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Beltsville Briefs

The Darryl Davis Band to Perform in College Park

Daryl Davis will be tickling the ivories just down the street on Saturday, January 5, from 8 to 11 pm! We are putting on a fabulous dance at the College Park American Legion! Your feet won't stay still to Daryl's boogie-woogie beat!! Tickets are \$15.00 (cash only please) and can be purchased at the door. There will also be food and drink available for purchase. The American Legion is located at 9218 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, MD 20740.

Apart from The Daryl Davis Band, Daryl has worked with Elvis Presley's Jordanaires, Chuck Berry, The Legendary Blues Band, Percy Sledge, Jerry Lee Lewis, The Coasters, The Platters, The Drifters, and many others. Daryl's CDs *American Roots* and *Alternate Routes* received rave reviews from leading blues magazines, winning several WAMA (Washington Area Music Association) awards for best artist in the roots and blues categories. Daryl tours both nationally and internationally.

New Traffic Pattern at Maryland Farms

By Jason Inanga

Construction work at the entrance to the Maryland Farms Shopping Center off Cherry Hill Road has been completed, and motorists are encouraged to exercise caution as they become familiar with the new traffic pattern to enter and exit the shopping center. The shopping center, which, apart from being home to Popeye's and Subway, also has some bars, an Indian Restaurant, Enterprise Car Rental, convenience stores, and a hair salon.

Traffic signals have also been erected at the intersection and are now operational. The enhancement is welcome because the intersection has always been a scene of accidents, typically caused by traffic coming over the brow of a hill at high speeds.

Beltsville VFD Dedicates New Ambulance

By Todd Reitzel

On December 10 the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department dedicated its new ambulance, the first one owned by the department since the 1970s. Prince George's County owned previous ambulances used by the company.

"The new ambulance with its newer equipment will allow us to provide more consistent support to our emergency medical service (EMS) volunteers," said Margie Dickey, the department's president. "Many of our volunteers are EMS-only, and having this state-of-the-art equipment helps our volunteer base."

The new vehicle is a Ford F550 XLT, and it features a Stryker Power-LOAD stretcher system. The system allows the volunteers to load and unload a patient without risking injury of the volunteers



Members of the Beltsville VFD take pride in their new ambulance!

doing the heavy lifting, allowing personnel to focus on other areas of medical service.

The new vehicle cost the department \$266 thousand, and the Stryker system cost an additional \$30 thousand. The department now has three fire engines, one ladder truck, one ambulance,

and three other vehicles. The department runs operations using citizen donations and purchases vehicles using a combination of State of Maryland grants and citizen donations.

For more information about the department, visit www.beltsvillevfd.com.

Another Door Opens at Laurel Mill Playhouse



The cast of *Another Door Opens* opening January 4 at Laurel Mill Playhouse.

The holiday festivities are over, the gifts are unwrapped, and you are looking for something to do. How about coming out to see a show about an artificial intelligence who is responsible for accidentally destroying the world and trying to repopulate the earth with only four human beings and her two android assistants in a run-down fallout shelter? Doesn't sound too complicated, does it? Oh, and did I mention this is a comedy?

Laurel Mill Playhouse's 2019 season kicks off with *Another Door Opens*. *Another Door*

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Beltsville SDA Girls Win Basketball Tournament

By Jason Inanga

Earlier this month, the girls basketball team of the Beltsville Seventh-Day Adventist School won the Maryland Excel Girls Basketball Middle School Tournament for 2018. The weekend invitational tournament was held in the gym of Spencerville Academy in Burtonsville.

Beltsville won all its games. The team was coached by Yoel Habtermariam of the Physical and Health Education Department of the school.



The girls basketball team of the Beltsville Seventh-Day Adventist School pose with their trophy.

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On the Agenda



Karen Coakley

By President Karen M. Coakley

Happy New Year! The Citizen's Association will not have a meeting in January. Over the past week, I have heard from several Beltsville residents about problems with the US Post Office here in Beltsville. Please call or send me an email if you have had a problem. I intend to schedule a meeting to deal with the issues.

Winter is here. If the weather is calling for snow, please park on one side of the street and get as many cars off the streets so the snowplows can clear them. This is especially important on some of the narrow streets in Beltsville. Neighbors on Wicomico off Montgomery leading to Beltsville Academy: the snowplows need to clear your street so the school buses can get to the school. Neighbors in Beltsville Heights (Quimby, Lincoln, Naples, Olympia, etc.) plus 34th, 35th, and Kenny: I hate to say this, but park on your front yards if that is what it takes to clear the streets. If the streets cannot be plowed, the fire trucks and ambulances cannot get to your home. Last year during a snowstorm, a Beltsville resident had to go to the hospital. The emergency responders had to park in a parking lot on Route 1

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Neighbors in the News

Cub Pack 1031: A Scout is Friendly

For December, Cub Pack 1031 scouts and their families donated toys to Dr. Bear's Toy Closet at Children's National Hospital. The toys will be distributed to sick children at the medical center and their offices.

We also had our annual holiday party on December 17 where we made decorations and had a wonderful visit from the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department's Santa. Many thanks to Al Schwartz for his last-minute arrangement for them to drop by.

This month, Tigers learned about nutrition, Bears complet-



Lions, Tigers, and Wolves having fun at the Christmas party at Cub Pack 1031

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Per-Fit African Boutique Reopens on Powder Mill Road



The Per-Fit African Boutique has a large selection of authentic African clothing.

In 2016, Per-Fit African Boutique's location in Takoma Park closed due to an extreme fire. The owners lost everything. Now, after nearly three years, they have rebuilt all that was lost. They are excited to say Per-Fit African Boutique is open for business again, this time right here in Beltsville! You can come and shop their new inventory. They have a large selection of authentic African clothing for women, men, and children as well as an abundance of fabric and lace. They have lots in store with plans to have events that support the local community.

The Per-Fit African Boutique is conveniently located at 4418 Powder Mill Rd. Beltsville, MD. The new location is centered right in the heart of Beltsville, just minutes away from Laurel and College Park, and hours of operation are 9 am-7 pm Monday-Saturday. Please note: the boutique will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day to observe the holidays.

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and walk two blocks to reach the resident's home and carry her back to the ambulance. Clear streets during a snowstorm or ice storm can save someone's life. Minutes matter for fire trucks, ambulances, and police to respond.

