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Scouts at Camp Harmison in West Virginia

Scouts Go Cabin Camping

By Gary Bauchan, Assistant Scoutmaster

At the end of each year the Scouts of Troop 1033 go cabin camping to celebrate the activities for the year. The first weekend of December, 14 scouts and 3 adult leaders went to Camp Harmison in West Virginia. The scouts enjoyed taking a walk down to the river, playing cards, Connect 4 and Jenga, watching movies and a Scouting Feast of meatloaf (recipe courtesy of Troop 230

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Beltsville Briefs

Elizabeth White Receives Distinguished Alumni Award from Professional Music Fraternity

A piano instructor & performer, Riderwood resident's service to others recognized

By Mu Phi Epsilon

SILVER SPRING, MD—By the time she was six, Elizabeth White had heard her mother play classical music every night after putting the children to bed. This musical influence, plus the start of lessons with a fine teacher, was the beginning of a rewarding lifelong career of performing and teaching.

Mrs. White joined the international professional music fraternity, Mu Phi Epsilon, while attending the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston.

Sixty years later via the Wash-

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Elizabeth White, a resident of Riderwood retirement community, displays the 2013-2014 Orah Ashley Lamke Distinguished Alumni Award presented by the international professional music fraternity, Mu Phi Epsilon. Mrs. White was lauded for embracing the organization's service ideals.

Basket Bingo at St. Joseph's

St. Joseph's Parish will conduct a Basket Bingo on Friday evening, Jan. 10, 2014 in the parish hall at 11011 Montgomery Road, Beltsville, Md., from 7 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 daily for \$12 in advance at the school and parish offices or for sale at the door. Refreshments are available. Snow date is Jan. 17.

Beltsville Author Praises God Through Poetry Collection

BELTSVILLE, Md. — This week marks the nationwide release of author J.L. Price's new poetry collection, "Poetry to Glorify the Father."

In his second book, "Poetry to Glorify the Father," Price brings readers closer to the Lord in a very simple yet powerful way. Written with the truth and honesty of God's word, this collection of poetry is wonderful for recitals at spiritual gatherings or simply just for pleasure.

Published by Tate Publishing and Enterprises, the book is available through bookstores nationwide, from the publisher at www.tatepublishing.com/bookstore, or by visiting barnesandnoble.com or amazon.com.

Beltsville Academy News

Beltsville Academy is pleased to announce the 2013-2014 Class of Student Ambassadors. The Beltsville Academy Student Ambassadors Program is a student led organization that sponsors several service projects throughout the year. The goal of the program is to teach students to be role models for their peers, exhibit great student aca-

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First Row: (left to right) Johanna Quintanilla, Luis Villatora, Abraham Cruz, Ani Loyer, Millie Gomez, Jayla Henderson. **Second Row:** (left to right) Jayda John, Micah Long, Alberta Johnson, Yesly Ramirez, Darius Ramnath, Alyssa Hatcher, Jocelyn Lopez, Aleasa Purce, Daniela Cruz, Mrs. Jocelyn Samuel, Student Ambassadors Program Advisor. **Third Row:** (left to right) Mrs. Julia Canty, Warrick, Student Ambassadors Program Coordinator, Landamun Kaspas, Alyssa Maragh, Samantha Finazzo, Kayla Thomas, Angeles Garcia, Jessica Maragh. **Not pictured:** Ms. Diane Bryant, Student Ambassadors Program Advisor, Fernando Amaya, Ahmed Ameen, Aaron Barnes.



Leslie Lowe, Principal, Beltsville Academy (Middle School)

Leslie Lowe, Principal of Beltsville Academy to give presentation to the GBBA

By Jay Williams

The principal of Beltsville Academy, Leslie Lowe, will speak at the GBBA (Greater Beltsville Business Association) at 7:30-9:00 AM. This will take place at the GBBA's monthly morning meeting on Wednesday January 15th. All are welcome to attend. See www.BeltsvilleBusiness.com for directions and details about registering for this event.

Leslie Lowe will present the full history of the school going back to 1961 and will include many details about the school of today that she can fit in. Time will

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25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

Extracted from the January 1989 issue

New Arrivals

Alexander Camille Bradley, daughter of Terri Ann and Thomas Day was born December 2, 1988.

Jennifer Erica Chien, daughter of Shan Kathleen and Derek Chein was born December 2, 1988.

Sarah Marie Keddrell, daughter of Sherin Marie and Mitchell Wayne Kredrell was born December 5, 1988.

Theresa Marie, daughter of Natalie Goodwin and Anthony Steven Gazo was born December 23, 1988.

Kaaren Ingrid Goodwin, daughter of Denise Ann and Steven Craig Goodwin was born December 22, 1988.

Maiunamta Nasir Maidwada, daughter of Aishata N. and Muhammad N. Maiwado was

born December 21, 1988.

Kevin Adam Kriegh, son of Robin Jean and McKinley Wesley Kriegh III was born December 20, 1988.

Sean Casey Ellis, son of Kristine Marie and Dennis Clark Ellis was born December 14, 1988.

Robert Andrew Austin, son of Mary Jo Walsh and Robert Christopher Austin was born December 14, 1988.

Christina Leigh Stolt, daughter of Susan R. Fisher and George G. Stolt was born December 6, 1988.

Brittany Angelica Mott, a daughter, was born to Julie Anne Walsh and Gary Alan Mott on December 6, 1988.

Airman Arthur H. Cherry, Jr. has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force base, Texas.

December 18, 1988 as a resident of Beltsville.

Helen Lee Moses of Beltsville, passed away December 13, 1988.

Robert Reese, 40, of Beltsville was killed in a fall from a 1200 foot tower in Baltimore.

Lawrence P. Cody passed away in Beltsville. He owned and operated Calverton Cleaners in the Calverton Shopping Center.

Ronald Francis Darin passed away December 1, 1988.

Beltsville Tops in Voter Turnout

Four out of five registered voters turned up at the November 8 General Election, according to our 21st District Delegation. However, the high turnout caused long lines at some of Beltsville's five polling places. More machines have been requested for future elections.

Obituaries

Mary M. Pentzer passed away

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be allotted for Q&A after her talk.

Today the school's vision is to continue building a community of excellence where 100% of Beltsville Academy students exceed proficiency standards while gaining the knowledge, skills, and

character traits that will lead to college readiness, life-long learning and civic engagement.

The mission of Beltsville Academy is to provide a rigorous, nurturing and safe environment that inspires students to maximize their academic and social potential.

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New Year's Resolutions for Small Businesses

(StatePoint) It's not just individuals who can benefit from New Year's resolutions. Businesses can also use the new year as an opportunity to reflect on how to improve in the year to come. With that in mind, here is a resolution checklist for small business owners:

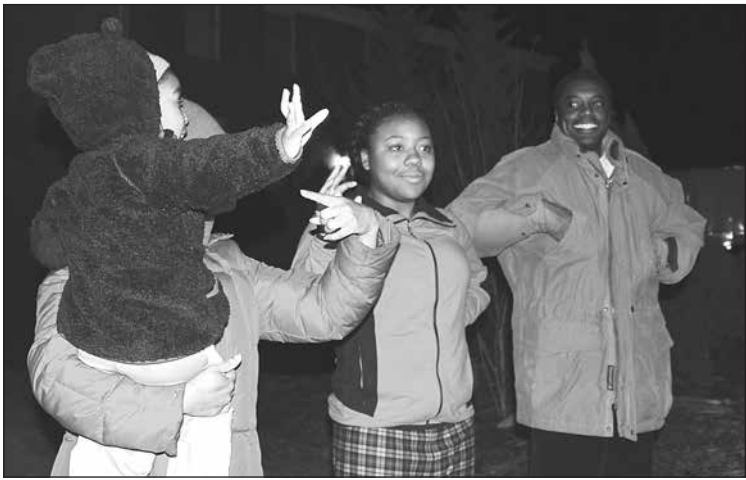
■ **Get your books in order:** Make sure to update balance sheets, compile income statements and assemble cash flow statements.

