

# BRIGDEN FAIR

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1850

MOORE

2025

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY



**HOME GROWN, HOME MADE  
FARM FRESH**

**THANKSGIVING WEEKEND**

**October 10 - 13, 2025**

**ONTARIO'S OUTSTANDING  
FALL FAIR**

**175  
YEARS**

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# GREETINGS FROM THE 2025 PRESIDENTS MOORE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

## "HOME GROWN, HOME MADE, FARM FRESH"

As Moore Agricultural Society proudly celebrated 175 years of tradition, we were reminded of the deep roots and enduring spirit that have shaped our community and our Fair since 1850. What began as a gathering of neighbours to share their harvests, livestock, and homemade goods has blossomed into one of the most cherished traditions in our region.

This year's theme, **"Home Grown, Home Made, Farm Fresh"**, spoke to the very heart of who we are. It reflected our commitment to celebrating local agriculture, craftsmanship, and the values that have sustained rural life for generations. Whether it is the pride in a perfectly baked pie, the dedication behind a champion steer or the joy of gathering with family and friends at the fairgrounds, everything we celebrate is grown, made, and nurtured right here at home.

We are honoured to carry forward this legacy with gratitude for the many volunteers, exhibitors, sponsors, and community members who make the Brigden Fair a success year after year. As we look to the future, we do so with the same spirit of innovation and togetherness that has defined our past.

Sometimes words are not enough but we would like to extend a big "thank you" to everyone who contributed throughout the year either with their time, sponsorship or assisting with banquets, fundraising events, and ongoing maintenance.

Traditions vary depending on our families and cultures but for many fairgoers - Thanksgiving means Brigden Fair. So, become a part of our tradition and we will see you at the Brigden Fall Fair.

Here's to 175 years of progress and tradition - and to a future that remains proudly **"Home Grown, Home Made, Farm Fresh"**.

### Michelle & Kathy



Michelle Evanitski  
President  
Moore Agricultural Society



Kathy Scott  
Homecraft President  
Moore Agricultural Society

# Meet Your 2025-2026 Bridgen Fair Ambassador Serena Nicolai!



Hi everyone! I'm beyond excited and proud to introduce myself as this year's Bridgen Fair Ambassador. My name is Serena Nicolai, and while some of you may know me from around the community, I've just moved back home after spending the last few years in Kitchener, where I completed my studies in Welding Engineering Technology.

I was incredibly blessed during school to receive several amazing scholarships, including the Canadian Nuclear Award, the Linde Bursary, and the Nicole LeClair Welding Award. These recognitions helped support my journey and fueled my passion for the trades. Since graduating, I've also earned welding inspection certifications and continued to grow my career in the field which has led me to being the quality control lead at St. Clair Mechanical Inc which is directly across from the fair grounds funny enough.

Being away from home, especially around Thanksgiving, was tough—because in my family, Bridgen Fair is a tradition. Every year, my whole family goes, and for the past few years, I had to miss it while studying for midterms. It never felt right not being there. So this year, I knew I had to be involved as much as I possibly could—and I couldn't be more honoured to step into this role.

Growing up, I was always happiest with a horse under me or visiting my friends and family. I was active in 4-H, surrounded by agriculture, and spent a lot of time at my dad's asphalt plant, where I found my love for welding... even if it was from repair work. Let's just say—I was always more comfortable with holding an electrode holder than a makeup brush!

The Bridgen Fair has held a special place in my heart for as long as I can remember. From showing off 4-H projects, to my first Ferris wheel and helicopter rides, the fair has always felt like home. My favourite part? Watching everyone proudly present their livestock and projects—the heart and hard work behind them is something truly special.



It's hard to choose a single favourite memory, but one that always stands out is riding in the back of Dean Dochstader's mule carriage during the obstacle race. As someone who grew up with horses, I understood obstacles—but not with mules and a carriage involved! That was something else entirely, and I'll never forget the excitement of that day.

I'm truly  
honoured to  
represent this  
fair and the  
community that  
raised me. I can't  
wait to celebrate  
everything that  
makes the  
Bridgen Fair  
such a beloved  
tradition.  
Here's to an  
unforgettable  
fair season!

Serena





## 2025-2026 Mini Ambassador Payton Capes



Payton is 7 years old and attends Brigden Public School.  
She loves being outside and playing with her siblings.

Payton enjoys playing hockey for Mooretown as a forward.  
She also loves dancing and gymnastics.

Payton wants to be a teacher when she grows up  
to help teach other children.

Payton is a very caring, loving and passionate girl  
who loves to help others whenever she can.



**Payton Capes  
Brigiden Fair  
Mini  
Ambassador**



## "GOLDEN AMBASSADORS"



## How to choose just one Golden Ambassador?????

After hearing the Ambassador speeches, it was apparent that the community realizes that Brigden Fair operates as a whole and it takes a lot of different mentors to run our 4 days of chaos and everything in between.

It wouldn't be just to place one of these valued individuals over the other as together they have been a part of every committee at the fairgrounds and we would not be here on our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary without their dedication and commitment. It was decided to celebrate and recognize the outstanding contributions and legacies that these four have brought to Moore Agricultural Society.

