

ANNUAL STATE OF THE FAIR REPORT

The Corporation has remained solvent and continues to maintain its emergency fund reserves 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 2022 has remained steady from the year prior. The Anne Arundel County Fair, its Board of Directors, and committees, continue to work diligently with our elected officials and local community leaders and organizations. The Department of Natural Resources, who we lease the fairgrounds from, continues to support the fair and our usage of the grounds.

The Anne Arundel County Fair continues to work through the lingering COVID issues and we have made great strides in the past 2 years.

1. Rentals for the year 2022 were amazing and the Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds continues to be a popular outdoors venue for the area. I look forward to a 2023 season that continues to provide exciting and diverse events for our county residents to enjoy.

2. A bond grant of \$50K was awarded to the Fair to replace the failing sprinkler systems on both the Exhibit and the Commercial Buildings. The amount of yearly maintenance and repairs on these systems certainly warranted their replacement.

3. The new LED sign on General's Highway and the gate on Crownsville Road are great additions to the Fairgrounds. We are currently looking at other legislative bond initiatives that will benefit the Fair and Fairgrounds.

4. Our annual Fair was held in September with fantastic attendance from the community. A combination of a 70th anniversary with

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new and exciting entertainment, along with perfect weather, resulted in a Fair Week to be remembered. Jolly Shows reported a very successful carnival. Barn area livestock entries and exhibits were much appreciated by Fair attendees. The FFA/4H livestock auction was also well attended and very successful for our young exhibitors. As always, the Antique Tractor Club, Horse pulls, and Tractor pulls, never disappoint.

5. Other Fair sponsored events such as Rodeo, Halloween Happenings, tractor pulls, flea markets, craft shows, and Holiday Christmas Lights were also huge successes.

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 and Friends-of-the-Fair 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 2022 State of the Fair Report.

Stay safe, and have a blessed Holiday Season.

John H. Faber

President, A. A. County Fair, Inc, 2022
1197 Gwynne Avenue
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MOTIONS

At the October 11, 2022 meeting of the Board of Directors, the following motion was approved:

****To do a feasibility study to decide whether to repair the present office or to build a new office at a different site.**



MEMBERSHIP

Membership dues may be paid at any time before August 31st, 2023. Please note, however, that if you wish to be a voting member, your dues are due by January 20, 2023. A dues invoice is attached to this newsletter.

Mitzi Hardy
Membership Chair



MEMBER UPDATES

Please send any updates on our members that you may have to our Corresponding Secretary Martin Hardy. You may reach Martin by calling him at 443-995-8431, or by email at calkhead@gmail.com.

FAIR WEEK COMMITTEE

With 2022 coming to a close this month, I ponder on the GREAT Fair we had this year. We may not have as much sponsorship money as we had for our 70th Fair, but we will contact all of our wonderful sponsors to see what they would like to do for the 2023 Fair!!

Money is important for a successful Fair BUT with our Volunteers, Friends, our Board and Members, there would be no Fair!! People are so much more important than money—without them there would be no 4-H, no FFA, no Tractor Pulls, no Exhibit Building, and the Fairgrounds would not even be suitable to have a Fair!! Every year we get lost in the work it takes to present the best Fair we can to this county, in the schedules, and the deadlines for opening the Fair.

For this the Fair Team would like to say once again—THANK YOU TO EACH AND EVERY PERSON IT TAKES TO HAVE A FAIR!!! ALL OF YOU ARE SO VERY IMPORTANT!! We hope/I hope to see each and every one of you back again in the Spring to do it all over again, as we have done for so many years. Without YOU and the LOVE you have for your Fair, there would be no Fair. Enjoy your time off now with your family and friends. If there is something you would like to do for the 2023 Fair, or change something you are doing now, please let us/me know.

God Bless You All.
Sharon Gertz



4-H CORNER

The 2022 Buz Meyer 4-H Turkey Shoot was hosted by the Friendship outdoor skills 4-H Club on November 5, 2022, which happened to be the warmest Turkey Shoot anyone could remember! A total of 68 adults and youth participated, in the 2 contests, and we had Cloverbuds participate in special events just for them. The AA Co 4-H Foundation was there selling County Fair tee shirts and Friendship 4-H sold refreshments.

The 4-H Office provides the \$20 cash prizes through the 4-H Foundation. The Foundation sponsors and presents two memorial awards, the Jim Kahler Youth Archery Award is awarded to the highest scoring youth in Archery and this year was presented to Stuart Sheldon of Friendship Outdoor Skills 4-H Club. The Foundation began a new award this year, the Buz Meyer Youth Riflery Award, which is awarded to the highest scoring youth in Riflery. Mike Carrado, of Kinder Farm Park 4-H Club received this year's award.