■ **Evaluate goals:** Did you meet your goals this year? What helped you achieve success? How can you improve the following year? Clearly documenting your goals and making them accessible to your staff will keep them top-of-mind. This can be anything, from bringing on a certain number of new employees to hitting a sales goal or expanding product offerings. Once you've set your goals, devise a plan that will get you there, with monthly or quarterly checkpoints, so you can ensure you're on track.

■ **Protect data:** Small businesses say that data is their most valuable asset. Are you adequately protecting it? Many small businesses only back up files once or twice a month, which can result in a tremendous loss. Cloud backup is the best way to ensure you get all your files back easily in the event of a disaster. Save yourself a head-

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Neighbors in the News



The Beltsville Volunteer Fire Dept. helps Santa visit the children of Beltsville. Photos by Mariah McKenzie.

The Beltsville Recreation Council Says "Thank You"

Thank you to the Beltsville Community for supporting the events sponsored by the Beltsville Recreation Council: Beltsville Day, Jazz under the Stars, the Community Health Fair, the Holiday Home Decorating Contest and the annual Holiday Concert. These events have been a mainstay in the Beltsville community for years and are enjoyed by many in the surrounding area.

As we begin 2014, we would like to look back and thank all of those who participated in our activities. The events provided by the Beltsville Recreation Council would not be possible without the support of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC), the wonderfully supportive staff at the Beltsville Community Center and our community sponsors: Old Line Fine Wine, Spirits & Bistro, who sells our "I Heart Beltsville" t-shirts.

The Beltsville Recreation Council congratulates the winners of the 2013 Beltsville Holiday Decorating Contest, who were present and received a prize: "Best Holiday Spirit" - 4218 Kenny Street and "Best Use of Animation" - 4608 Brandon Lane.

Meetings of the Beltsville Recreation Council are held at the Community Center on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm. Members of the Beltsville Community Center staff attend the meetings to help with successful

coordination of planning and set up for all of the events. A calendar of events and meetings can be found on our website www.beltsvillerecreationcouncil.homestead.com or our Beltsville Recreation Council Facebook page.

Below is a list of those who supported at least one of the Beltsville Recreation Council programs in 2013. If we excluded anyone, it was inadvertent. We sincerely appreciate everyone's support and look forward to a great new year in Beltsville.

- Anacostia Watershed
- Audiology Unlimited/College Park Hearing Services
- Behnke Nurseries
- Beltsville Areas school bands and orchestras
- Beltsville Ballet Academy
- Beltsville Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts
- Beltsville Boys and Girls Club
- Beltsville Dahn Yoga Center
- Beltsville Fire Department
- Beltsville Girl Scouts
- Beltsville Library
- Beltsville Lion's Club
- Beltsville Pharmacy
- Beltsville Police

- Beltsville Rotary
- Bike and Build
- Candles 4 You
- Capital Breast Care Center
- Capital Caring - Hispanic Affairs
- Captain Krunch and the Taste

- Brigade
- Center for Health Literacy
- Community Counseling and Mentoring Services, Inc.
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- Covington Insurance
- Cynthia A. Scott
- David Bach music
- Dee's Gems
- Dimension Healthcare System
- District 21 Legislative team
- Dr. Sharon M. Desmond and the University of Maryland School of Public Health
- Eleanor Pernia Studio of Dance
- Eleanor Roosevelt High School Dixieland Combo
- Emmanuel United Methodist Church
- First Baptist Church
- Frances Fuchs Elementary
- Good Company - 60's and 70's music
- Health Groove - Maryland
- High Point High School Dance Group
- Holly Beck DPM
- Holy Apostles Orthodox Church
- Holy Cross Hospital
- Home Visions
- Homestead Senior Care
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- Jack I. Price
- Joyful Motion Dance Group
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- Prince George's Area Agency on Aging
- Prince George's Community College
- Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union
- Prince George's County Police - Beltsville
- Project Natale
- Rite Aid Pharmacy
- Secure Medical Care
- Senator Jim Rosapepe and staff
- ShopRite Pharmacy
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- St. Joseph's Catholic Church
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Club News

College Park Unit #217 Celebrates the Season

By Ivy Christoffers

On the day scheduled for Unit 217's Community Children's Christmas Party, Mother Nature decided to mix things up a little and we experienced rain and snow which caused us to hold our breath for a while, at least until the children started to arrive. Children & Youth Chairman, Angie Brinkley, and her committee organized a fun filled day for the 28 children whose parents braved the weather and brought their children out to visit with Mrs. Santa and the big man, Santa Claus. The children began with crafts, lunch and then each received a gift from Santa. Because of the inclement weather, the party was shorter than usual. Thanks go out to Miss College Park, Miss Greenbelt, Miss Montgomery County

Teen, Jr. and all the little Princesses who were on hand to lend their assistance. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Thanks also to the kitchen crew, led by President Mary K., for the delicious lunch.

The next upcoming event is the New Year's Eve Party. \$25 will prove to be the least expensive party admission in the area and will include a great band, snacks, food, and a Champagne toast at midnight, hats, noisemakers and door prizes. Plan to come and join Unit 217 in closing out 2013 and welcoming in 2014.

Some upcoming events to put on your new calendar are the return of "Patsy's Honkey Tonk Torch and Twang" on Jan. 18th. They will be sharing the bill with Karen Collins and her band. It is shaping up to be

a great event with free dance lessons included and it is only \$10 a person. On Feb. 15th Unit 217 is very excited to welcome back Ronnie Dove's amazing band, Doug Lester and his band will be appearing from 8:00 pm until 12:00 am. Dinner is included with the cost of admission, which is only \$20. You really do not want to miss these artists, especially their sax player. There is a lot happening at the Post and the public is welcome to attend and enjoy all of these events. Where else in town can you find this quality of entertainment for such a pittance?

The College Park Unit is also looking for those qualified people in the community who would like to belong to this elite organization. God bless our troops and may God continue to bless America.

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The Beltsville Young At Heart Club

Members of the Young at heart Club enjoyed their annual Thanksgiving luncheon at Savage Mill last month. New officers will be sworn in at their Christmas party. The group members hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and send the best of wishes for the coming year. Say yes to less stress and more fun. Yes to what your heart yearns for. Yes to blessings, joy and wonderful opportunities.

New Year's Eve Celebration At The College Park Moose Lodge #453

Bring in 2014 with a big bang and party at the local Moose Lodge! The New Year's Eve Party begins with a steak dinner served from 6-8 pm. Dance to the music of the Dixie Wind Band from 9 to 1am. This popular band plays a variety of music for your listening and dancing pleasure. In addition, noisemakers will be provided and a Happy New Year toast will be held at midnight!

