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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fair Members,

Hopefully we have turned the corner on the winter weather. With the trees and plants budding, it is nice to see the Fairgrounds coming to life

We have started in earnest with the Chicken Wing Festival and the Fair sponsored Bunny-in-the-Barnyard events this past weekend. A listing of events is on our website. The Bunny-in-the-Barnyard was a huge success with sold-out tickets and thousands of participants. The weather was nice and it was great to see the many families walking around enjoying our Fairgrounds.

The County Council is currently debating the Special Events permit bill (Bill 13-23). It is imperative that everyone contact the county council persons to have an amendment with the September County Fair listed as an exception to the process. An amendment listing the Renaissance Festival as an exception has passed and we need the same for the September County Fair. Please, I need everyone to call, write a letter, or testify for the Monday, April 17th County Council meeting. The info detailing how to do so can be found here: <https://www.aacounty.org/departments/county-council/county-council-meetings/summary>. Make certain that you

President's Message Continued.....

Specify the September County Fair and not the "Fairgrounds." It is important to distinguish between the two.

Fair Week planning is well underway? Sharon and crew have many contracts completed and sponsors lined up! September will be here before we know it. Please consider giving the Fairgrounds a hand in getting ready. I can taste that funnel cake already!

The "scrap metal" guy has begun to clean up on the hill. If the weather would just cooperate so he can finish, that would be nice. Next will be the clean-up of wood and trash in that area. This will be discussed at the next BOD meeting

Looking forward to seeing everyone around the Fairgrounds!

John H. Faber

President

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MOTIONS

At the February 14, 2023 meeting of the Board of Directors, the following motions were approved:

*to move the tips from Beer Sales from the 2021 Rodeo into the Equipment Fund and from the 2022 Rodeo into the Building Maintenance Fund.

*to move monies from the Equipment Fund into the Operating Fund to cover the woods mower.

At the March 1, 2023 meeting of the Board of Directors, the following motions were approved:

*to renew the Fair's membership in the Farm Bureau

*to continue working on the painting of the Exhibit Buildings project and vote at the next meeting.



BULLRIDE MANIA

Saturday, June 10, 2023

At the
Fairgrounds

Breakaway Roping, Mutton Bustin,
Bull Riding, Barrel Racing

Adults \$20
Kids 6-15 \$10
Kids 6 and under Free
Presale Tickets through Etix

For additional info
410-923-3400
www.aacountyfair.org

FAIR WEEK COMMITTEE

The March Fair Week meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be held on April 26th, 2023.

Catalog changes are due by April 15, and they should be sent directly to Joseph Degreenia at degreeni-avt@gmail.com.

Sharon Gertz is still searching for someone to fill some paid positions that are very important to the Fair being a smooth running event.

BATHROOM DETAIL: We need a group of people that would be available from Wednesday through Sunday, with the weekend being the long days. There are two restrooms to keep clean and fully supplied, one at the Pull Track and the other on the Hill between the two exhibit buildings

LABOR DETAIL: This job starts on the Saturday before the Fair opens and runs through Monday, Release Day. We will need two people for this job. These are paid jobs. If you know of someone who might be interested, please contact Sharon Gertz at 443-223-1234 or email her at sgaafair@aol.com.

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 26, 2023



4-H CORNER

The 4-H Public Speaking contest was held on March 25, 2023 at the Baldwin Methodist Church Hall in Millersville. There were 18 contestants this year with 8 moving on to the MD State Public Speaking Contest on April 29, 2023.

The 4-H All Stars of Anne Arundel County are offering two \$500 academic scholarships to current or former Anne Arundel county 4-H members enrolled in an accredited 2 or 4 year college or university with the intention to obtain an associate, bachelor's or graduate degree or enrolled at a post-secondary technical training program for the 2023-2024 academic year.

Applications can be found on the current Anne Arundel County 4-H Happenings and must be submitted to 4Hallstarsofaac@gmail.com no later than June 1, 2023.

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### Antique Tractor Pull And Flea Market

Saturday, April 15, 2023

\$5 admission to Pull

Food Available & Free Parking

## VOLUNTEER & MEMBERSHIP PICNIC

Saturday, April 22nd  
at  
2:00 p.m.

Please come join us for  
great food from Mission  
BBQ & Gigi's Snow Barn

Catch up with Fair Friends,  
enjoy good conversation,  
Games, door prizes & more!

Please RSVP  
[4hmitzi@gmail.com](mailto:4hmitzi@gmail.com)  
Or 443-995-3039

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## MEMBER UPDATES

Please send any updates about  
our members that you may have, to  
our Corresponding Secretary Sandy  
Suhrie at [fringes51@gmail.com](mailto:fringes51@gmail.com).

## EXHIBIT HALL UPDATE

Hello Exhibit Building Supporters, it is time to start thinking about the 2023 Fair.

Catalog changes need to be sent to Joseph Degreenia in the next two weeks. Degreeniavt@gmail.com. And, it is not too early to start thinking about lining up your judges.

I would like to have a Department Heads meeting fairly soon, so let's try for Thursday, April 20 at 7 p.m. in the Exhibit Building. Please let me know if you can attend, and if you have topics that you think should be discussed, please send them to me ahead of time so they are less likely to be forgotten.

At our meeting we will try to identify necessary and desirable building improvements. Also, we'll discuss what is needed to help online entry to work smoother. And, we will discuss any needed training.

John Richardson

## MEMBER NEWS

Happy Birthday to those celebrating their birthdays this month:

Rick Arvin - April 2  
Chip Brendle - April 2  
Brandy Merson - April 4  
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 wishes to Michelle Cooper and Hubby who will celebrate their happy day on April 7th.

Our deepest sympathy to the Gertz Family who recently lost their brother, Billy.

