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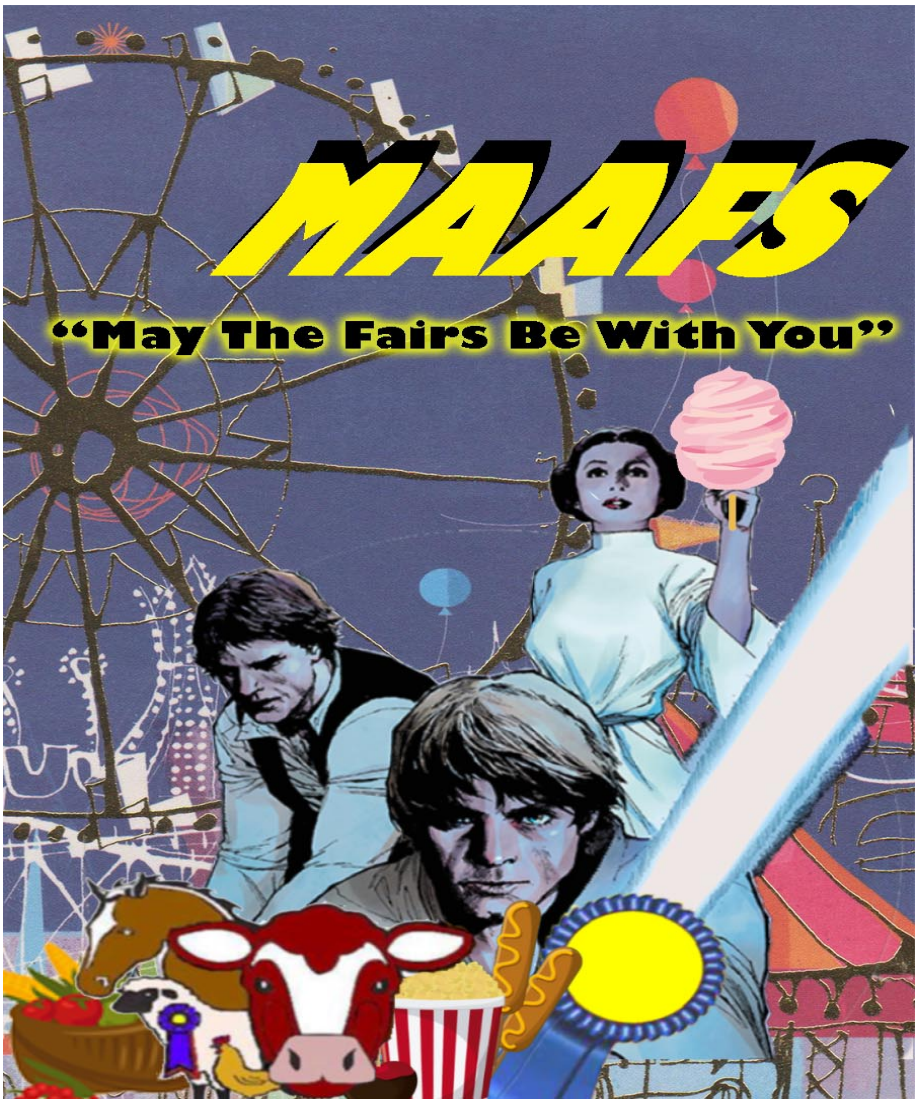
MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL FAIRS AND SHOWS

ANNUAL CONVENTION

NOVEMBER 6, 2021



President's Message

While we had a tough 2020 Fair and Show season, MAAFS still tried to stay connected with our members and associates through our "Spoonful of Sugar" virtual evening sessions. Thanks to Bobby Fogel's coordination and knowledge of "Zoom" we had an opportunity share some of the things Fairs and Shows were doing to stay active in the community. We learned about drive-thru fairs, drive-thru food events, drive-in movie nights and virtual livestock auctions. It was our Fairs and Shows that used imagination and creativity to get through a very tough year. We were also able to provide a virtual MAAFS convention which included guest speakers from across the country. It was a great way to stay connected and learn from others experience.