Tickets can be purchased at the Lodge at a cost of \$45 per person. This event is open to the public. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors and celebrate close to home. The Lodge is located at 3700 Metzert Road, College Park, Maryland. For further information, please call 301.935.5525.

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Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

By Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-21)

Join us Sunday, January 12, to welcome 2014!

I hope you can join my wife Sheilah and me for our Welcome 2014 Celebration on Sunday, January 12, from 11:30 to 2:00 pm, at Cherry Hill Park (9800 Cherry Hill Rd) in College Park. US Secretary of Labor Tom Perez will be our special guest. Families are welcome. Please RSVP soon at www.SenatorJimRosapepe.com or call 301-441-8690.

We look forward to seeing you!

It's time to try health care website again

It's no secret that the national and Maryland health insurance websites have had all kinds of bugs, and too many people needing affordable insurance haven't been able to sign up.

But federal and state officials — and their tech contractors — have been working hard to fix the sites. Governor O'Malley announced last month that Maryland's is largely fixed. The website isn't perfect — which ones are? — but most Marylanders who need health insurance should be able to sign up.

Visit www.marylandhealth-connection.gov to check it out. And please share this update with friends and family who need



Senator Jim Rosapepe

health insurance. If you still have problems with the site, you can call the Health Exchange at 1-855-642-8572, and they can help you over the phone. And if you still have problems, please contact us at 301-858-3141 and we'll do whatever we can to help. We all know that nothing important is easy. And getting affordable health insurance to all our neighbors is important.

Take MARC trains to Baltimore and DC on weekends!

Delegates Barbara Frush, Josefine Peña-Melnyk, Ben Barnes, and I are very happy to report that *weekend* MARC service on the Penn Line has begun. Take

advantage of this new service by bringing your family on a fun day trip to Baltimore and enjoying the Inner Harbor, National Aquarium, and Fort McHenry. Or take the train down to D.C. to visit the museums and other sites in our nation's Capitol, such as the National Zoo, Smithsonian, White House, and Arlington Cemetery.

The weekend service is a direct result of the state transportation package the Maryland legislature passed earlier this year. We worked hard to make sure it brought important improvements to our community, including expanding MARC service to the weekends on the Penn Line. **Additional daily trips will be added soon to the Camden Line as well.**

The weekend schedule includes 9 round trips on Saturdays and 6 on Sundays. The fares will be the same as weekday service (\$7 Baltimore-Washington, \$6 BWI-Washington, \$5, Odenton-Washington), and weekly and monthly passes will be honored.

Contact Us

As always, please let us know if there are other issues you have questions or thoughts about. And, of course, feel free to be in touch if we can be of help to you. Just email 21stDistrictDelegation@gmail.com or call 301-858-3141.

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ington Alumni Chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon, she received the fraternity's highest honor, the 2013-2014 Orah Ashley Lamke Distinguished Alumni Award.

Its emphasis on music-supportive activities recognizes her "loyal service throughout many years of membership... (She) has exemplified, to a high degree, a dedication to fraternity ideals and has inspired others in a manner akin to that of the sister in whose honor the award is named."

For the resident of Riderwood, the Erickson Living retirement community, the award is recognition of her career, but not an end to her musical journey. "To com-

bine performing and teaching is a dream come true. I really enjoy interacting with people," related Mrs. White.

Her active role with Mu Phi Epsilon has included participating in national conventions, chairing a performance scholarship competition, serving as chapter president during the 1990s and district director of the combined Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia chapters between 2000 and 2010, and aiding in the installation of new fraternity chapters.

Locally, she co-founded the Music Teachers Association of Bowie in 1968 and performed twice for the Prince George's County Philharmonic.

At Riderwood, Mrs. White formed the Piano Club in 2013.

The resident group meets monthly to enhance their love of the ivories through playing and sharing stories of concerts and experiences. Mrs. White also accompanies musicians on campus and plays for fellow residents at the extended care neighborhood of Riderwood.

Mrs. White counts meeting Chilean pianist Claudio Arrau, considered one of the greatest performers of the twentieth century, as a career highlight. But opening doors for others will always be her main priority.

"Developing talent in others is a rewarding experience," said Mrs. White. "Often times, it's just a matter of overcoming shyness. I always encourage people to try music or return to the piano because music brings the world so much joy."

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■ **Make it Painless:** Don't fight the wind. Whenever possible, point a snow blower's chute downwind so that the wind helps you blow the snow. It's usually easier to move up and down the length of a driveway, not perpendicular. In strong crosswinds, start on the upwind side and then work downwind.

■ **Think ahead:** Throw snow as far into your yard as possible. Throwing snow only to the edge of a driveway or walkway will lead to high snow banks and make it more difficult to remove snow during the next snowstorm.

■ **Be safe:** Read and understand your operator's manual before getting started. As you would with a lawn mower, inspect the area first and remove objects which might be picked up and thrown by the

snowblower. Keep children and pets far away.

■ **Be Body Smart:** Toiling away outdoors can be hard on your body, especially for older people. So give your heart and back regular breaks so you don't overdo it. Stay hydrated and don't overdress or you'll quickly be soaked from sweat.

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Anyone Can Make a Difference: Ways You Can Give Back

(StatePoint) In today's connected world, we are flooded with global news 24/7. As a result, many suffer from what experts refer to as "compassion fatigue." But simple acts of kindness can make your community and world a better place to live. And research says it could even be beneficial to your health.

In fact, in a recent study conducted by Claremont Graduate University, people who felt empathy for a stranger experienced a release of the hormone oxytocin, which is associated with lower blood pressure, lower cortisol (stress hormone) levels, reduced pain and improved psychological well-being. "Reaching out to a stranger benefits both people. It's a win-win," says Erin Healy, author of the new novel "Stranger Things," which she was inspired to write in order to raise awareness of sex trafficking and human slavery.

Many people are loathe to forge connections with strangers and help others, due to introversion, fear, or concerns that what they have to offer might not be enough. However, Healy points out that a small change in attitude can help spur you to take meaningful action. She offers some quick tips for surmounting your hurdles and giving back:

■ **Be you.** Harness your talents, abilities and the resources already at your disposal to give back or raise awareness. When it comes to helping others, there's no cookie-cutter way to do it.

"Teach a class, buy supplies, be an advocate — it's all about pinpointing what you can do to shine a light on an issue and help improve it, rather than getting mired in what you can't accomplish," says Healy. "At present, I can't travel to India to infiltrate a

brothel and pull girls out. I can't be a live-in 'mom' at an aftercare home. But I can write a book. I can help to raise awareness."

■ **Shop Smart.** With a little research you can better ensure your consumer dollars are not supporting companies that don't share your values. Consider shopping from companies that donate a portion of their proceeds to non-profit organizations and foundations that support causes about which you are passionate.

■ **Think local.** "When I started researching 'Stranger Things' I was surprised to learn how many small organizations in my own city are already making efforts to aid victims of human trafficking," Healy says. "Let your heart lead you to a local cause. You can empower yourself by helping those already doing the work."

■ **Think random.** You may not have the time to make a long-term volunteering commitment, but every day presents opportunities, big and small, to show kindness to strangers when you take the time to notice them.

