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Fall Camporee Otherwise Known as Zombie Apocalypse

By Mary Pat Donals

The Boy Scout Troop 298 recently attended the Fall Camporee that was held in Cheltenham, Md. in Prince George's County. The Webelos from Pack 298 joined them as well. We had two Boy Scouts and six Webelos in attendance and four Boy Scouts on Staff. The Camporee staff had the boys participate in several events. At the end of the day the scores were tallied up and they announced the winner at the campfire.

To let you know how exciting it was for them, let me explain in more detail what they actually had to do for the day. First, they had a scavenger hunt they were

working on until dinner; when they had to turn in their results. Some of the items were a show and the others were signatures. The boys were 100% on the scavenger hunt.

While they were trying to get the items for their hunt, they had six stations they attended and they were scored on their participation as well as how they worked together and their enthusiasm at each station. They did their best and received high points for four of the stations, but on the other two they didn't do so well. What counted was they tried. They received high points each time for their enthusiasm. In fact, a couple of leaders who were in charge of the stations told the boys they



Troop 298 shows off their winning dessert

were the loudest and most enthusiastic of all the troops so far. That just made them cheer louder for the next one.

The last contest they were able to participate in was the dessert

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Eleanor Roosevelt High School Fruit Sale

The annual Eleanor Roosevelt High School Florida Citrus Fruit Sale is in full swing. The proceeds of the fruit sale are used to provide quality instruments and music for the Roosevelt band and orchestra program. To order fruit, call the fruit line at 301.345.5393.

Holiday Food Drive

Are you looking for a way to help the less fortunate during the holidays? Join Beltsville's Lutheran Church by donating to the Maryland Food Bank online via the church's *Virtual Food Drive* web page.

It's so easy to participate. Just go to www.mdfoodbank.org/abidingpresence and follow the directions online. The site will ask you to choose a food category and then pay for your selection by credit card online. You can choose vegetables, fruit, breakfast items, protein, dinners, a bag of groceries to feed a family for one week, or a holiday box of side dishes. The Maryland Food Bank can stretch your dollars by buying in bulk and can get much more for the money than you can by buying from a grocery store.

Please join us at Abiding Pres-

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Scouting for Food Collection a Success

By Gary Bauman, Assistant Scoutmaster

The Boy Scouts from Troop 1033 and the Cub Scouts from Pack 1031 of the Beltsville, Md. area collected 1859 cans and non-perishable food items, totaling 1,700 pounds. That's almost a ton of food.

The scouts distributed 4,000 bags to Beltsville residents on the weekend of Nov. 3 and 4, and picked up the food on Saturday, Nov. 10. All of the food

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Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts collect food for the needy in the Beltsville, Md. area

Calverton Elementary Homeless Mini-Walk

On Monday, Oct. 22, students at Calverton Elementary School in partnership with Community Crisis Services,

Inc., (CCSI) of Hyattsville, Md., participated in the Fannie Mae Homeless Mini-Walk. All students and teachers walked

as they carried signs created for the event by the Student Government Association. CCSI works with many organizations in our area to sponsor the mini-walks in an effort to accumulate 2,500 registrations. If this goal is reached, CCSI will be awarded a check from the Fannie Mae Foundation for \$25,000 to work with the needy in our community.

Prior to the walk, students gathered together for an assembly. Primary students listened as Bill Leary presented an original story about a hedge hog family that split up during a time of economic hardship. Through the use of illustrations and a

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Calverton Elementary students and teachers carry signs supporting Fannie Mae's Homeless Mini-Walk

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Karen Coakley

By President Karen M. Coakley

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!!!!

The Citizens' Association will not meet in Dec. Please let me know if there is a specific topic that you would like the Citizens' Association to discuss.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL HOMEOWNERS You must register your home by Dec 31, 2012 to CONTINUE the Homeowners Real Estate Tax Credit. You can go to the Prince George's County website www.princegeorgescountymd.gov. In the search box type in Homeowners Tax Credit. That will take you to the screen with the application. If you need assistance feel free to call me at 301.937.3490.

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25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

*Extracted from the
December 1987 issue*

AFJROTC Instructors at High Point

Colonel Charles C. Vasiliadis, SM Sgts. Richard L. Jones, and William A. Coon received the Air Forces highly touted Outstanding Instructor Award from Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

McAuliffe Fellowship

Carolyn Gwynn Coakley from High Point High School won first annual Christa McAuliffe award

of \$25,313.

Owen Elected Manager

Ann Owen was elected as a Customer Service Manager of the Bay Bank Norfolk County Trust Company.

New Arrivals

Jessica Lynn, daughter of Melani Lynn and Kenneth Fabian Hammond was born Nov. 5, 1987.

Kaitlyn Marie Gavin, daughter of Michele M. and John T. Gavin was born Nov. 15, 1987.

Kristen Lee, daughter of Deborah Lee and James Lynn Faulconer was born Nov. 7, 1987.

Photographer Winner

George Meurer won the prize over 170 other members of Maryland Professional Photographers' Association.

Higher Gas Prices

Motorists were paying \$1.19 on average for all grades of gasoline; 19 cents higher than the previous year.

Obituaries

Grace N. Lingrell passed away on Nov. 27, 1987.

Hattie L. Howard passed away Nov. 24, 1987.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It is my honor to be re-elected to represent the Fifth Congressional District in Congress and it is with great appreciation that I thank everyone who voted for me on Election Day. I look forward to addressing the priorities and concerns of all of our local residents, and will continue working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to reach consensus and compromise on our nation's challenges.

From protecting local jobs to

investing in our communities, I have worked in a bipartisan way to deliver results for Fifth District residents throughout my career and am eager to continue to do so. In the next Congress, I will remain focused on the Make It In America jobs plan so that we can create good-paying jobs and boost our economy. I will also work toward reaching agreement on a responsible, balanced deficit reduction plan. Working together, I'm confident that we can continue to put Marylanders back to work, strengthen the middle class,

and improve the quality of life in the Fifth District.

There is much to do in the next Congress, and I will work hard on behalf of Maryland families and businesses. I encourage you to share your concerns and thoughts with me by contacting my office or visiting my website at www.hoyer.house.gov.

Thanking you again for this honor and with kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,
Steny H. Hoyer

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Cub Scout Pack 1031's Busy Month

Cub Pack 1031 has been busy; from camping in Thurmont, Md., to bowling at the AMF College Park, which included a tour behind the bowling lanes. Then, the pack participated in the all-important Scouting for Food Drive in early November.

Eight scouts and their parents went camping at Catoctin Mountain Park Nov. 3-4. They had a great, but chilly, time. They learned about orienteering from a Park Ranger and had a lot of fun camping.

Meanwhile, 11 other scouts and their parents distributed bags for Scouting for Food in the central part of Beltsville, Md. On Saturday Nov. 10 they went back out and collected filled bags for distribution to St Joseph's Food Pantry

and the Emmanuel UMC food pantry. The pack collected 435 pounds of food. This number was half the amount collected last year. Both food pantries will welcome any additional donations for the upcoming holiday season.

On Nov. 5, more than 25 scouts met at the AMF College Park Bowling Alley and took a tour behind the bowling lanes. Then they played a game of duckpin bowling. They packed the lanes and had a great time.

If you are interested in having your first- to fifth-grade son join Cub Scouts, come see us every Monday. The school is open in the cafeteria at Beltsville Academy or contact Regina Halper at r.halper2@verizon.net



Pack 1031 Cub Scouts getting ready to leave on their camping trip

Volunteers Needed at Heartland Hospice

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For more information on becoming a part of the Heartland Hospice Team, please call 240.264.1692 and ask to speak with *Gordon Creamer, Volunteer Coordinator*. It will be one of the most rewarding calls you will ever make. Heartland Hospice's Office is located at 12304 Baltimore Avenue, Suite A, Beltsville, Md., 20705.



Michael Richards and Valerie Kabelac

Valerie suggests doing as much as you can ahead of time. Select the menu now, freezing as much as possible. Next, set the table complete with wine glasses, serving pieces and platters. Use cloth napkins instead of paper. Add color to the table with a festive holiday themed tablecloth or with red, gold or silver plate chargers. Clementines in a glass bowl or cut flowers make lovely centerpieces. Be sure to keep them low enough so your guests can see across the table. For longer tables consider three centerpieces. Odd numbered groupings always look better. Lighting is very important. To create ambiance, complement dimmed lights with tapers, pillars or votives. Michael adds, "a few easy updates, such as repainting the dining room, wallpapering the powder room and reupholstering the dining room seats will create a warm, inviting room." You can find in-stock wallpaper, Benjamin Moore Paint, reupholstery fabrics and even Hunter Douglas blinds, draperies, flooring, and art work right at Will's Home Decorating. Valerie and Michael wish you "Happy Holidays and if there is anything we can do to help you this holiday season, please don't hesitate to call or stop by."

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Business Pointers from Church Leader

Pastor Kermit Netteburg of the Beltsville Seventh-day Adventist Church shared seven things local businesses could learn from how churches do business during the Greater Beltsville Business Association breakfast on Oct. 17.

His first idea was to provide outlandishly good customer service. "Churches do this regularly when members are in a crisis – in the hospital or experiencing a loss. It creates loyal members for churches – and loyal customers for businesses," Netteburg explained.

A second point advised businesses to pay special attention to the experience people have as they first walk in the door – or call on the phone. "We spend more time training the greeters at our church

than any other volunteer."

