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"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."
- Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Savage Firefighters Rewarded with State of Art Firehouse at Route One & Corridor Rd



After serving the county in a dilapidated building over 50 years old, the Savage Fire Department is rewarded with a new state-of-art fire station on the corner of Route One and Corridor Road.

by **Amanda Frekot**
Guilford Gazette Intern

The Savage Volunteer Fire Company has moved locations from its former station on Lincoln Street to a new building at the intersection of Route 1 and Corridor Road.

The firefighters moved to this new station June 1 and held an opening ceremony June 14.

The original station, built in 1957, was no longer able to meet the needs of the company, according to Howard County Fire and Rescue Services spokeswoman, Jacqueline Kotei.

"It was old. It was dilapi-

dated and had reached a point where doing upgrades and revamping various aspects was not in the best interest cost-wise," Ms. Kotei said.

The station was over 50 years old and could not keep up with modern upgrades, such as the fire truck apparatuses. "We had pieces that wouldn't even fit in the station because things were a lot different in terms of cars back then," Ms. Kotei said. "Being able to accommodate 21 career personnel as well as the 80 active volunteer members just really took something that was going to be able to meet the needs."

The new station has many benefits, including energy-efficient and environmentally-friendly updates. Some new features include automatic lights and solar panels on the roof.

Ms. Kotei said, "We've had significant reduction in the cost as well, just as a result of the way the design is."

An evacuation center was also built into the new station. In case of emergency, the station will provide a space with cots to house members of the community. In non-emergency situations, it serves as an all-purpose community room.

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The Publisher's Notes

Last week I wrote a blog regarding crime in Columbia and how that our population growth will exacerbate the problem. In the discussion I wondered about both our passive and active involvement in support of perpetrators of crime. *You can find the article at <http://www.guilfordgazette.com/blog/>.*

In our schools, parents too often switch to automatic pilot in defense of their darling offspring, friends of aspiring thugs often remain silent when they hear of bad behavior, and our criminal justice system treats juveniles like fragile eggs. I did not mention (but should have) that residents too often refuse to intervene when they see disruptive behavior by the neighbor's kids.

Thug behavior is so often tolerated. In the blog, I advocated for some old-fashioned discipline, a boot up the rear end, or at least an acknowledgement that Johnny is bad. In this week's Publisher's Notes, I want to flip the coin and advocate for some old-time religion. For every boot that creases the pants of a young man's rear end, the purveyor of the kick might also consider some kneeling prayers.

Before applying the kick, you might get a word from above regarding the amount of pressure to apply or you may be provided with just the right words to convey to the young scofflaw. The right words can work as salve to lessen the impact of the discipline, while maintaining the effectiveness of the pummeling (from the child's perspective) that the young person is receiving.

So who is it that might consider praying? First of all, the peer of any *wannabe* criminal should be in prayer. A contemporary can have the most impact in many situations. Many young folks go through a phase where the words of the inexperienced are more valued than those of the aged. For this reason, the actions of a peer cannot be understated. Also on that list of petitioners are teachers, school administrators, police, neighbors, parents, siblings, and judges.

The prayers should not only be in regard to how to apply discipline. Those persons in our community who believe that prayer works might consider being engaged regularly in prayer for our youth and our communities at large.

Crime is a never-ending problem in life, but our attitudes about raising our youth and how to deal with them can be the difference between young people who are productive in society versus those who are destructive.

In the final analysis, each adult is responsible for himself regardless of upbringing and schooling. And while that assumption may be true, we all know that the life experiences, successes, and mishaps in a young life will shape the future adult. Every step we take in support of our young people is critical. Our society will be much better if we fully grasp the significance of healthy involvement, discipline and prayer in the lives of the youth within our spheres of influence.

Ricardo L. Whitaker

Political Points

National Organization Provides Political Voice for Local Youth

MinorsVote.com is a website at which minors can voice their political opinions. Minors can vote on polls and discuss these topics in forums.

People under voting age can now support a political party and can vote on current issues such as marriage issues, involvement in the Syrian Revolution, and gun policies.

This website already has been featured in the news on Huffington Post, Youth Radio, and The Newtown Bee. MinorsVote.com has received excellent reviews from those who have visit-

ed it, saying that it was "an ingenious idea" and that it was "very professional and well done." This is a chance for minors to voice their political opinions. A website like this is not found anywhere else, and minors can connect with the website through Facebook, Tumblr, Twitter, Google Plus, and an email newsletter.

