



ANNUAL STATE OF THE FAIR REPORT

The Corporation has remained solvent and continues to maintain its emergency fund reserves in accordance with the bylaws. The company's 2020 financial review was completed in accordance with the bylaws and the standards set by Maryland and the IRS are being maintained. The Corporation is in good standings with the county, state, and federal governments. The membership for 2021 has increased slightly from the year prior. The Anne Arundel County Fair, its Board of Directors, and committees, continued to work diligently with our elected officials and local community leaders and organizations. The Department of Natural Resources, who we lease the fairgrounds from, is extremely pleased to have us as a tenant and continues to work with us on any issues.

Given that the COVID19 pandemic halted most all fair activities in 2020, it was great to see the fairgrounds once again in use during 2021.

1. Rentals for the year 2021 were robust with most weekends booked with events. Lots of events, both big and small, put the fairgrounds to life during the summer months.

2. A grant of \$85K from the State of Maryland was secured and we look forward to using the grant for a new General's Hwy LED sign, automated

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President's Message Continued.....

Crownsville Road Gate, and refurbishing the lower stage. Much thanks to Bruce Bereano for his hard work on this grant submission and subsequent approval.

3. A grant for 5K was approved by Anne Arundel County Economic Development. This grant is being used to extend and strengthen our WIFI throughout the fairgrounds benefiting both network access and security.

4. Clean-up days were scheduled and held. With much being accomplished during those functions.

5. The Exhibit Building has undergone an interior facelift, with updates to the fixtures, painting, and general overall cleaning taking place.

6. Our annual fair was held in September with great attendance from the community. Jolly Shows reported a very successful event and livestock numbers in the barn area were similar to previous years. The FFA/4-H livestock auction was also well attended and very successful for our young exhibitors. Our Poultry Barn has been outfitted with many new and much needed turkey pens. These pens were paid for through generous donations.

7. Other fair sponsored events such as Rodeo, Halloween Happenings, tractor pulls, flea markets, and craft shows, were also huge successes. We are looking forward to a new Holiday Lights drive through event for the upcoming holiday season.

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8. We now have 2 new AED/Defibrillators located in the fair office. These units were paid for through very generous donations from fair supporters.

To exist and continue to thrive, our fair requires the dedicated commitment and support of our volunteers and the community. I want to personally thank each and every volunteer and member for their hard work and commitment over this past year.

As we move into the winter months and the holiday season, I want everyone to remember the fair volunteers we have lost over the past few years. While we continue to move forward with taking care of the business of the fair, it is important to not forget their great contributions.

This concludes the 2021 State of the Fair Report.

Stay safe, and have a blessed Holiday Season.

John Faber, President
Anne Around County Fair, Inc, 2021

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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)

## FAIR WEEK TEAM

So the end of 2021 has come!

As you know from past updates, we were so excited to even have a Fair this year.

The 2021 Fair did well. Were only down about 10% which was really good for a Comeback Covid Fair!!! We were down on our volunteer numbers also, which was to be expected

Any issues experienced at this year's Fair have already been worked on for the 2022 Fair. We have some volunteers who have come forward to take on more responsibility in a few different areas for the 2022 Fair.

January will bring a few changes in a couple of those areas, and we are looking forward to them.

The Fair Team wishes you a great Holiday Season.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a  
HAPPY HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO  
ALL!!!

Sharon Gertz  
2021 Fair Week Manager

NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 26, 2022



## 4-H CORNER

There were 65 contestants participating in the 2021 Turkey Shoot held on November 13th at the Meyer Station Nature Center in Gambrills. They shot in either archery or riflery, and there were also 7 Clovers, who learned all about turkeys!

The winners in Archery were:

Junior - Talon White, FOS  
Intermediate - Dylin White, FOS  
Senior - David Bergman, FOS  
Adult Men - Chad White, FOS  
Adult Women - Alana White, FOS

The winners in Riflery were:

Junior - Paul Hoy, KFP  
Intermediate - Spencer Aubel, FOS  
Senior - Nicholas Cluney, FOS  
Adult Men - Erik Aubel, FOS  
Adult Women - Rebecca Fishburne, KFP

FYI: FOS = Friendship Outdoor Skills 4-H Club. KFP = Kinder Farm Park 4-H Club

The Anne Arundel County 4-H Foundation also presented the first annual James R. Kahler 4-H Turkey Shoot Award to the highest scoring 4-H archer. The award is given in memory of Jim Kahler for his dedication to the 4-H Archery Program. The first winner of this award is Dylin White, the Intermediate Archery contest winner, who had the highest score of the day.

