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Message to Members

By: Howie Feaga, President Howard County Farm Bureau

We made it to March; wow did it get cold in February or what? I can only imagine how bad it was in the upper northeast with 7 feet of snow. Hopefully all the farmers and their families did OK up there, and are beginning to thaw out and get back to normal after a winter like that. We have to count our blessings that we are not covered with that much snow. As I write this it's 10-15 degrees.

Several of us are preparing to go to Annapolis to talk to our legislators on "Day in Annapolis" about our concerns with some of the issues that are being considered this year. We will be heading to DC on March 18th to also talk about some of our concerns with them. I hope they listen to us and what we are trying to say about some very important issues.

The "Breakfast for Dinner" on the 19th of March should be a lot of fun, we will be showing the movie "WE" It was made long ago and some of the characters in the movie are the local farmers from Carroll County and Howard County. It should be interesting to see how many of the actors we can actually recognize. We look forward to seeing all of you and your friends, and I hope the weather is cooperative.

The Mulch Task Force has wrapped up their meetings and it will be up to Planning and Zoning to hopefully write the new law, so that it will be favorable to everyone. The members of the Task Force put a ton of time and energy into working on both safe and economically stable recommendations that should work for everyone. The Ag people on the task force were Lynn Moore, Cathy Hudson, Kathy Zimmerman, Martha Ann Clark, Brent Rutley, Bob Ensor, Bob Orndorff, Keith Ohlinger, Justin Brendel, and the Co-Chair Zack Brendel. I want to thank them for all their time and efforts. We will all need your help when the time comes to get into law what the Council will be voting on when the final bill is written, so that we can once again have Composting and small Mulching back into our RR and RC areas as well as in our Ag Preservation Parcels. Stay tuned and we will do our best to keep you up to date.

Our Legislative Dinner will be coming up on the 16th of April. I hope you all will be able to attend, so you can hear first hand how our newly elected Legislators are going to be working to help make life in Howard County and Maryland better for all of us. The new Governor Hogan told us at the Ag Dinner that he was going to see that the farmers were not

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going to be the target for unjustified and non science based regulations and I hope that will be the case throughout Maryland and down to our local levels as well. So like I always say “Keep your plow in the ground, we’re all pulling for you.”

--Howie Feaga, President Ho. Co. Farm Bureau

Howard County Agri-Business Breakfast

By: *Maura Cabill, Breakfast Program
Coordinator*

The next Howard County Agri-Business “**Breakfast for Dinner**” will take place on **Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Dining Hall of the Howard County Fairgrounds. Please mark this new date on your calendar and plan to join us!

*Remember this is an *Evening* event.

The highlight of March’s “Breakfast for Dinner” will be a showing of the movie “*WE*”, Back by Popular Demand! As explained by Allan Bandel, the unique film was believed to be made in Howard and Carroll Counties, primarily around Sykesville by a professional film crew. It has some historical value and the characters are well known local folks from the agricultural community of 1953. The story itself is about the first 30 years of Southern States Cooperative, from its earliest beginnings as the Virginia Seed Service to the more modern version at the time depicting SSC around 1953. If you missed the first screening of the movie “WE” when it was first shown to the Farm Bureau Breakfast group on November 15, 2001, DON’T miss it at the next “Breakfast for Dinner” event!

As customary, “breakfast” will be served at 7:00 p.m. Please **RSVP by noon, Monday, March 16th** by calling either Charlotte Mullinix, at **410-489-4510** or Martha Clark at **410-531-3455**.

The cost is \$10.00 per person, payable at the door. We hope to see you on Thursday, **March 19th** at the next Howard County Agri-Business “Breakfast for Dinner”!

Agricultural Emphasis at the 70th Howard County Fair!

