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Howard County Agri-Business Breakfast by Maura Cahill Breakfast Program Coordinator

The next Howard County Agri-Business Breakfast is scheduled for **8:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 10, 2011** in the Dining Hall at the Howard County Fairgrounds. Please mark this date on your calendar now and plan to join us.

Our guest speaker will be **Mr. Bryan R. Butler, Sr., University of Maryland Extension Agent, Commercial Horticulture/Mid-MD Tree Fruit.** Mr. Butler has been asked to discuss the latest information available on controlling and tolerating that newest of insect pests for Maryland residents, the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB).

Many of you may remember Bryan from his service of several years ago when he was District Manager for the Howard Soil Conservation District. For the last several years, he has been an agricultural science extension agent headquartered in the Carroll County Extension office in Westminster. Most recently, he has just returned from a six-month sabbatical leave with the USDA at Kearneysville, WV where he conducted research on the BMSB. Bryan has a reputation as an excellent speaker and we are looking forward to hearing his presentation on tolerating, and hopefully controlling, this potentially very destructive pest.

The upcoming breakfast meeting on November 10th presents an excellent opportunity for you to interact with an expert on the BMSB. So, bring

your spouse, and/or a friend and your BMSB questions and concerns. Enjoy the excellent food and fellowship and participate in the expected lively, useful exchange of timely information.

Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. and the program is scheduled for 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. Please **RSVP by noon, Tuesday, November 8** by calling either Charlotte Mullinix, at (410) 489-4510 or MarthaClark at (410) 531-3455.

The cost of the breakfast continues to be \$10.00 per person, payable at the door. The speaking portion of the program normally concludes by 9:00 a.m. We look forward to greeting you on Thursday, **November 10**, at the next Howard County Agri-Business Breakfast.

President's Message by **Howie Feaga, President** **Howard County Farm Bureau**

Well, as I sit here writing this message, outside it is pouring rain once again. I can only hope that everyone is safe at home as I am. The rain has been relentless this fall and every time we think that it has stopped for a short while, the race begins to get as much done as possible before the rain returns again. Try not to get in too much of a hurry to get ahead of the weather and then make some unfortunate, perhaps costly, mistake.

With the stress of the weather and the effect that it has on every crop, and every job we have to do, it still is better than the stress that the Waterkeeper

Alliance has put on one particular Maryland farm family, Alan and Kristin Hudson of Berlin, Maryland. Due to a series of circumstances that were out of their control, the Waterkeepers are suing this family, in the opinion of many, for no valid reason. But like most of us, their finances can not handle the legal fees that they have incurred in an effort to defend themselves against these unjustified charges. I would encourage all of you to go to www.savefarmfamilies.org on the web and decide if you can help this farm family in any way. This horrendous situation could have befallen any one of us that this group chose to target and destroy, all without any scientific, or even logical, test results, to pinpoint the alleged pollution that the Hudsons have been charged with creating.

We also have to be thankful that most of us have not gone without rain for so long, that we had to sell our livestock, so that they would not starve because of the lack of pasture and water resources. The farmers in Texas may need help as well as some of those in other states that had flood waters to cover their farmsteads, filling their barns, grain bins, and machine sheds, with water that took days, weeks, or months to recede before they could begin cleaning up the damages. The loss of feed, hay and animals has got to be one of the most damaging events that anyone could ever have to experience. I hope perhaps, that as a group, the Howard County Farm Bureau, might be able to help in some way, to get some of these fellow farmers past these disasters and back on their feet.

I also learned by way of a telephone call just as I was finishing up writing this article, that Betsy Hobbs's straw barn had been hit by lightning and had burned to the ground. I hope that you all can keep her in your prayers. She has had a really rough go of it lately. I have always thought that to lose a barn, in this case, one filled to capacity with straw, is one of the most depressing things a farmer can experience.

Our Annual Dinner meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2011. I hope to see all of you

there, to enjoy an evening of good food and good fellowship. We need to provide ourselves with a chance to forget our struggles, and to recognize that we are not alone with the burdens that we bear.

We will be electing new board members and officers that evening. So don't miss this opportunity to be in on this important process. Finally, like I always say, "Keep your plow in the ground. We're all pulling for you".

Congratulations to
Katie Loveless
2011 Miss Howard County Farm
Bureau
by **Merhlyn Barnes**

On Sunday, August 7, 2011, the opening day of the 66th Annual Howard County Fair, Katie Loveless, 17, was chosen to be Miss Howard County Farm Bureau. She is the daughter of Joe and Carol Loveless and lives on Pipe Dream Farm, Woodbine, where she raises goats and pigs.

