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New Assistant Principal at Davidsonville Elementary School

Isaphine Johnson started learning names of all the teachers at DES, meeting families, and preparing for the new school year in August. Our new assistant principal is replacing Pat Keffer who was promoted to principal at Jones Elementary School in Severna Park.

Johnson taught at Georgetown East Elementary in Annapolis for four years followed by one year at Pershing Hill Elementary in Fort Meade. Most recently, Johnson served as an ALPs Resource Teacher (Advance Learner's Program) for Anne Arundel County Public Schools. This is Johnson's first stint as an assistant principal.

Ms. Johnson said that as assistant principal her goal is to empower the teachers and students at Davidsonville. "Every decision I make will based on what's best for the students and teachers" She wants Davidsonville parents to know that she is accessible and encourages parents to reach out to her. "My door is always open," said Johnson. "I want to be part of the

Davidsonville Elementary family."

Along with the appointment of Johnson, Davidsonville will welcome 11 new teachers this school year. (From South River Source)



Stormwater Remediation Rain Tax Town Hall meeting September 26, 6:00 until 8:00 pm 2660 Riva Road, first floor

We've all received our property tax bills by now, including the dreaded Rain Tax, and there are many questions as to the fairness of it. In some cases, the surtax is higher than the property tax.

County Executive Laura Neuman will hold an open meeting for residents concerned about the Stormwater Remediation Rain Tax legislation. The appeal process is complicated and requires costly engineers' fees. Even if you appealed, you are advised to pay the full amount in hope of a refund, if you win the appeal.

Traffic problems exiting DES

ars trying to exit DES safely cannot see westbound traffic as buses lined up to enter the school parking lot block the view of the roadway. The PTO wants a traffic signal (or at least a crossing guard) to ensure that cars and buses can exit the parking lots safely. The PTO has been working with Board of Education member Kevin Jackson, County Councilman Jerry Walker, the AACO Department of Public Works, and other folks from the BOE on this issue. Because Central Avenue is a state road, they have involved Ed Reilly, our State Senator, and the State Highway Administration. Joyce Toal attended the BOE meeting on September 11 to testify before the Board of Education on behalf of the PTO. She asks that a *Please turn to page 11*

DACA members and their contributions

hanks to Bill and Ebbie Bickford, Gene Lambert, Elizabeth Matarese, and Russ and Jean Smith for their contributions to DACA in addition to renewing their dues.

You continue to do a wonderful job. Learning all this new stuff keeps us young!!!!!! Marilyn

The newsletter . . . great and it's a beautiful product of your hard work.

Great job reporting area news!

E.B.

We would prefer to have the newspaper sent to us instead of email. We have more time to read it when on the road (I read it to Bill) than sitting in front of the computer. Black and white is fine. Thank you for ALL you do!

Ebbie & Bill

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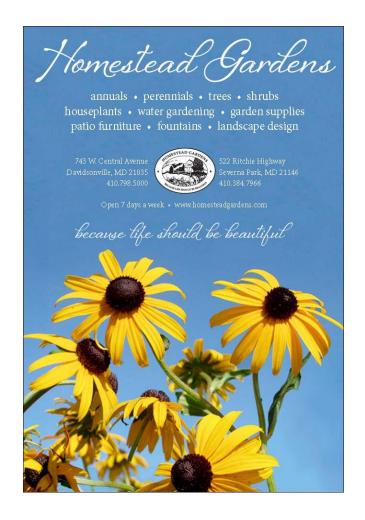
Inquiry via DACA's website:

Just read about the cyclist killed [August 21] on [Riva Road at] Beards Creek. Can we do something about getting bike paths or banning biking along our roads. It's too dangerous. Happy to help organize something.

Elena Boisvert, <u>meboisvert@comcast.net</u> (See page 6 for more opinion of bicycles)



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Pizza Pies No More: Davidsonville Market closed its doors August 23

From South County Source and Edgewater Davidsonville Patch

or the past eight years, Davidsonville Market owner Chas Thompson and his wife Frannie have cheerfully greeted thousands of customers who walked through their doors hungry for homemade pizzas, pies, sandwiches and cupcakes.

On Friday, August 23, the Davidsonville Country Market, at the crossroads of Central Avenue and Davidsonville Road in Davidsonville, closed its doors permanently to the surprise of many loyal customers.

The property is owned by members of the Neall family.

