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Beltsville Briefs

Mother's Morning Out Preschool Program

You can register your 2 or 3 year-old for two mornings a week of learning; Bible stories; crafts; and playtime in a loving, Christian environment with experienced teachers. Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 - 11:30 am at First Baptist Church of Beltsville, 4700 Odell Rd, Beltsville, MD 20705. Children must be 2 or 3 by Sept. 1, 2015. Potty training is not required. Registration fees are \$80.00/child with low monthly tuition costs for September-May. We are accepting registrations for fall 2015. For more information, call 301.937.7771.

Basket Bingo at St. Joseph's Catholic Church

St. Joseph's Catholic Church of Beltsville will be holding Basket Bingo on Sept. 11 at 7pm. The doors and the kitchen open at 6 pm and bingo starts at 7. This event is a smoke free environment. Door prizes are awarded throughout the evening and raffled items are also included. St. Joseph's is located at 11011 Montgomery Rd, Beltsville, MD 20705.

St. John's Episcopal Church Dinner and Raffle Fundraiser

St. John's Episcopal Church, 11040 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705, will be hosting a Dinner and Raffle Fundraiser on Sat., Sept. 26 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. The cost of tickets for the event which includes dinner and live entertainment are: \$35 (adults) and \$15 (children 10 and under). The cost of raffle tickets is \$20 for five tickets or \$5 for a single ticket. *You do not have to be present to win.* The dress attire for the dinner and raffle event is casual elegant. For more information, please call 301.937.4292 or visit saintjohnsbeltsville.org

Local Poet to Be Featured At Burtonsville Day

Ingeborg Carsten-Miller, one of our resident poets at *The Beltsville News* (she has blessed us at the paper with her poems for many years), will be one of the authors on the patio at Burtonsville Day on Sept 26th. The event will be held at the Marilyn J. Praisner Library, 14910 Old Columbia Pike in Burtonsville, from 11 am - 1 pm. Come on out and say hello!

Minuteman Press, Jay Williams Design Co., Combine Talents to Create Dramatic Window Display Highlighting Local History

Bob Mignon, owner of Minuteman Press of Laurel, and Jay Williams, owner of the Jay Williams Design Company in Beltsville, recently worked together to create a dramatic window display of local history at the Minuteman Press's storefront on Main Street in Laurel, MD.

In 1994, Bob started his printing business in Beltsville and occupied that space for 19 years. Jay started his graphic design company in 1979 and moved his business to Beltsville in 1990, where he has lived since 1975. The two men worked together as business associates and have become good friends. Bob and Jay are among the founders of the Greater Beltsville Business Association, established in 2010, and both have served on the association's board of directors.

In 2000, Bob expanded his

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The top photo is this historic building today showing the storefront window graphics promoting local historic places. The bottom circa 1933 photo shows the storefront of the then, Ellis Food Market. Owners Edward and Ida Ellis on the right.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School Student Leaders Tackle Teen Safety Issues at Annual SADD National Conference

- 30th annual SADD National Conference convened in Nashville, Tennessee, from June 28 - July 1
- Youth leaders from 29 different states gain new life skills to better prepare them as teen agents for change
- Discover more about conference at <http://sadd.org/conference.htm> or follow us on social media #SADDBlastOff



ERHS SADD Co-Presidents Rannisaa Yudhistira, Carlee Meadows, and Advisor Joanne Read at the SADD National Conference in Tennessee.

Greenbelt, MD; July 17, 2015 -SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) leaders from Eleanor Roosevelt High School joined 400 other youth role models and their adult advisors from around the U.S. at the 2015 SADD National Conference, June 28 - July 1, at the Sheraton Music City Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee. As the nation's leading

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Cub Scouts exploring Paint Branch Creek

Scouting News Cub Pack 1031 Summer Scouting Adventures

Cub Pack 1031 has continued its great summertime adventures with a bike rodeo and creek walk. So far, ten Cub Scouts have earned their Summertime Activity Award by participating in four events this summer with one in each month. David S. participated in 7 activities this summer!

Seven of our scouts and their families came out for our bike rodeo and learned

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On the Agenda



Karen Coakley

By President Karen M. Coakley

Future of Laurel Regional Hospital: Recently the Dimension Board voted to close the existing hospital in 2018. This would leave northern Prince George's County with no full-service hospital. A new emergency hospital with 30 beds was proposed. The cost is \$25 million. I have asked our elected officials and representatives from the board to attend our Sept. 16th (7 pm at Beltsville Academy) meeting. There are a lot of unanswered questions and rumors flying around. Several years ago when the Adventist Hospital requested permission from the state to move from Takoma Park to a site off of Cherry Hill Road behind the shopping center with Target and Kohl's, the request was declined because we have Laurel Regional. Now, we will be left with nothing!

Cpl. Hamilton from District 6 will give an update on incidents that have occurred in the community. If you have a specific concern that you would like answered, please send your question or concern to me by September 11th.

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A Letter from the Editor

Hello everyone, we are winding down our summer and preparing for fall at the Beltsville News. Fall is a time of change and I would like to tell you about a few changes here at the paper. First, I would like to introduce our newest member, Bryant Davis. He is joining us as one of our proofreaders. There was a wonderful article about Bryant in our July issue. We are excited about having him come aboard our team.

Second, for the past several years, our staff photographer has been a wonderful young lady named Mariah McKenzie. Mariah has agreed to take on an additional position here at the Beltsville News; she is our new social media coordinator. She will be in charge of all of our social media accounts, starting

with our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/300944563420364/>) and our brand new Instagram account. You can follow beltsville_news on Instagram to keep updated. We are very excited about these new editions to the Beltsville News.

One more thing, I need to apologize about our community yard sale last month. In the article about the yard sale we accidentally gave the wrong email address out. Therefore you were unable to contact us to reserve tables. I am sorry about this mistake and we will try again to have other community events in the future.

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Beltsville, Local Joins Teach for America's 25th Anniversary Corps

Alejandro Diasgranados Commits to teach in high-need community and advocate for educational equity

New York, NY, August 3, 2015—Teach For America announced today that a Beltsville local has been accepted into the organization's 2015 teaching corps. Teach For America is a national nonprofit working to expand educational opportunity for students in low-income com-

munities. Corps members commit to teach in high-need urban or rural public schools and become lifelong advocates for educational equity.

Alejandro Diasgranados, a 2010 graduate of High Point High School and a 2014 graduate of Virginia State University, will teach

in D.C. Region.

"I left football to start teaching." In our country's lowest-income communities, just 6 percent of students will graduate college by the time they're 25. Alejandro joins a network of 50,000 corps members and alumni working alongside parents, principals, and communities for positive change.

"It is with incredible excitement we welcome this group of remarkable and diverse corps members," said Elisa Villanueva Beard, co-CEO of Teach for America. "They join a group of 50,000 leaders who have raised their hand to be part of ensuring every child has access to an excellent and equitable education."

Over the past 25 years, thousands of talented individuals have launched or continued careers in social justice through Teach for America. Hundreds of corps members and alumni have been honored as teachers of the year by their school, district, county, or state. More founders and leaders of entrepreneurial education organizations started careers with TFA than from any other organization or company. Alumni have gone on to become leaders in politics, school systems, nonprofit work, advocacy, and more. Together, they form a nationwide network helping to expand and strengthen the movement to give all kids access to a great education.

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Greater Beltsville Business Association (GBBA) News 4th Annual Charity Golf Classic Sponsored by GBBA and the Rotary Club

It's looking as if this year's golf tournament will be another successful event. Major sponsors like Konterra, Anchor Construction, and the 21st District Delegation have stepped up to help make this event a success once again! Many local businesses sponsor the tournament by playing, advertizing, participating in raffles and games, and even volunteering.

