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President's Message

Dear Fair Members,

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer! We are currently seeing some cooler weather but I am sure the heat and humidity will soon return. At present, COVID numbers are rising slowly across the country. It is up to all of us to help. Please remember to wash your hands often, wear a face mask when and where appropriate, and get vaccinated if you can!

It's great to see preparation work for the 2021 Fair in full swing. Sharon Gertz and crew have worked hard over the last year on an Exhibit Building makeover, and it is looking great. Much work has been done on the outside around the Giant, gardens and Barn areas. Sharon has some upcoming work days scheduled. Please contact Sharon for the when, where, and what, of getting us ready for Fair Week. We need your help!

This year we will be dedicating the Poultry and Rabbit Barn to John Kozenski. A sign has been approved and will be placed on the barn. As you may know, John was very fond of chickens and enjoyed seeing all the poultry and rabbits at our Fair. More information on the dedication will be upcoming.

At our August 18th General Membership meeting, we will be voting

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on suggested bylaw changes. If possible, please come out and vote. At this meeting, we will also hold drawings for a handful of gift cards that have been given to me. Every member is eligible, except for the officers.

The Fairgrounds has received a \$5K grant from Anne Arundel County Economic Development to increase WIFI and security across the Fairgrounds. This grant, along with the \$85K grant awarded to us for a new LED sign, back gate, and lower stage makeover, are much needed. Thanks again to everyone involved with getting these grants approved. I hope we can start planning and moving forward on these projects soon after Fair Week. There is a lot to be done.

Thanks again to all of our volunteers. Without you, YOUR Anne Arundel County Fair would not happen. If you should have any questions, issues or thoughts on Fair matters, please feel free to reach out to me.

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MOTIONS

At the June 8, 2021 meeting of the Board of Directors, the following motions were approved:

****to have an amp that has not worked since 2019, repaired by Basement Floor productions.**

****to move forward with the Anne Arundel County Community Service Program resulting in the Fair being a location for community service**

At the July 13, 2021 meeting of the Board of Directors, the Board approved a motion to move forward with the sign to designate the Poultry/Rabbit Bars as the "John C. Kozenski, Jr. Poultry and Rabbit Barn.

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## EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Josh Culp is working on his Eagle Scout project by refurbishing the food booth at the Pull Track at our Fairgrounds.

Visit this link to learn more:

<https://m.facebook.com/Joshuas-Eagle-Scout-Project-107797271598657/?tsid=0.30920444996263996&source=result>

Visit this link if you would like to make a donation to help him cover the cost of materials.

<https://paypal.me/pools/c/8BuJam0YOm>

# FAIR WEEK COMMITTEE

The Fair Week Committee met on August 4, 2021.

Reps from our new security group, Taisey Agency attended and explained how they operate and had Q & A.

**ADVERTISING:** Entertainment Guide will be out soon. Radio stations, Facebook, website, newspapers covered.

**BEER/WINE:** 4 beers and 2 wines at two locations. Buck providing banners.

**CONTESTS:** Good to go.

**CONTRACTS:** All confirmed except for restrooms.

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Debbie W-K stepping down.

**EXHIBIT BLDG:** Building makeover almost complete. Lisa Angelof is new chair in Christmas Corner. Need another helper in Handicrafts and still working on planning the volunteer food.

**GATES:** Lining up help now and will be using eTIX.

**4-H DEPT:** Using wristbands again.

**RIBBONS/TROPHIES:** Marvin ordering trophies soon.

**VENDORS:** Contracts coming in slowly. 9-10 vendors at July meeting. August meeting on August 26.

Thanks to FTC for gravel for the Giant; MD Paint & Decorating for paint; Annapolis Painting Services and Homestead Gardens for landscaping.

## FAIR WEEK NEEDS

Restroom Coverage—at least for the weekend

Volunteer in Entertainment

Volunteer in Handicrafts

Call anyone on the Fair Week Team if you can help with any of these needs.



## 4-H CORNER

Congratulations to Elizabeth Karides who was recently named the 2021 Maryland State Dairy Princess, who along with Alternate Princess, Emily Stiles from Washington County, will represent Maryland's dairy farmers and engage consumers with positive dairy messages. Elizabeth is a member of the Anne Arundel County Dairy Leasing 4-H Club.

Our 2021 4-H Public Speaking Contest was held on July 17, 2021 at the 4-H Office. Ribbons were awarded in the following categories:

### PREPARED SPEECHES:

Juniors: Avnika Bali, 1st Place  
Intermediates: Arnav Bali, 1st Place

### RADIO SPEECHES:

Juniors: Mary Flores, 1st Place  
Ender Guether 2nd Place

### INTERPRETATIVE SPEECHES:

Intermediates: Evie Guethler, 1st Place

### EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEECHES:

Juniors: Niko Guethler, 1st Place  
Intermediates: Max Guethler, 1st Place

Avnika and Arnav Bali are with the 4-H Resident Camp group.

Mary Flores is with the Anne Arundel County Dairy Leasing Club.

Evie, Ender, Max and Niko Guethler, are with the Trail Blazers Natural Resources 4-H Club

All first place winners will go on to the next round which will be held at College Park.

