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President's Message

Dear Fair Members and Volunteers,

Our Rodeo in June was a huge success, with a sold-out crowd! Many thanks to Marilyn Torres and her Committee for all their hard work.

In August we will be voting on changes to our bylaws. Please be sure to read over the proposed changes that were included with your June newsletter, and be prepared to vote at our Membership meeting on August 17th. At that meeting we will also have drawings for gift cards that John K. received. All current members are eligible and you don't have to be present to win.

We are having a fundraiser to purchase turkey cages for our Poultry Building, which will cost about \$60 each. Individuals, families and organizations are encouraged to contribute. Please contact Mitzi Hardy or Mary Faber about how to make your contribution.

A defibrillator has been purchased and placed in our Fair Office. This was possible through the GoFundMe fundraiser that we held last year. Much thanks to Betsy Massey, Roger Massey, and Sally Lung for the fundraising on this extremely important tool.

Our Spring fundraisers are over and now we are focusing on the main

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President's Message Continued.....

And now we are focusing on the main event of the year, our Anne Arundel County Fair in September. We are so glad that it is a "go" after a year and a half of confusion, frustration and wondering if we would ever get back to normal. This will definitely be a step in the right direction.

Our Exhibitor Catalog has been printed and distributed to the public. The Entertainment Guide is being worked on now and will be out soon. All of the many areas of our Fair are being worked on in preparation for our 5 wonderful days in September. Some changes have been made, and new ideas such as the Etix's are being worked on now. All of this in preparation for what we hope will be the best Fair ever!

Come join us and volunteer to help in whatever area you most enjoy. New ideas and extra hands are always welcome.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with your questions or comments.

John Faber

2021 President
Anne Arundel County Fair
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Meetings are at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

MOTIONS

At the May 11, 2021 meeting of the Board of Directors, a motion was approved to keep the members' discount at the same level.

At the June 15, 2021 meeting of the Membership, the following motions were approved:

****to remove from the General Fund the memorial contributions made for Marie Gish, and establish a separate account to fund the Marie Gish Perpetual Award.**

****to put the tips collected at the Rodeo into the Equipment Replacement Fund.**

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## SCARECROW WORKSHOP

We are looking for donations of clothing and accessories for our Scarecrow Workshop. Items may be dropped off at the Fair Office or the Information Booth. Items needed are:

- \*\*Long-sleeved Shirts**
- \*\*Long Pants**
- \*\*Jeans**
- \*\*Belts, ties, scarves, etc.**

**No underwear, please!**

## FAIR WEEK COMMITTEE

The Fair Week Committee met on June 30, 2021.

**ADVERTISING:** Joseph Degreenia is working on radio advertising and having a newspaper come out to do a feature. Our Fair signs will be distributed soon.

**BEER/WINE:** Working on details of wine sales with local brewery. Help is needed during the Fair.

**CATALOG:** Exhibitor Catalog is in and available for distribution.

**CONTESTS:** All working on for Fair Week.

**CARNIVAL:** Special opening day rate has been approved.

**CONTRACTS:** All signed and in except for the Trash.

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Jackson Dean contract has been signed. Will have pig races, petting zoo, barnyard revue and Wild West show. Oracle coming back.

**EXHIBIT BUILDING:** Committee working on completing the painting and will have a clean-up day on July 18 and a painting day on July 25. Volunteer food committee working on menu.

**4-H DEPT:** Will decide about wristbands.

**VENDORS:** Contracts have been sent out and are coming in slowly. We will use the lanyards and wristbands again this year.

Thanks to Ferguson Trenching for gravel and a sponsorship; to Painting & Decorating of Annapolis for all the paint and to Annapolis Painting Services for doing all of the painting in the Exhibit Bldg. Thanks to Homestead Gardens for their work on the circle garden in front of the Fair Giant. They are planning a beautiful entrance garden.

**NEXT MEETING: JULY 28, 2021**





## 4-H CORNER

The 4-H Pubic Speaking contest will be held July 21, 2021 at the 4-H Office. Judges are needed for this contest.

The Anne Arundel County 4-H Foundation's Fair T-Shirt Contest and the Terry Cooper Unsung Hero Award both have a deadline of July 14, 2021.