■ **Connect with a stranger.** By looking outward you gain perspective on your own troubles and realize that you have more to offer than you may have thought. Be intentional, and take time to notice those around you. As you get to know them, you'll find yourself moved to help.

More information about Healy and her new novel, "Stranger Things," can be found at www.ErinHealy.com.

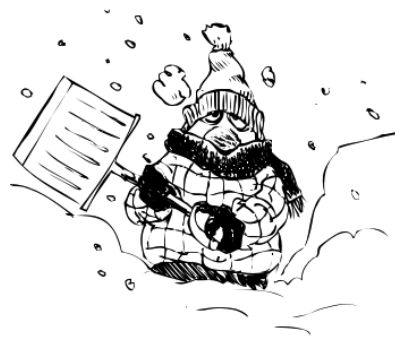
Don't let compassion fatigue or a busy schedule keep you from giving back. There are great ways for everyone to make a difference.

Safe and Easy Snow Removal Tips

(StatePoint) Keeping your property maintained during and after a snowfall is crucial. But handle snow and ice safely, as some of the risk involved comes from the removal process itself — manually shoveling after a heavy snowfall can be dangerously strenuous.

Opting for a snowblower can help you avoid risk, as well as get the job done faster. If you have a larger area to clear, you'll especially want to consider motorizing your snow removal efforts.

To help ensure a safe winter for you, your family and your guests, here are some considerations to make when dealing



with snow:

■ **Prevent:** An ounce of prevention goes a long way. So if you're expecting a major snowfall, consider salting before the first flake falls.

■ **Don't wait:** Keep up with the snowfall. Most of the time, it's easier and faster to clear six inches of snow twice than 12 inches of snow once.

■ **Use the Right Gear:** Not all snowblowers are the same, so purchase a machine that's ideal for your property. Factors such as the type of surface and size of the space you're clearing, as well as how much and what type of snow you're expecting all should be considered. For a free online tool that can help you identify the right snowblower

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Is Your Home Ready for a Power Outage?

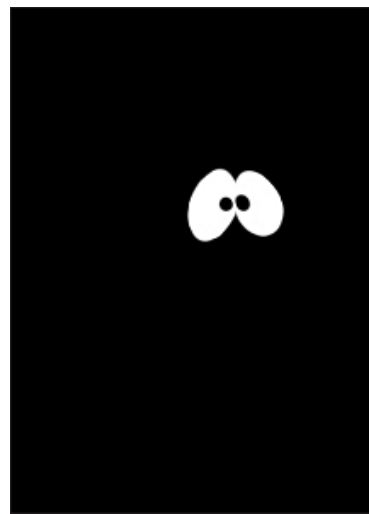
(StatePoint) Being prepared for winter means more than just stocking up on Vitamin C. It also means making sure your home is ready for the onslaught of cooler weather and potential power outages.

Whether it's just windy and blustery, or there's an ice storm or blizzard, wicked weather can cause all sorts of damage or power outages.

One of the most important things you can do to ensure a safe, happy and healthy winter is equip your home with a portable generator, which can serve as a useful back up during an emergency or when a power source isn't available.

Don't forget, with great power comes great responsibility. When using a generator, keep these tips in mind:

■ Always read and follow the manufacturer's operating manual



and instructions before running a generator.

■ Engines emit carbon monoxide (CO), a colorless and odorless poisonous gas. Don't run a generator inside homes, garages, crawlspaces, basements, sheds, or similar areas, even when using

fans or opening doors and windows for ventilation.

Locate the unit outside and direct its exhaust away from doors, windows, vents and other openings to reduce the risk of CO from accumulating and potentially being drawn towards occupied spaces. Install a CO detector in your home.

■ Connect electrically powered items to the generator using heavy-duty extension cords specifically designed for outdoor use. Ensure the wattage rating for each cord exceeds the total wattage of all appliances connected to it. Check that the entire length of each cord is free of cuts or tears and that the plug has all three prongs. Coiled cords can get hot, so always uncoil cords and lay them in flat open locations.

Connections for standby power

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Obituaries

Kennedy, Linda Jo

Linda Jo Kennedy was born on Jan. 24, 1959 in Louisville, Ky to parents Dorothy Mae Hasenmyer and G. Dean Hasenmyer. She passed away on Dec. 16, 2013. Linda is survived by her mother, Dorothy Hasenmyer; brother, Carl Hasenmyer; sister-in-law, Maristela Hasenmyer; nephew, Lucas Hasenmyer; husband, Kevin James Kennedy Sr.; and children: Kevin Kennedy Jr., Pamela Kennedy, Melissa Kennedy, Erin Kennedy, Jonathan Strike, Katie Kennedy, and her dog, Spencer. Linda earned her bachelor's degree from Illinois State University in 1980 and her master's degree from the University of Maryland in 1983.

She did post-graduate work at George Washington University. Linda dedicated her life to enriching the lives of children as the Instructional Specialist, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program in Prince George's County Public Schools. A Celebration of Life was held in her honor on Friday, Dec. 20 at Celebrations at the Bay, Pasadena, Md. Linda was a bright and cheerful woman. In lieu of flowers, please consider sending a donation to Ginger Wilson, Treasurer, Maryland State Steering Committee for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in the Memory of Linda Kennedy, 27430 Evans Drive, Marion Station, MD 21838.

Rita Gertrude Wasilewski Murray

On Sunday, December 8, 2013. Beloved wife of David F. Murray for 44 years; loving mother of Amy Weber (Robert) and Leanne Murray Hood; stepmother of Rachel Murray, Rebecca Slebodnik (Donald) and Eileen Murray (Amy Kraft); grandmother of Leonie and David Weber, Hayley Hood, Evan and Liam Schindler, Samantha and Caroline Slebodnik and the late John Weber; sister of Joan Gardner, Bernice Martin, Bernard Wasilewski (Donna), Antoinette Meuchel (Richard) and the late Stanley Wasilewski.

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SCOUTS

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from Limerick, PA), mashed potatoes, green beans, lemonade, and 'smores' that the Scouts did a fine job of preparing. The trip to camp was only 2 hours long; however, the return trip to Beltsville was a long 4 and a half hours through heavy snow Sunday morning.

Reflecting back on 2013, Boy Scout Troop 1033 had a tremendous year of growth. The troop grew to 25 boys with the addition of 4 new scouts who crossed over from Cub Scout Pack 1031 in Beltsville or who joined later in the year. Again this year, our Troop earned the Boy Scouts of America Quality Unit Award in their Journey to Excellence. The troop has 11 active parents who serve and guide the troop beginning with the leadership of Troop Committee Chair, Vicki Wauschek; Scoutmaster, Rick Deery; 4 assistant scoutmasters (Gary Bauchan, William Wauschek, Eric Saathoff, and Budhan Pukazhenthil), Charter Organization Representative, Julie Pavelka; Activities Chair,

Paula Crowley; Advancements Chair, Laurie Deery; Communications Chair, Jennifer Klemens; Committee Member at Large, Bob Thomas; and the support of all the parents. The troop continues to be sponsored by the Emmanuel United Methodist Church on Cedar Lane which graciously provides meeting space for our 7:00 p.m. Thur. weekly meetings. They have been the troops' sponsor for over 50 years. Thank you to the members of the Emmanuel United Methodist Church!

