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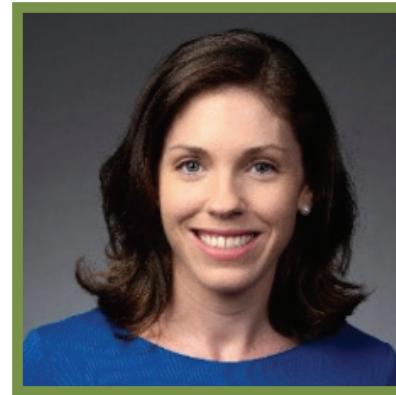


## OUR GUEST HOSTS



**STEVE ROUSE**  
**Rosedale Farm & Local Radio Personality**

Born in a small town near the Canadian border in Northern New York State, Steve started a broadcasting career there at the area's only radio station. That career would last 50 years! Steve landed in Baltimore in 1985 and hosted the number one rated morning show, Rouse and Company, from 1988-2005. Other local radio and television stops included 98 Rock, WBAL, WLIF, WMAR-TV, Fox 45, Q1370, and Harford County's WHGM-Gold. He was nominated for two national Marconi awards and won many other national and local awards. Switching gears in 2008 to start farming, Rosedale Farm in Fallston is his passion. At Rosedale, he and his wife Vicky, along with farm hands, have a successful online Virtual Farmer's Market, raise honeybees, laying and broiler chickens, grow organic produce, and host farm events.



**SARAH SAMPSON**  
**Producer, Maryland Public Television**

Sarah is an award-winning producer and director who joined Maryland Public Television in 2013 to work on the station's popular original series Maryland Farm & Harvest. She earned seven Emmy® Award nominations and two Emmy Awards for her work on this program, which is now in its seventh season. In 2019, she was promoted to the position of producer of natural history programs. In this role, she is responsible for managing MPT's range of outdoors and environmental programs, including Outdoors Maryland, the Chesapeake Bay Summit, and the annual Chesapeake Bay Week® slate of programs. Sarah earned a Bachelor's Degree from the Philip Merrill College of Journalism at the University of Maryland, College Park. Prior to joining MPT, she worked for The Baltimore Sun, WBAL-TV in Baltimore, WHAG-TV in Hagerstown, and WGRZ-TV in Buffalo, New York. She resides in Baltimore County with her husband and two daughters.



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**SHARON STOWERS, Ph.D., RDN**, is a Professor of Anthropology and Sociology at Harford Community College. Dr. Stowers is the Facilitator of the Farmers & Community Partnership of Harford County. She is a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist and earned her Ph.D. in Cultural and Biological Anthropology at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She has worked extensively with government and nonprofit organizations on issues of culturally relevant food policy, programs, and food guides and has published on these topics.



**WILLIAM JONES & SUZANNE CROCKETT-JONES** have been married for 29 years and have three adult children. William is a Lumbee Indian, and Suzanne is a descendent of Maryland Eastern Shore Indians, probably the Nanticoke. The two met at a Native American Society meeting at Towson University and have been traveling the Red Road together ever since. They practice Native Religious Ceremonies on their property, where Suzanne is a village (functional) potter and also has a pottery studio. William is a 23 year Army veteran (retired) and currently works as a civilian for the Department of the Army. William served in Panama and Korea and also deployed to Honduras, Bosnia, Afghanistan, and Iraq. Suzanne took on the role of primary parent and kept the family and home running and prosperous. They are both Maryland natives and have lived in Harford County since 2007, fostering wild raspberries in their woods, stewarding woods and wetlands in Deer Creek conservation, and tending a vegetable garden every year.



**GREG MURRELL** is the Program Specialist for the Natural Resources and Agricultural Science Magnet Program at North Harford High School. Greg is a graduate of Salisbury State University with a degree in Biology and Earth Science. He holds a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Certificate from Penn State University and earned a Master's Degree in Education Administration from Loyola University. Greg teaches Research and Scientific Writing and a Geospatial Technology certification course.