## 2022 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

The results of the November 16, 2021 Election are:

### OFFICERS

(1 year Term)

President: John Faber (410-991-4434)  
Vice-Pres: Debbie Wolford-Kozenski (410-271-4358)  
Treasurer: Mary Faber (410-980-0144)  
Asst. Treas: Michelle Cooper (410-320-0526)  
Corresp. Sec: Martin Hardy (443-995-8431)  
Record Sec: Gine Degreenia (410-615-8235)

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(3 Year Term)

(2020, 2021, 2022)

Lacy Chenoweth (443-520-1112)  
Mitzi Hardy (443-995-3039)  
Jimmy Frisco (410-280-8492)  
Wayne Shorter (410-508-8174)  
Deana Tice (443-336-8492)

(2021, 2022, 2023)

Joseph Degreenia (410-647-3415)  
Stacy Eckets (731-234-7765)  
Sharon Gertz (410-721-7966)  
Marilyn Torres (410-798-6388)

(2022, 2023, 2024)

Chip Brendle (443-534-1191)  
Andy Eckels (736-234-7765)  
Jess Hardy (443-603-3460)  
Rich Suhrie (443-618-4918)  
Sydney Wyvill (443-534-2395)





## JOHN K.'S TREE

There have been many trees planted on our Fairgrounds this past Spring and later in the Fall. But two weeks ago there was a new tree planted. It is very tall and straight, and has no leaves because it has become dormant for the winter season. It was donated by the Anne Arundel County 4-H All Stars and planted by the Boy Scouts, and it is a memorial to our past president John C. Kozenski, Jr. who passed away in 2020.

This tree is a black locust, selected by John's wife Debbie because it was his favorite tree, and I am told has an unbelievably sweet smell when it blooms. It is located between the Poultry/Rabbit Barn and the 4-H food booth. We think this is an appropriate location as John was a life long poultry fancier, and long time 4-H volunteer and a member of the 4-H All Stars.

Please stop by next Spring or Summer to check out this memorial to our dedicated past president.



## MEMBER NEWS

Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating their birthday in December:

Joddi Akers - Dec 5  
Joan Mauritzen - Dec 7  
Patrick Curran - Dec 8  
Kay Gertz - Dec 9  
Denise Jones - Dec 9  
Pat Redmond - Dec 13  
William Brendle III - Dec 14  
James Molino - Dec 16  
Shari Kennedy - Dec 20  
Steve Simpson - Dec 22  
Deana Tice - Dec 31

Happy Anniversary wishes to those couples celebrating their happy day this month:

Tara & Troy Dunn - Dec 6  
Mary & Pat Redmond celebrating their 19th on Dec 13  
Billy Gallagher & Spouse - Dec 13

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



# 2021/2022 CALENDAR

Nov 26th - Dec 19th - FAIR FAMILY  
CHRISTMAS!  
Every Friday, Saturday  
and Sunday Evening  
7 to 10 p.m.

Dec 1 - Junior Board  
7 p.m. Fair Office

Dec 7 - Rental Committee  
7:30 p.m. Fair Office

Dec 14 - Board of Directors  
7:30 p.m. Fair Office  
And Zoom

Dec 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Jan 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Jan 4 - Rental Committee

Jan 5 - Junior Board

Jan 11 - Board of Directors

Jan 18 - Membership Meeting

Jan 26 - Fair Week Committee



## *Membership Meeting*

*Tuesday, January 18, 2022*

### AGENDA

Winter Events  
Approval of Fair Budget  
Rentals  
Spring Events

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# **FIRST ANNUAL FAIR FAMILY CHRISTMAS**



**Visit our Fairgrounds  
Decorated for the Holidays**



**Friday, Saturday & Sunday Evenings**

**November 26th through December 19th  
7 to 10 p.m.**

**Ride through the Decorated Fairgrounds**

**\$10 per vehicle**

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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.***





# FIRST ANNUAL FAIR FAMILY CHRISTMAS

Drive through Holiday Display

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**



**Open weekends 7-10 pm**

**11/26 - 11/28**

**12/03 - 12/05**

**12/10 - 12/12**

**12/17 - 12/18**

**\$10 per vehicle**

**Maximum Vehicle Height is 8 feet**

