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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fair Volunteers,

Lots happening at the Fairgrounds, but I will make this report brief. I know you need to get out and plant your gardens!

The new tractor is scheduled to be delivered this week! And it could not come at a better time, as some of our older tractors are feeling their years and are in need of some T.L.C.

Rentals are in full swing. A few larger events have taken place with more to come. Working with the County Emergency Management Services is showing its value and I believe the Special Events legislation working its way through the process will be a benefit to the Fairgrounds and the community. Please reach out to the Rental Committee if you are willing and able to lend a helping hand.

Projects are still underway. Track Area food booth, General's Highway LED Sign, Crownsville Road automated gate, Lower Stage repair work, WIFI, and additional sprinkler system work are underway, plus a large number of smaller projects (and other big projects) are underway. If you know how to use a hammer or screwdriver, we could use your help.

President's Message Continued.....

Thanks to Mitzi Hardy and crew for putting together the Volunteer Appreciation Picnic. Weather was perfect, food was great, and it was nice to see some new and old faces.

Fair Week is steadily getting ready for our big event. Of note is that all entries for both indoor exhibits and livestock will be online this year. Indoor exhibits will still have the option of entering on checkin days, at least for this year. It is our 70th Anniversary and a few activities are being planned to commemorate.

Rodeo, another big Fair sponsored event, is scheduled for June 11, and is just around the corner. The Rodeo Committee could use your help in setting up for the rodeo as well as during the event.

Hope to see you at the Fairgrounds!

John H. Faber

2022 President Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc. 1197 Gwynne Avenue Churchton MD 20733



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MOTIONS

At the March 8, 2022 meeting of the Board of Directors, the following motions were approved:

**to donate the tip money from the

Rodeo to the Equipment Fund.

**to change the Fair Week hours to: Wed. & Thurs.—5-10 p.m.; Fri.—5-11 p.m.; Sat. -9 a.m.—11 p.m.; Sun.—9 a.m. -8 p.m.

**to use the tractor donations as a deposit and finance the balance and to select the Gladhill Tractor.

**to accept the Best Fence bid for the security gates (\$17,710).

**to appoint Michael Doyle to fill

the vacant director position.

At the April 12, 2022 meeting of the Board of Directors, a motion was approved to have a Fair sponsored Easter Egg Hunt.

At the April 19, 2022 meeting of the Membership, a motion was approved to use The Bank of Glen Burnie to finance the new tractor.

MEMBER UPDATES

Please send any member updates you may have tour Corresponding Secretary Martin Hardy. You may reach Martin by calling him at 443-995-8431, or by email at caulkhead1@gmail.com.

FAIR WEEK TEAM

We have received \$19,000 in sponsorships from Ferguson Trucking and Chesapeake Landscaping. Those sponsorships will cover the Laser Light Show and the two nights of Birthday Dance Parties on Friday and Saturday. We are looking for one more sponsor to cover the family friendly show, Captain Jim is Magic.

All of the main events during Fair Week have been booked and will be in the Catalog. Sharon is working on filler events and they will be listed on the day and say To Be Announced.

The SPCA will be working with Chip Brendle this year to coordinate the beer and wine sales.

We will be using a donated portable PA system for the Pull Track Area during Fair Week. If that works out well we will be requesting a PA system in the budget next year.

Indoor and Livestock entries

will be online this year.

Help is needed in the Exhibit Building and with Entertainment during Fair Week. Contact Sharon Gertz if you are able to help in those areas or if you have any questions.

NEXT FAIR WEEK MEETING: MAY 25, 2022



4-H CORNER

The 4-H Variety Show went off without a hitch on April 6, 2022. The 2020 Variety Show was one of the last in-person events to be held before the Pandemic struck in 2020. It was surely wonderful to see those 4-H'ers strut their stuff this year.

The results this year for our Group Acts, Champion: Kinder Farm Park 4-H Livestock Club, Mixed Group - Skit; Reserve Champion: Kinder Farm Park 4-H Livestock Club, Mixed Group Skit and a blue ribbon to Trail Blazers 4-H Club, Mixed

Group Skit.

