

CHEERS & JEERS

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Cheers to the Stephen Decatur football team for forgetting the lingering memories of an awful start to the season to finish their run just one score away from the state playoffs.

The Seahawks season almost ended before it was halfway over after a 1-3 start, but the team fought back to finish the regular season 6-4 and just inch into the regional playoffs.

The team made the most of its opportunity as coach Bob Knox's squad turned the region upside down with a dominating 29-7 upset of No. 1 seed Queen Anne's.

Joppatowne of Harford County might have ended Decatur's dream of a second straight trip to the state playoffs in last Friday's 30-24 win, but the Seahawks deserve credit for pulling together and making something out of their season — when almost everyone else left them for dead.



A privately owned farm in the Sinepuxent area of Worcester County that includes a mile of Ayres Creek shoreline is now permanently protected from development in a pioneering conservation easement settled with Worcester County Commissioners.

The \$1 million easement of 156-acre Golden Quarter Farm near Berlin and Holly Grove Swamp is the first of its kind in the state and will preserve the site as a wildlife habitat for migrating songbirds and several species of reptiles and amphibians. The acquisition marks the first time a federal land conservation program has found use in Maryland.

The farm will remain privately owned, but the easement allows the county to manage and oversee the site as a wildlife refuge. The owner, Sandra Frazier, has already worked to restore 81 acres of land with native plant and tree species resulting in the return of fox, herons and even bald eagles on the property.

Cheers to the public and nonprofit officials who secured this easement and protected this valuable land.

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