This year most of our Fairs and Shows were able to open in-person, while staying in compliance with local and state mandates. What kept us striving to return in 2021? A "force" within us. A desire to provide an event that shares our passion for agriculture, education, community and our heritage. That "force" is our Agricultural Fairs and Shows.

Congratulations to everyone for using your "force" to provide an event that helped your community get back to a feeling of "normalcy". We have learned a lot from this pandemic and have come through with greater desire to provide the best Fairs and Shows possible. That's why MAAFS presents the annual conference and say "May The Fairs Be With You"!
Sincerely,
Sue Sullivan,
MAAFS president

Vice President's Message

I'd like to welcome each of you (either in person or virtually) to our condensed Maryland Association of Agricultural Fairs and Shows Annual Conference. We are excited to be at the Great Frederick Fairgrounds this year for our event.

We have incorporated a ton of great speakers and events for this Saturday event and hope you will go home with added excitement and knowledge. The speakers provide a wide variety of topics for your education. Our theme this year "May the Fair be with You" promises you won't be disappointed.

The MAAFS Board of Directors encourages all attendees – whether in person or virtually to participate in all the discussions, workshops and social networking opportunities at the convention. Reach out of your comfort zone, experience something new or different. Network with other fairs/individuals than you would normally see on an everyday basis and then you can take back to your individual fairs new/different ideas/opportunities.

We hope this will help make your fair or show stronger and better in 2022.

Debbie Friend
Vice President, MAAFS

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TIME	TOPIC	ROOM	SPEAKER
8:00AM-9:30am	**Registration**	FAR FAR AWAY GALAXY	
9:45AM-10:45am	**Keynote**	ENDOR	**Jill Albanese,** Wisconsin State Fair *
	Homeland Security	NABOO	**Allen Frenette,** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
	Dealing with PETA & HSUS	TATOOINE	**Hanna Thompson-Weeman,** Animal Agriculture Alliance
11:00AM-12:00pm	**Commercial Vendors**	ENDOR	**Bethany Pomije,** Wisconsin State Fair
	Livestock	NABOO	**Emily Grunewald,** Red River Valley Fair
	Ag Education	TATOOINE	**Maria Lucero,** Erie County Fair
12:15pm-1:30pm	**Lunch sponsored by the Taisey Agency /business meeting**		**Sue Sullivan,** President *
2:00pm-3:00pm	**Round table: Commercial vendors**	CHEWBACCA	**Panel: Andy Cashman, William Herrera, Danny Agular, Deb Barnard ***
3:15pm-4:15pm	**Competitive Exhibits**	ENDOR	**Jill Albanese,** Wisconsin State Fair *
	Marketing and PR	NABOO	**Alicia Shoults,** Ohio State Fair
	Carnival food	TATOOINE	**Dominic Palmieri**, Past NICA president
4:30pm-5:30pm	**State updates**	ENDOR	
	Volunteers	NABOO	**Jennifer Dunn,** Linn County Fair
	Ticketing & marketing	TATOOINE	**Aaron Bare,** Etix
5:45pm-7:00pm	**Dinner**		
7:15pm-8:45pm	**Communications contest & fair person of the year**	BOBA FETT	

*INDICATES IN PERSON PRESENTATION

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FAIR PERSON OF THE YEAR, PAST WINNERS

