longest standing franchise relationship and under the leadership of Steve Joyce we are excited about the opportunities ahead,"

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Good Deeds

Members of the Augsburg Academy kindergarten class gather with teacher Lisa Driscoll to celebrate their "Good Deeds Earn a Penny" work for the first semester. (Photo courtesy Stacy Finkelstein)

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New Year, 2009!



25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

Extracted from the January 1984 Issue

Poster Contest Winner

Neal M. Ashby, a junior at High Point High School, was announced the winner of the American Heart Association-Maryland Affiliate's 1983 Cardiovascular Risk Factor Poster contest.

BARC Appointees

Dr. Charles F. Murphy, a national authority on small grains, and Dr. Gerald F. Combs, an authority on protein and amino acid nutrition, were named to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Research Service.

Burns Speaks on Drug Abuse

Mrs. Carolyn Burns spoke on January 17, 1984 at the Beltsville Adventist School on the subject of drugs and our youth.

New Arrival

Congratulations were expressed to Ken & Lyn Christie on the birth of their daughter, Kelly Renee, born on December 7, 1983.

Beltsville Soccer Winners

Beltsville II, "the Green Machine," intramural soccer team won the New Carrollton tournament for 8 and 9 year-old boys and girls.

Miss Teen Pageant Contest

Miss Debbie Peterson, 15, would compete in the Prince George's County Miss Teen Pageant on January 29, 1984.

Winning Gymnast

Miss Jinny Rhee, 16, took first place all-around at the Capital Cup gymnastic meet held at Montgomery College, Gaithersburg, on December 17, 1983.

50th Anniversary Celebrated

Fred & Lorena Knauer of Beltsville celebrated 50 years of

marriage on November 23, 1983.

Local Gymnast Wins in Canada

Local gymnastics superstar, Patti Kieckhefer, won three gold medals in Canada at the International Lac St. Louis Invitational.

Beltsville Flutist Selected

Hannah Meuer, 12, was selected to play in the Maryland Junior Allstate Band in Frederick, MD during February 1984.

Service News

Air Force Reserve Airman Richard W. Gray, Jr. was assigned to Chanute Air Force Base in Illinois.

TSGT James D. Deering reported for duty at Lajes Field, Azores.

Obituary

Florence Valentine passed away at Frederick Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

Overcoming Life's Challenges One Heart at a Time

Local Non-Profit Supports and Empowers Disadvantaged Youth with over \$1500 in Monetary Awards

I Got Heart (IGH), a not-for-profit social enterprise based in the DC metro area that guides, rewards, and celebrates area teenagers that display heart in overcoming life's challenges, is celebrating its official inauguration in February of 2009. As part of the

launch, the organization will honor a deserving teen with the first-ever Heart Award in a ceremony hosting invited guests including local elected officials, a variety of leaders from education and nonprofits, parents and community members. Founder of I Got Heart, Tip

Fallon, a budding social entrepreneur who left a stable engineering career to follow his own heart - empowering today's youth to make positive changes in their lives and showcase their actions - is proud of the progress he has seen teens make firsthand when they make intentional decisions to enrich their lives and not get caught up in the negativity they face daily. "Life is not about a high-income lifestyle," Fallon who grew up in a Maryland neighborhood where very few went on to complete a four-year college career says, but rather, "the core values learned regardless of your family background; values such as perseverance, sacrifice, helping your neighbor, and humility - or in other words, Heart."

About 10 applicants vied for the pilot program award valued at \$500. Each submitted an essay detailing his or her biggest life struggles, how each displayed heart and positive judgments in overcoming them, and what each would do with the money. I Got Heart then followed up with the award recipients to document how the award has created deep and lasting changes in their lives. In 2009, the non-profit envisions monthly Heart Awards to help disadvantaged teens find better alternatives to the drugs, violence and lack of guidance that surrounds them. Kepa Freeman, Program Director of Teens Express commends I Got Heart's initiatives saying, "The Awards give them the opportunity to look critically at a problem in their community and take action to solve it." The

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Neighbors in the News

Boy Scouts Visit Mount Vernon in Nov.

By Gary Bauchan, Scoutmaster
Troop 1033

We had a fantastic trip to Mount Vernon (home of George Washington) on Saturday, Nov. 22. This was especially interesting to our troop, as we had traveled to Valley Forge in September. The troop toured George Washington's house and the surrounding buildings and gardens. It was a very cold and windy day but there was plenty to do indoors. Mt. Vernon has added a whole new area: a museum and fantastic education center with 2D and 4D movie theaters for everyone to enjoy and learn more about our first President. There was even a restaurant that served personal pan pizza from Pizza Hut. The highlight of the trip was our scouts being invited to go inside the crypt where George and Martha Washington have been laid to rest and place a boxwood wreath inside. Only a very few people have had the honor of paying respect to Presi-



Scouts visit Mt. Vernon, home of George and Martha Washington.

dent George Washington in this manner. Our Troop was entered into the log of those people and organizations that have had this privilege. The Troop earned the Mount Vernon Scouting patch by

visiting the mansion and hiked the historic trail from the country farm to the mansion. The Scouts of Troop 1033 highly recommend a trip to Mt. Vernon.

ESL Scavenger Hunt



Participants in the ESL Scavenger Hunt at the Beltsville Library.

On December 8, 2008 the Beltsville Library hosted a scavenger hunt for students of the Literacy Council's English as a Second Language (ESL) program. Branch Manager Barbara Spears and Library Associate Karen Seaton lead tours of the library for the students. The tours were followed by the scavenger hunt, which was created by librarians and ESL instructors Shawnee Holmberg and Angela Ohl.

The scavenger hunt was developed to encourage the ESL students to remember important information about the Beltsville Library. The students received certificates for completing the scavenger hunt.

Local Pastor to Lead Jubilee Year Trip Celebrating Saint Paul

The Rev. Arthur F. Hebbeler III, STS, head of schools at Augsburg Academy, an independent private PK-12 school, is leading a 12-day cruise and land tour of Greece, Turkey, and Italy as part of the Jubilee Year of Paul, which was announced by Pope Benedict XVI in June 2007, to celebrate the 2000th anniversary of the birth of the Apostle Paul. The Jubilee Year ends on June 29, 2009.

The trip, which runs from June 12 to June 30, 2009, will begin in Athens, Greece, where travelers will begin an eight-day cruise aboard the recently-refitted *Orient Queen*, from which the trip will visit sites that were part of the ministry of Paul, including Ephesus, Thessalonica, Athens, and

Corinth. Additionally, the cruise includes a visit to the island of Patmos, where John the Evangelist wrote of the apocalypse as recorded in the book of Revelation. Returning to Athens, the tour guests travel by ferry to Italy and will visit Pompeii as well as sights of both Imperial Rome and Christian Rome, as well as the Vatican, including the Basilica of St. Peter's, as part of the three-day land portion of the tour in Italy.

One of the things that makes this trip special is that the Apostle Paul himself will be joining the trip, interpreting the sites and events of his journey. Also, Pastor Hebbeler will provide insight into the life of Paul and his writings from the perspective of Martin

Luther and other Reformed theologians.

Proceeds from the trip will support the scholarship programs of Augsburg Academy. "I invite everyone—Protestant or Catholic—to join in this once-in-a-lifetime trip," said Pastor Hebbeler. "Not only is this an opportunity to see some of the more important places of the Bible in person, but the funds raised through this journey will allow us to expand the amount of financial aid available to students this year to more than \$100,000."

For complete details on the trip, please visit the academy web site (www.AugsburgAcademy.net) or contact Pastor Hebbeler at paulcruise@augzburgacademy.net.

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Obama Inauguration Preparation in Beltsville



(L-r) Nneka Lyn, Melinda Thomas, Marcus Poston, Tyler Martin, DaNasha McRae, DaShia McRae, Keilyn Cook, Syanna Randolph, Gabrielle Sawyers, Ashleigh Byers, Jailen James, Arieal Bradshaw-Peterson, Markel Brown, Tyheil Peterson, James Wicks, Dalila L. Muir

In, is a ballad written by Dalila L. Muir, project manager of the Obama Inauguration Project and owner of Beltsville-based business, IWRITE Student Services, LLC.

According to Muir, youth participants attended early morning practices every Saturday for the past four weeks in spite of the cold weather. "These young people are excited about singing and they are even more excited about Obama's upcoming inauguration," states Muir. "We are honored to be a part of history and we are honored to represent Beltsville in the process."