Katie is a very active member of the Poplar 4-H Club, and carries projects including sewing, home environment, crafts and fine arts and is Co-Chair of the Howard County Fashion Revue. She is also involved in Junior Leadership, market goats and showmanship, market swine, dairy leasing and livestock judging. She has an internship with Howard Soil Conservation District and works at Woodcamp Farm.

A senior at Glenelg High School, Katie is Vice President of Student Government, Founder of Leader of Future Educators of America, and a two-year member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She does track and field, cross country and is a member of the concert choir.

First alternate is Anna Larrimore, 17, who is currently President of the West Friendship 4-H Livestock Club, where she has held multiple offices. Her projects include swine, horticulture,

photography, crafts and baking.

Anna, daughter of Tom and Barbara Larrimore, is a senior at Glenelg High School. She is Captain of the Glenelg Dance Team and the Senior Dance Company. She is also Secretary of the Teen Republican Club, a member of the Spanish Club, and on the Student Leadership Council. Active in community Service, she volunteers at Days End Farm Horse Rescue, the ARC of Howard County, and is a Teen Board Member of the Glenwood Community Center.

Others in the outstanding 2011 court included Catherine Brigante, Cynthia Garner, Allie Pickens, Taylor Rhodes, and Meghan Ross.

Congratulations to
Ellie M. Feaga
and
Kevin Spicer

Our 2011 Little Miss Howard County, is Ellie M. Feaga, age 9 of Woodbine who attends Bushy Park Elementary School, Glenwood, MD. She is active in the 4-H Dairy Club, showing Holstein cattle. She also sews & has been in the 4-H Fashion Review; grows vegetables, herbs and flowers. Ellie has hosted bake sales, contributing proceeds to the American Red Cross and to Susan G Koman.

Kevin Spicer, 2011 Ho. Co. Future Farmer, age 10 of Ijamsville, MD attends Kemptown Elementary School. He is a 4-H Dairy Club member and shows market steers, lambs, sheep, rabbits, poultry and breeding heifers. He is also a member of All Star Baseball Team, Book Club, Cub Scouts, Radio Spot and likes to play basketball. *[See a photograph of successful candidates at the end of this newsletter.]*

Maryland Farm Bureau Fruit Order

Please be aware that the order form for our

Annual "Florida's Best" fruit and nut delivery is included with this newsletter. We hope that you will complete the form and place your order for some of these quality products from Florida Farm Bureau.

If interested in purchasing any of these products which are acquired through a cooperative agreement with the Florida Farm Bureau, please complete the order form and return it promptly with your check, but no later than **November 28, 2011**. Checks should be made payable to the **Howard County Farm Bureau** and sent to **Howard County Farm Bureau, 1878 Woodbine Road, Woodbine, MD 21797**.

Delivery is expected approximately during the week of December 12-16, 2011. If you have any questions about this program, please contact Merhlyn Barnes at (410) 489-4465.

Deer Problem?
Hunter Seeks Property(s) to Hunt On

[NOTE: the following e-mail was received recently by Howard County Farm Bureau. If interested in his services, please contact Mr. Kilchenstein directly.]

My name is Pete Kilchenstein, Sr. of Westminster, Md. I am an avid deer hunter and am writing to see if there is a database or another avenue or resource to contact Howard County farmers that have a deer problem and would consider allowing legal hunting on their property.

This may be a reach, but I find myself in a difficult position.... I had access to private land but due to sales/development, I no longer do. I know I share this problem with many.... I'm aware there is public land to hunt on, but prefer to secure private land if possible. I would consider leasing as well if necessary. In addition, is there a newsletter that I could place an ad in that is mailed to Howard County Members?

Here's some information about me:

I'm 44 years old, married with 6 children.
 A 21-year Federal Employee.
 A past officer of the Maryland Bowhunters Society.
 I've 20 years hunting experience, passed the Md. Hunters Safety Program as well as the Bowhunter Education Program. I also participate in the FHFH Program.
 I'm active in the community – Past Cub Scout Leader, Football/Baseball/Soccer Coach., PTA member.

I sure hope you can help in some way or lead me in the right direction.

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So God Made a Farmer

For an uplifting tribute to farmers on YouTube and narrated by Paul Harvey, enter the following line into your web browser. Click on it, then sit back and enjoy.

