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Beltsville Briefs

St. John's Episcopal Church Will Bless Animals October 4

On Sunday, October 4, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. St. John's Episcopal Church, Zion Parish will have a "Blessing of the Animals" service. All in Beltsville and surrounding communities are invited to bring their dogs, cats, other pets, stuffed animals or pictures of their pets to be blessed in honor of St. Francis of Assisi Day. The blessing will take place on the grounds of the church, located at 11040 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville Maryland, at the corner of Powder Mill Road and Baltimore Avenue. The Reverend Paula Clark Green, Rector of St. John's said, "We are very excited to host this 'Blessing of the Animals' for our community. Animals are important members of the family, and beloved companions sent from God. We are honored to bless the animals, as they are a blessing to us."

Participants and pets will gather in front of the church in the upper parking lot in front of the church doors. Animal participants must be on leashes, in cages, or otherwise contained by their owners for the comfort and enjoyment of all. Dog and cat treats, as well as water will be available. Tell your family, friends and neighbors to join the good people at St. John's for this fun-filled and joyous event. In case of inclement weather, a "Rain Date" of Sunday, October 11, at 1:00 p.m. has been designated.

Health Fair Information

On Thursday October 15, the Beltsville Community Center will host the 6th Annual Community Health Fair sponsored by the Beltsville Recreation Council and the University of Maryland's School of Public Health, Department of Public and Community Health. The Health Fair will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It will offer exhibits on various health topics prepared by members of the Principles of Community Health class taught by Dr. Sharon M. Desmond.

Dr. Desmond's students will

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Boy Scouts Help Beautify Beltsville

By Gary Bauchan, Scoutmaster Troop 1033

Boy Scout Troop 1033 had another successful Fall Garden and Lawn Fund Raiser. The Scouts delivered 260 chrysanthemums and 660 bags of mulch, fertilizer, manure, and top soil products all over the Beltsville area within 4 hours. The door-to-door deliveries were made possible, not only by the scouts, but also by the parents and friends of scouts who volunteered their trucks, trailers, and cars for the deliveries. Each scout earned "Scout bucks" by helping with the deliveries which will allow them to pay for upcoming trips to Gettysburg, PA, the November orienteering competition, January Klondike competition plus December cabin camping, and indoor climbing during the winter months. Troop 1033 would like to thank Behnke's Nursery, Inc. for their continued



Scouts have fun delivering Behnke products.

support of our fundraiser and a special thanks to the Beltsville community for all their support. Over 60% of our customers gave

a donation in addition to ordering products. This is very much appreciated.

College Park Unit #217 Applauds Shannon Beam

By Ivy Christoffers

College Park Unit # 217 American Legion Auxiliary is so happy for one of our members, Miss Shannon Beam, who is a very talented and accomplished young lady. Shannon joined Unit # 217 in 2007 when she was the reigning Miss College Park. She has served as our youth coordinator and Children and Youth Chairman. Shannon is a graduate of Shenandoah University in Winchester, VA, having earned a degree in music education. Even though she was immersed in college courses, Shannon found the time to continue her Scholarship Pageant life and is now the reigning Miss Greater Richmond. Having been chosen 1st runner-up in the Miss Virginia Pageant in 2009, Shannon earned the right to compete in the Miss National Sweetcorn Festival held in Hoopestown, IL during the Labor Day weekend, which netted her the title of Miss National Sweetheart. Shannon has earned several thousands of dollars to help defray the cost of her education through competing in these scholarship pageants. We are proud to claim her as one of our own. Her energy, vitality



Miss Shannon Beam, a member of College Park Unit # 217 American Legion Auxiliary, winning the title of "Miss National Sweetheart" during the National Sweetcorn Festival held in Hoopestown, IL during Labor Day weekend.

and willingness to assist our Unit with our children's programs is commendable. It is also nice to have such a beauty in our midst. We wish her every success in all her endeavors.

On September 18th, at 4:00 p.m. a meaningful service of remembrance was held at Post #217 to pay tribute to our POW/MIA'S. Our congratulations to

Sgt-at-Arms, Mark Beard, to Fred Pepin and to Bruce Person for conducting this very important service.

Some upcoming programs that need mentioning are the scheduled Halloween Party for the community children on Oct. 25th at 1:00 p.m. Bring your little ghosts and goblins as well as your little princesses and let us have a grand time. Another yearly event is the Youth Recognition Day where we honor our youth for their accomplishments. This year it is scheduled for Nov. 14th. This is always a very rewarding day for all concerned. You will hear more about that after the event.