Chas said he tried over the past year without success to renew his lease. He asked the landlords for a renewed contract but months passed without a response. Finally, one of the owners contacted Chas and offered him a month-to-month lease. "We needed reassurance that we would have a long-term lease. We never got that reassurance and decided to close."

Another factor was theft by a former Maryland Lottery employee from Lothian who was charged with stealing scratch-offs. That financial set-back cost about \$18,000.

Loyal customers kept the shop busy right up until closing time on Friday. "I was on my way to pick up a pizza I had ordered when I realized I did not have my wallet," said Lothian resident Eric Woznysmith. "I called to tell them that I had forgotten my money and that I would have to pass on the pizza," continued Woznysmith. "Frannie and Chas told me to come on and pick it up and pay tomorrow. All this knowing they were closing on Friday. You don't find many places like this anymore."

Chas said the Davidsonville community has been very loyal and supportive. "Our customers are like our family and we are going to miss them very much," Chas added. "We had a gentleman come in this morning and when he heard the news started to tear up."

Chas said anyone that knows him is familiar with his signature phrase "Eat Here or We Will Both Starve." Edgewater-Davidsonville Patch announced on September 12 that Chas and Fran's Place is opening soon on Mayo Road in the former location of Carlson's Donuts. The new sign is already in place!

See Memories on pages 4 and 5

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Memories of the Store

Back in the 1970s, Oscar Grimes, Sr., Thomas Mayr, William W. Neall, Sr., Jack Scible, and Benjamin Watkins III told Gail Enright about these places and events. Their story first appeared in the Villager, April-May 1978. The store and the post office were inextricably connected from their beginning until the new post office was built on its present location and opened in 1978.

ary 1, 1830, with the appointment of Thomas Davidson as the first postmaster. He built his home (now 746 Central Avenue) in 1835. Since the store is reputed to have begun in the 1830s, it is logical to guess that Mr. Davidson operated the post office out of the store on the opposite corner. An extremely active citizen, he was one of the founders of the Davidsonville United Methodist Church which was built on land he sold to the congregation for that purpose. When the first Arundel Free School (at what is now Lavall) in Rutland sought funds to pay for a new well, Mr. Davidson led the list of subscribers with a contribution of ten dollars.

At the turn of the 20th century, Ernest Davidson owned and operated the Davidsonville Store. Among his customers were Indians who lived nearby. When they were short of cash, they bartered their goods for merchandise. Jack Scible collects Indian artifacts; he found a heavy, dished-out grinding stone in the store's attic;

Paul Davis told him the Indians used it with a stone pestle to grind their corn and other grain into meal.

Ernest married Mary Owens, who was called Miss Molly and they lived in an apartment at the rear of the store. Miss Molly took piano lessons from Miss Nora Watkins; lessons and recitals were conducted on the piano next door in the first All Hallows Parish Hall, which was replaced by a larger hall on the same site in 1922. One day when a thunderstorm blew up, Ernest hurried out to bring in the laundry off the clothesline. A bolt of lightning struck the nearby locust tree and sent it crashing down on him and he died. His widow, Miss Molly, continued operating the store and was appointed postmistress on April 11, 1910. Her parrot, Polly, flew freely about the store, greeting customers and mooching handouts except when he was banished to the apartment.

Miss Molly hired Irving King, a 19-year-old who lived across the street (in the present landscaping office of Homestead Gardens) and he did (next page please)







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The Corner Store (from previous page)

not want to become a farmer. Eventually he took over the entire business and was appointed postmaster in 1917. The first automobiles began to appear in 1911 and 1912. As they proliferated, a larger parking area was required for the store. Sometime after 1925, Mr. King had the building moved back about 15 feet farther from the road and into the corner of the Methodist cemetery. This made room for the installation of gasoline tanks. While he managed the expanding business of the store, his wife Nettie operated the post office. Mr. King served 37 years, longer than any other postmaster in Davidsonville.

Ben Watkins told Gail that a poker club of local gentlemen held regularly scheduled card games in the room over the store.

It was 1948 when William W. Neall, Sr., took charge of the post office. He had bought the store from the Maryland Tobacco Growers Association in 1946, and in 1950 he was confirmed as postmaster. His wife Doris handled the post office while he managed the store, now named the Davidsonville Supply Company.

It was a true general store, retailing local farm produce, harness, horse feed, seeds, work clothes, and the usual staples. His son, Bill, Jr., took on the store business in 1977, and modernized it as the clientele required a different variety of products. Billy retailed locally produced meats, including country hams.

