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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

So, we say goodbye to another very successful year for the Fair with many accomplishments, both big and small, to be proud of as written in my 2019 State of the Fair report. Thank you all for your contributions to our Fairgrounds and its mission. Thanks to all of you, an impressive year of accomplishments was done. We will be hard pressed to keep up the pace that was set in 2019 but I believe we can continue the momentum in 2020 and beyond by working together. Securing funding for our larger project items helps also. If you know of any sources please let me or the Board of Directors know.

Our 2020 Fair Week manager will be Sharon Gertz. She has formed a committee of co-chairs to share her responsibilities and learn the ropes about planning and putting on our diverse County Fair. The first Fair Week meeting will be January 29th, at 7 p.m. at the Fair Office. Please attend or contact Sharon on how you can help as she lines up the 2020 Fair Week Committee. We had a lot of new ideas last year with a new Fair Week manager, and I am hoping we can continue to keep things fresh and our community active in their Fair.

Don't forget to mark our Fair's 2020 fundraisers down on those new calendars of yours. Please spread the word. Let us know if you need posters or handouts to promote any of these events.

If you have or know someone who has unneeded or used stuff cluttering up

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the house, we will again offer our Spring Flea Market series. The dates are a little mixed up due to holiday conflicts. They are April 18 and May 16, with Tractor Pull, and June 13. Let's get the word out.

We will be also be having a Rodeo again that needs promoting by you. This will be on the June 13th evening of our last Flea Market and is always an exciting event.

The Fair, our time to shine for our community, is September 16-20 this year. Mark your calendars now and plan for it. Don't wait. Fair Week is later due to Labor Day being late.

The Fall Craft Show is October 3 & 4, with Tractor Pull and Jousting on Oct 3.

Halloween Happening ends our yearly fundraisers with a haunting good time for young and old the weekends of Oct 16-18; 23-25 and 30 & 31.

Remember, we still need the new asphalt edging drop off leveled off if you have some time to spend with our tractors. We always need trash pickers also, if you have some time to clean up what blows in over the winter. Thank you all for continuing to support your Fair. What a beautiful place it is.

**John Kozenski**

2020 Fair President

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## MOTIONS

At the November 12, 2019 meeting of the Membership/Board of Directors, a motion was approved to have a Rodeo on the second Saturday of June in conjunction with the Flea Market.

At the December 10, 2019 meeting of the Board of Directors, the following motions were approved:

- \*to write a letter to Graydon Ripley, thanking him for his many years of service and releasing him from his services.

- \*to accept KKBOLD as our website hosting and marketing services.

- \*that the proposed 2020 budget be submitted to the Membership.

- \*to appoint Sharon Gertz as Fair Week Manager for 2020.

- \*to cover expenses for John Kozenski to attend the Taste of Maryland Agriculture event on February 6th.

- \*to discontinue plans for a Butler building.

- \*to upgrade the septic system and Commercial Building for \$200,000 and add the Lower Stage as a top priority.



## WINTER WEATHER POLICY

All Fair winter meetings will be cancelled if the Snow Emergency Plan is in effect, or AA County Schools evening classes are closed due to snow and/or ice.

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## FAIR WEEK COMMITTEE

The Fair Committee will be starting up meetings at the end of January. There will be no meeting in February but will start up again in March.

If you have not yet sent in your catalog changes, please do so as soon as possible. Debbie Wolford Kozenski would like to finalize the catalog in April and get it to the printer early.

Sharon Gertz was voted in as Fair Week Manager for 2020. She has gotten her team together and will tell you all about it.

NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 29, 2020



## THANKS FROM SHARON

I would like to thank all of those Board members for their support over the last year! I am very pleased to be back as your Fair Week Manager with a team!! I thank my Team too, so please thank Debbie Vernon, Joseph Degreenia and Tom Collison for coming forward to create this team. This will allow us to get so much more done. We will work very hard with all of you to better the Fair and be a solid part of this Fair Family!