**LEE McDANIEL** has been managing his family's Indian Spring Farm since graduating from Cornell University in 1972. The farm has grown beef cattle, corn, soybeans, and alfalfa during that time. Lee serves as the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the Harford Soil Conservation District. He is Past President of Harford County Farm Bureau, Past President of the Deer Creek Watershed Association, Past Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Harford Community College, Past President of the Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts, and Past President of the National Association of Conservation Districts. Lee and his wife Connie have three children: Amanda, a CPA, Patricia, a mechanical engineer, and Lee Jr., an MD.



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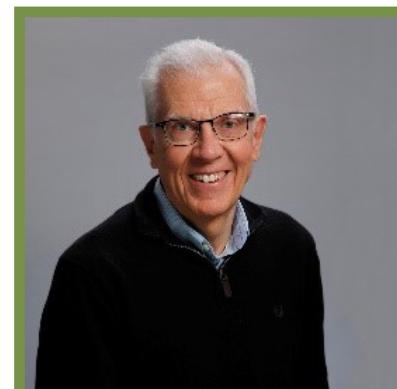
**IRIS LEIGH BARNES, Ph.D.**, is the Executive Director of Hosanna School Museum, the Curator of the Lillie Carroll Jackson Civil Rights Museum, and the Harford County Chair and Vice President of the Maryland Lynching Memorial Project. She serves on three commissions: the Harford County Historic Preservation Commission, the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture, and the Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Commission. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Havre de Grace Colored School Museum and Cultural Center. Dr. Barnes is an Adjunct Professor in the History Department at the University of Delaware. She earned both her Ph.D. in History and M.A. in Museum Studies and Historical Preservation from Morgan State University. She earned her B.F.A. from Tyler School of Art of Temple University in Graphic Design and Art Education. Her research interests lie in revealing DelMarVa hidden history with national impact, particularly from the lens of the African American experience.



**PEGGY EPPIG, Ph.D.**, is Director of Middle School and Natural Resources Education at the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation (MAEF) in Havre de Grace and Director of Environmental Certificates at Goucher College. She is also an independent researcher, an expert on Russell Lord and The Land movement, and has authored several articles. In addition to her work in education and research, Dr. Eppig is a pilgrimage leader for the Institute of Pilgrimage Studies at the College of William and Mary.



**ANDREW LEAGUE** is a Conservation Engineering Technician with the Harford Soil Conservation District. His responsibilities include surveying, designing, and implementing agricultural Best Management Practices (BMPs) for agricultural producers in Harford County. Some of those BMPs include cover crop plantings, stream exclusion fencing, constructing of grassed waterways, heavy use areas for livestock, and animal waste storage structures. Additional professional work experience includes: environmental consulting with assignments as a naturalist, biologist, upland and wetland habitat assessor, natural resource planner, and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) specialist. Andrew strives to help agricultural producers and landowners find reasonable solutions to their resource concerns. In addition, he enjoys educating those interested in soil and water conservation practices. The photograph shows Andrew investigating soil profiles using a soil auger.



**TIM GERBER** moved to Harford County in 2011, after retiring in 2008 from a conservation agency in the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from The Ohio State University in 1973 and is a Certified Professional Soil Scientist. He served as a leader for soil survey projects in two eastern Ohio counties with landscapes and agricultural uses similar to Harford County's from 1974-1986. Tim taught the introductory soil science course at Harford Community College from 2013-2017. He has served as an Earth Team Volunteer with USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service since 2013.



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**KYLAN KEEHAN - 2020 Miss Maryland Agriculture**

Kylan is a senior in the Natural Resources and Agriculture Sciences Magnet Program at North Harford High School. She plans to attend the University of Maryland to study agriculture economics. Kylan leases Guernsey cows from Wayne Spurrier of Anovadale Acres in Frederick County. Kylan enjoys being a positive voice in agriculture and is excited to be part of a generation that will hopefully lead this great industry into a brighter and more sustainable future!



**RICK HOLLOWAY - Holloway Brothers Farm**

Holloway Brothers Farm has been in the family for six generations. Rick and his brother Jeff assumed ownership of the farm in 2013. The Holloways have expanded their operation to 1,800 owned and rented acres where they raise corn, soybeans, wheat, and hay. They also have an 85 head cow/calf beef herd. Rick is on the Board of Directors of the Harford Soil Conservation District and of Harford County Farm Bureau.



