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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE continued...

I pray this letter finds everyone well. What an unexpected start of the season, a pandemic no less. I am sure you are like me, caught up in the daily news reports and emergency order stress. Each one seems to impact yet another part of what we knew as normal. Please keep the faith as this too shall pass. I am sure you are coping and figuring it all out as I am. We Fair people do adapt. I certainly don't know for sure when this pandemic will pass but if I am correct by the signs of nature and the spirit, I imagine sometime in May it will break. June will be the magic month back to the new normal if I am right. Flu must run its course unfortunately. Considering we don't have a vaccine to soften this new strain, it is a true concern for us all so be safe. I pray all of you have good health through this time of need.

I would like to inform you as to how this is impacting your Fair. All events on the Fairgrounds through the month of April, are cancelled. The events in May we are in a holding pattern depending upon what the next few weeks reveal. The Membership meeting scheduled for April is also cancelled. Please remember that your 2020 membership dues are still due by April 20th for you to be a voting member of the Fair. If you pay your dues after April 20th, you will not have voting rights at meetings but will continue to receive your newsletter and Fair membership card. Please join now and get

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Involved. Other committee meetings will be by mobile devices or rescheduled when safe to do so. The deadline for submission of proposed bylaw changes is April 15th and they be must received in the office by then to be considered in August. Anonymous submissions will not be considered this year since we cannot verify with the member for clarifications. If you see Jolly Shows rides all staged to go, don't be concerned. They have been shut down due to the pandemic and will move their rides out as soon as they get an all-clear to do so. The next Membership meeting is on June 9th, social at 7 p.m. and meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Fair Office. Hoping we can all meet safely again by then.

If you have or know of someone who has unneeded or used stuff cluttering up their house, we will again offer our Spring Flea Market series. The dates are May 16 with a tractor pull and June 13th with the Rodeo. Let's get the word out. The application is online. The Rodeo needs promoting for the June 13th evening of our last Flea Market and is always an exciting event. Posters are available in the Office or on the website.

We are moving forward so keep an eye on our website as a new design upgrade is coming once the bugs are worked out. We also have a surprise for you in the Office. We had an opportunity to upgrade our office furniture through a donation, and took it. Thanks to all of

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MOTIONS

At the February 11, 2020 meeting of the Board of Directors, the following motions were approved:

****to make Graydon Ripley a lifetime member fo the Anne Arundel County Fair.**

****to table the discussion about filling the open Board positions until the March Board of Directors meeting.**

****to form a committee to move the furniture donated by the Eckels family.s**



President's message continued...

the volunteers who came out to help. If you come by the Fairgrounds, don't be surprised if you notice that the woods around the hill from the stage around to Goat Mountain, are being cleared of undergrowth and invasive species. Thanks to a grant we received this large project will be done in stages throughout the year, working with our schedule. We are scheduled to have this area fenced off with goats at one point to finish the invasive vegetation off.

Remember we still need grounds work done as things are awakening with new growth. Thank you all for your continued support of the Fair.

John Kozenski Jr.

**A. A. County Fair President—2020
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FAIR WEEK COMMITTEE

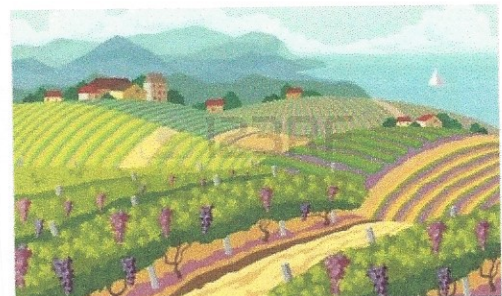
The March meeting of the Fair Week Committee was cancelled due to the Governor's order not to meet in groups of ten or more. All meetings have been cancelled at the Fairgrounds for April also so it looks like we are looking at the last Wednesday of May for the next Fair Week Committee meeting, May 27th.

To bring you up to date, contracts have been updated and a number of them confirmed. The remaining contracts went out March 23rd. We are still looking for non-profit groups to consider taking over parking and restrooms. We have received a 3-year contract from the electric company.

We will do our very best to keep everyone updated by computer until the restrictions have been lifted or this virus issue has ended.

Everyone please be safe and take care of your family.

Sharon Gertz





4-H CORNER

Due to regulations that have been set by the University of Maryland and the State of Maryland, many of the 4-H events scheduled for the next few months have either been cancelled or postponed. Since all events have been cancelled in April, any updates will be posted in the May newsletter.

The health and safety of our 4-H members and their families are a top priority. Please stay up to date with the guidelines provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the State of Maryland and Anne Arundel County.

