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## October 2017

Perhaps you missed the press conference held by County Executive Steve Schuh on October 18 at Y Worry Farm in Davidsonville. It was shared on Cable TV to recognize the passage of Ag Tourism legislation for Anne Arundel County, some of the first legislation in the state to support this increasingly important economic driver for many farms. Both Dave Myers, Extension Ag Educator, and I were honored to serve on the committee that worked to define the legislation.

See: <https://patch.com/maryland/edgewater/davidsonville-farm-hosts-agritourism-event> for more details!

This is one of the best times of year to visit Maryland farms; for ideas about where and when to go visit: <http://www.somarylandsogood.com/> This site offers publications about local Ag sites and products in Southern Maryland.

Wishing everyone a beautiful fall!

Karol Westelinck Dyson  
Capital Area Extension Director

## Mark your calendars!

### 4-H Turkey Shoot

November 11, 2017

9:00 AM

Myers Station Nature Center

Come one, come all to the 4-H Turkey Shoot! This contest is open to 4-H members, non-members and adults. There will be special activities for youth aged 5-7. Click [here](#) to learn more.



### Crops Sustainability & IPM Workshop

December 19, 2017

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Anne Arundel County Extension Office

**January 27:**  
MG Annual Seed  
Swap

**February 8:**  
Southern MD  
Vegetable & Fruit  
Production Meeting

**February 19:**  
President's Day  
Office Closed

**February 24:**  
MG Class -  
Successful Seed  
Starting

**March 13:**  
Field Crops & Pasture  
IPM Workshop

**March 30:**  
Good Friday  
Office Closed

**April 6:**  
Online Nutrient  
Application Voucher  
Recertification

**April 13:**  
Online Private  
Pesticide Applicator  
Recertification

**May 28:**  
Memorial Day  
Office Closed

**July 4:**  
Independence Day  
Office Closed



Make plans to attend the Crop Sustainability & IPM Workshop, at the Anne Arundel Extension Office, Monday December 19th. This workshop will explore advanced crop production practices focusing on sustainability, food security and integrated pest management tactics. Click [here](#) to learn more.

## Anne Arundel 4-H Has Summer Fun!!

Amanda Wahle, Agent  
4-H Youth Development

We kicked off the summer with contests! Claire Hughes, Marina Karides, Seth Hughes, and Ethan Hughes were all top ten in State Dairy Bowl. Claire led this winning intermediate team with first place honors in the written test and overall. At the State Public Speaking Contest, Brooke Howard was the champion in the senior radio spot division, and Doris Jimenez was the champion in the senior prepared speech division. Brooke was champion again at the 4-H Horse Jamboree in the senior prepared speech division and Carley Gray was champion in the senior individual demonstration division. Congratulations to Brooke and Carley for earning spots on

the Maryland 4-H Horse Communications team! At the State Horse Judging and Hippology Contests, Dianne Russell (Int.), Brooke Howard (Sr.), Jessica Sheeler (Sr.) and Phoebe Vacek (Sr.) had many top ten placings and Phoebe qualified for the State Hippology Team.

Summer is also time for Anne Arundel 4-H Camp! After a rigorous training schedule that started in January, our Teen Staff led the way to tons of fun for all the campers. Camp is located at the Western Maryland Environmental Education and Camping Center near Deep Creek Lake. We had 140 in attendance along with our 17 dedicated volunteer adult staff. Nature hikes, canoeing, science, shooting sports, and arts and crafts were the pathways to making friends and learning life skills. It was a wonderful week and we are looking forward to next year's camp July 29th-August 3rd.



Anne Arundel County was well represented at State and County Fairs this year in all divisions. 4-Hers worked hard on their projects all year and took advantage of the fairs to exhibit their work. Anne Arundel County 4-H Livestock auction had a record breaking year. Thank you so much to all of the buyers who came out to support the 4-H livestock program.