## EXHIBIT HALL UPDATE

This year there has been an effort to clean out and upgrade the Exhibit Building. The floors were swept, old junk under booths removed and useful stuff reorganized. Most of the booths are getting wainscot plywood skirting to replace the previous cloth skirting. The rows of wood skirting are painted red, blue, gold and green. Annapolis Painting has donated the labor to repaint the building's interior walls and plywood skirting, and Maryland Paint & Decorating has donated the paint. Some booths are being modified to better match the changing popularity of their craft. The building looks better than it has in years.

Some of the departments have started painting their booths. In many cases the painting can be just touching up the white in and around their area. The booths with clear roofing panels have been cleaned and the difference is amazing. All department chairs need to inspect their booths soon, start cleaning and get any additional work needed started..."there is plenty of time," can't be said much longer. At this point I am not starting any new upgrade efforts but will try to help booth chairs with hanging lights or other brief tasks that they might not be able to do themselves.

Unfortunately, there is a leak problem. Heavy rain during Fair Week could leave the Exhibit Building with lots of big puddles which would discourage visitors from entering the building. If you happen to be in the building when a heavy rain starts, please try to mark where the water first starts to flow in under the walls so we can figure out some localized fixes/improvements. The wetness spreads quickly and identifying the leakage point later is impossible.

John Richardson

## SENIOR CITIZENS BINGO

We all have probably regifted at one time or another. Maybe we received two of the same items, or something does quite fit, or you just don't like it. We have the perfect solution for you.

Peggy Peffly is the chair of the Senior Citizens Bingo, which provides free Bingo games, with prizes, for our seniors when they visit us on Thursday of Fair Week. The winner of each Bingo game gets and prize, and that is where we are asking for your help.

Anything that you think might be appropriate for, and would bring some joy to one of our senior citizens, is what we are looking for and would appreciate. Jewelry, cosmetics toiletries, home décor, even articles of clothing. Just drop off your items at the Fair Office any time, and at the Information Booth during Fair Week.

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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.

MEMBER NEWS

Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating in August:

Marvin Glass - Aug 6
Rich Suhrie - Aug 7
Roger Massey - Aug 9
Jay Pratt - Aug 13
Justin Ralston - Aug 13
Linda Hall - Aug 14
Margaret Chase - Aug 15
Todd Degreenia - Aug 15
Aimee Cooper - Aug 16
Ruby Schwinn - Aug 16
Ursula Nevius - Aug 19
Brittany Rawlings - Aug 19
Billy Gallagher - Aug 22
Wendy Sites - Aug 22
Vivienne Drummond - Aug 24
Garrett Watts - Aug 24
Jimmy Frisco - Aug 25
Amanda Wahle - Aug 25
Christine Wilinski - Aug 26
Michelle Cooper - Aug 27
Ethan Thomas - Aug 28
Andy Bates - Aug 30
John Wahle - Aug 30

Happy Anniversary to those couples celebrating their happy day in August:

Ruby and Charlie Schwinn celebrating 46 years on Aug 4

Amanda & Mike Crutchley - Aug 5
Betsy & Roger Massey - Aug 10

Our thoughts and prayers go out to our friends who are suffering from or being treated for, chronic health conditions.

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## EXHIBIT BUILDING

A freezer and fridge are needed in the Exhibit Building. If you can donate either one, please call Sharon Gertz at 443-223-1245

## 2021 CALENDAR

Aug 3 & 4 - Showmanship Clinic  
 Aug 6 - Rental Committee  
           7 p.m. Fairgrounds  
 Aug 7 - Junior Board  
 Aug 13 - AACF BOD Meeting  
           7:30 p.m. Fairgrounds  
 Aug 14 - Back to School Jam  
 Aug 17 - AA Co Fair Membership Mtg  
           7 p.m. Fairgrounds  
 Aug 18 - AACo 4-H Foundation Mtg  
 Aug 21 - Rumble in the Jungle Cat Show  
 Aug 22 - Flying Change Music Fest  
 Aug 23 - AACo 4-H All Stars Mtg  
 Aug 28 - AACF Fair Week Meeting  
           7 p.m. Fairgrounds  
 Sept 7 - Rental Committee  
 Sept 8 - Junior Board  
 Sept 12 - Registration Days  
           & 13  
 Sept 14 - Judging Day - Exhibit Hall  
 Sept 15-19 ANNE ARUNDEL  
           COUNTY FAIR  
 Sept 15 - Fair Opens  
 Sept 20 - Release Day  
 Sept 24 -26 - Hot Tub Expo

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HELP NEEDED WITH ENTERTAINMENT

The Entertainment chairperson is not able to continue on with this year's Fair. Immediate help is needed to finish for this year. A lot of work has been done but help is needed to step in and finish and be available at Fair Week to work with the entertainers that have been hired. If you can help, please call Sharon or Joseph.

Sharon 443-223-1245
 Joseph 410-615-1109

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 ROYAL AMBASSADOR CONTEST



September 15, 2021
7 p.m.

CASH PRIZES

Winner—\$500 First Runner Up—\$300
Second Runner Up—\$200

Entry Deadline: September 1, 2021

Application Information: aacofairroyalty@gmail.com

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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.