



**Auditor of State
Betty Montgomery**

**AUGLAIZE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
AUGLAIZE COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Auglaize County Agricultural Society
Auglaize County
P.O. Box 431
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To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of the Auglaize County Agricultural Society, (the Society), as of and for the year ended November 30, 2002. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Society's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1, the Society prepares its financial statement on the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the cash balance of the Society as of November 30, 2002, and its cash receipts and disbursements for the year then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 1, 2003, on our consideration of the Society's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

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This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, the Board of Directors, and other officials authorized to receive this report under § 117.26, Ohio Revised Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

May 1, 2003

**AUGLAIZE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
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**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGE IN CASH BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2002**

	2002
Operating Receipts:	
Admissions	\$182,034
Privilege Fees	38,919
Rentals	177,570
Sustaining and Entry Fees	47,424
Parimutuel Wagering Commission	8,559
Other Operating Receipts	30,099
Total Operating Receipts	484,605
Operating Disbursements:	
Wages and Benefits	82,382
Utilities	43,316
Professional Services	80,945
Equipment and Grounds Maintenance	85,861
Race Purse	80,981
Senior Fair	64,787
Junior Fair	24,625
Capital Outlay	12,300
Other Operating Disbursements	125,496
Total Operating Disbursements	600,693
Excess (Deficiency) of Operating Receipts Over (Under) Operating Disbursements	(116,088)
Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements):	
State Support	38,627
County Support	50,000
Debt Proceeds	10,000
Donations/Contributions	108,510
Investment Income	1,255
Debt Service	(48,812)
Net Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)	159,580
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	43,492
Cash Balance, Beginning of Year	14,713
Cash Balance, End of Year	\$58,205

The notes to the financial statement are an integral part of this statement.

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**AUGLAIZE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
AUGLAIZE COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
NOVEMBER 30, 2002**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The Auglaize County Agricultural Society, Auglaize County, (the Society) is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The Society is a county agricultural society corporation formed under Chapter 1711 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Society was founded in 1852 to direct the operation of an annual agricultural fair. The Society sponsors the week-long Auglaize County Fair during July and August. During the fair, harness races are held, culminating in the running of the Moon City Trot and Pace, Signature Series.

Auglaize County is not financially accountable for the Society. The responsibility for management of the affairs of the Society is vested in the Board of Directors. The Board is made up of twenty-one directors serving staggered three-year terms, elected from the membership of the Society. Members of the Society must be residents of Auglaize County and pay an annual membership fee to the Society.

Reporting Entity

The reporting entity includes all activity occurring on the fairgrounds. This includes the annual fair and harness racing during fair week. Other year round activities at the fairgrounds including facility rental, track and stall rental, and community events including auctions, swap meets, and trade shows. The reporting entity does not include any other activities or entities of Auglaize County, Ohio.

The financial activity of the Junior Fair Board and the Junior Livestock Sale Committee is summarized in Note 8 and Note 9, respectively.

The Society's management believes this financial statement presents all activities for which the Society is financially accountable.

B. Basis of Accounting

This financial statement follows the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

This statement includes adequate disclosure of material matters, as prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

C. Cash and Investments

Investments are included in cash balances. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

D. Property, Plant and Equipment

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as capital outlay disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statement.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
NOVEMBER 30, 2002
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Restricted Support

Restricted support includes amounts that are required by the donor to be set aside for specific uses.

F. Income Tax Status

The Society is a not-for-profit organization that is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Society has also been classified as an entity that is not a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509 (a) and qualifies for deductible contributions as provided in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v1). Management is not aware of any actions or events that would jeopardize the Society's tax status.

G. Race Purse

Stake races are conducted during the Auglaize County Fair. The Society pays all Sustaining and Entry fees and the required portion of the cash received from the Ohio Fairs Fund as Race Purse to winning horses.

Sustaining and Entry Fees

Horse owners and the Western Ohio Colt Racing Commission Association pay fees to the Society to qualify horses for entry into stake races. These payments must be made before a horse can participate in a stake race. These fees are reflected on the accompanying financial statement as Sustaining and Entry Fees.

Ohio Fairs Fund

The State of Ohio contributes money to the Society from the Ohio Fairs Fund to help supplement race purse. See Note 3 for additional information.

H. Pari-mutuel Wagering

A wagering system totals the amounts wagered and adjusts the payoff to reflect the relative amount bet on different horses and various odds. The total amount bet (also known as the "handle"), less commission, is paid to bettors in accordance with the payoffs, as determined by the parimutuel wagering system. The Society contracts with a totalizer service to collect bets and provide the parimutuel wagering system.

Parimutuel wagering commission (commission) is the Society's share of total parimutuel wagers after payment of amounts to winning bettors. The commission is determined by applying a statutory percentage to the total amount bet and is reflected in the accompanying financial statement as Parimutuel Wagering Commission. See Note 3 for additional information.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
NOVEMBER 30, 2002
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2. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The carrying amount of cash and investments at November 30, 2002 follows:

	2002
Demand deposits	\$42,650
Fifth Third Security Investment	15,555
Total deposits and investments	\$58,205

Deposits: The bank balance was covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

Investments: The Society has an investment with Fifth Third Securities. The investment is for the Menges Bequest.

3. HORSE RACING

State Support Portion of Purse

Ohio Fairs Fund money received to supplement purse for the year ended November 30, 2002 was \$4,000 and is included within State Support on the accompanying financial statement.