Speaking of volunteers, he added that businesses should tap into the passion of their employees. "We have only volunteers, not employees, so we have to connect them with ministries they are passionate about," he added.

Netteburg, who spent more than 10 years in administrative leadership for the Adventist Church in North America, also suggested several other points:

- Build a database of your customers. Churches call a membership list. Businesses should call it a valuable resource.
- Communicate with your best customers often – even weekly.

- Show compassion, because it's good business to care about your customers.
- Figure out what makes your customers say "Wow" about your business and then offer it to them often.

Dr. Netteburg offered a bonus idea at the conclusion of his presentation. "Churches have learned to be patient in the pursuit of their vision. Businesses should be the same. Don't lose sight of your long-term goal while you're chasing some short-term profits. Be vision focused," he said.

The breakfast also featured a presentation by Lt. Col. Paul Zurkowski of the Maryland Air National Guard. He gave the busi-

ness leaders a briefing on the A10-C, the plane guard members have flown on hundreds of combat missions in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

Zurkowski, son of the past president of the Business Association, described the munitions as well as the flying characteristics of the plane. He also told stories of combat operations.

The Greater Beltsville Business Association is open to any business in Beltsville or its surrounding communities. It meets for breakfast on the third Wednesday of each month at the Cross Creek Clubhouse in Beltsville. For more information, go to www.beltsvillebusiness.com.

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contest. The boys decided to make cupcakes in their propane oven. They really came out great. They decorated them in Halloween colors and decorations.

There were three prizes to be won that evening at the campfire: Spirit Award, Overall Camporee and Dessert Contest. The Spirit Award was going to be given to the Troop that showed the most

enthusiasm during the day. The Overall Camporee was going to the one Troop that had the highest points in the stations and scavenger hunt. The Dessert Contest Award was going to the tastiest dessert.

The campfire was conducted as all Boy Scout campfires, with skits and songs all put on by the various Troops that were there and wanted to do something. At the end, our Master of Ceremony started to announce who had won

each award, he started with the Spirit Award and stated it was going to a Troop that had two Boy Scouts and six Webelos. The boys ran to get their award. The next award was the Overall Camporee award. The Master of Ceremony called all three Troops that had won on stage and then went from third to first. Troop 298 won first place. At this point, the boys couldn't believe they won again. Then, they announced the Dessert Contest and they stated that Troop

298 won again.

The boys had won first place in all events. They took home a dream catcher that was the Spirit Award, a pop-up tent for Overall Camporee, and a dutch oven for the Dessert Contest. There is a challenge that another Troop tried to take us out at the Spring Camporee that will be held in April of 2013. We of course took the challenge and are looking forward to another camporee.

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Neighbors in the News

Diwali Celebrated at BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir

Bright lights, fireworks, colors, and delicacies, what can all these words represent? These are the words that signify one of the most renowned Hindu festivals, Diwali, or the "Festival of Lights." This festival is celebrated over five days by Hindus all around the world and symbolizes the victory of good over evil and light over darkness. Diwali is the last day of the Hindu calendar and is followed by New Year celebrations.

This year's Diwali festival was celebrated with great devotion at the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Beltsville, Md. On Tuesday, Nov. 13, devotees gathered at the Mandir with family and friends to participate in the Chopda Pujan, a special ceremony for business owners to receive blessings for the upcoming New Year. This is traditionally the day when business owners close their existing account books for the year



and open new ones in preparation for the upcoming year. Through chanting Vedic Mantras (scriptural hymns), hundreds of ledgers were blessed during the ceremony.

On Saturday, Nov. 17th, devotees gathered early in the morning to offer their prayers on the first day of the New Year. Devotees graciously greeted each other and spread wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year. A recent graduate from Boston University and D.C. Intern, Pratik Desai visited the Mandir (Hindu place of worship) with his family, and was taken aback by the systematic organization of the day's festivities. "It was impressive to see how well organized the celebrations were today," he noted. "It's very encouraging to see active leadership of the younger generation involved with cultural festivities! All were dressed in traditional attire and shared mutual feelings of excitement and joy. The hall was packed for the first aarti, a Hindu ritual of circling lighted wicks before the murti (sacred image) of Bhagwan (God) as an act of spiritual enlightenment, which took place at 12:30 p.m. Throughout the day, visitors poured into the hourly services to see the beautifully arranged lights as well as rangolis, unique floor designs made with colored rice and powder.

One of the unique aspects of celebrating the New Year is offering a feast of food items called Annakut, literally meaning "a mountain of food." Devotees lovingly prepare and elegantly display various delicacies in a form of thankfulness and appreciation for all Bhagwan (God) has given them in the past year, and praying for continuous success as they ring

in the new. An approximate total of 650 dishes of food were offered for the event. Ms. Sylvia Rolinski, an attorney from the Washington D.C. Area expressed her sentiments on how it was "wonderful seeing an offering to God presented in such a unique and beautiful manner." She further exclaimed at how this occasion can bring together so many people of "different cultures and backgrounds to provide service back to their community."

The BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Beltsville, Md. also provided a fun obstacle course for children on the front lawn. There were many activities and games as well as sweets given to the kids. Diwali makes a significant impact on the younger generation for it installs wonderful values, and cultivates them to become more involved in both outside and religious activities; as one elementary student said, "Diwali teaches us respecting Bhagwan (God), our Guru, parents, and learning good things."

The beauty and success of the Diwali celebration was a result of tireless efforts of volunteers, young and old, to prepare this colorful array of vegetarian food items to be offered to Bhagwan. Their work created a sense of unity and harmony, which is inspired by their guru His Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj.

Despite residing in India, His Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj continually inspires devotees all over the world to celebrate their Hindu heritage and customs. These festivals allow for families to meet and celebrate the Hindu festivals and pass on traditions to future generations.

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was donated to the food pantries at St. Joseph's Catholic Church and Emmanuel United Methodist Church, the sponsoring organization of Boy Scout Troop 1033.

The scouts and parents con-

tributed more than 200 volunteer-hours to distribute the bags and pick up the food. Great job Scouts! We especially thank the people of Beltsville for contributing the food. I'm sure the needy families in the area will enjoy the fruits of our labor during the upcoming holiday season.

December
Activities and Events at Behnke's

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Sunday — Look for Santa (11 to 2)

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Congratulations Kathy Rodeffer

Katherine (Kathy) Rodeffer of Beltsville was honored on Friday, Nov. 9, 2012 in ceremonies naming a wing of the Thomas G. Pullen Creative and Performing Arts Academy in Landover the **Katherine A. Rodeffer Music Wing**.

Ms Rodeffer earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education from the University of Maryland. She did graduate work in Music Education at the University of Maryland in music education and in 1992 received a Masters of Education degree in Administration and Supervision from Bowie State University. Ms. Rodeffer is in her thirty-fourth year as a music educator in Prince Georges County and fourteenth as Instrumental Music Supervisor. She taught instrumental music in elementary, middle, and high schools for twenty years. Her middle and high school bands consistently received superior evaluations at both county and state festivals and were invited to perform



Kathy Rodeffer

at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Millennium Stage and the Rayburn Congressional Office Building. Ms. Rodeffer has served on the Execu-

tive Boards of Maryland Band Directors' Association and Maryland Music Educators' Association. She is a member of National Association for Music Education, Tau Beta Sigma, Kappa Kappa Psi, and Woman Band Directors International. Ms. Rodeffer was awarded the Outstanding Service to Music Award from Tau Beta Sigma, National Honorary Band Sorority in 2003 and The Corwin Taylor Music Education Leadership Award from Maryland Music Educators' Association in 2009 and is an active clinician and adjudicator in the region.

Ms Rodeffer's family and friends were among the many people present to share this momentous occasion. Students from the Arts Academy, former students, colleagues and county officials enjoyed musical selections by the Thomas G. Pullen Band and Orchestra.

TESST College Salutes Graduates

By Deborah D. Howard, Criminal Justice Department Chair

TESST College of Technology's Beltsville Campus recently held its fall commencement ceremony for 160 students on the grounds of the University of Maryland in College Park. Students graduating from the Criminal Justice, Computer Network Technology and Health Information Technology programs received Associates of Applied Science Degrees. Students graduating from the Computer Support Technician, Medical Assistant, Electrician Technician as well as the Medical Billing and Coding programs received Certificates or Diplomas to denote their completion of course requirements. The theme for the fall commencement was, "Higher Potential, Hire Self."

During her welcoming address, Campus President Shartoyea Scott Dixon shared the thought behind the theme with the student audience. "The first 'higher' is not just about seeking higher education," she said. "It is about your mission to seek a higher version of yourselves. This graduation marks your accomplishing a huge step in seeking your higher power. It is our hope that you will continue along this road." Dixon continued, "Now that you have found a higher strength and empowered yourself with new knowledge and skills, it is the second 'hire' we look forward to the most, your own 'hire' ability. You will make yourself marketable by seeking new

avenues to create employment stability. Continue to hone your skills in your respective fields. Continue educating yourselves and expanding your talents. Continue refining your professionalism from interview to retirement. The world will keep changing and we believe each of you has learned how to adapt to those changes."

The student speaker was Susie Washington, a graduate of the Computer Support Technician Program. She encouraged the student audience to try and remain focused when obstacles present themselves. Washington, who admittedly was not very interested in school as a youth, states her perspective changed after giving birth. "I wanted to be a role model and set an example for my son that dreams could still come true regardless of your age and the obstacles you may face in life. So for me that meant going back to school." Washington continued, "I can't stress to you enough the importance of keeping an open mind when learning and working. The skills you develop will last you a lifetime and no one can take that away from you." As a result of her determination, Washington managed to balance a full-time job, a full course load and two unpaid internships, one of which led to a paid position with the Department of Defense.