MinorsVote.com released new features on June 26, 2013. The most significant of these gives minors the ability to create local chapters. Members of these chapters have ac-

cess to posting political opinion articles on the site's news page.

These news articles are then sent to news sources, which MinorsVote.com has partnerships with, to be published by those organizations. MinorsVote.com currently has national partnerships with three news sources, which will publish articles written by minors across America.

MinorsVote.com also has local partnerships with three other news sources, which will publish articles written by minors in their

communities. For additional information isit:

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Hammond Football Training Camp Now in Full Swing



Photo by Josh Kuckens

Freshman Taymar Dunmore feels the burn during recent pre-season conditioning session at Hammond High School.

by **Josh Kuckens**
Special to Guilford Gazette

The Hammond High School Golden Bears have a fresh face for the 2013-

2014 Football season in new head coach Justin Carey. Mr. Carey is coming off a very successful tenure at Atholton High School where as Defensive Coordi-



Photo by Josh Kuckens

Returning senior linebacker and receiver Matt Stoughtenger demonstrates proper technique to booster campers.

nator he suffered only 6 losses over 4 seasons.

"We're trying to have a culture change here," said Mr. Carey, and evidently the changes are coming early.

While the Booster Camps that began this week are targeted towards incoming freshman and younger, the Varsity and JV players have been hard at work through the spring and continue to ramp up their conditioning with Lifting Monday and Wednesday, while participating in county wide "7-on-7" scrim-

nages Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"This is when you earn it!" said assistant coach Malcolm Anderson as off-season workout participants struggled through demanding conditioning exercises indoors and out.

With a returning core of upper classmen, Coach Carey, the former standout lineman at Bowie State, has the right tools to continue his success for Hammond this coming year. and into the future.

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Residential Development or Appalachian Snaketail?



Pictured above is a unknown species of dragonfly. The Appalachian Snaketail is distinguished by its black wings, green and black body, and blue head.

by **Amanda Frekot**
Guilford Gazette Intern

The Savage community is rebelling against the residential development that could come to the area and threaten the rare species of dragonfly, the Appalachian Snaketail, which lives there.

According to Savage Community Association member, Saki Sakakihara, the developer plans to build 51 units of both duplexes and townhouses on five acres of land behind the Savage Mill and bordering the Little Patuxent River, overlapping the habitat for the dragonfly.

“I’ve studied some satellite photos, and it looks like the edge of the property would be anywhere between 220-340 feet from the river, with the elevation drop being 50-100 feet,” Mr. Sakakihara said. “It’s this close proximity that is a big part of the problem here.”

The dragonfly is listed as “vulnerable” globally as of 2010, which is a step up from its level of “near threatened” 14 years previously. In the state of Maryland, the dragonfly is considered “endangered,” which Mr. Sakakihara said is only one level away from “possibly extirpated

or extinct.”

The development would eliminate five acres of trees, according to Mr. Sakakihara, which would allow rain water to build up and increase erosion of the soil in the area, damaging the environment for the dragonflies.

The dragonfly plays a major role in the ecosystem for the area. It eats mosquitos, flies, and horseflies that could otherwise spread disease. Because it is low on the food chain, it also is an important ecological indicator since “their health can reveal changes in the water ecosystem more quickly than any other plants or animals,” Mr. Sakakihara said.

Mr. Sakakihara said he speaks for the Savage Community Association when he expresses his hope that instead of developing a residential area, the land will be purchased by the County and turned into an addition to Savage Park. It would remain wooded,

and the trails it currently has would be maintained.

Besides the plea for the Appalachian Snaketail dragonfly, the Savage Community Association has appealed to the County Council with several other arguments against the residential development. They claim the townhouses will not fit the historic nature of the town, the traffic will be affected, and the schools will be overcrowded.

Christine Dietrich, a Savage Community Association member, said these additional arguments have been, for the most part, discounted. For example, school overcrowding is not a new issue. In the past, schools have installed portables to their buildings, and Dietrich said the County feels that this problem is not different from times in the past. She hopes the county will think differently for the dragonflies, however. It is a point of no return in their case, once they are gone, they (Continued on Page 15)

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Bollman Bridge International Night Is Huge Success



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A dance troupe called Sparkes performs and delights their audience with Afro-Columbian rhythmic moves.

kids were adventurous about it. The dancers and entertainment were outstanding,” said Shany Seawright, BBES parent.