**NOW A LITTLE  
ABOUT EACH OF OUR GOLDEN AMBASSADORS**



# "GOLDEN AMBASSADOR CONTESTANTS"

## **Duncan MacRae**

What can one say about Duncan MacRae.

From potato peeling, to washing pots & pans, to instructing volunteers on how to properly run and clean the automatic dishwasher to storage manager to selling fundraising tickets. Duncan epitomizes the characteristics of an Ambassador. He can be found handing out promotional material every where that he goes – whether the grocery store, doctor's office or anywhere in between. There are very few tasks that Duncan will not take on – if you need straw for the cattle shows or the farmyard – he will make it happen.

Duncan was proud to be President of the Brigden Fair in 1991 and has a lot of stories to tell from those years and the amount of Rain that Mother Nature gifted us with. Along with his wife Donelda, they were awarded the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies Service Award in 2005.

A member of many committees including Grounds & Buildings, Exhibition Hall Set up and Take Down, How Does Your Garden Grow and honorary member of the Rabbit/Guinea Pig shows, Duncan is a font of information. For years he has been responsible for oiling the Ploughman, turning on and off the water systems as needed and has now turned over going down into the Water Pit to younger members of the organization. Always an "encourager" of new ideas, Dunc is truly a cheerleader for the fair and its members.

If you are on the fairgrounds and can't find Duncan, he may be undercover as his alter Ego "Windy the Clown".

Windy the Clown (aka Duncan) started clowning in 1963. From then until 2007, Brigden Fair had two parades - one on Saturday and another on Monday equalling 90 parades. From 2008 – 2024 – he rode his bike thru the parade and the fairgrounds for an additional 15 years not counting the two years (2020-2021) when COVID cancelled the fair.

So in total over, Windy the Clown has graced our fairgrounds for 105 parades and last year (minus the covid years) for a total of 60 years! We hope that barring any health issues, he can continue the tradition. Windy was also honoured to be Parade Marshall in 2013. He is proud to promote the parade clown classes and other classes in the Junior Fair Building.

Whether dressed in his normal attire or as Windy the Clown, Duncan helps make memories for our many patrons.

## **Joan Bogaert**

Joan Bogaert has been a dedicated and enthusiastic volunteer with the Moore Agricultural Society for many years, playing an essential role in the success of the Brigden Fair and various community events. In recognition of her outstanding contributions, Joan, along with her husband Paul, was honoured with the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies Service Award in 2015, a testament to her unwavering commitment and service.

Joan served as Homecraft President from 2005 through 2007, providing strong leadership and guidance to the Homecraft Division during her tenure. She has also chaired both the Social and Nominating Committees.

A hardworking and hands-on volunteer, Joan has been an active member of the Exhibition Hall Set-Up and Take-Down team, as well as the Arts & Crafts Committees, ensuring that fair exhibits are beautifully presented year after year. A perfectionist, Joan's creative talents have also been put to good use through her contributions of floral arrangements for fundraising events and banquets, adding a special touch to many occasions.

Joan is always ready to lend a hand in the kitchen, helping with dining room set-up and serving at banquets, as well as pie making and supporting the Fair's tradition of home-cooked hospitality. Her generous spirit and tireless efforts have made her an invaluable member of the Moore Agricultural Society family.

## **Jackie South**

Jackie South has been an integral part of the Brigden Fair family for too many years to count. Her commitment to volunteering earned her the OAAS Service Award in 2019 in recognition of her dedication to Moore Agricultural Society.

She has always been a strong voice advocating for the Fair as a Director and also as Coordinator of the Fruits and Veggies building which we all know as "Jackie's Building". She took over this building in the 80's and gave it a fresh and creative flare featuring educational and 4-H displays. Jackie was very involved with the Youth Fair committee of the Brigden Fair and local 4-H clubs enabling them to showcase their displays in her building. As committee chair she led meetings and coordinated the Livestock Achievement Shows at the Fair.

It is always important to Jackie to know that our visitors take away something they don't know about agriculture when they exit the gates until next year. This was the start of Agriculture in the Classroom in Lambton County with Jackie and a group of dedicated volunteers. This event would bring in bus loads of school children who could attend various stations to learn about farm life.

The children and learning experiences were always important to Jackie. Jackie was instrumental in ensuring that the Baby Show continues each Thanksgiving weekend as many adoring parents bring their little ones. As Jackie handed over the reins to focus on other interests, this event has stood the test of time and is still a very popular event attended by capacity crowds.

Her focus was shifted to other committees such as helping organize the Parade, the Town wide decorating contest, participating in the Catering of delicious meals and who can forget Jackie's Diner? This was the beginnings of feeding many hard-working volunteers who could come and rest and get nourishment from soups, sandwiches and even a turkey dinner on Sunday evening. To this day this is the only Turkey dinner many volunteers are able to enjoy on Thanksgiving weekend.