The contest winners were as follows:

ARCHERY:

Junior: Talon White, Friendship 4-H Club

Intermediate: Stuart Sheldon, Friendship

Senior: Tucker White, Friendship 4-H

Adult Men: Chad White, Friendship 4-H

Adult Women: Hannah Sheldon, Friendship

RIFLERY:

Junior: Owen Stern, Friendship 4-H

Intermediate: Mike Corrado, Kinder 4-H

Senior: Nicholas Cluney, Friendship 4-H

Adult Men: Tim Hoy, Kinder Farm 4-H

Adult Women: Wendy Sites Friendship 4-H

We thank all who attended and helped, especially the parents of the Friendship Outdoor Skills 4-H Club, and the Anne Arundel County 4-H Foundation for their financial support. We look forward to next year!

Wendy Sites

2023 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

The results of the November 15, 2022 elections are as follows:

OFFICERS

(1 Year Term)

PRESIDENT: John Faber (410-991-4434)

VICE-PRESIDENT: Martin Hardy (443-995-8431)

TREASURER: Mary Faber (410-980-0144)

ASST TREASURER: Michelle Cooper 410-320-0526)

CORRESP SECRETARY: Sandy Suhrie (443-618-4918)

RECORD SECRETARY: Gina Degreenia (410-615-8235)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(3 Year Term)

(2023, 2024, 2025)

Joddi Akers (443-623-3111)

Joseph Degreenia (410-615-1109)

Sharon Gertz (443-223-1245)

Debbie Kozenski (443-271-4358)

Marilyn Torres (410-798-6388)

(2022, 2023, 2024)

Chip Brendle (443-534-1191)

Andy Eckels (717-331-1223)

Jessica Hardy (443-603-3460)

Rich Suhrie (443-618-4918)

Sydney Wyvill (443-534-2395)

(2021-2022-2023)

Lacy Chenoweth (443-520-1112)

James Frisco (443-926-3665)

Mitzi Hardy (410-975-9129)

Wayne Shorter (410-508-8174)

Deana Tice (443-336-8482)

OUR THANKS

Recently, a grant request was submitted to the Farm Bureau for the future purchase of a 10 foot Woods mower, that will eventually be mated with the new John Deere tractor. The Farm Bureau partially approved the grant request for \$3,500.00.

The Anne Arundel County Fair would like to express our sincere thanks for this most generous grant.

Rich Suhrie

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## MAAFS Judging School Update

A 2022 Fall Judging School will not be held this year. Plans are being made for a Spring 2023 Judging School, and you will be notified when and where it is to be held

May you all have a safe and healthy Fall and Winter and we look forward to seeing you in the Spring.

Laura & Carrie

## MEMBER UPDATES

Happy Birthday to those celebrating their birthdays in December:

Joddi Akers - Dec 5  
Joan Mauritzen - Dec 7  
Pat Redmond - Dec 13  
William Brendle III - Dec 14  
James Molino - Dec 16  
Shari Kennedy - Dec 20  
John Richardson - Dec 24  
Deana Tice - Dec 31

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

Tara & Troy Dunn - Dec 6  
Billy Gallagher & Spouse -  
Dec 13  
Mary & Pat Redmond celebrating 20 years on Dec 13

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Donna and Chip Brendle and their family on the recent passing of Donna's mother, Mary Deale.

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

## 2022/2023 CALENDAR

- Dec 1 - Rental Committee  
7 p.m. Fair Office or Zoom
- Dec 2 - Junior Board  
7 p.m. Fair Office
- Dec 2, 3, Christmas Lights Display  
9, 10 & 11; 16, 17 & 18
- Dec 13 - Board of Directors  
7:30 p.m. Fair Office
- Jan 3 - Rental Committee
- Jan 10 - Board of Directors
- Jan 17 - Membership Meeting
- Jan 25 - Fair Week Committee

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



**Merry  
Christmas**

## *General Membership Meeting*

*Tuesday, January 17, 2023  
7:30 p.m. Fair Office*

### AGENDA

2023 Budget  
Spring Event  
Yearly Schedule

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# ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FAIR YEARLY SCHEDULE

## Christmas Holiday Display:

Dec 2, 3 & 4

Dec 9, 10 & 11

Dec 16, 17 & 18



Open Weekends 7 to 10 p.m.

\$10 per vehicle

Maximum Vehicle Height is 8 feet

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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.*

# Anne Arundel County Fair Inc.

## 2023 Current Member Dues Invoice

Your 2023 Membership dues are now due. Please fill out the form below and send to the Membership Committee along with your check.

Dues are: Regular Membership (must be 18 or older) - \$20

Associate (Non-voting) Membership - \$10

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_ Email\_\_\_\_\_

Are you 18 or older? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (optional) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Wedding Anniversary (optional) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

May we send your newsletter by email? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

Send this form and your check to:

Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc.

Attn: Membership Committee

P.O. Box 372, Crownsville, MD 21032

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We are not connected with the Anne Arundel County Government.