I can be reached at 301.937.3490 or karenmcoakley@msn.com. Below is a message from Sgt. Monroe from our COPS Unit at District 6 Police Station. *Greetings! Let's help our neighbors and watch out for potential thieves looking to break into vehicles. Also, while you're getting gas, remember to lock your doors and keep your valuables out of sight.*



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Photo by Todd Reitzel.

Santa makes his yearly trek through Beltsville accompanied by the Beltsville VFD!

Beltsville Recreation Council's
Holiday Home Decorating Contest

By Linda Diasgranados

The Beltsville Recreation Council along with the Beltsville Recreation Center and our judges from Councilmember Tom Dernoga's office and our sponsor the

Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union would like to thank the winners and other participants in the home decorating contest.



Devyn DeVantier, Winner 1st place in the Beltsville Recreation Council's Holiday Home Decorating Contest



Kim and Dean Thomas, Winner 2nd place (tied) in the Beltsville Recreation Council's Holiday Home Decorating Contest



Hannah Ong, Winner 2nd place (tied) in the Beltsville Recreation Council's Holiday Home Decorating Contest



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Obituaries

Bernota, Matthew Joseph

Matthew Bernota, a longtime resident of Beltsville, died July 5. He grew up in Beltsville where he attended Beltsville Elementary and High Point Jr. Sr. High School, from which he graduated in 1960. After earning a Master's Degree in Education, he returned to teach at High Point. He taught social studies and was the department head when he retired. He married Mary Lou Howard Bernota, and their sons Chad and Drew are also High Point graduates. For a while, he worked for *The Beltsville News*.

After Matt retired, he and Mary Lou moved to New Market in Frederick County where he was living at the time of his death. In retirement, he enjoyed spending time with his six grandchildren, traveling, golfing, and teaching adult education classes. Matt was instrumental in organizing many reunions for the High Point Class of 60, and he maintained many friendships from his years in Beltsville.

Courbron, Ernest

On Sunday, November 25, 2018, Ernest Courbron passed away. Husband of Mary Ann Courbron for 64 years, father of Cliff (Gina) and Michael Courbron, grandfather of Andy and Emily, brother of Diane Smith. Also survived by many other loving relatives. Friends and family called at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville, MD 20705 on

Wednesday, November 28, from 4-8 pm. Interment private.



Paul Victor Dobrow

Dobrow, Paul Victor

Paul Victor Dobrow passed away on Friday, November 9, in Plantation, FL. Paul was born in Torrington, CT, on August 1, 1927, and became a longtime Beltsville resident. After marrying his sweetheart, Theresa Slomski, in 1950, the couple moved to Beltsville, where he designed the house in which he raised five children. The home was directly across the street from St. Joseph Catholic Church, where Paul was an active parishioner. He was also active in the Toastmasters and the Knights of Columbus, eventually becoming a Grand Knight.

Paul worked for the Department of Defense as a value engineer. He traveled the world teaching other engineers in many countries like Germany, Japan, Italy, and Saudi Arabia, to name a few. He also designed and supervised wire-guided torpedoes for submarines.

In addition to these accomplishments, a major source of pride and enjoyment for Paul was one of his avocations—a weekly, one-hour radio show that played Polish music. It was called *Paul's Polka Party*, and he featured "happy music for happy people." His show served the Polish-American community in the Baltimore-Washington area for 13 years.

Paul's first wife predeceased him in 1994 shortly after he retired. After a period of mourning, he moved to Plantation, FL. During this time, Paul met a lovely redhead named Emily and fell in love again. The two married in April 2000. They spent over 14 years together before, sadly, Emily passed on.

Despite Paul's losses, he always maintained an amazing sense of humor and Old-World charm. He

was always ready to see the good in people and never passed up the chance to give someone a compliment. We will remember him for all of these things. And for that winning smile. And (of course) those beautiful blue eyes.

Paul Victor Dobrow is survived by his five children: Marcy Dobrow Rose and husband Tim, Paul Dobrow and wife Karen, William Dobrow, Laurie Dobrow, and Mary Dobrow; by grandchildren Shannon Field and husband Roberto, Paul Vincent Dobrow and wife Kristin, Joshua Rose and wife Alice, and Chelsea Rose-Pulitzer and husband Jesse; by great-grandchildren Abigail Mackenzie, Griffin Geoffrey, Brody Arturo, and Adley Grace.

Goldman, Sandra Helen

On Tuesday, December 18, 2018 Sandra Helen Goldman of Beltsville, Maryland passed away. She was the beloved wife of Edward Goldman; mother of Christy (Matt) Tomlins and Amy Goldman; grandmother of Chase Tomlins; sister of Barry (Shyrl) and Bruce (Patricia) Springer; aunt of Jana, Jeff, Ryan and Dean; preceded in death by parents, Roland and Helen Springer; Funeral service and interment private.

Martin Sr, Herbert Notely "Bear"

A devoted husband and loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and loyal friend to many passed away surrounded by his family on Wednesday, November 14, 2018.

Herbert "Bear" Martin Sr. of Beltsville born on August 18, 1940. He is survived by two sons, Marty Martin and Heath Martin (Cathy Martin); four stepchildren: Linda Halbritter, Terry Getty, Billy Halbritter, and David Halbritter; sister Diane Galliet; three grandchildren: Heather Martin, Nick Martin, Peyton Martin; and one great-grandson, Thomas John.

Bear had a great love for watching baseball; eating crabs and oysters; enjoying his cat, "Buddy"; and playing poker. A viewing was held on Sunday from 1 to 3 pm and 6 to 8 pm at Donald V. Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville, MD where a funeral service was held on Monday, November 19, at 11 am with graveside service at Fort Lincoln Cemetery.

PLAYHOUSE

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Opens is directed by *The Beltsville News's* own Rick Bergmann with Beltsville Resident Gary Heath helping out with set design and starring several local actors. It's the best kind of comedy: quirky characters, strange situations, and laugh-out-loud dialogue all contained in one tiny fallout shelter. The show runs for three weekends

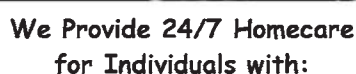
beginning Friday, Jan. 4. Show dates and times are Jan. 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, and 19 at 8 pm and Jan. 6, 13, and 20 at 2 pm. Tickets are \$20 general admission and \$15 for students 12 and under, seniors 65+, and active-duty military. You can buy tickets online at laurelmillplayhouse.org or at the door the day of the show. Laurel Mill Playhouse is located at 508 Main Street, Laurel, MD 20707.