The Obama Inauguration Track is scheduled for release on Thursday, January 1, 2009. For more information about the Obama Inauguration Project or about IWRITE Student Services, LLC visit www.iwriteservices.com or call 301.595.5450.

On Saturday, December 20, 2008, youth traveled from Beltsville to record a dedication track in honor of the upcoming Obama Inauguration. The dedication track entitled, Change We Can Believe

Get Ready for January 2009 Computer Courses

The 2009 computer course season is about to begin at the Beltsville Community Center. Each course that is offered consists of four one-hour sessions. Cost: \$35.00 residents, \$42.00 non-residents. Cash, check, and MasterCard and Visa payments are accepted. Please call 301.937.6613 for information. TTY: 301.445.4512.

COURSES FOR AGES 13 - 17

Internet Skills: Exploration, starting Tuesday January 6 from 8:00 p.m. to 8:50 p.m.

Scanning, starting Thursday January 8 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Web Page Design, starting Friday, January 9 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Video Editing, starting Saturday, January 10 from 1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

COURSES FOR AGES 13 and Up

MS Word 2000: Beginning, starting Monday, January 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

MS Word 2000: Beginning, starting Monday, January 5 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

MS PowerPoint 2000: Beginning, starting Monday, January 5 from 7:00 p.m. to 7:50 p.m.

MS PowerPoint 2000: Beginning, starting Monday, January 13 from 8:00 p.m. to 8:50 p.m.

MS Access Level 1, starting Monday, January 12 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

MS Access Level 1, starting Monday, January 12 from 9:00 p.m. to 9:50 p.m.

COURSES FOR AGES 16 and Up

Digital Scrapbooking, starting Wednesday, January 7 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Digital Darkroom, starting Wednesday, January 7 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

COURSES FOR AGES 18 and Up

MS Windows XP: Beginning, starting Tuesday January 6 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

MS Excel 2000: Beginning, starting Thursday January 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Internet Security, starting Tuesday January 6 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Internet Skills: Shop, Travel, & Auctions, starting Tuesday January 6 from 7:00 p.m. to 7:50 p.m.

Internet Skills: Social Network Sites, starting Saturday, January 10 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Labels and Cards, starting Thursday, January 8 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Conversion to Audio CD, starting Saturday, January 10 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Wireless Home Networks, starting Saturday, January 10 from 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

COURSES FOR AGES 60 and Up

Computer Skills: Level 2, starting Tuesday January 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Introduction to Computer Skills, starting Tuesday January 6 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Internet Skills, starting Tuesday January 6 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.



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Basket Bingo

St. Joseph's Parish will conduct a Basket Bingo on Friday evening, January 23, in the Parish Hall at 11011 Montgomery Road, Beltsville from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (non-smoking). (In case of snow, the event will be held on Friday, January 30.) Come join us for this fun-filled event. Bingo winners will receive speciality baskets, pottery and home accesso-

ries. There will be door prizes and raffles too! Tickets are \$10.00 (in advance) daily at the school and parish offices, or for \$12.00 at the door. Refreshments are available.

Free Workshop Reveals 7 Ways to Slash College Costs

An extremely popular free workshop is being held for the parents of college bound high school students twice during the month of January at one location.

The workshop will focus on little known ways of getting money for college, no matter how much income you make, or how good a student you have. The class will include such topics as how to double or triple your eligibility for free grant money, the secret to

sending your child to a private or UM school for less than the cost of a junior college, and the single biggest mistake that 9 out of 10 parents make when planning for college.

The workshop dates are Tuesday, January 6 and Saturday, January 10. On January 6 the class is from 7:15 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. and on January 10 the class is from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. The workshops will be held in the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 114, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD.

Susan Newland, an expert on paying for college, is teaching the workshop. Seating is free, but limited by the size of the room. To reserve your seat, call 301.595.2793.



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Boy Scouts visit Camp Harmison in West Virginia.

Scouts Have a Great Year

By Gary Bauchan, Scoutmaster Troop 1033

Reflecting back on the year 2008, Boy Scout Troop 1033 has had a great year. The troop has 32 active scouts with an active Troop Committee of 9 parents led by chairperson, David Timus, scoutmaster, Gary Bauchan, 2 assistant scoutmasters (Rick Deery and Paul Villarroel), and the support of all the parents. The troop is sponsored by the Emmanuel United Church on Cedar Lane that graciously provides meeting space for our weekly 7:00 p.m. meetings. This past year, 20 out of the 32 scouts advanced in rank, including 2 Eagle Scouts, David Outland and Max Carmichael. The troop went on 11 trips that involved camping, archery, backpacking, climbing, swimming, hiking, tubing, and two-week long summer camps. One of our scouts, Gregory Bauchan, received the Triple Crown in high adventure scouting by attending the third of the high adventure camps, Sea Base in Florida. The Troop has contributed over 600 hours of service to the local community. These service projects included visiting the residents at the Veteran's Hospital; cleaning up the Patuxent River

near Rocky Gorge; replacing native grasses as Rosaryville State Park; assisting at Police Officer Robert Findley's funeral; directing traffic at the Methodist Church parking lot Trick-or-Treat; Scouting for Food for the needy; baking pumpkin pies for Thanksgiving baskets for the needy, collecting toys for Children's Hospital and collecting coats and cold weather gear for the homeless. Our spring and fall fund raising involving the sale of Behnke's mulch, fertilizer, topsoil, grass seed, flower bulbs, and mums continues to be a huge success. The scouts should be very proud of their individual achievements and the accomplishments of the troop as a whole. At the end of each year our troop goes cabin camping to celebrate the activities for the year. This past December we went to Camp Harmison in West Virginia. The scouts enjoyed playing football, cards and Monopoly, watching movies and a Thanksgiving feast of turkey, stuffing, green bean salad, cranberries, soda and pumpkin pie.

If you know a boy from the first grade through high school who is interested in scouting, please have him contact Gary Bauchan at 301.937.0944.

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A ribbon-cutting ceremony on December 9 celebrated the opening of the Comfort Inn, after which managers, staff and guests were treated to refreshments in the hotel lobby and dining area. Kristin Peters, General Manager of the Hotel welcomed everyone and invited them to partake of the great food and beverages. Donna

Vonella, Director of Sales, introduced Dave Pollin, President of Buccini/Pollin Group and Greg Miller, President of PMHS Hospitality Services, each of whom gave brief welcoming remarks.

Honored guests included members of the Volunteer Fire Department and the Beltsville Lions Club. Ted Ladd, Immediate Past District Governor of Lions Clubs International District 22-C was asked to describe Lions activities in this region. Ladd briefly traced the development of Lions Clubs International from its beginning in 1917. He said that Lions District 22-C includes 57 Lions Clubs in the area encompassed by Washington, D.C. and the Maryland Counties of Montgomery, Prince George's, Charles, Calvert, and St. Mary's. He noted that each club raises funds that are given back to the community in the form of aid to needy persons. There has been an historical emphasis on helping those with vision problems ever since Helen Keller addressed the Lions Clubs International convention in Cedar Brook, Ohio in 1925 and challenged Lions to be "Knights of the Blind." The aid provided by Lions goes well beyond that, and over the period of the last 50 years, the Beltsville Lions have aided many in the community in many different ways. Ladd then introduced Club President Camillo Di Camilo, who presented Greg Miller a certificate of appreciation from the Beltsville Lions Club for the outstanding support of community service activities provided by the hotel. Club member Kevin Kennedy, who was not present because of a prior commitment, was given a sustained round of applause for his exemplary work with Maryland Special Olympics Prince George's County. The Beltsville Lions Club currently has 34 members, and meets for dinner the first Tuesday of each month at the Comfort Inn.

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Wedding Announcement

Stacy Beth Spaulding and John Andrew Jowers were married September 28, 2008, at the Eastern Yacht Club along the Chesapeake Bay in Essex, MD. The ceremony was officiated by Dr. Philip Powers, pastor of Forcey Memorial Church in Silver Spring, MD.

The bride is the daughter of Kevin & Carol Spaulding of Laurel, MD. Her grandparents are John & Joan Spaulding, Les & Bernadine Salter, and the late Paul Phyllis Smeltzer. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from University of Maryland College Park. She is currently a 4th grade teacher at Georgian Forest Elementary School in Silver Spring, MD.