Jackie is currently working hard on maintaining our historical records by putting together photo albums and cataloguing memorabilia. She has worked beside countless other amazing volunteers over the years to bring to the small town of Brigiden an event we all look forward to each and every year. We renew acquaintances, share memories and come home each

## **Dennis Robinson**

Dennis has been a long time member of the Moore Agricultural Society. He has served in many capacities and continues to serve and support the success of the Moore Agricultural Society. Dennis has served on the budget committee, livestock committee, advertising and publicity committee, and grounds and building to name a few.

He was one of the individuals responsible for getting the newest building, recently named the Harvest Hub, built in 2024.

Dennis was also instrumental in getting the International Plowing Match Association to select the Brigiden Fairgrounds for their 2027 Match. He works diligently advertising and promoting the fair and facilities.

Dennis collaborates with others to coordinate the midway contract.

He includes his family in the activities he does at the fair from working with the heavy horses, bartending, or serving meals.

Dennis started as a 4H participant and leader at the Brigden Fair and became not only a member but director and served as president in 1986 and 1987.

In 2009, Dennis and his wife, Shari, were also honored with the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies Service Award.



**Back Row:** Joan Bogaert - 2025 Golden Ambassador, Dennis Robinson - 2025 Golden Ambassador, Taner DeGurse - 2024-25 Brigden Fair Ambassador , Jackie South - 2025 Golden Ambassador, Duncan MacRae -2025 Golden Ambassador

**Front Row:** Scarlett Bronson - Mini Contestant, Ella Norris - Mini Contestant, Abby Riedl - Ambassador Team, Serena Nicolai - 2025-26 Brigden Fair Ambassador, Isabelle Hyatt - Mini Contestant, Payton Capes - 2025-26 Mini Ambassador, Everly Grant - 2024-25 Mini Ambassador, Adalynn Bressette - Mini Contestant, Kenzie Jayne Passingham - Ambassador Team, Winter Latawicz - Mini Contestant, Tanis DeGurse - Ambassador Team, Alanna Anderson - Mini Contestant





# **Moore Agricultural Society**

## **2025 Officers**

President	Michelle Evanitski
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Tammy Warner
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Brenda Maw
Past President	Malcolm Rogers
Office Secretary	Kasia Soulard
Financial Co-ordinator	Sherry Teed

## **Board of Directors**

### **3-Year Board of Directors**

<b>Elected 2025 3-Year term</b>	<b>2 Years Left of 3 Year Term</b>	<b>1 Year Left of 3 Year Term</b>
Donna DeGurse	Mait Noyle	Lori Ouellette
Michelle Evanitski	John Scott	Alvin Scott
Eldon Krohn	Dean Teft	Eric Van Dommelen
Kathy Myers		Tammy Warner

### **1-Year Board of Directors**

Brenda Maw, Emma Ouellette, Malcolm Rogers

## **Homecraft Representative**

Kathy Scott

## **Homecraft Division Officers**

President:	Kathy Scott
Past President:	Cheryl McGuire
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President:	Lori Ouellette
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President:	Marcy Scott
Secretary:	Marilyn Shaw
Treasurer:	Cheryl McGuire



# Our Amazing Office Staff!!!!



Kelly O'Connor  
Sherry Webb Teed  
Kasia Soulard

We would like to thank  
**Nancy Brown**  
for her years of service  
in the Fair Office  
and wish her all the best  
in her retirement!!!!