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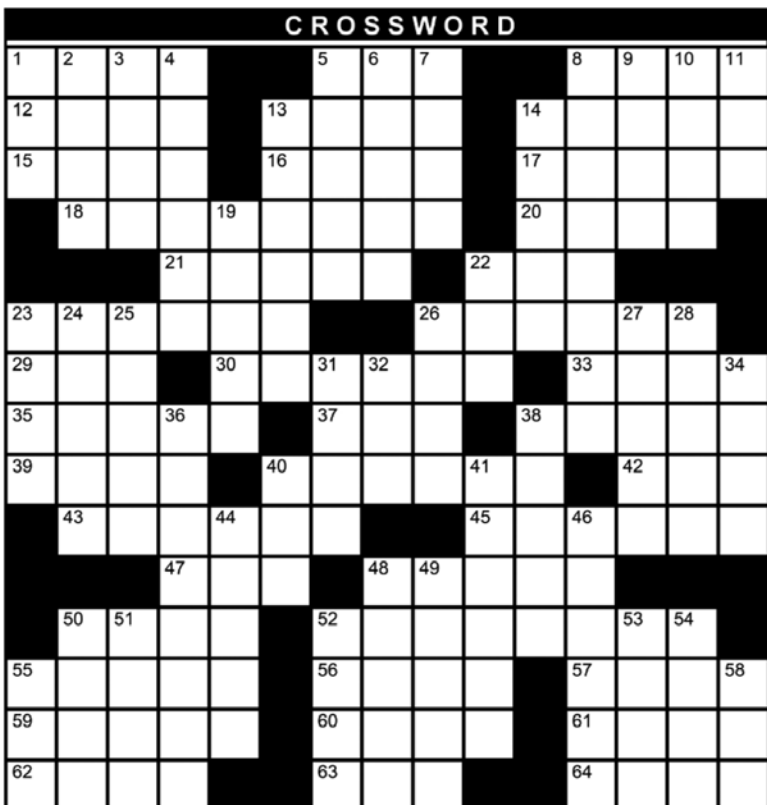
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5. Mayan language
8. *Bumpy winter transport
12. Spiritual leader
13. Ledger entry
14. In a cold manner
15. Deodorant's target
16. African chieftain
17. Asiatic wild dog
18. *Used in fun winter fights
20. Overnight lodgings
21. *Whoville's ____ beast
22. Tropical constrictor
23. E.B. White's Little
26. What siren does
29. Not a thing
30. Bear the expenses of
33. Between larva and adult
35. In a fitting way
37. Neighbor of Ger.
38. Up and about
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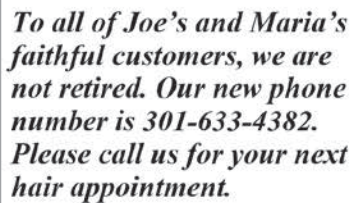
50. *Christmas pudding raisin
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55. "Fahrenheit 9/11" filmmaker
56. * "The stump of a ____ he held tight in his teeth..."
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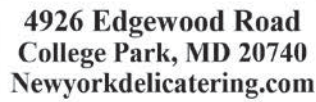
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5. Cass Elliot and Michelle Phillips
6. Like a crooked kilt?
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9. One with biggest share
10. Olden-day elbow-related measurement, pl.
11. Do after tie
13. Formal discussion
14. "Bite the bullet," e.g.
19. Verbose

22. Beyoncé, a.k.a. Queen _____
23. Finger move
24. *Angler's accessory
25. U in UV
26. Uber alternative
27. Your own teacher
28. Sudden stream
31. Box office failure
32. *Hot Buttered _____
34. St. Louis monument
36. Time for relaxation, pl.
38. Change, as in U.S. Constitution
40. "____'s the word"
41. Grey's fifty
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Atari had several hit arcade



Early consoles only played games loaded on cartridges or discs. Modern consoles now allow games to be purchased, downloaded, and stored on the console. Some games require the console be connected to the Internet. An Internet connection also allows multiplayer games. However, it is rare to find a game on multiple platforms that allows cross-platform play for multiple players. A headset with a microphone is a must-have accessory for the

The Switch, Nintendo's entry into the console world, is both a portable game device and con-

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Loh—Sunday, January 27, to
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I hope you can join my wife Sheila and me for our Welcome 2019 Celebration on Sunday, January 27, from 11:30 to 2 at The Hotel at The University of Maryland (7777 Baltimore Ave), the new 4-star hotel on Route 1 just across from the university's main gate in College Park. UMD President Wallace Loh is our special guest. Families are welcome. Please RSVP soon at www.SenatorJimRosapepe.com. We look forward to seeing you!

Energy Assistance Grant Funds Available to Low-Income Households

The state of Maryland is taking steps to ensure Marylanders will no longer have to choose between keeping warm and meeting their other expenses. Depending on your household income, you could be eligible for a grant of more than \$1,000 per year to assist in paying



Senator Jim Rosapepe

heating and electric bills. Annually, more than 100,000 households across the state enroll in the program.

Households can qualify regardless of participation in other state benefits programs. Residents can apply for benefits on an annual basis, with each grant year starting July 1 and concluding on June 30 of the following year. Households may apply at any time and reapply once per year as needed. Applicants do not need to be behind

on their bills in order to apply for help.

Interested residents should submit a completed paper application and the required supporting documents to their local energy office. To apply for assistance or get further information, customers can contact their nearest energy office by visiting dhr.maryland.gov/OHEPlocal or by calling DHR's helpline at 800.332.6347. Households can also apply online at dhr.maryland.gov/benefits.

State Legislative Session Starts January 9

Delegates Joseline Peña-Melnyk and Ben Barnes, Delegate-Elect Mary Lehman, and I will be back in Annapolis representing you in the 2019 Maryland legislative session starting on January 9.

Please let us know your opinions on issues of concern and contact us with any questions. And, of course, feel free to be in touch if the delegates or I can help you. Just email 21stDistrict-Delegation@gmail.com or call 301.858.3141.