The groom is the son of Rik & Giana Jowers of Beltsville, MD. His grandparents are Roy & Joan Jowers, Bill & Angie Miller, and Carlo Petrucci. He earned a bachelor of science degree in Kinesiology from University of Maryland College Park and a doctor of physical therapy degree from University of Maryland Eastern Shore. He is currently a physical therapist in a National Rehabilitation Hospital outpatient clinic in Friendship Heights, MD. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

The maid of honor was Shara

Stacy Spaulding & John Jowers Wed



Stacy & John Jowers

Hart of Rockville, MD, and the matron of honor was Taylor Smith of Germantown, MD, friends of the bride. Bridesmaids were Cindy Thompson of Washington, D.C. and Tanya Kessler of Okinawa, Japan, friends of the bride. Sember Lester of Port Republic, MD, cousin of the bride, and Sarah Renkeven of Laurel, MD, were the flower girls. Luke Wattay of Mt. Airy, MD, cousin of the groom, was the ringbearer.

The best man was Nick Jowers of Beltsville, MD, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Joel

Powers of Columbia, MD, Lenny Smith of Germantown, MD, and Nathan Miller of College Park, MD, friends of the groom.

After honeymooning in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, the couple reside in North Bethesda, MD.

TESST College of Technology Takes Three Awards at the MAPCCS Annual Conference

The TESST College of Technology's Beltsville campus was recognized at the Maryland Association of Private Colleges and Career Schools (MAPCCS) annual conference on Friday, Dec. 12, 2008 at the BWI Airport Marriott Hotel. Three awards were given at the conference, including teacher of the year, adult student scholarship and distinguished service award. More than 20 schools from the state of Maryland were present and TESST College of Technology's Beltsville campus walked away with all three awards.

The Adult Student Scholarship Program award was given to Brian Slye, a criminal justice student with a 4.0 grade point average who is a devoted volunteer with the Laurel Police Explorer Program where he educates youth about safety and security. In 2007 he participated in and completed the Laurel Police Citizen's Police Academy.

TESST's Olga Lucanu, program chair and instructor for the information technology department, received Teacher of the Year. She was recognized as a solid force for change helping to keep the campus' classrooms exciting and interesting.

The Distinguished Service award was given to Blaine Haines, a 20-year staff member. Haines

began his career as an admissions representative and then moved into the financial aid department as a coordinator. In 2006, he was promoted to his current position as assistant director of financial aid.

The TESST College of Technology Beltsville campus is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology (ACCSC). ACCSC is listed as a nationally recognized accrediting agency by the United States Department of Education.

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Obituaries



Slaubaugh, Eileen

Eileen Slaubaugh, 89, of Oakland, MD and formerly of Beltsville, MD died Thursday, December 4, 2008 at her residence. Born April 2, 1919 in Aurora, WV, she was a daughter of the late Hugh and Pearl (Wotring) Foreman. Mrs. Slaubaugh was formerly employed with Arbitron Inc.; she was a member of the Oak Park Church of the Brethren. Surviving is her husband Quinter Slaubaugh of Oakland; one son Eugene Slaubaugh of Adelphi, MD; one sister Dove Stemple of Aurora, WV; two grandchildren Cheryl Wetzel and Richard Slaubaugh; three great grandchildren Shawn

Brice, Dalton Wetzel, Samuel Slaubaugh.

The family received friends at the David A. Burdock Funeral Home, P.A., 21 N. Second St., Oakland, MD on Sunday, December 7, 2008 from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, December 8, 2008 at the Oak Park Church of the Brethren with her pastor Rev. Mel Menker officiating. Interment Eglon Cemetery.

Waters, Ruth "Virginia" Groves

Mrs. Ruth "Virginia" Groves Waters, age 79, a resident of 3667 Harvey Road, Washington, NC, died Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at Pitt County Memorial Hospital in Greenville, NC. Funeral services were held 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 8, 2008 from the Chapel of Paul Funeral Home, Washington, conducted by Dennis R. Davis and William Ray Askew. Burial followed in Oakdale Cemetery, Washington.

Mrs. Waters was born in Hyattsville, MD on January 29, 1929, daughter of the late William C. Groves, Sr. and Anna Virginia Haffer Groves. On September 2, 1950, she married Ulysses "Bill" Waters, Jr. who survives. Bill and

Virginia, along with their daughter Debbie, lived at 4507 Yucca Street in Beltsville. Bill and Virginia retired to North Carolina in 1988. Virginia was manager of Embassy Dairy Credit Union, a charter member of Glenn Dale Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary in Glenn Dale, MD and a member of Everett's Church of Christ near Washington, NC. She loved all children and had the pleasure of being "aunt" and "grandmother" to many children in the community. In addition to her husband, Bill Waters of the home, she is survived by her daughter, Debra Waters Cutler and her husband, Julian of Washington; her brother, William C. Groves, Jr. and his wife, Peggy of Indian Head, MD; Helen Johnson of Washington and her special little neighbors, Lexie and Breanna Leggett. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Groves.

Cards of condolence may be addressed to Bill at 3667 Harvey Road, Washington, NC. 27889. In lieu of flowers, Mrs. Waters requested that memorials be made to: Riley's Army Fund (Pediatric Cancer Fund), P.O. Box 720, Winterville, NC 28590 or Open Door Christian Ministry, 500 Weston Road, Creswell, NC 27928.



Vansville Community Center Grand Opening

On December 8th the Vansville Community Center celebrated its Grand opening with a gymnasium dedication honoring Joseph L. Briscoe. Joseph Briscoe has served as the Vansville Heights Citizen Association President for more than 60 years. He saw the need for an elementary school in the Vansville area and worked tirelessly for over 20 years to see this dream come to pass. While many were involved in the effort, it was Mr. Briscoe's driving force that helped make it a reality. He lobbied to have the gymnasium built in addition to the new elementary school. The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and Prince George's County Board of Education approved the addition of the gym. Mr. Briscoe is a true testament to the saying that one person can make a difference.

Over 120 people attended the dedication. Local politicians, Senator James Rosapepe and Coun-

cilman Thomas Dernoga, as well as Vansville Citizens Association member Ricky J. America presented at the ceremony. A student, Clennie H. Murphy IV, was chosen to read his poem at the event. The gymnasium is being named after Joseph Briscoe and a plaque commemorating his efforts will be on display at the community center.

The Vansville Community Center is located at 6813 Ammendale Road in Beltsville, Maryland. It is connected to the Vansville Elementary School on the right side near the tennis courts. The school and center is a LEED Certified green building. It has many environmentally friendly features ranging from furniture made from the trees cleared from the lot, to floors and benches made of recycled materials. The windows are built to capture the natural sun-

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By Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-21)

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Senator Jim Rosapepe

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State Legislative Session Starts January 14

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Club News

William F. Smith American Legion Post #235

On November 8, 2008, Post 235 held their annual memorial service to honor past and present members of the post. The program opened with prayer led by Commander William E. Lomax, followed by the singing of "The National Anthem." Ms. Valda Lomax-Parker did a reading about the reasons we pay tribute and also told stories about wounded soldiers she has met in her daily

life as an employee of Bethesda Naval Hospital.

Mrs. Sharon Lomax-Smith did a reading to explain what the items on the Missing In Action table represent. The post was then opened for Legion members that have served in World War II, Vietnam and Afghanistan to tell some of their experiences while serving our country.

Ms. Theda Young did a roll call

of the deceased Post members. The program ended with singing "America the Beautiful," "God Bless Our Troops," and "God Bless America."

The William F. Smith American Legion Post #235 and Ladies Auxiliary, located at 7813 Muirkirk Road in Beltsville, MD will host a Present and Pot Luck Supper on Friday, January 2, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – until. The cost is \$7.00 per person and the proceeds will go to benefit Post #235. For more information, please contact Theda Young at 301.210.6225 or William E. Lomax at 301.937.4110.

Beltsville Garden Club

By Louise DeJames

Ring in another year of informative gardening topics by attending the Beltsville Garden Club meeting on **Wednesday, January 28th 2009** at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evan Trail, Beltsville. Our speaker for this month will be Kathy Jentz, editor and publisher of the **Washington Gardener Magazine**. Her topic will be "**Small Trees and Large Shrubs for Urban Yards**." Come listen to Kathy as she explores the possibilities of using small trees and large shrubs to plant in small urban lots. Tailored to what grows best in the greater D.C. region, the choices will cover natives, edibles, and ornamentals for

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For more information, contact Louise DeJames at 301.890.4733 or visit our website at: www.beltsville-gardenclub.org.