By: *Krisi Currier,
Howard County Fair Assoc*

GREETINGS FARM BUREAU MEMBERS:

The Howard County Fair Association is gearing up for the **70th Fair August 8-15, 2015**, and we want to have a **STRONG PARTICIPATION FROM THE FARMING COMMUNITY** ☺

This year we are pushing for as much Agriculture Information as we can to be displayed throughout the Fairgrounds. I want to be sure that you all have an opportunity to show off your particular Operations:

- Your Products (and how they are used)
- The work you do year-round to “create” your commodity
- New Farming Techniques you use
- Older, proven Farming techniques you are still using, and their benefits of use
- The effort you have put in to protecting the Chesapeake Watershed
- Anything you feel the General Howard County Population should know about your Farming/Agriculture Related Operation that would help them better understand your Operations.

Colorful Visual Displays are great. Interactive displays are even better. Here’s your chance to reach out to a community who may not understand why you are taking a large piece of equipment down the road, even on the weekend; why you use some chemicals to grow the things you grow; or why, and what’s entailed in “Growing Organic”. Sound could even be incorporated into a display. If you have

aerial photos of Your Farms, that in itself would be interesting to the public!!!!

Hopefully we might even have the Farm Bureau Queen and Court Members do a demo this year- showing off to the Public their knowledge on some facet of Agriculture!! Wouldn't that be impressive for Howard County!!

Howard County has such a caring, conscientious Farming Community that has kept up with the innovative improvements in the industry, and works hard to produce quality products locally and throughout the Eastern Seaboard. Let's find a way to show our Community the Best of what we are doing!

--Kristi Currier, Howard County Fair Assoc
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Howard Soil Conservation District Reminders

*By: Kristal M. McCormick,
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Howard Soil Conservation District*

1) Howard County Mid-Winter Ag Meeting:

The 2015 Howard County Mid-Winter Ag Meeting will be held at the **Gary J. Arthur Glenwood Community Center** on **Tuesday, March 17th**. The meeting will begin at **6:30 PM**. Topics include MDA Nutrient Management Regulations and the Phosphorus Management Tool, The Next Generation P Index and Drone Technologies. Please join us for this informative meeting. The meeting is FREE but it is requested that attendees **pre-register** by calling the Howard Soil Conservation District at **(410) 313-0680** before 3/11/15. If special accommodations are needed please contact us by 3/3/15. The Mid-Winter Ag Meeting is sponsored by the Howard Soil Conservation District, Maryland Department of Agriculture, University of Maryland Extension and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

2) Same Services, New Location:

The Howard Soil Conservation District NEW Address (Including all partners: Maryland Department of Agriculture, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and of course the District.):

**14735 Frederick Road,
Cooksville, Maryland 21723.
(410) 313-0680.**

As mentioned before, we are willing to provide assistance in every way we can! Whether it is through writing conservation plans, designing best management practices, reviewing sediment and erosion control plans, helping homeowners with natural resource problems or even visiting classrooms, the Howard Soil Conservation District is here to support our farmers and our community.

Be sure to check out our Facebook page or Twitter for additional updates and events as well as informative and educational articles.

\$2,000 Scholarship!

*Available to Student Pursuing Studies in
Horticulture & Related Fields*

April 15, 2015 is the deadline to apply for the \$2000 annual Robert & Shirley Mangum Memorial Scholarship for students pursuing collegiate studies and a career in horticulture and related fields.

Administered since 2004 by the Montgomery County Farm Bureau, the scholarship honors the contributions of lifelong Montgomery County residents, Robert & Shirley Mangum, who were pioneers in the local ornamental horticulture and interior landscape contracting industry.

For further information, the website MangumScholarship.com has been created containing information about eligibility, application, deadlines and contact information. Information must be submitted prior to deadline for consideration.

Howard County 4-H Dairy Club

“Cows for a Cure” Sponsorship

Howard County 4-H Dairy Club has participated in Relay for Life of Western Howard County for the past three years and we are looking forward to our fourth year being an even larger success! Last year our Relay for Life team raised \$6,831.55 for the American Cancer Society!