Washington concluded by further encouraging her fellow graduates to make a plan for success. "I want you to remember these next few words," she said. "Give 100%

to whatever you decide to do in life. If you have a dream write it down, make a plan, and go for it! Obstacles may come your way but jump over them and keep pushing! The road only stops where you allow it to stop."

The commencement speaker, the Honorable Angela D. Alsobrooks, State's Attorney for Prince George's County, echoed Ms. Washington's sentiments of personal pride and perseverance. Ms. Alsobrooks further challenged the graduates not to rest on their laurels. "Tonight is a night to celebrate your achievements. You have earned something that can't be taken from you – an education. But I am going to ask you not to stop here," she said. "I am going to ask you to dig even deeper... In the future we will rely on your skills and talents to move this county forward."

Ms. Alsobrooks also addressed the need for a new generation of servant leaders. "There are many young people on the other side of the system who are in desperate need of what you have to offer. You have an opportunity and an obligation to go out and use what you have learned at TESST to benefit the nation and the world."

In her conclusion, Ms. Alsobrooks invited the graduates to "Join me and others by continuing the great work you have begun today. I know there will be many opportunities for you to do well. I am hoping you will also look for as many opportunities to some good."

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Santa Tour 2012

Santa Claus has confirmed his route with the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department! Santa will begin his routes around 6:30 to 7 p.m. Santa wanted to pass on a few tips so his trip to Beltsville can be enjoyable for everyone involved.

If you meet Santa at the intersections listed below on the schedule, he will be able to meet more children and see more of Beltsville. Always use caution when visiting Santa. Please pay attention to the fire apparatus and stay out of the street. Sometimes Santa runs behind schedule by a couple of minutes, so be patient. He will follow the schedule as close as possible. Have Fun and make sure you know what you want for Christmas!

Thursday Dec. 6, 2012

James Duckworth Special Center
(11201 Evans Trail)
Blueridge @ Pocono Place
Shenandoah @ Blueridge
Cherry Hill Rd. (in front)
Major Denton @ Cherry Hill Ct.
Townley Apartments
Cherry Mill Dr. @ Cherry Tree Ct.
Collier @ Powder Mill Rd.
Cherryvale @ Weeping Willow
Cherryvale @ Cherryvale Terr.

Saturday Dec. 8, 2012

Calverton Elementary (3400
Beltsville Rd)
Fullerton St. @ Blairmore Street
Fullerton St. @ Ivy Lane
Chase Terr. @ Dunnington Rd.
Stonehall Dr. @ Castleleigh Rd.
Ingleside Dr. @ Dunnington Rd.
Greenmont @ Elkridge St.
Chapel View Dr. @ Craiglawn Rd.
Chapel View Dr. @ Ellicott Rd.
Craiglawn Rd. @ Lemar St.
Galway Dr. @ Cardoba St.
Galway Elementary @ Galway Dr.
Kilkenny St. @ Somerwood Dr.
Harbour Town Dr. @ Shoal Creek
Terr.
Briggs Chaney Rd. @ Greenmount
Briggs Chaney Rd. @ Dunning-
ton Rd.
Briggs Chaney Rd. @ Castle
Pines Dr.
Old Gunpowder Rd. Spur
Bayhill Drive and River Creek
Area

Monday Dec. 10, 2012

Indian Creek St. @ Lime Tree Way
Hockberry Way @ Hammett St.
Old Baltimore Pike @ Brewer Rd.
Brewer Rd. @ Cordwall Dr.
Odell Rd. @ Old Baltimore Pike
Odell Farms Ct. @ Barkwood Ct.
Odell Rd. @ Ellington Dr.
Lighthouse Dr. @ Ashcroft Dr.
Clocktower Lane @ Admiral Dr.
Boulder Dr. @ Cap Ct.

Boulder Dr. @ Trade Wind Terr.
Summer Grove Dr. @ Hickory
Grove Ct.
Summer Grove Dr. @ Poplar
Grove Ct.

Wednesday Dec. 12, 2012

Snowden Wood Dr. @ Loch Lynn
Ct.
Snowden Wood Dr. @ Meadow
Fields Way
Snowden Wood Dr. @ Summer-
ville Ct.
Old Muirkirk @ Muirkirk Rd.
Old Muirkirk @ Longwood Dr.
Longwood Dr. @ Cailen Ct.
Longwood Dr. @ Belmar Ct.
Stanmore Dr. @ Breyers Pl.
Stanmore Dr. @ Blue Pond Terr.
Sullivan Ct. @ Burdette Way
Longwood Dr. @ Pawling Way
Longwood Dr. @ Loughborough
Pl.
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Dr.
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Dr.
Gordon Ave @ Blackpool Dr.
Gordon Ave @ Flash St.
Franklin St. @ Flash St.
Franklin St. @ Franklin Terr.
Franklin St. @ Ammendale Rd.
Ammendale Rd. @ Holly Tree
North Lincoln @ Vergie St.

Friday Dec. 14, 2012

Garove @ Hennessey Dr.
Indigo @ Barbara Dr.
Longhorn @ West View Ct.
Montgomery Place @ Mont-
gomery Ct.
Montgomery Rd. @ Kenny St.
Kenny St. @ 34th Place
35th Pl. @ Yates Rd.
35th Pl. @ Sarasota Pl.
Montgomery Rd. @ Forrester Rd.
Forrester Rd. @ Stephen Lane
Cedar Lane @ Cedar Ct.
Howard Rd. @ Home Acres Terr.
Stoconga Dr. @ Dresden Dr.
Sellman Rd. @ Weymouth Ave.
Ulster Rd. @ Woodbine Rd.

Sunday Dec. 16, 2012

Prince George's Ave. @ Wicomico
Ave.
Howard Rd. @ Queen Anne Ave.
Rhode Island Ave. @ Garrett Rd.
Odell Rd. @ Lexington Ave.
Manheim Ave. @ Caroline Ave.
Queen Anne Ave. @ Naples Ave.
Olympia Ave. @ Carroll Ave.
Lincoln Ave. @ Theresa St.
Quimby Ave. @ Carroll St.
Amelia St. @ Apex Lane
Chestnut Grove @ Heartwood Rd.
Knott St. @ Wandering Oak Way
Roby Ave @ Macon Ave
Caverly Ave @ Caverly Pl.
Pines St. @ Maple Pl.
Caverly @ Greenwood Rd.
Greenwood Rd. @ Emack Rd.

Tuesday Dec. 18, 2012

Ammendale Way @ Long Feather
Ct.
Ammendale Way @ Clear Brooke
Ct.
Ammendale Way @ Narrow Trail
Terr.
Ammendale Way @ Horse Soldier
Pl.
Ammendale Way @ Ammendale
Rd.
Ammendale Rd. @ Hawk Ridge
Ct.
Sequoia Lane @ Sequoia Terr.
Sequoia Lane @ Sequoia Pl.
Ammendale Rd. @ Hidden
Brooke Ct.

Thursday Dec. 20, 2012

Cedar Lane. @ Yates Rd.
Brandon Lane @ Francis Dr.
Emack Rd. @ Dorset Lane
Montgomery Rd. @ Cedar Lane
Yates Rd. @ Garrett Ave.
Howard Rd. @ Cardinal Ave.
Brandon Rd. @ West Caroline
Worcester Ave. @ Yucca St.
Yucca St. @ Josephine Ave.
Brandon Lane @ Howard Ave.
Montgomery Rd. @ 43rd Ave.
Usage St. @ 45th Ave.
Tonquil Pl. @ 44th Ave.
Tonquil St. @ 45th Ave.
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Beltsville Briefs

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ence Lutheran Church in this worthwhile project to help a lot of hungry Marylanders during this holiday season...and if you are looking for a Christian place of worship, see our ad elsewhere in this newspaper and come join us some Sunday morning. Abiding Presence Lutheran Church is located at 10774 Rhode Island Avenue in Beltsville, Md. We're a small but friendly group.

Christmas Concert at Beltsville Adventist Church Features Mary Grace

Mary Grace is coming to the Beltsville Adventist Church for a Christmas concert on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 1, at 4 p.m. The concert is open to the public, and is free.

Mary Grace is an internationally renowned concert pianist who was born with the absence of her right forearm, and her right leg is 8 inches shorter than her left leg. But her handicap didn't stop her from learning piano, graduating from college and sharing Christ with others. With a fluid manual dexterity expected from pianists with two hands, she conquers scales, chords and arpeggios with emotion and interpretative flair.

She has performed internationally in Asia and America, on television and in live performances. She has been the cover story on multiple magazines, sharing her story of fulfilling God's purpose in her life.

While the concert is free, she is currently doing concerts to raise funds and awareness for her two ministries: Adopt A Minister Int'l - <http://a-a-m.org/> and Help the Needy, Inc. - <http://helpthe-needyoftheworld.com>. An offering will be taken to help her donate to others.