The golf tournament is always a fun day for all those involved. It has become a great community event, and all of the proceeds go out to the local community. Many local organizations have benefited as a result of the funds raised from the tournament, so we want to make it bigger and better every year!

This year, we plan to add another special charity recipient—Feherty's Troops First Foundation (www.troopsfirstfoundation.org). Some of the board members met with the founder of Feherty's Troops First and immediately fell in love with its story. Co-founder Rick Kell was GBBA's guest speaker at the July breakfast at Cross Creek Golf Club. The organization does not advertise or do any sort of marketing—what it does is the real work necessary to provide support to any soldier in need, no matter where they are or what they are doing. We thought it was necessary and fitting that we support them on Patriot's Day, September 11th.

It's not too late to get involved! If you, your business, or perhaps someone you know would like to play, sponsor, volunteer, and/or participate, please contact Sharon DeGrouchy at 240.417.7364 or sharon.degrouchy@lnf.com. You can also contact Craig Cooper at 301.343.5584 or ccooper@cci-printing.net for more information and support the community where we live work and play.

The golf tournament begins at 9:00 am. Registration starts at 8:00 am. All players/teams will receive a goodie bag and have a chance for many other prizes like a 50/50 raffle, door prizes, a hole in one, a putting contest, and other on-course contests. There will be a banquet dinner and awards and prizes after completion of rounds. The tournament is held at Cross Creek GC 12800 Bay Hill Drive, Beltsville, MD 20705.

GBBA Is Hosting a Speed Networking and Questionnaire Followup on September 16th at Cross Creek Golf Club in Beltsville!!

Please join the Greater Beltsville Business Association on September 16, 2015, for a speed networking event! Local business representatives, board members, and guests will be on hand at the September speed networking from 7:30

am–9:30 am to exchange information and learn how to make the best of networking. Marshall Bays will be our MC and will show us different ways to get the most out of an event like this. We will follow up on questionnaires that have been filled out by members and guests over the last few months that tell us what their businesses are looking for (i.e. If you have a business looking to fulfill a certain need, we help pair you with another business that can fulfill that need).

This creates value for GBBA's members. Referrals are often the best customers, so why not involve those local businesses that we know and are a part of the community where we live, work, and play!?

GBBA's monthly breakfast meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 7:30 am–9:00 am at the Cross Creek Golf Club, located at 12800 Bay Hill Dr. (off Old Gunpowder Rd.), Beltsville, MD 20705. To view more details about GBBA, visit our website at <http://beltsvillebusiness.com>, contact us by phone at 240.391.8001, or contact us by email at BeltsvilleBusiness@gmail.com.

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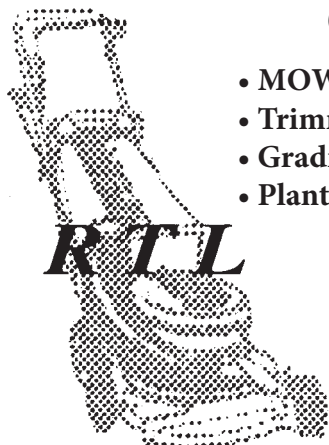
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Tech Sense

By John Bell

Windows 10 Upgrade

Of course, the big news in technology last month was the release of Windows 10 to the world. Unlike previous Windows updates, Windows 10 is offered free to current users of Windows 7 and 8 or 8.1. To prevent everyone from downloading and installing the free upgrade all at once, Microsoft has been asking people to make reservations and has been controlling when the update is made available for each computer. In this column, we will try to answer some of the common question people have about this upgrade.

Is the Windows 10 upgrade really free? Yes, updating the computer from a legal copy of Windows 7, 8, or 8.1 is really free at least until next July. You have one year to get the upgrade.

What if I am running Windows XO or Vista? If you are running an older version of Windows like Vista or XP, you will need to purchase a copy of Windows 10 before updating. Older computers may not be able to run Windows 10, but most computers that can run Windows 7 will run Windows 10.

Do I have to update or can I do a "clean install"? Microsoft is

offering both options. Because a clean install will remove all of your applications and data, I expect most people will try an update first. This update is much easier than earlier Microsoft operating systems updates. As always, backup your important data before upgrading. Also, don't forget to back up your music and photos.

Is there anything that I lose by



upgrading to Windows 10? Windows Media Center is no longer supported on Windows 10. Windows 7 users with Media Center will get an application to play DVD's, but Windows 8 users will not get the application unless they want to pay \$15 to download and install the app. I suspect most users will choose to download a free product like VLC Media Player or Kodi Media Center instead of paying the \$15 fee.

Is there anything I should do

to prepare for the install? Yes, you should always back up your system prior to performing the upgrade. If you have a program like Classic Shell that changes the user interface, you should remove it prior to the upgrade and then reinstall it if you still want those features after successfully completing the upgrade.

A few of other notes: by default, if you choose the express installation, Microsoft will change your browser of choice to its new Edge browser. I still recommend avoiding Microsoft browsers and suggest you may want to switch back to Chrome or Firefox. Again, if you choose the express installation, Microsoft will select settings that provide Microsoft with a lot of information about how you use the web. I suggest you not use the express settings if you value privacy and instead use the selection dialogs to minimize the information shared with Microsoft. Windows 10 includes the voice-activated assistant Cortana. You may have to expose your calendar, location, and other personal information to get effective use of Cortana.

One final note, plan on about 2 hours to fully upgrade the computer to Windows 10. Most of it will be waiting for things to happen, but it does require occasional input during the process.

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Wallace Presbyterian Church in College Park to Hold Grief Counseling Sessions

Members of the Community Are Invited to Attend

COLLEGE PARK, MD – Wallace Presbyterian Church in College Park, MD, is beginning a 13-week grief support group on Tuesday, September 1st, at 7 pm. The group is open to all, and the church is located at 3725 Metzerott Rd., College Park (at the intersection of Metzerott Rd. and University Blvd.).

GriefShare is a network of 12,000 churches worldwide equipped to offer grief support groups. The program is nondenominational and features biblical concepts for healing from grief. The program includes a video seminar,

group discussion, and a personal workbook. There is a \$15 fee for the workbook. GriefShare leaders are people who have experienced grief and have successfully rebuilt their lives. They understand the long path through grief toward healing and hope for the future. To learn more about GriefShare, visit www.griefshare.org.

People who wish to attend GriefShare at Wallace Presbyterian can come on September 1st or can begin attending at any point in the 13 weeks. Each meeting is self-contained and does not need to

be attended in sequence. If someone misses the earlier meetings, they can pick them up at Wallace's next 13-week cycle. This cycle of GriefShare will conclude on December 1st; plans for 2016 will be announced at a later date.

Those who wish to attend GriefShare at Wallace Presbyterian are asked to notify the church office at info@wallacepca.org or at 301.935.5900 so that workbooks can be ordered. But, even if people are not able to notify the church in advance, they are welcome to attend.

Local Nonprofit Sponsors College Scholarship Program for Disabled Youth

Beltsville, MD. (August 18, 2015) – Project ASCEND, a college scholarship program and youth civic engagement nonprofit, announces its sponsorship of the 2016 Project ASCEND Scholars Program. This scholarship initiative will provide five \$1,000 college scholarships to disabled students living in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area.

Students can apply by downloading the application on www.project-ascend.org and submitting required materials by October 1st. The program will accept applications from students with a physical or mental disability attending a community college or university in the 2015-2016 academic year. Recipients will also participate in a lobby day sponsored by Project ASCEND to support further investments in higher education for students with disabilities.

This program was made possible by the Advocates in Disability Award (ADA) program, funded by The HSC Foundation and the Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation. The ADA program awards and encourages young adults between the ages of 14 and 26

with disabilities who are positively affecting the lives of individuals with disabilities and their families. The program also supports an innovative project developed by this young person that serves and empowers individuals with disabilities.