Over the past three years we have had two different logos. We sell t-shirts, sweat shirts and cups with the logos on them. The first year our logo was “Moo-ving Towards A Cure”! The second year we changed our logo to “Kick’in Cancer Country Style”! The “Kick’in Cancer Country Style” logo was such a huge success that we sold those items for two years. This year we have made a new logo, “Cows for a Cure”! The lavender cancer ribbon represents all types of cancer. Our items have a cow with a lavender ribbon on the back and a lavender butterfly on the front left chest area. The cow and lavender ribbon symbolize the “hope” of finding a cure for cancer. The lavender butterfly is in memory of those that have lost the battle to cancer. The butterfly to us represents life!

We are looking for organizations and business’s to sponsor our Relay for Life team. 100% of the profit from the sale of our “Cows for a Cure” items will go to the American Cancer Society. We would love your organization or business to help us to reach new heights! Attached is a sponsorship flyer that will show the different levels of sponsorship. Along with your companies or organizations name displayed on a sign we will also post your name on our face book page “Cows for a Cure”!

Any amount of money donated is greatly appreciated and will help us raise money to find a cure for this horrible disease cancer. So many of us have lost a loved one to cancer and we would love to help the American Cancer Society! By raising funds for them we can help those that are battling

the disease, help those whose loved ones are fighting the fight and help raise funds for cancer research.

Would you please consider helping us in our endeavor? If you would like to sponsor or have any questions please contact Rhonda Patrick Winkler, the leader of the Howard County 4-H Dairy Club and the team captain of our Relay for Life team. Thank you in advance for your support and encouragement!

All checks can be made payable to the Howard County 4-H Dairy Club.

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Myths and Misunderstandings

By: *Timothy S. Barkley, Sr.*
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“If I don’t have a will, the State will get everything when I die!”

“I don’t need a will, because everything is going to my spouse!”

“If I have a will, my estate doesn’t go through probate!”

“I need a living trust, so I can avoid probate! That lady on TV said so!”

The author addresses these and similar misunderstandings on a daily basis. Some are alarmist, some induce heedless complacency; all can lead to bad results. If you don’t have a will, your assets are not given to the State. Your assets pass to the people that the State assumes – rightly or wrongly – you would want to have them. Sometimes the assumptions are odd. Assets owned by you in your sole name are divided between your children and your spouse – and if you have no children, between your spouse and your parents.

This strange provision seems to be drafted to protect folks in unhappy marriages. Only if you have no children or surviving parents do your assets all pass to your spouse. Nothing passes to the State (except for taxes and fees) unless you have no relatives at all. The process of probate was created by the State to ensure that your wishes are followed when you die. Everything you own when you die that does not have a beneficiary designation will pass through probate.

Probate is not necessarily a bad thing. It creates delays, and expensive ones at that, but if you own anything when you die, probate is the way your loved ones get your stuff. Sometimes probate can and should be avoided, but it is certainly not an unmitigated evil. Your will is what tells the probate court what to do with your stuff when you die. So, if you die with assets in your own name that don't have a beneficiary designation, a will is a very good thing to have – but it doesn't avoid probate. It controls it.

Probate avoidance is accomplished with living trusts, among other vehicles. Living trusts avoid probate because assets transferred to the trust, controlled by you as trustee of that trust, are technically no longer owned by you. Since only what you own at the date of death passes through the probate process, the assets in the trust are not under the jurisdiction of the probate courts.

The benefits of probate avoidance include eliminating or avoiding the costs and delays inherent in the legal system, and eliminating the publicity of the probate system. Living trusts also provide other benefits, such as improved asset management capability if you become incompetent.

However, living trusts can be expensive and complicated. While they have their place, they are not a panacea, and they certainly are not for everyone.

Other usually less expensive and less complex probate avoidance tools include life estate deeds, with and without the retained power to sell the property; paid on death (POD) and transfer on death (TOD) designations for bank and securities accounts, respectively; and joint ownership, but only in appropriate situations.

If you own real property that is to pass directly to your children or other loved ones, a life estate deed can provide you with use and control of the property during your life, and pass title to the property directly to the recipients without probate or trusts. You can retain the right to sell, mortgage, lease, or even give away the property, or not retain those rights. Your decision as to whether to retain these rights has important consequences, and should be discussed with your advisor.