After Billy no longer wished to run the store, his nephew Rob continued the family tradition. Later the Nealls rented it to a series of business owner-operators, most recently Chas and Frannie Thompson.

The corner store has been at the heart of Davidsonville ever since the village began. When Davidsonville was only a road crossing, it was marked by a store. Throughout its history, whenever you heard "The Store" mentioned, the speaker referred to the store on the corner of Davidsonville Road and Central Avenue. Because of its location, the Davidsonville Supply Company survived the passage of time which did away with its rivals. The store, the churches, and the neighboring houses are what contributed to the establishment of the Historic Crossroads District of Davidsonville.

See the postcard on page 7!

Gail Enright



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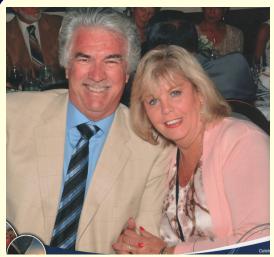
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Arundel VFD announces its Second 5/10K Run Saturday, October 5, in Crofton

More than 400 runners participated in the First Annual 5K/10K Rescue Run last October. Repeat runners are leading registrations for this year's event.

Entry fee of \$35 (\$40 if you wait until the day of the run) includes refreshments and awards. Online registration is available at www.Active.com or www.active.

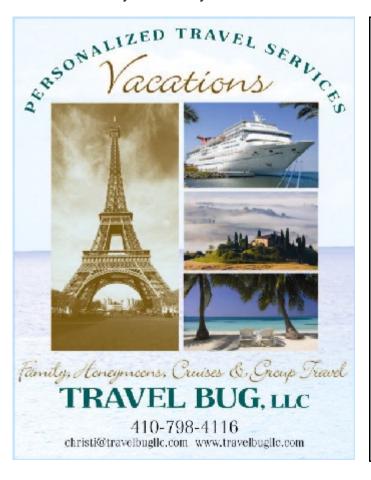
Start and finish at Crofton Country Club 1619 Crofton Parkway, Crofton, Maryland 21114

Race Packet Pick Up: Participants may pick up their race packet the night before the race from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the fire station (2380 Davidsonville Road, Gambrills, MD) or on race day from 6:30-8:00 a.m. at race start location. Participants must show their driver's license or other identification to pick up race packet.

Race day time line: 6:30-7:30 am - Check in

7:30 am - Participants may join a warm-up session with a professional trainer, AVFD member Jessica, near the race start location.

8:00 am - 10K Start. 8:30 am - 5.3K Start Awards ceremony immediately after the race.



Ban the bikes? A letter to DACA

DACA's website received this inquiry from a reader who went to <u>www.DACA-md.com</u>. Hurrah for users of the website! It is accessible and can be used by members and nonmembers.

I think it is time to think about banning bicycles from certain roads in are area. I also think that if they are considered vehicles in the state of of Maryland, which I am not sure what idiot made that law, then when purchased, they are taxed light a vehicle and we use the money to create roads that are safe for them. They do not abide by the law, they ride in packs vs single file, they do not stop at stop signs or obey traffic signals. So they too create this unsafe roadway that they feel we should as car drivers be prosecuted if there is a problem, like the one on Riva Road???? They helped create this problem, I would assume that if the woman riding the bike were on a road with a bike lane, she would still be alive vs riding on a twisting and turning blind spot road in an area of high volume car traffic, if she was a teacher, I suppose educated, I would think that she would be smart enough to know that she was playing russian roulette with her own life. But that would be the way I, a stupid lay person, would think...

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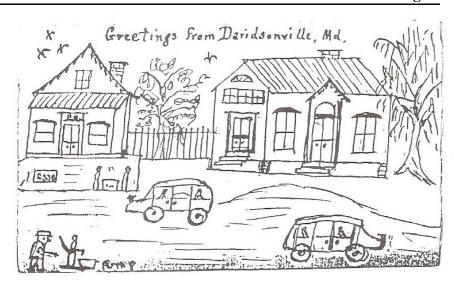
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The Corner Scene in the 1930s drawn by the hand of Annie Dorsett

his postcard shows the Davidsonville Supply Company with two ESSO gasoline pumps in front. Next to the store is the old All Hallows Parish Hall that burned to the ground in 1977. Two cars are on the road, going in each direction; in the foreground is the town pump with a man standing next to it. The office at the side of the store had not yet been built. A fence links the store to the hall. Since there are two cars in the picture we may assume that even in those days Central Avenue was a busy highway.