Project ASCEND Founder and Director Ola Ojewumi is the 2015 recipient of the Advocates in Disability Award, which provides grant funding for the 2016 Project ASCEND Scholars Program.

"This initiative will serve as a two-tiered program to provide financial assistance to disabled college students and initiate lobbying efforts to improve the public education system for students with disabilities," said Ola Ojewumi, 24. "The hope is that these scholarships will encourage young people with disabilities to advocate for themselves, particularly on the importance of equal access to quality education."

Diagnosed with mitochondrial disease and the recipient of both a heart and kidney transplant, Ola's advocacy through Project ASCEND reflects her dedication to advancing the lives of young

people with disabilities. To learn more about Project ASCEND, visit www.project-ascend.org.

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printing company by occupying a historic building, circa 1885, on Main Street in Laurel. Thirteen years later in November 2013, he consolidated both of his locations to this historic building. When he undertook that move, Bob conceived of the idea of using his large storefront windows for something special, departing from the usual product and services advertisement displays. Together, he and Jay decided to create a window design to promote the historic aspects of the region by selecting several prominent images to aesthetically and tastefully bring attention to

important sites in the area.

The project presented a challenge to Jay: to find only five images out of Laurel's many historic residential homes and commercial sites. The Laurel Historical Society (LHS) contributed most of the images, and the LHS' Karen Lubieniecki (karenlub@aol.com) added her expertise and the majority of the images and information for the selected sites. Jay also obtained some information from the B&O Railroad Museum in Baltimore for the historic train stop on Main Street.

Interestingly, while Jay worked

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Prince George's County Library CEO Named Vice President of Maryland Library Association

LARGO, MD—Prince George's County Memorial Library System CEO Kathleen Teaze was named vice president and president-elect of the Maryland Library Association, a professional organization that provides professional development, communication, and advocacy supporting libraries in MD.

Teaze brings more than 25 years of experience in library leadership. Prior to joining Prince George's County Memorial Library System in 2010, Teaze was administrator for the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Previously, she was assistant director for Collier County Public Library and Sanibel Public Library in Florida. She also was director of Rye Public Library in Rye, New Hampshire.

In addition, Teaze serves on



Prince George's County Memorial Library System CEO Kathleen Teaze

the Commission for Education Excellence, which advises the

Prince George's County executive on education-related matters, as well as the Early Childhood/Project LAUNCH Advisory Council, which works to help young children and their families in Prince George's County.

Teaze earned her master's degree in library and information science from Simmons College in Boston and her bachelor's degree in history and women's studies from the University of Massachusetts, Boston.

The Maryland Library Association was founded in 1923 to promote library service in Maryland. Members include libraries, library staff and trustees, library school students, and friends of libraries. The association is a member of the American Library Association.



Runners take off at the 2014 Eye Run for POB 5K to save sight. Photo by Gedalia Vera.

Laurel Woman Losing Her Sight Raises Funds For Vision 5K

Washington, D.C. — When Kristina Howell of Laurel, MD was 23 years old, she went in for a routine exam at her optometrist's office to get contact lenses.

"They did some testing, and they noticed that I wasn't seeing in my peripheral, and they couldn't tell me what it was," Howell said.

The visit led to several follow-up exams, first with ophthalmologist Ronald Oser, M.D., in Laurel, and then with retina specialist Robert Stephens in Bethesda. After an electroretinography (ERG) eye test, it was confirmed: Kristina had a condition called retinitis pigmentosa, or RP. RP is a rare genetic disorder that involves a breakdown of cells in the retina and causes the loss of peripheral

ABOUT THE EVENT:

Eye Run for POB will be held at Westfield Montgomery Mall in Bethesda. The event will consist of a 5K and fun run, a vision health fair with vision screenings and information about eye health, and a family-friendly Kids Camp with children's author Valerie Tripp in celebration of her new literary project, Boys Camp. POB is also proud to partner with Achilles International for this event to provide running guides for participants with visual impairments. For more information and to register for the event, please visit www.youreyes.org.

vision. While the progression of RP can differ greatly from person to person, eventually the majority of people with RP will lose most of their sight.

"I think when I left Dr. Stephens' office in Bethesda, I cried for three straight days, devastated that he told me I was going to lose my vision," said Howell, now 31 and a mother of two young daughters. "I'm OK with it now.... I'm not going to let that stop me from having a normal life."

Eight years after her diagnosis, Howell is not only still a patient of Dr. Oser but works as a technician at his office, Laurel Eye Physicians and Surgeons.

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Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

By Sen. Jim Rosapepe

State tax amnesty – Sept. 1 through Oct. 30: In the 2015 Maryland legislative session, to help taxpayers who have had financial struggles, Delegates Barbara Frush, Joseline Peña-Melnik, Ben Barnes and I supported legislation enacting the 2015 Tax Amnesty Program. From Sept. 1 - Oct. 30, 2015, there will be a tax amnesty period, waiving civil penalties and reducing interest for nonpayment, non-reporting, or underreporting by half. Individual taxpayers and businesses are eligible for the program. For the Tax Amnesty Application, Calculator, and BillPay, visit www.marylandtaxes.com and click Tax Amnesty. If you have questions, email amnesty@comp.state.md.us



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District 1 Community Family Day – Sept. 26: Councilwoman

Mary Lehman, in partnership with Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission and Lovely Ladies of Laurel, will be hosting another Community Family Day. This year's event is Saturday, Sept. 26, from noon-4:00pm, at Fairland Regional Park (13950 Old Gunpowder Road, Laurel). It's free and open to all residents! Enjoy free access to the indoor swimming pool, rock climbing wall, skate mobile, bikes, arts & crafts, face painting, games, and more! Please call 301.952.3887 with any questions.

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 call 301.858.3141 or email 21stDistrictDelegation@gmail.com.

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proper trail etiquette and bicycle safety and rode bicycles down the Paint Branch Trail. The scouts learned how to properly adjust a helmet and clean their bike chain. The group then took time to pick up trash along the trail.

Most of the pack showed up for National Night Out and demonstrated Pinewood Derby fun. The rain didn't stop the group from having a great time!

In mid-August, nine Cubs and their parents went down to Paint Branch Creek by the Beltsville Community Center and explored the creek's aquatic life by finding fish, minnows, water striders, and a toad. One Webelo showed us some macroinvertebrates he learned about in school at Calverton Elementary. The scouts also learned about rocks and minerals found in the creek including limestone, gneiss, mica, and sandstone. The scouts also found leaves in the water as the summer ends and learned about palmate leaf of the sycamore and the pinnate leaf of the tulip poplar tree. Again, at the end of our event, we removed 2 bags of trash from the creek. We especially noticed the plastic bags, which end up in trees

along the banks of the creek.

If your son is going to be in the 1st to 5th grade this coming year and you are interested in having your son join Cub Pack 1031, please come out to our Join Scouting Night on September 21st in the Beltsville Academy cafeteria beginning at 7 pm. Den leaders, pack leaders, and parents will provide information on joining Cub Pack 1031. You can also see us at your Back to School night or contact us through BeAScout.org. Scroll down the screen to "Find Cub Scouts in Your Area," input our zip code, and select our pack.

Summer Fun at Scout Camp

By Rick Deery, Scoutmaster, Troop 1033

Boy Scout Troop 1033 once again went to summer camp July 12th to 18th at the Delmarva Council's Camp Rodney Scout Reservation located just a few miles south of the town of Northeast, MD. Camp Rodney has more than 900 acres of land and a mile or more of waterfront on the Chesapeake

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Scouts and Scout leaders at Camp Rodney Summer Camp.