[Click here: Farmers Tribute: So God Made A Farmer. - YouTube](#)

BMSB and a New Insecticide

Back in June we mentioned that a new formulation of a pyrethroid that has an ester, rather than chlorine on the molecule, was going to receive a Section 18 use for brown marmorated stink bugs and bedbugs. The label will allow it to be sprayed in homes on open surfaces. The product from Syngenta was listed on the web this week under the name Demand CS and Demand EZ. The products will probably be very popular as BMSB moves back into residential homes this fall.

Source: University of Maryland Extension TPM/IPM Weekly Report, September 16, 2011.

Stink Bugs Aren't All Bad – Especially the Rough Ones by Paula Shrewsbury, Extension Specialist University of MD Extension

Now-a-days, when most of us hear the word stink bug, we start thinking negative thoughts, like “how can I kill those little stinkers”. Well, not all stink bugs are bad. In North America there are over 225 known species of stink bugs. Many of these species are herbivores, and some of these, like the brown marmorated stink bug (BMSB), are significant pests to economically important crops, while other stink bugs are actually good guys.

For example, a common good guy in our ornamental systems is the spined soldier bug, *Podisus maculiventris*, which is a generalist predator that feeds on a variety of insects (over 90 species), most commonly attacking caterpillars and beetle adults and larvae. More recently we have been seeing the rough stink bug, *Brochymena arborea*, which is reported to be omnivorous. This means the rough stink bug feeds on plants (no significant damage by rough stink bug has been reported) and they also feed on insects. As a natural enemy, they are reported to feed on caterpillars, larvae and adults of plant-feeding beetles, aphids and other soft-bodied insects using its sucking mouth part to consume the insides of these tasty prey items.

What we want to know and are conducting research to determine is: 1) are rough stink bugs feeding on BMSB and at what rates, and 2) are there higher numbers of rough stink bugs, and if so is this because their populations are increasing with the presence of more food (e.g., BMSB)? We will keep you updated as we attempt to find answers to these questions.

Rough stink bugs are arboreal and are found on the trunks and branches of trees, where they camouflage effectively. Rough stink bugs are predacious as nymphs and adults. As with most stink bugs, rough stink bugs have stink glands on the underside of their body that they use to release

quite an odor when they are threatened. Adults are just over ½ inch in size and brown in color with a rough textured appearance. They have the typical stink bug “shield shape”. The rough stink bug has an elongated head with antennae located far in front of their compound eyes.

An identifying characteristic that distinguishes rough stink bug adults from plant feeding stink bugs is the “spine” or pointed appearance on each “shoulder”, more technically referred to as the pronotum (the section just behind the head).

Adult rough stink bugs overwinter in mulch, cracks and crevices, or in leaf litter. In the spring, adult females lay small masses of eggs on the surface of leaves or twigs. The eggs are white, barrel-shaped and lined with spines. There is only one generation per year of rough stink bug. So remember - when you come across stink bugs on your plants be sure to determine if it is a predator or a pest before deciding to kill it.

Pesticide Applicator Re-certification

If your Maryland Pesticide License will expire on December 31, 2011, it's time to attend re-certification training. To facilitate Re-certification, the Carroll County Extension Office will offer three separate Re-certification opportunities for you to attend. They will be on **November 22, 2011, 6:00 to 8:00 pm, December 6, 2011, 6:00 to 8:00 pm and February 22, 2012 at the Mid-Winter Crops Meeting, 10:00 am to 2:30 pm.** Pre-registration one week in advance is required. Call in early to reserve your space as seating is limited and goes quickly. **Be sure to bring your Pesticide License Number with you.** Call (410) 386-2760.

Maryland Nutrient Applicator Voucher Training

If your Maryland Nutrient Applicator Voucher will expire on December 31, 2011, it is time to attend

training. To facilitate training, the Carroll County Extension Office will have three separate opportunities for you to attend. They will be on **November 15, 2011, 6:00 to 8:00 pm, December 15, 2011, 6:00 to 8:00 pm and February 22, 2012 at the Mid-Winter Crops Meeting, 10:00 am to 2:30 pm.** You only need to attend one two-hour session. Pre-registration one week in advance is required. Call in early to reserve your space as seating is limited and goes quickly. (410) 386-2760.

Washing Pesticide Contaminated Clothing

by **Emelie Swackhamer**
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Farmers know how important it is to be careful when using pesticides. We all strive to use the least toxic, effective option, read the label and follow the directions, calibrate, measure carefully and wear the required personal protective equipment.

But after you finish making a pesticide application, it is also important to be careful with the clothing you were wearing. If you throw contaminated clothing in with the rest of the family's laundry, you risk exposing your family to that pesticide. Also, if you do not clean your clothing properly, you risk exposing yourself the next time you wear it.