This past year, the troop went on 6 trips one of which included walking in the footsteps of our founding father, George Washington, as they visited Valley Forge. Camping trips included swimming/tubing in Antietam Creek; hiking along the C&O Canal near Harpers Ferry; climbing indoors at Earth Trek; orienteering at Broad Creek Boy Scout Reservation; and a week long summer camp at Camp Rodney. Twelve Scouts attended summer camp and obtained Archery, Basketry, Chess, Environmental Science, Geocach-

ing, Golf, Kayaking, Lifesaving, Nature, Radio, Rifle Shooting, Robotics, Swimming, and Wilderness Survival merit badges.

The Troop also contributed over 500 hours of service to the local community. These service projects included gardening around the grounds at the Methodist Church; helping set up and take down the 4th of July Celebration for the Calverton Community Association; directing traffic at the Methodist Church Parking lot Trunk-or-Treat; Scouting for Food for the needy; judging Christmas decorations in the Calverton neighborhood for the Calverton Community Association, and collecting toys for Children's Hospital.

The spring and fall fund raising involved the sale of Behnke Nurseries mulch, top soil, Leaf Grow, pansies and mums. This continues to be a huge success due to the kind support of the Beltsville community. The Boy Scouts and their leaders wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and a Healthy New Year!

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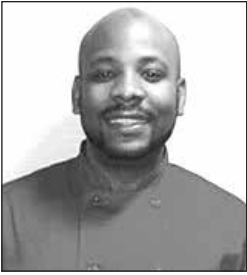
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By Chef Cole, Café Rue, Beltsville MD

Something New

It's that time of year where resolutions abound and decrees are made. In keeping with tradition here are a few tips to help you get the New Year off to a great start.

1. Treat yourself to a new cooking utensil, pot, pan, and take note if your kitchen creations improve.

2. Expand your palette, try a new ethnic food style this year. It took me 32 years to try kimchee and I am sorry I waited so long.

3. Stop by Old Line wine shop (route 1, Beltsville, MD) and check out their French wine selection. You can thank me later.

4. Try making hot chocolate using a Theo's Dark Chocolate bar (sold online or at Mom's Organic Market, College Park). You will have a decadent chocolate experience.

5. Try a new type of seafood this year. Sea Urchin anyone!

6. Next time you BBQ, add additional flavor to your fare by using wood chips in the cooking process. Suggestions include: Apple, Cherry and Hickory wood

7. Make homemade ice-cream. You can start with a trusted recipe and eventually begin experimenting with different ingredients.

8. Keeping with the homemade theme, channel your inner fromager by making homemade mozzarella cheese. There are mul-



- 1/2 banana
- 1 apple (gala)
- Sliced ginger (small piece)
- 1 handful of washed spinach
- 4 Kale leaves
- 1/2 lemon juice
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1.5 cups unsweetened plain almond milk
- Optional sweetener: 2 table-
spoons of Amber agave syrup

Directions:

Blend all ingredients together until smooth. Add additional almond milk if you desire a thinner consistency.

tiple recipes available even for the novice.

9. Purchase a new cookbook and utilize the new cooking tool from tip #1!

10. Start an herb garden (Benhke's Garden can assist with this. Route 1, Beltsville, MD)

11. Create a family food legacy. Share a family recipe with someone younger. Better yet take time to make the dish together and create family memories.

12. EAT WELL in 2014!

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Club News



The Beltsville Lions held their annual Christmas party at the Comfort Inn in Calverton on the evening of 3 Dec. The staff at the Comfort Inn provided first class support, which they always do.

Beltsville Lions Annual Summary

The Beltsville Lions are deeply saddened by the recent death of Linda Kennedy, beloved wife of Lion Kevin Kennedy and mother of Kevin ("KJ"), Erin, Melissa and Katie. Linda was a wonderful person and will be sorely missed. Club members will keep Lion Kevin and his family in their thoughts and prayers.

The Beltsville Lions Club has met at the Comfort Inn in Calverton, and its predecessor the Fairfield Inn, on the first Tuesday of the month since Sept. 2002. The club has been pleased with the wonderful accommodations and outstanding support of the staff there. On Dec. 3, the club held the annual Christmas party at the Inn and everything was exemplary, as usual.

Since Jan. 2013, the club provided free vision, hearing and glaucoma screenings on nine

occasions at health fairs in Beltsville, Seat Pleasant, Bethesda, Riverdale, College Park and Washington, D.C. The number of people screened at each function ranged from 10 to 135. The club was invited to participate in four of these health fairs by Maryland University School of Public Health, and in two additional cases were invited to perform screenings at local church functions. Screening were also offered at Beltsville Day and National Night Out, and the ninth outing was at the NBC4 Health & Fitness Expo in Washington, D.C.

In April, the club sponsored a walk for sight to benefit the Lions Low Vision Center at the Wilmer Eye Institute of the Johns Hopkins Medical Center in Baltimore and raised some \$5,149 in donations. This was the second annual walk for sight in memory of Beltsville

resident, the late Gene Hoffmaster, who keenly supported the Wilmer Eye Institute. Hoffmaster was a member of the Silver Spring Lions Club.

Quarterly blood drives were held at the Beltsville Community Center in Jan., April, July and Oct.

A total of 438 pairs of used eyeglasses were collected and provided to the Lions Community Outreach Foundation in Upper Marlboro for cleaning, prescription labeling and packaging for delivery to areas of the world where they are fitted to needy persons free of charge. Many people receive their first pair of glasses through this program.

Club members participated in the annual community yard sale at Behnke's Nursery on 27 July and a craft show at the nursery on 9 Nov. The club deeply appreciates the support of the Behnke Nurseries Company that began years ago when the late Albert Behnke was an Honorary Member.

The annual banquet and silent

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Neighbors in the News

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Have a plan, most people have

a contingency plan for their children and who gets what heirloom if something happens to them. However, they just assume that the family will care for their pet or pets. That assumption lands many pets in open access facilities. Talk to family members or friends in advance to find someone to take in your pet or will spearhead efforts

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Vansville Elementary School News

Vansville's Winter Concert By Mr. Dorsey

The students at Vansville Elementary put on a grand show at their Winter Arts Showcase on December 11th. Guests filled the gym to capacity as performers displayed their talents.

Under Emily Busch, the Band and Strings played a mix of standards and holiday favorites;

4th and 5th Grade Choruses, under James Dorsey and Michael Wehinger respectively, sang about the joys of the season;

Mr. Dorsey's Dance Team pre-

miered to a medley of songs.

The Vansville PTA also showed highlights of its Reflections Contest Entries in which students created original artwork based on the theme "Believe, Dream, and Inspire." Decorations were made by Tamara McRae's class, along with PTA member and parent Kamla Gupta-Smith.

The event was made possible by numerous staff and parent volunteers, a partnership with the Vansville Community Center, and the work of a dedicated building staff.



Vansville staff and students donate toys to the Toys for Tots Program.

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appreciation for everything our troops do while serving our County, so that all of us may thrive in a safe environment out of harm's way.

Staff and Students Participate in Toys for Tots!