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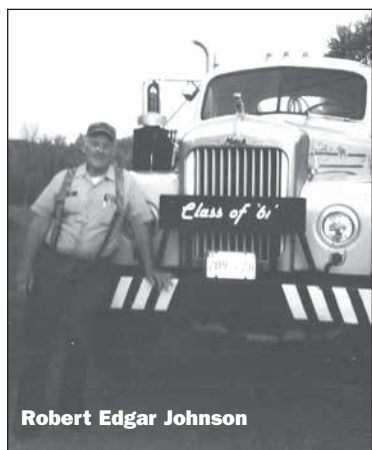
On May 8th of this year, NASA Engineer Florence Tan paid a visit to St. Joseph's Regional Catholic School in Beltsville. Ms. Tan talked to the grade school and then the middle school about the Mars Curiosity Rover and the Mars Science Lab on board the rover. The students learned about the nearly 9-month and 350-million mile journey to the red planet and got to look at and touch models of some of the instruments and materials on the rover. The rover has lasers, cameras, drills, scoops, and ovens, which are all part of the Science Lab. Ms. Tan spent many years leading the designing and building of the instruments on board used to analyze the environment of Mars.



Florence Tan and students at St. Joseph's. Photo by Anne-Marie Miller.

Included among the items she showed the students were gold-plated metal panels, a 3D printed model of a spectrometer, and a life-sized model of a Curiosity Rover wheel.

Obituaries



Robert Edgar Johnson

Robert Edgar Johnson of Woodbine, MD, passed on July 21st of natural causes.

He was born Aug. 12, 1935 in Washington, DC. He was the only child of John and Edna Johnson. He spent a lot of his earlier days in Nokesville, VA, until he settled in Howard County in the early 50's.

Bob is survived by 14 children and their spouses, 23 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and his long-time companion, Kim Harker. He is also survived by

two uncles, Charles Johnson and his wife Barbara and Gerald Johnson as well as an aunt, Mary K. Jenkins.

He founded Johnson Crane Service, Inc. in 1959 in Wheaton MD. In 1972, he moved the business to Beltsville. The building, which still stands today, is mostly recognized by its two-tone blue colors. Johnson Crane Service was a very meaningful part of his life. He was buried at Poplar Springs U.M.C. on July 27th following a heartfelt service at his home farm in Woodbine, MD.

Bob will forever be known for his fierce patriotism and generous love for others.

June S. Larner, formerly of Beltsville, MD, passed away on Sun., July 26th. June was wife of the late Thomas J. Larner; mother of Cathleen (Skip) Larner-Beckett, Thomas (Denise) Larner, and Nancy (Rick) Morelli; sister of Joseph Ghiloni; and grandmother of Lauri Miller, David Palmer, Thomas, Bridget, Sean and Kim-



June S. Larner

berly Larner, Becky Smith, and Loren Bernard. She is also survived by 14 great-grandchildren. June was for 40 years an office manager for the Christian Brothers of Beltsville. Memorial Mass was celebrated at Church of the Resurrection at Riderwood Chapel, 3110 Gracefield Rd., Silver Spring, MD, on Fri., Aug. 14th, at 11 am. Interment was at Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Crownsville, MD. Contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.

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Bay. The week the troop went, there were 550 or more scouts in the camp. Troop 1033 shared the Cheekacoo campsite with a troop from the Baltimore Council and a large black rat snake. The troops shared flag raising duties, fire warden duties, and various cleaning duties with scouts from two troops in the Beachcomber campsite next door. The campsites are located just off the parade field making the trip to the retreat ceremonies merely a short walk. However, not so short a walk were two times during the week when the scouts undertook a half-mile trek to the swimming pool in the early mornings for the Polar Bear Swim, which preceded breakfast. Of course, the dining hall was located near the campsite, which means the scouts (and their leaders!) walked a mile before breakfast. In the early part of the week, there was plenty of rain, but the weather dried up midweek so that by the time the scouts left for home on Friday their socks were dry.

Troop 1033 took 13 scouts and six scout leaders (Scoutmaster Rick Deery, Assistant Scoutmasters Eric Saathoff and Kevin d'Eustachio, Troop Committee Members Robert Thomas and David Timus II, and Scout Dad Michael Giacchino) to Camp Rodney. Without the leaders' dedication and willingness to take vacation time off from work, the scouts would not have been able to attend summer camp. For this, we are most grateful to our scout leaders. The scouts worked on 29 merit badges, completing the requirements for 16 badges including archery, camping, canoeing, climbing, cooking, digital technology, environmental science, fishing, lifesaving, oceanography, pottery, reptiles and amphibians, rifle shooting, shotgun shooting, swimming, and wood carving. First year scouts, Michael and Walker participated in Camp Rodney's nationally recognized Brownsea program, which prepared them for becoming 1st-class scouts. The Brownsea scouts were able to advance from non-swimmer to beginner swimmer and completed the requirements for their Fireman's Chit and Totin' Chip, which allows them to safely carry and use knives, hatchets, and saws and to safely build and maintain camp fires. One scout, Henry, went on a special summer camp adventure out of Camp Rodney, which was a week-long sailing journey on the Chesapeake Bay. He became a member of a sailing crew and had to learn all the



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skills of being a sailor on the open waters of the bay. The scouts decided to return once again to Camp Rodney next year. Troop 1033 extends a strong thank you and congratulations to the staff and directors of the Rodney Scout Reservation for a job well done and especially to the Beltsville Community for supporting our fundraisers to allow our scouts to attend summer camp.

Mums the Word – Boy Scout Fall Fundraiser

By Gary Baughan, Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 1033

School is back in session, so it's time to think fall and beautify your home with mums and pansies from the Boy Scouts. Now is the time to place your order. Troop 1033 will have their 13th Annual Fall Flower and Garden Products Fundraiser on September 19th. The scouts will be selling top-quality chrysanthemums and pansies as well as hardwood and pine mulch, top soil, and LeafGro this fall. Pansies will be available

in blue, purple, yellow, white and an assortment of colors in full (18 – 4" pots) and half (9 – 4" pots) trays. A full tray of pansies will cost \$34 and a half tray \$18. The mum color selection includes red, yellow, white, lavender (pink), and bronze (orange). The cost for the mums will remain the same as last year, \$6.50 per pot. The Boy Scouts will deliver the mulch, top soil, LeafGro, pansies, and mums to your home, saving you time, energy, and gasoline. Thirty-three percent of your purchase can be deducted from your taxes as a gift to the Boy Scout troop.

The profits from this fundraiser will allow the scouts to participate in an orienteering competition, visit Gettysburg National Battleground, go cabin camping, and participate in indoor climbing in the winter. By purchasing products from Boy Scouts in Beltsville, you are supporting an award-winning Boy Scout troop. The deadline for placing your order is September 10, 2015. See our web page at www.bsabeltsville.net or call Gary Baughan at 301.937.0944 for additional information.

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Beltsville's National Night Out



Beltsville's National Night Out was held on Aug. 4 at the Beltsville Library. Despite a little rain, everyone had a great time. Photos by Beltsville News staff photographer Mariah McKenzie.



Christmas In April Annual Golf Tournament

Prince George’s County Christmas in April its 26th annual Christmas in April-Prince George’s County – Susan Denison Mona Golf Tournament on Sept. 28 at the courses at Andrew’s Air Force Base. All profits from the tournament go toward funding the 2016 program, which renovates the homes of the elderly and disabled residents of Prince George’s County at no cost to the home-

owner. Golfers and sponsors are needed! Please call 301.868.0937 to register for the tournament. Fees include a buffet, cart, tee and greens fees, prizes, refreshments on the course and more! Your participation will enable Christmas in April to repair the hearts and homes of 90 needy families in 2016. Please call soon as space is limited.

MCAFCE Making Blankets for Project Linus

The Montgomery County Association for Family & Community Education (MCAFCE) will be making blankets for Project Linus on Aug. 4 from 10 am until 3 pm. Volunteers are needed to make blankets for sick and needy children. They can be knit, crocheted or

quilted. Yarn & fabric will be provided. This activity will take place at the Extension Office, 18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood 20855. *Donations of acrylic yarn are being accepted.* Please call Pat at 301.460.5451 for more information or for directions.