This may make you homesick but I trust not, my dear L. The sunshine has heightened us wonderfully. Marion here, enjoyed Va. Beach and Williamsburg muchly. Rain on Monday did not interfere with her pleasure. Have not seen E. Since his return. Our hill having been graded, the rain put it out of commission. Car parked at the bottom and Kit at the top for she couldn't make the



grade! We others walk up and down. Hope you are getting all the benefits of a vacation. Annie Dorsett is the artist! Not I.

Love to you and Cousin S. and Susie. Nora

Miss M. Luckett Iglehart was a teacher at Shady Side Elementary and then she led Chestnut Hill Academy in her home on Central Avenue. Marion was Ben Watkins's sister and Miss Nora was his aunt. She played the piano and gave lessons at the hall. *Gail Enright*



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Governor's Bridge still closed

Prince George's County closed the Governor's Bridge across the Patuxent in April, promising to reopen it in August. Now the re-opening is put off

until some future unspecified time. The bridge failed the routine biannual inspection when engineers found that the underside of the deck had corroded more than expected, and that several welds from previous work had failed. Apparently, there is a cost sharing issue between Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties, resulting in inconvenience to residents of both counties.

Community yard sale

Saturday, September 14, 8:00 until noon Maple Creek Lane. Davidsonville Contact Joan Seeger <jseeger@yahoo.com>

Texting / Addiction

es, I have now seen it with my own eyes, at church no less. Mom and Pop Dilbert were intensely listening to Father A's homily while 14-year old Princess Gertrude was busy TEXTING. How do you know she was texting you ask. Because NO ONE stares at their crotch smiling for that long of a period without texting. Do you think a parental intervention is needed? Oh no; we don't want to lose our Best Friend relationship with our li'l urchin or make her feel bad about being disciplined! No, no, perish that thought.

Here is a new and novel idea. Let's have the government set up a Parent Czar (I don't think we have one of those yet) and establish a credited class with a test, and after successful completion (passing grade of 50 or better, graded on a curve of course) you then get a diploma and Permit to be a parent! NAAA. Sounds too complicated. Let's wait till Bloomberg gets the idea. He can get 'er done. Just a suggestion, trying to help.

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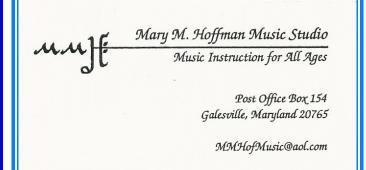
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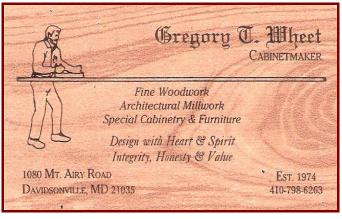
Celebrate 10 Years of the Londontowne Symphony Orchestra

October 6th Fall Celebration Kistoric Londontowne
October 26 Spooky Sounds, Kaunted Karmonies
South River Kigh School

he Tenth Anniversary season of the LSO will start with two celebratory concerts in October. "Fall Celebration" will start the season on October 6 at Historic London Town & Gardens. "Spooky Sounds, Haunted Harmonies" will light up the night on October 26 at the South River High School. These enjoyable concerts will include many of our own local residents.

The "Fall Celebration" concert features a brand new piece, *Londontowne Flourish*, written this summer by local resident Elizabeth Davis especially for this anniversary season. She dedicated it to the members of the orchestra. She is also a cellist, and will perform with the LSO strings for the concert. Also featured at this first concert will be Dr. Patricia Surman performing Vivaldi's *Concerto for Piccolo* with the orchestra. She is a Fulbright Scholar who specializes in the music of the twentieth and twenty-first century. She has recently performed in Taiwan, Korea, Canada, France, and Spain. Anne Arundel County is honored to have such a prestigious soloist play in our area.





The Halloween concert, "Spooky Sounds, Haunted Harmonies" will be a "side-by-side" concert with student musicians at South River High School. These talented musicians will sit beside their adult counterparts as they perform these Halloween favorites. The concert will be held at the school Saturday evening, October 26, at 7:30 pm. You will want to be sure to have both of these concerts on your calendar.