The Individual Acts, Champion: Anna, Friendship Outdoors Skills 4-H Individual Junior Speech; Maribel, Trail Reserve Champion: Blazers 4-H Club Senior Individual -Song; Blue Ribbon, Keith, Kinder Farm Park 4-H Livestock Club Senior: Instrumental; Red Ribbon: Flora Friendship Outdoor Skills 4-H Club, Junior Indidual - Song, and Red Ribbon to Hannah, Kinder Farm Park 4-H Livestock Club, Senior Individual - Song.

Many thanks to all of the 4-H members who participated, to the judges who contributed their knowledge and time, and to the parents who came out to support their kids and provide donations for our Bake Sale table, Silent Auction

and 50/50 Raffle.

UPCOMING FAIR EVENTS

This month we will be sponsoring our second Flea Market of the series, and hopefully, our first Antique Tractor Pull, as the first one was rained with the Track too

wet to pull.

In June the Dave Martin Championship Rodeo will once again be visiting our Fairgrounds to put on a fun-filled family event that is enjoyed by all. Go to our website at www.aacountyfair.org, if you need more information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteer help is needed in the Exhibit Hall before and during Fair Week and for the Entertainment Committee during Fair Week. If you can spare a few hours on Registration and Judging days, or at any time, please contact John Richardson at jjrichardson2@msn.com and for the Entertainment, contact Sharon Gertz at 443-223-1245.

VOLUNTEER BBQ

It was a beautiful sunny day, just a little bit chilly, when after a three year hiatis, the Fair Membership got together to thank the volunteers who help to make the Anne Arundel County Fair a reality every September.

About 50 volunteers got together in our Open Pavilion and enjoyed some delicious food from Mission BBQ. There was a big thank you cake, door prizes galore and games.

Many thanks to our Membership Committee headed by Mitzi Hardy for putting it all together.

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### **SCARECROWS**

NO MORE LEVIS/PANTS! The Scarecrow workshop now has an abundance of pants and Levi's. What they could use is some nice flannel shirts and some accessories such as ties, hats, caps, belts, etc. Drop off at the Office or the Information Booth.

## MEMBER UPDATES

Happy Birthday to those celebrating in May:

Ann Anderson - May 3
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
Grant Dolvin - May 22
Riley Newland - May 29

Happy Anniversary wishes to those celebrating their happy day in May:

Tina & Eric Williams - May 3
Stacy & Andy Eckels - May 9
Robert Miller & Spouse May 10
Sandy & Rich Suhrie - May 15
Gail & Rusty Yeiser - May 25
Tara Baldwin-Jacobs & Hubby May 28

Our deepest sympathy to the Schwinn Family on the recent loss of Ruby's husband Charlie.

Our sincere belated condolences to the Tice family on the loss of their family patriarch, Joe, who served the Fair in years past as Vice-President, Director and electrician.

Get well wishes to Jean Jackson, Robert Miller and Denise White on their recent illnesses.

Please keep those who are presently dealing with chronic illnesses in your thoughts and prayers.

## 2022 CALENDAR

- May 2 Rental Committee 7:30 p.m.
- May 4 Junior Board 7 p.m. Fair Office
- May 7 Stop the Violence Event
- May 10 Board of Directors 7:30 p.m.
- May 14 Flea Market 8 a.m.—2 p.m.
  Antique Tractor Pull
  Registration at 10 a.m.
  Pull starts at 12 Noon
- May 20-22 Graybeard's Viking Experience
- May 25 Fair Week Committee 7 p.m. Fair Office
- June 1 Junior Board
- June 7 Rental Committee
- June 14 Board of Directors
- June 21 Membership Meeting
- June 29 Fair Week Committee

\*\*Information about the outside events can be found at the County Fair website www.aacountyfair.org



# Membership Meeting

Tuesday, June 21. 2-22 7 p.m.

#### **AGENDA**

Flea Markets
Tractor Pull
Rodeo
Bylaw Changes
Summer Events
Fair Week

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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.