

**MONROE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
MONROE COUNTY**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT
(AUDITED)**

FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2014 AND 2013

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Board of Directors
Monroe County Agricultural Society
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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Monroe County Agricultural Society, Monroe County, prepared by Julian & Grube, Inc., for the audit period December 1, 2012 through November 30, 2014. 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 Monroe County Agricultural Society is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

November 16, 2014

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Independent Auditor's Report

Monroe County Agricultural Society
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To the Board of Directors:

Report on the Financial Statement

We have audited the accompanying financial statement and related notes of the Monroe County Agricultural Society, Monroe County, Ohio, as of and for the years ended November 30, 2014 and 2013.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting this financial statement 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 this financial statement 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 statement is 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 Monroe County Agricultural Society's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement 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 Monroe County Agricultural Society's internal control. Accordingly, we express no 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 opinion.

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

As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the Monroe County Agricultural Society prepared this financial statement 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.

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

Though the Monroe County Agricultural Society does not intend this statement 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 statement referred to above does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Monroe County Agricultural Society as of November 30, 2014 and 2013, or changes in financial position or cash flows for the years then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances of the Monroe County Agricultural Society, Monroe County, Ohio, as of November 30, 2014 and 2013, and its cash receipts and disbursements for the 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 1.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 19, 2015, on our consideration of the Monroe 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 Monroe County Agricultural Society's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Julian & Grube, Inc.
August 19, 2015

**MONROE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
MONROE COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE (CASH BASIS)
FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2014 AND 2013**

	2014	2013
Operating Receipts:		
Admissions	\$ 106,046	\$ 105,607
Privilege Fees	19,181	20,780
Racing	8,081	3,098
Sales Activity	5,259	3,638
Utilities	2,185	1,844
Rentals	30,993	33,373
Sustaining and Entry Fees	13,054	13,723
Local Government	15,000	10,100
	<u>199,799</u>	<u>192,163</u>
Operating Disbursements:		
Wages and Benefits	833	951
Administration Expense	9,844	10,115
Supplies (Resale)	4,574	2,639
Supplies	12,987	1,370
Utilities	22,213	19,408
Professional Services	64,605	52,436
Equipment and Grounds Maintenance	16,845	9,967
Race Expenses	46,892	35,041
Senior Fair Expense	2,982	3,905
Junior Fair Expense	12,432	11,648
Other Fair Expense	110	2,405
Contests Expense	23,173	38,472
Insurance	27,158	20,785
Rent and Leases	8,288	5,700
Advertising	8,301	7,291
Repairs	12,506	26,436
Capital Outlay	699	3,751
Miscellaneous Expense	833	1,230
Total Operating Disbursements	<u>275,275</u>	<u>253,550</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Operating Receipts Over (Under) Operating Disbursements	<u>(75,476)</u>	<u>(61,387)</u>
Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements):		
State Support	44,807	36,974
Restricted Support	169,796	19,571
Unrestricted Support	17,094	14,431
Investment Income	129	209
Dividends	1,085	1,407
Asset Sales	1,975	1,113
	<u>234,886</u>	<u>73,705</u>
Net Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)	<u>234,886</u>	<u>73,705</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	159,410	12,318
Cash Balance, Beginning of Year	<u>115,032</u>	<u>102,714</u>
Cash Balance, End of Year	<u>\$274,442</u>	<u>\$115,032</u>

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2014 AND 2013

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of the Monroe County Agricultural Society, Monroe County (the "Society"), as a body corporate and politic. The Society is a county agricultural society corporation formed under Chapter 1711 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Society was founded in 1850 to operate an annual agricultural fair. The Society sponsors the week-long Monroe County Fair during August. During the fair, harness races are held, culminating in the running of the Speed Racing. Monroe County is not financially accountable for the Society. The Board of Directors manage the Society. The Board is made up of 18 directors serving staggered three-year terms. Society members elect Board members from its membership. Members of the Society must be residents of Monroe 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 and 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 Monroe County, Ohio.

Notes 5 and 6 summarize the Junior Fair Board's and Junior Livestock Sale Committee's financial activity, respectively.

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

B. Accounting Basis

This financial statement follows 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). The 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. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

This statement includes 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.

C. 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.

D. Property, Plant, and Equipment

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

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

E. 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.

F. Race Purse

Harness stake races are held during the Monroe 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 Southern Valley Colt Circuit pay fees to the Society to qualify horses for entry into stake races. They must make payment before a horse can participate in a stake race. The accompanying financial statement report these fees as Sustaining and Entry Fees.