TECH SENSE

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sole. The Switch has a gaming "dock" that the console device plugs into allowing game play to occur on the television. The console has its own screen, and when removed from the dock, the battery-powered console can be used to play games on its built-in screen. The Switch includes two wireless controllers called "Joy-Cons" that attach to the console and are similar to the Wii controllers. Like the Wii before it, the Switch has good support for family friendly and casual gamers. Popular and exclusive titles for the Switch include a new "Legend of Zelda" title, a new "Mario Kart" title, and "Super Smash Brothers Ultimate."

PC Games

PC gaming is gaming on the personal computer. Here the Windows PC dominates the market with significantly more games sold for the Windows platform than Apple, Chromebook, or Linux computers. This is because Windows currently provides the best graphics driver software for high performance games. Also, Xbox and Windows development resources can often be shared, making it easy for developers to target both platforms.

PC Game Distribution

Many PC games available today are sold online through distribution outlets. These outlets provide a means of selling games to customers for publishers. Distribution platforms often provided digital rights manage-

ment (DRM) allowing users more freedom installing games for play on multiple computers while protecting the publishers by making piracy difficult. Additional tools allow gamers to chat online as they watch others play or provide multiplayer environments.

Distributors

Steam is the largest PC game distributor by far. Its application provides game installation and updating, live chat, and a web-based DRM scheme that supports offline play. Game publishers Origin and EA (Origin.com) teamed up to create the Origin service. Origin is similar to Steam but mainly carries Origin and EA software.

GOG (used to stand for "Good Old Games") (<https://gog.com>) offers a mix of new and classic games. Many of the old favorites have been updated or paired with emulation software allowing these great games to work on modern computers. Most GOG games do not have DRM or copy protection software making it easy to install copies on both your desktop and your laptop computers.

Humble Bundle (<https://humblebundle.com>) is different in that a part of your purchase price goes to charity. You can pick the charity or select one of Humble Bundle's. It offers special bundles of software where you get to name the price and determine how much goes to charity.

Amazon games can be purchased old style on media shipped to your home or can be purchased for download. Amazon remembers the games you have purchased in

case you need to download and install them again.

Happy Holidays

Steam and all of these services mentioned allow the purchase of gift cards or instant Internet gifts in case you need help to complete your holiday shopping. I have run out of space again this month. I wish all a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, love for your neighbors, and joy for whatever else you may be celebrating.



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Writing a column is a lot of fun, especially when you get feedback from the readers. So to my reader Yolanda, who was kind enough to tell me she enjoys reading "Jason's Jive," thank you for the feedback; it keeps me motivated.

Travel! A lot of us like to travel and explore places, and I am one of those people. Talking to Yolanda, I realized it would be nice to write on this topic. Having lived half my life in Nigeria and the other half on the Caribbean island of St. Kitts, I have seen the best of two continents. I would love to travel to Asia and Australia, but I don't think I can handle those long flights. I know some of you do these trips two or three times or more a year. I don't know how you cope. With my height (6 feet, 2 inches), there is not much legroom for me, so the long flights can be uncomfortable.

I love traveling to Canada from Maryland. I have cousins there, and my wife has siblings in Toronto. It typically takes us close to ten hours driving across from Beltsville to Toronto (York). If you have not done this drive, you should. It can be a very scenic drive, depending on the route you take, and of course, when you get into Buffalo and approach Niagara Falls, you are greeted by one of the wonders of nature. On my next road trip, I will probably blog the drive and share some of my experiences with you.

However, within Beltsville, I love to take nature walks. There is so much to see and explore. Driving past, we take a lot for granted. I enjoy seeing the squirrels run past and stare at me (always wish I could figure out what they think when they see us humans). One of my favorite trails is the short walk from the Beltsville Community Center on Sellman Road, crossing the footbridge, attempting to do some of the physio machines on the trail, and ultimately ending up by the stream or brook looking at the fish as they swim up and down, sometimes throwing a rock over the surface of the water or just jumping from rock to rock as I used to do as a kid.

Childhood days were fun, and I am sure a lot of you can relate to what I am about to type. We had nothing much on television, so our playground was the trees and open fields. We would climb trees for fun and go through the neighborhood picking fruits off trees. Fun times! If a neighbor had dogs, we would break up into two or three groups. One set would distract the dogs while the rest of us would go up in the trees to pick the fruit. When I was growing up on the University of Ibadan campus in Nigeria, all the fruit trees technically belonged to us the kids in the section of the university where we lived.

Our main sport was soccer,

and the unofficial stadium was the lawns of Professor FMA Ukoli, a professor of zoology whose son, Robert, was a legend of our times on his bicycle always performing stunts. He also had a ten-speed bike, the only one around at the time. The rest of us rode Chopers or Grifters. (Let me throw this out there—Chinedu Echeruo, founder of App Hop Stop that was bought by Apple, grew up next to the Ukoli's if my memory serves me right. On Sankore Avenue opposite them was Professor Tam David-West, a virology professor who would go on to become a federal minister of petroleum under the regime of then General Muhammadu Buhari.) Sade, the Grammy-winning artiste, also grew up down the road from us. We lived on one end of Saunders Road, and she and her parents lived in the second block of flats at the start of Saunders Road. She was a few years older and nothing special at the time—she was the daughter of Professor Adu (he was just a young lecturer at the time, like the rest of our parents). Their flat was later occupied by Mr. Lester Henry, a senior lecturer of Irish descent in the Department of Classics.

And then there is Marcus, a close childhood friend who rode a bicycle a few years ago, from the west coast of Canada to the east coast. We were best friends growing up in Nigeria (his dad is Nigerian and mother Canadian). When we saw each other by default in Toronto (2015), it was the first meeting in person since 1982. I

will share highlights of his experience with you in 2019. I hope I can finish writing a book for him on his experience. Trust me: he has some interesting stories.

As I tell folk, be respectful to the police and appreciate what they have to deal with. As long as you have not broken any law, you have no need be worried. Even this month when I was pulled over on Route 29 South with my last two children in the car, the Montgomery County Officer was cool. He was very professional, and as I explained to my children, the stop went well because, in my opinion, I made the officer comfortable. He could see I was in my FedEx Express uniform, my hands were on the steering wheel, my windows were down so he could see inside, and my inner lights were on. He asked if I know why I had been pulled over, to which I replied, no. He said I was driving the limit, and that when he changed lanes and got behind me, I eventually took off and hit 80 mph. I apologized and explained to him that I did not realize I had done that. I apologized for wasting his time. He asked for my license, and I told him it was inside my jacket and asked for permission to take my hands off the wheel and get it. He gave me the okay, took one look at it, and then asked me to be careful. He said hi to the kids and was on his way.