And, as always, please keep those who are dealing with chronic illnesses in your thoughts and prayers.





# 2023 CALENDAR

|             |                                                       |         |      |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------|------|
| April 1 -   | Maryland Festival                                     | Chicken | Wing |
| April 2 -   | "Bunny in the Barnyard"<br>Easter Egg Hunt            |         |      |
| April 4 -   | Rental Committee<br>7:30 p.m.                         |         |      |
| April 5 -   | Junior Board<br>7 p.m. Fair Office                    |         |      |
| April 11 -  | Board of Directors 7:30 p.m.<br>Fair Office or Zoom   |         |      |
| April 15 -  | Flea Market & Tractor Pull                            |         |      |
| April 18 -  | General Membership Mtg<br>7:30 p.m. Fair Office       |         |      |
| April 22 -  | Fair Volunteer Picnic 2 p.m.                          |         |      |
| April 26 -  | Fair Week Committee<br>7 p.m. Fair Office             |         |      |
| April 29-30 | Pirate's Parlay of the Carribean                      |         |      |
| May 2 -     | Rental Committee                                      |         |      |
| May 3 -     | Junior Board                                          |         |      |
| May 5 -     | Irish Festival                                        |         |      |
| May 6 -     | Asian American Festiveal                              |         |      |
| May 9 -     | Board of Directors                                    |         |      |
| May 13 -    | Antique Tractor Pull &<br>Flea Market                 |         |      |
| May 20 -    | Naptown Music Feast                                   |         |      |
| May 25 -    | Johns Hopkins House Music<br>Concert (Marshall Tucker | Band    |      |
| May 31 -    | Fair Week Committee                                   |         |      |

**\*\*Information about the outside events can be found at the County Fair website [www.aacountyfair.org](http://www.aacountyfair.org)**

## *General Membership Meeting*

**Membership Meeting  
April 18, 2023  
7:30 p.m.**

### **AGENDA**

**Proposed Bylaw Changes  
Spring & Summer Events  
Fair Week**

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## ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FAIR 2023 SCHEDULE

|                         |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| "Bunny in the Barnyard" | April 2          |
| Antique Tractor Pull    | April 15         |
| Flea Market             | April 15         |
| Fair Membership Picnic  | April 22         |
| Antique Tractor Pull    | May 13           |
| Flea Market             | May 13           |
| Rodeo                   | June 10          |
| Fair Week               | September 13-17  |
| Fair Week Tractor Pull  | September 16     |
| Antique Tractor Pull    | October 7        |
| Flea Market/Jousting    | October 7        |
| Halloween Happing       | October 14-29    |
| Christmas Lights        | Nov 24 to Dec 17 |

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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.*



# BULLRIDE MANIA



Get ready for a wild ride at Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds

**SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2023**

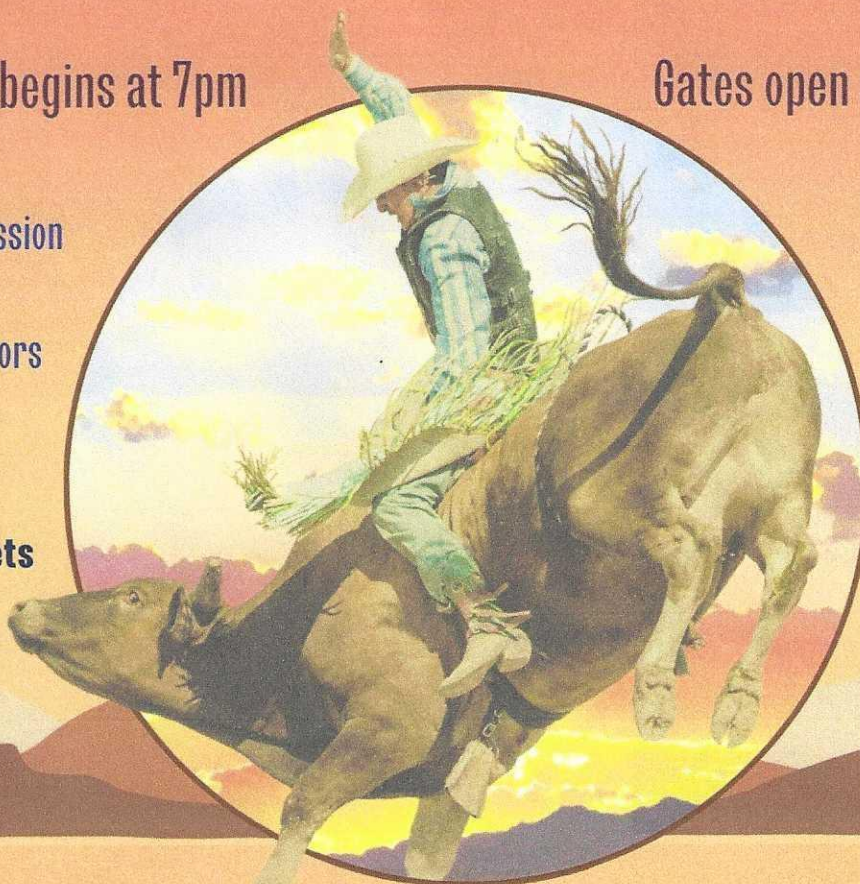
Rodeo begins at 7pm

Gates open at 5pm

Beer Concession  
Stands

Food Vendors

Presale tickets  
available  
through  
Etix



Breakaway Roping

Mutton Bustin

Bullriding

Barrel Racing

No Outside Food

No Pets

No Coolers

No Alcohol

Tickets: Adults \$20 ★ Kids age 6-15 \$10 ★ Kids & under free  
Active & Retired Service Men & Women with ID \$18\*

\*Available at ticket gate only



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**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**(As you would like it to appear in the catalog\_**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **In case we have to contact**

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