Blood Drive at Laurel Regional Hospital

Laurel Regional Hospital in conjunction with the American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2012, between 2 and 8 p.m. in the J. R. Jones Conference Room. We encourage all eligible blood donors to give blood - the gift of life. To schedule an appointment, please call 301.618.2112 Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. **Walk-ins** are welcome **after 3 p.m.** on the day of the drive; however, scheduled appointments will be given priority. The hospital is located at 7300 Van Dusen Road in Laurel, Md. 20770.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School Winter Concert to be Held on Dec. 7

The Winter Concert at Eleanor Roosevelt High School is sched-

uled for Friday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 p.m. The Concert will feature: the Symphony Orchestra and the Concert Orchestra and Roosevelt Strings directed by Dr. David Yarbrough; the Roosevelt and Symphonic Bands directed by Ms. Sally Wagner; and the Women's and Chamber Choirs directed by Ms. Michele Fowlin. The ERHS band, orchestra and choir programs draw students from all over northern Prince George's County. The concert is open to the public and admission is free.

Dominion Brass to Perform in College Park

The public is invited to a Christmas concert performed by the Dominion Brass on Sunday, Dec. 9, at 5 p.m. at Wallace Presbyterian Church in College Park, Md. The concert is free, but canned food donations to the College Park Food Bank or monetary donations to World Vision will gladly be accepted.

The Dominion Brass is a large brass and percussion ensemble made up of professional musicians and music educators from the Washington, D.C., area. Since their founding in 2002, the ensemble has raised more than \$30,000 in support of various local, national, and international ministries and charities.

Wallace Presbyterian Church is located at 3725 Metzert Rd., College Park, Md., at the intersection of University Boulevard and Adelphi Road. For more information on this concert, please contact the church at 301.935.5900.

Live Nativity and Open House

The First Baptist Church of Beltsville at 4700 Odell Road will host a live nativity and open house on Dec. 8 and 9 between the hours of 6 and 8 p.m. The rain/snow dates are Dec. 15 and 16. The community is invited to see the Christmas Story come to life, enjoy refreshments, crafts for the children and have the opportunity to purchase holiday crafts that will benefit Baptist Family and Children's Services. We look forward to seeing there!

Central Maryland Chorale Presents Holiday Concert

The Central Maryland Chorale, under the baton of Artistic Director, Monica Otal, presents a concert featuring Camille Saint-Saens' *Christmas Oratorio* (sung in English) and Conrad Susa's *Carols and Lullabies: Christmas in the Southwest* (sung in Spanish). We will also invite the audience to join us in songs of Christmas and

Hanukkah. The concert is on Saturday, Dec. 15, at 7:30 p.m. at The Lutheran Church of Saint Andrew, 15300 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, Md., 20905. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 students and seniors.

On December 9, the Chorale presents their annual *Messiah* singalong, also at The Lutheran Church of Saint Andrew, at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10; musical scores are available. **For tickets, directions and further information:**

Web site: www.central-marylandchorale.com Phone: 301.317.9646.

Join Santa for Lunch on Sunday, Dec. 16

Santa Claus is coming to the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department for a pizza lunch on Sunday, Dec. 16.

He will be there from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Come out and join us and Santa for pizza, drinks, dessert, crafts, pictures, and more! If you have a letter you would like to send to Santa, bring it with you as we will be mailing them to the North Pole!

The lunch with Santa will be at 4911 Prince Georges Ave., Beltsville, Md. Adults (13 and over) \$7, Children (3-12) \$5. Children 3 and under are FREE.

Free Annual Holiday Concert at the Beltsville Community Center

On Monday, Dec. 17, 2012, the Greenbelt Concert Band will present a lively holiday concert beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Rd, Beltsville, Md. The concert is free, family-friendly, and open to the public. At intermission, door prizes from area businesses will be given out and the winners of the Holiday Decorating Contest will be announced. Free tickets from members of the Beltsville Recreation Council are available at the Community Center, and are also downloadable from the website, www.beltsvillerecreationcouncil.homestead.com.

Basket Bingo

St. Joseph's Parish will conduct a Basket Bingo on Friday evening, Jan. 11, in the Parish Hall at 11011 Montgomery Road from 7p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (non-smoking). Come join us for this fun-filled event. Bingo winners will receive specialty baskets, pottery and home accessories. There will be door prizes and raffles too! Tickets are available for \$12.00 (in advance) daily at the school and parish offices, or at the door. Refreshments are available.

Neighbors in the News

Meet the Alexanders

Bill Alexander was introduced to the fire service as a young boy when he would tag along to the fire station with his dad, a volunteer firefighter at the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department. A few years after he married Cathy and their son was born, Bill decided to join the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD), not realizing that he would soon find

a life-long passion, not only for himself, but for his young family as well. Bill started his fire service training and soon began proving himself as a firefighter and a leader. When Bill and Cathy's son, Michael, was old enough, just as his father had done, he began to tag along on trips to the fire station.

Seeing that her husband had such great enthusiasm for the fire service, Cathy made up her mind she wanted to be part of it, too. Realizing that responding to emergency incidents 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, is not something everyone can commit to, she found another way to contribute back to her community and be a part of the fire service. Cathy joined the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department's Ladies Auxiliary. As an organization, the



Bill, Michael, and Cathy Alexander

Ladies Auxiliary (LA) works with the BVFD enough that the Alexanders are able to attend many activities as a family; however, the two entities often work independently of one another, which affords them the space and freedom to make their own way as contributing members of their respective organizations.

Fast forward to the present: Bill is the Deputy Fire Chief of the BVFD and is the primary training officer, ensuring all members are properly certified and trained to respond to a variety of emergency incidents on the fire truck and/or ambulance. Cathy is the Secretary of the Ladies Auxiliary and assists with coordinating their membership for scheduled activities. Michael is a fairly new volunteer firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician who enjoys

the fire service as much as the rest of his family.

The Alexanders have contributed significantly to the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department and their Ladies Auxiliary. As individuals they have all been able to give back in their own way to the community in which they grew up. They have been successful because of the support and understanding they have from

one another as well as from their extended fire department family of the BVFD and LA they have acquired over the years.

If you would like more information on how to become a volunteer firefighter, EMT, or a member of the Ladies Auxiliary you can call the station on any Monday night at 301.937.3160 and ask to speak to an officer.

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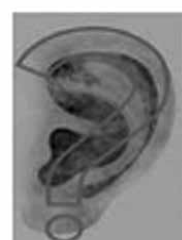
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Scouts Compete in Orienteering

By Gary Bauman,
Assistant Scoutmaster

The 36th annual Maryland Scout Orienteering Competition took place on Saturday, Oct. 27, at Jug Bay at Patuxent River Park in southern Prince George's County. Orienteering consists of being

dot on their maps as to the exact location of the marker. Points are awarded based upon how close they are to the correct location of each marker. Vlad and Yutian placed 15th place in the statewide pairs competition of 131 younger boy pairs.

In the afternoon, troop competition all of the troops are given the same topographical map with 50 locations marked on the map. The senior and assistant senior patrol leaders, Alex and Al, divided up the troop into pairs to devise a plan to locate as many of the 50 orienteering markers as they could in 90 minutes. Each marker had a unique paper punch which must be punched onto

the corresponding box number and returned to the starting point within 90 minutes. Some of the markers are more than three miles from the starting point. Our troop obtained 291 points and placed 16th out of 73 participating troops. This is the eighth year where Troop 1033 has finished in the top 20. The scouts can't wait to compete again next year.



Scoutmaster, Rick Deery, with scouts who obtained 15th place in orienteering competition

able to read contour maps and use a compass to find their way around hills and forests, swamps and fields, and rivers and valleys to locate orienteering markers.

In the morning's individual pairs competition, the scouts are guided along a blazed path. Along the path they have to locate six orienteering markers and place a

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Obituaries

Bouse, Guy T.

Guy T. Bouse, 86, of Beltsville, Maryland, died on Friday, Nov.

16. Devoted husband of the late Dorothy Bouse; father of Charles and David Bouse; grandfather of

Amanda Florek, Laura Barth and Michelle Bouse; great-grandfather of Drew Florek and Klarissa Barth; Funeral service was held at the Borgwardt Funeral Home 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, Md., on Monday, Nov. 19, at 10 a.m.; Interment George Washington Cemetery; www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com.

Diedrich, John Dale, Sr.

John Dale Diedrich, Sr., 66, died on Monday, Oct. 22, while visiting his beloved Cape May, N.J.; beloved husband of Judith Diedrich for 43 years; father of Christy (Duane) Godbold, John (Tanya) Dale Diedrich, Jr., and Emily (John) Foster; grandfather of Marissa, Dallas, Savanna, Brooks, Kobey, Sydney, Kylie, Ava, Chase and Aubrey; Memorial service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, Md., on Friday, Oct. 26, at 4 p.m.; Interment private; Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, 4217 Park Place Court, Glen Allen, Va., 23060, or ASP-CA, P.O. Box 96929, Washington, D.C., 20090.

Dixon, Angelina Nee Salute

Angelina Nee Salute Dixon died on Thursday, Oct. 25. Wife of the late Charles E. Dixon; mother of Evelina Krosel, Richard E. Dixon, Regina Marie (Frank) Thomson and the late Anthony "Tony" Dixon; also survived by five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Relatives and friends called at the Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road Beltsville, Md., Sunday, 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.; Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Resurrection of Our Lord Catholic Church, 8402 Brock Bridge Road, Laurel, Md., on Monday, Oct. 29, at 10 a.m.; Interment George Washington Cemetery; Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society; Arrangements by Borgwardt Funeral Home.

