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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to everyone out there suffering through this double whammy of a hot 90 degree month of July and Covid 19. We will get through it and better days will come.

As most of you probably already know, the 2020 Anne Arundel County Fair has been cancelled. The Board of Directors voted not to have the Fair, as we could not see a way to hold it safely, and that was the most important consideration. We are all sad about this, but the Board did decide that we would have Livestock Shows and a Livestock Auction. Deana Tice will be chairing the Auction Committee and has some information elsewhere in this newsletter, and John Faber will be chairing the Livestock Shows. These activities will be not be open to the public, and will follow closely all of the public health guidelines.

As for the rest of the Fair sponsored events, they too are cancelled. The Rodeo, Fall Craft Show, the Antique Tractor Pull, and Halloween Happenings. It would be impossible to put on these events with the rules that we have now, and there is no way we can anticipate what the virus situation will be in September and October. Fair Week meetings are suspended for the rest of 2020. We will start up those activities in January 2021.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE continued...

We are all not sure how to handle this situation, as we have never had to cancel our Fair and only cancelled one day back during Hurricane Floyd. We still have to keep up our Fairgrounds and that is always a giant never ending task for all during the summer months. We will be contacting you in September and hope you will be willing to come out when you can to help to maintain our grounds and to prepare for a better 2021.

Thank you for all of the volunteer hours you have given to our Fair. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments or complaints. I am always willing to listen.

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## 2021 EVENTS

Rodeo

June 12, 2021

*The Sun may not always shine, but  
the Rain will not always fall either.*



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## MOTIONS

At the June 9, 2020 meeting of the Membership/Board of Directors a motion was approved to accept Justin Tice's Eagle Scout project to replace the deck, railing and steps at the front of the Fair Office.

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## CHAINSAW APB

The Fair's chainsaw is missing! Have you seen it? It is a green Poulan and was last seen in the bottom drawer of the metal cabinet on the way to Lacy's office. It was there one month before the Office renovation. Please contact Jimmy Frisco or Sharon Gertz if you have any information of the whereabouts of the missing chainsaw.

## FAIR WEEK MEETING

The Fair Week Team met via Zoom on July 29, 2020. Since the Board voted to cancel the 2020 Anne Arundel County Fair, Sharon Gertz said that although we will not be focusing on Fair Week, there are some areas that she would like to continue dealing with over the next few months such as keeping up the Fairgrounds and making positive changes for the 2021 Fair.

First, deal with the problems we have at our gates. Martin Hardy has researched ticketless admission and has someone who is willing to give a demonstration of their system later in the year. Secondly, reorganizing the Exhibit Building with John Richardson as chair. Sharon would also like to see the Exhibit Building cleaned and would like to set up work days starting in September. Lastly, fundraising and sponsorships for the 2021 Fair.

Sharon also said that we will not have any Fair Week meetings for the rest of 2020. Any activities related to Fair Week will be reported at the Board Meetings. Fair Week meetings will resume again in January 2021.

NEXT MEETING; JAN 27, 2021





## 4-H CORNER

The Anne Arundel County 4-H All Stars are offering two (2) \$500 scholarships to current and former Anne Arundel County 4-H members enrolled at an accredited 2 year or 4 year college or university or to a post-secondary technical training program for the academic year 2020 -2021 with the intention of obtaining a degree/certificate.

For a copy of the application form or for further information, contact Mary Thomas at [hackyt@aol.com](mailto:hackyt@aol.com). The deadline to submit is August 21, 2020.

The Anne Arundel 4-H Foundation, Inc. has chosen the winner of the 2020 T-Shirt contest and the winner is Charu Singh from Kinder Farm Park 4-H Livestock Club.

The Maryland 4-H Youth Development Program has made many difficult decisions recently such as cancelling the Out-of-State travel, and competitive events for members. In August, Maryland 4-H will gradually resume limited in-person programs but they must adhere to the guidelines. Virtual programs are recommended as the safest and recommended method of 4-H programming until we can resume our in-person programming.



## BARN UPDATE

The Anne Arundel County Fair Livestock Shows will be held as invitational shows on September 17th - 19th. They will be haul in, show and haul home type of shows to limit the number of people in the Barn Area. The shows will NOT be open to the public so that we may keep our attendance number to a minimum. This will, however, give the people a chance to show the livestock that they have been raising all year.