One of our community efforts this year is to help local schools with necessary school supplies. We have chosen Calverton Elementary and have been collecting school supplies since August and will soon deliver them to the school. We understand every year there are many children who cannot afford the necessary tools to enable them to perform at their best. We hope to lighten the stress this causes their families. Many more are in need because

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Karen Coakley

BY KAREN
M. COAKLEY

Beltsville has a new restaurant coming to town. The original owners of the Golden Bull in Adelphi have selected

a Beltsville location for their next venture. The Sheahan family has been in the restaurant business for decades, owning and operating establishments in Prince George's and Montgomery Counties. They are proposing a full service sit-down restaurant with a menu that is very similar to their other restaurants. The Sheahans already have a liquor license that would allow them to serve beer, wine, and cocktails and they are asking for community support to transfer the license to their new restaurant. They will give a presentation at our October meeting.

Flu season is here. Find out what you need to do to be prepared for the flu and "H1N1." We will have a presentation of the "Do's and Don'ts."

For Christmas in April, the men and women at District 6 Police station are seeking names of a Beltsville resident in need of having their home repaired. If you know of an older or disabled Beltsville resident that might benefit from this program please let me know. One major condition is they must own the home.

School is back in session which means that is where the children of

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25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

*Extracted from the
October 1984 Issue*

New President Welcomed

The September 1984 meeting of the Beltsville-Vansville Citizens' Association welcomed new President **Karen Coakley**

Wedding Announced

With great pleasure, Mr. & Mrs. **John David Mason** announced their marriage. Mrs. Mason is the former **Margritt Vause Krams**.

Dorman Re-elected

At its annual meeting, the Southern Regional Education Board elected State Senator **Arthur Dorman** as treasurer of the board.

ATV Winner

Scott Brittingham won \$21,400 on the TV show "Body Language" that originated in Los Angeles.

Beltsville Golf Champ

For the second year, **Jean Opeka** of Beltsville won the women's club championship at the University of Maryland golf course.

Pack 1272 News

Cub pack 1272 honored outgoing **Webelos Scouts Chris Evans, David Krause and John Finley** at their first meeting of the year.

Fire Department News

The Beltsville Volunteer Fire

Department was honored by having **Pierce Damewood** installed as the newly elected President of the Prince George's County Volunteer Firemen's Association.

Schiller Wins Again

Robert Schiller, an instructor of the Beltsville Mallet and Percussion Ensemble, finished first in the Maryland State Championships.

Engagement Announced

Laura Anne Unkle was engaged to **Craig F. Celgin** of Crofton.

Hill Joins U.S. Information Agency

Marguerite Hill, formerly of Beltsville, joined the U.S. Information Agency and would be assigned to Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

Burttons Hold Reunion

On September 16, 1984 the descendants of **Isaac** (b. 1788) and **Keturah Brown Duvall Burton** (b. 1796) met at the Burtonsville Methodist Church for their second annual reunion.

Prince Georgians of the Year

Lorraine Kenyon and **Connie Romanello** were named Prince Georgians of the Year.

New Arrival

Jim & Paige Weismiller of Ocean City, MD announced the birth of **Hessica Paige** on September 17, 1984.

Obituaries

Dennis Rollin, 44, who grew up in Beltsville, died on September 25, 1984 at his Bowie residence.

Clifton Graham, 95, a retired carpenter from Beltsville died on September 30, 1984 at the Greater Laurel Beltsville Hospital.

Katie E. Taylor, 14, was killed after being struck by a car at Camp LeJeune, NC.

Barbara P. Fink, 58, a retired Army Lieutenant Colonel, died on September 14, 1984 in her Beltsville home.

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Beltsville should be. Please watch out for children as they are walking to school or waiting for the bus. **TRUANCY:** If you see children out during the day please call the police non-emergency number at **301.333.4000** and give a description of the children and the street location. High Point students wear uniforms of khaki pants and blue shirts. Martin Luther King students wear uniforms of khaki pants and red shirts.

CRIME UPDATE: The biggest problem in our community over the summer was "Theft from Auto." Please DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES IN YOUR CAR!!!! If you notice something of value in the car of a family member or neighbor, tell them to remove it.

Please join us on Wednesday, October 21st, at Beltsville Elementary School at 7:00 p.m. Please let me know if you have a community concern that you would like to discuss at one of our meetings. I can be reached at 301.937.0157 or karenmcoakley@verizon.net

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Neighbors in the News

Scouts Enjoy Summer at the Beach



Scouts frolic in the waves at Assateague.