Green, Mary Teresa S. (age 84)

Mary Teresa S. Green, formerly of Beltsville, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 22, 2012 in Boynton Beach. She was the beloved wife of William B. Green; mother of Patricia M. (Edward) Faulkner and Diane L. (Gerald) Klein; grandmother of Lisa M. Klein; and great grandmother of Christina. Relatives and friends may call at the Borgwardt Funeral Home 4400 Powder Mill Road Beltsville, Md on Monday, Dec. 3, from 11 a.m. until time of funeral service at 12 noon. Interment Maryland Veterans Cemetery Cheltenham, Md. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 1850 York Road, Suite D, Timonium, MD 21093. www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com

Harrell, William Ray, Jr.

William Ray Harrell, Jr., 45, died on Friday, Oct. 5. Beloved husband of Noreen Harrell; father of Wil-

liam Ray Harrell, III, and Anthony Ray Harrell; son of Geneva (John) Mayes and William Ray Harrell, Sr.; brother of Dawn (Mark) Wallace, Mark (Amy) Keegan and John Mayes; also survived by aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews; Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 11007 Montgomery Road, Beltsville, Md., on Thursday, Oct. 11, at 10 a.m. with Father Joseph Wimmer officiating; Interment private; Memorial contributions may be made to www.gofundme.com/Wm-Ray-Harrell-Mem-Fund. Arrangements by Borgwardt Funeral Home.

Lydon, John

John Lydon died on Friday, Oct. 19, due to a car accident while on business near Fresno, Calif. Husband of 27 years to Martina Lydon; brother of Thomas, Stephen, Dennis, Paul and Mark Lydon; Funeral service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, Md., on Friday, Nov. 2, at 8 p.m. with Rev. Harry Hetz officiating; Interment Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.; Memorial contributions may be made to Terry's House, 2730 Fresno Street, Fresno, Calif., 93721; Arrangements by Borgwardt Funeral Home.

Messenger, Donald B.W.

Donald B.W. Messenger died on Thursday, Oct. 25. Husband of Bobbie Beard Beall Messenger; father of Colleen Baldwin and Melanie Davis; grandfather of Anna, Bethany, Ryan, A.J. Baldwin, Caroline and Joshua Davis; brother of Guy Messenger and Virginia Liddicoat; also survived by nieces and nephews; Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Holy Family Catholic Church, 826 West Central Avenue Davidsonville, Md., on Friday, Nov. 2, at 10:30 a.m.; Interment All Hal-lows Episcopal Church Cemetery, Davidsonville, Maryland; Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warriors; Arrangements made by Borgwardt Funeral Home.

Weston, Leo L.

Leo L. Weston, 80, died on Saturday, Oct. 27, of Beltsville, Md. Husband of the late Patricia A. Weston; father of Duane Weston, Denise Weston, Caroline Cagle, Richard Marion, Ramona Marion, Carolyn Burriss, Frank Marion and the late Patricia Ramondo; brother of Robert, Harold, James Weston, Mary LaRen Saucier and Dolores Moore; also survived by 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; Funeral service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, Md., Saturday, Nov. 3, at 11 a.m.; Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery Brentwood, Maryland; Memorial contributions may be made to National Multiple Sclerosis Society, P.O. Box 4527 New York, N.Y., 10163, or Wounded Warriors.

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Neighbors in the News

Schroeder Succeeds Prestandrea as CEO of Prince George's Community FCU

Robert P. Schroeder has been named Chief Executive Officer of the Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union (PGCF-CU). A veteran of the credit union industry, Schroeder most recently served as Vice President of Lending and Branch Services at Securityplus Federal Credit Union.

Schroeder was selected for the CEO position following an extensive search conducted by the PGCF-CU Board of Directors to find a successor to Cindy Prestandrea. Prestandrea, who has served as CEO of PGCF-CU for the past 17 years, recently announced her retirement.

"Cindy Prestandrea has been a tremendous leader and will be a very tough act to follow, but with more than 25 years of successful management and leadership experience and a reputation for meeting the most challenging organizational goals and objectives, Robert is an outstanding choice for this position," says Charlie Deegan, Chairman of the PGCF-CU Board of Directors.

"At Securityplus FCU, Robert

was responsible for shifting the direction of the retail staff to a sales and service environment," Deegan notes. "Under his direction, the Securityplus retail staff grew the credit union's loan portfolio by 8.2 percent in the past year alone."

Prior to joining Securityplus in 2010, Schroeder served as Vice President of Lending at Destinations Credit Union where he was responsible for lending, reporting and disaster recovery planning. He also has held positions at Johns Hopkins FCU (Vice President of Lending and Branch Operations), Atlantic Financial FCU (Vice President of Member Services), and BUCS FCU (Member Services Manager).

"I am very excited and honored to serve as the new CEO of PGCF-CU. I have a great team beside me and the success of my predecessor to build on. This is a great time to continue to grow this credit union and offer the best products and services for our members. I cannot express my gratitude for such an opportunity," said Schroeder.

A graduate of Towson University and Loyola College (now University) Maryland, Schroeder began his career in the financial services industry with First National Bank of Maryland. After serving as a Branch Manager, he was promoted to Operations Officer and then Financial Services Officer.

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Club News

Beltsville Lions

The Beltsville Lions provided free vision and hearing screening for people attending Emmanuel Methodist Church's food bank activity on the morning of Oct. 27 and identified several that need professional eye exams and glasses. On Nov. 10 and 17, members participated in health fairs in Riverdale and Beltsville, respectively, where a total of 86 people were screened and 33 referred for professional examinations. Students and faculty from the University of Maryland School of Public Health coordinated the latter two health fairs. Lions are prepared to participate in another health fair in Beltsville scheduled for Feb. 14 at a Beltsville Company.

The quarterly blood drive scheduled for Oct. 30 was canceled because of Hurricane Sandy. The next blood drive is scheduled for Jan. 22; probably at the Beltsville Community Center. The location will be confirmed in the January issue.

On Nov. 17 club members attended the annual Lions Vision Research Foundation (LVRF) rally at the Wilmer Eye Institute in Baltimore. Beltsville Lion Ted Ladd, Chairman of the LVRF, was MC of the program that included a presentation on "The State of the Institute" by Dr. Peter McDon-

nell, Director of the Wilmer Eye Institute and William Holland Wilmer Professor of Ophthalmology. McDonnell reported that the Wilmer Eye Institute has 140 faculty members and 1,000 employees that serve some 250,000 patients per year. He said an effort is underway to expand services of the Wilmer Institute to areas outside of Baltimore by establishing satellite clinics staffed by expert ophthalmologists and staff. Ten satellite clinics are in the works or already functioning. These are already functioning or are in the planning stages at Columbia, Bel Air, Harve de Grace, Odenton, Bethesda, Bayview, Frederick, Green Spring, Wyman Park and Whitmarsh.

Dr. Judy Goldstein, Chief of the Lions Low Vision and Rehabilitation Service at the Wilmer Institute introduced Dr. Nicole Ross, the newly appointed Lions Low Vision Fellow. Ross will be employed at the Lions Low Vision Clinic for one year. Dr. Tiffany Chan was last year's Low Vision Fellow. She has since joined the faculty and opened a satellite clinic in Bel Air.

The audience of some 200 Lions and faculty then heard the testimony of two people who were helped by the Lions Low Vision Clinic. In each case, vision had been greatly diminished, causing one to come to the brink of being fired, and the other to give up

her favorite hobby of knitting and crocheting. Advice and assistive devices from the Lions Low Vision Center allowed one to keep his job, the other to maintain her hobbies and more.

The Lions of Multiple District 22, which includes 237 Lions clubs in Maryland, Delaware and Washington, D.C., financially support the Lions Low Vision Center. As the formal presentations ended, Ladd invited those with donations for the Foundation to come forward and present them. As each donation was presented, the amount and donor were announced. The total donated exceeded \$50,000, most of which came from club-sponsored fundraising dinners, yard sales, silent auctions, candy days, golf tournaments, raffles, and special events such as the recently held *Aim for Sight*, involving teams firing at clay pigeons at two approved firing ranges in Maryland.

Following the Rally, Lions were invited to have lunch and then enjoy a guided tour of the Lions Low Vision Center, where resident Doctors and skilled technicians demonstrated how they provide aid to those with low vision.

The Wilmer Eye Institute is the best in the world according to U.S. News and World Report. If you could use their services, call 410-955-5080.

Beltsville Young at Heart

By Barbara Schofield

Our Young at Heart members enjoyed a Thanksgiving luncheon at Savage Mills Great Room. I want to thank all our volunteers for a great job. Iris, Catch, Marilyn and Cora helped with checking people in. Joanne and Wanda did the fifty/fifty. Ellen did door

prizes and Lois did the Raffle baskets. All the prizes were donated, Thank you to everyone. Bernie Spriggs was our music man. Wonderful job Bernie. Putting on the Ritz catered the food and it was delicious as always. I wish all a wonderful holiday season. New officers will be voted on and installed at the Dec. 6 meeting and we will have a Christmas Luncheon on Dec. 20. The best things in life are laughter and the love of a friend.

College Park Moose Lodge #453 Hosts Christmas Dinner Dance

The date is Saturday, Dec. 15, for a **Christmas Dinner-Dance** at the College Park Moose Lodge. The popular Mike Hurst and Jenalynn will provide entertainment with holiday songs and dance music.

Enjoy a dinner of turkey breast, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, rolls and butter, coffee and iced tea, and dessert. Dinner served from 6-7:30 p.m. and music and show 8-10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per

person or \$25 per couple.

Dress code is dress pants and jacket for the gents, no jeans please. Bring your family and friends, as this event is open to the public. This will be a fun event to get you in the holiday spirit.

