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Despite a few rainy days, the 30th annual Harford County Farm Fair was a tremendous success. Thanks to all of the volunteers who work tirelessly to make this one of the best county fairs in the state!

Later this month the [Maryland State Fair](#) will get underway from August 24 - September 4. Especially with school starting after Labor Day this year, I hope to see many Harford County families at the state fair – stop by the Sheep Barn to say hello and see my small flock of Katahdins.

Until then, I hope you enjoy a safe and relaxing summer.

Barry Glassman
County Executive

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United Foods International brings up to 125 new manufacturing jobs to Harford County

I am proud to welcome [United Foods International](#) to Harford County, with the official opening last week of their new manufacturing plant in Belcamp. United Foods International is a global leader in the manufacture of custom foods, sauces, seasonings and dry mixes. My administration worked closely with the company, which has invested \$5 million in the factory and plans to bring up to 125 new jobs to the area. UFI is the first Japanese company to locate in Maryland under a Memorandum of Cooperation signed last year between Governor Larry Hogan and the Japanese government to foster trade, investment and other forms of collaboration.



Harford County wins three national awards for innovation

Harford County has been honored with three NACo Achievement Awards in 2017 for the following innovative county programs: [Harford Streams Summer Adventure](#), [Decisions That Determine Your Destiny](#) and the [Virtual Town Hall Budget Meeting](#). NACo is a nonprofit comprised of over 3,000 counties dedicated to healthy, vibrant and safe communities. I would like to thank all of the county employees who made these programs possible for the benefit of the citizens we serve.

Flood safety tips

Heavy rains last month caused flooding in low-lying areas of Harford County, reminding us all of the need to review flash flood safety tips. Most importantly, do not drive through flooded roadways. More than half of all flood-related drownings occur when a vehicle is driven into hazardous floodwater. Remember the axiom: Turn Around, Don't Drown. Our online [Emergency Preparedness Guide](#) has more information to help you and your family stay safe.



Anita C. Leight Estuary Center to get environmentally-friendly parking lot

The [Anita C. Leight Estuary Center in Abingdon](#) is getting a new parking lot, with a repaving project that will reduce stormwater runoff and include a water retention garden. The Center is located on a 93-acre county park, including wooded uplands overlooking Otter Point Creek, used for trail hiking, birdwatching, and passive recreation. The park and all programs remain open, and alternative parking is available throughout construction, which is expected to be complete in October.

Anti-heroin videos made by local teens, now playing in movie theaters

"How would you keep your friends from abusing drugs?" The winner of our 30-second video competition for youth ages 11-18 answered that question by demonstrating the devastating impact of drug abuse in a public service announcement now playing in local movie theaters. Peer-to-peer messaging is recommended by experts in the field of addiction and by Maryland Governor Larry Hogan's Heroin Task Force. [Click here to see the winning entry.](#)



Country concert thanks

Thanks to everyone who came to our country concert celebrating 30 years of the Harford County Farm Fair. In case you missed it, here's a video from the concert featuring headliner Eric Paslay.



Remember to stop by the Sheep Barn at the Maryland State Fair!

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