

**CLERMONT COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**
CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO

**Financial Statements
(Audited)**

**For the Fiscal Years Ended
November 30, 2019 and 2018**

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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Clermont County Agricultural Society, Clermont County, prepared by Julian & Grube, Inc., for the audit period December 1, 2017 through November 30, 2019. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Clermont County Agricultural Society is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations

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Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

June 16, 2020

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**CLERMONT COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO**

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Independent Auditor's Report

Clermont County Agricultural Society
Clermont County
P.O. Box 369
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To the Board of Trustees:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the cash balances, receipts and disbursements, and related notes of the Clermont County Agricultural Society, Clermont County, Ohio as of and for the fiscal years ended November 30, 2019 and 2018.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit; this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the Clermont County Agricultural Society's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the Clermont County Agricultural Society's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our audit opinions

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 2 of the financial statements, the Clermont County Agricultural Society prepared these financial statements using the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D), which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), to satisfy these requirements.

Although the effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory accounting basis and GAAP are not reasonably determinable, we presume they are material.

Though the Clermont County Agricultural Society does not intend these statements to conform to GAAP, auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America require us to include an adverse opinion on GAAP. However, the adverse opinion does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit. Our opinion on this accounting basis is in the *Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting* paragraph below.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Clermont County Agricultural Society as of November 30, 2019 and 2018, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the fiscal years then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances, receipts and disbursements, and related notes of the Clermont County Agricultural Society, Clermont County as of November 30, 2019 and 2018, for the fiscal years then ended in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit, described in Note 2.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 9 to the financial statement for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2019, the financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the Clermont County Agricultural Society. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 15, 2020, on our consideration of the Clermont County Agricultural Society's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Clermont County Agricultural Society's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Julian & Grube, Inc.
May 15, 2020

Clermont County Agricultural Society
Clermont County
Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and
Change in Fund Balance (Regulatory Cash Basis)
For the Year Ended November 30, 2019

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Operating Receipts	
Admissions	\$332,641
Privilege Fees	49,304
Rentals	190,451
Other Operating Receipts	<u>109,291</u>
<i>Total Operating Receipts</i>	<u>681,687</u>
Operating Disbursements	
Contracted Services/Wages and Benefits	60,681
Utilities	75,528
Professional Services	264,571
Equipment and Grounds Maintenance	91,010
Property and Rent Services	97,033
Senior Fair	24,526
Junior Fair	33,498
Capital Outlay	209,676
Other Operating Disbursements	<u>65,636</u>
<i>Total Operating Disbursements</i>	<u>922,159</u>
<i>Excess (Deficiency) of Operating Receipts</i>	
<i>Over (Under) Operating Disbursements</i>	<u>(240,472)</u>
Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)	
State Support	5,101
Donations/Contributions	178,542
Investment Income	88
Mortgage Income	108,922
Debt Service	<u>(35,970)</u>
<i>Net Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	<u>256,683</u>
<i>Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	16,211
Cash Balance, Beginning of Year	<u>276,998</u>
<i>Cash Balance, End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$293,209</u></u>

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

Clermont County Agricultural Society
Clermont County
Notes to the Financial Statement
For the Year Ended November 30, 2019

Note 1 – Reporting Entity

The Clermont County Agricultural Society, Clermont County, is a body politic and corporate established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The Society is an Independent agricultural society corporation formed under Chapter 1711 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Society was founded in 1849 to operate an annual agricultural fair. The Society sponsors the week – long Clermont County Fair during July. Clermont County is not financially accountable for the Society. The Board of Directors manages the Society. The Board is made up of 20 directors serving staggered three-year terms. Society members elect Board members from its membership. Members of the Society must be residents of Clermont County and pay an annual membership fee to the Society.

The reporting entity includes all activity occurring on the fairgrounds. This includes the annual fair, other year round activities at the fairgrounds including facility rental, track and stall rental, and community events. The reporting entity does not include any other activities or entities of Clermont County, Ohio.

Notes 7 & 8, respectively; summarize the Junior Fair Board’s and Junior Livestock Sale Committee’s financial activity. The Junior Fair Board’s financial activity is reported in the Society’s financial statements beginning with 2017.

The Society’s management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Society is financially accountable.

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The Society’s financial statements consist of a statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis).

Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D). This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Board recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit.

Deposits and Investments

The Society’s accounting basis includes investments as assets. This basis does not record disbursements for investment purchases or receipts for investment sales. This basis records gains or losses at the time of sale as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

Capital Assets

The Society records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

Clermont County Agricultural Society
Clermont County
Notes to the Financial Statement
For the Year Ended November 30, 2019
(Continued)

Income Tax Status

The Society is a not-for-profit organization, exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Society is not a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509 (a). Contributions to the Society are deductible per Section 170(b) (1) (A) (v1). Management is unaware of any actions or events that would jeopardize the Society's tax status.