During this season of sharing and giving Vansville Elementary School

Staff and Students participated in the Marine Corps Tradition of "Toys for Tots" by donating 5 boxes of toys for the needy. Mrs. Cindy Donn, SGA Sponsor and Ms. Diane Hopkins BETA Club Sponsor supervised the Students sorting and putting the toys in boxes for the Marine Distribution Center.

Salute to our Troops!

By Mrs. Hopkins, School Counselor

During this season of giving and caring for others, Vansville Elementary School's Second Grade Teacher, Mrs. Bonner-Johnson, her students, and Special Education Instructional Specialist, Mrs. Barrett designed and constructed handmade "Star Shaped Medallions" to be distributed to our troops. Each student wrote words of encouragement on the back of their Medallion to express



At the conclusion of his Keynote address to the First European Conference on Information Literacy in Istanbul, Turkey, some fifty attendees descended from the amphitheater to Paul G. Zurkowski's speaker's table seeking his autograph and pictures with him. Bloggers have called his presentation "inspirational." Contact Mr. Zurkowski at zurkowskipaul@gmail.com for the text of his remarks.

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School News



The High Point Lady Eagles volleyball team

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High Point High School News

The High Point administration and staff would like the community to be familiar with both High Point's Five Core Operating Beliefs and our Mission Statement. The High Point SPMT (School Planning and Management Team) approved High Point's Five Core Operating Beliefs, Mission Statement and Profile of Graduates. Both statements are on the High Point website <http://www1.pgcps.org/highpoint> and are listed below:

High Point's Five Core Operating Beliefs:

Children are our business, and they come first.

Parents are our partners.

Victory is in the classroom.

Continuous improvement in teaching, in leadership, and in accountability is the key to our success.

Every member of the community shares the responsibility for successful schools.

The High Point Mission Statement

The unique, diverse student body, staff, parents, and community of High Point High School are dedicated to upholding a climate of high expectations, along with a shared vision of academic excellence. Our ultimate goal is to assist

young people in acquiring the habits, skills, and knowledge that will enable them to become informed, productive members of society.

PTSA News (Parent, Teacher and Student Association)

The PTSA hosted a building renovation meeting for the community on October 8th, 2013. The PTSA was pleased that over 100 concerned parents, students, and teachers came out for this important meeting.

The PTSA launched a website (www.highpointpta.org), a Facebook page (www.facebook.com/HPHSPTA), and a Twitter account (@HighPointPTSA) to encourage and promote better communication within the community. The website and Facebook page are currently being translated into Spanish to accommodate our Spanish-speaking parents, community members and students.

The High Point Lady Eagles volleyball team enjoyed a very successful year, the first time the team has advanced to the Regional Championship since 2005, to win the State Regional title. The Lady Eagles were victorious at the sectional finals on November 6 and against the former county champions, Bowie, at the Regional Championship Game.

Saturday night the team received even more good news. The Lady Eagles won the Lesley A. Cooke Scholarship Award. This award is awarded to a team that displays the best overall sportsmanship while participating in the tournament. Judges observed each school's coaches, players, spectators, cheerleaders and pep bands and rated them from 1-10. High Point received the highest score.

The team was honored again in the Gazette on December 13. Keturah Gregory was selected for the 1st team, All-Gazette Honors and Grace Biney and Erica Kittleson made 2nd team. Sumentra Sinanan and Paulan Smith made honorable mention. In addition, High Point's coach Shirley Diggs was honored as Coach of the Year. Congratulations Lady Eagles! We look forward to your next successful season in 2014!

Congratulations goes to our honor roll students, who earned a GPA of 3.0, participated in the "All Star Dance" at High Point High School on Saturday, November 23rd. Hard-working ninth grade students were rewarded with a luncheon on November 25th from 1:30 to 1 p.m. in the Library Media Center. Congratulations to our students on their academic success and keep up the hard work.

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School News

Calverton Elementary School News

Calverton Winter Music Program

By Becky Cavallo

On Dec. 17, the Calverton music department presented its Winter Concert. The show was held twice in the morning, once for the upper grade students and then again for the primary students. In the evening, the students returned to perform for parents and other family members and neighbors.

At 8:00 a.m., the stage was filled with three rows of eager, young musicians. The Beginner Band, conducted by instrumental music teacher, Ms. Sabatino. The Beginner Band played three musical numbers, the classic "Hot Cross Buns", "Au Claire de la Lune", and "Jingle Bells", the last of which was a favorite with the audience.

The Advanced Band, which was smaller but equally enthusiastic, performed next. On their first number, "Polly Wolly Doodle", they showed their capability of playing both loudly and softly. The second song was the "Imperial March", also known as Darth Vader's Theme Song. That was a hit, but still paled next to the ever popular "Frosty the Snowman" (Walter Rollins).

Beginning Orchestra was also teeming with budding musicians playing the violin, viola or cello. Their first number was "Barcorolle" (Jacques Offenbach), a number inspired by the Venetian gondoliers' singing. This was followed by "Boil them Cabbage Down" and "Scotland's Burning"

which was performed together first and then as a round.

Advanced orchestra performed "Chester" (William Billings) as their first number, one of the first songs composed in this country. "Ground Round" (Joanne Erwin) was played as a round. Their last number was the Christmas classic, "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen".

The choral portion of the program was a festive celebration of the season, directed by the chorus and general music teachers, Mrs. Arbach and Mrs. Pirnia. The first number was "Winter Fantasy" (Jill Gallina), a partner song, which means the chorus sang both parts all the way through together, and the two parts were sung simultaneously. The Jewish tune, "Shalom Chaverim, often sung at Hanukkah, was next. This beautiful piece was accompanied by hand chimes. The third number performed by the chorus was "Ujima" (Stan Spottswood), a Kwanzaa song about one of the principles of the holiday. The soloist was Leslie Bonilla, and Aiden Richardson, Makaela Washington, and Kyle Dixon rapped. The words were inspiring, "Oh, let us work together, oh, let us help each other." Through the Eyes of a Child" (Teresa Jennings) featured soloist Anani Cabrera and reminded the audience that one should try to see the wonders of Christmas with a childlike faith. The grand finale was "Feliz Navidad" (José Feliciano). The audience sang along and some lucky members of the audience got to play the shakers.



Music teacher Mrs. Pie introduces the next selection



Makaila Washington, Aiden Richardson and Kyle Dixon prepare to rap at the Calverton Winter Concert

POWER

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- Get the right generator size for your needs. For example, a 5500 Watt Portable Generator is ideal for powering a small appliance and a few household items, whereas the Briggs & Stratton 6250 Watt Storm Responder, a quick response generator that comes with maintenance reminders and a 25 foot generator adapter cord, can handle even more.

Use free online resources, such as a generator size and wattage calculators to determine how much power you need.

- Don't wait for an emergency

to operate your generator. Perform a dry run to make sure you're familiar with its operation. Run the machine occasionally to keep the engine lubricated.

- Keep a flashlight handy to find your way to your generator. Store it conveniently, covered, to keep it free of dirt and debris.

- Proper generator maintenance includes several steps. For every eight hours of operation, check the oil. Change the air cleaner every 25 hours and the oil every 50 hours. Replace the spark plug every 100 hours.

More portable generator safety tips can be found at www.BriggsAndStratton.com. This winter, be prepared. Be sure you have a working portable generator, and the know-how to run it properly.