My 13-year-old daughter was in the back seat, and I explained

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Club News

Enjoying the Art of Bonsai

Please join the Beltsville Garden Club for a monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 23, 2019, at 7:30 pm at the James Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville, MD. Michael James will speak on Enjoying the Art of Bonsai, offering a look at the art form through the lens of the collection at the National Bonsai and Penjing Museum, including a PowerPoint presentation. He will talk about the horticulture that makes it possible to grow woody plants in shallow containers and will bring some living examples to show.

Many people think of bonsai as a marriage between science and art, but few people understand that partnership better than Michael James. The museum curator joined



Photo by Mike Collela.

Michael James, museum specialist.

the National Bonsai & Penjing Museum at the National Arboretum in 2002, first as a volunteer, then as a staff member. He brought with him not just a love of bonsai but a background in plant science, agriculture, and art, all of which have helped make him an effective curator of bonsai.

Originally from Clear Spring,

MD, James grew up farming with his family. He saw his first bonsai, a forest planting of red maples native to the area, at the Clear Spring community show. He was a middle school student and was immediately intrigued by the art. James went on to attend the Maryland Institute College of Art, studying fine arts and design for two years. He then earned a degree in plant science from Cornell University in 2001.

The public is welcome; admission is free. Contributions of a plant or plant-related item for the door prize table and a refreshment to share are appreciated. If Prince George's County Public Schools are closed on this date for weather-related conditions, the meeting will be canceled.

Post and Unit 217 Ends the Year on a High Note

By Ivy Christoffers

December was a very busy month for the members of College Park Post and Unit 217. It began with catering the holiday party for the National Guard on December 1. The organizers traveled for 10 hours from Augusta, GA, arriving at the post home at 6 pm on November 30, just in time to join in our special spaghetti dinner. After dining, the two began to decorate the hall for their party. The following morning at 8:30 am, they finished their preparations, and the party began at 11 am complete with Santa and his elves. It was so impressive to see all the men and women in uniform. There were 24 children, who all received 5 gifts each. Seven boxes of toys and gifts were also presented to the post to be delivered to area children. After the end of this function, the two organizers left for Georgia to attend a wedding. Such energy! We thoroughly enjoyed serving these special guardians of our freedoms.

The next momentous event was the honoring of our Policeman of the Year on December 4, who was announced in last month's column.

On December 15, we had another catering event: the metro retirees' holiday party. This was their third year with us. The catering/serving crew was beautiful, dressing in holiday attire and working in unison serving the 150 attendees. After the dinner was completed, the cleanup crew made short work of clearing the tables so the party could really take off.

Post and Unit 217 served the less fortunate of College Park through generous contributions to College Park Youth and Family Services.

December 15 saw the holiday party of Southern Maryland District American Legion Auxiliary held at Chesapeake Post 206 in Chesapeake, MD. The entertainment was by The Spirit of Love Choir from the Washington VA Medical Center. They were fabulous.

On December 16, the officers and volunteers of Unit 217 were treated to a mimosa brunch holiday party at The Bistro restaurant in Beltsville. This is a tradition began in 2016 to thank our officers and volunteers for their work throughout the year. On December 24, there was a holiday party held at the post.

Imagine, all these activities and still holding bingo every Tuesday and Wednesday, shotgun bingo on Monday evening, dinner dances every Friday, dinner on Sunday, and lunch every day—an active post indeed.

If you are going out for New Year's, be safe. If you have an event coming up, why not call our post home manager, Gary Kingery, at 301-441-2783 to check us out. You may be pleasantly surprised.

Let us remember to thank God for His continued blessings as we pray for our men and women in uniform serving throughout the world.

Women's Community Club of Beltsville 2018 Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Good and Gift Program

Our 2018 program provided Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner for 40 Beltsville families and gifts for 128 children. We would like to THANK our partners who helped us "Spread a Little Sunshine" at Thanksgiving and Christmas 2018: Councilwoman Mary Lehman; Beltsville Academy; MLK Middle School; Calverton Elementary; Beltsville Adventist School; Emmanuel United Methodist Church and Women's Group; Beltsville Baptist Church; Tabernacle of Faith Worship Center; The Jain Society; Christ Embassy Largo Children's Ministry; Home Depot; Behnke's; Olney Win-

ery; Beltsville Lions Foundation; Greater Beltsville Business Association; District 6 Police Explorers and Cpl. Hibbert; Beltsville Area Girl Scout troops; Beltsville Boys & Girls Club; Geotech Engineers; Consumer Title; R & P Settlements; Movement Mortgage; O'Malley, Miles, Nylen & Gilmore-Attorneys at Law; Washington Overhead Door; Sun Services; Haley & Associates; Donald V. Borgwardt Funeral Home; Meyers, Rodbell & Rosenbaum; Ann Anderson; Cabling Systems Inc.; Posh Fitness; Optimized Thermal Systems; Aldi's (Beltsville); Giant Food; Target (Calverton);

Bobbie Benfield; Rick and Carol Boettinger; Home Depot (College Park); Cherry Hill Park; Kathy Coakley; Rian Jackson; Deynse Jeter-Williams; Vicki and Paul Malengo; and the Radcliff Family. This is a partial list. The rest will be in our February column.

If you would like more information about the Women's Community Club of Beltsville, we can be reached at WCCBeltsville@gmail.com. Donations can be sent to:

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The “Bull Pen”

By Tracy Fuller

Did you know that the Beltsville-Adelphi Boys and Girls Club has been an all-volunteer club in existence for over 60 years? Well, starting this year, “The Bull Pen” will keep you informed on the club’s achievements, the various sports programs, and much more ongoing with the club.

The club had a great 2018 season but is looking forward to an



2018 13U PGCBGC County Basketball Champions

even better 2019. The club, as many of you are already aware of, is going through a transitional/rebuilding period. Yet, we are still striving to be a club of excellence.

To help in this rebuilding, we need your assistance. The Beltsville Bulls are always looking for coaches, assistant coaches, and volunteers. Without those leaders in our community, our kids will not have the guidance and direction through those sports programs.