Thank you so much to all of our amazing 4-H volunteers. Without you, our 4-H youth could not have had the amazing summer they did. Volunteers do all of the planning, staffing, and chaperoning of 4-H events. Thanks also to the dedicated 4-H parents who support their kids in 4-H. Scheduling, driving, and pitching in when needed makes all of our programming run smoothly. Finally, thank you to the 4-H Youth who strive every day to Make the Best Better!



For more information on the Anne Arundel County 4-H Program, please contact Amanda Wahle, 4-H Educator at [awahle@umd.edu](mailto:awahle@umd.edu) or call 410 222-3900.

**Food Supplement Nutrition Program (FSNE)**

Maryland's Food Supplement Nutrition Education (FSNE) offers nutrition education programs to help Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) households and those eligible for SNAP. FSNE programs are provided at no cost to support the work of community agencies serving SNAP-eligible individuals and families, such as literacy centers, local food banks, soup kitchens, WIC offices, senior centers, community centers, neighborhood groups, and homeless shelters. Many materials are available in both English and Spanish. Click [here](#) to learn more.



To learn more about the FSNE Program in Anne Arundel County, please contact LaTasha Coleman at [lcolema4@umd.edu](mailto:lcolema4@umd.edu) or call 410 222-3900.



Did you just visit the Anne Arundel County Fair? and wondered what in the world **4-H** is all about? Do you have children between 8 and 18 or know someone who does? If so, it's easy to learn more! Visit our [website](#) or email Amanda Wahle in the UMD Anne Arundel Extension Office at [awahle@umd.edu](mailto:awahle@umd.edu). **"4-H makes the best better!"**

### Agricultural & Woodland Preservation Program

Anne Arundel County provides opportunities to landowners in an agricultural preservation easement program that will ensure your land is available for the next generation. Landowners interested in preserving their land from development may qualify for one or more programs offered through Anne Arundel County in partnership with the Maryland Department of Agriculture and Department of Natural Resources. The most recent offers made through these programs ranged from \$6,000 to \$8,000 per acre. Click [here](#) for more.



### Master Gardener Project - B & A Trail Garden

Next time you're walking or biking the B & A Trail, take a look at our four Bay-Wise certified demonstration gardens located in the 600 block of Greenway Avenue in Glen Burnie.

Currently, the Master Gardeners maintain four flower beds planted with generally low maintenance, drought resistant, mostly native plants that attract beneficial insects, butterflies, and birds. The gardens were begun in 1999 and certified as Bay-Wise Demonstration Gardens in 2006. Click [here](#) for more.



Do you have a plant question? Pests in your house? Not happy with your lawn? The **University of Maryland Home and Garden Information Center** can help. Visit their website: [extension.umd.edu/hgic](http://extension.umd.edu/hgic).

### Agriculture & Natural Resources

Interested in agriculture? There are many agriculture resources available on our website.



For more information, please contact [Dave Myers](#), Extension Educator, AGNR.

If you are interested in agriculture for YOUTH, please contact our office and speak with a member of the 4-H staff or email [Christa Stibolt](#). 4-H offers plant and animal science programs for youth ages 8-18. See the [4-H website](#) for more details.

## Healthy Eating - Pumpkin Bread

1 15-ounce can pumpkin  
1 cup sugar  
¼ cup vegetable oil  
1 cup plain low-fat yogurt  
1 ½ cups all-purpose flour  
1 ½ cups whole wheat flour  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
2 teaspoons baking soda  
2 teaspoons cinnamon  
½ teaspoon salt  
1 cup raisins  
Cooking oil spray



Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. In a large mixing bowl, beat together pumpkin, sugar, oil, and yogurt. In a medium bowl, combine the all-purpose and whole wheat flours, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, and salt. Add to pumpkin mixture, and stir until just moistened. Stir in raisins. Pour into 2 greased 9 x 5 x 3 inch loaf pans and bake for 1 hour. Cool on a wire rack for 10 minutes. Remove from pan and cool completely.

Source: [eatsmart.umd.edu](http://eatsmart.umd.edu)

### Did you know...

The Anne Arundel County Office of Constituent Services serves as the direct link between the County Executive and the citizens of Anne Arundel County by providing personal attention to all constituent matters and issues in our communities. Click [here](#) to learn more.



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