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Celebrating the Season in College Park

By Ivy Christoffers

The Holiday season is always a bustling time for the members of College Park Unit #217 and this year was no exception. The Post and Unit members were kept busy with catering several holiday functions that ranged from a welcome home banquet held to honor the 450th CABA Squadron from Riverdale Park, a wedding and some special Christmas parties. The Special Olympics Of Maryland held their Christmas Party for their Special Education Students on Monday, December 1st at the Fountainbleu in Lanham where several volunteers from Post and Unit #217 assisted, including Glenn Butler, Karl Christoffers, Stella Boeson and yours truly. In all there were 25 volunteers and 141 students. The teachers and bus drivers also attended. The DJ had all the able students up and dancing to his lively music, even Mrs. Claus was on the dance floor.

After a luncheon of chicken fingers, French fries, cake, ice cream and punch, Mrs. Claus led everyone in a rousing rendition of Jungle Bells that marked Santa's entrance to shouts of joy. Each child was given a chance to sit on Santa's lap and was given a gift by Santa and a stuffed beanie bear from Santa's helpers, Bob Jansen and Mrs. Claus. The bears were provided by The Washington VA Medical Center and procured by volunteer, Frank Stultz, for this event. Another example of the community working together for the good of all.

The latest event was the annual Community Children's Christmas Party held on Dec. 14th at Post #217 that was attended by 41 children and nearly as many adults. Our Children & Youth Chairman, Shannon Beam, and her co/chair, Charlie Allen, made the arrangements. Shannon, who is the reigning Miss Richmond,



College Park Unit # 217 President Angie Rodriguez sporting a big smile of pleasure at entertaining the children of the College Park community and surrounding area at our annual Children's Christmas Party. Santa and Mrs. Santa and Santa's helpers are in the background.

and her Mom arranged to have a craft table where each child made three ornaments to take home to hang on their own Christmas trees. These turned out to be lovely gingerbread men, small houses and small Christmas trees. We had some imaginative budding artists who turned out award winning items. The usual game of musical chairs, that is always enjoyed by the children, was held. There was a dance contest and a luncheon of pizza, cookies and sodas after which Santa Claus arrived and spent time with each child, listening to their "wish lists" and presenting each one with a gift. One child even made a gift for Santa, a large tissue flower that she presented to Santa, and it went into Santa's sack. He said he would treasure the flower, as it was the first gift he had received in return for some time. There were quite a few Santa's helpers on hand, including Mrs. Santa, and Miss College Park, Heather Molnar. Also assisting were Miss Greenbelt, Junior Miss Greenbelt and Little Miss Greenbelt. Children from as far away as the District of Columbia were in attendance and enjoying themselves. The cameras were flashing all afternoon

with several parents video taping their children with Santa and Mrs. Santa. Every child left with an armload of toys and prizes and each received a special holiday bookmark on their way out. Unit President, Angie Rodriguez, Post Commander, Glenn Butler, Volunteers, Mary Keller, Stella Boeson, Earl Nellis, Karl Christoffers, and "Peanuts" Mulligan all had a great time while serving our community children. This is just one of the three parties held each year for our children. Keeping the "spirit of Christmas" alive in our hearts throughout the year is the wish of this columnist. One Unit member, who has played the role of Mrs. Santa for the past 30 years, has been very busy at area Hospitals, Nursing Homes, VA Medical Centers and different community functions spreading cheer and leaving many smiling faces in her wake. The annual Post Christmas Eve Party was held and enjoyed by many members and guests. Our Chef, Brian, continues to excel in providing delicious food for us all to enjoy.

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Beltsville Rotary Happenings

By Ivy Christoffers

This is a wonderful time of the year for all Rotarians. We extend ourselves even more into the community and in reaching out to others in their need. We have partnered with the Women's Club of Beltsville in providing food for the needy. One meeting's collection alone netted more than \$800.00 for this effort. Our members partnered with the Salvation Army and spent a Saturday "ringing the bells." Our folks manned the kettles at Calverton Giant and Behnke's and enjoyed meeting and greeting the donors.

We have once again taken the "dictionary proj-

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(L-r) Dennis Smith, Eleanor Frierson, and John Moynihan

Club News

Beltsville Young at Heart

By Barbara Schofield

Seventy-four members attended our Beltsville Young at Heart meeting. All new and old business was considered. Marge read the list of new officers. They are as follows: Pres. Margaret Koebke, Pres. Elect Blanch Howell, Vice Pres. Earl Barnes, Recording Sec. Carmen Keister, Corresponding Sec. Peg Gonzales, Treasurer Peggy Downy, Asst. Treasurer Charles Vannoy and Chaplain Ellen Kidwell. The ways and means table made \$26.00; good job ladies. Congratulations to our new officers and Happy New Year to all.

Greetings from the WCCB for a Safe and Happy New Year

The Women's Community Club of Beltsville (WCCB) sends greetings to the community for a safe and Happy New Year. WCCB will not meet in January but regular monthly meetings will resume the second Monday in February. Our Library Committee will host that meeting. Look for details in the next Beltsville News.

As mentioned last month, the Community Relations Committee was busy these past few months with our Community Giving Projects and are to be commended for a job very well done in bringing joy and comfort to many area families. Food baskets and gifts distribution were scheduled for December 20.

The WCCB is a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization. Our meetings and programs are open to all in the Community and we welcome your attendance and membership. As always in support of our ongoing Community Giving project please bring a canned food donation to our meeting. We thank our members, businesses, organizations, and individuals for their wonderful contributions to our cause. For more information about WCCB please contact Club President Mae Whitehead: 301.572.7464 or email: presidentwccb@yahoo.com and visit us on the internet: www.beltsvillerec.org

"Spreading a little sunshine year round."

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light that reduces electricity use. Water saving bathroom features and underground geothermal heating further reduce resource usage and overall operating costs.

Both the Director Glen Reynoso and the Assistant Director Kathleen Reardon bring a strong vision and direction to the center that will make it a valuable resource to the local community. The community center features a state of the art Fitness Room that has treadmills, cross trainers, ellipticals, bikes and a variety of weight machines. Fitness room membership is only \$35.00 for three months for Prince George's and Montgomery county residents. A one-year membership is \$110.00.

The center will be participating in Kid's Day Out on January 30th. Kid's Day Out is a program

of the M-NCPPC, which provides fun activities for children on a day when school is closed. The January 30th event will include a trip to the College Park Aviation Museum followed by a visit to the Herbert Wells Ice Rink at Fairland Park. There is a fee for this event and space is limited, so sign up early.

The center is also signing up for January classes including a variety of dance instruction, tot basketball and reading skills. Open gym and Xtreme teen events are currently held on a weekly basis. Youths between the ages of 6 and 17 can register for a free Youth Center ID. Seniors over 60 can also get a free community center ID. The Community Center ID's are good at community centers throughout the county. Classes and fitness room use have separate fees. Please come by the center or call 301.937.6621 for more information and a listing of available activities.

launched at the Heart Awards kick-off event, is not only a vehicle for charitable donations and award-supporting purchases but also for other upcoming I Got Heart community outreach events.

For additional information on I Got Heart and the approaching Heart Awards or to schedule an interview with Tip Fallon, please call Awoyaa Mensah at 443.567.9242 or email Awoyaa at awoyaa@speakingforchange.com. Also visit www.IGotHeartOnline.org for testimonials and videos.

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organization has a unique 'for us, by us' model in which teens drive the fundraising through orders for the organization's branded apparel and accessories which fund the Heart Awards, "so they own the results of IGH," says Fallon.

I Got Heart was founded in 2007 and is shaping to grow to a national level in the course of three years. The organization's new website, which will also be

Beltsville Lions

The Club's recent involvement with Lions functions included our representation at the Lions Vision Research Foundation (LVRF) annual rally at John's Hopkins University Hospital on November 1st. The theme for the day was, "Back to the Future." Current LVRF Chairman, Past District Governor Bob Muchow, welcomed some 100 guests who were treated to presentations by Wilmer Eye Institute professional staff. First up was Dr. Peter McDonnell who serves as Director of the Wilmer Eye Institute. Former Wilmer Director, Dr. Morton Goldberg, followed him. Dr. Robert Massof, Director of the Lions Low Vision Center at the Wilmer, described current research efforts, and he then introduced Dr. Judith Goldstein, Director of the Low Vision Clinic. Two men who were suddenly blinded and then helped in great measure by the Lions Low Vision Center gave warm testimonials.

Two weeks later, the Beltsville Lions hosted a fundraising walk to benefit the Lions Low Vision Center at the Wilmer Eye Clinic. Members of local Lions Clubs met at the Beltsville Community Center at 9:00 a.m. on November 15. The walk raised some \$3,000.