The idea of an International Night was conceived by Fabiola Rodriguez, BBES’ Hispanic Achievement Liaison, and Jenny McAtee, BBES PTA President..

“As PTA President these past two years, one of my largest goals was to build community and to have the PTA work more closely with BBES staff in bringing events and programs to our students,” said Jenny McAtee, BBES PTA President.

For more information about Bollman Bridge Elementary School, visit bbes.hcps.org. For more information on the BBES PTA, visit bbespta.com.

BBES News Release

JESSUP, Md. (June 12, 2013) - Bollman Bridge Elementary School (BBES) celebrated world cultures with its first International Fair on Thursday, May 23, 2013. A collaborative effort between the BBES Staff, Administration and PTA, the event included regional foods, live performances, displays, and hands-on activities for children.

More than 200 event attendees participated in a journey around the world, getting their ‘passports’ stamped for participating in activities, trying new foods, and learning about world cultures to win prizes.

Over 40 countries were represented, with students contributing to many of the poster displays.

Parents, staff, and other community members also pitched in to provide cultural artifacts and volunteered their time to speak with guests about their native cultures.

Hands-on activities included flag coloring, African bead bracelets, and the most popular activity - having students’ names written on their hands in Urdu with

henna. On the stage, a mix of BBES students and community performers entertained with cultural dances - Pakistani, Afro-Colombian, Salvadoran, Flamenco, and Bachata - as well as a Mariachi singer.

Attendees tasted foods from over 12 countries representing Central & South America, Africa, and Europe.

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Concussion Testing
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Fall Sports Meeting

Set for Aug 12th, the annual parent meeting to discuss fall sports information, will be held in the Auditorium at 7 pm.

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Scott_osborne@hcpss.org

College Access

University of MD is hold-

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2013 - 2014 Events

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- **Fall Sports Parent, Athlete, and Coaches Meeting** on August 12, 7 pm.
- **First Day of Fall Sports**

- Tryouts** on August 14th
- **Ninth Grade Eat, Meet and Greet** on August 29th, 6 pm
- **Back to School Night 2013**, August 29th, 7 pm
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Business

Which Business Structure is Best for You?

by **Joseph T. Soltis**
Guest Columnist

Continuing our discussion with respect to Business Structure, this editorial will raise some talking points pertaining to Partnerships.

I will discuss a few of the generalized points of partnerships, and will follow up this editorial with a more detailed discussion with respect to the tax advantages/disadvantages.

What is a Partnership?

A simple explanation of a Partnership is an Agreement between two or more individuals to finance and operate a business. A Partnership is an entity legally separate from the individuals themselves (however, in a General Partnership, profits and losses flow through the partner's tax returns).

Each partner has equality with respect to authority and responsibility in operating and running the business; they should be involved in the daily operations; and they should execute management decisions.

When the establishment of a Partnership occurs, the below listed arrangements (just to list a few) should be clearly spelled out:

- How will the business be financed?

- Who perform the work of financing the business?
- What are the contingency plans, say if a partner passes away?
- What are the protocols if one or both partners wish to dissolve the business?

A Few Advantages of a Partnership Include:

- Partnerships are relatively easy to establish.
- The main advantage of having a partner is that he (or she) could very well complement the skill level of the other partner – whether that be an area of expertise; experience; and/or knowledge.
- Often times, a partner may be able to provide investment capital – in other words, funds to help the business grow.
- Also, a partnership may be able to obtain bank loans more easily than a sole proprietorship.
- Common sense tells us that partners must get along personally, and should complement each other's talents, and as partners, the probability of the business succeeding clearly will be obtained if they work as a team.

- Partners can also provide moral support as appropriate – this is quite imperative in troubled times.

A Few Disadvantages of a Partnership Include:

- All partners are personally liable for the business debts and liabilities, for example, a judgment in a lawsuit. This is commonly referred to as "Unlimited Liability".

- Profits must be shared with others. An agreement needs to be reached as to the value of one partner's time and skills. The easiest method is to split the profit 50% for both partners.

- Disagreements will occur since decisions are shared.

- A partnership may have limitations that

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commonly referral to as Unlimited Liabilities.

Sole Proprietorships do not have much financial flexibility – outside capital can be difficult to obtain and personal credit ratings can affect the infusion of start-up funds.