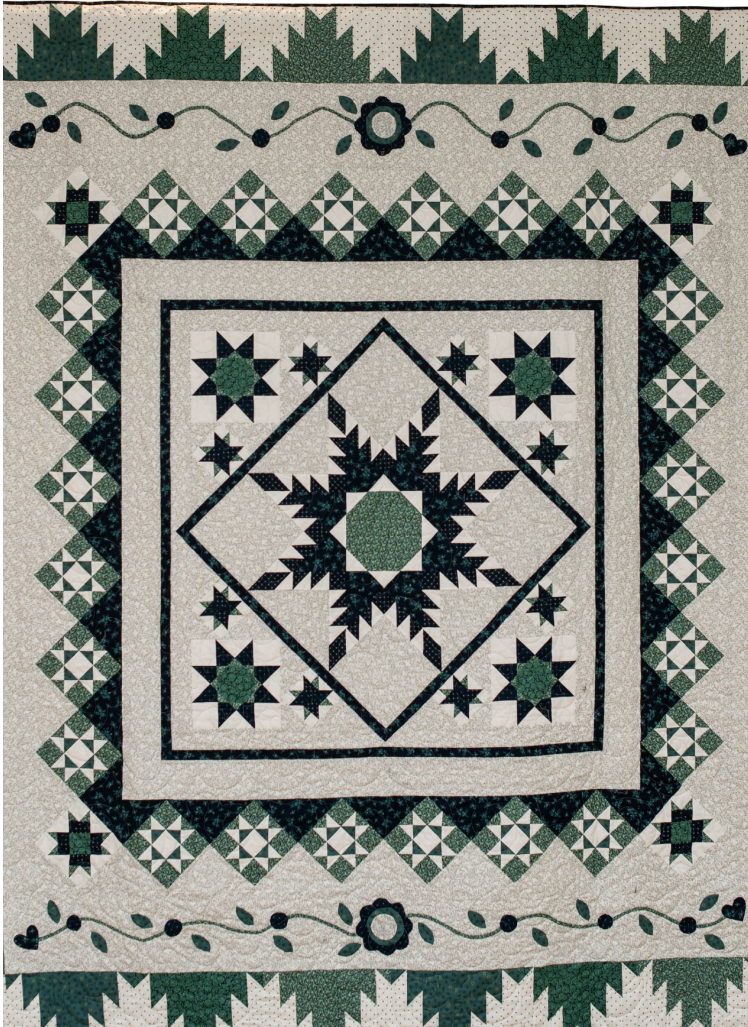
# Homecraft Division



From Exhibits to the Fair Kitchen, the Homecraft Division continues to showcase the many artisans of our community. They provide family friendly meals from the Fair Kitchen including delicious soups, sandwiches, peameal and of course desserts!

This year they added "Point of Sale/Tap" Machines to their areas to make things easier for our fair patrons.

# 2025 Quilt Draw



The 2025 Quilt was won by Louise Sherman  
of London

Thank you to all who supported this Annual  
Fundraiser and thank you to our Quilt Committee  
Kathy Scott & Lori Ouellette  
for all their hard work to make this beautiful item.

# What was actually at the fair?????

Each year the different committees like to add new classes or items to their fair offerings while still maintaining our traditional events.

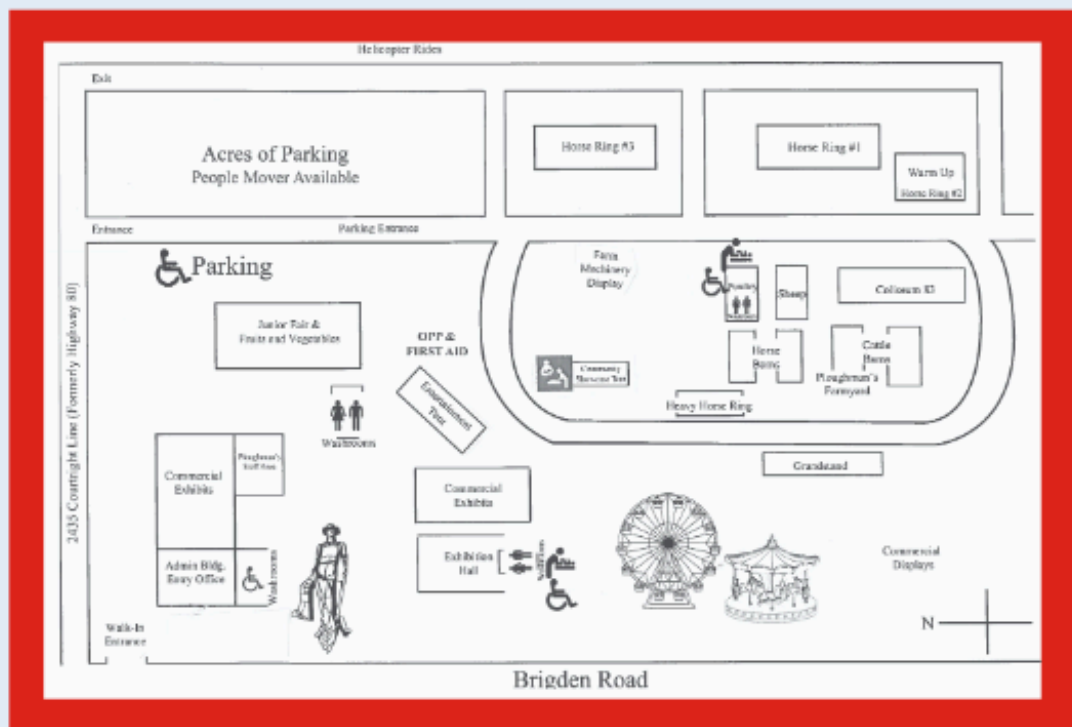
This year a Fair Dance was held the weekend prior to the fair with Scott Manery and the Barn Burners.

Friday Night - 11 teams of Heavy Horses brought back the always enjoyable Heavy Horse Pull.

From Acrobats to Lumberjacks to Pig Races to Magicians to Tractor Pulls, there were many features for all to enjoy.

Check out this past year's schedule and let us know if there are any things you would like to see back or what some new shows might be interesting?

# HOME GROWN, HOME MADE, FARM FRESH



C – Coliseum  
ET – Entertainment Tent  
FY – Ploughman's Farmyard  
HHR – Heavy Horse Ring  
HR3 – Horse Ring 3

MCS – Mainstreet Community Showcase/Harvest Hub  
EXH – Exhibition Hall  
G – Grandstand  
HR1 – Horse Ring 1  
LS – Lumberjack Stand