By Gary Bauman, Scoutmaster, Troop 1033

Boy Scouts from Troop 1033, went to Assateague State Park the weekend of August 16-18. The Scouts had fun playing in the surf, boogie boarding, building sand castles, and digging a hole to bury scouts. The Boy Scouts who went to the beach were: Patrick Deery, Charleston Layman, David Timus II, Steven Hall, Robert

Shafer, Chris Walker and Elborz Mazunderan. Parents and siblings of scouts from the Timus, Walker and Mazunderan families joined the scouts at the beach. Scoutmaster, Gary Bauman and the parents provided a watchful eye and a safe swimming environment for all to have a good time. For dinner the scouts savored spaghetti and meatballs, sweet corn, salad and garlic bread, with watermelon for a juicy

dessert. After dinner they were entertained by chasing ghost crabs on the beach and by pirate stories around the campfire. The weather was absolutely gorgeous with high temperatures in the mid 80's and a slight cool breeze. The evening sky was cloudless with no moon, which allowed for the observation of billions and billions of stars. We hope you enjoyed your summer as much as the scouts.

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Neighbors in the News

A Beltsville Humanitarian Reflects 10 Years On

By Jim Butcher

A decade has passed since that special day in 1999 when Norma Nashed founded a new charitable organization. She would call her organization Reaching Hearts for Kids (RHK). A non-profit, charitable organization, it would qualify for 501(c)(3) status, meaning that donors may treat donations as deductions for federal income tax purposes.

Ten years and hundreds of impoverished kids later, the organization that Nashed founded and still directs from her modest condominium apartment on Cherry Hill Road reaches out to over 2,500 destitute children in 13 of the world's poorest countries. Several eastern and southern African countries where RHK operates cooperative programs suffer the devastating effects of widespread poverty, civil unrest, and high

rates of HIV/AIDS infections--or perhaps all three in deadly combination, she said.

RHK exists to provide shelter, health care, food, and basic educational support for usually orphaned or abandoned kids in struggling countries around the world. There is much need for help here at home, she says, but great, great unmet needs exist among the poorest of the poor. Those poorest of countries are where she has chosen to concentrate her attention.

A clue to the genius of Nashed's remarkable success is her uncanny ability to partner RHK resources with a seemingly endless string of private donors and cooperator organizations, many of the latter being non-government organizations (NGOs). The RHK web site lists 18 formal partners and a twelve-member board of directors. Norma Nashed's name appears

with the title of Founder/Executive Director.

Nowhere are the effects of Nashed's creative genius more evident than in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In Kinshasa, RHK partners with the Foundation for Africa in Hungary to help 1,200 students of Otheniel College with food, clothing, and educational assistance. The partners recently established a new orphanage there that houses 11 children, most the offspring of parents who have died of AIDS. Nashed says as many as 40 percent of those orphans may be infected with the AIDS virus. She notes that experts estimate that there are as many as 12 million HIV-infected orphans living in Southern Africa. According to a UNICEF report, there are 4 million orphaned children living in the Democratic Republic of the Congo alone.

(Part II Next Month)

The Kitchen Garden

By Elizabeth Olson

A volunteer tomato plant sprouted in my garlic patch this spring. It survived the excavation of the garlic bulbs all around it, then flourished in erratic weather that included periods of heavy rain, drought, and unseasonably cool weather. It quickly grew to six feet tall without fertilizer, and suffered no pests and no diseases. It was the ultimate in a low-maintenance plant.

There was no indication of what type of tomatoes the plant would produce until many long clusters of tomato flowers appeared. The leading candidates were yellow pear tomatoes and cherry tomatoes.

As the tomatoes began to

form and grow, it appeared that they were grape tomatoes. They were small and oval in shape, and they ripened to a typical tomato red color. A squirrel or chipmunk had most likely deposited the seed the previous season. Grape tomatoes had not been on the list for my summer kitchen garden this year, but I was glad to have them. They were free, tasty, and gradually ripened along each cluster in numbers that worked well for me.

The rest of my summer kitchen garden was started late and took a long time to become established. As the time approached for the annual Prince George's County Fair, I wondered what I could enter in addition to my garlic. In

previous years, grape tomatoes fared poorly in the competition because they were grouped with the traditional round cherry tomatoes.

I checked the catalog for the 2009 Prince George's County Fair and found that a new category had been added for grape tomatoes. I carefully harvested the ripe grape tomatoes and sorted them for consistency in size and shape, then delivered 10 of them to the fair on Tuesday, September 8. The fair opened on September 10. My grape tomatoes had been positioned at the head of the agricultural display area. They had been awarded the designation of Best of Show.



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Together We Make a Difference

On September 12, 2009, 34 members of Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Beltsville, MD gathered in the Fellowship Hall for a Planning Retreat. The theme of the Retreat was The Great Commission, as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew, "And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.'" (Matthew 28:18-20). Led by Rev. Dorch, retired pastor of Faith United Methodist Church, Accokeek, Md, Emmanuel UMC set goals for the upcoming Christian year.