We are also looking for donations to enable more scholarships or lower fees for the players. Other proud sponsors of the Beltsville Boys and Girls Club include Jackson Shaw, Response Team 1, and the Peterson Group. Donations, no matter how large or small, are always welcomed and don’t have to be monetary; we need equipment for all sports or other youth, sports-related, in-kind services).

Because the club is a 501(c)(3) organization, your donations are considered tax-deductible.

Some Highlights and a Quick Recap of 2018

Ahnah Atkinson was featured on the NBC’s *Today* show for her amazing and spirited dance performance at the Beltsville Bulls 2018 football homecoming. She went VIRAL, with over a million views on the various social media platforms.

Congratulations to the Beltsville Bulls football program for winning the 2018 Prince George’s County Boys and Girls Club tackle football county championship in the 14U division. This group of young men, their coaching staff, and the parents worked extremely hard over the season to pull out another county championship trophy for the Beltsville community.

Basketball

We’re looking forward to another successful basketball season in 2018–2019 because our 13U PGCBGC champions are looking to defend their title in the 14U division. The season is in progress, and the team is currently recruiting all student-athletes ages 8–16.

Girls’ divisions: 8U / 10U / 12U / 14U / 16U

Boys’ divisions: 8U / 9U / 10U / 11U / 12U / 13U / 14U / 15U / 16U

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Spring Flag Football

All the Beltsville’s flag football teams made it to the 2018

flag football playoffs. Your Bulls’ 8U team finished as county runners-up, losing a very close game vs. PG Storm 7–6. The season resumes in March 2019, recruiting all student-athletes ages 4–14. Cost: \$100 includes team jersey.

Spring and Fall Soccer

Our soccer program is looking to rebuild and grow, to take us back to soccer powerhouse that Beltsville was just a couple years ago. As one of the most popular sports for our region, Beltsville’s soccer program has had to scale back because of the lack of coaches at the various ages levels. We’re looking for a new soccer commissioner and coaches. If you have experience playing or coaching soccer and are looking to run a youth sports program or team, please feel free to contact athletic director Rian Jackson. The season resumes in March 2019, recruiting all student-athletes ages 5–16. Cost: \$100, uniform fee: \$20

Spring and Fall Baseball

Our baseball program is looking to rebuild and grow. Beltsville is in the hunt for a new baseball commissioner. If you have experience playing or coaching baseball and are looking to run a youth sports program, please feel free to contact athletic director Rian Jackson. The season resumes in March 2019, recruiting all student-athletes ages 4–14. Cost: \$100, uniform fee: \$50

Tackle Football

The tackle football team is looking to continue to grow and build off another successful football campaign and looking for more 6U players and football



2018 Prince George’s County Boys and Girls Club 14U tackle football county champions

coaches. The season resumes in July 2019, recruiting all student-athletes ages 4–14. Cost: \$125, uniform fee: \$3

Cheerleading

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Club News

The Beltsville Young at Heart Club

By Barbara Schofield

Happy New Year! The Beltsville Young at Heart Club had a great Thanksgiving luncheon catered by Bill Miles. Sadly for the club, he has retired. Best wishes from all of us for your retirement, Bill. A quartet called MIX IT UP kept the members entertained. Everyone really enjoyed them. Thanks go to Behnke Nurseries, Lowe’s Stores, mem-

ber Ellen Kidwell, and President Lois Hamilton for the gift basket. The weather wasn’t very nice, but everyone had a good time.

The club’s Christmas luncheon will be reported next time. That will be a potluck, which is always excellent. These members can cook and make wonderful goodies. Why not learn to enjoy the little things? There are so many of them.

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SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB: Friendship Club regular office hours are Mon. – Fri. from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Phone: 301.206.3380. The monthly meetings and luncheons take place on the second Wednesday of each month. The meeting for January is scheduled for Wed., Jan. 9 at 10:30 a.m. We will have a special speaker on investments. *Please note the change in the sign-up date to Wed., Dec. 28—since the cen-*

ter will be closed the week before the meeting. Contact the Friendship Club to ask if late registration is possible. Also, our 2019 travel schedule is now available. We have lots of exciting trips planned. Interested people should contact our office for more details.

THURSDAY MOVIE MATINEE: The featured movie for Thur., Jan. 10 is *Mission: Impossible: Fallout*. The featured movie for Thur., Jan. 24 is *Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again*. Start time is 10 a.m. and the end time is about 12 noon. Popcorn will be provided. Cost: free.

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10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. The entrance is accessed from Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore–Washington Pkwy. and Rt. 197. Main phone: 301.497.5772. Contact the Visitor Center for updates and information about additional programs and events for January. Regular hours of operation for the Visitor Center are: Fri. – Wed. from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closed Thursdays and federal holidays. Regular hours of operation for the trails and grounds are: Open daily from sunrise to sunset, except for federal holidays. Cost: Free admission to the Visitor Center and its exhibits, grounds, and trails; other activities and events are free of charge if not noted. Space in public programs is limited. *Registration is by phone only and is required unless otherwise specified; call 301.497.5887.* Note: These public programs are designed for individuals/families. **Programs are subject to changes or cancellation due to weather or low participation.** Please advise us of any special needs so that we may accommodate you.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING: Start training soon! Volunteers assist with running the visitor center, maintaining the refuge, and supporting wildlife management. Contact Diana_Ogilvie@fws.gov or 301.497.5565 for more information. Assignments include:

- Meeting and greeting visitors and providing information;
- Operating the bookstore;
- Participating in wildlife surveys.

HOLLINGSWORTH ART GALLERY: The gallery is open when the Visitor Center is open. All ages are invited; no registration is required. The featured artist for January is photographer Blaine Broomfield.

WILDLIFE IMAGES BOOKSTORE & BLUE GOOSE PASSPORT: The book-

store is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. when the Visitor Center is open. Free stamps for the Blue Goose Passport for the National Wildlife Refuge System are available. Extra copies of the passports are for sale.

SCREECH & KESTREL: All Saturdays in January from 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. each day. All ages, no registration required. Meet two of North America's smallest birds of prey: the American kestrel and the eastern screech owl. Both are expert hunters. The American kestrel uses its acrobatic prowess, while the eastern screech owl is a stealthy silent hunter!