SB – Sheep Barn  
HR2 – Horse Ring 2  
PB – Poultry Barn

## FRIDAY - Seniors/Student Day

Admission \$5.00 until 5 pm then \$20.00

Elementary School Students & Younger Free

## SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MONDAY

Admission \$10.00

Elementary School Students & Younger Free

**Weekend Pass - \$30.00 for Four (4) Days Admittance**



**MIDWAY OPENS 10 A.M. DAILY**  
**ATM available in the Exhibition Hall**

## **FRIDAY OCTOBER 10TH**

**Seniors/Student Day Admission \$5 until 5 p.m.  
then \$20.00**

**Weekend Pass - \$30 for Four (4) days admittance  
Elementary Students & Younger - Free**

- 9:00 a.m. Buildings Open
- 9:00 a.m. Mainstreet Colouring Contest (CS)
- 9:00 a.m. Fair Kitchen Open til 6 p.m. (ExH)
- 10:00 a.m. Midway Opens
- 10:00 a.m. Agricultural Awareness Day (til 3 pm)
- 10:00 a.m. Trivia Fair Game (FY)
- 10:00 a.m. Science Show (CS)
- 10:00 a.m. Emergency Response Displays
- 10:00 a.m. In person sales of Midway coupons at World's Finest Shows Booth available
- 11:00 AM Crystal Gage (ET)
- 11:00 AM Science Show (CS)
- 11:30 AM Fair Opening (ET)
- 12 noon Twisted Chris - Balloon Artist (CS)
- 12 noon Zimmer Air Helicopter Rides til Dusk
- 12:15 PM Crystal Gage (ET)
- 1:00 PM Science Show (CS)
- 2:00 PM Jumping Jamboree with T&J (CS)
- 2:00 PM Pickin N Fiddlin at the Fair (ET)
- 3:00 PM Trivia Fair Game (FY)
- 3:00 PM Science Show (CS)
- 3:00 PM Deadline for Discount Midway Ticket purchase in person.
- 4:00 PM Trivia Fair Game (FY)
- 4:00 PM No Harm on the Farm with T&J (CS)
- 4:00 PM Central Canadian Horse Pulling Association ( C )
- 6:00 PM Tractor Pull -Southwest Ontario Tractor Pullers Association (G)
- 8:00 PM Buildings Close



# SATURDAY OCTOBER 11TH

Admission \$10 Adults;

Elementary Students & Younger – Free

Weekend Pass - \$30 for Four (4) days Admittance

9:00 a.m.	Buildings Open
9:00 a.m.	Midwest Horse Show (HRI/2)
9:00 a.m.	Zimmer Air Helicopter Rides til Dusk
9:00 a.m.	Fair Kitchen Open til 6 p.m. (ExH)
9:00 a.m.	Aces Flying Pig Races (GS)
10:00 a.m.	Midway Opens
10:00 a.m.	Trivia Fair Game (FY)
10:00 a.m.	I Flipp (LS)
10:00 a.m.	Ontario Vintage Tractor Pull (GS)
10:00 a.m.	Science Show (CS)
10:30 AM	Poultry Show (PB)
11:00 AM	Candy Scramble (FY)
11:00 AM	Come Meet a Lamb (SB)
11:00 AM	Sheep Show (SB)
11:00 AM	Jumping Jamboree with T&J (CS)
11:00 AM	Great Canadian Lumberjacks (LS)
12 noon	<b>Parade</b>
12 noon	Twisted Chris - Balloon Artist (CS)
12 noon	Trivia Fair Game (FY)
12:15 PM	Shelly Rastin (ET)
1:00 PM	Great Canadian Lumberjacks (LS)
1:00 PM	Beef Cattle Shows (C)
1:00 PM	Science Show (CS)
1:00 PM	Canadian War Society Military Formation Show (HR3)
1:00 PM	Fire School Demonstrations
1:15 PM	IPM Awards (ET)
1:45 PM	Shelly Rastin (ET)
2:00 PM	Ron Gudel - Magic Show (CS)
2:00 PM	I Flipp (LS)
2:00 PM	Aces Flying Pig Races (GS)
2:30 PM	Candy Scramble (FY)
2:45 PM	Steppin up Dance Club (ET)
3:00 PM	Trivia Fair Game (FY)
3:00 PM	Science Show (CS)
3:00 PM	Great Canadian Lumberjacks (LS)
3:30 PM	Christine Storey & Friends (ET)
4:00 PM	I Flipp (LS)
4:00 PM	No Harm on the Farm with T&J (CS)
4:00 PM	Aces Flying Pig Races (GS)
6:00 PM	Team Sorting ( C)
8:00 PM	Buildings Close

