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Prince George's County

April 2017

## Your Monthly News & Updates

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### Upcoming Events

#### Maryland Day!!

The University of Maryland would like to invite you to an open house featuring family-friendly and interactive events. Come explore our world of Fearless Ideas and see all that we do for our community, the state and the world. Admission is **FREE** and there are endless activities, events, exhibits, and more! For more information and to plan your visit, please visit <https://marylandday.umd.edu/>

EXPLORE OUR WORLD OF FEARLESS IDEAS  
**MARYLAND  
DAY 2017**  
SATURDAY APRIL 29 / 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### Villa de Alpacas Mother's Day Open House

Looking for something beautiful that you can **Buy Local** for **Mothers Day**? Check out the Villa de Alpacas Farm Mother's Day Open House on May 5-7th & May 13th -14th from 10am - 3pm. Shop with Mom for a unique experience in their glorious historic house on their Bicentennial family farm! Visit the furry alpacas, relax on the front porch, and enjoy a day down on the farm!

For more information visit our [website](#).

#### Reading Makes Cents

Looking to introduce your children to money and financial management **EARLY**? Bring your 3rd-5th graders out to the Greenbelt Library starting May 2, 5:30 PM for this **FREE** program sponsored by 4-H of Prince George's County.

# Reading makes cents



Introduce your 3rd-5th grade children to the basics of money management in a **free**, fun, interactive program!

## WHAT IS READING MAKES CENTS?

3rd–5th grade children will learn financial literacy through money-themed books and participating in a series of hands-on activities and crafts.

### Topics include:

Earning, spending, saving, giving, borrowing, and the history of money

7 Tuesdays  
May 2–June 13



5:30-6:30 PM



Greenbelt Library  
11 Crescent Rd.  
Greenbelt, MD

**Registration is limited, so sign up today!**

Contact: Greenbelt Library  
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### Vegetable Gardening Training

Are you a youth interested in learning more about gardening? The Master Gardeners, along with Heather Buritsch would like to invite you to their training sessions offered [June 29th](#) and [July 6th](#). These sessions will cover garden safety, container and mobile gardens, insects, and much more. For more information and to sign up for the [Baltimore](#) or [Montgomery County](#) session please click the links. Hope to see you there!

### Institute of Applied Agriculture Course Sign-Up

Are you a high school senior, or know a high school senior, interested in furthering their knowledge in agriculture? If so, the Institute of Applied Agriculture would like to invite you to join their two-year agriculture certificate program! The IAA provides students with the entrepreneurial, technical, and leadership skills needed to manage profitable agricultural enterprises, including golf courses, sports fields, landscaping companies, and farming

operations. For more information about the program please visit our [website](#). To apply for the program please click the image below.



## INSTITUTE OF APPLIED AGRICULTURE



**It's not too late.**  
Apply now, enroll this fall!

**Start Here**

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### **4-Hers Sharpen Public Speaking Skills**

On March 18, 2017, the 4-H program held its annual Public Speaking Contest. Bernetta Reese, an adult volunteer, interviewed some of our participants to capture their thoughts on dealing with nerves, preparing for the contest, and their plans for the future. One theme that emerged from our participants was that 4-H provides ample opportunity for public speaking. Members from aged 10 - 15 reported that through the program, they had many opportunities to hone their skills. Jonathan Parker, 14, said that this was "not [his] the first time public speaking and has been training for at least six years." Public speaking contestants had a variety of ways they approached the anxiety of speaking in front of others. ZaKira Moody, 15, said she "used to worry a lot about what people would say or think. Now, I just do my best and don't worry." Grace Stanback admitted that "I didn't really stay calm (laughing). I pretended to read the paper and imagined I could see the paper with my poem." This served Grace well, as she was the junior champion for the Interpretations category. Finally, all of our contestants planned to use their

public speaking in the future. Events where our 4-H'ers are able to hone these important life skills help to develop confidence and direction for their future pursuits. As Jonathan Parker said, "[with] practice at home and here, it's gotten easier over the years." We congratulate our 4-H'ers for their participation and their efforts to improve a skill that many adults are still refining! Special congratulations to our category champions: Stephen Burr & Grace Stanback (Junior), Anna Burr & Julia Washington (Intermediate), Sarah Burr & Jovan Brooks (Senior).



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## Did You Know

**Did you know...** Maryland farms are stewards to almost one third of Maryland's lands? Agriculture employs more than 45,000 Marylanders and contributes more than \$8.5 billion in economic impact annually.

**Did you know...** Fitting physical activity into your daily routine can be easy, such as replacing a coffee break with a brisk 10-minute walk? You can find more tips on being physically active at <https://www.choosemyplate.gov/physical-activity-tips>.

**Did you know...** April is National Gardening Month? Container gardens are a great way to grow produce in a limited area. Containers can vary from milk jugs with holes in the bottom for drainage, to any container that will hold soil and allow water to drain. Place your container on a balcony, front steps or any other sunny location. This can be a fun activity for your family and will yield some tasty produce for family meals. For more information on how to get started, go to <https://extension.umd.edu/hgic>.

**Did you know...** the Prince George's County 4-H program is seeking adults to lead an agriculture or animal science club? Our county has a rich agricultural history, and remains one of the most productive counties in the state. Contact Alex Chan ([alexchan@umd.edu](mailto:alexchan@umd.edu)) to find out more about inspiring the next generation of agricultural and animal experts!

**Did you know...** the USDA has expanded its Meat and Poultry Hotline hours to further provide food safety information to consumers? For more information about the change, please visit <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDAOOC/bulletins/191db8e> to view the press release for more information.

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Visit the [PGC Farms & Food: Fresh. Local. Fun.](#) for more information about farms, food events, and farmers markets in gorgeous Prince George's! Minutes from the Nation's Capitol, Prince George's County offers a variety of [food and farming events](#) every month!

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