The Lodge is located at 3700 Metzert Road, College Park, Maryland. For reservations, tickets, and information, please call **301.935.5525**

Women's Community Club of Beltsville

The Women's Community Club of Beltsville sends warm wishes and holiday greetings to all our friends in Beltsville. As we come to the end of 2012 we want to also wish a happy 90th birthday to the Women's Community Club of Beltsville (WCCB)! It is a celebration for all women who have lived in Beltsville, women who currently live in Beltsville and for all the women who will live in Beltsville in the future to carry on the tradition of the WCCB. There is a long tradition of friendship, hospitality and outreach to the community

that the women's club has strived for. We would like to continue this tradition by having women of Beltsville join us to continue the work that has been established. There are ongoing projects (High school scholarship program, The Holiday Food Distribution program, Adopt-a-Road) as well as new projects to find to help the community of Beltsville thrive. So if you are looking for a new project to tackle, a new friend to meet, or hook up with some old friends you have not seen in a while, come join us on either of the following

dates (we meet during the day as well as a night meeting for those women who work during the day): *Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2012 at 7 p.m. at Three Brothers Pizza, Beltsville and Monday, Dec. 10, 2012 at 12:30 p.m. at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Cedar Lane.*

If you have any questions about the Women's Community Club of Beltsville or if you have an item for the Dec. agenda, please feel free to contact Elaline Chabot at ECChabot@aol.com. Come on out for an afternoon or an evening of fun. See you in December.

Club News

Beltsville Rotary Club

Having completed successfully our two fundraisers for the 2012/2013 year under the able leadership of President John Moynihan, members of the Beltsville Rotary Club are working on increasing club membership as well as our projects and connections with community organizations. We are having a lot of fun while continuing to enjoy one another and the great people we meet through our community service program.

Because of Hurricane Sandy we had to cancel one meeting. Our other meetings included a luncheon to welcome prospective new members, a club assembly for conducting club business and a discussion of current affairs led by Rotarian and past President Sonja Festerling.

Club members enjoyed an opportunity to visit a Beltsville organization we have supported since its beginnings, the Beltsville Strategy Games Club. On Nov. 8, the first official visit by the Beltsville Rotary Club membership and their families to the Beltsville Strategy Games Club went well. Six visitors came to the Beltsville Community Center to play, including Rotary Club President John Moynihan, with two family members and a friend, and past Presidents Howard Phoebus and Eleanor Frierson. They were welcomed by Game Club members Jeremy Hartman, Rembert Shaw, Steve Tratz, and John Goon. Peter Doan with the Beltsville Recreation Council and Elaine Chabot with the Women's Community Club of Beltsville also dropped in. Jeremy taught the card game, "Spades", Steve and Rembert introduced people to "Moose in the House" and "Ticket to Ride", and John demonstrated the card games "5-10-15" and "Rook." The Rotarians and Game Club members provided snacks and beverages. Special thanks go to the Beltsville Community Center staff (Tricia Fancovic and Mike Hansborough) for approving the arrangements and for setting up the tables and chairs in advance. As a result of this gathering, the Games Club will make a concerted effort to reach out to the neighboring middle and high schools and to local civic/business groups. It was a hoot to play fun games with such nice people in the excellent space provided by the Community Center, and the evening provided Rotarians and friends a great opportunity to relax while learning something new. We recommend highly that you drop by the Community Center on a Monday night to experience the Game Club and wish Game Club members every success in expanding their out-



Beltsville Academy guidance counselor Julia Canty-Warrick, intern Johanna Moore, and guidance counselor Caren McCalla unload bags of food for Beltsville Academy students to take home

reach to the community.

Over the last month, our club began our new project to provide bags of food for young students at the Beltsville Academy. This project is a collaboration among the Beltsville Rotary Club, the Beltsville Academy, the Beltsville Seventh Day Adventist Church and School, and the Capital Area Food Bank. Two deliveries of bags were distributed to 42 Beltsville Academy students, selected by the Beltsville Academy staff. Through the end of 2012 distributions will be made every two weeks. We are planning to begin weekly distributions in 2013 as funding permits. Our thanks go to Pastor Glenn Holland and Joanna Murdick, volunteer food pantry coordinator, of the Beltsville Seventh Day Adventist Church, students and teachers at the Beltsville Seventh Day Adventist School, and Rita Todaro, a Beltsville community member. Rotarians assembled bags for the first two distributions, while Adventist School students assembled bags for the next two distributions. Rotarians will again assemble bags in early Dec. for that month's distribution. Rotarians, assisted by Rita Todaro, transported the bags from the Adventist church to the school. Beltsville Academy staff report that the students and their families are very enthusiastic about this project and we look forward to continuing to support the students until the end of this school year and into the future, funding permitting.

Plans for Dec. include another membership luncheon as well as our annual bell ringing for the Salvation Army which will take place

on Saturday, Dec. 1, at Behnke's Nursery. Every year people tell us they have many fewer opportunities to donate to the Salvation Army via bell ringers than in the past, and appreciate seeing us and hearing our bells. If you feel the same, please stop by Behnke's on Dec. 1 to say hi and put your contribution into the red kettle. With so many people needing help in our area, the Salvation Army needs contributions from all of us.

Plans for 2013 include supporting participation of High Point High School students in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program offered in our area. Rotarian and past President Nancy Randall has been in charge of working with High Point staff to select students, and of taking the students to and from the program, which occurs over a weekend. Over the years, our club has supported an exceptional group of students, who have gone on to many successes in their lives. Rotary's educational programs are one of its major ways of involving people around the world in assisting students to have educational opportunities that would otherwise not be available to them.

If you would like to explore joining us in Rotary fellowship and service, we would love to meet with you. Our club meetings occur every Tuesday at 12:15 at the Holiday Inn on Route 1. Please stop by on a Tuesday for lunch as our guest. You may also contact Club President John Moynihan on 301.937.4448 to make a donation to our projects or discuss becoming a member.

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Chapter 1122 Northern Prince George's County

The monthly meeting will be held at noon on Dec. 12 at the Sir Walter Raleigh Inn, 6323 Greenbelt Road, Berwyn Heights, Md. Reservations must be made by Dec. 7. Please call Lee Shields 301.474.5321 for meal choice. Choices are Prime Rib Au Jus, Jumbo Crab Cake, Beer Battered Shrimp, or Hawaiian Chicken Breast. Make check payable to NARFE, Chapter 1122 and mail to Lee Shields, 8C Plateau Place, Greenbelt MD 20770. Speaker will be Ron Bowers, NARFE Vice President Region II.

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School News



Calverton Elementary students dress up on Character Day

Calverton Elementary School Students Serve on Halloween

By Judith Pollock, School Counselor

Many see Oct. 31 as a time for trick-or-treating, but not so for some Calverton Elementary School students. At that time, approximately 120 students used part of their day to serve the community. Staff from the school took the students, fully clad in their book character costumes, to Riderwood Assisted Living Facil-

ity for their Fall Autumn Fest.

The students were in costume for Character Day an annual event held at the school celebrated on Halloween. It is used to promote a love for reading and also gives children an opportunity to dress up in costumes from their favorite story books. Part of the requirement is for the students to carry the book with them.

The walk from the school to the facility took about 30 minutes.

It was a beautiful autumn day, which helped to add excitement and anticipation for the students. During the visit students met and greeted the residents and shared information about their costumes and the characters they portrayed. Both residents and students appeared to enjoy the visit. At the end of our stay, each student received a treat and was invited to return again next year.

From the Hilltop: High Point News

By Sandra Jimenez, Principal

High Point High School is pleased to participate in the Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) program. PBIS helps schools to create a school environment that is more predictable and effective for achieving academic and behavioral goals. On Nov. 3, 2012, High Point held

an ice cream social to recognize students who showed a marked improvement academically and socially. More than eighty-two students were nominated by their teachers as being the "most improved" in their respective classes. Students' improvement was celebrated with an ice cream party and individualized certificates from their teachers. High Point would like to congratulate all of these students for striving to set and meet their goals during the first semester.

High Point High School would also like to congratulate Mrs. Irena Stammer's classes for winning the grand prize at the *Powering Up for Technology* conference for their digital arts e-book "The Stammer Book 2012: The Truth About Our Lives." The class was awarded an I-Pad at the Nov. 9th conference, which they will use this year to create Nov. biographies and stories for the following year. The students worked on the digital book all last year to compose their biographies and stories that were inspired by their individual experiences. The students learned how to create a Google site, download and edit photos, design pages and translate documents. People from across the country voted on the

winning entry. Entry formats varied, but Mrs. Stammer's class was the only all-digital entry. This was a very positive experience for the class. A link to the class e-book will soon be available on the High Point website. Mrs. Stammer's class would also like to thank the student intern and now teacher at Mother Jones Elementary, Dragan Gordon-Shapkaliski, whose help was invaluable in the creation of the work.

High Point had a successful first quarter. Ninth grade attendance increased by 3.5%, and all other grade levels had attendance rates above 93%. Suspension rates decreased, due to a continuously improving climate. The focus on "restorative practices" is helping students move toward resolving their issues amicably. First quarter testing data were positive, with math scores increasing 31% over first quarter scores from last year, and 10% above the county average. After-school programs have just begun, and students with a 2.0 average and above are beginning to participate in after school clubs and activities. As always, we invite parents and community members to "be a part of it all" here at *The Point!*

School News

Calverton Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

By Becky Cavallo

Calverton Elementary held its annual Hispanic Heritage Month celebration on Oct. 24 in the multipurpose room. There were two performances: pre-kindergarten, first- and second-graders attended the first show at 8:15 a.m. and the upper grades gathered at 9:15 a.m.

