



PRESIDENT' MESSAGE

I often look through previous year's newsletters to assist with compiling the monthly President's Message. This time last year, COVID19 was just getting into full swing. John K. surmised, as many of us did, that the pandemic would run its course in a few months, vaccines would soon be available, and we could get back to having events. Well, we all know the pandemic had different plans. Although we are still seeing isolated spikes in infections across the nation, there certainly seems to be an overall downward trend. With vaccines finally becoming readily available, and available for all citizens, we can hope and pray this trend continues. As Governor Hogan has recommended, if you have not received your vaccination and wish to do so, please register on every site that offers vaccinations. This including sites like the local health department, CVS, Walgreen's, Giant, and the mass sites such as Six Flags in P.G. and Blue Crab Stadium in Waldorf. I know of a few folks that have been successful in getting appointments at Blue Crab Stadium. You can sign up for these mass sites by visiting marylandvax.org. I have also heard of folks that have successfully book appointments at Eastern Shore locations. It may be worth the trip!

Rentals are moving along nicely, with the first event (Hot Tub Event) and all weekends booked, we are looking to a successful season. Thank you Lori and the Rental Committee! Rentals for the next 2 months include:

April 25 - Navy Concert Series 1
May 8 - Soberfest
May 15 - Flea Market/Tractor Pull
May 22 & 23 - The Viking Experience
May 29 - Private Party

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April 20th is the cutoff for NEW memberships wishing to be a voting member. Voting members must be at least 18 years old. Please remember that 2020 members will have their memberships extended through 2021 (excluding Officers and Board members who are required to pay).

Suggested bylaw changes must be submitted by April 15th to be considered in August. Please get your changes in now. If you have a change in mind, but don't know exactly how to word it, we can help! Please contact Stacy Eckles or me and we can help get your suggestion on paper.

Jolly Shows have moved their equipment around to make room for our Fair rentals. Hopefully, they will have a successful year as I know they also were hit hard by the pandemic. They are a great renter and part of our Fair Family. Wishing them a great year!

Pay close attention to the Flea Market/Tractor Pull and Rodeo dates. These are OUR Fair events. We can always use volunteers. If you have some free time on those weekends, please contact the event chairperson. And as always, please promote our events. We can always use flea market vendors and Rodeo spectators!

Removal of invasive plant species and the planting of native trees continues! I do believe we will have a return of the goats in the future. I look forward to when the newly planted redbuds and dogwoods bloom! Job well done Betsy.

As a reminder, our upcoming meeting dates are listed below:

Board of Directors
April 13, 2021
May 11, 2021
Membership
April 20, 2021

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MOTIONS

At the February 9, 2021 meeting of the Board of Directors, the Board approved a motion to allow Boy Scout Troop 853 to have an Eagle Scout ceremony at the Fairgrounds at no charge.

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## CATALOG CHANGES

It is now time to send in your catalog changes for the 2021 Fair Catalog. Joseph Degreenia and Sydney Wayvill will be making the the changes for the Exhibitor Catalog. Debbie Wolford-Kozenski will be coordinating the Entertainment guide.

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President's Message Continued.....

And as always, we have lots of cleanup work needed throughout the Fairgrounds. If you have a free weekend, or even half a day, let me know and I'll give you a list!

Stay Safe and enjoy the warming weather!

John Faber
2021 Fair President
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FAIR WEEK COMMITTEE

The Fair Week Committee met on March 31, 2021.

ADVERTISING: Joseph handling Facebook Deana & Michelle, social media; and Martin, the Website.

BEER/WINE: We are on their schedule.

CATALOG: Changes are due NOW! Contact Joseph & Sydney.

CONTESTS: All covered for 2021 Fair except for Talent Show which has been cancelled for this year.

CARNIVAL: Jolly Shows have confirmed for this year and contract runs through 2022.

CONTRACTS: All confirmed except for Security.

ENTERTAINMENT: Debbie Wolford-Kozenski will work with Billy Gallagher this year. Oracle and Petting Zoo have confirmed.

EXHIBIT BLDG: John Richardson, chair and Rick Arvin, co-chair. Walls have all been painted and work going on steadily in the departments. The Exhibit Bldg Committee will be meeting soon. Debbie Vernon and Sandy Suhrie will head the Volunteer/Judges food committee.

GATES: Front-Joddi Akers and Sally Simpson; Back- Sharon Gertz and Joan Mauritzen.

4-H DEPT: No report.

RIBBONS/TROPHIES: All in and Sandy Suhrie working on Junior Ambassador's.

VENDORS: Contracts are at the printers and will go out soon. The Health Department has given us the go ahead with 50% capacity in the Buildings.

TRACK SCHEDULES: Some have changed and will be coming out in the Catalog.



4-H CORNER

At the recent annual Maryland 4-H Awards Gala, some of our Anne Arundel County 4-H'ers were recognized for their accomplishments: MARINA KARIDES, and MAX NELSEN, with Anne Arundel County Dairy Leasing 4-H Club, were the recipients of Maryland 4-H Foundation scholarships. JENNIFER EISINGER AND DELIA FISHBURNE, with Kinder Farm Park 4-H Club, were recognized as top individuals in the MD 4-H Senior Portfolio Process.