BELTSVILLE EVENTS

Please contact the individual facilities regarding late changes or updates to hours of operations, especially during holidays or inclement weather.

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)

Free and open to the public. Regular hours of operation are 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. Parking is free. Main phone number: 301.504.5755. NAL is on Twitter at http://twitter.com/#!/National_Ag_Lib. See NAL.USDA.gov/visit-library for more information.

VANSVILLE HEIGHTS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION: Mon., Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. Meetings are held at the Franklin Brown Recreation Community Center, 1733 Old Baltimore Pike, Beltsville, MD 20705 (located in the Vansville Park). The association meets on the second Monday of each month.

BEHNKE NURSERIES GARDEN CENTER: 11300 Baltimore Ave. Please call 301.937.1100, ext. 0 or see Behnkes.com for more information and events for January.

BEGINNER HANDS-ON BONSAI CLASS: Sat., Jan. 5 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. With a focus on care and maintenance, learn all the basics of bonsai design. You will learn how to transplant 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 and it is taught by Jennifer Park. Registration required. Fee: \$65. All materials provided.

GARDEN TOOL SHARPENING: Two weekends in January: 1) Sat. and Sun., Jan. 19 and 20, and 2) Sat. and Sun., Jan. 26 and 27. The sessions will take place from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

each day and will be conducted by Behnke staff members. Bring in up to two (2) garden hand tools per person. Cost: \$3 each or 2 tools for \$5 (**cash only**). *All proceeds will be donated to Emmanuel United Methodist Church Food Bank in Beltsville. We can't sharpen mower blades or saws. Please exercise patience if there is a line. Tool sharpening takes time.*

BELTSVILLE LIBRARY

Holiday closings: The library will be closed Mon., Dec. 31, 2018 and Tue., Jan. 1, 2019 for New Year's. The library will also be closed Mon., Jan. 21 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Address: 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., Sat. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed Sundays. Visit our library system website at www.pgcmis.info to check for weather-related and other special closings and to use our online library services.

PROGRAM FOR ALL AGES

CHESS CLUB: Tuesdays from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Drop in to learn to play or improve your game. All ages welcome: children, teens, and adults.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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KIDS ACHIEVE CLUB: All Tuesdays in January from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Mentoring, reading, and homework help for kids in grades 1–6.

STEM FOR FAMILIES: WEIGHTS AND MEASURES: Wed., Jan. 2 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Join us for experiments in science, technology, engineering, and math as we explore weights and dimensions of various objects. Ages 5 – 12.

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PROGRAM FOR ADULTS

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BELTSVILLE YOUNG AT HEART CLUB: meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 11:15 a.m. Members must be at least 55 years old. Visit us three times and become a member. We have speakers, entertainment, trips, 50/50, bingo, plus light refreshments. Questions: call Lois at 301.498.9736.

WOMEN'S CLUB: Thur., Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. The club meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month, except for July, August, and February.

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Church News

Happy Everything!

By Rev. Dr. Jalene Chase,
Emmanuel United Methodist
Church

I know that the usual greeting is *Happy New Year!* To make the year happy, we will have to do more than say the words. It's more than making resolutions, which we usually don't keep. Instead of putting our happiness into one night. Or partying to the degree of regret the next day. Let's consider finding ways to be happy in everything. We are born, and we will die. The two things that all creation has in common. The two things that we have no control over. The time in between gives us opportunities to choose, so let's choose wisely.

The word happy is defined as feeling or showing pleasure or contentment, well-being, delight,

gladness; an enjoyable state of being. I know it may not be possible to be in that frame of mind all the time, but we can still try. Challenges, and how we handle them, help us grow. The saying is, "what doesn't kill us make us stronger." And "we don't know how strong we are until we face tough decisions." Both are inspiring. But we grow when we ask ourselves, "What did I learn from this experience?" The goal is to learn and don't dwell on what happened. In 1965, The Byrds released a song titled "Turn, Turn, Turn" that says there is a time for every purpose under heaven. (I was older when I realized some of the lyrics were from the Bible, Ecclesiastes 3:1-8). When our purpose is to find pleasure and contentment, we will find it. It's

only my opinion, but that would make everything better. The number nine, in 2019, is number of patience; the perfect movement of God. Everything won't be perfect because we are human. But if we are patient, in time, with effort, we can find what makes us happy. Let's pray it spreads to everything. I leave you with this prayer:

H – Harmonious praise to you, God, for the things that bring joy and challenges.

A – All things are possible with you guiding us.

P – Place the feeling of contentment and well-being in us.

P – Promises of happier days fill us with hope.

Y – Yes, Lord. We will strive for Happiness in Everything that we do in the new year.

Amen

School News

High Point teams with Church for Christmas Program

The Beltsville Seventh-Day Adventist Church and High Point High School have developed a relationship to build up both the church and the school.

The church has been involved in planting flower beds for the start of school each of the past two years. They repainted the entryway walls two years ago.

And on December 15, the High Point High School Choir and the Dance Team both participated in a Christmas presentation at the church's 10:45 worship service.



High Point High School's choir performed at the Beltsville Seventh-Day Adventist Church during their worship service on December 15.

The music ran from the contemporary - "Mary, Did You Know" - to traditional carols - "Silent

Night" - to the offbeat for a church - "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer."

Pastor Will Johns of the Tech Road campus of the church said, "This was a terrific way to celebrate the season. Our members got to hear wonderful music, and they got chances to interact with the students."

The choir director is Wesley McDaniel and the dance director is Darryl Pilate. Shirley Diggs, the athletic director, arranged the event, and Principal Nicole Isely-McClure spoke about the 2,600-student school.

Remembering Principal Tom Smith

The Vansville Elementary School community is deeply saddened by the loss of former principal Mr. Thomas Smith. Mr. Smith opened Vansville Elementary in 2008 and was the dedicated leader for 10 years until 2018. On Saturday, December 1, the school held a remembrance day for Mr. Smith. Current and former students read letters and poems, sang songs, and performed dances. Staff members sang "Lean on Me" as a tribute to their principal, Mr. Smith.

Fifth grader Sabrina Lodhi

wrote the following poem:

Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith, something makes us think about you.
Mr. Smith, what made you so far?
Something that never keeps us apart,
Hmmm...maybe something like your beautiful heart.
Or maybe I'm just crazy, and I'm glad you had a rest easy.
But here's one thing that I know about you,
You love us and you should know that we love you too!