Principal Mrs. Sloan welcomed students, parents and staff followed by a parade of countries. Students wore a variety of native costumes and carried flags representing all of the countries in the Americas that speak Spanish or Portuguese. This was followed by a slideshow of flags, maps and photos of people of places being celebrated.

Then, the music and dance portion of the show began. All of the



Cumbia performers: (l-r) Yaritza Nunes, NiaPrice, Julissa Medrano, Carlita Espinoza, Mrs. Bessy Hernandez (choreographer), Levin Franco, Walther Orellano, Jeshua Chay, and Mateo Acuno

students sang the song *Tingalayo*, directed by music teachers Mrs. Arbach and Mrs. Henry. This was followed by a dance performance by six second-graders. They had learned a dance from El Salvador called Cumbia and the young performers wore festive costumes; the boys in straw hats and dress shirts and the girls in long, colorful dresses. They were directed by Mrs. Bessy Hernandez. The swirling skirts made beautiful images as the youngsters danced with skill and grace.

The next part of the show was a group of students dancing the Merengue and the Batacha, directed by Mrs. Donnella. The dancers wore black and white dress clothes with red sashes, creating a pleasant visual image. The grand finale was when parents and teachers

were invited to the stage to dance with the performers.

The show represented the hard work of many people: the students; parent liaison, Mrs. Santizo; the ESOL team, Mrs. Donnella, Mrs. Lydia Hernandez, Mrs. Unger, Mrs. Okpala, and Mrs. Nelson; music teachers, Mrs. Arbach and Mrs. Henry; and the audio-visual equipment team, Ms. Levin and Mr. Blegen.



Calverton's principal, Mrs. Monique Sloan, wears an outfit from Coban, Guatemala

The Star of Christmas

By Rebecca Hutchings

As you hear sweet carols sung
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Your heart in this proud age
From the things that would distract
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Would in a palace be,
But Jerusalem was not
Picked for this majesty.

Bethlehem, a little town,
Not great in wealth or size,
Felt the finger of God's grace
Point to it from the skies.

Star of Morning, Prince of Peace
All men long for your sight.
Guide them by Your Spirit, Lord,
Through darkness into light.

Here amid the lofty lies
That blind men in these times,
Show us mercy at the cross
Where heaven's wisdom shines.

Like Jerusalem, our pride
Is not where faith is born.
Hearts lit by humility
See Christ on Christmas morn

MINI-WALK

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storyline, the children were able to visualize and understand the plight of the homeless and the challenges families often face.

Intermediate students learned how they can educate themselves about homelessness through a PowerPoint presentation by Donnie Phillips. He used the acronym CREATE to show students they must first *celebrate* who they are and what they have achieved, *respect* and appreciate where they are in life, *educate* themselves about everything they believe, *advocate* for those in need, and work *together everyday*.

As a result of the campaign, more than \$200 was collected from the staff and students. All funds will be forwarded to Fannie Mae Foundation to help support the homeless. The homeless mini-walk was coordinated at Calverton Elementary School under the direction of Judith Pollock, Professional School Counselor. This is the fourth year the staff and students have participated in this event and look forward to making next year even greater.

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9650 Muirkirk Rd., Laurel. Call 301.377.7817 for information on events. TTY: 301.699.2544. E-mail: montpeliermansion@gpparks.com. Contact the Art Center at 301.377.7800 for information on art and photography classes. The mansion is closed on Wednesdays in Dec. but the grounds are open from dawn until dusk every day of the year.

MANSION RENOVATION

Renovation at the mansion will begin in Jan. 2013. The tour schedule is affected. Self-guided tours will continue Dec. 1 – 4 and Dec. 6 at regular times and prices; they are available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fees: \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors, and \$1 for children 5 – 18. Children under age 5 are admitted free. Only holiday candlelight tours will be available Dec. 7 – 8, see the following listing. Free, self-guided tours will be available from Dec. 9 – 23, except for Wednesdays. Tours are tentatively scheduled to resume in the fall of 2013. Contact the mansion for updates.

HOLIDAY CANDLELIGHT TOURS

Friday, Dec. 7* and Saturday, Dec. 8** from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Warm up your winter evenings with festive music, lovely candlelight, and traditional holiday greens. Local garden clubs display their creative skills throughout the house while area performers entertain nightly. Light refreshments served. Kids, stop by the Carriage House for fun, hands-on activities! All ages. Cost: \$3 for adult, \$1 for ages 6 – 18, free for ages 5 and under. *Friday is Teacher Appreciation Night: teachers get in free. **Saturday is Public Safety Employee and Active Duty Military Appreciation Night: Police, Fire, EMT, and active duty military get in free.

HOLIDAY ORNAMENT EMPORIUM

Friday, Dec. 7 to Sunday, Dec. 23 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., except for Wednesdays. This is a juried show of original, handmade art ornaments. All ornaments are for sale. The mansion will be decorated in traditional holiday greens by local garden clubs. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. All ages.

COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM

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

SANTA FLY-IN

Saturday, Dec. 1 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Watch Santa fly into historic College Park Airport, and then have your picture taken with him. Enjoy holiday arts & crafts in the museum. Free with museum admission.

WRIGHT AEROPLANE RIBMAKING WORKSHOP

Sunday, Dec. 9 at 1 p.m. The museum is offering a demonstration and workshop in which participants will build their own 1909 Wright wing rib. Register at any Wilbur's Workshop or call the museum. Private group workshops can also be scheduled. Fee: \$7 workshop/participant (includes supplies and museum admission).

HOLIDAY TRAINS AND PLANES

Daily: Saturday, Dec. 15 to Saturday, Dec. 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. During the holiday

season, College Park Aviation Museum gets ready for the festivities as miniature trains, villages, tunnels, and depots spark the imagination and bring history to life. The National Capital Trackers bring a fascinating and constantly moving display of model railroads to the Museum. Free with museum admission. All ages.

GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER

15 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770. The Greenbelt Recreation Winter Activities Guide is now online. Classes being offered include ceramics, musical theater, ballet, and more. Non-residents may drop off registration forms anytime to be date-stamped or may register online starting Dec. 10, 2012. Stop by the center or see www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation for events and class listings. Call 301.397.2208 for general information.

LAUREL-BELTSVILLE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

7120 Contee Rd., Laurel, MD 20707. Closed Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2012 and Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013. Open regular hours on Monday, Dec. 24. Also open regular hours on Monday, Dec. 31, except for late hours for the New Year's Eve party. Regular hours of operation: Monday – Thursday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., closed on Sunday. Contact the center regarding special events and to purchase tickets. Phone: 301.206.3350. Fax: 301.206.3387. TTY: 301.446.3402.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Starts Monday, Dec. 31, 2012 at 8 p.m. and ends Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013 at 12:30 a.m. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served during the evening, and there will be a toast with your choice of champagne or sparkling cider at midnight. Cost: \$20 for residents, \$26 for non-residents. Checks, cash, and Visa and MasterCard credit cards accepted. Purchase tickets early to ensure availability. Ages 50 and up.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER

10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. The Visitor Center entrance is accessed from Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore–Washington Pkwy. and Rt. 197. Phone: 301.497.5887. See Patuxent.fws.gov. The center is part of the Patuxent Wildlife Research Refuge. Hours of operation are daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for major holidays. Free admission to the center and its exhibits, grounds, and trails. Advance registration is required and costs are free, unless otherwise noted. Please advise us of any special needs so that we may accommodate you.

FRIENDS OF PATUXENT WILDLIFE HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Saturday, Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shop for wild and not-so-wild new and gently used treasures. Find unique gifts and, at the same time, support the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center and the Patuxent Research Refuge.

AMAZING ADAPTATIONS

Wednesday, Dec. 5 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Reptiles, amphibians, birds, fish, insects, and mammals, oh my! Learn what makes these animals different and how adaptations help them survive in this fun hands-on interpretive program. Ages 5 – 7.

NATURE TOTS: WINTERTIME FUN!

Thursday, Dec. 6. Session I takes place from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Session II takes place from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Where did everyone go? Find out what animals are doing during the wintertime through songs, stories, and crafts in this fun, interactive program. Ages 3 – 4.

NATURE TOTS: WHAT'S SCURRYING ABOUT?

Monday, Dec. 10. Session I takes place from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Session II takes place from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Mice and voles are tiny little mammals that stay active all winter underground in their dens. Learn about these tiny critters in a fun interpretive program for preschoolers. Ages 3 – 4.

BIRD WALK

Wednesday, Dec. 12 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. Ages 16+.

OWL BABIES

Thursday, Dec. 13 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Discover whooo's laying their eggs already. Learn about owls and their baby chicks through stories, craft, and an outside game. It's a hoot! Ages 5 – 7.

STAYING WARM IN WINTER

Sunday, Dec. 16 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Learn how heat moves, ways to trap it, and ways it is lost. Discover strategies people and wildlife use to keep warm in winter including winter survival skills. Ages 8 – 10.

BELTSVILLE EVENTS

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WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CLUB OF BELTSVILLE

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2012 at 7 p.m. at Three Brothers Pizza, Beltsville and Monday, Dec. 10, 2012 at 12:30 p.m. at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Cedar Lane

FREE ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT

Monday, Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m. at the Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Rd. Greenbelt Concert Band will present a lively holiday concert. Family friendly and open to the public. Free tickets from the Beltsville Recreation Council are available at the Community Center and are downloadable from Website at www.beltsvillerecreationcouncil.homestead.com.

