



## MCFB Ag/Member *highlights*

April 2022



### MCFB meets with Montgomery County Council President, Gabe Albornoz

Montgomery County Council President Gabe Albornoz met with the county's agricultural representatives to get a better understanding of the Agricultural Reserve. Watch the video of the meeting at Butler's Orchard <https://youtu.be/hNd3VARzFGA>

### Montgomery County Farm Bureau Scholarships Available

In this edition we **Highlight** our **Scholarship Committee** that coordinates a program to award educational scholarships to eligible Montgomery County resident students. Montgomery County Farm Bureau along with contributions from the Edward Byrd Foundation are pleased to offer scholarships for the 2022-2023 academic year to assist Montgomery County students pursuing higher education. Scholarship application, essay response, and two letters of recommendation must be sent via email to Eric Spates, Scholarship Committee Chairperson, at [mcfbscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:mcfbscholarship@gmail.com). The scholarship application must be received by Wednesday, **May 4, 2022**. Click the attached **PDF** for detailed information and to complete an application.

**MCFB Scholarship Recipient Testimony:** My name is **Ian Doody** and I was awarded over \$10,000 in educational scholarships from the Montgomery County Farm Bureau during my 4 years at the University of Maryland, College Park. This money helped me to pay for classes and educational materials like textbooks that allowed me to graduate summa cum laude in 2018 with over 150 credit hours (5 years' worth of education in 4 years!) and a bachelor's degree in agricultural and veterinary medicine with a minor in general business administration. After my undergraduate studies, I continued on to veterinary school at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine, where I will be graduating in May 2022. Without the educational support of the farm bureau scholarship, I would have had more than \$10,000 dollars in additional educational debt that would have carried over. Furthermore, while I was eligible to graduate

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after just 3 years because of the number of credit hours I had, this financial support allowed me to stay an additional year without undue financial hardship, to expand my knowledge in business/basic finance and in the more advanced biosciences classes. This gave me a huge advantage in veterinary school and a much broader foundation to build on with complicated concepts like immunology, microbiology, physiology, genetics, and biotechnology. Indeed, I attribute much of my success in veterinary school to the broad foundation I had coming out of undergraduate, made possible, in part, by the astounding generosity of the Montgomery County Farm Bureau and its donors.

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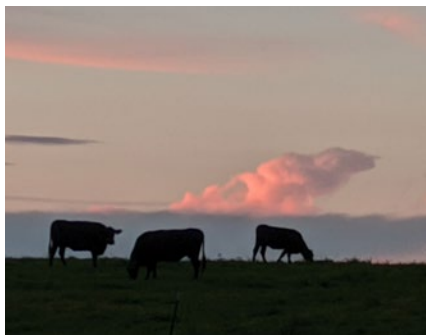
## National Agricultural Day



National Ag Day event was held in the County Council Chambers.

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## Our Farmers



**Buric Angus Beef** has been in business for over 60 years and is now in its second generation of operation. Our business is based in two areas: selling freezer-ready beef and selling feeder calves at the livestock market. Many of our beef customers have been with us for decades and we take great pride in providing them with the best tasting quality beef. We continue to add to our customer base as curious passers-by want to purchase locally grown beef. We primarily sell our beef by the whole animal, and half, quarter and eighths of sides, but we welcome customers who come in just to purchase the ground beef we always have on hand. The livestock part of the business is primarily conducted on the market, but we have also supported other local farms by selling them our calves, heifers and bulls. We grow corn and hay on the farm as well as buy hay and silage from other local farms. As we all know, raising cattle isn't the easiest way to make a living, but our legacy has always been, and will continue to be, beef!

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**Upcoming Events:** MCFB Annual Picnic—June 5 | Annual Farm Tour—July 23–24

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