The Youth Livestock Auction will be held virtually this year on September 19th. This is a way everyone can support the youth by bidding on an animal from the safety of their own home. Once an animal is purchased, the volunteers will deliver the animal to your processor of choice. Stay tuned for more details as they are being worked out now.

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## PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

The proposed bylaw changes were sent out to all members with the July newsletter. We hope you have had time to review them. If you have any questions about the proposed changes, please contact John Faber, who is chairman of the Bylaw Committee.

Each proposed change will be voted on separately at the August Membership/ Board of Directors meeting on August 11th. Meeting starts at 7 p.m. All approved changes will go into effect in 2021.



## SITE/PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Site/Planning Committee is working on some future projects as listed:

- \*New/Renovated Climate controlled Commercial Building
- \*WiFi/Internet over entire Grounds
- \*Security System on Grounds
- \*Electronic Front Gate Sign
- \*Replace fencing around Grounds
- \*Electrical Gates

Some repair and maintenance projects in the works:

- +Replace roof of main bathroom
- \*Replace Office Deck
- \*Replace Office Roof
- \*Replace Office gutters & crawl space

The Site/Planning Committee meets the first Thursday of each month usually by telephone conference. Sally Lung is chair of the Committee.

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## MEMBER UPDATES

Please send member updates to our Corresponding Secretary Joddi Akers. You may call Joddi at 410-923-6638 or email her at [joddia@msn.com](mailto:joddia@msn.com).



## MEMBER NEWS

Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating their birthday in August:

Marvin Glass - Aug 6  
Rich Suhrie - Aug 7  
Roger Massey - Aug 9  
Jay Pratt - Aug 13  
Justin Ralston - Aug 13  
Todd Degreenia - Aug 15  
Aimee Cooper - Aug 16  
Ruby Schwinn - Aug 16  
Ursula Nevius - Aug 19  
Billy Gallagher - Aug 22  
Wendy Sites - Aug 22  
Garrett Watts - Aug 24  
Vivienne Drummond - Aug 24  
Jimmy Frisco - Aug 25  
Amanda Wahle - Aug 25  
Michelle Cooper - Aug 27  
Christine Wilinski - Aug 26  
Ethan Thomas - Aug 28  
Andy Bates - Aug 30  
John Wahle - Aug 30

Happy Anniversary to those couples celebrating in August:

Ruby & Charlie Schwinn  
celebrating 45 years on Aug 4  
Amanda & Mike Crutchley - Aug 5  
Betsy & Roger Massey - Aug 10

Get well wishes to Peggy Peffley who had a surgery recently. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of our members who are suffering from and are being treated for chronic health conditions. Everyone please take care, be safe and stay healthy.

## 2020 CALENDAR

- Aug 4 - Rental Committee  
7:30 p.m.  
Fair Office
- Aug 5 - Junior Board
- Aug 6 - Site/Planning Committee  
Telecon Meeting
- Aug 11 - Membership/Board  
Meeting  
Zoom Meeting at 7:30 pm
- Sep 1 - Rental Committee
- Sep 2 - Junior Board
- Sep 3 - Site/Planning Committee
- Sep 8 - Board of Directors  
Zoom Meeting at 7 p.m.
- Sep 17– 19 Livestock Shows and  
Livestock Auction

### CANCELLED 2020 EVENTS

**RODEO\*\*  
COUNTY FAIR  
FALL CRAFT SHOW  
ANTIQUE TRACTOR PULL  
HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS**

\*\*Rodeo has been rescheduled to  
June 12, 2021

## *Membership/Board Meeting*

*Tuesday, August 11, 2020*

*7:30 p.m.—Business Meeting*  
ZOOM MEETING

### Agenda Topics:

- \*Discussion & Approval of  
Proposed Bylaw changes
- \*Fair Week
- \*Fall Plans

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# We'll Meet Again



We'll meet again  
Don't know where,  
Don't know when.  
But I know we'll meet again some sunny day.  
Keep smiling through  
Just like you always do  
'Till the blue skies drive the dark clouds far away

We'll meet again  
Don't know where  
Don't know when.  
But I know we'll meet again some sunny day.

Sung by Vera Lynn  
Written by Ross Parker

This song was one of those that boosted morale and helped the British Isles get through the crisis of World War II.

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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.*