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY (NAL)

10301 Baltimore Ave. Free and open to the public. Hours of operation: Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for federal holidays. NAL is one of four national libraries of the United States. Call 301.504.5876 for information on basic services, resources, and special events. See NAL at www.nal.usda.gov or on Twitter at http://twitter.com/#1/National_Ag_Lib.

BEHNKE NURSERIES GARDEN CENTER

11300 Baltimore Ave. Please call 301.937.1100, ext. 0. or see www.Behnkes.com for information regarding events in Dec.

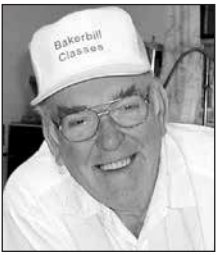
CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND

Saturday, Dec. 1 and Sunday, Dec. 2. Schedule for both days: light refreshments from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and holiday decorating demonstrations from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. On Saturday, Dec. 1, come hear the Rockville Swing Band from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. On Sunday, Dec. 2, look for Santa from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free.

HOLIDAY DECORATING DEMONSTRATIONS

Saturdays, Dec. 15 and 22 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Horticulturist Carol Allen shows you some quick and easy ways to decorate for the holidays. Free.

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Baker Bill

STUFF 'N THINGS

My workshop went great. We made breads and dinner rolls and everyone had fun. I am planning another one before Christmas. If you missed this one call me now at 301.572.4180 and I will tell you all about it. Write me at bill@bakerbill.net.

One hundred years ago every family made bread. They had to, because in the country there were no bakeries. So not only Mom made bread, but they taught their children as well. Wouldn't you like to learn? Sign up for my workshop. Call today! *In just a couple of hours you and your children can be making bread and dinner rolls for dinner. This is a hands on course. I don't just point. You make breads. We will make dinner rolls, white bread, whole wheat bread and biscuits while the breads rise. We bake them there,*

you take them home! I supply everything. And it's a lot of fun.

A couple of weeks ago I was watching GMA on ABC and they had a well-known chef making a pumpkin pie. He pre-baked the shell with marbles or beans in it so it would be brown on the bottom. Now he may be a great chef, but no baker. If you are baking a pie, any pie, a baker knows to set your oven 25 degrees higher. Example: 425 degrees and bake your pie 15 minutes at the higher temperature, then turn the oven down to 400 degrees. Pies bake great on the lower heat. Do not open the door. Go away for an hour but you can check in 45 minutes.

I apologize for writing that you should buy ready mix pumpkin filling. After I posted the article I went to purchase a can and found the only thing the mix has in it is

sugar. You need to add the eggs and milk and spices. Just buy a small can and follow the recipe on the can. Bake as I have written earlier.

I remember reading an article about 40 years ago by someone, I know not whom, that television will become a great wasteland. In my opinion, greed is making this prediction come true! Not only the networks are greedy, but the actors make multi-millions. Shows are near 50% commercials. In this election year everyone is spending millions on ads saying I am better than you. Man, am I glad it's over. Greed is the rule. Good Television is on the decline. Books are still good, and without commercials.

I hope you have a great Christmas, with no tears. I'll be back next year.

Bill Raulin AKA Bakerbill

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BELTSVILLE LIBRARY

The Beltsville Library will be closed on the following dates for winter holidays: Monday, Dec. 24, Tuesday, Dec. 25, Monday, Dec. 31, 2012, and Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013. Regular operating hours are: Monday – Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesday – Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed on Sunday. Contact the Beltsville Library by phone at 301.937.0294. Visit us at 4319 Sellman Rd., Beltsville, next door to the police station. Visit our library system website at www.pgcmils.info.

PROGRAM FOR EVERYONE

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Tuesdays, Dec. 4 and 18 at 6 p.m. Chess for all ages and levels. Everyone welcome. Come to learn or just to play and have fun!

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

A WINTRY MIX OF STORIES

Saturday, Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. Join Voices in the Glen for an afternoon of storytelling with a winter theme. Ages 7 – adult.

STORYTIME IN JAN.

The program resumes Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. For children ages 3 – 5.

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The program resumes Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2013 at 11:30 a.m. For children ages 18 – 36 months.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

EREADER TRAINING

Do you have an eReader? Want to learn how to download free eBooks from your library? Sign up for a one-on-one eReader training session with a librarian and your eReader device. Call the Beltsville Library for an appointment.

JOINT BOOK DISCUSSION AT RIDERWOOD

Monday, Dec. 3 at 10 a.m. The meeting will take place in the Village Square Classroom at Riderwood Retirement Community, 3140

Gracefield Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20904.

Members of the Riderwood community and the public are invited to attend this meeting. The discussion will be about Steven Galoway's The Cellist of Sarajevo as part of the Maryland Center for the Book program called One Maryland One Book.

BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

3900 Sellman Rd., Beltsville. The Program Specialist is Michael Hansborough. Contact him at 301.937.6613 or Michael.Hansborough@pgparks.com for information on classes and events. Spanish line: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512. Holiday hours: open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 24, closed Tuesday, Dec. 25, open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 31, 2012, closed Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013. Regular hours of operation are: Monday – Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (except for Xtreme Teen events), Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (except for Xtreme Teen events), closed on Sunday.

SNOWMAN-MAKING WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN

Wednesday, Dec. 12 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Bring your creativity and join us as we make edible snowmen in honor of winter. These treats are as fun to make as they are to eat. Space is limited, so sign up early. Reservation required by Monday, Dec. 10. Ages 5 – 12. Fee: \$2 resident, \$3 non-resident.

HOLIDAY CONCERT

Monday, Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m. Come join us as the Greenbelt Concert Band hosts a holiday concert here at the community center. Enjoy holiday music and light refreshments as we start off the holiday season. All ages welcome. Free.

TRIP TO THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 6:30 p.m. Join us as we

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Worship Service..... 12:00pm

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The First Sabbath of Advent

Sermon by Pastor Kermit Netteburg
The Two Advents

December 1 - 4:00pm

Mary Grace Christmas Piano Concert

December 8 - 12:00pm

The Second Sabbath of Advent

The Children's Christmas Cantata
"Away In A Manger"

December 15 - 9:30am and 12:00pm

The Third Sabbath of Advent

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December 22 - 9:30am and 12:00pm

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Dec. 1: 9am Breakfast with Santa
Dec. 8: 6pm Lasagna Dinner and a Show: Bethlehem Idol
Dec 24: Christmas Eve Services
7pm* family service and 11pm candlelight service
(*Nursery care provided at 7pm)
Dec. 25: Christmas Day Service 10am

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travel to Watkins Park to see the Annual Festival of Lights. We will be departing from the Beltsville Community Center at 7 p.m. and returning by 9 p.m., so bring a friend to enjoy this wonderful holiday experience. Ages 60 and over. Reservation required by Thursday, Dec. 6. Free.

STRATEGY GAME CLUB

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

XTREME TEEN REGULAR EVENTS

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

VANSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

6813 Ammendale Rd., Vansville. The Director is Jeremy Weiss. Contact him at 301.937.6621 or Jeremy.Weiss@pgparks.com to make a reservation for the Piano Bar Happy Hour or to get information regarding classes or events. The center will be closed Dec. 25, 2012 and Jan. 1, 2013, but will be open regular hours of operation on Mon., Dec. 24 and Mon., Dec. 31. Regular hours of operation: Monday – Thursday from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. (except for Xtreme Teen events and First Ladies of V-Ville), Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (except for Xtreme Teen events and First Ladies of V-Ville), and Sunday from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Fax: 301.937.6623. Spanish line: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512.

FIRST LADIES OF V-VILLE

Fridays and Saturdays from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. New activities just for girls: Join us for V-Ville ladies sports nights, empowerment workshops, modeling, and more. Free. Ages 10 – 17.

PIANO BAR HAPPY HOUR

Thursday, Dec. 13. Departure from the Vansville Community Center at 2:30 p.m., return at 5 p.m. Listen to the piano man sing us a melody at the Gwendolyn Britt Senior Center. Enjoy a fun happy hour with great live music, delicious buffet-style food, and great people. Reservation required by Thursday, Dec. 6. Ages 60 and up.

HOLIDAY YULE LOG

Thursday, Dec. 27 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Join us for an evening of fellowship, jolly songs and storytelling. The Yule Log program is a tradition observed by the Vansville community since 1967! Light refreshments will be provided. Hope to see you there. For more information please call Joseph Briscoe at 301.937.3631 or 301.937.5417. The event will take place at the Vansville Community Park, 11733 Old Baltimore Pike, Beltsville, MD. It backs up to the Vansville Community Center. Free. All ages.

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Youth Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

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Tuesdays 7:00 – 9:00p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS DECEMBER

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Sunday, December 9 10:30 a.m.	Capital Campaign 3 rd Anniversary
Sunday, December 16 5:00 p.m.	Annual Christmas Cantata
Saturday, December 22 5:00 p.m.	Church School Christmas Play
Monday, December 24 7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Worship Service
Monday, December 31 9:00 p.m.	Watch Night Worship Service

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of a hot meal, a bread pack (with coffee, tea
and other condiments), a sandwich, salad,
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soon cover our lawns. As always, Beltsville
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thru Friday. Packers work from 9 a.m. to
11:30 a.m. Drivers and runners work from
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please, we need help.
Won't you volunteer to work one day a
week, once or twice a month or whenever
you can? Please call Monday thru Friday,
301-474-1002 to help and for more infor-
mation. 12/12.

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