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3501 New York Ave., N.E., Washington, DC 20002. See www.USNA.USDA.gov or call 202.245.2726 for information regarding special events. The exhibits and grounds are open to the public Friday through Monday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with the National Bonsai & Penjing Museum opening at 10:00 a.m. We look forward to seeing you at the National Arboretum, where science meets beauty. Admission to the arboretum is free.

WINTER TREE ID

Saturday, Jan. 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Start in the classroom with hands-on botany instruction, then head outside to the Fern Valley Native Plant Collection to practice your new skills. Focus will be on native trees of the mid-Atlantic area. No previous knowledge required. Fee: \$15. Registration required. To register, visit www.usna.usda.gov or call 202.245.4521.

BROOKSIDE GARDENS

1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton, MD 20902. Phone: 301.962.1400. The grounds of Brookside Gardens are open every day of the year from sunrise to sunset. Regular hours of operation for the Visitor Center are daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except for Jan. 1, 2, and 20. Free admission to the gardens during daytime hours. A fee is charged for certain exhibits and some special programs.

MODEL G-SCALE TRAIN EXHIBIT

The exhibit continues during the day from Thursday, Jan. 2 to Sunday, Jan. 5 and during the evening from Friday, Jan. 3 to Sunday, Jan. 5 in the South Conservatory. All aboard! Don't be left standing on the platform for this very popular holiday attraction. Once again the Washington Virginia Maryland Garden Railway Society presents the G-scale train exhibit. Trains and trolleys roll along their tracks through evergreens, poinsettias, and other ornamental plants as they travel by town and country scenes. No charge during the regular daytime hours of 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Evening hours are from 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and are available at no extra cost with paid admission to the Garden of Lights.

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CONSERVATORY SPRING DISPLAY

Saturday, Jan. 18 to Sunday, Apr. 13. Open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Conservatory. Free.

MONTPELIER MANSION & ART CENTER

Address: 9650 Muirkirk Rd., Laurel. Phone: 301.377.7817. TTY: 301.699.2544. E-mail: montpeliermansion@pgparks.com. Contact the Art Center at 301.377.7800 for information on art and photography classes. Self-guided tours of the mansion: Thursday - Tuesday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cost \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors, and \$1 children 5 to 18. The mansion grounds are open from dawn until dusk every day of the year.

COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM

1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Dr., College Park. Phone: 301.864.6029. 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 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except for major holidays. Tours for groups of 10 or more are available by appointment. Free podcasts are now available in English, Spanish, and French. Contact the museum for more information.

MAD SCIENCE

Saturday, Jan. 25 at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Mad Science of Washington is returning to College Park Aviation Museum for two performances of its popular Up, Up & Away program. Before Wilbur and Orville could build their airplane, they had to understand the science of flight. This spellbinding demonstration introduces the principles of air and pressure. Hot air balloons, vortex generators, and even a hovercraft will help children understand the power of air. Cost: \$5 per person, includes museum admission. Ages 5 and up.

GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER

The center is located at 15 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770. The winter edition of the Greenbelt Recreation Activities Guide is online. Stop by the center or see www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation for events and class listings. Phone: 301.397.2208.

JAN. LECTURE

Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m. in Multipurpose Room # 201. Topics focus on the period of the Great Depression to World War II and deal with history, material culture, social studies, and art history. Contact the community center for Jan.'s topic. Lectures are sponsored by the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum and are held the third Tuesday of the month in Jan., April, July, and October. Free.

GREENBELT MUSEUM

The museum house is located at 10-B Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770. Winter hours may vary; please contact the museum for the latest information. See GreenbeltMuseum.org or call 301.507.6582.

LAUREL-BELTSVILLE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

7120 Contee Rd., Laurel, MD 20707. Regular hours of operation: Monday - Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., closed on Sunday. Phone: 301.206.3350. Fax: 301.206.3387. TTY: 301.446.3402.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

Tue., Dec. 31, 2013 from 9:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. on Jan. 1, 2014. Refreshments, snacks, hats, blowers, and a toast at midnight. Cost: \$20 per person/resident. \$25 per person/non-resident. Although pre-registration was required by Dec. 20, call the center to check on late availability. No walk-ins. The DJ will be 'Disc Man' Rich Lichty.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER

Address: 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. Phone and registration line: 301.497.5887. See Patuxent.fws.gov. Stop by to attend a program or walk the trails. Space in our public programs is limited. Registration is required unless otherwise specified. Thank you for your continued support. The Visitor Center entrance is accessed from Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore-Washington Pkwy. and Rt. 197. The center is part of the Patuxent Wildlife Research Refuge. Hours of operation are daily from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for major holidays. Free admission to the center and its exhibits, grounds, and trails. Activities and events are free unless otherwise noted. Please advise us of any special needs so that we may accommodate you.

HUNTING SEASON

Remember that hunting may be occurring in areas around the refuge this fall season

Calendar of Events



Bonsai Master Ducky Hong returns to Behnke's in Beltsville to provide bonsai-making demonstrations in January.

through Friday, Jan. 31. Make sure to stay on marked trails at all times and find out about closed areas when visiting.

HOLLINGSWORTH ART GALLERY

Jan. will feature Gabriella Rojas, whose environmentally-themed work titled Now will be recreated in the gallery space. She hopes its three-dimensionality will be both an aesthetic and an interactive experience for the viewer. No registration required.

NATURE TOTS: CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITTERS

Friday, Jan. 3 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Did you know that the Chesapeake Bay is close to all of us? Join our special guest from Masonville Cove Environmental Education Campus to learn more about the critters of the bay through stories, songs and crafts. Ages 3 - 4.

BASED ON BOOKS: MONTHLY NATURE SERIES

Thursday, Jan. 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. The feature for Jan. is Opossums. Each program in this series begins with a beautifully illustrated children's story about wildlife. Discover more about nature with puppets, props, and activities. Ages 4 - 5.

BIRD COUNT 4 KIDS!

Saturday, Jan. 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Join experienced birders for the Patuxent Research Refuge Bird Count 4 Kids. Discover what birds are out and about in Maryland during the winter. This half-day event is patterned after the National Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count. Bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them (some will be provided). Dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes or boots. Bring a brown-bag lunch and a curiosity for birding. At least one parent or guardian must attend. Please register by Tuesday, Jan. 7 by calling 301.497.5887. Ages 5 - 14.

TINY TOTS: NATURE AND MUSIC

Sunday, Jan. 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and Monday, Jan. 13 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Come learn about the wildlife at the refuge through songs and rhyming. Parental participation is required. Ages 18 - 42 months.

AN OTTER'S TALE

Wednesday, Jan. 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Live the life of an otter in this "otterageous" hands-on program. Learn why otters are so at home in the water. Ages 5 - 7.

WINTER WALK

Saturday, Jan. 18 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Join a naturalist on this forest walk to

learn about common trees while looking and listening for signs of wildlife along the trail. Ages 5 and up.

AWESOME OPOSSUMS

Thursday, Jan. 23 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. What makes opossums awesome? Do they really hang upside down in trees by their tails and have pouches like kangaroos? Come explore the world of the opossum in this fun hands-on program which includes a short winter hike. Ages 5 - 7.

BELTSVILLE EVENTS

Please contact the individual facilities for updates to hours of operation that may be affected by inclement weather, holidays, or changes in government funding.