POD and TOD accounts are beneficiary designations for bank and securities (stock and mutual fund) accounts. In either case, the account becomes the property of the beneficiary upon your death, with no probate or other proceedings, but you retain use and control of the account until your death.

Joint ownership should be considered a potentially dangerous tool, since you can find your assets subject to the claims of the joint owner's creditors. The law of joint ownership treats real property, securities and bank accounts differently. Be sure to discuss with your advisor.

Also, you need to be clear (in writing) with the joint owner and others as to your intentions. Some folks title a bank account jointly as a “convenience” to allow someone else access to funds for their own convenience. For example, a parent might make a child a joint owner of a checking account so the child can write checks to pay the parent's bills, including the funeral bill. The joint account titling, then, is a substitute for a power of attorney.

The parent needs to be clear as to whether the money in the account is intended to be the property of the child, either upon adding the child to the account or at the parent's death. This is important, because without clarification, the money belongs to the child when the child is added to the account as a joint owner. That makes the money in the account subject to the claims of the joint owner's creditors, and means that the entire account belongs to the joint owner when the parent dies.

This can lead to contentions and even lawsuits between surviving children, with the joint owner arguing that the money belongs to him or her, and

the other children arguing that the account was titled jointly merely for the convenience of the parent. A written memo or note to all children can eliminate this issue.

Double-check your own assumptions, and make sure your plans are founded on fact, not myth-understandings or hasty generalizations. Meet with your planner to be sure that your plan accomplishes your goals.

Myths and Misunderstandings
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Those Little Red B.F. Avery Tractors

By: *Allan Bandel*



Photo from the book "B.F. Avery"
By: Luther D. Thomas, Antique Power Publishing.
Yellow Springs, OH 2003

As a youngster growing up on a dairy farm in rural mid-20th century Howard County, one of our neighbors, after ridding the farm of horses, farmed for many years with a succession of small tractors, all purchased from the large Montgomery Ward mail order store in Baltimore. Some of those small tractors were painted a bright red and were sold under the brand name of B.F. Avery the Model "A". Over a period of several years, our neighbor also owned some nearly identical, except bright orange tractors. But, it carried a different name, i.e., The General, Model "GG".

A distinguishing characteristic of all of these tractors was their unique front wheel arrangement. Unlike the photo which shows the optional dual front wheels, all of those tractors were equipped with a solitary, single-rib, front tire which was great for "slicing" through deep snow. Some of the earliest models were equipped with awkward-to-operate hand brakes instead of the simpler, more easily accessed individual foot brakes. Perhaps you too may have wondered about these little tractors, e.g., who manufactured them, and whatever became of them in later years?

While searching for information on these little Avery tractors, initially, there was one major issue that confused me. Having attended many antique tractor shows over the years and also having reviewed numerous antique tractor reference books, I soon discovered a real brain-teaser. At one time there were some fairly large, (**no, actually huge**) tractors found in other parts of the country that also carried the name Avery. These mammoth machines were impressive in size, and were sometimes shown pulling moldboard gang plows with 8 to 10 bottoms. These huge Avery tractors did not fit the mold of the much smaller tractors that I had become familiar with as a youngster.

It soon became apparent that at one time, there were at least **two separate** tractor companies using the name Avery. Even though the name was spelled the same, there was no connection between them. There was the Avery Co. of Peoria, Illinois and also the B.F. Avery & Sons Co. of Louisville, Kentucky.

The Avery Co. of Peoria was formed by brothers Robert H. and Cyrus M. Avery in 1874 and started out as the Avery Planter Company of Galesburg, Illinois. Their growing business included planters, cultivators and stalk cutters. They relocated to Peoria, Illinois in 1884 and began building steam traction engines in 1891. Their innovative under-mounted steam engine was a great success.