Here is a list of tips that should help you be safe. You might want to clip this list out and hang it by your washing machine:

- ! Discard clothing if it becomes soaked with a highly toxic pesticide.
- ! Do not wear contaminated clothing or boots into the house to avoid bringing pesticide residue into your living space.
- ! Take protective clothing off inside-out as you remove them to keep most of the pesticide inside, and away from the surface that will be

handled by the person doing the laundry.

- ! Pre-rinse clothing and boots outside using a hose or a designated and marked washtub.
- ! Wash goggles, respirator (remove the charcoal filter first), gloves and boots in hot, soapy water after each use. Store clean protective equipment away from where pesticides are stored.
- ! Designate a separate hamper to identify contaminated clothing so the person who does the wash knows it needs special attention.
- ! Make sure the person who does the laundry knows what pesticide was used, and reads the label for any special instructions for cleaning.
- ! Keep unlined rubber gloves in the wash room to handle the pesticide-soiled clothing. Carefully wash the outside of the gloves after every use and only use them for this purpose.
- ! Launder pesticide contaminated clothing the same day to avoid having it sit around where family members could come into contact with it.
- ! Wash contaminated clothing separately from the rest of the family laundry.
- ! Use hot water.
- ! Use heavy-duty liquid detergent to remove oil-based pesticides. (Emulsifiable concentrates are oil-based.)
- ! Do not overfill the washing machine. Wash only a few garments at a time.

Nutrient Management Plans for Maryland Horse Farms

In 1998, the Maryland General Assembly passed the "Maryland Nutrient Management Law" that requires certain agricultural operations, including

- ! Double rinse the load.
- ! Re-wash the contaminated clothing two or three times if necessary.
- ! Clean the machine after you wash the load by running one complete cycle on empty, using hot water and detergent.
- ! Line-dry the clothing to avoid contaminating the clothes dryer.

[Source: University of Maryland Extension Publication, Vegetable & Fruit Headline News, Vol. 2, Issue 10]

Un-usable Pesticide Disposal Program

The Maryland Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the University of Maryland Extension is offering growers an opportunity to dispose of un-usable pesticides at no cost. Further information on this program can be obtained from the MDA Pesticide Information Sheet No. 13, Pesticide Disposal Program. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the pesticide regulation Section at (410) 841-5710.

Source: MDA

(Re-printed from *Farm Notes*, University of Maryland Extension, Carroll County Office.)

horse farms, to obtain a nutrient management plan. A new document, "Extension Brief EBR-14, 2011," is intended to help horse farm operators determine if a plan is needed for their farm and what basic steps are necessary to obtain a plan.

Listed below is a link to our new UME Extension Brief "Nutrient Management Plans for Maryland Horse Farms". We are excited to have this as a resource for Nutrient Management information directed at our equine clientele.

<http://www.ansc.umd.edu/ERG/doc/EBR-14.pdf>

Source/Author: Jennifer Reynolds, UME
(Reprinted from *Farm Notes*, University of Maryland Extension, Carroll County Office.)

Mid-Atlantic Crop Management School

The Mid-Atlantic Crop Management School will be held at the **Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City on November 15-17, 2011.**

Individuals seeking advanced training in soil and water, soil fertility, crop production and pest management will have an opportunity at hands on, intensive sessions that also provide continuing education units (CEU's) for the Certified Crop Advisor (CCA) Program.

For more information, call the Anne Arundel County Extension Office at (410) 222-6755.

You may also register on line at:

<http://www.psla.umd.edu/extension/crops/home.cfm>

Mom's Still Out of Money!

by **Timothy S. Barkley, Sr.**
JD, CFP, CSA
Attorney at Law

"Qualifying your mother for Medicaid will be a challenge," continued the lawyer, "as long as she owns her house.

"Unmarried Medicaid recipients can only have

countable assets worth \$2,500. 'Countable assets' for an unmarried Medicaid recipient include everything except a prepaid funeral and burial plan, personal property and, in certain circumstances, a car to travel to medical appointments.

"If your mother could move back home, then we could use a 'reverse mortgage' to help fund the cost of home care. A reverse mortgage allows seniors to access the equity in their homes, without having to make payments. The amount drawn from the home equity, plus deferred closing costs and accumulated interest, has to be repaid when the homeowner dies or moves out of the home.

"Otherwise, we'll have to sell the home, and I don't see that as a winner for you, Joe. You still need to live in your mother's home, right?"