VANSVILLE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

Monday, January 14 at 7 p.m. at Franklin Brown Building, Vansville Recreation Park, 11733 Old Baltimore Pike, Vansville

BELTSVILLE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, January 15 at 7 p.m. at Beltsville Academy, 4300 Wicomico Ave.

BELTSVILLE RECREATION COUNCIL

Monday, January 21 at 7 p.m. at the Beltsville Community Center

YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

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

BEHNKE NURSERIES GARDEN CENTER

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

SHARPENING HAND TOOLS

Demonstrations will take place on all Saturdays and Sundays in Jan. at 1:00 p.m. Learn how to get your garden hand tools ready for spring. On call services are available from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Free.

DUCKY'S BONSAI DEMONSTRATIONS

Saturdays, Jan. 4, 11, 18, and 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Bonsai master Ducky Hong will demonstrate how to sculpt everyday plants into works of art. Free.

GESNERIAD SOCIETY MEETING

Saturday, Jan. 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The National Capital Area Chapter of the Gesneriad Society will hold its monthly meeting. Call Behnke's for updates or check the society's listing on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/dcgesneriads>.

BABY FOOD GARDENS

Saturday, Jan. 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Learn what to grow that can be easily turned into baby food. Free.

ORCHID AND HERITAGE PLANT CLINIC

Saturday, Jan. 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Bring in your orchids and heritage plants (including African violets, rex begonias, etc.) and ask horticulturist Carol Allen for her advice. Free. In addition, for a minimal fee, she will expertly repot your plants.

TERRARIUM AND SUCCULENT GARDEN WORKSHOPS

Saturday, Jan. 25 and Sunday, Jan. 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Learn what plants will grow well in a terrarium and then make a terrarium that you will take home — with advice on how to take care of it. Cost: only for the materials that you select.

SAVE THE DATE

The National Capital Orchid Society will be holding their auction at Behnke's on Saturday, Feb. 8.

BELTSVILLE LIBRARY

The Beltsville Library is closed for renovation and is expected to reopen in late spring or early summer 2014. In the meantime, the library book drop box will remain open, and materials may be returned there. The Greenbelt Library branch will be available during this time: it is located at 11 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770. Phone: 301-345-5800. Visit our library system website at www.pgmls.info for other Prince George's County Memorial Library System branch location information and to use our online library services.

BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Address: 3900 Sellman Rd., Beltsville. Phone: 301.937.6613. Spanish line: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512. The Program Specialist is Michael Hansborough. He can be contacted by phone or at Michael.Hansborough@pgparks.com. Regular hours of operation are: Monday - Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., closed on Sunday. Hours of operation for Xtreme Teens and Pre-teens: Fridays and Saturdays from 7:00 p.m. to 10 p.m.

NATIONAL OATMEAL MONTH

Thursday, Jan. 9 from 1:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Come in and celebrate National Oatmeal Month by enjoying a morning oatmeal treat provided by the community center. All ages welcome. Free.

GEAR

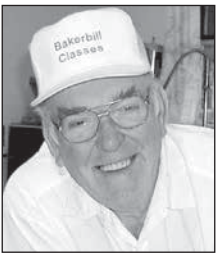
Saturday, Jan. 18 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Hey teens and pre-teens, let's go ice skating! Join us as we travel to the Herbert Wells Ice Rink for a few hours of ice skating in honor of National Skating month. If you have never been ice skating this is a great way to spend a winter afternoon and keep in shape. Travel space is limited so sign up today. Please meet at the community center at 2:00 p.m. sharp. Ages 10 - 17. Cost: \$4, including skate rental.

SNOWMAN MAKING WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN

Saturday, Jan. 25 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 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 today. Register by Saturday, Jan. 18. Ages 5 - 12. Cost: \$2/residents, \$3/non-residents.

STRATEGY GAME CLUB

Mondays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 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. Free. All ages.



Baker Bill

STUFF 'N THINGS

Wow a new year, I'll need to get used to it. I hope everyone had a nice holiday with no tears. I have received a few emails lately. One of them said I didn't know what I was talking about on the road side signs. The answer is go to Google and search road side signs. Read the law. I do research too. I also got a couple of emails on the fruit cake. I am not a computer genius but I am not a slouch either. But up to just a while ago I had to learn how to attach something from another file other than documents. So now if you ask for a recipe I do not need to copy it from notes but know how to attach a document, there is less chance of mistakes. Thank for your patience with me.

This is for all the people who have taken my class. I said I didn't like always using butter in all recipes. But that has changed. Butter has no trans-fat. Margarine tends to have trans-fat. I like butter as well as any one. I've purchased butter from area supermarkets, but I have found that Rite Aid in the Chestnut Shopping Center (Where Raulin's Bakery is) sells the one I prefer.

I need to write and edit this blog a month in advance. My dead line for January is the 12th of December. With this said, I am writing this on the 11 of November, Veterans Day. On this day I remember a blizzard about 1989 or 1990 do you remember? Today I went to lunch at Applebee's in Laurel. What a surprise, I was told a week ago that they were having a special menu for veterans, so

I went by. I had a special menu and I chose a fried shrimp lunch for free! When it came it was full of shrimp and fries, for free! I've never had any one do anything like that for me, a Korean War veteran.

Well enough about me. Here's a recipe for a great cold weather day get the kids in involved.

Old Fashioned Gingerbread

In a med size bowl place 3/4 cup sugar, add 1 & 3/4 cup flour, 1 full tablespoon shortening or butter, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon soda, 1 tablespoon ginger.

In a cup measure put 3/4 cup hot water, add 4 tablespoons molasses, stir in the dry stuff and



mix till smooth. Preset the oven to 390 degrees and bake approx. 40 minutes lightly touch top there should be no wet spots, don't stick your finger in it wet or not. By the way Ginger will go weak. So if you had had it years, buy some new ginger.

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Address: 6813 Ammendale Rd., Vansville. Phone: 301.937.6621. Fax: 301.937.6623. Spanish line: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512. The Director is Jeremy Weiss. Contact him by phone or e-mail at Jeremy.Weiss@pgparks.com regarding events for Jan.. Regular hours of operation as well as weight room hours for September through June: Monday - Thursday from 2:00 p.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Sunday from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m. Hours of operation for Xtreme Teens: Fridays and Saturdays from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. GEAR (Girls Excited About Recreation) hours and events are Saturdays from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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Sunday Services:

9:00 am Contemporary Service

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RESOLUTIONS

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■ **Mitigate your current tax burden:** Understand your tax deductions and book all deductions before the end of the year. Implement new tax strategies to mitigate your 2014 tax burden. Remember, all business models are different. Consider consulting an expert tax analyst to find out what's best for your business.

■ **Be social:** Explore new avenues for advertising. Social media provides an easy and inexpensive platform for gauging your customer's desires, branding and getting the word out about your product or service.

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| Youth Fellowship | 6:00pm |
| Adult Choir Practice | 7:00pm |


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LIONS CLUB

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an auction was held at The Villa in Calverton in Oct. and again was the club's most successful fundraiser of the year. An interesting point is that every penny the club receives from fundraisers like this, or from personal donations, goes to help people in the greater Beltsville area.

The Beltsville Lions club is pleased to welcome Trishina Holman and Mary Lou Lawson as members, raising our membership to 43.

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