Parimutuel Wagering

The Society does not record the Total Amount Bet or the Payoff to Bettors in the accompany financial statement, rather, it records the Parimutuel Wagering Commission (commission) which is the Society's share of total parimutuel wagers after paying winning bettors. The expenses of providing the parimutuel wagering system are called Tote Services, and these expenses are included in Professional Service Disbursements. State taxes, which are also paid from Parimutuel Wagering Commission, are reflected in Other Operating Disbursements, and the amount remaining is the Society's net portion.

	2002
Total Amount Bet (Handle)	\$ 42,896
Less: Payoff to Bettors	(34,337)
Parimutuel Wagering Commission	8,559
Tote Service Set Up Fee	(600)
Tote Service Commission	(3,834)
State Tax	(987)
Society Portion	\$ 3,138

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
NOVEMBER 30, 2002
(Continued)**

4. DEBT

Debt outstanding at November 30, 2002 was as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
Commercial Loan	\$166,378	4.75%
Total	<u>\$166,378</u>	

The \$235,000 Commercial Loan was issued for the construction of an exhibit building and for campground expansion. The loan bears an interest rate of 4.75% and is due to the First National Bank of New Bremen. The loan was entered into on December 26, 2000 and matures February 15, 2010.

The Society has a line of credit with the First National Bank of New Bremen. The line of credit, in the amount of \$20,000, is good from November 15, 2002 through November 15, 2003. The advances are used to cover the expenses of the Fair and any other operating deficits.

5. RETIREMENT SYSTEM

All employees contribute to Social Security. This plan provides retirement benefits, including survivor and disability benefits to participants. For 2002 employees contributed 6.2% of their gross salaries. The Society contributed an amount equal to 6.2% of participant's gross salaries through November 30, 2002.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Auglaize County Commissioners provide general insurance coverage for all the buildings on the Auglaize County Fairgrounds pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 1711. 24.

The Society's Treasurer and Fair Manager are each bonded with coverage of \$100,000.

The Society provides workers compensation coverage on all employees through the State of Ohio workers compensation fund.

7. RISK POOL MEMBERSHIP

The Society belongs to the Public Entities Pool of Ohio ("PEP"), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio local governments. PEP provides property and casualty insurance for its members. PEP is a member of the American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP). Member governments pay annual contributions to fund PEP. PEP pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the members' deductibles.

Casualty Insurance

PEP retains casualty risks up to \$250,000 per claim. Claims exceeding \$250,000 are reinsured with APEEP up to \$1,750,000 per claim and \$5,000,000 in the aggregate per year. Governments can elect additional coverage, from \$2,000,000 to \$10,000,000, from the General Reinsurance Corporation.

If losses exhaust PEP's retained earnings, APEEP covers PEP losses up to \$5,000,000 per year, subject to a per-claim limit of \$2,000,000.

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NOVEMBER 30, 2002
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7. RISK POOL MEMBERSHIP (Continued)

Property Insurance

PEP retains property risks, including automobile physical damage up to \$100,000 on any specific loss. The Travelers Indemnity Company reinsures specific losses exceeding \$100,000. The Travelers Indemnity Company also provides aggregate excess coverage for property including automobile physical damage subject to an annual stop loss. When the stop loss is reached in any year, The Travelers Indemnity Company provides coverage in excess of \$10,000.

The aforementioned casualty and property reinsurance agreements do not discharge PEP's primary liability for claims payments on covered losses. Claims exceeding coverage limits are the obligation of the respective government.

Financial Position

PEP's financial statements (audited by other accountants) conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31: (Latest information available.)

	2001	2000
Casualty Coverage		
Assets	\$19,358,458	\$17,112,129
Liabilities	<u>(8,827,588)</u>	<u>(7,715,035)</u>
Retained earnings	<u>\$10,530,870</u>	<u>\$ 9,397,094</u>
Property Coverage		
Assets	\$ 1,890,323	\$ 1,575,614
Liabilities	<u>(469,100)</u>	<u>(281,561)</u>
Retained earnings	<u>\$ 1,421,223</u>	<u>\$ 1,294,053</u>

8. JUNIOR FAIR BOARD

The Junior Fair Board, which is comprised of 4-H, FFA, Boy Scout, Girl Scout, and Farm Bureau Youth organization representatives, is responsible for the Junior Fair Division activities of the Auglaize County Fair. The Society disbursed \$24,625 directly to vendors to support Junior Fair activities. These expenses are reflected as a disbursement in the accompanying financial statement as Junior Fair Disbursement. The Society was reimbursed \$11,000 by Auglaize County for its support of Junior Club work. All Junior Fair Board activity is accounted for in a separate account by the Junior Fair Board. The accompanying financial statement does not include the activities of the Junior Fair Board. The Junior Fair Board's financial activity for the year ended November 30, 2002 follows:

Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 4,213
Receipts	5,988
Disbursements	<u>(5,395)</u>
Ending Cash Balance	<u><u>\$ 4,806</u></u>

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9. JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE COMMITTEE

The Junior Livestock Committee is a separate committee charged with running the Junior Livestock Auction. This auction is held during fair week. Children may sell their animals directly to market or through the Auglaize County's auction. The accompanying financial statement does not include the activities of the Junior Livestock Committee. The Junior Livestock Committee's financial activity for the year ended November 30, 2002 follows:

Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 9,825
Receipts	269,525
Disbursements	<u>(269,563)</u>
Ending Cash Balance	<u>\$ 9,787</u>



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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND
ON INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED BY *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

Auglaize County Agricultural Society
Auglaize County
P.O. Box 431
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To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the financial statement of the Auglaize County Agricultural Society, (the Society), as of and for the year ended November 30, 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated May 1, 2003. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Society's financial statement is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Society's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatement in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statement being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that do not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the Society in a separate letter dated May 1, 2003.

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May 1, 2003



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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
JUNE 3, 2003**