On November 22, club members met at the First Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. and conducted vision screening at a health fair conducted there. We screened 37 persons and referred several of them for professional screening. Two of these persons were referred to the previously mentioned Lions Low Vision Center of John's Hopkins University Hospital.

So far this year the club has collected 878 pairs of used eyeglasses that will be cleaned and packaged for needy persons in third world countries. One may donate used glasses to the Lions Club at Brewer & Marshall Opticians, the vision center at COSTCO, and the Beltsville Library. There are collection boxes at each of these locations. Vision Services at Kaiser Permanente in Silver Spring also collects used glasses for the club.

The club also sponsored four blood drives this year. The next blood drive is scheduled for January 23rd at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 3:00-7:00 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome. Call Ted at 301.937.6796 for more information. One donation can save a life.

On January 10 and 11, the club will participate in the NBC4 Health Expo being held at the Wash-

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American Legion Post 217 Co-Sponsors Welcome Home Event

Some 130 soldiers and spouses attended a recent Welcome Home event jointly sponsored by the Department of Maryland, Heroes to Hometowns/Wounded Warriors Committee and American Legion Post 217. The event included an open bar, buffet dinner and music by DJ Wayne Miller (Post 136) for entertainment and dancing.

Welcoming speakers at the opening of the program included Glenn Butler who then introduced Clarence Bacon. After Clarence spoke, he introduced Tom Davis and Gail Murdock for their remarks. All speakers expressed their heartfelt thanks and sincerest appreciation to the soldiers in attendance as well as the spouses who stayed behind to keep the



family together. All in all, it was a great evening.

Three of the five-member committee were in attendance: Clar-

ence Bacon, Tom Davis (Department Adjutant) and Gail Murdock (Department Commander).

School News

Writer's Hall of Fame

Calverton Elementary and writing teacher, Mrs. Wood, would like to congratulate the following writers on the Writer's Hall of Fame bulletin board. These students' writings were chosen as best in the class on the topic of what they are thankful for not only at Thanksgiving but throughout the year. Congratulations to:

Angellina Crockett in Mrs. Fraser's Pre-K class, Lyzander Marantal in Ms. Hart's kindergarten class, Breanna Riddick in Ms. Bossler's kindergarten class, Erika Quintana in Ms. Remondini's kindergarten class, Manuela Ruge-mintwaza in Mrs. Freeman's kindergarten class, Kaitlin Quarshie in Ms. Schwartz's kindergarten class, Anzani Molina in Mrs. McCollum's first grade class, Christopher Satchowell in Ms. Miller's first grade class, Petrina Agbenoo in Ms. Acheson's first grade class, Cityana Amsaiu in Mrs. Foggie's first grade class, Jean Rodriguez in Mrs. Russell's second grade class, Kamy Tapa in Ms. Bellow's second grade class, Pamela Udeh in Mr. Hayes' second grade class, Jovann

Tomlinson in Mrs. Prelovsky's second grade class, John Marshall in Ms. Njoku's third class, Caleb John in Mrs. Gibson's four grade class, Karen Marinez in Mrs. Upchurch's fourth grade class, and Debosola Otukoya in Ms. Levin's class.

This month we would also like to honor one of the Calverton Young Authors by publishing one of her poems:

I Am...

By Shania Hickman

I am...

I am a flower waiting to be watered.

I am a drop of rain in the clouds waiting to hit the ground.

I am a camera waiting to take a picture of you.

I am a chair waiting to be sat on.

I am a bus waiting for the children to get on.

I am a folder waiting to be filled with papers.

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ect" to heart and delivered a dictionary to each third grade student in our area. It is so gratifying to be able to participate in these programs. There are more than 65,000 dictionaries delivered to these students in Maryland each year through Rotarian efforts and others.

December also saw the election of new officers who will be sworn in this coming June to lead us into the future.

We enjoyed the entertaining speech of Rotarian Don Messenger who spoke fondly of a recent trip he and his wife made while he shared many mementoes of their time spent traveling. Another enjoyable afternoon was spent listening to Rotarian Robert Almond who spoke of his formative years and his experiences in the Air Force

prior to his scientific career.

The highlight of the month has to be the wonderful Holiday Party hosted by President John Moynihan and his wife that took place at Turf Valley in Ellicott City. The atmosphere, food, and fellowship were beyond compare. I can truly say that everyone who had the good fortune to be there had a wonderful time and a very good start to the month of festivities.

Our meetings take place at the Holiday Inn in College Park each Tuesday at noon. You are invited to come join us and check us out to see if you would enjoy becoming a member of this oldest civic organization in the United States. All companies doing business in Beltsville should think about having a representative in Rotary. For inquiries, call 301.595.5225. We wish for all a healthy and happy 2009.

School News

Linda Langr, High Point Library Media Specialist, Receives National Certification

Linda Langr, Library Media Specialist at High Point High School, achieved National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification in early childhood through young adult in Library Media. Ms. Langr attended a Pinning Ceremony on December 15 at Newton White Mansion in Mitchellville. National Board Certified Teachers are highly accom-

plished educators who meet high and rigorous standards. They have achieved certification through intensive study, expert evaluation, self-assessment, and peer review. One hundred and thirty two teachers in Prince George's County Schools are now certified nationally.

Ms. Langr has been with the Prince George's County School

system since 1992 and has served as the Library Media Specialist at High Point High School for the last five years. Principal Michael Brooks congratulated Ms. Langr for this great accomplishment and said, "She is an outstanding educator and leader at High Point High School."

Calverton's Fourth Grades Participate in the Second Annual Turkey Trot

At 8:00 a.m. on Nov. 21, 2008, almost 100 fourth grade students gathered in the multi-purpose room in Calverton Elementary to prepare for the second annual Turkey Trot, a walk-run event that involved four laps (a measured mile) around the baseball and soccer fields above the school yard. P.E. teacher Mrs. Shyran Albert explained the rules and had the students take their resting heart-beat before the event, then Mrs. Albert, fellow P.E. teacher, Mr. Aaron Hankey, and parent and teacher volunteers led the excited group outside,

The air was crisp and cold, and the sun was peeking out of the clouds, as the fourth graders put in their paces. Pre-K, Kindergarten, second grade and third grade classes lined the perimeters to cheer the participants on with cacophonous chants of "Go, Turkey, Go!" "Go, Run, Fast!", and more. Three of the fourth grade teachers, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Fulcher, and Ms. Levin ran with the students.

The four young men and the four young women who finished first were honored for their accomplishments after the race



Fastest boys in the Calverton Turkey Trot: (L-r) Armando Umanzor, Caleb John, Luis Garcia, and Jairo Rodriguez.

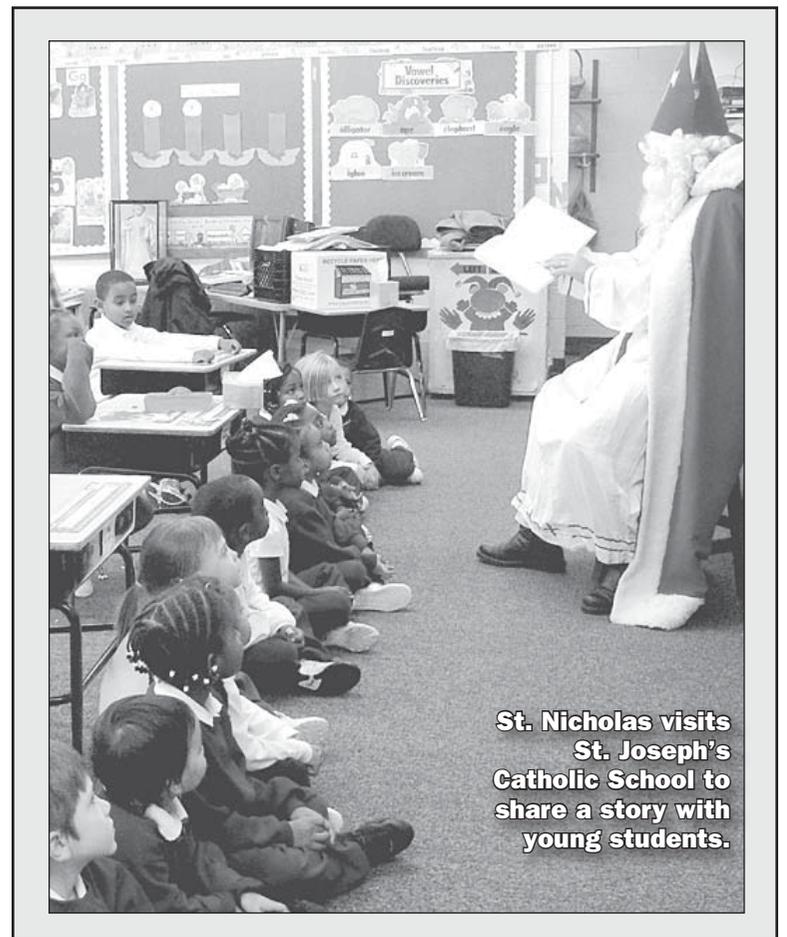
was done. First place finishers were Luis Garcia and Grady Martinez, second place went to Ashley Flores and Caleb John, third went to Jairo Rodriguez and Jenny Bo, and fourth place students were Ruth Diaz and Armando Umanzor.