Joe nodded mournfully. "I really wouldn't have anyplace to go," he said. "Since I lost my job and my wife left last year, the only reason I've been able to stay afloat is being able to live in Mom's place. I can afford the utilities and taxes and insurance, but I couldn't afford to buy or rent a place of my own right now. I'm looking for work, but middle-aged men have a hard time of it in this job market."

Sue, ever the practical daughter, demurred. "I don't see how Mom can come home. She's been in the nursing home for 2 years now. How would we replace the care she's been receiving?"

"It'd be tough," agreed the lawyer. "Someone would have to be responsible for your mother's care, and for coordinating the aides. But now, unlike when your mother fell in 2009, Joe is living in the home, so there's someone there to care for your mother.

"You'd have to make arrangements to bring her home, like making sure doorways were wide enough and that there were no stairs she'd have to go up and down. You'd have to get a hospital bed. You'd have to make sure that the kids wouldn't be a problem. And you'd probably have to hire aides

to stay with your mother when you couldn't be there. The cost of caring for your mother at home might be as high as the cost of the nursing home."

"It has to be lower," objected Joe. "How could having her live at home be more than the seven grand we're paying a month at the nursing home?"

"Remember," the lawyer said, "that you don't just have to pay the cost of aides and medical supplies. You'll have to pay property taxes, homeowner's insurance, costs of home upkeep and maintenance, food and utilities costs. These can make the cost of staying at home higher than the cost of assisted living in a facility."

"I'm paying those now," Joe said, "and I don't see why I can't pay them after Mom moves home. So the aides are the only cost, and that can't be higher than the nursing home costs."

"Maybe not," agreed the lawyer, "but be sure to count all the costs before you make your decision."

"I think we should just sell the place," asserted Sue, "and put the cash in the bank to pay for care. That's tough for Joe, but best for Mom."

"It might be the simplest solution," concurred the lawyer, "but it might not be best for your mother or for the family as a whole. Y'all need to talk things over. If you need a referral to a qualified real estate or lending professional, I can help with that, but first you need to decide on a course of action. I'm here to help, but the decision is yours."

Oakley Farm

by **Allan Bandel**

As a youngster, I clearly remember some of the many occasions in which, accompanied by my parents and younger brother, we made a short journey westward from Glenelg, usually on a Sunday afternoon. We traveled in our dusty old

mud-splattered 1937 Chevrolet sedan, "plodding" slowly along on the heavily traveled, unevenly graded and highly crowned Baltimore National Pike. This famous road was also known back in those days as US Route 40. But in more recent years, after the modern, high speed Interstate 70 was built, the now less heavily traveled highway was re-named MD Route 144.

The purpose of those seemingly interminable journeys every few weeks was to visit my maternal grandparents who, after moving off the family farm near Daisy in their senior years, were now making their home in a new house in the little rural village of Lisbon. Even though the trip to visit them often seemed endless to us youngsters, in reality it was a short jaunt of less than 10 miles to our destination. Perhaps our impatience was aggravated because we had to move so slowly due to the normally heavy traffic and of often having to suffer the discomfort of inhaling clouds of reeking exhaust fumes emitted by endless convoys of big interstate trucks and those old Blue Ridge inter-city buses, and even from family automobiles,

Fortunately, there were many interesting sites along the way to help draw our attention and perhaps distract us for awhile as we slowly made our way from Glenelg to Lisbon. Mostly, there was a wide variety of dairy and cattle farms to interest us on an otherwise mundane journey. Although I was not familiar with its historic significance at the time, one of the more interesting farmsteads that we passed was located just east of Lisbon on the north side of Route 40 near the National Pike's intersection with Daisy Road. We couldn't help but notice the prominent buildings as we passed by this approximately 180-acre farm that for many years had been known as *Oakley Farm*.

This interesting property was patented in 1760 by Seth Warfield, the great-grandson of Captain Richard Warfield who was the founder of the Warfield Family of Maryland. The last direct Warfield descendants occupied the property until 1953 when it was sold to new owners, for the first time, owners who were outside of the Warfield family. Those last Warfield descendants to make their home on the property included Amos and

Cecilia Holland, their four children (James, Nicholas, Charles and Charlotte) and two son's of Cecilia Holland by a previous marriage (William and Gerard O'Brien).

According to Charlotte Holland's chapter in her mother's book entitled *Old Homes and Families of Howard County Maryland*, Oakley Farm was "the last of (the old land grant) *Warfield's Forest* to be owned only by 'God, the Indians, and the Warfields'." After 1953, all but a small portion of the original tract passed from the family's ownership.