If you have any questions, please call our 4-H educator Gretchen Sumbrum. She can be reached at 410-222-3900 or gsumbrum@umd.edu.

Take care. Be safe and stay healthy.

2019 EVENTS AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

As noted elsewhere in the newsletter, all events to be held in April 2020 have been cancelled because of the covid-19 virus. Listed below are the remaining events scheduled for 2020, starting in May.

May 18 - Flea Market
18 - Antique Tractor Pull

June 13 - Flea Market
13 - Rodeo

Sept 16-20 - Fair Week
Fall TBA - Volunteer

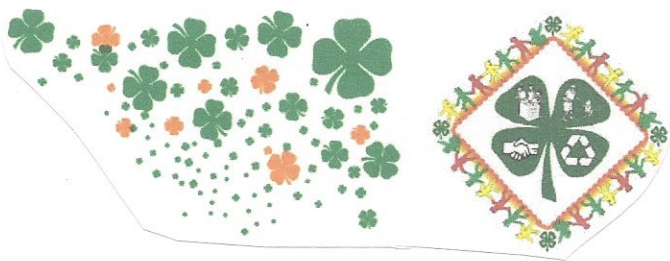
Appreciation Bar-B-Q

Oct 3 - Tractor Pull

Oct 3 & 4 - Craft Show

Oct 16-18/ 23-25; 30 & 31 Halloween Happenings

Of course, this schedule is tentative and will be based on what is happening in our state and county. We will let you know as soon as any decisions are made.



MEMBER UPDATES

Please send member updates to our Corresponding Secretary, Joddi Akers. You can call at 410-923-6638 or email her at joddia@msn.com.

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## MAAFS SPRING FORUM

The Maryland Association of Agricultural Fairs & Shows Spring Forum scheduled for April 19, 2020 has been cancelled.

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2020 DUES

Your dues for 2020 are now due. For your convenience, please use the form at the back of the Newsletter to renew them. To be eligible to vote at Membership meetings, your dues must be paid by April 20, 2020.

MEMBER NEWS

Happy Birthday to those celebrating their birthday in April:

Nicholas Carico—April 11
Bradley Newland - April 14
Chris Chadwell - April 17
Jean Jackson - April 18
Mary Redmond - April 20

Happy Anniversary to Michelle Cooper and her husband who are celebrating their happy day on April 7th.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Gertz Family on the loss of Sharon's brother and the Chenoweth Family on the loss of Lacy's brother.

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## MAAFS JUDGING SCHOOL

Due to the Covid-19 Virus, the April 4th Judging School is cancelled and will not be rescheduled. The Fall School will be held in Washington Co. at Hagerstown Community College with the date to be determined. If you have any questions please email [maafsjudgingschool@hotmail.com](mailto:maafsjudgingschool@hotmail.com).



# 2020 CALENDAR

Apr 1 - Site/Planning Meeting  
TBA

Apr 7 - Rental Committee  
TBA

Apr 8 - Junior Board  
TBA

Apr 14 - Membership/Board  
CANCELLED

Apr 17 - 4-H Garden Clean-Up  
CANCELLED

Apr 18 - Flea Market #1  
CANCELLED

Apr 18 - Antique Tractor Pull  
CANCELLED

Apr 19 - MAAFS Spring Forum  
CANCELLED

Apr 29 - Fair Week Committee  
CANCELLED

May 3 - Rentals

May 6 - Junior Board

May 7 - Site/Planning

May 9 - Flea Market/Tractor Pull

May 12 - Board of Directors

May 27 - Fair Week

These scheduled meeting are  
subject to cancellation.

## *Membership/Board Meeting*

*Tuesday, June 9, 2020*

*Social: 7 p.m.*

*Meeting 7:30 p.m.*

*Location: Fairgrounds*

### Agenda Topics:

\*Spring Events

\*Submission of proposed  
bylaw changes.

\*Summer Events

\*Fair Week

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## 2020 DUES INVOICE

Your 2020 Membership dues are now due. Please fill out the form below and send to the Membership Committee along with your check for \$10. Dues are \$10 per year

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_

(Both are optional)

May we send your newsletter by email? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Send this form and your check to:

Anne Arundel County Fair

ATTN: Membership Committee

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### *Goals of the Anne Arundel County Fair*

*To serve as a showcase for ingenuity, talent and interest in the agricultural life.*

*To serve as a means of educating children and young people to the honorable profession of farming, including the handling of animals from birth to market, the growth, preparation and preservation of food and the creativity of home arts skills.*