2019
Deb Friend
Garrett County Agricultural Fair

2018
Sue Sullivan
Montgomery County Agricultural Fair

2017
Robert Trossbach
St. Mary's County Fair

2016
Rodman Meyers
Thurmont Emmitsburg Community Show

2015
Marty Svrcek, CFE
Montgomery County Agricultural Fair

2014
John C. Kozenski Jr.
Anne Arundel County Fair

2013
Dennis Hazzard, CFE
Delaware State Fair

2012
Connie Palmer
The Great Frederick Fair

2011
Richard Angus
Prince Georges County Fair

2010
Janice Coroneos
Baltimore County 4-H Fair

2009
Becky Brashear, CFE
The Great Frederick Fair

2008
Bill Langlotz
Baltimore County 4-H Fair

2007
D. Andrew Cashman, CFE
Maryland State Fair

2006
Mary Fleming Streaker
Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival

2005
Donald Sealing
Garrett County Fair

2004
Joseph C. Free
The Great Frederick Fair

2003
John Richards
St. Mary's County Fair

2002
Grove Miller
Maryland State Fair

2001
Kevin Kamauf
Allegany County Fair

2000
Jim Arnold
Charles County Fair

1999
Max Mosner, CFE
Maryland State Fair

1998
David Kirk
Allegany County Fair

1997
Dianna Wilson
Anne Arundel County Fair

SHOWCASE, PRESENTED BY VARIETY ATTRACTIONS

THE HILLBILLY WAY

Fan voted as “best country band” in Pittsburgh magazine’s “best of the ‘burgh 2013 readers’ poll,” THW is comprised of band-members, Abby Abbondanza (vocals), Jeff Volek (bass), Junior Guthrie (guitar), and Keith Kleinhampl (drums). Abbondanza, Volek, and Guthrie are original members of the nearly legendary, local favorite and nationally recognized Povertyneck Hillbillies who parted ways in 2008.

Since reforming as THW with a reunion concert in 2012, the group’s deep-rooted country grit sound has received praise by multiple local outlets, including being named one of the “best breakout music acts in Pittsburgh” by Pittsburgh’s KDKA.

The popular tri-state area group released a self-titled ep “the hillbilly way,” shortly after their reunion and followed it with the full-length album “just go with it.”

Recently, THW reunited with Pittsburgh native and veteran music industry executive, Shawn Pennington, when joining Pennington Entertainment’s roster, alongside Grammy-nominated duo Thompson Square and platinum-selling band Parmalee.

After signing with the Nashville based entertainment group, the group announced the release of their highly anticipated single, “Best Night Of Our Lives.” The party anthem was written by Keifer and Shawn Thompson of multi-platinum selling country duo Thompson Square, alongside highly respected Nashville songwriter JT Harding, known for writing chart-topping hits like Uncle Kracker’s “Smile,” Blake Shelton’s “Sangria,” and Kenny Chesney’s “somewhere with you,” to name a few.

Thank you, IAFE!

For providing insight understanding and training of the Fair Industry to member fairs and MAAFS.

IAFE Purpose: To represent and facilitate the interests of agricultural fairs, exhibitions and show associations. IAFE Zone II is comprised of 8 states - Delaware, Maryland, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, West Virginia and Virginia.

For more info and resources available join the IAFE network on Facebook or web
http://www.fairsandexpos.com/

Or follow the link on the MAAFS website and Facebook page.
Don't forget IAFE Zone 2 has a Facebook page!

2021 DATES

* **Annual Convention Trade Show** - November 28th to December 1st, San Antonio, TX

GROW FAIR STRONG

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2022 DATES

* **IAFE Management Conference -** April 6th to 8th, Renaissance Phoenix Downtown, Phoenix, AZ
* **Spring Judging School** - April 9th, Washington County Ag Center in the Extension office
* **Spring Forum** – May 1st, Maryland State Fair
* **Zone 2 meeting** - May 12th – 14th, in Naples, FL at the Naples Grande Beach Resort
* **Annual Convention Trade Show** - November 27th - November 30th, Indianapolis, IN

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ORIGIN AND PURPOSE

The organization was founded in 1984 and was incorporated in January 1994 as a not-for-profit corporation within the parameters of Section 501c(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The purpose of the organization is to pro-vide a state- wide mechanism for sharing information, (ideas, methods, practices, regulations, etc.) that affect fair management operations and that contributes to the best interests of the fair going public. This is accomplished through an annual convention, newsletters, correspondence, sharing of reference library materials and other support services as deemed appropriate. Member-ship eligibility is extended to any agricultural related fair, show or exhibition in Maryland with associate member-ship open to any fair-related support business/industry/organization.

MISSION Statement

MAAFS is dedicated to creating and promoting a healthy and friendly environment for visitors, exhibitors, animals and vendors at Maryland and Delaware agriculture fairs, shows and festivals, proactively offering effective strategies and solutions through education, networking and information sources to its members and associate members.

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MEMBER FAIRS

Alleganey County Fair & Ag Expo
July 2021 – TBC
11490 Moss Ave. extended
Cumberland, MD 21502

Anne Arundel County Fair
Sept. 14-18, 2022
1450 Generals Highway
Crownsville, MD 21032

Baltimore County 4-H Fair Inc
July 6 – 10, 2022
Maryland State Fairgrounds
Timonium, MD 21093

Calvert County Fair Inc
Sept. 2021 – TBC
140 Calvert Fair Drive
Barstow, MD 20610

Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair
July 30 – August 5, 2022
Carroll County Agriculture Center
Westminster, MD 21074

Cecil County Fair
July 22 – 30, 2022
4640 Telegraph Road
Fair Hill Fairgrounds
Elkton, MD 21421

Charles County Fair
Sept. 15 – 18, 2022
8444 Fairgrounds Road
LaPlata, MD

Damascus Community Fair, Inc.
Sept. 9 – 11, 2022
Damascus Fire Department
Activity Center
10211 Lewis Drive
Damascus, MD

Delaware State Fair
July 21 – 30, 2022
18500 S. DuPont Hwy
Harrington DE, 19952

Garrett County Agriculture Fair, Inc.
August 1 – 8, 2022
Garrett County Agriculture Fair Inc.
P O Box 235 (370 Mosser Road)
McHenry, MD 21541

Glade Valley Community Show
Sept. 29 – 30, 2022
Walkersville High School
81 W. Frederick St.
Walkersville, MD 21793
240-236-7200

Great Pocomoke Fair
August 2021 – TBC
2003 Broad Street
Pocomoke City, MD 21581

Harford County Farm Fair
July 20 – 30, 2022
Alice A Archer sec/Treas
PO Box 22
Bel Air, MD. 21014

Hereford Jr. Farm Fair
Sept 4 – 6, 2022
Marilyn Sparks
PO Box 122
Monkton. MD 21111

Howard County Fair
August 2021 – TBC
Howard County Fairgrounds
2210 Fairground Road
West Friendship, MD 21794

Kent County Fair
August 2021 – TBC
Kent County Fairgrounds
PO Box 386
Chestertown, MD 21720

Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival
May 7 – 8, 2022
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Maryland State Fair
August 25 – September 5, 2022
Maryland State Fairgrounds
2200 York Road
Timonium, MD 21094

Montgomery County Agricultural Fair
August 12 – 20, 2022
Montgomery County Fairgrounds
16 Chestnut Street
Gaithersburg MD 20877

St. Mary's County Fair
Sept. 22 – 25, 2022
42455 Fairgrounds Road
Leonardtown, MD 20650

Talbot County Fair
July 12 – 16, 2022
Talbot Agricultural Center
10659 Hiners Lane
Easton, MD 21601

The Great Frederick Fair
Sept. 16- 24, 2022
the e-ventplex at the Frederick Fairgrounds
797 E. Patrick Street
Frederick, MD 21701

Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show
Sept. 9 – 11, 2022
Catoctin High School
Route 550
Thurmont, MD 21788
301 271 2104

Washington Co Ag Expo & Fair
July 16 – 23, 2022
7313 Sharpsburg Pike (route 65)
Boonsboro, MD 21783

Worcester County 4-H & FFA Fair
September 16 – 28, 2022
Worcester County Fair
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York State Fair
July 22 – 31 2022
York State Fair
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