Congratulations to this very worthy group of individuals.

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## FIREWOOD STILL AVAILABLE

Are you in need of free firewood? Can you come to the Fairgrounds, pull the small trees out of the wood edges, cut them up and take them with you? There are also some cut pieces on a first come, first serve basis. You must contact Sharon Gertz to set up a day and time to pick up. No one will be allowed on the grounds for this without a set time and permission! Sharon can be reached at 443-223-1245.

## TREE PROJECT AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

The Anne Arundel County Fair and the Arundel Rivers Federation have partnered together on a long-term invasive species removal and native tree replanting project. Through this project, the partners will improve the aesthetics and habitat value of the forested stands surrounding the Fairgrounds most-used areas. There are multiple forested areas that are heavily covered with invasive species, including the highly invasive Tree of Heaven. In some areas, the invasive plants and vines are so prevalent that some mature trees will succumb to the woody vines if not freed. This project is using a variety of invasive control removal techniques, including mechanical removal of the large, woody vines; goats to clear out the smaller invasive brush, and limited chemical control by a licensed company as needed to keep invasive plants from returning. Areas freed of invasive plants will be replanted with 900 native trees and shrubs. Native trees and shrubs have been selected to add habitat value and source of food for native fauna as well as to enhance the beauty of the site. Flowering trees and shrubs, like the Eastern red bud, serviceberry, viburnums, and red twig dogwood will line the forested areas to bring a variety of color to the forest stands. Educational signage will be installed to both identify native trees and educate the public about invasive species control and the benefits of planting.





## NEW FAIR FUNDRAISER

Our new fundraiser "What a Crock" is open for orders. The unique link for the fundraiser is on our web page:

<https://aacountyfair.org>

Please only use this link so our organization receives the credit. Also, there is an informational flyer attached to this newsletter.

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PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

Deadline for submitting a proposed change to our bylaws is April 15, 2021. They will be read at the June Membership meeting, posted in the July newsletter and voted on at the August Membership meeting. Your 2021 dues must be paid by April 20, 2021, in order for you to be eligible to vote.

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## MEMBER UPDATES

Please send any member updates you may have 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

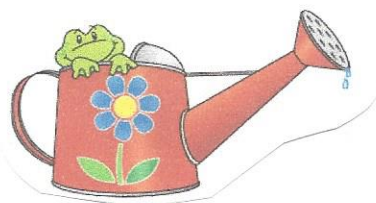
Happy Birthday to those celebrating in April:

Chip Brendle - April 2  
Brandy Merson - April 4  
Danny White - April 6  
Mitzi Hardy - April 7  
Nicholas Carico - April 11  
Alyssa Degreenia - April 13  
Anthony Rush - April 13  
Bradley Newland - April 14  
Jean Jackson - April 18  
Mary Redmond - April 20

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

Get well wishes go out to Tommy Boehm and Jackie Arvin, who recently had surgeries. Tommy would love to hear from anyone and can be reached at 410-721-0243.

Please keep our all of our members who are undergoing treatments or suffering from chronic illnesses, in your thoughts and prayers.



Spring

# 2021 CALENDAR

- April 1 - Site/Planning Committee  
Contact Sally Lung
- April 6 - Rental Committee  
7 p.m. Fair Office
- April 7 - Junior Fair Board
- April 10 - Flea Market Cancelled
- April 10 - Antique Tractor Pull  
Cancelled
- April 13 - Board of Directors  
7:30 Zoom Meeting
- April 20 - Membership Meeting  
7 p.m. Zoom Meeting
- April 28 - Fair Week Team Committee  
7 p.m. Zoom Meeting
- May 4 - Rental Committee
- May 5 - Junior Board
- May 6 - Site/Planning Committee  
Contact Sally Lung
- May 8 - Flea Market  
Antique Tractor Pull
- May 11 - Board of Directors
- May 26 - Fair Week Committee

## *Membership Meeting*

*Tuesday, April 20, 2021*

### AGENDA

- \*Submission of Proposed Bylaw  
changes
- \*Spring Events
- \*Summer Events
- \*Fair Week

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# 2021 DUES INVOICE

Your 2021 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: \_\_\_\_\_

(Required)

(Optional)

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

Send this form and your check to:

Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc.

ATTN: Membership Committee

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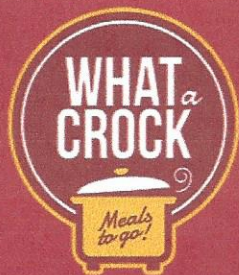


## Goals of the Anne Arundel County Fair

*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.*





# Get Delicious Dinners Delivered And Support Our Organization!

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## How To Get Started:

**Step One:** Click or enter the link below into your browser to view all the delicious meals, desserts and snacks that are available for purchase to help our organization.

**Step Two:** Select your items and meal sizes and complete your purchase.

**Step Three:** Your order will arrive at your door within a few days for you to enjoy! Our organization receives funds every time you order.

To check out their menu, you can shop using the link below. Orders must come through our organization's unique landing page link to make sure we get credit for every purchase!

## To Order, Click or Type This Link Into Your Browser:

<https://whatacrockfundraisers.com/pages/annearundel>