What made this Howard County farm stand out and remain so indelibly imprinted in my memory though for these many years, was the vision of an old, but still impressive, sprawling two-story frame farmhouse. I learned later that it had been constructed in four phases. The first two rooms were built circa 1790, one on top of the other. The second and third additions were added years later, one in the mid 1800s and the other in the late 1800s. The final improvements took place in 1952 when Amos Holland added a modern kitchen, bathroom and bedroom as part of an apartment for an elderly aunt and uncle.

The completed house was located on a gentle knoll some distance back from the main road. It was only many years later that I happened to learn about *Warfield's Forest* and that the farm, with its large rambling farmhouse, represented what was left of that old original land grant. For over 200 years, and until 1953, this part of what was once *Warfield's Forest* had been known as *Oakley Farm*.

It wasn't until just recently that I also made another important connection with this picturesque farm. It was a rather significant one for me. According to Nicholas "Nick" Holland, I learned that the property had also been "known by some as the Henderson Farm". I remembered then that my mother, who had been raised on a farm near Daisy, had frequently spoken of the Henderson family who lived on a farm located somewhere nearby, "just outside of Lisbon".

I don't recall her ever specifying for us the Henderson Farm's exact location. But she did tell us about attending public schools with some of the members of that family. Many years later, coincidentally, through my work at the University of Maryland, I actually met and became good friends with one of the surviving members of that same Henderson family, one of my mother's high school classmates. It really is a small world!

Unfortunately, that imposing old historic farm house that was once a dominant part of western Howard County's rural landscape, a scene which once caught my youthful eye, has now vanished. That once imposing structure became a victim eventually of the unrelenting ravages of time and Mother Nature herself. Sadly, because of the building's advanced deterioration in later years, the current owners of the property, Dr. and Mrs. F. Grant Hill, were advised to have the old structure completely razed and burned. The burning took place in the mid 1980s. The Hill family later replaced the original residence with a modern stone ranch house built on the same site.

Though the old home is now only a fond memory of an earlier time, members of the Holland family have been involved in an approximately year-long effort to help preserve that memory. The recently completed fruit of their labors is an almost perfect replica of their old original farmhouse. Their labors have produced a highly detailed 1/12 scale model of their former home. It is hoped that the model will permanently serve as a reminder of the grand home that once was the center of activity at *Oakley Farm*.

The carefully crafted likeness depicts a large two-story, "L" shaped multi-windowed home with cedar shake siding painted white, green louvered shutters on the windows, a dark green roof with accurately scaled gutters and downspouts, multiple red brick chimneys and fireplaces, and a long welcoming porch stretching across the front of the house. The front porch is accurately shown with a floor cleverly painted to represent red bricks set in sand.

The model of the house includes many fine details. For example, there were tile floors in two kitchens and the pantry, pine floors in many of the rooms and

in one of the hallways, knotty pine walls and a bookcase in the family room. Wallpaper that was as close as possible in design and color to the original was installed in several of the rooms. There were no plans to follow. So, the interior walls, stairways and the hinged six-panel doors that were popular in homes during the era that the Oakley Farm house was occupied were constructed as accurately as possible from personal memory.

Details of the house were very important. While researching this article, Nick Holland informed me that over the year-long course of designing and building the model, there was rarely a day went by that he wasn't on the telephone consulting with his older brother Jim, both of whom worked hard to verify as accurately as possible, the authenticity of all details, large and small, as they were encountered. Most of the 14 rooms in the house, for instance, they agreed were of an unusual, but uniform 17 feet square.

(I personally, have come to wonder if this unique room dimension might not have had its earliest roots in the definition of one of the Old English land measurement terms, the rod. The length of a rod was defined hundreds of years ago by the King of England as being 1/40th of a furlong, or more precisely, 16½ feet. Historical records of homes in some of the older English villages, some dating back to medieval times, indicate that this same unique unit of land measurement was also used to identify the dimensions of some of these older English buildings.)

The completed model showed that in addition to the home's outside cellar door, there was even some landscaping represented on the grounds around the home's exterior. The model also clearly shows how the original residence, a two-room, two-story structure, had been added onto on numerous occasions over the decades as the Warfield-Burgess-Dorsey-Henderson-Holland Family grew over many successive generations.