Ohio Fairs Fund

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

G. Restricted Assets

Assets are reported as restricted when limitations on their use change the nature or normal understanding of the availability of the asset. Such constraints are either imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors, or laws of other governments, or are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. For both fiscal years, monies held with restrictions were largely used for the daily operation and/or sponsorships of the fair, as well as a future capital project.

NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of deposits at November 30, 2014 and 2013 was as follows:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Demand Deposits	<u>\$ 274,442</u>	<u>\$ 115,032</u>

Deposits: Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or collateralized by the financial institutions public entity deposit pool.

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NOTE 3 - HORSE RACING

State Support Portion of Purse

The financial statement reports Ohio Fairs Fund money, received to supplement purse for the years ended November 30, 2014 and 2013 in the amount of \$40,527 and \$29,233, respectively, as State Support.

NOTE 4 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Society is exposed to various risks of property and casualty losses, and injuries to employees.

The Society insures against injuries to employees through the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation.

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 coverage for its members. American Risk Pooling Consultants, Inc. (ARPCO), a division of York Insurance Services Group, Inc. (York), functions as the administrator of PEP and provides underwriting, claims, loss control, risk management, and reinsurance services for PEP. PEP is a member of the American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP), which is also administered by ARPCO. 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 and Property Coverage

APEEP provides PEP with an excess risk-sharing program. Under this arrangement, PEP retains insured risks up to an amount specified in the contracts. At December 31, 2013, PEP retained \$350,000 for casualty claims and \$100,000 for property claims.

The aforementioned casualty and property reinsurance agreement does 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 net position at December 31, 2012 and 2013 (the latest information available):

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Assets	\$34,389,569	\$34,411,883
Liabilities	<u>(14,208,353)</u>	<u>(12,760,194)</u>
Net Position	<u>\$20,181,216</u>	<u>\$21,651,689</u>

At December 31, 2012 and 2013, respectively, the liabilities above include approximately \$13.1 million and \$11.6 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The assets above also include approximately \$12.6 million and \$11.1 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 475 member Society's in the future, as of December 31, 2012 and 2013, respectively. These amounts will be included in future contributions from members when the related claims are due for payment. As of December 31, 2013, the Society's share of these unpaid claims collectible in future years is approximately \$11,000.

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NOTE 4 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)

Based on discussions with PEP, the expected rates PEP charges to compute member contributions, which are used to pay claims as they become due, are not expected to change significantly from those used to determine the historical contributions detailed below. By contract, the annual liability of each member is limited to the amount of financial contributions required to be made to PEP for each year of membership.

<u>Contributions to PEP</u>	
<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
\$15,732	\$20,360

After one year of membership, a member may withdraw on the anniversary of the date of joining PEP, if the member notifies PEP in writing 60 days prior to the anniversary date. Upon withdrawal, members are eligible for a full or partial refund of their capital contributions, minus the subsequent year's contribution. Withdrawing members have no other future obligation to PEP. Also upon withdrawal, payments for all casualty claims and claim expenses become the sole responsibility of the withdrawing member, regardless of whether a claim occurred or was reported prior to the withdrawal.

NOTE 5 - 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 Monroe County Fair. The Society disbursed \$12,432 and \$11,648, respectively, to the Junior Fair Board. These expenses are reflected as a disbursement in the accompanying financial statement as Junior Fair Disbursement. The Junior Fair Board accounts for its activities separately. This accompanying financial statement does not include this activity. The Junior Fair Board's financial activity for the years ended November 30, 2014 and 2013 follows:

	2014	2013
Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 652	\$ 571
Receipts	1,581	1,629
Disbursements	(1,721)	(1,548)
Ending Cash Balance	\$ 512	\$ 652

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NOTE 6 - 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 Monroe County's auction. A commission of 5 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 years ended November 30, 2014 and 2013 follows:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 74,307	\$ 25,906
Receipts	483,404	360,176
Disbursements	<u>(480,760)</u>	<u>(311,775)</u>
Ending Cash Balance	<u>\$ 76,951</u>	<u>\$ 74,307</u>



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

Monroe County Agricultural Society
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To the Board of Directors:

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 statement of the Monroe County Agricultural Society, Monroe County, Ohio, as of and for the years ended November 30, 2014 and 2013 and the related notes to the financial statement and have issued our report thereon dated August 19, 2015, wherein we noted the Monroe County Agricultural Society followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the Monroe 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 opinion on the financial statement, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the Monroe 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 the Monroe County Agricultural Society's financial statement. 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.

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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Monroe County Agricultural Society's financial statement is 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 the Monroe 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 the Monroe County Agricultural Society's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Julian & Grube, Inc.
August 19, 2015



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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

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DECEMBER 1, 2015**