You wouldn't want us sad a bit,
You wanted our happiness to completely fit
So we shouldn't be sad, not right now,
we should make our principal very proud!
So look at the ray that has shown today, and know that...
that's Mr. Smith watching over what we have done,
his beautiful heart will never be gone!
We love you Mr. Smith!

Mr. Smith will be missed by all that love him!

BULL PEN

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and start competing in competitions and events. To do so, we are looking for coaches and volunteers to help us. The sport is

year-round, recruiting all student-athletes ages 4-16. Cost: \$50

If you have questions, suggestions, or want to get involved, please contact Club Athletic Director Rian Jackson at jackson_rian@hotmail.com or 301.693.6395.

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CUB PACK 1031

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ed Roaring Laughter, Webelos invented games for Game Design, and some in the Arrow den worked on Maestro.

This year we have nine new scouts including three girls (as part of our family scouting program), we did 133 hours of service, went on two camping trips, went on a bike ride, went on at least four hikes, and had four campfires. We have a wonderful team of ten leaders who help make our pack go.

The pack has activities including camping, hiking, our annual Pinewood Derby, and campfires. We also do participatory citizenship along Little Paint Branch Trail, our toy drive, and Scouting for Food. Along the way, we learn responsibility, learn citizenship, play games, and have tons of fun. If you are interested in discovering the fun of Cub Scouts with your child, please contact Regina Halper at Pack1031CubScouting@gmail.com for more information.

JASON'S JIVE

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to her what had just happened and went on to tell her that the stop went well because I did not try to challenge the officer or waste his time. I also told her that when she starts driving that she needs to be able to conduct herself in a respectable manner and also respect authority. I think I will speak with my friends at Prince George's Police District VI on this issue for "Jason's Jive" in 2019. Let them guide us on the proper way to go about a traffic stop.

Let me wind this "Jive" up. Happy New Year to you, my dear reader, and may you have a prosperous 2019. Please be safe, stay healthy, and be nice to those you meet along the way.

It has been fun writing for *The Beltsville News*, and I am hopeful in 2019 I will be able to feature a lot more of the community in the paper. In 2019, look for features on local businesses.

To Rick and the other staff at *The Beltsville News*, thank you for the opportunity to write once again. Happy New Year to you and your respective families. Dear reader, be safe until the next "Jive."



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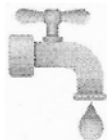
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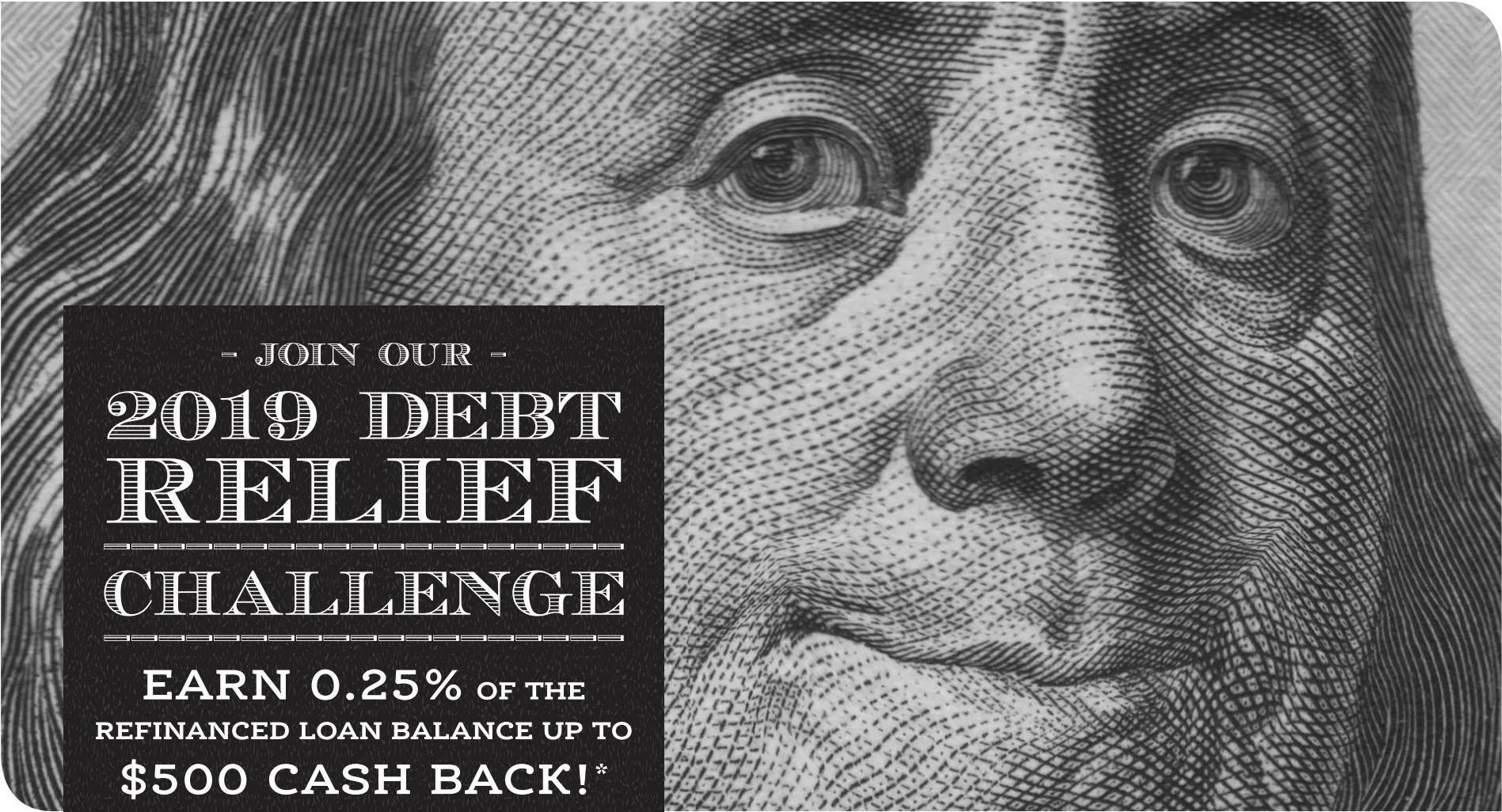
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