Morning Song

A new song greets me with the dawn
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That I can’t help but weep.

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And brings with it the day
Reminds me that its Maker great
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To bring to this blind buried soul
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An opportunity to breathe
Again by mercy’s breath.

How wonderful to waken me
With piercing sweet refrains
Whose unknown lyrics gently speak
My Savior’s precious name.

These words once hidden from
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You let me hear by grace.
They quicken my frail heart to know

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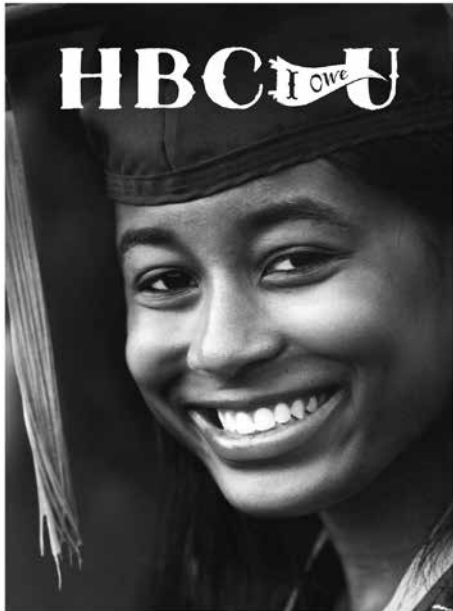
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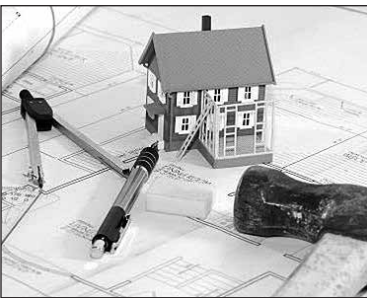
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That remodel you’re planning will only be as good as the quality of the contractor you hire. Here are some tips to help you pick the best company for the job.



1. Get recommendations. Friends and family are a good source. Check the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (nari.com) for members in your area. Also, your local building inspector might know which contractors meet code requirements and which try to get around them.

2. Ask questions. While price and completion date may be most important to you, be sure to get answers to these important questions:

- How long have you been in business?
- Are your workers employees or subcontractors?
- Do you carry workers’ compensation and liability insurance?
- (Call the insurance company to verify.)
- Are you licensed? (Call the appropriate state agency to verify.)
- How many similar projects have you completed? And can you supply references of homeowners and suppliers?
- Are you a member of a national trade association?

3. Meet face to face. Meet the three or four contractors that answered your questions satisfactorily. Did they put you at ease? (This person will be in your home for a long time.)

Most important: check your state’s consumer protection agency to make sure they don’t have disputes with clients or subcontractors.

4. Make plans, get bids. Contractors will want blueprints, a sense of what you want, and a budget. To compare bids, ask for

line item costs for materials, labor, profit, and other expenses. (Materials are about 40% of the total; the rest is overhead and profit.) Don’t be seduced by a really low bid; it may signal that the contractor is cutting corners.

5. Set a payment schedule. Large projects usually require 10% at contract signing, three payments of 25% throughout the project, and the final 15% when work has been completed to your satisfaction. (If a contractor asks for more upfront, it may indicate that the contractor is having financial problems.)

6. Get it in writing! Your contract should show details of every step, including payment schedule, proof of insurance and worker’s compensation payments, a start and completion date, materials to be used, and lien releases from subcontractors and suppliers to protect you if the contractor doesn’t pay his bills.

Remodeling is exciting—you get to realize your dream—but only if you get the right answers to the important questions and a clear, detailed contract. The result will be a beautifully finished project rather than a nightmare you’ll regret for years to come. For more information on ways to fund your next home project, call Prince George’s Community Federal Credit Union at 800.952.PGCU or 301.627.2666 or visit www.PrinceGeorgesCFCU.org/HomeEquity.

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on the design, there was a fortuitous meeting with a former prominent Laurel family. On August 20, 2014, Bob noticed a small group of onlookers across the street from his office on Main Street. Bob, ever the friendly greeter, went out to chat with the group looking at and discussing his building. He soon discovered that Shirley Ellis Siegel, age 90, was visiting with her sons to reminisce about the house she grew up in during the 1920s.

Bob invited them inside to see the interior and to discuss various aspects of the Ellis Food Market, which had once occupied his building. Shirley's parents, Edward P. Ellis and his wife Ida, had immigrated to America from Russia and lived in Ellicott City before settling in Laurel in 1920 to start their grocery store. The Ellis family served the local area for many years thereafter.

Shirley's sons supplied family photos from New York, Florida, and California of the Ellis Food Market for the proposed window display. One photo is of Shirley, age 2, held in her mother's arms. Jay used that photo, as well as two others from the Ellis family collection, in a part of his overall window display.

At the end of Prohibition in 1933, the Ellis Food Market was the first store to introduce beer, liquor, and wine in the Laurel area. Edward Ellis became a central figure in the Laurel business commu-

nity. Earlier, in 1932, he was one of the founding and charter members of today's Laurel Lion's Club.

Jay's design also includes historic images of the Laurel Railroad Station. The historic building, on the National Register of historic places, was designed by architect Francis Baldwin in 1884 to replace an earlier structure. Laurel officials and community activists have mounted a "Save Our Stop" campaign to prevent the 180-year-old station stop being moved to a new development in Howard County at Laurel Park. Jay was not aware of the "Save Our Stop" campaign when he included the images of the station in his design. The display points out the importance of the station to local history and may draw further attention to the effort to save the station stop. For information about this campaign, contact H. Edward Ricks, president of the Laurel City Council at 301-725-5300 (ericks@laurel.md.us) or (saveourstop@gmail.com).

Bob Mignon is planning a September event to formally present the historic window display to the general public, but the window design is currently available for viewing anytime at 335 Main Street, Laurel, MD. For information about the window display of local historic places, contact Bob Mignon at 301.776.9550 (laurel@minutemanpress.com) or Jay Williams at 301.937.8633 (jwdc@jwdc.com).

Club News

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society, celebrating 46 years in Prince George's County, will hold its first monthly meeting of the 2015-2016 season on September 2, 2015, at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway, New Carrollton, MD, 20784 at 7:00 PM. Come hear Genealogist, Teacher, and Lecturer Sharon Hodges

explain how Alien Registration Records can provide important information about our ancestors. Refreshments will be served. Visit us on the web at www.pgcs.org or call the library at 301.262.2063. You can also like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pgcogenealogy>

Happenings at the College Park Moose Lodge

The College Park Moose Lodge #453 3700 Metzert Road, College Park, MD. 301.935.5525. Tickets can be purchased at the lodge. The following events are open to the public.

Fri. Sept. 25 Las Vegas Night

It's time to pick your race, buy a horse, name it, and cheer for it while you watch the race on our big screen! Who knows, you could be a winner! There will be other games available such as poker, black jack, Texas hold 'em, the big six wheel, the cake wheel, and the drink wheel. Food and refresh-

ments will be available. Admission is free and open to the public. Doors open at 6 pm, post time begins at 7 pm.

Sun. Sept. 27: Quarter Auction Sponsored by the Women of the Moose

Come to the College Park Moose Lodge for a fun Sunday afternoon. Bring your quarters and you may take home a lovely piece for only a quarter or two. Bidding paddles are \$5 for the first one, and each additional one is \$3. We will show you how it works. Many vendors will be putting their merchandise up for auction. Food will

be available to purchase. Doors open at 12 noon, and bidding starts at 1 pm. Admission is free.