Moving into producing tractors powered by internal combustion engines, in 1913 they subsequently introduced the 4-cylinder model 40-80. This huge machine weighed 22,000 pounds and could pull 8,600 pounds at the drawbar. The 40-80 was modified in 1920 though, after the Nebraska

Tractor Tests showed that this model fell short of the factory's advertised horsepower rating. Its model designation was subsequently modified and then more accurately identified as the 45-65.

The *Avery Co.* remained in business until the beginning of World War II. During the approximately 30 years that they produced tractors, some new models were introduced. But, faced with hard economic times following World War I, they succumbed to bankruptcy in 1924. Reorganized, the company did fairly well until 1931 when they were finally overcome by the "darkest days of the economic depression".

Once again, the company was reorganized after which it did well again until the beginning of WW II. At the very end of its existence, the re-organized *Avery Farm Machinery Company* introduced the *Ro-Track* model. This modern, streamlined two-plow tractor, equipped with an improved 6-cylinder Hercules engine, might have gained appreciably higher market share eventually had it not been for the need to halt production due to wartime material shortages.

According to the reference book *B.F. Avery and Sons, Pioneer Plowmakers* by Luther D. Thomas, the other *Avery*, the *B.F. Avery Company*, began as the *Avery Plow Factory* in 1825 with a blacksmith shop at Clarksville, Virginia. Benjamin Franklin Avery moved his business to Louisville, Kentucky around 1847. In 1875, it was reported in the *New York Daily Graphic* newspaper that *B.F. Avery & Sons*, along with other agricultural implement manufacturers, made Louisville the world's largest producer of plows. At their height, they were shipping about 190,000 plows annually.

Prior to 1914, the *B.F. Avery & Sons Company* manufactured tillage implements – plows, cultivators, harrows, etc. They ventured into the tractor business in 1915 with the *Louisville Motor Plow*, a 5,000 pound, 20-belt horsepower machine that was fitted with two 14-inch moldboard or disc plows. The company claimed that the machine was capable of plowing six acres in a 10-hour day. The *Motor Plow* was in production until about 1917.

With the failure of the *Louisville Motor Plow*, *B.F. Avery Company* executives realized that the company

had to become a "full line" organization if it were to compete successfully with other manufacturers like International Harvester, John Deere, J.I. Case, Allis-Chalmers, Oliver, etc. By 1930, they entered into an arrangement with the Huber Manufacturing Company of Marion, Ohio whereby they agreed to market 355 of the Huber 20-36 (four plow) and 32-45 (four to six plow) Huber tractors.

Weathering the depression successfully, *B.F. Avery* developed its own line of implements which they promoted as "*Tru-Draft*". Their equipment's design was intended to counter the popularity of the innovative Ford-Ferguson three-point hitch system. Initially, Avery's design utilized the more primitive manual lift rather than the more advanced hydraulic lift system.

By 1939, Avery engineers had designed a new tractor to take advantage of the "*Tru-Draft*" system, which the Cleveland Tractor Company (*Cletrac*) began building for them. The first model released was "*The General Model GG*". It had a 113 cid Hercules engine that developed 19.29 belt horsepower. This distinctive 2,105 pound tri-cycle tractor had a single front tire and a three speed transmission. It sold for \$595 in 1939.

This same tractor was sold by *Avery*, *Cletrac* and *Massey-Harris* dealers. It was also sold under the *Co-op* name for the Farmers Union Company. From 1940 to 1942, Montgomery Ward sold the *Model GG* as the *Wards Twin-Row*. The only difference between *The General* and the *Twin-Row* was color – *The General* was bright orange and the *Twin-Row* was dark red. Montgomery Ward also sold Avery's implements, only they called them *Tru-Pull* rather than *Tru-Draft*.

By 1942, *B.F. Avery* had purchased the equipment, inventory, dies, molds, rights, etc. from Cleveland Tractor. Both *Avery* and *Cleveland Tractor* continued to produce *The General*, but they were all painted with Avery's "*Tar-Tar Red*" and on each side of the hood, in prominent letters, was printed "*B.F. Avery*". The same tractor was known as the "*B.F. Avery General*," "*The General Model A*," or simply as the "*Model A*."