**TOMMY SHIREMAN - Third Way Farm**

After Tommy's time in seminary, he knew his mission and life's work needed to bring together his passion for working with and mentoring young adults, and his aspiration to bear witness to the kingdom of God and live for a more just world by way of regenerative agriculture. Third Way Farm is a small, local, regenerative farm where the mission of Tommy, his wife Michelle, and their interns and employees is as much about transforming people as it is about transforming and re-inspiring the way the world grows food and cares for the gift of the land that supports all life. More than anything else, they believe the world needs to rediscover our innate and inerasable connection to and dependence upon the deep, interconnected mysteries of creation, land, soil, ecosystem, and each other, in order to imagine a healthy future for our children and all the life that calls Earth home. Third Way Farm aspires to embody this vision and share it with the local community, and to empower others to replicate this type of farm and community everywhere. We need more farms and farmers, and we need to work together and love one another equally for a new world to be possible. For more information, visit [www.thirdwayfarm.com](http://www.thirdwayfarm.com).



**NICK BAILEY - Grand View Farm**

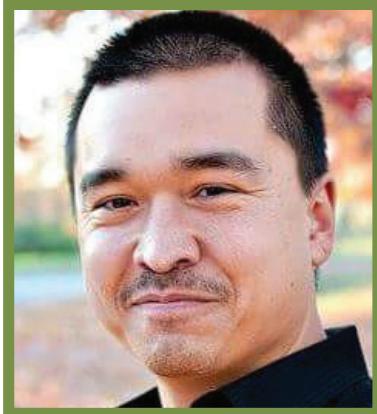
Nick and his family operate Grand View Farm in Forest Hill, Maryland. Grand View Farm is a regenerative, pasture based livestock farm focused on premium production of 100% grass fed beef, pasture raised pork, poultry and eggs. Grand View Farm offers an on-farm store as well as easy online ordering and convenient, contactless home delivery in the Mid-Atlantic region. The farm is committed to curating a vibrant, integrated regional food platform to promote integrity food and serve the communities where it is grown. For more information, visit [www.grandviewfarming.com](http://www.grandviewfarming.com).



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### **CHARLIE PENDORFF - The Hydrofarm, Inc.**

Charlie was a 16 year veteran of the fire service as a career firefighter/paramedic/tactical medic until an injury sustained in the line of duty brought it to a halt. Diving in head first, with a fresh outlook on agriculture, he and his wife founded The Hydrofarm, Inc. over 5 years ago. His facility is a hydroponic produce company focusing on having fresh produce picked by morning, delivered by lunch, and on the plate by dinner for many owner-operated restaurants in the area. He is also a shell egg producer and breeder of chickens, quail, ducks, and emu. For more information, visit [www.thehydrofarm.com](http://www.thehydrofarm.com) or visit at [Facebook.com/thehydrofarm](https://www.facebook.com/thehydrofarm).



**ANDY KNESS** is the Agriculture Agent for the University of Maryland Extension, Harford County. He is a graduate of North Harford High School and received his M.Sc. in Plant Pathology from the University of Delaware in 2015, where he also earned his B.S. in Plant Science and Environmental Soil Science. As an agriculture agent and faculty member with the University of Maryland, Andy works closely with farmers and the agricultural community to bring the latest data and science to the county's agricultural producers.



### **ENNISE BLOOM - Havre de Grace Green Team**

After a fulfilling career in other areas, and finally as an elementary library media specialist with Harford County Public Schools, Ennise's desire for further education and service did not end with retirement. In 2015, she certified as a Master Gardener through the University of Maryland Extension, which afforded numerous volunteer opportunities and enabled her to accumulate 2,000 plus service hours by 2020. Certified as an apriarist through Harford Community College and as a board member of the Havre de Grace Green Team (a 501c3 non-profit), Ennise currently enjoys coordinating volunteer efforts at the Heirloom Victory Garden on the Moore Family Homestead in Havre de Grace. Its mission is to grow, harvest, and donate crops to local food pantries.