THANK YOU!  
Sharon Gertz



## 4-H CORNER

The 4-H year wound down in December with a fundraiser bus trip to New York City and a fundraiser Breakfast with Santa at Applebee's, in Gambrills, both sponsored by the Anne Arundel County 4-H Foundation. The Foundation would like to thank everyone who supported them this year by participating in the Cake and Silent Auction at the Fair and the two fundraisers in December.

The Foundation supports 4-H in the County and the Fair, but we couldn't do it without your support trough the year.

We invite everyone to our next event, the 4-H Variety Show which will be held on February 9, 2020, at 4 p.m. at Baldwin United Methodist Church's Educational Building Hall. There you will see our County 4-H youth performing in skits, songs, and instrumental acts. All are welcome!

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## RIBBONS

Ribbons have been ordered and are due to be shipped in February.

Marvin Glass

## 2020 EVENT SCHEDULE

- April 18 - FLEA MARKET
- April 18 - ANTIQUE TRACTOR PULL
- May 16 - FLEA MARKET
- May 16 - ANTIQUE TRACTOR PULL
- June 13 - FLEA MARKET
- June 13 - RODEO
- Sept 16 - ANNE ARUNDEL  
To Sept 20 COUNTY FAIR
- Oct 3 & 4 - FALL CRAFT SHOW
- Oct 3 - ANTIQUE TRACTOR PULL
- Oct 16-18 HALLOWEEN  
23-25 HAPPENING  
30 & 31



## 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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## "GOFUNDME"

The Anne Arundel County Fair now has a "GOFUNDME" page. The Fair is trying to raise funds to purchase defibrillators to place in several locations around the Fairgrounds, as well as updated First Aid Kits. We need your support so please try to contribute at least \$1.00 to help support this worthy cause.

Here is the link:

<https://www.gofundme.com/aa-co-fair-defibrillator-gofundme>

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## 2020 DUES

Your dues for 2020 are now due. 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 January/February:

Jeff Crutchley - Jan 12  
Deana Tice - Jan 12  
Sherry Timmons - Jan 13  
Lacy Chenoweith - Jan 14  
Pam Gertz - Jan 14  
Gladys Marucha - Jan 17  
Robert Torres - Jan 18  
Mike Carico - Jan 25  
Elizabeth Molino - Feb 6  
Jackie Cowan - Feb 13  
Sally Lung - Feb 13  
Denny Greever - Feb 14  
Gina Degreenia - Feb 17  
Lisa Frisco - Feb 18  
Stacy Eckels - Feb 19  
Aiden Newland - Feb 19  
Jess Armacost - Feb 21  
C.J. Knott - Feb 22  
James Carico - Feb 23  
Jennifer Martin - Feb 25  
Claire Hayward - Feb 28

Happy Anniversary to those celebrating in January/February:

Christine & Anthony Wilinski - Jan 16  
Donna Herren & Hubby - Jan 24  
Michelle & Bill Grimes - Feb 4  
Deana & Josiah Tice - Feb 22

Get well wishes go out to Dan Overstreet who had a stay in the hospital with a bout of the flu.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to members of the Gertz Family who lost our dear friend Allen recently after a long, hard fought battle.



# 2020 CALENDAR HAPPY NEW YEAR!

- Jan 2 - Site/Planning Committee  
7 p.m. Fair Office
- Jan 7 - Rentals  
7:30 p.m. Fair Office
- Jan 8 - Junior Board  
7 p.m. Fair Office
- Jan 14 - Membership/Board of Directors  
7 p.m.—Social  
7:30 p.m.—Meeting
- Jan 29 - Fair Week Committee  
7 p.m. Fair Office
- Feb 4 - Rental Committee  
7:30 p.m. Fair Office
- Feb 5 - Junior Board  
7 p.m. Fair Office
- Feb 6 - Site/Planning Committee  
7 p.m. Fair Office
- Feb 11 - Board of Directors  
7:30 p.m. Fair Office
- Mar 3 - Rental Committee
- Mar 4 - Junior Board
- Mar 5 - Site/Planning
- Mar 10 - Board of Directors
- Mar 25 - Fair Week Committee 5

## *Membership/Board Meeting*

*Tuesday, April 14, 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:

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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.*