During the mid- to late-1940's, Avery upgraded the *Model A* with new sheet metal, a larger engine, optional dual front wheels, wide adjustable front

axle, or a single front wheel (the most popular version), and a hydraulic lift system. During its last year of production (1951), the 2,280 pound *Avery Model A* sold for \$1,420, about double the price that it had been introduced at initially some 10 years earlier.

After World War II, Avery prospered and introduced several new models. Among them was the little 1,600 pound *Avery Model V* which was just slightly more powerful than the Farmall Cub. It could handle a single-bottom, 14-inch plow. To satisfy the demand for a heavier, more powerful tractor, the two-plow *Model R* was introduced in 1950. It weighed 2,940 lbs. and sold for \$1,450.

Shortages brought on by the Korean War and the declining farm economy eventually took its toll on the struggling B.F. Avery Company. In 1951, Avery merged with *Minneapolis-Moline*. Ultimately, to save costs, Avery's classic *Model A* was dropped from production. The *Model V* was continued except that the paint color was changed to Minneapolis-Moline's "*Prairie Gold*" and combined with new M-M decals. The *Model R* was re-named the *M-M Model BF*.

Unfortunately, hard economic times continued through the 1950's and the Avery Division of Minneapolis-Moline continued to suffer heavy losses. With huge equipment inventories carried over each year and company losses mounting, workers were laid off at the big Louisville plant and remaining production capacity was moved to other M-M plants. Sadly, production of the B.F. Avery line of farm tractors and equipment ceased to exist by the middle of the 1950's.

Announcements

❖ The Maryland Farm Bureau's Washington Drive-In Wednesday, March 18, 2015

~ Don't forget our annual Washington Drive-In will take place on Wednesday, March 18th, with a day-long trip to our Nation's Capital. We will start with a half-day of briefings and discussions at the headquarters of the American Farm Bureau Federation and then head to Capital Hill to visit our elected Representatives and Senators. We will conclude the day with dinner at the district ChopHouse & Brewery.

Tentative Schedule

- 6:45 a.m. Bus Departs from Salisbury
- 7:30 a.m. Bus Departs from Easton and 2nd Bus Departs Frederick
- 8:15 a.m. Buses stop in Davidsonville & Gaithersburg
- 9:30-10 a.m. Buses arrive at the American Farm Bureau Federation offices
- 10:00 a.m. Legislative Issue Briefings by AFBF Staff
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch at AFBF w/ time to prepare for afternoon Hill meetings
- 1:30-4:30 p.m. Meet with Congressional Offices
- 4:45 p.m. Load buses for transport to dinner location
- 5:15 p.m. Dinner at the District ChopHouse & Brewery
- 7:00 p.m. Buses Depart Washington D.C.
- 7:30-9:00 p.m. Buses drop off participants at Davidsonville, Gaithersburg, Frederick, Easton, and Salisbury

The 2015 Drive-In is a one-day event to help hold down the cost to Farm Bureau members who give their time and energy to travel to Washington to lobby on behalf of the more than 36,000 members of our organization. Maryland Farm Bureau has also

contributed to the cost of this event through the annual budget process.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE – Wednesday February 18, 2015, Registration form is attached! Contact Matt Teffeu at (410) 924-4525.

❖ Pesticide Applicator Recertification

If your Maryland Pesticide License expired on December 31, 2014, it is time to attend recertification training. To facilitate RECERTIFICATION, Carroll County Extension office will have one more RECERTIFICATION opportunity for you to attend on **March 4, 2015, 6 to 8 pm**. Preregistration is required. Call (410-386-2760) early to reserve your space as seating is limited. **Be sure to bring your Pesticide License Number** with you.

Calendar of Events

2015

MAR 4 PRIVATE PESTICIDE APPLICATOR RECERTIFICATION

Place Carroll County Extension Office,
700 Agricultural Center,
Westminster, MD 21157
Time 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
*Call: 410-386-2760 to Register.

