

MOORE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY  
HOME OF THE BRIGDEN FAIR – JANUARY 2019

# WHAT'S NEW!



In an effort to communicate better, we are working on producing a newsletter on a regular basis (minimum 4 times/year) to ensure that information is available to the MAS membership. We need your input. It has been suggested that the newsletter be emailed to available email addresses but also be available at the fair office to be picked up.

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## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE



### Welcome to 2019

On behalf of the 2018 Board of Directors, thank you to everyone who made Brigden Fair 2018 a success. With your assistance, many projects were completed. The new asphalt was a great help during the inclement weather in October. Hydro/water upgrades were started with more to be completed in 2019. Negotiations for Grandstands took place and a couple of barns were painted. Changes were made in the Exhibition Hall with additional electrical circuits making operations much easier for both fair kitchen and events though out the year.

This was the first year with the smaller board of directors and as with everything, there was a learning curve but much was accomplished. Again this year, four Individuals will be elected for a 3-yr term and four individuals for a 1-yr term.

Directors that will be remaining to complete their terms on the MAS board are: Alison Dion, Eldon Krohn, Devon Maw, Julie Maw, Kathy Myers, Malcolm Rogers, Jason VanEsse and Michelle Evanitski from Homecraft.

Thank you to everyone who has agreed to let their name stand for nomination for the open positions. Whether elected to the board or as a part of some of the many committees, your input and contributions to the Society are appreciated. As we are all aware, it is our members and volunteers that make Moore Agricultural Society a successful organization.

Bill (MAS), Michelle (Homecraft)

## 2019 MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

\$10.00 - if you purchase prior to March 31, 2019  
\$20.00 – after April 1, 2019

## District 13 Competitions

### Machine Quilted Quilts

1st - Lorna Martin - Glencoe  
**2nd - Evelyn Evers - Brigden**  
3rd - Bette Gordon - Forest

### Hand Quilted Quilts

1st - Verna Davis - Thorndale  
2nd - Ada Sisson - Brooke Alvinston  
3rd - Joanna Bobier - Wallacetown

### Chocolate Chip Cookies

**1st - Colton Konecny - Brigden**  
2nd - Samantha Julich - Thorndale  
3rd - Elijah Nolan - Plympton-Wyoming

### Butter Tarts

1st - Ruth Ferguson - Wallacetown  
2nd - Marion Woods - Thorndale  
3rd - Mary Butcher - Dorchester

### Junior Poster

**1st - Ava Holmes - Brigden**  
2nd - Kennedie Urquhart - Plympton-Wyoming  
3rd - Hannah Herbert - Shedden

### Intermediate Poster

1st - Emily Devine - Dorchester  
**2nd - Luke Holmes - Brigden**  
3rd - Kaitlyn Green - Western

### Senior Poster

**1st - Ali Holmes - Brigden**  
2nd - Josiah Herbert - Shedden  
3rd - Carson Green - Western

**First place winners will go on to the OAAS Convention Competitions in February.**

## OAAS Photography Competition

Entries were judged at the local level and have been forwarded to the OAAS Convention Facilitator to be part of the Provincial Competition. Thank you to all that entered. Stay tuned for results.

## ANNUAL MEETINGS

THURS JAN 16, 2020 – HOMECRAFT 6:00 P.M.  
SAT JAN 19, 2019 – MAS AGM (POTLUCK)  
5:30 P.M. MEETINGS TO FOLLOW

## Nominations for 2019

### Parade Marshall/OAAS Service Award

We would love your suggestions for these positions. Please send the name of the nominee and information why you feel they would be a great recipient for either award.

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### Cowbells & Carousels 2019 Theme



### PRIZE BOOK CHANGES

The Advance List is ready and will be on the Brigden Fair Webpage soon or you can pick up a hard copy at the Fair office. Always remember to use the Prize Book when submitting your entries. The Advanced List is for reference only.

### MORE IMPORTANT CHANGES

**Exhibit Drop off times have changed!!!!** On Thursday, October 10, the drop off time has been changed to 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Doors will close promptly at 12:30 p.m. This change will allow judging to start on time.

**Pick up of Exhibits:** On Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> the doors of the Exhibition Hall and Junior Building will close to the public promptly at 4 p.m. to allow the committees to prepare for distribution of exhibits/items. Doors will re-open at 4:30 p.m. for exhibits to be picked up. The gating will be removed between 4 and 4:30 p.m.

## THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!!!!

*MAS appreciates all our volunteers and our sponsors. We recently received this great news from **Shell Community Service Fund**.*

On behalf of the Shell Community Service Fund program, we are pleased to support the Moore Agricultural Society with a donation of \$1,000 in recognition of **Chelsea Jennings's** volunteer efforts at your organization.

At Shell, we believe supporting the communities where we operate is not only important to our stakeholders, but also the right thing to do as a responsible corporate citizen. That's why we encourage our employees and retirees to volunteer their time in their communities and apply for grants of up to \$1,000 for the not-for-profit organizations they care so much about.

## Homecraft Annual Meeting



The Homecraft Division Annual meeting was held on Thursday, January 10, 2019 and was catered by the Black Goose Restaurant of Wallaceburg. Thank you the 2018 Executive and also to everyone who attended. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome to new members.

The 2019 Homecraft Executive will be:

Past President – Connie Courtney  
President – Michelle Evanitski  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Cheryl McGuire  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Barbara Rogers  
Secretary – Marilyn Shaw  
Treasurer – Norma Jean White



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**VALENTINES COUNTRY JAMBOREE** - Polish up your Dancing Shoes and Grab your Best Dancing Partner. Come join us **Sunday, February 10, 2019** at the Brigden Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall for a Country Jamboree starting at 1 pm. Supper starting at 5 p.m. Limited Tickets for the meal will be sold at the door so come early. \$5 admission for those who just want to listen to the music. Cash Bar. For those who sing or play, bring your instrument.



**SHAMROCK COUNTRY JAMBOREE** - "Everyone is a little bit Irish; especially on St. Patrick's Day, so come celebrate and dance the afternoon away at our Shamrock Country Jamboree on **Sunday, March 11, 2018** at the Brigden Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall.

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# ANNUAL BEEF DINNER

March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019  
4:30pm - 6:30pm  
Brigden Fair Grounds Exhibition Hall

Adults \$17.00                      Advanced Tickets Only  
Children (6-10) \$8.00  
Children 5 & Under Free

The Annual Roast Beef Dinner, hosted by the Moore Agricultural Society - Home of the Brigden Fair - Board of Directors and Homecraft Division, is set for Sunday, March 31, 2019 with seating between 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The event will be held at the Brigden Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall. Admission is by advance tickets only. Adults: \$17; Children aged 6 - 10 years: \$8; Children aged 5 and under: Free. Tickets will be available from any Homecraft Division member, MAS Director or at the Brigden Fair Office at 519-864-1197. Don't Delay!!!! If you would like to help sell tickets, please contact the fair office or Fundraiser Chair - Alison Dion ([Alison.Dion@brigdenfair.ca](mailto:Alison.Dion@brigdenfair.ca))



**Thank Goodness it's Spring  
Country Jamboree**  
Sunday, April 14.

**Easter Brunch** - Sunday, April 21  
**Mother's Day Brunch** - Sunday, May 12

**Brigden Country Campout Jamboree** - July 31 - Aug 5  
**Beef Dinner** - Saturday, Aug 3  
**Country Craft Show** - Saturday, Aug 3

**Ambassador Contest** - Sun Aug 25

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## CRAFT VENDORS

### WANTED for the Brigden Country Arts & Craft Show

to be held at the Brigden Fairgrounds (2435 Courtright Line) on Saturday, Aug 3. For interested vendors, more details available by email at [finance@brigdenfair.ca](mailto:finance@brigdenfair.ca) or Alison Dion ([Alison.Dion@brigdenfair.ca](mailto:Alison.Dion@brigdenfair.ca)) Don't delay. Reserve your space now.



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### Homecraft Quilt Raffle Tickets Are now on Sale \$2 @ or 3/\$5

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### Additional Coming Events 2019

Jan 10 - Homecraft Division Quilt Tickets go on Sale  
Jan 10 - Beef Dinner Tickets go on sale  
Apr 6 - Hall Booking/Banquet  
Apr 13 - Hall Booking/Party  
June 22 - Hall Booking/Wedding  
June 26 - Brigden PS Graduation

We are also happy to provide a venue for Walking Club on Tuesday and Thursday Mornings (Nov - April) and Cooking Buddies one Monday a month (Oct - Apr).



