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President's Message

Dear Fair Members and Volunteers,

The smell of fresh cut grass at the Fairgrounds is quite a treat! Thanks to all those who are taking the time to keep our Fairgrounds well-manicured.

It is with great joy that I announce that our State Bond Bill request was granted! The 85K will be used toward a new LED sign at the front entrance, an automatic gate at the back entrance, and a large makeover for the Lower Stage. Mr. Bereano worked extremely hard in securing this funding. There were many much needed requests submitted from the community and we are indeed fortunate to have been considered and granted this funding. Some of our very close Fair neighbors also received funding and I am very pleased for them also. I would like to personally thank Mr. Bereano, Betsy Massey, and Jimmy Frisco for providing help in getting this accomplished. And it is great to include our elected officials as friends-of-the-Fair! I and the entire BOD will be sending thank you letters to the officials that pushed hard to make this happen. If you see Bruce, Betsy, Jimmy, or any elected state officials in your wanderings, please be certain to extend a thank you for their commitment to the Anne Arundel County Fair!

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President's Message Continued.....

All the suggested bylaw changes are in! They will be read at the June Membership meeting and voted on at the August Membership meeting. These suggested changes will also be included in the June newsletter. Thanks to our new bylaw chairperson, Stacy Eckels for taking on this committee.

Sharon and the entire Fair Week committee are off to a great start in preparing us for our September Fair. Lots of beautification projects are taking place. Contracts are being finalized, catalogs are being updated, and vendors are lining up. COVID numbers are surely trending in the right direction and we all hope they continue to do so.

We have some exciting Fair sponsored events such as flea markets, an antique tractor pull, and a rodeo, fast approaching. Please reach out and see how you can help.

Work on the lower stage has begun. Soft pieces of the stage plywood have been replaced. Thanks to the bond bill funding, we will be able to replace the entire deck, fix the hand railing, replace any other wood as needed, re-do the electrical panels, update the lighting, and fix the steps. Thanks to Andy Eckles for taking over Building Maintenance. I do appreciate it.

There is a listing of the upcoming Fair events and meetings on Page 5 of this newsletter. Thank you Lori and the Rental Committee. All of the meetings

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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.

At the April 13, 2021 meeting of the Board of Directors, the following motions were approved:

****to approve the Tasley Company to provide security at the Fair.**

****to allow the Rodeo Committee to us E-Tix for the event and to extend the Wifi area to where it is needed.**

****to contract with Frisco Dumpster Service to provide dumpster service to the Fair.**

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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.....

are at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

Hope to see everyone soon!
John Faber, 2021 President
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FAIR WEEK COMMITTEE

The Fair Week Committee met on April 28, 2021.

ADVERTISING: The Website needs more info and a flyer for Ambassador contest. Facebook posting will increase soon.

BEER/WINE: Reviewing procedures.

CATALOG: There may be two this year. Drafts will go out to department chairs on May 9. Ad forms have not gone out. Entertainment Guide has not been worked on as yet.

CONTESTS: No Talent Show this year. All others are in the works.

CONTRACTS: All have been sent out.

CARNIVAL: Confirmed and prices OK.

ENTERTAINMENT: Jackson Dean on Sat. night. Gospel music on Sunday. Oracle for Friday night. Working on a family act.

EXHIBIT BUILDING: Committee will be meeting soon. John and Rick working on the improvements on a regular basis. Rick Arvin has taken over Home Brew.

GATES: Front, Back and Blue Gates are covered.

4-H DEPT: No report.

RIBBONS/TROPHIES: Ribbons ordered and received. Trophies will be ordered later.

VENDORS: Lacy has been making contacts and food vendors are coming back. Contracts will go out shortly and spots will be awarded on a first come, first served basis.

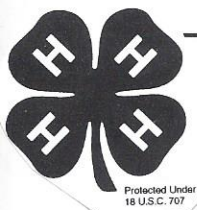
OLD/NEW BUSINESS: Sharon would like all to try to get their jobs done early this year.

Discussed a John K. memorial page in the Entertainment Guide.

NEXT MEETING

MAY 26, 2021

In the Fair Office or Pavilion



4-H CORNER

As of April 1, the good news is that 4-H is opening somewhat, but there are still lots of restrictions and rules that must be followed. Some of the clubs have gone back to in-person meetings and workshops, but the basis rules, wear masks, social distancing and cleaning and sanitizing are being strictly followed.

It is great to see everyone again and we all hope that the metrics improve each week throughout the Spring, so that 4-H can get back to normal activities for the Summer, particularly, the Fair season.

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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.

We really can't say when the areas will be leafed out and hard to access, so if interested please take advantage of this offer now.