Everyone who participated was given a bottle of water and a Turkey Trot participation ribbon. The top four girls and the top four boys received coupons from Friendly's for a free meal and a free Sundae and a field day water bottle. In addition, the two first place finishers received \$10 gift certificates from Giant.

Next year the event will be open to more grade levels. Everyone thought it was a great success. They are looking forward to next year's Turkey Trot.



Fastest girls in the Calverton Turkey Trot: (L-r) Ruth Diaz, Jenny Bo, Grady Martinez, and Ashley Flores.



St. Nicholas visits St. Joseph's Catholic School to share a story with young students.

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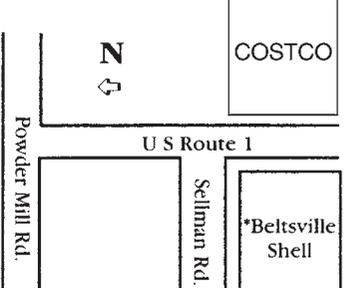
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Augsburg Academy Faculty Appointments Announced

The board of trustees of Augsburg Academy, an independent Lutheran school, have announced the following faculty appointments.

Appointed to the rank of instructor are the Rev. Arthur F. Hebbeler III, STS, (Head of Schools and religion instructor), and Ms. Karen Scott (lead teacher Lower School). Appointed to the rank of associate instructor are Mrs. Lisa Driscoll (Lower School), Mr. Michael Helling (Upper School), and Ms. Carlandra Rossow (Upper School).

Appointed to the rank of assistant instructor are Ms. Stacy Finkelstein (Lower

School), Mrs. Diane Blank (fine arts), Mr. Dan Butler (fine arts), and Mrs. Gisela Lopez (world languages).

Similar to the professorial ranking system in universities, Augsburg Academy's faculty ranks recognize experience, academic achievement, and performance in the classroom. Augsburg Academy is now accepting applications for the 2009-2010 school year for students in kindergarten through ninth grade. Information is available by calling the Academy at 240.786.0283 extension 701 or visiting www.AugsburgAcademy.net.

Paint Branch Montessori School's Celebrations



Sofia cooking latkes.



Giancarlos doing holiday cooking

The month of December was very busy with all the holidays celebrated by people from different backgrounds. By celebrating holidays, such as Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa, the children are learning first hand about the traditions of other people. To teach 2-year old children the traditions and rituals of the various celebrations is to teach acceptance of people's differences. This is very much in synchronicity with the Montessori concept of Peace.

These very young children also learned about the world around them as well as their own place as citizens of the world. They learned to identify a dreidel, a menorah and the Star of David. Potato latkes were made and enjoyed and dreidels were spun to the dreidel song. Our Transition students performed the dreidel song in their very first Winterfest performance on Dec.19. Symbols of Christmas and Kwanzaa were introduced through decorations, candles, lights and books. A bowl of fruit to celebrate the season was also available for the children to eat and experience and celebrate.

Happy Holidays to all from the young ones at Paint Branch Montessori School.

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Calverton Elementary News

Calverton held its Winter Holiday Program on Dec. 11 with two assemblies in the morning and another program in the evening for families and friends. Second, third and fourth grade classes as well as Calverton's instrumental students performed.

Fourth grade started the show with "We are in the Spirit" sung to a swinging beat. Third grade sang two songs. They were accompanied by music teacher Mrs. Reed on the piano for "Hanukkah is Here." Their second song was a Kwanzaa song about one of the seven principles of Kwanzaa, the

principle of "Nia" (or "purpose"); ESOL teacher Mrs. Donnella played the cowbell, ESOL teacher Mr. Chapman played a drum from central Africa, and students played other instruments while the audience was led in clapping by music teacher Mr. Lewis. Ms. McAninch's instrumental students performed next. The band played "School Spirit" and "Shark Attack." Sixth grade Faith Martin played a solo, "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" on her flute, followed by the strings students who performed "French Folk Song" and "Ode to Joy." The program ended

with the second grade students who sang a rousing song about a "Piñata."

High Point student Cynthia Crider worked with groups of students in Mrs. Freeman's kindergarten class as they dramatized animals and people riding in a taxi. Cynthia is planning to create a program that includes drama and music to present to selected early childhood classes and parents. The class made red-nosed reindeers and multicolored wreaths for the holidays.

Spirit Week at St. Joseph's Catholic School

Spirit Week began with a roaring cheer as the cheerleaders and basketball players put on a wonderful, school-spirited demonstration of their talents including pep cheers, a dunk contest, and class contests. Our students showed tremendous school spirit in support of our athletic programs and donned the old maroon and white colors of the St. Joseph's Tigers.

Other Spirit Week Activities included Team Jersey Day, where students wore jerseys from their

favorite athletic teams. Costume Day was a big success as the students dressed up in attire resembling their favorite Disney characters.

Our award-winning band under the direction of Mr. Martens performed a fabulous Christmas concert on Thursday. The students are growing leaps and bounds in terms of their development as musicians!

The spirit of Christmas was obvious as the 7th grade students made ornaments to give to a nearby

nursing home. Our students also performed a wonderful Christmas pageant with a unique take on the Nativity narrative. On a smaller, but no less dramatic and spirited scale, the Pre-Kindergarten performed another interpretation of the birth of Jesus.

Spirit Week wrapped up on Friday, December 19th with class parties and Santa Claus Hats. It was certainly a memorable experience and one that the students and faculty won't soon forget.

Calendar of Events

AREA EVENTS

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Saturday, January 10, 2009 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tea Basics: A combination of tea history, tea tasting, and experiencing the beauty of the tealeaf. For more information call 301.498.8486. Fee: \$18.00 residents.

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BELTSVILLE EVENTS

VANSVILLE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

Monday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m. at Franklin Brown Building, Vansville Recreation Park, 11733 Old Baltimore Pike, Vansville.

BELTSVILLE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, January 21 at 7:00 p.m. at Beltsville Elementary School, 4300 Wicomico Avenue.

BELTSVILLE RECREATION COUNCIL

Monday, January 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the Beltsville Community Center.

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PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES

CHESS CLUB

Tuesdays, January 13 and 27 at 7:00 p.m. Come to learn or just to play with other players and have fun. For all ages and levels. Everyone welcome.

CORETTA SCOTT KING AWARD BOOKS DISCUSSION

Tuesday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m. For children ages 8-12 and their families. Learn about Coretta Scott King Award Books. Pick up a copy of Eloise Greenfield's *Nathaniel Talking* or Virginia Hamilton's *The People Could Fly*. Read and join in the book discussion.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

STORYTIME

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., starting January 7. Ages 3-5.

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St. Joseph's Pre-Kindergarten class performs the Nativity. Bringing the creche to life allows the children to share the birth of Jesus with family and friends.

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write additional letters. Below are some of the beautiful, heartfelt letters that students wrote to the soldiers.

“Dear Soldier, I hope you're okay. I know you're going to miss your families, but be brave. Everybody in my school is sending something. You will have food, colorful cards, and more. Thank you for protecting our country. Be careful and take care of yourself. You will be happy with all the food we brought for you, and you won't be alone. You'll be in my heart. Love, Rachel Mbulu” (Third grade)

“Hello. My name is Danny Rodriguez. I'm a first grader at Calverton Elementary School. You are brave, protecting our country. You're my family, keeping us safe and being away from your family, keeping peace in our world. How are you doing? Ho! Ho! Ho! It is November 28. Merry Christmas! Your family, Danny Rodriguez.”

“Dear Soldier, Hi! My name is Godsee. I am 10 years old, and in fifth grade. I go to Calverton Elementary School. Now, let me introduce myself. I'm 10 years old. My home country is India. It is an honor to talk to you over a letter. I really respect what you do for our country. I appreciate what you do for our country because if you weren't fighting in war, no American citizens would be safe! That includes me! I truly respect the fact that you sacrifice your life just to protect the U.S.A. You are also brave because even I wouldn't be able to fight in a war. I would be too scared. I am

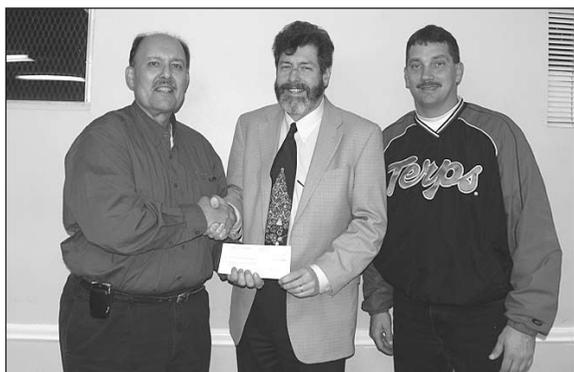
so grateful that you do this. Thank you so much for everything you have done. Well, now you have heard how much I appreciate you. I hope you are safe for all eternity, and have a safe and happy holiday! Thank you! Sincerely, Godsee Joy.”

“Dear Ms. Marine Soldier, I personally would like to wish you a wonderful Christmas. I know that you cannot come home, but when I am away from home, I think about all the happy times with my family, like opening presents together and sharing them, and I loved eating the gingerbread house. I want to say thank you and “Semper Fi.” It was amazing writing this letter to you. My tradition is always going to Massachusetts, but this year it will end because I am staying here. Some questions I have are: if you were injured, if there are people in India, if you went to help people in Afghanistan. I really am thankful that you and people like you are very special, because you saved us from being attacked, and thank you. Sincerely, Nickolet Serrano.” (Sixth grade)

“Dear Soldier, How are you? You must be super brave. I bet you're super strong! You should get presents on Christmas. If you're reading this, you're not alone. Your family loves you and their love is around you. You can do it! Your family knows you're strong! I hope you read this. Sincerely, Andrea.” (Andrea Martinez, third grade)

We are very proud of our children! I hope their selfless giving and loving messages add some magic and joy to your holiday season!

The Beltsville-Adelphi boys and girls club would like to thank Tom and the Jackson-Shaw Foundation for their very generous donation to the basketball program. Their support is greatly appreciated. In the photo are (L-r) Dave Pinchotti-Treasurer, Tom Aylward- Jackson Shaw, and Doug Suhr- President.



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TODDLER TIME

Mondays, January 5, 12, and 26 at 10:30 a.m. Ages 18 months to 3 years. Stories, songs, and fingerplays.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesday, January 13 at 10:30 a.m. Bob Drury's *Halsey's Typhoon: The True Story of a Fighting Admiral, an Epic Storm and an Untold Rescue*. Drop by the library to get your copy to read.

FRIENDS OF THE BELTSVILLE LIBRARY MEETING

Tuesday, January 6 at 6:30 p.m. Get involved with your library and give your input.

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BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

3900 Sellman Rd., Beltsville. Please call 301.937.6613 for information on these and other January programs, services, and classes. TTY: 301.445.4512. The new Director is Jim Bell and the new Program Specialist is Valerie Lewis. The current scheduled general hours of operation are: Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Friday-Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

NATIONAL GET ORGANIZED MONTH

Saturday, January 10 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Happy New Year! It's time to get organized. You are invited to a one-day seminar on personal organization and clutter reduction. Reservation required by January 5. Ages 16 and up. Free.

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Saturday, January 24 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Have you ever wanted to learn to ski? Here is your chance. The trip includes a 1-hour lesson, ski rental, lift ticket, transporta-

LIONS

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ington Convention Center. Members will aid other Lions from this region in conducting vision screening, glaucoma screening and hearing testing.

In December the Club was able to help the Duckworth School in various ways. A note from principal M. Catherine Sabatos said in part, "We are extremely grateful for all your help and look forward

tion, and lunch. Kids 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Skiing will be held at Ski Liberty, PA. **Reservation deadline is January 16.** Fee: \$75.00 residents; \$90.00 non-residents.

INSPIRE YOUR HEART WITH ART

Saturday, January 31 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Join us and experience local artwork, and create some of your own to display at the center. All ages welcome. Free.

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Fridays and Saturdays from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Ages 13-17. Free with Xtreme Teens ID card.

COMPUTER COURSES

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Mondays, January 12 to February 16 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Ages 16 and up. Saturdays from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., January 17 to February 21. Ages 9-15. Fee: \$60.00.

RUMBA AND CHA CHA

Mondays, January 12 to February 16 from 7:35 p.m. to 8:35 p.m. Ages 16 and up. Fee: \$60.00.

BASKETBALL FOR TOTS

Saturdays from January 10 to February 28. Class times: Age 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; Age 4, from 10:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.; Ages 5 and 6, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Fee: \$30.00.

XTREME PRE-TEENS EVENTS

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Tuesdays and Thursdays, January 13 to February 12 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Snacks will be provided. Fee: \$70.00.

to continuing our partnership with you in the future. It is through the active participation of organizations like the Beltsville Lion's Club that make this community such a special place to live and work." Lion Ginger Hand was instrumental in providing the help to the school.

Members of the Beltsville Lions Club are very pleased to welcome into membership Michael (Mike) and Diane ("DeeDee") Musachio.

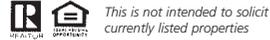


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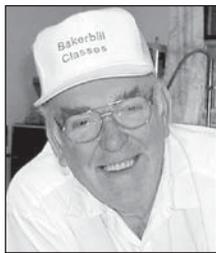


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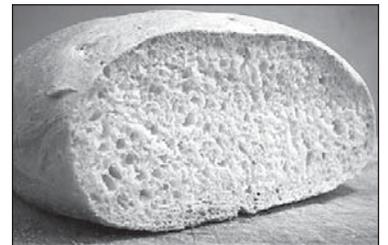
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STUFF 'N THINGS



January 2009, man, time is flying! I have made no new year's resolutions of any kind, but I hope to be back on the golf course in the spring after a hip replacement.

All my readers know how I feel about cell phones; if not, I think they are the most dangerous piece of equipment ever invented and getting worse. A lot of you do not agree with me. You feel you can drive 70 miles an hour and talk on the phone. You can't concentrate on the road and listen to the phone in your ear.

The other day I was shopping in Safeway. The man in front of me held the line up talking on a phone. He was multitasking, paying, and picking up his stuff. After he was gone, the clerk discovered he had left half his stuff behind. His call was not a matter of life or death. We all could hear him talking far too loudly. Maybe the phone was new? I think after

many people get killed they will ban them from use in cars. I just pray I am not one of them.

I had a good Christmas. My wife and I got together with the whole family in two places. Lots of fun and, you know, tears. I say two places because all the children have their own families and are starting their own memories, but no longer at my house. Great!

I love the holidays. We have breakfast at one and dinner at another. My daughter, Wendy, is the swing driver. This allows me to have a drink or two.

I normally have an idea in my head, let it cook then write it. Not this month. Writer block? Let's smell up the place and make some bread.

Fiery pepper bread

- 1 cup warm water
- 2 tbsp shortening
- 3 cups bread flour

- 2 tbsp yeast (stir in)
- 1 tsp hot sauce (Crystal)
- ¼ tsp pepper
- ½ tsp red pepper
- 1 tbsp sugar
- 1 tsp salt

Stir with spoon until stiff and dump onto table and knead 5 minutes or 100 strokes

Yield 1- 1 ½ lb loaf

You can tone it down a bit leave out the red pepper.

Cover and let rise double in size

Bake 30 minutes @ 400° approx.

If you don't know how to make bread, take my class in the fall.

Something to think about. "Do not despair about getting old; it is a state not offered to many." Author unknown.