This year the Anne Arundel County 4-H All Stars will be awarding five Camp scholarships and two \$500 academic scholarships this year. Contact Mary Thomas at [hackyt@aol.com](mailto:hackyt@aol.com) for information and an application.

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FAIR CATALOGS ARE IN AND READY FOR DISTRIBUTION

Copies of our 2021 Fair Exhibitor Catalog are in and ready for you to pick up and take around to spots in the County where they can be seen and picked up by our exhibitors. Copies are located in the Fair Office and the Exhibit Building.

Everyone is excited getting ready for our Fair, and seeing the catalog out and available, makes us realize that it is finally going to happen this year.

Registration is on Sunday, from 1 until 5 p.m. and on Monday, from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m.

RODEO!!

We were finally able to have our Rodeo event on June 12, 2021! Thanks to the Committee with the approval of the Board, we used online ticketing for the first time. Martin Hardy did the research and set everything up and even ran the scanning and credit card transactions the day of with the help of Mitzi Hardy and Stacy Hook. Jodi Akers took care of our traditional cash sales, and they all did a fantastic job!

We were a little worried how this would go but the week prior to the event the sales were soaring. Between the etix pre-sale and the day of sales, we sold over 2500 tickets. I am still in awe over this. Our primary advertising was etix, Facebook and Instagram. I was able to get a big sponsor, the original Cancun Cantina, and they are wanting to sponsor more with us, especially for next year's Rodeo. We will have to adjust a few things for next year, but I still feel this was a huge success.

I would like to thank everyone who helped me, it wouldn't have been possible without them. So, in addition to my ticket people already named, I would like to add T. J. Torres, Robert Torres, Nikki Greever, Michelle Cooper, Mary and John Faber, Rich Suhrie, and his nephew Mark Thorton, my Blue Gate person, Debbie K., Lori and Ma, Jimmy and Jay Jay Frisco, Wayne Shorter, Deana Tice, and Sharon Gertz. I am sure that I am forgetting someone, but thank you so much for your help. Here is to doing another Rodeo in 2022, maybe even two, LOL.

Marilyn Torres



AA County Fair Royal Ambassador Contest

The Anne Arundel County Fair is introducing a new contest this year that will be open to both females and males. Eligibility is similar to the old Fair Queen contest except it is open to males and females. A copy of the entry form is attached.

Also new this year is the Fair Junior Ambassador Court, which is open to anyone ages 13 to 15. Anyone can participate to learn all about the Ambassador Contest, help during the Fair and throughout the year. Entry form also attached.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES

Our special Happy Birthday wishes go out to Mary Seaton who is celebrating her 96th birthday on July 18.

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.

MEMBER NEWS

Happy Birthday to those celebrating in July:

Logan Newland - July 2
Steve Simpson - July 3
Kelsey Winters - July 4
Andy Rickard - July 4
Wayne Shorter - July 6
Judy Harris - July 7
James Timmons - July 8
David Degreenia - July 11
Eric Williams - July 13
Robert Riimondi - July 14
Mary Seaton - July 18
Nikki Greever - July 19
Nicole Gray - July 24
Mary Thomas - July 26
Walter Baase - July 17
Randy Akers - July 20
Paul Akers - July 30

Happy Anniversary wishes go out to those happy couples celebrating in July:

Sally & Steve Simpson - July 3
Elizabeth & James Molino - July 4
David Dolvin & Spouse - July 10
Jim & Sherry Timmons - July 14
Chip & Donna Brendle - July 16
Audrey & Lacy Chenoweth - July 16
James & Wendy Miller - July 16
Deana & Joey Tice - July 17
Mary & Mike Bowen - July 25

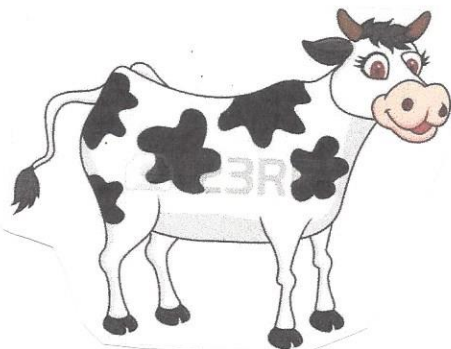
Our condolences go out to the Westphal Family on the loss of Roger Westphal, who was a Fair member for many years and also on the Board of Directors.

Wishing Sandy Suhrie a speedy recovery from knee replacement surgery.