If you are able to help with any of the upcoming events, or would like to join a fair committee, please contact the fair office. There are lots of jobs for everyone including function set up; ticket sales; promotion; food preparation and serving; campout & craft show preparation; and much much more.

For More Information on any upcoming events, please check out our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/BrigdenFair](https://www.facebook.com/BrigdenFair)) or [www.brigdenfair.ca](http://www.brigdenfair.ca)





## YOUTH VOLUNTEER EDUCATION PRIZE WINNERS

### "Our Brigden Fair Future"



In 2018, \$2500 was designated to be used as an incentive towards a Youth Volunteer Education Prize. The rules remained simple. The individual (to be eligible) needed to be in a school program and be an active

volunteer at the fairgrounds. Ballots were designed with the volunteer's name, phone number, age, school/grade, Event/Task they completed, date of event,

and # of hours. The chairperson or supervisor was then required to print and sign their name verifying the individual had completed the specific task as required.

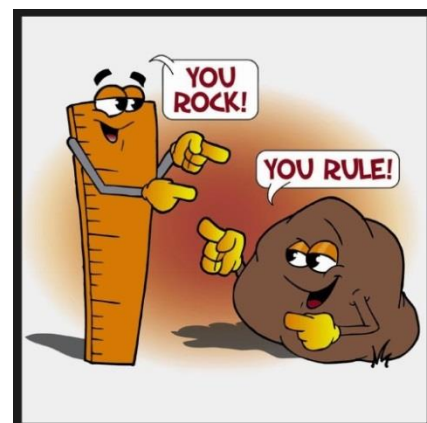


Once again, these young volunteers had assisted in many different areas from all the aspects of Fair Weekend to assisting with fundraising events, campouts, craft show, catering, fair set up and clean up. They facilitated areas during Agriculture in the Classroom, helped prepare show areas, worked in the fair kitchen & diner and brought their enthusiasm to our patrons and the membership.



The ten winners announced at the 2018 Appreciation Night received a prize amount of \$250 each. The lucky ballots drawn were Jaxon Brown (Jamboree); Aeowyn Dunlop (AITC Machinery); Noah Hachey (Picnic Table Construction); Logan MacRae (People Mover); Megan Mills (Food Prep – Fair Kitchen); Emma

Ouellette (Beef Dinner); Eve Pettit (Photography Judging); Chase Powers (Entertainment Tent); Lilian Shaw (McCormick Funeral); and Michael Yoshita (Fair Kitchen).



# Appreciation Night

Thank you to everyone who attended the Appreciation Night on Saturday, November 24. It truly takes everyone to accomplish the many tasks required for a successful year. An excellent meal was prepared by the Black Goose from Wallaceburg.



Mona May & Harold Thompson accepted the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies Service Award.



Successful bucket draws were held.



Brigden Fire Department accepted the Parade Marshall Award.



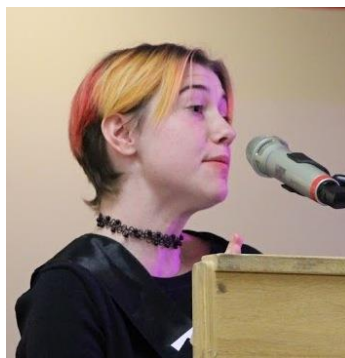
Being told you're appreciated is one of the simplest, yet most incredible things you can ever hear.

Spirit Science



Entertainment was provided by the Heemans.

thank you!



VOLUNTEER  
all that's missing is U!









## Volunteer Hours



Graduation will be approaching quickly. Do you still need volunteer hours to get your diploma or would you like to meet new people and help in your community? Call the Brigden Fairgrounds Fair Office at 519-864-1197. We are always looking for great volunteers. Volunteer opportunities available all year around.

Your  
Opinion  
matters

All committees are looking for new members. Let us know where your interests are!!!!



## Lambton 4-H Chili Cook Off & Registration Night February 1, 2019 5:30 PM - 9:30 PM Wyoming Fair Building

Lambton 4-H would like to invite all its members to a registration night. For one night only registration fees will be reduced to \$60. Registration fees are \$90 after this evening.



Newsletters can be found on the Brigden Fair Website

[www.brigdenfair.ca](http://www.brigdenfair.ca)