This interesting and very unique model was placed on display at the 66th Annual Howard County Fair as part of the Fair's "Hands on History" program. Unfortunately though, the model could only be

displayed for the one day, Wednesday August 10, 2011. Because of its unavoidably short visit to the Fair, you may well have missed a good opportunity to view it. Assembled on-site from seven separate modules, it was placed on exhibit in the 4-H Building near the Fair's Main Gate. Several members of the Holland family were present during the day to discuss some of their favorite memories of their family's ancestral home and to answer visitor questions.

If you missed the opportunity in 2011 to view this splendid model of the *Oakley Farm* house while it was on display at the Fair and thereby missed a chance to fully appreciate the fine craftsmanship of its builders, Nick Holland and his good friend, Bob Catterton, hopefully, there will be other opportunities in the not-to-distant future.

Many years after I first noticed that big old white farm house near Lisbon, I also learned that *Oakley Farm* was the boyhood home of a good friend and fellow history "buff", Nick Holland. I first became acquainted with Nick through activities associated with the Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club and the Maryland Two-Cylinder Club, organizations of which we are both active members.

Nick and I, running two of our restored vintage fifty-plus year old John Deere two-cylinder tractors, were honored this year with invitations to pull two of the colorful floats in the 2011 Fair's Grand Opening Day Parade. Seated on those floats were all of the young 2011 contestants, and the 2010 winners, for the Miss Howard County Farm Bureau, Little Miss and Future Howard County Farmer competitions.

And finally, let us always remember that Nick Holland's mother, the late Cecilia Holland, was a well-known and respected local author whose authoritative and scholarly book, *Old Homes and Families of Howard County, Maryland* is a must-read volume for all Maryland history enthusiasts. Following in her mother's tradition, Nick Holland's sister, Charlotte T. Holland, researched and wrote the segment in her mother's book concerning *Oakley Farm*, a chapter that served as a valuable and authoritative resource for some of the details

mentioned in this article.

[Note: Thanks must also be extended to Nick Holland and his family for preparing and providing a copy of the descriptive write-up identifying many of the finer details behind the careful planning and year-long construction of this excellent model, a valuable contribution toward the future preservation of the memory of all the residents of Oakley Farm and the important early role that they played in Howard County's golden agricultural heritage.]

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2011

- Nov 4-5 **8th Annual Small Farm Conference.** University of MD Eastern Shore, Richard Henson Center, Princess Anne, MD. Contact: 410-651-6202 or www.umes.edu/1890-mce.
- Nov 8, 15,22 **Agricultural Entrepreneurial Business Plan Course.** 6:30 to 9 pm, Carroll County Extension Office, 700 Ag Center, Westminster, MD. Contact: (410) 386-2760.
- Nov 9, 16 **Planning for the Future: MD Farming Businesses.** 11 to 1:30 pm or 5:30 to 8:00 pm, Carroll Community College, Washington Road Campus. To register, visit www.carrollcc.edu/instantenrollment or (410) 386-8100.
- Nov 10 **Howard County Farm Bureau Agri-Business Breakfast.** 8:00 to 9:00 am. Dining Hall, Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD.
- Nov 10 **Annual Banquet, Howard County Farm Bureau.** 7:00 pm, Lisbon
- Volunteer Fire Company Social Hall, Lisbon, MD. Contact: Merhlyn Barnes no later than November 3, 2011 at (410) 489-4465.
- Nov 15 **Nutrient Management Voucher Training.** 6 to 8 pm, Carroll County Extension Office, 700 Ag Center, Westminster, MD. Contact: (410) 386-2760.
- Nov 15-17 **Mid-Atlantic Crop Management School.** Princess Royale Hotel, Ocean City, MD. For information call Anne Arundel County Extension Office at (410) 222-6755.
- Nov 18 **Penn State Webinar Series – Bringing the Right People to the Table.** 10:30 to 11:30 am, Sign up at www.surveymonkey.com/s/fridayfacilitatorforum or (888) 373-7232.
- Nov 19 **Bi-Annual Lambing & Kidding School.** Chesapeake College, Wye Mills, MD. Contact: Susan Schoenian at (301) 432-2767 x343 or sschoen@umd.edu
- Nov 21 **Roadside Marketing.** 6:30 to 9:30 pm, Carroll Community College, Room TBA, Cost TBD, Westminster, MD. Contact: (410) 386-2760.
- Nov 22 **Pesticide Applicator Re-certification Class.** 6 to 8 pm, Carroll County Extension Office, 700 Ag Center, Westminster, MD. Contact: (410) 386-2760.
- Nov 28 **Maryland Farm Bureau Fruit Order Deadline.** Contact: Merhlyn Barnes, (410) 489-4465.
- Dec 1 **Pest Management Conference.** Carroll Community College, Westminster, MD. Contact: Suzanne Klick at (301) 596-9413

or sklick@umd.edu.