Fri. Oct. 9: Sir Rod Show featuring Tommy Edwards as Rod Stewart

The Women of the Moose are proud to present live, on stage, the Sir Rod Show, featuring impersonator Tommy Edwards as Rod Stewart, and his band. Tickets are \$20 per person, and entertainment is from 8:00-10:30 pm. Dinner is available to purchase before the show from 6-7:30 pm for \$12 per person including dessert. Tickets go on sale on Sep. 1st.

Beltsville Garden Club September Meeting

Please join the Beltsville Garden Club for an engaging presentation by Robin Everly titled "On Being a Botanical Librarian: Tales from the Stacks." Robin has been a botanical and horticultural librarian for fifteen years, first with the U.S. National Arboretum and now at Smithsonian Libraries. She has learned so much about America's garden history from the books and journals in these libraries that it is time to share that knowledge and tell their stories. Robin will present some of the lesser-known books and facts about America's gardening history, such as "when the modern

lawn was invented" and "the role 19th century and early 20th century World Fairs have had in shaping our landscape architecture history." She will also talk about her role as a librarian for Smithsonian Gardens staff and discuss the lovely theme gardens surrounding the Smithsonian buildings on the mall.

For the past 30 years, Robin Everly has worked in the information professional field. In addition to working as a librarian, she has also worked at the National Agricultural Library and the National Cancer Institute. She is an active member of Council on Botani-

cal and Horticultural Libraries (CBHL) and served as president of the Botanical Society of Washington in 2013. She has a Master of Library Sciences and a Bachelor of Science in Zoology from the University of Maryland.

The Beltsville Garden Club will meet Wednesday, September 30, 2015, at 7:30 pm in the multi-purpose room of the Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville, MD. The public is welcome, admission is free, and refreshments will be enjoyed after the meeting.

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The Beltsville Young at Heart Club

The Young at Heart potluck picnic was a smashing success. Judy Dillon was chairperson of this event. Lois was in charge of decorations and made a \$20- and a \$50-dollar raffle basket and a beautiful planter. Everyone brought a dish. Amy and Rosa were asked for their recipes. Joanne, our vice president, has the new book ready to be printed.

Our day trip to see *Grease* was lovely. A buffet lunch in Thurmont, and delightful show in Fayetteville, PA, made it a good day with friends.

You are always welcome to join us and share some good times. We meet on the first and third Thursday of each month at the Beltsville Recreation Center at 3900 Selman Rd in Beltsville. In closing, I leave you with this thought: you cannot do a kindness too soon because you never know how soon it will be too late.

Club News

College Park Post and Unit #217 Happenings

By Ivy Christoffers

The state convention for The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary was held on July 13-17 in Ocean City, MD. What a great week it was! The convention opened with the annual golf tournament followed by the Southern Maryland Past President's Luncheon at Coin's Restaurant on Monday followed at 4:00 pm by the Southern Maryland District Legion's Annual Fish Fry. There was great fish, hot dogs, beans, and special libations. Everyone enjoyed a great time of fun and fellowship. The convention began with the Tuesday morning Department Executive Committee (DEC) meeting and the Past Department President's Dinner that night at The Dunes, followed by the official opening that evening. On Wednesday morning at 8:00, the convention began three days of interesting and informative sessions. Wednesday evening, there was a very poignant joint memorial service to recognize those members who reported to The Supreme Commander during the past year. This is always a most impressive service, which includes all branches of the military and POW/MIA's. Thursday saw nominations and elections of department officers for the coming year and the awarding of certificates to the outstanding units for their work. College Park Unit #217 was awarded 7 prestigious certificates. This was also the day we held our Past Presidents' Luncheon for unit presidents when we were entertained by all the Past State Presidents in a skit called "The Family Feud, Ozark Style." They all dressed as hillbil-



Nashville singer, Chad Reinert, will be appearing at College Park American Legion Post on Oct. 18.

lies with moonshine jugs and other paraphernalia: it was hilarious. These women can really be funny. That evening, there was an officer's dinner where the 7 District Presidents entertained. On Friday morning, officers were installed, and delegates to the national convention were elected.

There were many guests speakers such as many presenters from the Veterans Administration Medical Centers we support, our Girl State senators and governor, the mayor of Ocean City, The American Legion Commander, and The Son Of the American Legion Detachment Commander, just to name a few. After the Friday morning session, the first DEC meeting was held to approve the chairmen appointments for the year. All in all, it was an enjoyable and productive week.

Now, to bring you up to date about what is happening at the College Park Post: on Sept. 26 from 9 am-2 pm, there will be a huge yard sale. Tables and table space are available for a dona-

tion of \$10. Call 301.441.2783 to reserve your space and/or tables.

Also, we are getting in on the ground floor when it comes to enjoying new talent. An upcoming Nashville singer, Chad Reinert, direct from Toneslanger Recording Studios, who has a song currently playing on the Nashville circuit, will be in College Park appearing at Post #217 on Oct. 18th. For a donation of \$20, you can enjoy dinner and a live floor show. Doors will open at 5:00 pm for dinner with the performance beginning at 6:00 pm. This is a very inexpensive evening and a great way to show your support to a young, talented performer. These special evenings at Post #217 have proven to be great events for all. Thanks to Tina Zook, who makes the arrangements all for all of our celebrity entertainers and cooks the dinners for their dinner dances, for making these events possible.

We also still have bingo three days each week (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) at 12:15 pm and Friday night dinner dances with great bands. Our event hall is available for your special occasions. If you are interested in renting it, just call Gary Kingery, post manager. We also have a great chef on the premises who will do all the cooking for you. I am running out of space, so I will close for now with this: may God bless our troops wherever they are defending the world, and may He continue to bless this great land of ours.

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AREA EVENTS

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BROOKSIDE GARDENS

1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton, MD 20902. Travel time on surface streets from Beltsville is about 20 to 25 minutes. Information Desk: 301.962.1400. **Please note: Parking is limited during ongoing construction.** For more information, see MontgomeryParks.org/brookside. The grounds are open every day of the year from sunrise to sunset. Free admission. Regular hours of operation for the Visitor Center are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, except for most major holidays.

WINGS OF FANCY

The exhibit continues through Sun., Oct. 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily in the South Conservatory. Weather-related conditions may cause the exhibit to close early on certain days; call before coming. This is a live butterfly and caterpillar exhibit. Tickets are for sale in the Conservatory gift shop. Wheelchair accessible. Cost: \$8/adults, \$5/children ages 3 – 12. No charge for children under age 3, but **strollers are not permitted, per USDA requirements.**

MONTPELIER MANSION & ART CENTER

9650 Muirkirk Rd., Laurel, MD 20708. Phone: 301.377.7817. TTY: 301.699.2544. E-mail: montpeliermansion@pgparks.com. Contact the Art Center at 301.377.7800 regarding art and photography classes. Self-guided tours of the mansion: Thur. – Tue. from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost: \$3/adults, \$2/seniors, \$1/children ages 5 – 17, free/ages 5 and under. The mansion is closed on Wednesdays. The grounds are open from dawn until dusk every day of the year and access is free of charge.

HANDS ON HISTORY PLAYGROUND

Sun., Sept. 6 at 3:30 p.m. Ever wonder what's behind the doors that say *Staff Only* and *Do Not Enter*? See areas that are seldom open to the general public. This will include the main house's three different cellars, the attic, and walk-in vault. Tours will be led by Don Graham, who began working at the property in 1985 and has been involved with much of the recent restoration work at the house and grounds. Participants will need to climb and descend narrow winding staircases and (optional) climb several steps up on 6- to 8-foot ladders. Older clothes and comfortable shoes are recommended. No reservation required. Fee: Resident/\$2, Non-resident/\$3. The mansion will be open for self-guided tours for an additional fee. All ages welcome.

COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM

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

TRAINS & PLANES

Sat., Sept. 5 through Mon., Sept. 7 (Labor Day) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Miniature trains, villages, tunnels, and depots spark the imagination as they bring history to life. The National Capital Trackers bring a fas-

cinating and constantly moving display of model railroads to the museum. Free with museum admission. All ages welcome.

LAUREL-BELTSVILLE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

7120 Contee Rd., Laurel, MD 20707, around the corner from the Laurel Regional Hospital. Phone: 301.206.3350. Fax: 301.206.3387. TTY: 301.446.3402. Regular hours of operation: Mon. – Thur. from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fri. from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat. from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., closed on Sunday. Membership is free for Beltsville residents who are age 60 or older.

SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Friendship Club regular office hours are Mon. – Fri. from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The monthly meeting will take place on Wed., Sept. 9 at 10:30 a.m. The special program will be provided by financial advisor Bob Reedy. The luncheon that day will be a meat loaf luncheon; sign-up and pay in advance by Wed., Sept. 2. Cost: \$7/ Members, \$9/Non-members. **Save the date:** We have a one-day bus trip on Wed., Nov. 18 to the Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA, to see *The Miracle of Christmas*. Price is \$125 per person and includes transportation, show, smorgasbord lunch, tax, and gratuity.

THURSDAY MOVIE MATINEES

The movie for Thur., Sept. 10 is *This Means War* and the movie for Thur., Sept. 24 is *Selma*. Movie time starts at 10 a.m. and ends around 12 noon. We'll supply the popcorn and you enjoy the movie. Free.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER

10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. Main phone: 301.497.5772. See fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent/visit/NWVC.html. The entrance is accessed from Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore–Washington Pkwy. and Rt. 197. Regular hours of operation for the Visitor Center are: Fri. – Wed. from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closed Thursday. The Center is also closed on federal holidays and may close early the day before. Regular hours of operation for the trails and grounds are: Open daily from sunrise to sunset, except for federal holidays. Come on out to try to catch a glimpse of wildlife in the early morning or early evening hours! Free admission to the Visitor Center and its exhibits, grounds, and trails. **Space in public programs is limited and registration is required unless otherwise specified** — call 301.497.5887. Activities and events are free of charge if not noted. Please advise us of any special needs so that we may accommodate you.

HOLLINGSWORTH ART GALLERY

The featured artist for September is Jing-Jy Chen. The gallery is open when the Visitor Center is open. Registration is not required. All ages.

FISHING AT CASH LAKE

Fishing is open to the Refuge's fishing-parking pass holders; applications for permits are available at the National Wildlife Visitor Center during operating hours. Anglers must present — in person — a valid non-tidal MD fishing license.

SEPTEMBER 2015

Calendar of Events

MICROHABITAT HIKE

Wed., Sept. 9 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Ages 8 – 10. Not all habitats are as large as a forest — some are very small! And lots of the wildlife at the refuge is small, too. Explore the outdoors visiting some microhabitats and search for some of the smaller residents of the refuge. *Please wear long pants to spend time on the ground.* Rain date: Wed., Sept 16.

WHOOPING CRANE OBSERVATORY TOUR

Sun., Sept. 13 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Ages 14+. Take a guided tour to the Whooping Crane Observatory at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center to observe a pair of graceful and endangered adult whooping cranes. Find out more about the Whooping Crane population recovery program. Arrive early, as tour will leave on time. Space is very limited.

BIRD WALK

Two age groups: 1) Ages 16+ on Wednesdays, Sept. 16 and 30 from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., and 2) Ages 8+ on Sat., Sept. 19 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Search for birds in several refuge habitats on this guided hike. *Field guides and binoculars are recommended.*

SPECIALTY KID'S TRAM

Sun., Sept. 27, 10:30 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. Ages 3 – 9. Join a refuge volunteer for a special kid's themed wildlife tram tour! Visit the various habitats of the refuge. Look, listen, and learn about the plants and animals that live there.

MONARCH MAGIC

Sun., Sept. 27 and Mon., Sept. 28 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. All ages. Discover the miraculous journey of a monarch butterfly from a tiny egg to an intricate butterfly that travels 2,500 miles across open water all the way to Mexico. Learn what they eat, what makes them so magical, and how to support them in your own backyard through family-friendly activities.

FALL BAZAAR AT ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

Fri., Oct. 23 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sat., Oct. 24 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Located at 8603 Contee Rd. in Laurel. Enjoy crafts handmade by parishioners, homemade baked goods, children's activities, St. Nicholas Boutique, theme baskets to raffle, door prizes, and a 50/50 raffle. The food concession will serve breakfast and lunch on both days, and as always, we will host an Oktoberfest dinner on Friday night! For more information, contact Pat at 301.776.4645.

BELTSVILLE EVENTS

Please contact the individual facilities regarding late changes or updates to hours of operation.

THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)

The library is free and open to the public and public parking is free. Hours of operation: Mon. – Fri. from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for federal holidays. The library is located at 10301 Baltimore Ave., near Sunnyside Ave. Main phone num-

ber: 301.504. 5755. See NAL.USDA.gov. NAL is on Twitter at http://twitter.com/#!/National_Ag_Lib.

WOMEN'S CLUB

Wed., Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. The Club will meet at the Old Line Bistro, 11011 Baltimore Ave. Come check us out.

BELTSVILLE CITIZENS' ASSOC. MEETING

Wed., Sept. 16 at 7 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Beltsville Academy, 4300 Wicomico Ave. Please plan to attend.

BEHNKE NURSERIES GARDEN CENTER

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

BONSAI: HAND-ON BEGINNER BASICS

Sat., Sept. 5 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (1-day classes are held the first Saturday of every month). With a focus on care and maintenance, learn all the basics of bonsai design. Select a tree, learn how to prune, transplant, landscape with rocks, and discover what the art of bonsai is all about as you create your very own bonsai to take home. This is a fully inclusive class. Cost: \$65.00, materials provided.

GARDENER'S NIGHT OUT

Fri., Sept. 18 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Visit with our staff and discover the fall planting season. Events include free demonstrations. Refreshment sales will benefit the Police Youth Explorers.

FALL ROSE SHOW

Sat., Sept. 26 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Sun., Sept. 27 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hosted by the Potomac Rose Society. Free and open to the public.

BELTSVILLE LIBRARY

The library is located at 4319 Sellman Rd., Beltsville, next to the police station. Main phone number: 301.937.0294. Regular hours of operation are Mon. – Tue. from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., Wed. – Fri. from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sat. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Sunday. Visit our library system website at www.pgcmis.info to use our online library services.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

PRESCHOOL STORYTIMES

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

TODDLER STORYTIME

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

EXHIBIT: JUNIOR DUCK STAMP ART

Tue., Sept. 8 through Mon., Sept. 21. The Beltsville Library will host winners of the Federal Junior Duck Stamp competition. Come to see these beautiful works of art.

TAIL WAGGIN' TUTORS

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

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Mon., Sept. 21 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Learn salsa dancing, the popular social dance from Latin America. Ages 6 - adult.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

SATURDAY AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION

Sat., Sept. 12 at 1 p.m. Jonathan Safran Foer's *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*. All are welcome.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION

Tue., Sept. 15 at 2:00 p.m. Mitchell Zuckoff's *Frozen in Time*. All are welcome.

BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

3900 Sellman Rd., Beltsville. Phone: 301.937.6613. Spanish line: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512. The Facility Director is Leigh Ann Eckenrode. She can be contacted at the center or by e-mail at LeighAnn.Eckenrode@pgparks.com. Regular hours of operation are: Mon. – Thur. from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fri. from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sat. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed on Sunday. Hours of operation for Xtreme Teens and Pre-teens: Fri. – Sat. from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Contact the Center regarding special events for September.

YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

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

STRATEGY GAME CLUB

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

XTREME TEEN REGULAR EVENTS

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

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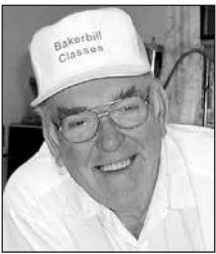
6813 Ammendale Rd., Vansville. Phone: 301.937.6621. Fax: 301.937.6623. Spanish line: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512. The Director is Jeremy Weiss. He can be contacted at the center, or by phone, or by e-mail at Jeremy.Weiss@pgparks.com. Regular hours of operation: Mon. – Thur. from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fri. – Sat. from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (except for Xtreme Teens), Sun. from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Hours of operation for Xtreme Teens: Fri. – Sat. from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Contact the Center regarding special events for September.

XTREME TEENS REGULAR EVENTS

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

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Baker Bill

STUFF 'N THINGS

I have had a good summer so far. I have had a few e-mails about baking problems, and I think I have been able to help. Do you have a baking problem? Bill@bakerbill.net is the answer.

I live here in Riderwood, I'm sure all of you have heard of it. My life here is good. When I think about it, all of the things I worried about are now gone: worries such as the dark spots on the lawn, how much I will need to spend on the lawn, that piece of loose siding, the roof I'll need to replace in a year or so, the deck that needs replacing or painting the house. You get the picture. My point is this: if you have been thinking about looking to join us here at Riderwood, please mention my wife's and my names, Betty and Bill Raulin, at the onset. Riderwood has good finder's fees for anyone who helps. Thanks in advance.

I was leaving one of our great dining restaurants last evening when a lady came over to me and said she was an ardent fan of my writings. She said she has been following me for years and also was a customer of the bakery. She would have gone on for a long while, but Betty had left to check the mail. I'm sure I'll be talking to her in the future.

Many have written me asking questions about recipes. The answer is go to *Bakerbill.net* and click recipes. Everyone you'll find is tested in class and is written in plain English with no secret ingredients needed. You should try one of the cakes listed there. Afterwards you'll wonder why you ever bought the expensive box mixes; my cakes are sweet, moist, and tasty. You'll also find great frostings there. I feel I need to mention that all are made with all-purpose flour and Crisco shortening. Cake

flour makes a better grain but is hard to find, and Crisco is the only shortening you can buy. Yes, you could use butter, but it is not as good because it is not a shortening and can seldom replace shortening for overall quality. Now, if you have questions, I can be reached by email at bill@bakerbill.net or by phone at 301.572.4180 any afternoon after 2:00 pm. I would love to hear from you.

A resident writer interviewed me and wrote a nice article. It was well written and did not make me look like a hero, just a new resident with an interesting past. It was published in the Riderwood monthly paper called *The Riderwood Reporter*.

The photo at the top of my article is 18 years or so old. If you would like to know what I look like today, drop me a line, and I'll send you a photo.

Baker Bill AKA Bill Raulin

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peer-to-peer youth education, prevention, and activism organization, SADD empowers young people to lead initiatives in their schools and communities that will encourage prevention education and create a positive effect on the lives of their peers.

During the conference, Co-Presidents Rannisaa Yudhistira and Carlee Meadows along with Advisor Joanne Read explored new prevention strategies, learned about advocacy, and shared best practices to improve teen health and safety. This is the 2nd year students and advisors at Eleanor Roosevelt High School joined hundreds of youth leaders representing the most active SADD chapters in 29 states at the conference.

Co-President Carlee Meadows stated that "The conference gave both Rannisaa and me different ideas on how to maintain organization throughout the school year and also how to target specific groups, whether that be by grade, age, culture, or interests, for our school's population."

Eleanor Roosevelt High School's SADD Advisor Joanne Read stated: "Many thanks to SADD National for selecting me as the National SADD Advisor of the year. What an honor to represent the entire group of dedicated leaders in our fine organization! Our chapter also appreciates both SADD Nation AND the National Safety Council for sponsoring our amazing trip to Nashville. The conference was awe-inspiring for both my co-presidents and me. We not only met many extraordinary

members, advisors, coordinators, and speakers but also came away with fantastic ideas that we plan on incorporating into our chapter's activities this coming school year. A VERY special thank you goes out to the following people: SADD's new President and CEO Dawn Teixeira; SADD's Development Officer Rick Birt; SADD's Director of Field Services Chris Egan; and Senior Manager, Teen Driving Safety Initiatives at National Safety Council, Kathy Bernstein. We are SADD STRONG!"

Since its founding in 1981, SADD has provided quality prevention education programming to thousands of chapters nationwide. "Empowering young people and equipping them with the tools to inspire positive change are at the heart of the SADD National Conference," said Dawn Teixeira, SADD president & CEO. "It's truly encouraging to see firsthand the dedication from chapter leaders and know that, beyond the conference, thousands of young people will be changed for the better."

The SADD Conference is unique in that it is planned and implemented by young people for young people. Through more than 40 youth- and adult-led workshops, keynote speakers, advocacy training, skill-building activities, and shared best practices, attendees explored new ways to deal with critical issues facing teens today. Key topics included driving and traffic safety, underage drinking prevention, substance abuse, bullying, advocacy, mental health, and more. Each year, the conference programming aims to help teens recognize their own power to rise above negative influences while

networking opportunities allow them to learn from other student leaders about ways to best promote healthy and positive life choices among their peers and ultimately help save lives.

With motor vehicle crashes remaining the leading cause of death among teens, the importance of educating young drivers about the dangers of risky, aggressive, and distracted driving was also highlighted. Toyota's Teen Drive365 distracted driving simulator, State Farm's teen driver safety programs, and several other traffic safety-related presentations were showcased. This year's conference sponsors and supporters included the National Safety Council, Toyota, The National Road Safety Foundation, the Tennessee Governor's Highway Safety Office, State Farm, DCH Auto Group, CARFAX, and Cars.com.

The Conference Awards Ceremony recognized the stellar efforts of many who are making a difference in the lives of today's teens in Tennessee and around the country. The SADD Outstanding Contribution Award recognizing outstanding leadership and commitment in support of teen safe driving was presented to State Farm and a Special Recognition Award honoring demonstrated commitment in support of reducing teen traffic crashes, deaths, and injuries on our highways was presented to representatives from the Tennessee Governor's Highway Safety Office. The Chairman's Compass Award was presented to Penny Wells, SADD's former president & CEO, in recognition of her 15 years of service to SADD.

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"I build a bond with a lot of the patients," Howell said. "They'll call and ask me how I'm doing, and I'll call and ask them how they're doing." As an employee of Laurel Eye Physicians and Surgeons, Howell said she can empathize with many patients who are going through vision loss. "It's getting a little worse each year," she said. "I think I'm down to 40 degrees [of visual field]."

On Sun., Sept. 20th, Howell will participate in the second annual Eye Run for POB, a 5K and fun run to support local vision programs by the Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington. She is participating with her coworkers on the Laurel Eye Physicians and Surgeons' office team.

"Our office – we're like family. We support each other in everything," Howell said. "This is what we do; we care about people's eyes." The team has already raised \$1,100 of its \$2,000 fundraising goal and is the largest Eye Run team with 33 members.

"I'm doing this for me," Howell said. "And, hopefully, my kids will have a better chance of not going blind." Howell attended the inaugural event last year with her daughters as well. "It's just fun; it's nice to get together as a work office and do this together," she said.

COAKLEY

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Senior coffee with District 6 COPS: Cpl. Hibbert will host the September 3rd meeting at 1:00 pm. The coffees are held at the Laurel-Beltsville Senior Center, 7120 Contee Road, Laurel, MD. The mobile crisis unit will give a presentation.

There will be a neighborhood crime watch meeting Tuesday, Sept. 29th at 7:00 pm at the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department, Station 31, located on Prince Georges Avenue.

If you have a community concern, I can be reached at 301-937-3490 or karenmcoakley@msn.com

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