Perhaps most importantly, a Sole Proprietorship is almost completely dependent upon the owner's abilities – if we get sick; have personal problems affecting the business; or if the owner passes away, the business is bound to suffer.

Again, these are just some major talking points, and I am always welcome to comments and suggestions. As always, I wish to

thank the individuals who read this and I am hopeful you were able to gain a little more knowledge and insight.

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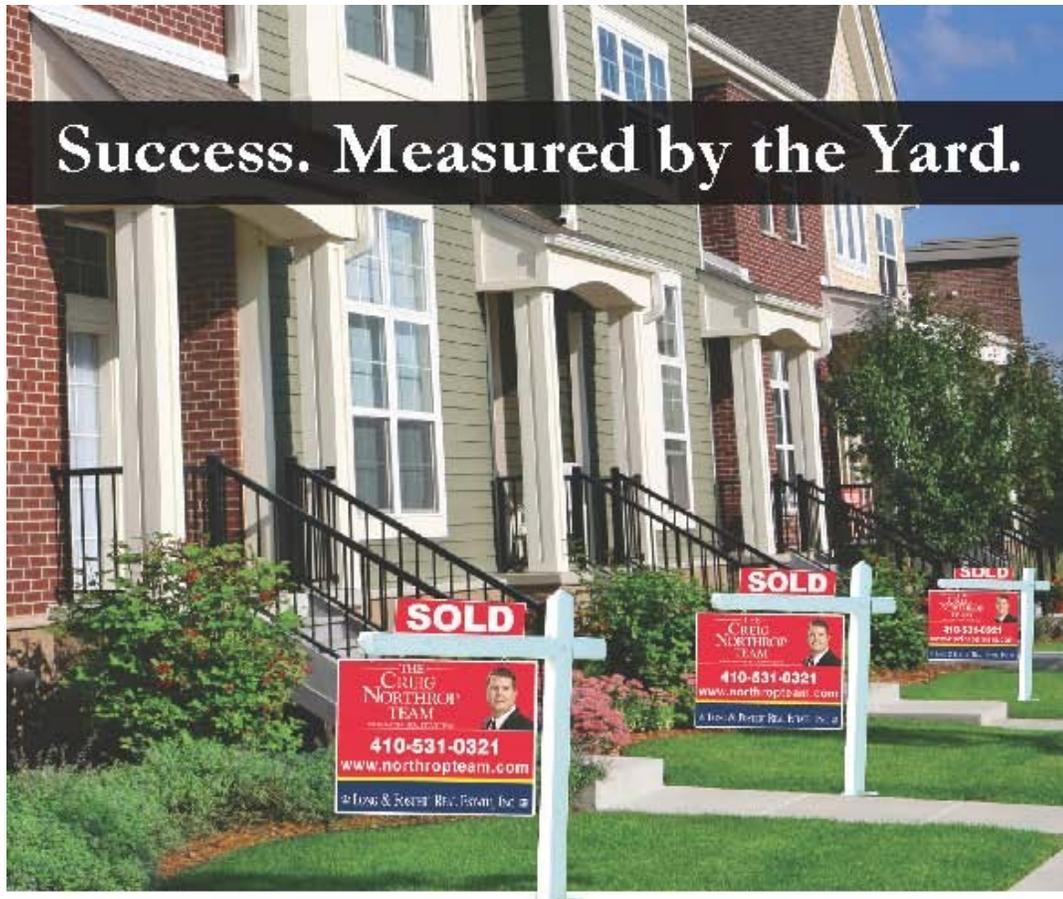


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On weekends, the staff allow anyone to have climbing fun. Just show up, pay the fee, and trained personnel will take you through your paces.

Safety is paramount at the center, but they still have you sign the liability release. If you are under 18 go to the center's website and download the permission form. It's a good idea to have your parents complete this before you go down as a family.

Check out their site at earthtreksclimbing.com.

Be Prepared

Little kids do not have much of a need to carry around a wallet.

They usually do not have much money and they do not have a need for government identification.

Teens and young adults are different. You're on the move and your degree of responsibility is increasing.

Mom and dad set you up with an ATM card for emergencies, but because you are still in play mode, you are out with friends having a good time. Suddenly a need arises and you have no cash and no ATM card. It's in your wallet that you left on the floor at Fred's house.