# **SUNDAY**

## **OCTOBER 12TH**

**Admission \$10 Adults;  
Elementary Students & Younger – Free**

- 9:00 a.m. Buildings Open
- 9:00 a.m. Midwest Horse Show (HR1)
- 9:00 a.m. Zimmer Air Helicopter Rides til  
Dusk
- 9:00 a.m. Fair Kitchen Open til 6 p.m. (ExH)
- 9:00 a.m. Aces Flying Pig Races (GS)
- 10:00 a.m. Midway Opens
- 10:00 a.m. Trivia Fair Game (FY)
- 10:00 a.m. I Flipp (LS)
- 10:00 a.m. Children's Rabbit & Guinea Pig  
Show (PB)
- 10:00 a.m. Adult Rabbit & Guinea Pig Show  
(PB)
- 10:00 a.m. Science Show (CS)
- 10:00 a.m. 4-H Sheep Show (SB)
- 10:00 a.m. Working Wagons - (HHR)
- 11:00 AM Jumping Jamboree with T&J (CS)
- 11:00 AM Great Canadian Lumberjacks (LS)
- 11:00 AM Candy Scramble (FY)
- 12 noon Twisted Chris - Balloon Artist (CS)
- 12 noon Trivia Fair Game (FY)
- 12:15 PM Cornerstone (ET)
- 1:00 PM Great Canadian Lumberjacks (LS)
- 1:00 PM Highland Cattle Show (C )
- 1:00 PM Science Show (CS)
- 1:00 PM Fire School Demonstrations
- 1:15 PM Lise Michaud (ET)
- 1:30 PM Intercounty 4-H Sheep Show (SB)
- 2:00 PM Ron Gudel - Magic Show (CS)
- 2:00 PM I Flipp (LS)
- 2:00 PM Aces Flying Pig Races (GS)
- 2:00 PM Mutton Busting Demonstration (C )
- 2:15 PM Cornerstone (ET)
- 2:30 PM Candy Scramble (FY)
- 3:00 PM Trivia Fair Game (FY)
- 3:00 PM Science Show (CS)
- 3:00 PM Great Canadian Lumberjacks (LS)
- 3:15 PM Joan Spalding & Friends (ET)
- 4:00 PM I Flipp (LS)
- 4:00 PM No Harm on the Farm with T&J (CS)
- 4:00 PM Aces Flying Pig Races (GS)
- 6:00 PM Buildings Close

# **MONDAY**

## **OCTOBER 13TH**

**Admission \$10 Adults;**

**Elementary Students & Younger – Free**

- 9:00 a.m. Buildings Open
- 9:00 a.m. Heavy Horse Show (HHR)
- 9:00 a.m. Zimmer Air Helicopter Rides til 4 pm
- 9:00 a.m. Fair Kitchen Open til 3 p.m. (ExH)
- 9:00 a.m. Aces Flying Pig Races (GS)
- 9:30 AM Light Horse Show (HR3)
- Open Speed Show (HR)
- 10:00 a.m. Midway Opens
- 10:00 a.m. Trivia Fair Game (FY)
- 10:00 a.m. Lumberjacks (LS)
- 10:00 a.m. Brigden 4-H Beef Achievement (C )
- 10:00 a.m. Baby Show - 9 - 12 mos (CS)
- 10:30 AM Livestock Auction (C )
- 11:00 AM Aces Flying Pig Races (GS)
- 11:00 AM I Flipp (LS)
- 11:00 AM Candy Scramble (FY)
- 11:30 AM Baby Show - 5-8 mos (CS)
- 12 noon Twisted Chris - Balloon Artist (CS)
- 12 noon Great Canadian Lumberjacks (LS)
- 12 noon Sarnia School of Dance (ET)
- 12 noon Trivia Fair Game (FY)
- 1:00 PM I Flipp (CS)
- 1:00 PM Beef Cattle Shows (C )
- 1:00 PM Shane Cook & Friends (ET)
- 1:00 PM Intercounty 4-H Beef Show (C )
- 1:00 PM Neufeld School of Hyland Dance (CS)
- 2:00 PM Baby Show 0-4 mos (CS)
- 2:00 PM Great Canadian Lumberjacks (LS)
- 2:00 PM Aces Flying Pig Races (GS)
- 2:00 PM Mark Blayney (ET)
- 2:00 PM Trivia Fair Game (FY)
- 2:30 PM Candy Scramble (FY)
- 3:00 PM Shane Cook & Friends (ET)
- 3:00 PM Harvest of Gold Ticket Draw (ET)
- 3:30 PM Homecraft Quilt Draw (ExH)
- 4:00 PM Buildings Close to all patrons
- 4:30 PM Buildings re-open for exhibitors to claim their items



## ONTARIO VINTAGE TRACTOR PULLERS ASSOCIATION

"A Place to Pull"



Remember there  
is always  
Free Parking  
on the grounds



Point of Sale/Tap  
can be found  
at all Entry Gates



**And the winner was.....**





Ride tickets now available  
online at

World's Finest Shows website  
[www.worldsfinestshows.com](http://www.worldsfinestshows.com/product/brigden-fair)  
/product/brigden-fair

Oct 10-13, 2025

18 coupons for \$23.00

\*coupons may be used  
all weekend\*

Early bird Online Sale ends  
October 9th at 11:59 pm

## Brigden Fair

In person sales – Friday Oct 10  
10 am – 3 pm

As Always, we had a fantastic Midway  
with even the Grinch enjoying his time  
at the fair?





It is important for both your pets  
(cats, dogs, reptiles, birds)  
and the other fairgoers  
that you let your pets stay at home  
while you enjoy all that the fair has  
to offer.

Pets are not allowed  
in the buildings.

# More Than Just a Fair!

Although Brigden Fair, held on Thanksgiving Weekend, is Moore Agricultural Society's Main Event, there are many more facets to the society with lots of activities held throughout the year.