Please keep all of our members in your thoughts and prayers, who are undergoing treatments or suffering from chronic illnesses, or have in the past few months suffered from the dreaded COVID

2021 CALENDAR

- July 3 - WeOutside Concert #2
- July 4 - HAPPY BIRTHDAY
AMERICA
- July 5 - RootCulture/Jamaican Event
- July 6 - Rental Committee
7 p.m. Fairgrounds
- July 10 - Phestival
- July 13 - AACF BOD Meeting
Fairgrounds
- Jul 16&17 Let's GoFest (Prep 13-15)
- Jul 18 - Exhibit Building
Clean-Up Project
- July 22 - New Energy Equity
Company Picnic
- Juyl24&25 Heaven on Earth
Jamaican Festival
- July 25 - Exhibit Building
Painting Project
- July 25 - Eagle Scout Ceremony
- July 28 - AACF Fair Week Meeting
7 p.m. Fairgrounds
- July 31 - Shorter Family Picnic
- Aug 6 - Rental Committee
7 p.m. Fairgrounds
- Aug 7 - Junior Board
- Aug 13 - AACF BOD Meeting
7:30 p.m. Fairgrounds
- Aug 28 - AACF Fair Wee Meeting
7 p.m. Fairgrounds



Membership Meeting

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

AGENDA

- *Vote on Proposed Bylaw
Changes
- *Prize Drawings
- *Summer Events
- *Fair Week Countdown
- *Fall Events

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FAIR WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 12: Registration in Exhibit Building
1 to 5 p.m.

Monday, September 13: Registration in Exhibit Building
10 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Tuesday, September 14: Judging Day in Exhibit Building
10 a.m.

Wednesday, Sept 15 to Sunday, Sept 19

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FAIR

Monday, September 20: Release Day in Exhibit Building
2 to 7 p.m.
Pick Up Exhibits

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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.

2021 Anne Arundel County Fair Royal Ambassador Contest



When: September 15, 2021 7-8pm
(contestants arrive 5:30pm, entertainment begins 6pm)

Where: Anne Arundel County Fair Upper Stage

Entry Deadline: September 1, 2021

See Below for Complete Rules or [Click Here](#) for an Entry Form

More Information

- New! Anyone is welcome to apply
- Contestants must be 16-20 years old
- Contestant must have been a resident of Anne Arundel County for at least one year prior to the entry deadline
- Contestants must never have been married and not have any children
- Contestants must be in good academic standing
- A non-refundable entry fee of \$20 is required with the completed entry form
- Contestants will need to supply 1 wallet sized photo
- Past Fair Queens are ineligible to compete again, but runners up can compete again
- If crowned winner or member of the court, each will be expected to make themselves available as much as possible to pass out awards and attend various events throughout the week of the fair.

Cash Prizes

Winner- \$500

First Runner Up- \$300

Second Runner Up- \$200

The winner will also receive a crown, flowers, and a sash. The first and second runners up will also both receive sashes and flowers

Chairperson- Lorrie Parks
Co-Chairperson- Kim Parks
Email: aacofairroyalty@gmail.com
Fairgrounds #: 410-923-3400

AACO FAIR JUNIOR AMBASSADOR COURT

AACo Fair is now hosting a Junior Ambassador Court! Members of the Junior Ambassador Court will get to assist in different areas during fair week and work with the Royal Ambassadors. Members will also get an introduction to the AACo Fair Royal Ambassador Contest by going on stage the night of the competition. But the fun doesn't stop when the fair is over; members can also participate in events throughout the year. If you are interested in participating, please fill out the form below.

Requirements

- Open to anyone ages 13-15
- Must be willing to learn and volunteer during fair week
- *Five Applications will be Accepted*

DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 1st

Email form to aacofairroyalty@gmail.com or mail in to AACO Fair Office

P.O. Box 372 Crownsville, MD 21032-0372

Questions? Contact Lorrie or Kim Parks

Email: aacofairroyalty@gmail.com Fairgrounds Phone: 410-923-3400

Once your application is received, we will follow up via email with important information.

Personal Information

Name:

Age:

Home Address (must be a resident of Anne Arundel County for one year prior to August 31st):

E-mail Address:

Home Phone Number:

Cell Phone Number:

Parent or Guardian's Name:

Parent or Guardian's Signature giving member permission to participate: