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The Western Michigan Fair Association continues committed to promoting the Mason County Fairgrounds as a destination for all ages and interests, offering a diverse variety of activities.

Our associations statement of purpose is to promote the interests of agriculture, horticulture, education, mechanical arts, fine arts, fruit and grain products, stock raising and dairy products, domestic science, community service, entertainment and kindred spirits for the entire region which we continue to live by.

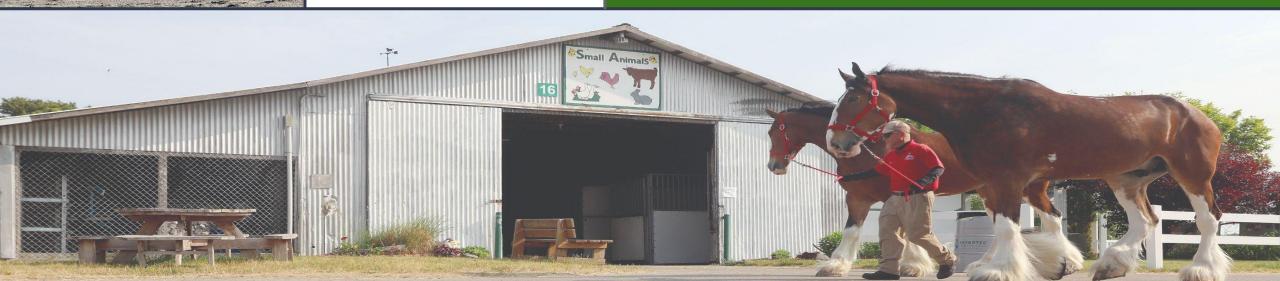




# Highlights from 2023

- Mason-Lake Conservation District Annual Tree Sale
- Community Cats TNR Yard Sale
- Spring & Fall District #10 Health Department Medication
  Take Back Events
- WMFA Sponsored Demo Derby & TNT State Championship
  Demo Derby
- A Quad Show Extravaganza Rabbit Shov
- All American Circus
- Lakeshore Spring Classic Steer Show
- Lakeshore Hog Spectacular
- Hosted Anheuser-Bush Budweiser Clydesdales
- Water Wonderland Winnies Winnebago Trailer Rally & Michigan Escapees Trailer Rally
- PM Motoring Car Club Outdoor Show
- Harbor Classic Quarter Horse Show & Lisa Terry Memorial Quarter Horse SHow

- MIHA Jr. & Sr. Equestrian Meets
- Seven Additional Open Horse Shows
- 20th Annual Shoreline All Breed Youth Shows
- 84th Annual Western Michigan Fair
- Hosted Hayworth employees "Day at the Fair"
- Hosted Harness Racing with largest purse awards for the Spartan Stakes and MI Bred Colt Races
- Two MCC Cross Country Track Meets
- WMOM MOMster BASH



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# Buildings & Grounds Updates



Multi-year initiative to cover an arena continues to be pursued. These pictures are a rendering of similar projects. Gravel drive installed to improve access to RV dump station, making it easier and safer for RVers to clean their tanks.



The Western Michigan Fair Association continues to invest in the future of our buildings and grounds by making improvements to our facilities and infrastructure.

We continue making investments to help ensure the fairgrounds remains a vibrant and attractive destination for visitors from all over!



The Power House's exterior was renovated to match the architectural style of other surrounding buildings.





# 84th Annual Western Michigan Fair

11,458 Gate Admissions

75 Exhibitors Participated in the 2023 Western Michigan Fair with 739 Exhibits/Entries

\$283,883 - Total Market Sales with Western Michigan Livestock Council 106 Youth Exhibitors sold projects



Western Michigan Livestock Council Sale Raised \$3,767 to the Childhood Cancer Campaign, \$1,830 to the WillStrong Foundation and \$3,481 for their WMLC Scholarship Fund.



Brayden Overmyer and others show their pigs during the Western Michigan Fair Tuesday at the Mason County Fairground Pere Marquette Township.





10/26/23 Accrual Basis	Western Michigan Fair Association Balance Sheet As of October 31, 2023		
		Oct 31, 23	
	ASSETS Current Assets Checking/Savings		
	Petty Cash 1000 - West Shore Bank - General 1010 - West Shore - Premium Account 1015 - West Shore Bank - Shoreline 1020 - West Shore - Harness Racing 1030 - West Shore Bank - Savings 1035 - West Shore Bank - AED Account	30.00 69,519.66 1,154.22 6,642.25 9,762.11 10,513.02 3,568.74	
	Total Checking/Savings	101,190.00	
	Accounts Receivable 11000 · Accounts Receivable	18,350.00	
	Total Accounts Receivable	18,350.00	
	Other Current Assets Community Foundation Investment	1,000.00	
	Total Other Current Assets	1,000.00	
	Total Current Assets	120,540.00	
	Fixed Assets 1500 - Equipment 1510 - Building and Improvements 1520 - Barns 1530 - Stalls 1575 - Accumulated Depreciation	108,028.10 230,088.79 172,059.04 51,427.49 -147,804.00	
	Total Fixed Assets	413,799.42	
	TOTAL ASSETS	534,339.42	
	LIABILITIES & EQUITY Liabilities Current Liabilities Accounts Payable		
	2000 · Accounts Payable	-2,963.52	
	Total Accounts Payable	-2,963.52	
	Other Current Liabilities West Shore Bank - Line of Credi 2100 - Payroll Liabilities 2100.1 - Fed Taxes (941/944) 2100.2 - Federal Unemployment (940) 2100.3 - Michigan Withholding 2100.4 - Michigan Unemployment	-11,189.20 1,359.52 49.11 2,716.14 41.20	
	2100 · Payroll Liabilities - Other	89.19	
	Total 2100 · Payroll Liabilities	4,255.16	
	2221 · Accrued Interest Mason Co. Barn	898.00	
	Total Other Current Liabilities	-6,036.04	
	Total Current Liabilities	-8,999.56	
	Long Term Liabilities 2230 · Mason County - Barn Loan 2240 · MQHA - Stalls	123,275.00 15,000.00	
	Total Long Term Liabilities	138,275.00	
	Total Liabilities	129,275.44	
	Equity		

4:29 PM 10/26/23 Accrual Basis	Western Michigan Fair Association Balance Sheet As of October 31, 2023		
		Oct 31, 23	
	30000 · Opening Balance Equity Net Income	14,789.59 85,902.45	
	Total Equity	405,063.98	

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY** 

534,339.42

4:16 PM	Western Michigan Fair Association		
10/26/23	Profit & Loss		
Accrual Basis	November 2022 through Oct	ober 2023	
		Nov '22 - Oct 23	
	Ordinary Income/Expense		
	Income 3100 · Donations		
	3350 · Individual Contributions	-193.00	
	3360 · Foundation Grant Income	10,000.00	
	3100 · Donations - Other	7,690.00	
	Total 3100 · Donations	17,497,00	
	4000 · Fair Events	146,371,49	
	4100 · Grandstands	18,729.90	
	41005 · Sawdust-Fair	346.50	
	4115 · Camping	16,447.50	
	4151 · Harness Racing Income	308,224.50	
	4200 · Building Rental/Winter Storage	50,615.00 440.00	
	4300 · Membership Fees		
	4380 · Sponsorship	17,475.00	
	4500 · Special Events	7 450 00	
	4510 · Stalls	7,450.00	
	4530 · Shavings	19,132.25	
100	4540 · Trailer In - Rig	240.00	
	4560 · Areana	3,900.00	
	4570 - Concession Stand	6,843.98	
	4575 · Sound System Fee	137.50	
	4580 · Vendor Fee	300.00	
	4630 · Misc Fee	-244.00	
	4650 · Golf cart rental	315.00	
	4710 · Rentals	-150.00	
	4730 · Ribbons & Medals 4500 · Special Events - Other	-2,902.38 74,291.55	
		109,313.90	
	Total 4500 · Special Events		
	Total Income	685,460.79	
	Gross Profit	685,460.79	
	Expense		
	4999 · Grandstand Events	8,000.00	
	5100 · Fair Week Events		
	5180 · Harness Racing	301,736.66	
	5181 · Fair Expenses/Ribbons/Supplies	10,121.92	
	5260 - Golf Carts	5,300.00	
	5610 · Judges	5,025.35	
	5100 · Fair Week Events - Other	43,646.52	
	Total 5100 · Fair Week Events	365,830.45	
	5300 · Special Misc Events	-5,859.66	
	5420 - Shavings	17,619.70	
	6000 · Advertising Exp	12,498.35	
	6100 · General Supplies	1,272.26	
	6150 · Concession Expense	2,336.70	
	6200 · Insurance	14,130.25	
	6250 · Licenses and Permits	470.00	
	6300 · Professional Services		
	Obrinski Lawsuit	15,000.00	
	6305 · Janitorial Services	1,737.75	
	6310 · Accounting Fees	1,400.00	
	6320 · Outside Services	4,655.00	
	6325 · Securtly Crew	4,800.00	
	6300 · Professional Services - Other	8.00	
	Total 6300 · Professional Services	27,600.75	
	6330 · Office Supplies		
	6331 · Printer Ink/Paper Etc.	405.63	
	6332 · Postage	274.56	

## Western Michigan Fair Association Profit & Loss November 2022 through October 2023

6350 · Repairs and Maintenance  3,504.50    6356 · Janitorial Supplies  3,228.47    6358 · Supplies and Small Equipment  2,653.50    6350 · Repairs and Maintenance - Other  22,124.42    Total 6350 · Repairs and Maintenance  31,120.85    6370 · Service Charges and Late Fees  28.62    6410 · Utilities  615.76    6411 · OTE - Gas  615.76    6411 · OTE - Gas  615.76    6412 · Zlehtma - Propane  1,132.73    6410 · Gas - Other  100.00    Total 6410 · Gas - Other  100.00    Total 6410 · Gas - Other  100.00    Total 6410 · Gas - Other  1,048.49    6412 · Zlehtma - Propane  1,132.73    6413 · Other  100.00    Total 6410 · Gas  1,848.49    6412 · Detrine - Consumers  20,726.04    6425 · Internet and Website Expense  990.06    6425 · Internet and Website Expense  5,305.31    6435 · Telephone, Telecommunications  1,526.55    6511 · Sawdust  1,170.00    6520 · Payroll Expenses - Other  26,852.86    6600 · Payroll Expenses  28,852.86    6600 · Payroll Expenses  24,998.45    6500 · Payroll Expenses  24,998.45    6500 · Payroll Expenses  24,998.45		Nov '22 - Oct 23
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As our facilities open each year, welcoming visitors from near and far, the legacy of these remarkable women and our countless volunteers can be noticed all over the grounds. Their spirit of service and commitment to excellence continues to inspire others to give of their time and talents, ensuring that the Western Michigan Fair remains a vibrant and cherished tradition for generations to come.

#### Paddy Baker, Marcia Hansen, Mary Cregg



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# **Shoreline All Breed Youth Show**

The Shoreline All Breed Youth Show reached a significant milestone this year, celebrating its 20th anniversary. The show is held annually at the Mason County Fairgrounds hosted by our Volunteers.

Over the years, the Shoreline All Breed Youth Show has grown in popularity, attracting participants from all over.

The Shoreline All Breed Youth Show is a valuable asset to our community, and it is sure to continue to be a success for many years to come.

## 2023 Mary Ellen Caswell Sportsmanship Award Recipient Alexus Settler



Alexus's Quote - "In everything you do - Always be kind"







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# **Rod Baker** March 24, 1946 - February 20, 2023 **Beloved Director & Volunteer for** over 25 years.

Rod's passing in 2023 was a profound loss to the Western Michigan Fair Association. His absence is keenly felt by all who knew him. His legacy lives on in the countless lives he touched and the indelible mark he left on our organization, which he truly loved.

Rod Baker was a true champion of the Western Michigan Fair. His dedication, passion, and selfless service will never be forgotten.



Sculpture dedicated in memory of Rod Baker