MAR 6-7 MARYLAND CATTLE INDUSTRY ANNUAL CONVENTION AND ANNUAL MARYLAND HAY AND PASTURE CONFERENCE

Place Clarion Hotel and Hager Hall Conference and Event Center
Hagerstown, MD
*For more info visit: www.marylandcattle.org or contact Dr. Scott Barao at 410-795-5309 or sbarao@marylandcattle.org

MAR 11 NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT VOUCHER TRAINING

Place Carroll County Extension Office,
700 Agricultural Center,
Westminster, MD 21157
Time 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
*Call: 410-386-2760 to Register.

MAR 17 MID-WINTER AG MEETING

Place Gary J. Arthur Glenwood Community Center
2400 Route 97, Cooksville, MD 21723
Time 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
*Free. RSVP to (410) 313-0680
*See Page 2 for more details

MAR 18 THE MARYLAND FARM BUREAU'S WASHINGTON DRIVE-IN

*Contact: Matt Teffeu - (410) 924-4525

MAR 19 CENTRAL MARYLAND WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE FORUM

Place Howard County Fairgrounds
Fairground Road, West Friendship, MD
Time 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
*REGISTRATION at **8:30 a.m.**

**MAR 19 HOWARD COUNTY AGRI-BUSINESS
“BREAKFAST FOR DINNER”**

Place Dining Hall, Howard County Fairgrounds
Fairground Road, West Friendship, MD
Time 7:00 p.m.

MAR 24 AGRICULTURE COMPOSTING SCHOOL

Place Central Research Farm, Folly Quarter Road
Time 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

APR 16 FARM BUREAU’S LEGISLATIVE DINNER

Place Lisbon Fire Hall
1330 Woodbine Road,
Woodbine, MD 21979
Time 7:00 p.m.

**MAY 21 HOWARD COUNTY AGRI-BUSINESS
“BREAKFAST FOR DINNER”**

Place Dining Hall, Howard County Fairgrounds
Fairground Road, West Friendship, MD
Time 7:00 p.m.

OCT 03 AGNR OPEN HOUSE

Place University of MD Central Maryland
Research and Education Center, Clarkesville
Facility, 4240 Folly Quarter Road, Ellicott
City, MD
Time 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
*For Information visit:
www.agnropenhouse.umd.edu

[NOTE]: Some programs require pre-registration and/or a fee. For programs sponsored by University of Maryland Extension, if you need special assistance to participate, please contact the person indicated at least two weeks in advance of the event.

***Howard County 4-H Dairy Club
"COWS FOR A CURE"
SPONSORSHIP
Relay for Life of Western Howard County
The American Cancer Society***

DIAMOND LEVEL

Donation over \$1,000.00

A donation at this level will get you your own personalized sign announcing that you are a Diamond Level sponsor.

PLATINUM LEVEL

Donation \$975.00 - \$500.00

A donation at this level will get you a personalized sign with one other name on it! Two names will be displayed per sign at the Platinum Level!

GOLD LEVEL

Donation \$250.00 - \$475.00

A donation at this level will get you a personalized sign with three other names on it! Three names will be displayed per sign at the Gold Level!

SILVER LEVEL

Donation \$125.00 - \$225.00

A donation at this level will get you a personalized sign with four other names on it! Four names will be displayed per sign at the Silver Level!

BRONZE LEVEL

Donation \$25.00 - \$100.00

A donation at this level will get your name displayed on a sign for all Bronze Level Sponsors!

100% of the profit from the sale of the "Cows for a Cure" items will go to the American Cancer Society!

"WHAT CANCER CANNOT DO"

Cancer is so limited...
It cannot cripple love.
It cannot shatter hope.
It cannot corrode faith.
It cannot eat away peace.
It cannot destroy confidence.
It cannot kill friendship.
It cannot shut out memories.
It cannot silence courage.
It cannot reduce eternal life.
It cannot quench the Spirit.