Dec 6 **Pesticide Applicator Re-certification Class.** 6 to 8 pm, Carroll County Extension Office, 700 Ag Center, Westminster, MD. Contact: (410) 386-2760.

Dec 15 **Nutrient Management Voucher Training.** 6 to 8 pm, Carroll County Extension Office, 700 Ag Center, Westminster, MD. Contact: (410) 386-2760.

Dec 16 **Penn State Webinar Series – Understanding Team Dynamics.** 10:30 to 11:30 am, Sign up at www.surveymonkey.com/s/fridayfacilitatorforum or (888) 373-7232.

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Jan 20 **Penn State Webinar Series – Dealing Effectively with Difficult Team Members.** 10:30 to 11:30 am, Sign up at www.surveymonkey.com/s/fridayfacilitatorforum or (888) 373-7232.

Jan 27 **Central Maryland Vegetable Meeting.** Friendly Farm, Upperco, MD. For information call Anne Arundel County Extension Office at (410) 222-6755.

Feb 17 **Penn State Webinar Series –**

Confidentiality, Liability and Legal Tangles. 10:30 to 11:30 am, Sign up at www.surveymonkey.com/s/fridayfacilitatorforum or (888) 373-7232.

Feb 22 **Pesticide Applicator Re-certification Class (Winter Crops Meeting)** – 10 to 2:30 pm, Carroll County Extension Office, 700 Ag Center, Westminster, MD. Contact: (410) 386-2760.

Feb 22 **Nutrient Management Voucher Training (Winter Crops Meeting).** 10 to 2:30 pm, Carroll County Extension Office, 700 Ag Center, Westminster, MD. Contact: (410) 386-2760.

Mar 7 **Pesticide Applicator Optional Training** – 10 to noon, Carroll County Extension Office, 700 Ag Center, Westminster, MD. Contact: (410) 386-2760.

Mar 14 **Pesticide Applicator Test** – 10 to noon, Carroll County Extension Office, 700 Ag Center, Westminster, MD. Contact: (410) 386-2760.

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[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.

Some Important Participants in One of the Major Highlights of the 2010 and 2011 Howard County Fairs. Left to Right: Mathew Chaney, 2010 Future Howard County Farmer; Nichole Lynn King, 2010 Little Miss Howard County Farm Bureau; Ellie M. Feaga, 2011 Little Miss Howard County Farm Bureau; Kevin Spicer, 2011 Future Howard County Farmer; and Tess Cavagan, 2010 Miss Howard County Farm Bureau.

Maryland Farm Bureau			
A Farmer - to Farmer Agricultural Commodity Marketing Maryland Farm Bureau Service Company and Florida			
Pick-Up: Howard County Fairgrounds			
Delivery: Approximately week of Dec. 12-16,2011			
Order Deadline: NO LATER THAN Nov. 28, 2011			
Please Make Check Payable To:			
Howard County Farm Bureau			
1878 Woodbine Road			
Woodbine, MD 21797			
Merhlyn Barnes, 410-489-4465			
"FLORIDA'S BEST"			
	Price	Quanit	Amoun
Oranges- Navel- 4/5 bushel	\$22.50		
Grapefruit - Red - 4/5 bushel	\$21.50		
Tangelos 4/5 bushel	\$20.50		
Juice Oranges 4/5 bushel	\$20.50		
Tangerines (Sunburst) 2/5 Bushel	\$18.50		
Premium Variety Pack 2/5 bushel: (8 navel oranges, 6 red grapefruit, 4 red delicious, 4 D'Anjou pears)	\$18.50		
Orange Juice Con. 24/12oz. Cans, 5/1 mix NO SUGAR	\$46.00		
Brittle Bites 12oz. Cans (Peanut Brittle)	\$4.50/can		
Lightly Salted Skinless Peanuts 17.5 oz. cans	\$4.50/can		
Honey Krunch Peanuts 12 oz. cans	\$3.50/can		
Peanut Gift Pack (3 can pack)	\$10.50/pac		
Shelled Pecan Halves 1 lb. Bags	\$8.50/bag		
Chocolate Covered Pecans 1 lb. Bags	\$8.50/bag		
Mixed Nuts (50% Peanuts) 1 lb. cans	\$7.00/can		
Whole Cashews 1 lb. cans	\$9.75/can		
TOTALS			
NAME:		PHONE:	
ADDRESS:			