The LSO was started in 2003 by the late Kathy Solano, a professional violinist who had a vision of a community orchestra in Anne Arundel County that would provide high-quality classical and light classical music at an affordable price. Because she taught in the public school system for over 30 years, her vision also included reaching out to young people to give them experiences and education in an orchestral setting.

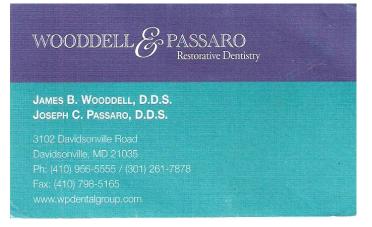
Through the years the LSO has lived up to that vision as it has grown in size, scope and popularity. The LSO typically plays five concerts each season with one of them geared specifically toward young people. Under the direction of Anna Binneweg since 2007, the orchestra has matured into the premier orchestra that it is today—one that was invited to play at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC in 2012.

The orchestra is composed of professionals, military musicians, private/public school teachers, extraordinary amateurs, and students. The orchestra reaches out into

the community with chamber recitals, quartets and quintets, and reaches into the school system by offering individual mentoring opportunities.

Additional information about the orchestra and about their concerts can be found at www.LSO-music.org.





For better baseball fields in the Park

Tom O'Farrell attended DACA's September meeting to seek help to improve baseball for Davidsonville youth. Tom is a committee of one trying to get irrigation for baseball fields at Davidsonville Park. South Maryland Baseball is separate from DAA. Both are 501(c)3 organizations under the IRS code so contributions are tax-deductible to the donor. Tom is not on the board of SMLL, but has coached many ball teams – football, baseball, soccer, etc. About 400 kids from Davidsonville, playing on teams from T-ball through teen-agers, are enrolled in South MD Baseball.

The baseball fields at Davidsonville Park need to be irrigated for a suitable playing surface. Don Riddle and Homestead Gardens provided irrigation for the soccer and lacrosse fields to the south of the entrance drive when the park first opened. Baseball fields are on the north side and are in very bad condition.

Tom has an estimate of \$29,160 from Atwater Drilling LLC of Birdsville Road to drill a 300 foot well, discounted from \$43,160 which includes a well pump from Aqua Flow Pump and Supply. Irrigation equipment means sprinklers, control valves, couplers, rain sensors

etc, estimated at a cost of \$24,640 from American Turf Landscape and Irrigation of Rossback Road for the 90 foot ball field; and \$5,000 for electricity from existing shed to well, for total of \$58,000. He has pledges of about \$30,000 and seeks funding and suggestions from other sources. You are invited to make a contribution to South Maryland Little League and send it to SMLL, P.O. Box 182, Davidsonville, Md 21035.

Will Biddle suggested that they draw water from the Patuxent River, but the County told Tom "they can't do that." In subsequent discussion, Martin Zehner said his permit to draw water from the river came from the State DNR Also, the state allows Renditions to pull water from the Patuxent for its golf course. Martin noted that it takes 30,000 gallons of water to put one inch on one acre of land. Drawing enough water from the aquifer would hasten its depletion but drawing water from the river and distributing it over the surface lets it return as ground water.

It is ironic that AA County Parks and Recreation applied to MD DNR for a grant of \$1.1 million to purchase adjoining acreage for additional athletic fields at Riva Park.

From DACA Minutes



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Member response to Will Biddle's treatise on Farming from Elizabeth Matarese

A huge thank you to Will Biddle for that article nailing agri-business for the damage done to our country. Support of our local farmers is the only way to go. Feeding seven billion people in the world is not difficult if you support locally produced farm products, and if enough people interested in farming take it up. All this processed food is killing us anyway.

And if you believe that the "approval" given to Genetically Modified is not because of the financial support given to our legislators by those well-heeled lobbyists for the various industries involved in producing what we eat and drink, then I have a bridge to sell also.

Agri-business has done its best to put the small farmer out of business, to foist the use of chemical fertilizers and herbicides, insecticides, and pesticides on farmers, all to the detriment of healthy living. The contamination of our aquifers, the death of our beneficial insects, and the diseases we ourselves are contracting, all testify to the farming catastrophe that lies before us.

Bloomberg *Business Week* had an article not too long ago about the exporting of agribusiness practices to Africa. Foreign companies (American and Asian) are buying up land in Africa, devastating the landscape in the interest of planting thousands of acres, ostensibly to feed Africans. The result is contamination of the rivers where small, local farmers have been allowing their cattle to drink and graze. The cattle die, the soil is contaminated, and this is called bringing American progress to Africa. The poor African is left to look to an

ineffectual government for redress. Unfortunately, like much else in the world, that government has been "bought" by agri-business.