It is not pleasant, but on

occasion our friendly police officers may have a need to flag you and your friends down.

When you do not have the ID they are seeking, Officer Friendly suddenly becomes disgruntled.

Be in a state of readiness. Don't be in the habit of making life tougher than it ought to be.

Summer Learning

When school is out the last thing a student wants to do is learn. While that may be true, there are things you can learn over the summer that enrich your life and are not academic.

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Healthy Living

Six Ways We Can Lower the Risk of Type 2 Diabetes

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What can we do about Type 2 Diabetes?

You can lower your risk of developing diabetes with these helpful tips and if you have diabetes, type 2, you can greatly improve your blood sugar levels and overall health by applying these tactics.

Exercise – a 30 minute walk every day can help protect you from insulin resistance. Drink WATER & Ditch the Soda – even DIET soda. All soda impacts you negatively.

Feast on Fiber – use whole grains, beans, lentils, & loads of vegetables. This slows sugar absorption, lowers cholesterol, and helps you lose weight, if needed.

Reject the refined foods – Stop eating the white pasta, rice, breads and pastries as well as all the candy and desserts. Besides added sugar they are usually full of trans-fats.

Limit the animal products – they are full of saturated fats. Replace meat with cold water fish like salmon and add in vegetarian meals each week.

Add cinnamon to your food. As little as ½ tsp. a

day has been shown to help lower blood glucose levels. Twenty-five

years ago we only heard about senior citizens getting type 2 diabetes, but today there are many young adults who are discovering they have it.

What exactly IS diabetes type 2? Our body uses glucose (converted from food) to make energy - it is food for our cells. Just like our stomach can only hold so much food at a time, our cells can only take in so much glucose at a time.

If there is extra floating around in our blood stream it gets stored as fat for later use. Diabetes begins when the glucose in our blood gets too high because we have either routinely put in WAY too much sugar and/or because we eat way too much fat which hinders our body from getting the glucose into the cells.

Our pancreas makes insulin which is a hormone that attaches to the glucose and carries it to the cells and acts like a key to open the cell door and let in the glucose. Our body is designed to make enough insulin for normal metabolism; however, the way most people over-eat the

poor pancreas is pushed to its limit for pumping out insulin.

Over time, the excess sugars and fats cause the body to become insulin resistant. Think of how your ears adjust after awhile to really loud music. You start to tune it out. In the same way it gets harder and harder to get the glucose into the cells.

This is when it becomes dangerous and our blood sugar rises to an unsafe

level. The body reacts by becoming extremely thirsty to help flush out the sugar and the person can become dehydrated from the frequent urination.

The body gets very stressed because the cells are not getting fed; they are like a starving person standing outside of a restaurant drooling at a huge smorgasbord of which they can't partake.

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The process of relocating the station was lengthy because many elements were involved. A new facility had to be evaluated, the Maryland Department of Environment had to look at the site, and budget approvals were needed from the County Executive and the County Council, according to Ms. Kotei.

"It was about a two-year process from when we initially broke ground," Ms. Kotei said.

The ability for the firefighters to respond efficiently was the main goal for the new station, according to Ms. Kotei. She said the location of the station

is an improvement from where it was before.

"We service about a 2.29 square mile area, and this station, with where it's positioned, actually gives us better access and more timely support for emergency incidents that are to the north, south, east, and west," Ms. Kotei said. "It kind of puts it right there and allows for personnel to be able to get out to the community and respond a lot quicker."

Ms. Kotei said the firefighters have adjusted quickly to the new location and "it's pretty much business as usual." The company had an important input into the location selection and is happy to have up-to-

date facilities in order to respond best to the community.

Ms. Kotei said, "We're really proud to be able to have a station like this that is able to provide that around-the-clock, 24-7 coverage that our department provides for the community."

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cannot come back, she said.

The community has been active in their efforts to stop the development from being built. They have presented their arguments to the zoning board, the Council, and an open forum. They met with Coun-

cil members, Calvin Ball, Jen Terrasa, and Courtney Watson, separately as well.

"We took them on a tour of Savage. We took them around some of the historic areas, showed them the river," Mr. Sakakihara said. "I gave a PowerPoint presentation of the dragonfly."

Dietrich hopes that federal protection might be available for the Appalachian Snaketail dragonfly. Mr. Sakakihara said, "We want to protect the dragonfly while it still has something to protect in this area."

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