**BARI KLEIN** is the Executive Director of Healthy Harford, which is a non-profit 501c3 coalition of local government agencies, businesses, non-profits, and citizens dedicated to improving the health of Harford County residents through education, policy, and system level changes, improvements in the built environment, and progress in addressing social determinants of health and health equity. Bari has an over 25 year history of work in the public health sector, spanning environmental health, reproductive health, and improved health outcomes through increased physical activity and better nutrition. She subscribes to the adage of let food be thy medicine for both physical and mental health, and advocates for access to healthy food. She leads the Harford County Food Access Workgroup and is a member of the Maryland Mental Health Association Legislative Workgroup, Harford County Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Maryland Rural Health Legislative Committee, Harford County Public Schools Coordinated School Wellness Council, and Klein Family Harford Crisis Center Board. Bari is dedicated to helping create a healthier community for all residents. In her spare time, she can be found hiking and foraging in the woods.



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## **BARRY GLASSMAN - Harford County Executive**

Barry is a former sheep farmer who grew up on his family's farm in Level, Maryland. Throughout his 40 years in public service, he has been recognized for outstanding character, service, and leadership. Barry has served on the Harford County Council, in the Maryland House of Delegates and the State Senate. He was elected Harford County Executive in 2014 and has led his administration to earn 11 awards from the National Association of Counties. Barry's record as a fiscal conservative includes promoting rural values and steadfast protection of Harford County's land and water resources.

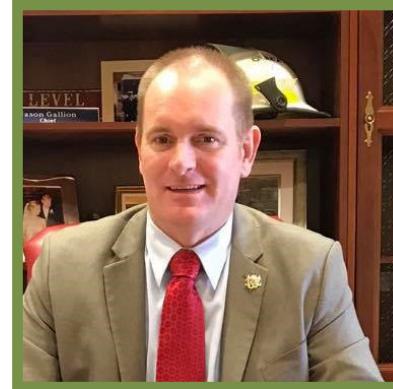


## **BILLY BONIFACE - Chief Advisor to Harford County Executive**

After serving as the County's Director of Administration for 5-1/2 years, Billy now serves as Chief Advisor to Harford County Executive Barry Glassman. Before joining the Executive Branch in 2014, he served two terms as President of the Harford County Council. Prior to entering public service, Billy was a managing partner in his family-owned Bonita Farm, a 350 acre thoroughbred horse breeding and training operation. He served by gubernatorial appointment on the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation's Board of Trustees and on the Maryland Young Farmers Advisory Board, and is also a former president of the Maryland Horse Breeders Association. He and his wife Barb live in Darlington, where they raised their three children, all of whom were active in 4-H.



**BILL AMOSS** was born and raised on his family's farm in Harford County, Maryland. He learned a passion for agricultural land through the eyes of his late grandfather, Benjamin H. Amoss, owner of Model Farm. Bill was a member of the first graduating class of Fallston High School and a graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park, with a B.S. degree in Agronomy. While achieving his studies, he kept a balance of continued work on the farm. Bill's career started with the Harford Soil Conservation District for 2 years, and then he moved in 1990 to Harford County's Agricultural Land Preservation Program. With over 30 years with Harford County Government, Bill has worked with land owners, county, state, and federal agencies to permanently preserve over 50,000 acres of land. Like his grandfather, Bill continues to pass on his love of the land to his four children and five grandchildren (so far). He still resides on the family farm with his wife, Mary.



## **JASON GILLION - Maryland State Senator & Harford County Agricultural Specialist**

Jason has owned and operated Hopewell Farm in Level since 1999. The former dairy operation transitioned to beef cattle and hay sales in 2004. The family farm is home to Jason, his wife Sonya, and their four daughters. Jason has served as a Maryland State Senator since January 2019, representing portions of Harford and Cecil Counties in District 35. He has been Harford County Government's Agricultural Specialist for the past 5 years. Jason is also a former Chief and President of Level Volunteer Fire Company and is a proud life member of that organization.



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**JUNE ANN JONES** is a Ph.D. student at Virginia Tech in the Alliance for Social, Political, Ethical, and Cultural Thought. She is also an instructor in the Department of Political Science and a lifelong member of the farming community. Her family owns and operates Jones Family Farm in Harford County. Her research in environmental political theory and agrarian studies pertains to possibilities for a new agrarianism, peasantization, and a sustainable and just future for agriculture.