Local Newspapers, radio, the Brigden Fair web and facebook pages are great places to keep up with our ongoing events. Popular events include the Annual Roast Beef Dinner, Summer and Winter Craft Markets, Easter and Mother's Day Brunches to name a few.

Getting Married or needing a place to hold your meetings, banquets, birthday or anniversary parties, please contact the fair office about our hall and home cooked catering services. Moore Agricultural Society has recently renovated the Fair Kitchen, and floors. We have family/handicapped washrooms in many areas of the fairgrounds. Come see what we have to offer in our grounds and assorted building rentals.

The Brigden Fairgrounds is a great place to come home to at any time of the year!!!!

## Agricultural Awareness Day - Friday, October 10 (10 am - 3 pm)

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### Coliseum:

- Spill Prevention & Environmental Safety by Oil Museum of Canada
- St. Clair Regional Conservation Authority Lambton Farm Safety
- Jansen Homestead and Highlands
- Miniature Farm Machinery
- Atoucha Honey
- Garden to Table
- Wheat
- Backyard Chickens
- Comparing Jansen Tractor Sales to Great West Realty
- New Life Mills

### Cattle Barn #1

- Forbesvue Farms - Dairy
- Lambton Cattleman's - Beef
- Lambton Pork Producers
- Ontario Federation of Agricultural Trivia
- Community Wildlife Management Workshop

### Junior Fair Building

- Moore Museum - Butter Making
- Rope Making
- Food Farm Care Ontario 360 VR Farm Tours

### Emergency Responders

- St. Clair Fire Dept Smoke House, Fire Extinguisher Demos
- Fire Trucks
- Ontario Provincial Police Vehicles

### Horse Barn

- Beaver Meadows - Haflingers
- Veralane Percherons
- Bear Creek Stables - Draft Mules

### Sheep Barn

- Brigden 4-H Sheep Club
- District 1, Ontario Sheep
- MacRae Goats
- Lambton County 4-H
- Antique Farm Machinery & Threshing Area

### Cattle Barn #2

- Ploughman's Farmyard

Learn how  
Agriculture is  
important in our  
daily lives!



Agricultural Awareness Day - Friday, October 10

# Where are all the Animals?



If you headed south from the Parking Lot and you found yourself in the midst of a vast assortment of animal exhibitions. There were four horse rings which hosted all sizes of equine from miniature horses to heavy draft horses. This year the Brigden Fair hosted a stop on the Ontario 4-Horse Hitch series on Monday.

We hope you checked out the coliseum for different shows, the Sheep Barn as exhibitors ready their lambs, and the Ploughman's Farmyard where you were able to see lots of animals "up close".

There were ducks, chickens and pigeons in the Poultry Barn on Saturday and the Children's & Adult Rabbit & Guinea Pig shows on Sunday.

In front of the Grandstand you witnessed the Aces Flying Pig Races!

No DOGS, PETS or Animals will be allowed on the grounds, unless registered for exhibiting or showing.

Exception will be given for Working Service Animals. Moore Agricultural Society reserves the right to request immunization records while on the grounds.



# 175th Celebrations



This year, Moore Agricultural Society celebrated their 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a number of activities.



**175th Moore Agricultural Society Anniversary Elimination Draw/Dance**  
**March 22, 2025**

**\$10,000 Grand Prize**  
\$2500 in additional Cash & Prizes

Music by Borderline  
7 pm - Midnight - Cash Bar



**Did You Know?**

Test your Fair knowledge each week as we bring you interesting trivia tidbits.

Check back often for answers and fair updates.

Moore Agricultural Society is celebrating 175 years.



- Elimination Draw
- Community Appreciation
- Trivia game
- Commemorative pins, t-shirts, hats, flags
- Time Capsule
- Golden Ambassador Program



Community Appreciation  
was a great time for all  
with free admittance  
with games, prizes,  
10 inflatables  
and a foam party!

## **Lots of Changes going on at the Fairgrounds.....**

As you wander around the fairgrounds, you will notice a number of changes have taken place over the last couple years. With the assistance of grants, sponsorships, donations and fundraising, we have been working hard to maintain and upgrade the assets of Moore Agricultural Society.

Projects completed include:

- New C-Can storage areas with cement pads
- New Accessible doors for the Junior Building
- Surveillance Cameras
- Exhibition Hall Roof
- New Fencing
- Electrical retrofit/replacement throughout the fairgrounds- Cattle barns; Administration Building; Sheep Barn; Coliseum; assorted bathrooms; Junior Building ; Volunteer Diner; Fair Office and Reception area; Emergency area
- Exterior Painting of Exhibition Hall
- Exterior Painting of Junior Building
- New Floor in Commercial Building
- Painting of Office
- New Stove in Exhibition Hall Kitchen
- New Stove in Diner
- Harvest Hub Building - Exterior
- Gravelling of roads for easier movement on the grounds.
- Epoxy Floors in banquet hall and kitchen
- Ex Hall staff washroom and janitor room upgrades
- Cement pads at south ends of fairgrounds

## **Projects in progress or planned for 2026:**

- Kitchen sidewalk roof
- Harvest Hub - insulation, walls & electrical
- Exterior steel renovations of Cattle barns
- Two new accessible washrooms
- Water Upgrade project
- New Gates at Office Entrance
- Historical Murial Series