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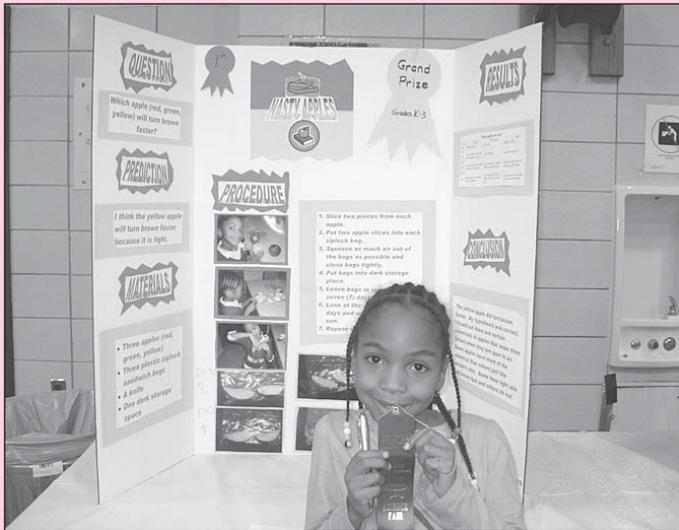
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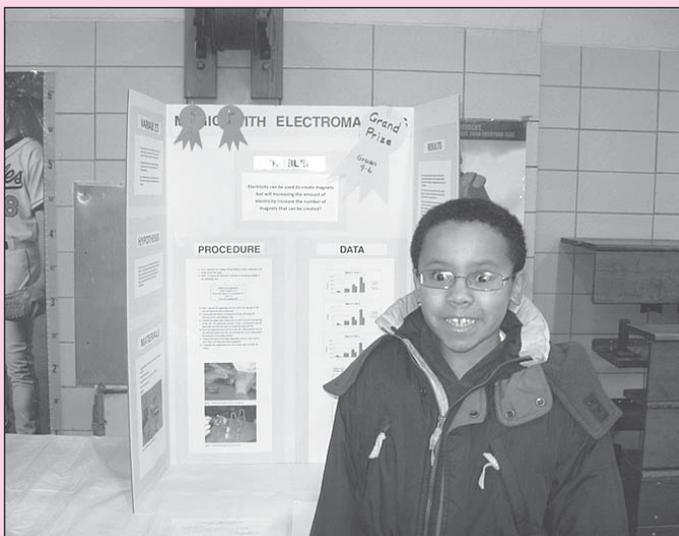
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Beltsville Elementary Science Fair

Beltsville Elementary School Science Fair was held from December 1-2, 2008 in the school gymnasium. There were 145 projects submitted by Kindergraden-6th grade students. Thirty-five community volunteers from Behnke Nurseries, WSSC, NASA, John Hopkins University, the USDA and our neighborhood helped with the judging. The Grand Prize (K-3) was awarded to Nailah Rogers and the Grand Prize (4-6) was awarded to Frederick Douglas. Four students were selected to attend the Kids For Science Competition held at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on May 16, 2008. Those students were Frederick Douglas, Daniel Douglas, Isaiah Walcott, and Samantha Iseli.



Which apple (red, yellow, green) will turn brown faster? Nailah Rogers (1st grade)



How do electromagnets work? 4th grade student Frederick Douglas.

Santa Goes Green

Beltsville Elementary School presented its winter musical program on Wednesday, December 10. The program began with the songs "Puppet Parade," "Marching along," and "Jolly Old St. Nicholas" performed by the String Orchestra directed by Mr. Lionel Harrell.

Students from the 5th and 6th grade School Chorus performed the show "Santa Goes Green" which was staged by Mrs. Denise Barone. Many soloists, speakers, and dancers performed on stage along with the chorus. Performers portrayed ideas about global warming, recycling, conserving the energy, solar panels, and the need to "go green" in order to save life on our planet.

The concert concluded with the songs "Ticket-a-Tasket", "German Waltz," and "Jingle Bells" performed by 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students in the band directed by Mr. Lionel Harrell.

It was amazing to see the musical abilities and eagerness to perform among all students. The concert was performed twice during the school day for all students and teachers and once again in the evening for families in the Beltsville



Beltsville Elementary School's 5th and 6th Grade School Chorus

community.

The music program at Beltsville Elementary School continues to expand at a time when many schools and counties are considering budget cuts particularly in the arts and music. This year Prince George County made the instrumental music program available to students in 4th grade. Currently, 123 students are involved in the instrumental music program.

Research has shown that studying music improves the test scores in math, reading, and writing, said music teacher Jeni Maneva. Studying music develops the ability for logical thinking, reading and overall intelligence. Students learn how to organize their free time better so they have time to study for school as well as practice on the instruments.

MLK Middle School News

By Michelle Mariani Williams

Congratulations to students Ariel Gonzalez and Paula Gyamfi who shared the Peace Poster contest prize sponsored by the College Park Lions Club. They will split a \$100 savings bond.

MLK has released Winter Break packets for its students to complete while away for the holidays. These packets are for students in kindergarten through Grade 10. Packets should be completed and returned to school when classes resume on January 5, 2009. The Winter Break packets can be found at www.pgcps.org. Click on the Student's page and then click on the icon for Winter Break packets. Packets in English were available starting on Friday, December 12th. Spanish packets were available starting on Friday, December 19th.

Kitchen Garden Tips for January 2009

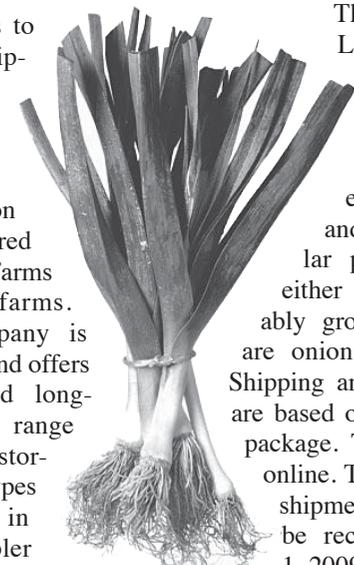
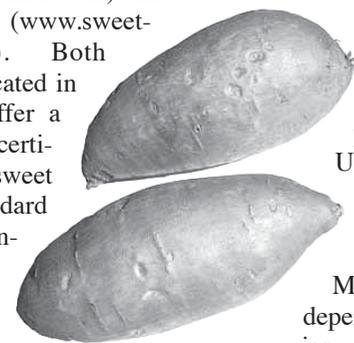
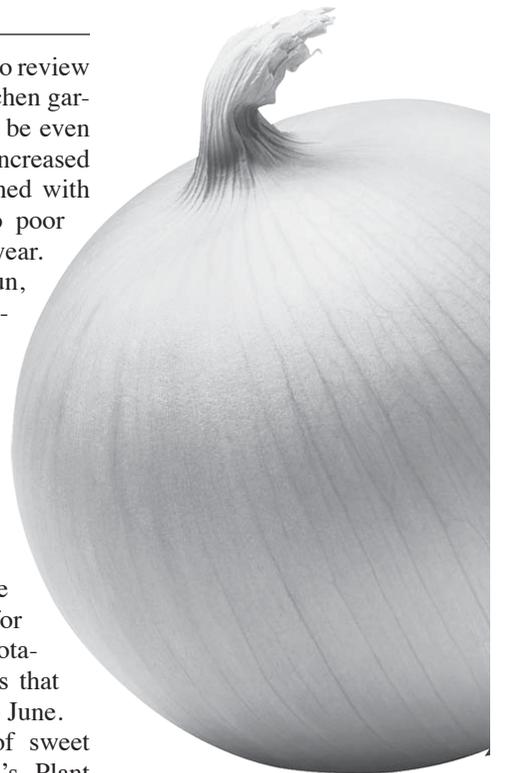
By Elizabeth Olson

January is a great time to review mail order options for kitchen gardeners. In 2009, this may be even more important due to increased demand for seeds combined with seed shortages related to poor growing conditions last year. Mail order can also be fun, provide for more varieties, and allow for time to carefully plan for purchases.

Several full-line seed companies are encouraging gardeners to order seeds early to ensure availability. Some specialty companies are encouraging early orders for products such as sweet potatoes, onions, and potatoes that will be delivered March – June.

Economical sources of sweet potatoes include George's Plant Farm (www.tatorman.com) and Steele Plant Co. (www.sweet-potatoplant.com). Both companies are located in Tennessee and offer a full selection of certified disease-free sweet potato starts. Standard shipping and handling are included in the purchase price. Both companies offer optional upgrades to priority mail shipments. Orders should request delivery for mid-to late May.

Leek and onion starts can be ordered from Dixondale Farms (www.dixondalefarms.com). The company is located in Texas and offers intermediate- and long-day onions that range from sweet to storage to braiding types that grow well in Beltsville. Sampler selections are also



available. Standard shipping and handling are included in the purchase price. An upgrade to UPS 2-day shipping is available. Orders should request delivery for mid-March to mid-April, depending on the varieties.

The Maine Potato Lady (www.maine-potatolady.com) offers a large selection of fingerling potatoes and early, mid-season, and late-season regular potatoes. Most are either organic or sustainably grown. Also available are onion sets and shallots. Shipping and handling charges are based on the weight of the package. The chart is posted online. To qualify for March shipment, your order must be received by February 1, 2009.