Instead of teaching good, sustainable practices for feeding a few hundred people in each village, these companies have come in and raped the land in the interest of profit. And they mask all this devastating activity with platitudes like "we have so many hungry mouths to feed, we have to do it this way."

In our own country, this is what companies like Monsanto and others did here. Round-up kills off the "weeds" upon which our Monarch butterflies depend. Our pollinators (bees, butterflies, moths) no longer find the flowering "weeds" that they need to survive. We decry the loss of the beautiful parts of our environment, but is it any wonder that this will continue if we let the people who believe in devastating everything continue on this path? First our own country, next the world?

Traffic at DES, from page 1

crossing guard be stationed at the school immediately while they wait for a traffic study to be conducted. The PTO hopes that the school will eventually receive a stop light to hold up east and westbound traffic to allow cars and buses to exit the school safely.

Residents who attended were asked to wear Gator Green to show support for the school. Mrs. Toal will testify again on Sept 25th. PTO officers are encouraged by the attention we are receiving from our government officials and local media.

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From the Equiery magazine

inda Zang, a world-renowned dressage rider, and Hilltop Farm's five-year-old Oldenberg stallion, Oredit, were awarded with the Maryland Horse Industry Board's Touch of Class Award for the month of June.

Zang, a household name in the dressage world, was recently awarded with the USEF's Pegasus Medal of Honor Award, which recognizes and awards an individual for lifetime achievement in equestrian presenting the June Touch of Class disciplines. Her dedication has led to her incredible success, which includes riding in the Olympics, the Pan Am games, and the World Equestrian Games; three of the

most prestigious international competitions. She has also served as an official, delegate, leader or judge in more than 21 different countries including the 1996 Atlanta Olympics and eight World Cup finals. She is the earliest inductee in the USDF's Hall of Fame at PVDA's Ride for Life. Zang is the owner operator of Idlewilde Farm.



Dorothy Troutman (MHIB) Award to Linda Zang with Michele Wellman, Chair of the Dancing Horse Challenge at PVDA's Ride For Life

Harlan Ray, craftsman

Many thanks to Harlan Ray for framing and installing the Official Citation from the State Senate congratulating DACA on its 40th anniversary, presented by Senator Ed Reilly at the June 6 Annual Meeting. It is now hanging on the wall in DACA's conference room, along with other framed awards.

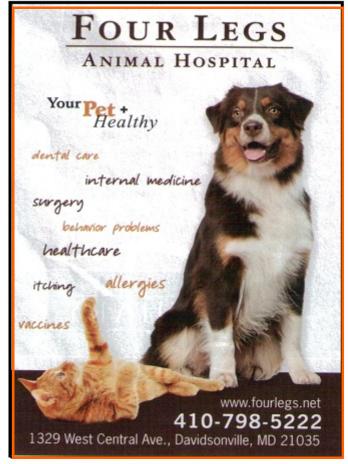
Enlarging Riva Park

iva Park in Davidsonville could get 1 50 percent larger, if the Maryland Department of Natural Resources approves a recent \$1.1 million dollar grant request for the Anne Arundel County Department of Parks and Recreation. The funds would be used to

purchase 36 acres of land adjacent to the 61-acre Davidsonville park. The land would be developed into athletic fields, which are much needed by the local community, according to the Davidsonville Athletic Association. See page 10 about Davidsonville Park.

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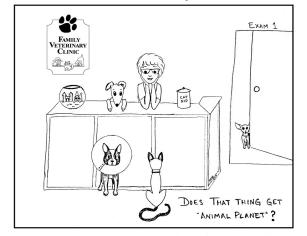
Future Farmers face the 21st Century Southern High FFA Horse-Judging Team adds another ribbon to the trophy case

hen FFA began in 1928, it was about teaching young people, mostly boys, to be smart plowmen, raising corn, soybeans, and tobacco, learning science, art, and business. Many kids put themselves through collge on the profits from a field of tobacco. In Anne Arundel, Southern High was the center for South County agricultural studies. Now FFA has adapted itself to a new reality of modern agriculture: recreational horsemanship.