## **Many thanks to:**

- Alix Foundation
- Clean Harbours
- Creative County Fund
- Enbridge
- Farm Credit Corporation AgriSpirit
- Federal Grant - Accessible Washrooms
- Greenfield South Power Corporation
- OMAFRA
- Ontario Trillium Foundation
- Plains Midstream
- Mackenzie Oil
- Moore Community & Recreation Foundation
- Trillium Mutual Insurance
- Sandarin Services Inc.
- Sarnia Community Foundation Impact Grants
- Sarnia Tire Inc.
- Shell Manufacturing Centre
- Shelly Machine
- Unifor
- and our many supporters



## *Lambton County Queen of the Furrow 2025- 2026*

Hello, my name is Taner DeGurse, and I am honoured to be your 2025 Lambton County Queen of the Furrow. I grew up in Brighden and have been deeply involved in agriculture through 4-H, showing cattle, and serving as Brighden Fair Ambassador. These experiences have shaped my passion for farming, public speaking, and community, and I'm excited to carry that forward as I represent Lambton County in this new role.

This summer I had the incredible opportunity to take part in the Lambton County Queen of the Furrow competition. One of the most memorable parts of the competition for me was learning how to plough. For someone who had never tried it before, it was a challenge, but one I embraced fully. I discovered just how much skill and patience it takes to guide a plough and keep your furrows straight. I was proud of myself to hear I earned top ploughing score. There's something really grounding about being out in the field, hands on the wheel, and seeing the results of your work in the soil. It gave me a whole new respect for the tradition of ploughing and the farmers who keep it alive.

Delivering my speech was an important part of the Queen of the Furrow competition. It gave me the opportunity to share my passion for agriculture while practicing how to connect with an audience. The interview with just me and the judges was also an important part of the process, giving me the chance to speak one-on-one and share more about who I am and what agriculture means to me. At the same time, Queen of the Furrow is about much more than public speaking, it's also about carrying forward the traditions of farming.

What made the experience even more meaningful were the friendships I built along the way. Sharing the journey with fellow competitors, organizers, and members of the ploughing community reminded me of how welcoming and supportive agriculture truly is. From encouraging one another to laughing through the learning curves, these connections became some of the most rewarding parts of the competition.

Looking back, I know my time as Brighden Fair Ambassador helped prepare me for this moment. The skills I gained, whether it was speaking in front of a crowd, engaging with the community, or representing agriculture with pride, gave me a strong foundation to build on during the Queen of the Furrow competition. Brighden Fair shaped my path, and this new role allows me to carry that experience forward in an even greater way.

Being crowned Lambton County Queen of the Furrow is an honor I am proud to carry. I look forward to representing Lambton at upcoming events, sharing my love of agriculture, and hopefully inspiring others to take part in opportunities like this.

With Gratitude,

Taner DeGurse, Lambton County Queen of the Furrow 2025-2026

**We would like to remind our community that  
UNAUTHORIZED  
Motorized Vehicles  
(dirt bikes, four wheelers & Golf Carts etc.)  
ARE PROHIBITED  
on the Brigden Fairgrounds  
as this is Private Property  
and you could be  
charged with Trespassing.**

**We want everyone to remain safe.  
Thank you.**



**Not sure how 1 picture can  
describe Brigden Fair!  
7 pictures is barely a start?**

# Upcoming Events



**CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT**

Sunday - January 18, 2026 - 1:00pm  
\$20 per person

Blind Draw Teams  
Double Knockout Format  
75% Cash Prize Pool  
Cash Bar & Food

Brigden Fair Ex Hall  
2958 Brigden Sd Rd  
Call to register to  
secure your entry  
519-864-1197

Payment can be sent via e-transfer to [finance@brigdenfair.ca](mailto:finance@brigdenfair.ca)  
In the memo line, please put cornhole.



MOORE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY  
ANNUAL  
**BEEF DINNER**

Brigden Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall  
Sunday, March 22, 2026  
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Adults: \$25  
Children (6-10): \$12  
Children (5 & under): Free

Tickets available soon from  
Fair Office, Directors &  
Homecraft Members

Advance Tickets  
Only



Brigden Fair Presents  
Family Day Movie  
**ZOOTOPA**  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15 AT 2 P.M.  
DOORS OPEN AT 1 P.M.

Entry by  
nonperishable item  
or donation

Snacks available for  
purchase

Fun for the whole  
family!

Bring your pillows,  
blankets and stuffies



**Easter  
Brunch**

Sunday, April 5

Details to follow



MOORE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY PRESENTS

**MURDER AT  
THE DEAD HORSE  
SALOON**

MARCH  
28TH,  
2026

19+  
EVENT

Doors open at 5pm  
Cocktail hour and cast mingling  
begins at 5:30  
Roast beef dinner starts at 6:30  
\$50.00 p/p



**Mother's Day Brunch**

Sunday, May 10

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updates as they become available.*

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**Brigden Fair**  
*A Thanksgiving Weekend Tradition*

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