Note 3 – Deposits

The Society maintains a deposit pool all funds use. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits. The carrying amount of deposits at November 30 was as follows:

	<u>2019</u>
Demand deposits	\$293,209
Total deposits	\$293,209

Deposits

Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or collateralized through the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution.

Note 4 – Risk Management

The Society provides workers compensation coverage on all employees through the State of Ohio workers compensation fund. Coverage is currently in effect.

The Clermont County Commissioners provide general insurance coverage for all the buildings on the Clermont County Fairgrounds pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 1711.24.

The Society is a member of the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (The Pool). The Pool assumes the risk of loss up to the limits of the (local entity's) policy. The Pool covers the following risks:

- General liability and casualty
- Public official's liability
- Cyber
- Law enforcement liability
- Automobile liability
- Vehicles
- Property
- Equipment breakdown

The Pool reported the following summary of assets and actuarially-measured liabilities available to pay those liabilities as of December 31(the latest information available):

	<u>2018</u>
Cash and investments	\$ 35,381,789
Actuarial liabilities	\$ 12,965,015

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Notes to the Financial Statement
For the Year Ended November 30, 2019
(Continued)

Note 5 – Debt

Debt outstanding at November 30, 2019, was as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
Park National Bank	\$168,168	5.75% and 5.69%
Total	\$168,168	

The original \$169,000 Loan from Park National Bank was for the completion of a Hog Barn for the Clermont County Fairgrounds bears an interest rate of 5.75 percent and is due to Park National Bank. The note was entered into on January 12, 2017 and matures September 1, 2026. Proceeds of the loan were used to complete a new hog barn during the 2016-2017 reporting period. The loan balance at the end of the reporting period was \$69,247.

During the fiscal year ending November 30, 2019 reporting period, the Society borrowed \$110,000.00 for the completion of a Poultry/Rabbit facility on the Clermont County Fairgrounds, bears an interest rate of 5.69% and is due to Park National Bank, Owensville, Ohio. The Note was entered into on April 3, 2019 and matures April 3, 2029. The Loan Balance at the end of the reporting period was \$98,921.

Amortization of the above debt's principal and interest is scheduled as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending	<u>Hog Barn Loan</u>	<u>Poultry Barn Loan</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>November 30,</u>			
2020	\$21,508	\$14,443	\$35,951
2021	21,508	14,443	35,951
2022	21,508	14,443	35,951
2023	10,033	14,443	24,476
2024	-	14,443	14,443
2025 - 2028	-	57,771	57,771
Total	\$74,557	\$129,986	\$204,543

Note 6 – Related Party Transactions

None for reporting period ending November 30, 2019.

Note 7 – 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 Clermont County Fair. The Society disbursed \$33,498 during the fiscal year ended November 30, 2019 to support Junior Fair activities. These expenses are reflected under other operating disbursements in the accompanying financial statements.

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For the Year Ended November 30, 2019
(Continued)

Note 8 – 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 Clermont County’s auction. A commission of 4% percent on auction sales covers auction costs. The Junior Livestock Committee retains this money. The accompanying financial statement does not include the Junior Livestock Committee’s activities. The Junior Livestock Committee’s financial activity for the year ended November 30, 2019, was as follows:

Beginning Cash Balance 12/1/2018	10,745
Receipts	\$244,301
Disbursements	\$239,897
Ending Cash Balance	\$15,149

Note 9 – Subsequent Events

The United States of America and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing measures will impact subsequent periods of the Society. The impact on the Society’s future operating costs, revenues, and any recovery from emergency funding, either federal or state, cannot be estimated.

Clermont County Agricultural Society
Clermont County
Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and
Change in Fund Balance (Regulatory Cash Basis)
For the Year Ended November 30, 2018

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Operating Receipts	
Admissions	\$333,081
Privilege Fees	53,252
Rentals	214,684
Other Operating Receipts	<u>87,217</u>
<i>Total Operating Receipts</i>	<u>688,234</u>
 Operating Disbursements	
Contract Services/Wages and Benefits	60,784
Utilities	91,829
Professional Services	233,379
Equipment and Grounds Maintenance	119,393
Property and Rent Services	99,896
Senior Fair	20,225
Junior Fair	44,494
Capital Outlay	13,112
Other Operating Disbursements	<u>69,588</u>
<i>Total Operating Disbursements</i>	<u>752,700</u>
 <i>Excess (Deficiency) of Operating Receipts</i>	
<i>Over (Under) Operating Disbursements</i>	<u>(64,466)</u>
 Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)	
State Support	5,070
Local Support	3,300
Donations/Contributions	105,018
Investment Income	25
Debt Service	<u>(21,508)</u>
<i>Net Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	<u>91,905</u>
 <i>Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	27,439
 Cash Balance, Beginning of Year	<u>249,559</u>
 <i>Cash Balance, End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$276,998</u></u>

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

Clermont County Agricultural Society
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Notes to the Financial Statement
For the Year Ended November 30, 2018

Note 1 – Reporting Entity

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The reporting entity includes all activity occurring on the fairgrounds. This includes the annual fair, other year round activities at the fairgrounds including facility rental, track and stall rental, and community events. The reporting entity does not include any other activities or entities of Clermont County, Ohio.