## ANTIQUE TRACTOR PULLING AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

The Anne Arundel County Antique Tractor Club has volunteered at the County Fair for many years, hosting pulls at the Fair, and in the Spring and Fall, each year. The Group also built and mans the Sawmill at Fair Week each year and makes and distributes cedar shingles to our fairgoers. They are one of our most interesting attractions at the Fair and very popular. The group also puts in many hours of volunteer work in maintenance, grass cutting and general support to the Fair organization.

Now they would like to pass along the knowledge they have acquired over the years and share their hobby with everyone who might be interested.

Would you, or someone you know, like to get involved in learning about antiques tractors, maybe even learning to drive one so you could participate in one of the pulls at the Fair. If so, please contact Club President Rich Suhrie at 443-618-4918 or email [rsuhrie@verizon.net](mailto:rsuhrie@verizon.net), or Bill Grimes at 410-798-1038, or email [grimes.hilldalefarm@gmail.com](mailto:grimes.hilldalefarm@gmail.com)

They would love to hear from you and are eager to invite you to their event and tell you all about their most interesting hobby.



## 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. Contact Michelle Cooper for more info and questions.

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RODEO AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

The Rodeo is back at the Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds. The date is June 12th, grounds open at 5 p.m. and the show starts at 7:30 p.m. See the website for more information. www.aacountyfair.org.

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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 May:

Ann Anderson - May 3  
Tom Lahdelma - May 7  
Sharon Bramble - May 8  
Heather Jones - May 11  
Betsy Massey - May 15  
Chris Aist - May 18  
Eric Wilinski - May 19  
Sharon Gertz - May 20  
Tara Baldwin-Jacobs - May 22  
Riley Newland - May 29

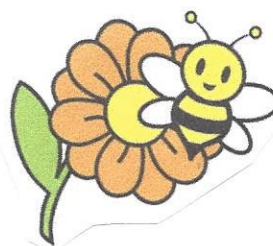
Happy Anniversary to those celebrating their happy day in May:

Stacy & Andy Eckels May 9  
Sandy & Rich Suhrie - May 15  
Katie & Mike Carico - May 24  
Gail & Rusty Yeiser - May 25

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Degreenia Family on the recent loss of their nephew/cousin.

A speedy recovery is wished for Danny White who is currently in the ICU with COVID.

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 19.



# 2021 CALENDAR

- May 4 - Rental Committee  
7 p.m. Fair Office
- May 4-6 Invasive Plants Goat  
Clean-up
- May 8 - Flea Market  
Antique Tractor Pull
- May 8 - Sober Fest
- May 9 - Mothers Day
- May 11- AACF Board Meeting (Zoom)
- May 12 - 4-H Foundation Mtg
- May 15 - Flea Market/Tractor Pull
- May 17 - Tax Day
- May 19 - 4-H/FFA Spring Livestock  
Weigh-In
- May 21 - The Viking Experience  
Set-up
- May 22-23 The Viking Experience
- May 26 - Fair Week Committee  
7 p.m. Fairgrounds
- May 29 - Quinceanra
- May 31 - Memorial Day
- May 31 - Shooting Star Concert  
Series #2
- June 1 - AACF Rental Committee  
7 p.m. Fairgrounds
- June 4 - Chicken Wing Fest Set-UP
- June 5 - Chicken Wing Festival
- June 8 - AACF BOD Mtg  
Fairgrounds
- June 12 - Flea Market/Rodeo
- June 15 - AACF Membership Meeting
- June 18-19 Dance Academy
- June 19-27 4 Rivers Boy Scouts
- June 20 - Fathers Day
- June 30 - AACF Fair Week Meeting  
7 p.m. Fairgrounds

## *Membership Meeting*

*Tuesday, June 15, 2021*

### AGENDA

- \*Bylaw Changes
- \*Wrap-Up Spring Events
- \*Summer Events
- \*Fair Week

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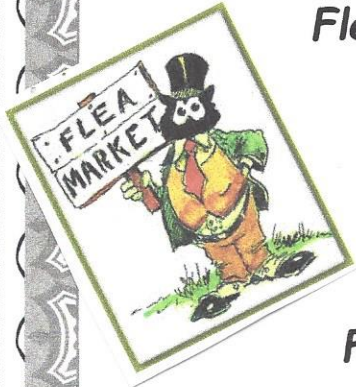
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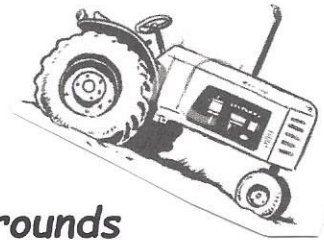
# **FLEA MARKET/ANTIQUE TRACTOR PULL**

**Saturday May 15, 2021**

**Flea Market starts at 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.**



**Antique Tractor Pull  
Registration at 10 a.m.  
Pull starts at Noon  
Admission: \$5.00**



**Food & Drinks available on the Grounds**

**Free Parking**

**For additional information go to [www.aacountyfair.org](http://www.aacountyfair.org)**

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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.***