The goals, as identified, include providing Sunday worship time and church school in addition to Christian fellowship time. In fellowship we share our time, our gifts and talents, both spiritual and natural. Sunday church school will be including a bilingual class about the Parables of Jesus, to be more inclusive.

Another goal is to improve communication with the members of the congregation, as well as the community as a whole. In addition to the website, www.emmanuelumcbeltsville.net, Emmanuel can be followed on Facebook and has videos of activities and missions on YouTube. Sunday morning sermons can be viewed on the website or on Facebook. The 11:00 Sunday worship is sign language interpreted and assistive listening devices and large print hymnals are available for those who need them. Nursery care is provided for all Sunday services. Merchant Circle.com has Emmanuel listed in the churches in Beltsville. Information available on Merchant Circle includes the history of the church and information about Pastor Mejia and our new Youth pastor, Michelle Thorne.

Extending services to elderly at Emmanuel and in Beltsville was made a goal for the upcoming year. Services being considered include providing transportation to shopping areas for those who cannot drive themselves. The logistics of transporting persons to medical appointments is also being considered. Lending a helping hand to those who need help in their homes is considered a priority.

The members of Emmanuel United Methodist Church take seriously the fact that we are all part of the family of God. As it says in the song, "I'm so glad I'm a part of the Family of God, I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His Blood! Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod, For I'm part of the family, The Family of God." Ongoing missions include covenant

missionaries in several countries, Christian Teen Club for any middle-school or high-school youth, ESOL classes for anyone wanting to learn English as a second language, feeding the homeless and needy at Community Place Café at First UMC in Hyattsville, a community food closet registered with the capital area food bank, feeding the homeless on the streets of Washington, DC, the Emmanuel Mental Health Education Research Group (EMERGE) for those suffering from mental illness, and Trunk

or Trick, a safe activity for children on Halloween.

Emmanuel subscribes to the United Methodist Church mottoes to "Rethink Church" and "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors." All are invited to experience our love for Jesus Christ through our worship, prayer, fellowship and missions. John Wesley and the early Methodists were particularly concerned about inviting people to experience God's grace and to grow in their knowledge and love of God through disciplined Christian liv-

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Phase 1 map and calendar for September 28-October 9. The calendar includes activities like Tag Abandoned Vehicles, Surveys for Roadside Litter, Storm Drain Maintenance & Tree Trimming on County Property, Bulky Trash Pickup, Storm Drain Water Quality Testing, and Housing Code/Zoning Ordinance Violation Survey.

Phase 2 map and calendar for October 5-16. The calendar includes activities like Tag Abandoned Vehicles, Surveys for Roadside Litter, Storm Drain Maintenance & Tree Trimming on County Property, Bulky Trash Pickup, Storm Drain Water Quality Testing, and Housing Code/Zoning Ordinance Violation Survey.

Phase 3 map and calendar for October 13-23. The calendar includes activities like Columbus Day Holiday, Tag Abandoned Vehicles, Surveys for Roadside Litter, Storm Drain Maintenance & Tree Trimming on County Property, Bulky Trash Pickup, Storm Drain Water Quality Testing, and Housing Code/Zoning Ordinance Violation Survey.

Phase 4 map and calendar for October 19-30. The calendar includes activities like Tag Abandoned Vehicles, Surveys for Roadside Litter, Storm Drain Maintenance & Tree Trimming on County Property, Bulky Trash Pickup, Storm Drain Water Quality Testing, and Housing Code/Zoning Ordinance Violation Survey.

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plan and implement all aspects of the Health Fair including topics to be covered, layout and design of the Health Fair, publicity and advertising and construction of health oriented exhibits.

In addition to the student exhibits, the fair will include blood pressure screening, hearing and vision tests, and body fat test (BMI). Flu shots will be available. Much of the testing will be provided by community organizations like the Beltsville Lions Club, local doctors and dentists, pharmacies, the PG Health Department and local hospitals.

Fire Prevention Open House

The Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department will host their annual Fire Prevention Open House on Sunday, October 18, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The Fire Department is located at 4911 Prince George's Avenue. There will be puppet shows, fire prevention giveaways, fire prevention learning activities, and a bake sale. Come and meet some of the volunteers.

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Beltsville Lions Blood Drive

On Tuesday, October 20 the Beltsville Lions will sponsor a blood drive conducted by the Washington Hospital Center MedStar at the Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Road, between 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. Appointments may be made at 15 minute intervals during that time frame. Please call 301.937.6796 and ask for Ted to make an appointment. You are also welcome to drop in without an appointment. We look forward to seeing you on October 23, so please mark your calendar.

Basket Bingo

St. Joseph's Parish will conduct a Basket Bingo on Friday evening, November 6, in the Parish Hall at 11011 Montgomery Road from 7:00 p.m. until 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 \$10.00 (in advance) daily at the school and parish offices, or at the door. Refreshments are available.

Slavic Food Festival

St. Gregory of Nyssa Byzantine Catholic Church, 12420 Old Gunpowder Road Spur, Beltsville is holding their Annual Slavic Food Festival, Bake Sale and Raffle on Saturday, November 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Featured will be Eastern European foods

including pirohi, holupki, halushki and kolbassi with sauerkraut. All food will be available to eat in or carry out. Our bake table will offer Kolachi and a wide variety of homemade goodies. Admission and parking are free. For details call 301.552.2434 or go to www.stgregoryofnyssa.net.

Make a Difference Day By Doris Wray

The date is October 24, 2009 for you to make a difference in your community. For years we have met on the bridge down in our park by the recreation center. We will do so again this year to plant our bulbs (daffodils) mostly inside the recreation square because they ask us not to plant anything where grass is mowed.

So come on down to the bridge at the community park on October 24 at 9:00 a.m. Bring your tools, trowels, or bulb planters to help plant. Call Carolyn at 301.937.7765 or Doris at 301.937.7227 if you would like to help. And don't forget to get down to the park next spring to see the beauty.

Comprehensive Community Clean-Up Program

BY PRESIDENT KAREN M. COAKLEY

The County will be doing a Survey and Clean-Up program in Beltsville during October. They will be checking for abandoned vehicles, housing code and zoning code violations, cleaning up roadside litter and clearing stormwater drains. Plus, each section of the community will have a scheduled Bulky Trash pick-up. Please refer to the maps (page 5) for your community clean up timeline. If you have a specific problem or issue that you would like the county to inspect, please send the location to me. I can be reached at 301.937.0157 or karenmcoakley@verizon.net.

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Club News

Beltsville Young at Heart

By Barbara Schofield

At the August 6th business meeting, Marge presented a certificate of appreciation to Athena Vranas for her work for the anniversary luncheon. Pearl provided the time to meet for the crab feast trip.

Our entertainment meeting on August 13 was a lot of fun. The award winning Mike Surratt sang and played for us and told some good jokes. He entertained us before and he is a delight. I attended the August 27 crab feast trip at the Kentmore Restaurant in Stevensville. It was a beautiful day for a trip. The crabs were hot out of the pot, tasted fantastic, and were very nice and spicy. The corn on the cob was homegrown and scrumptious. There were large crabcakes for non-pickers, also slaw, chicken, and potato salad.

Election of officers is coming soon, so think about filling a spot. None of these things is hard to do, and if you goof up once in awhile you can't be fired because you are a volunteer. I will leave you to

think about these questions: What disease did cured ham really have? And, once you're in Heaven do you get stuck wearing the same clothes for eternity?



Award winning Mike Surratt entertains at Beltsville Young at Heart seniors club.



Beltsville Garden Club

By Louise DeJames

Ring in another year of informative gardening topics by attending the Beltsville Garden Club meeting on **Wednesday, October 28th 2009** at 7:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evan Trail, Beltsville, Maryland. Our speaker for this month will be Kathy Jentz, editor and publisher of the **Washington Gardener Magazine**. Her topic will be "Small Trees and Large Shrubs for Urban Yards." Come listen to Kathy as she explores the possibilities of using small trees and large shrubs to plant in small urban lots. Tailored to what grows best in the greater DC region, the choices will cover natives, edibles, and ornamentals for full sun to full shade. You will find that in every garden there is a tree that is a perfect fit, even if you only have a few pots in which to plant trees. It can be part of your urban life.

You can read Kathy's work in the **Washington Examiner** and **Washington Women** in addition to regular guest spots on **Channel 9**, **Channel 4** and **WAMU radio**.

Please join us for this informative speaker. We will have plants for the door prize table, and refreshments after the meeting. The public is welcomed and admission is free.

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Club News

Women's Community Club of Beltsville

By Mae Whitehead

The Women's Community Club of Beltsville (WCCB) will hold their next meeting on the Columbus Day Holiday, Monday October 12. We will have refreshments in honor of the Club's 87th birthday. The meeting will be held at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, starting at 12:30 p.m.

The WCCB is a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization. Our activities are open to all in the community and your participation is welcomed. Canned food donations are accepted toward our food assistance projects.

For more information about WCCB please visit us on the Internet: www.beltsvillerec.org or contact Mae Whitehead presidentwccb@yahoo.com 301.572.7464. "Spreading a little sunshine year round."

Beltsville Lions to Hold Community Friendship Night

The Beltsville Lions will conduct a community friendship night on Tuesday, October 6, at the Comfort Inn adjacent to the Calverton shopping center. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Guests will be treated to a complimentary dinner, courtesy of the Beltsville Lions. To find out more about the Beltsville Lions, please make a reservation for this community friendship night by calling Lion Kevin at 301.910.9600 or Lion Ted at 301.937.6796.

The community friendship night is a way to introduce interested men and women to the activities of the Beltsville Lions with the prospect that some may wish to join. The goal of the Lions is

to help people in need, and it does this by raising funds via donations from the community.

The club's annual banquet and silent auction is an example of the fundraising efforts of the organization. This year the affair is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, at the Villa, located at 4060 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, adjacent to the Calverton Shopping Center. Guests will be treated to a gourmet meal in the sumptuous Grand Ballroom at the Villa, and will have the opportunity to silently bid on a wide selection of items donated by businessmen and service providers in the greater Beltsville area. An order form is provided below for those inter-

ested in making reservations for this function.

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School News

Augsburg Academy Opens to Add Russian Language Class

The Augsburg Academy, 13800 Old Gunpowder Road, Laurel, will be adding a second language to its offerings for middle school and high school students starting in August 2010 when the academy begins classes in Russian.

Fr. Art Hebbeler, head of schools, announced today that the academy's addition of Russian language instruction is part of a planned expansion of course offerings for the growing Laurel school. "We are blessed to have a native Russian speaker and educator on our staff," said Fr. Hebbeler. "Olga Somers, a former news anchor from Kyrgyzstan, holds a master's degree in Russian language and literature from her home country, as well as a master's degree in education from the University of Phoenix (AZ). She is exceptionally well-qualified to take on this

important addition to our program in world languages."

The academy, now in its fifth year, offers classes to students from pre-kindergarten through ninth grade, and will add tenth grade for the 2010-11 school year. Currently, all students study Spanish as part of the standard curriculum. Russian will be offered for grades six and above beginning next fall. "We are offering Russian as one of our world languages for two reasons," said Fr. Hebbeler. "First, it is a language important to trade and diplomacy now and in the years to come, and students with proficiency in it will be well-suited for service in the world after graduation from high school or college. Second, there is a significant population of Russian-speaking families in our region, and so few schools offer formal

instruction that many are losing the 'native' tongue in the second- or third-generation. We believe that many of these families will see the opportunity to continue that tradition as another reason to consider attending Augsburg Academy."

Fr. Hebbeler also noted that Chinese will be added to the offerings as soon as feasible, probably in the next one or two academic years. The Augsburg Academy is an independent parochial school in the Lutheran/Evangelical tradition, and serves students in pre-kindergarten through ninth grade. Transfer students are accepted through the start of the third quarter. To find out more about Augsburg's exciting programs, visit their web site www.AugsburgAcademy.net or call 240.786.0283.

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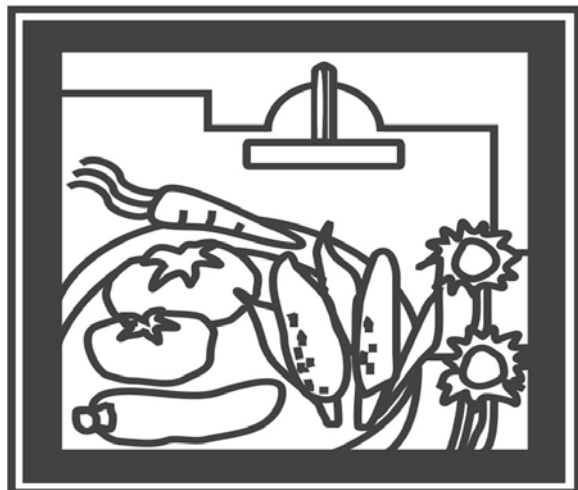
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St. Joseph's is pleased to welcome Senora Estrada aboard as the new Spanish language instructor.

Although Spanish was formerly an after school program at the school, Spanish has been introduced into the school day curriculum. Students in grades 3-8 will benefit from the language course and will explore both the linguistic and cultural basics of Spanish.

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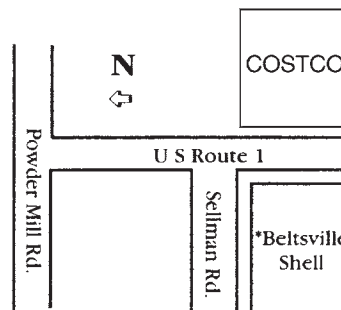


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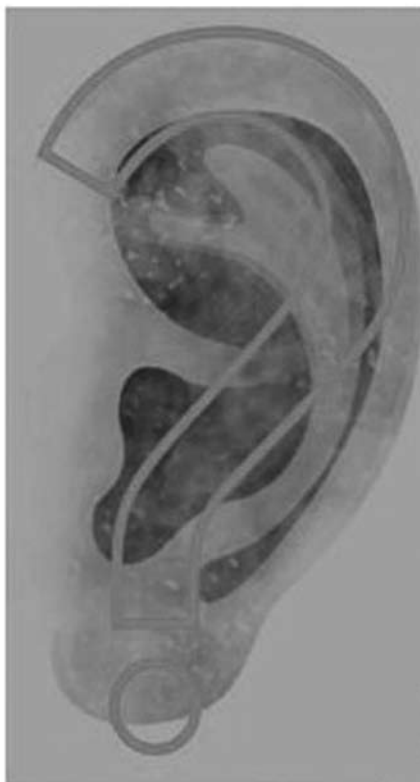


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School News

St. Joseph's Student Council Elections

On Friday, September 11th, St. Joseph's Catholic School students assembled in the parish hall for a prayer service in memory of the victims and families devastated by the terrorist attacks on 9/11/01. Student Council candidates campaigning for offices led the ceremony and subsequently delivered well-crafted speeches in front of the entire student body and faculty. The student council candidates exhibited tremendous courage in their speeches while giving the

students many important things to think about. After the speeches, the students were given ballots and the popular vote decided the incumbent officers. These young people are beginning to conceptualize important maxims associated with civic leadership, social responsibility, and service to the community. St. Joseph's Catholic School Student Council Officers are held to strict academic and behavioral expectations. They will be provided several opportunities

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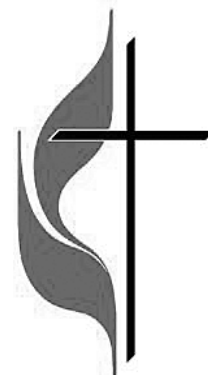
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FALL CRAFT BAZAAR & BAKE SALE

Saturday, October 17, 2009, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd U.M.C., 9701 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring

BELTSVILLE EVENTS

VANSVILLE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

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

BELTSVILLE RECREATION COUNCIL

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

BELTSVILLE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m. at Beltsville Elementary School, 4300 Wicomico Ave.

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CLUB OF BELTSVILLE

Monday, October 12 12:30 p.m. at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane.

YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

1st & 3rd Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. at the Beltsville Community Center.

BELTSVILLE LIONS BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, October 20, 3:00-7:00 p.m. at the

Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Road. Beltsville Lions sponsored in cooperation with Washington Hospital Center MedStar. Call 301.937.6796 for convenient time, or e-mail beltsvillelions@aol.com.

BEHNKE NURSERIES GARDEN CENTER

These events will take place at the Behnke Nurseries garden center at 11300 Baltimore Ave. Call 301.937.1100 for general information.

CHILI COOK-OFF & KITCHEN GARDEN DISPLAY

Saturday, October 3. Benefit for the Rotary Club. Sponsored by the Mason-Dixon Pod of the Chili Appreciation Society International. New Groups and individuals are welcome to apply to participate in the friendly competition. The public is invited to come and taste the chili. A kitchen garden display will be available for viewing on the same day. Call Stephanie Fleming at 240.473.67009 for more information.

BOOK SIGNING & HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION

Saturday, October 31 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sheilah Kast and Jim Rosapepe will be signing copies of their new book *Dracula is Dead: How Romanians Survived Communism, Ended it, and Emerged as the New Italy Since 1989*.

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PROGRAM FOR EVERYONE

CHESS CLUB

Tuesday, October 13 and Monday, October 26 at 5:30 p.m. Chess for all ages and levels. Everyone welcome. Come to learn or just to play with other players and have fun.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

HALLOWEEN STORYTIME

Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, October 29 at 10:30 a.m.

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

Tuesday, October 27 at 7:00 p.m. Going Buggy Puppet Show and a Costume Parade. Sponsored by the Friends of the Beltsville Library.

SCARY STORIES, SPOOKY STORIES

Saturday, October 31 at 2:00 p.m. A Halloween program partnership between the Beltsville Library and Voices in the Glen Storytellers. Age 6 and up.

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Mondays, October 19 and 26 at 4:00 p.m. If you love to write and want to have fun doing it, this is the program for you. Ages 8 – 12.

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Wednesdays, October 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs, and fingerplays. Ages 3 – 5.

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PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

FRIENDS OF THE BELTSVILLE LIBRARY MEETING

Tuesday, October 6 at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome.

FRIENDS OF THE BELTSVILLE LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION

Monday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m. Jasper Forde's *The Eyre Affair*. All are welcome!

COMPUTERS FOR EVERYONE

Thursday, October 8 at 9:10 a.m. Don't be intimidated by computers. Join us to learn basic computer skills, terminology, and how to use the library's computers. Limit 24 per class. Registration required. Please contact the Beltsville Library for more information.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesday, October 20 at 2:00 p.m. Al Franken's *Lies and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them*. Drop by the library to pick up a copy.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Saturday, October 3 at 2:00 p.m. Join us for snacks, brainstorming, discussion, and more. Bring your friends and ideas. Suggest books, magazines, CDs, and movies for the Library. Plan programs, become involved in your community, and earn service hours. Fun! Ages 13 – 18.

BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

3900 Sellman Rd., Beltsville. Call 301.937.6613 for information. TTY: 301.445.4512. Hours of operation are: Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

CLASSES

Contact the center for information regarding classes, times, and fees.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS SEMINAR

Wednesday, October 7 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We invite you to an informative session on breast cancer awareness. Free. All ages welcome.

XTREME PRE-TEEN OPEN HOUSE

Friday, October 9 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Come and enjoy games, prizes, movies, refreshments, and hanging out. Don't forget to bring a friend. Free. You must have an M-NCPPC ID card. Ages 10 – 13.

GOSPEL LIVE

Saturday, October 17 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Enjoy live gospel music from local artists and a special guest. Free. All ages welcome.

PUMPKIN CARVING WORKSHOP

Thursday, October 22 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Ever wanted to carve a pumpkin like a pro? Learn some great techniques here. Reservation required by October 20. Free. Ages 8 – 17.

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6813 Ammendale Rd., Vansville. The Vansville Community Center offers programs in Fitness & Health and for people with disabilities. Call 301.937.6621 for more information on these and other programs. FAX: 301.937.6623. TTY: 301.445.4512. Hours of operation are: Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:15 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. when the fitness area closes to make room for the XTreme Teens events, and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

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HALLOWEEN ARTS & CRAFTS WORKSHOP

Saturday, October 24 at 11:00 a.m. Stop by for a haunt of a good time decorating a mini pumpkin (quantities limited) and scarecrow making demonstration. If you want to make your own scarecrow, stop by the center for a list of materials. Free with center ID card. All ages welcome.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY

Friday, October 30 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. Come party with us. You are guaranteed a spooktacular good time. Prizes will be awarded for funniest and most creative costumes. Enjoy arts & crafts and spooky snacks. Free with center ID card. Ages 10 – 17.

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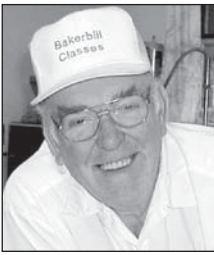
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Baker Bill

STUFF 'N THINGS

Well it's time to start baking again. Later I have a recipe for a good corn muffin, but for now I have a true story for all the families that live in parts of old Beltsville. My friend John Bouma lives on the corner of Tonquil Place and 43rd Avenue in a house built in 1954, like all the houses in that area. He was working in his back yard and

stepped on a spot in the lawn and fell into a dry well. Not all the way in, but one leg all the way. He called out and a neighbor heard him and pulled him out. He was not able to pull himself out. No broken bones, but a deep bone bruise. This man is in his 80's. John tells me he had two others in his yard. They are boarded over with a slab of

cheap concrete on top of the wood, then dirt and grass. The wood rots over time and the concrete is not reinforced. If you live in one of the 50-year-old houses in that area, you have a dry well somewhere. From what I can learn, all the homes had one built when new. I recommend taking a sharp rod and find a solid area in your yard. If you have a tale

to tell about a dry hole, drop me a line at bakerbill1@verizon.net.

I am sorry about last month's article. I sent the wrong one in. I am having an equipment revolt with my lawn mower, golf cart, and kitchen appliances. I hope to have no more. We'll see! This computer is giving me strange popup messages and slows to load files from time to time. It will be three years old in January. I have been doing some research on computers. I have asked knowledgeable computer persons, "How many years should a computer last?" Everyone told me, "Three to four years tops, and it doesn't matter if you paid a thousand or five hundred dollars for it." It looks as if the manufacturers build in a fail date program. I have been buying the E machine brand the last two times. Built by Gateway.

Corn muffin or corn pone

In a medium size bowl place $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar, 1 cup any flour, 1-teaspoon baking powder, a pinch of salt STIR. Now add 2 eggs along with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup oil any and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup milk MIX WELL. Now add 4 heaping Tbsp. corn meal, 3 heaping Tbsp cream corn*.

Mix well again. If too stiff add a bit more milk. This will make 6 full cupcake size muffins or one good size flat pan. Bake approximately 15-18 minutes at 400-415 degrees. Will be light brown and should have no wet spots. Solid. Cool first before serving.

* If cream corn is not handy, substitute 1 tablespoon mayonnaise and cut the oil by the same amount.

That's all for now. Thanks for your comments.

—Bakerbill aka Bill Raulin

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