The Southern High Future Farmers of America (FFA) Horse-Judging Team is on a roll. Team members include Brooke Catterton, Sierra Criste, Kelly Poe, and Michaela Pyles. In February, the team placed second in the team division and first in the individual category at the Virginia Tech Invitational Horse-Judging Contest. In April the group won the Maryland State FFA Horse-Judging Contest at the University of Maryland, College Park, allowing them the opportunity to represent the Maryland State FFA at the National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, this October. In June, Kelly Poe, a junior on the Southern High FFA Horse-Judging Team, placed third overall at the Texas A&M Horse Judging Camp. Most recently, the Southern High FFA Chapter represented the Maryland State FFA Horse-Judging Team at a national competition held in conjunction with the Ponies of the Americas (POA) Congress where they won the Reserve Championship.

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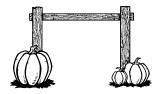


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According to Dr. Joshua Rice, Southern's Agriculture Science Department Chair, in competition the team members judged four halter classes where the horses are rated on their conformation, as well as in two performance classes where the horses are judged on their movement under saddle. Each contestant then had to provide two sets of reasons to explain why they placed a class they way they did. The scores of the top three individuals on each team were combined to determine the overall team score.

The next national FFA contest will be held in October at the All American Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, Ohio. From South River Source

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About the Patuxent River

Patuxent River, Davidsonville Branch, and Mattaponi Creek — are the primary feeders into the Patuxent River. There are also several smaller tributaries that help comprise the total drainage of the Patuxent watershed. The River virtually bisects the western shore of the State of Maryland north to south and is tidal and estuarial in the southern reaches. The River is home for more than 100 species of fish, including bass, catfish, chain pickerel, and bluefish. The Patuxent sustains nesting and over-wintering bald eagles and a large extended habitat for indigenous wildlife. Among Bay tributaries, the Patuxent ranks seventh in fresh water flow into the Chesapeake Bay.

The river is free flowing in its lower half and separated by two dams in its upper reaches which help supply potable water to the greater Washington Metropolitan area. The River was a key strategic stronghold in the early colonial development of Maryland and remains a resource with considerable archeological and paleontological significance. General George Washington, and later Presidents Jefferson and Madison, had to cross the Patuxent River in order to reach Maryland's capitol when America was in its infancy as a Republic. Furthermore, it was on the Patuxent River that the US Navy flotilla bivouacked to oppose invading English troops during the War of 1812. The river was host to some of the earliest settlements in the colonial era to the extent that it merited the recognition of the English Parliament during the 1600s as a river of great economic and strategic importance. This early colonial recognition is evident today in the old English names of



Drinking water reservoir

its settlements. However, the word Patuxent itself is derived from the language of the indigenous pre-colonial settlers. The name Patuxent is said to be from the Algonquin tongue, which means "water running over loose stones."

Riverkeeper Fred Tutman is happly ensconced at the Riverkeeper organization's new quarters at 17412 Nottingham Road, on waterfront in Upper marlboro, MD 20772. You can reach him by telephoning 301-579-2073 or email at info@paxriverkeeper.org.

Camping equipment rentals are available at the Nottingham Visitors Center for members and nonmembers. Kayaks, canoes, a four-person dome tent, camp chair, camp stove, and Water Boy can make your Patuxent River sojourn a great getaway. The Riverkeeper Store has neat logo T-shirts for \$15 and books worth taking with you on your camping trip.





Councilman Dick Ladd

Anne Arundel County, District Five

he 2014 property tax bills are out with the new Storm Water/WPRF excise tax. The Department of Public Works is still working on its process for allowing homeowners who have installed (or were possibly required to install) Enhanced Site Design (ESD) storm water management capability (incident to building a home) to apply for a credit. Details should be available on the DPW website, http: //www.aacounty .org/DPW/Stormwater/WPRF.cfm. Depending on the number of applications, resolution of the applications may be slower than we all would like.

Among the routine items passed in July was a resolution calling on the County Executive to send to the Council early next year her plan for upgrading the Police Training facility—a step the Council strongly supports as does the County Executive. A number of options on what and/or where to build an upgraded or replacement facility have been studied already. The County Executive correctly stated she did not need another study to support a decision.

The County Executive continues to seek volunteers for the numerous Boards and Commissions advising County leadership, including a Transportation Commission. This Commission will be very timely, helping the County present its case for Anne Arundel County's share of the increase in the State.

August 2013



In memoriam

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Thomas Hack "Tommy" Tucker November 12, 1934 ~ September 1, 2013

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