Notes 7 & 8, respectively; summarize the Junior Fair Board’s and Junior Livestock Sale Committee’s financial activity. The Junior Fair Board’s financial activity is reported in the Society’s financial statements beginning with 2017.

The Society’s management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Society is financially accountable.

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The Society’s financial statements consist of a statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis).

Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D). This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Board recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit.

Deposits and Investments

The Society’s accounting basis includes investments as assets. This basis does not record disbursements for investment purchases or receipts for investment sales. This basis records gains or losses at the time of sale as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

Capital Assets

The Society records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

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Notes to the Financial Statement
For the Year Ended November 30, 2018
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Income Tax Status

The Society is a not-for-profit organization, exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Society is not a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509 (a). Contributions to the Society are deductible per Section 170(b) (1) (A) (v1). Management is unaware of any actions or events that would jeopardize the Society's tax status.

Note 3 – Deposits

The Society maintains a deposit pool all funds use. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits. The carrying amount of deposits and investments at November 30 was as follows:

	<u>2018</u>
Demand deposits	\$276,998
Total deposits	\$276,998

Deposits

Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or collateralized through the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution.

Note 4 – Risk Management

The Society provides workers compensation coverage on all employees through the State of Ohio workers compensation fund. Coverage is currently in effect.

The Clermont County Commissioners provide general insurance coverage for all the buildings on the Clermont County Fairgrounds pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 1711.24.

The Society is a member of the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (The Pool). The Pool assumes the risk of loss up to the limits of the (local entity's) policy. The Pool covers the following risks:

- General liability and casualty
- Public official's liability
- Cyber
- Law enforcement liability
- Automobile liability
- Vehicles
- Property
- Equipment breakdown

The Pool reported the following summary of assets and actuarially-measured liabilities available to pay those liabilities as of December 31:

	<u>2018</u>
Cash and investments	\$ 35,381,789
Actuarial liabilities	\$ 12,965,0115

Clermont County Agricultural Society
Clermont County
Notes to the Financial Statement
For the Year Ended November 30, 2018
(Continued)

Note 5 – Debt

Debt outstanding at November 30, 2018, was as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
Park National Bank	\$86,432	5.75%
Total	\$86,432	

The original \$169,000 Loan from Park National Bank was for the completion of a hog barn for the Clermont County Fairgrounds bears an interest rate of 5.75 percent and is due to Park National Bank. The note was entered into on January 12, 2017 and matures September 1, 2026. Proceeds of the loan were used to complete a new hog barn during the 2016-2017 reporting period. The loan balance at the end of the reporting period was \$86,432.

Amortization of the above debt’s principal and interest is scheduled as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending November 30,	Hog Barn Loan
2019	\$21,508
2020	21,508
2021	21,508
2022	21,508
2023	10,033
2024 - 2028	-
Total	\$96,065

Note 6 – Related Party Transactions

A board member is the owner of a company from which the Society acquired sound systems services during the fair. The Society paid \$14,263 in 2018.

Note 7 – 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 Clermont County Fair. The Junior Fair Board accounted for its activities separately thru 2016. The Society disbursed \$44,494 during the fiscal year ended November 30, 2018 to support Junior Fair activities. These expenses are reflected under operating disbursements in the accompanying financial statements.

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For the Year Ended November 30, 2018
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Note 8 – 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 Clermont County’s auction. A commission of 4% percent on auction sales covers auction costs. The Junior Livestock Committee retains this money. The accompanying financial statement does not include the Junior Livestock Committee’s activities. The Junior Livestock Committee’s financial activity for the year ended November 30, 2018, was as follows:

Beginning Cash Balance 12/1/2017	\$21,591
Receipts	\$238,748
Disbursements	\$249,594
Ending Cash Balance	\$10,744

**Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on
Compliance and Other Matters Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

Clermont County Agricultural Society
Clermont County
P.O. Box 369
Owensville, Ohio 45160

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the cash balances, receipts, and disbursements of the Clermont County Agricultural Society, Clermont County, Ohio, as of and for the fiscal years ended November 30, 2019 and 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 15, 2020 wherein we noted Clermont County Agricultural Society followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit. Furthermore, as discussed in Note 9 to the financial statement for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2019, the financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered Clermont County Agricultural Society's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinions on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of Clermont County Agricultural Society's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of Clermont County Agricultural Society's financial statements. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all internal control deficiencies that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider material weaknesses. However, unidentified material weaknesses may exist.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether Clermont County Agricultural Society's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of Clermont County Agricultural Society's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Clermont County Agricultural Society's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



Julian & Grube, Inc.
May 15, 2020

OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE
KEITH FABER



CLERMONT COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

CLERMONT COUNTY

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 30, 2020**