

WHAT'S NEW!



In an effort to continue to communicate during these interesting times, we are working on producing a newsletter on a regular basis to ensure that information is available to the MAS membership. We need your input.

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WHAT A YEAR IT HAS BEEN!!!!

Let's take a look at what has been accomplished during the past unforgettable year and where we are headed.....

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

AN UN-FAIR YEAR.

As 2020 draws to a close we look back at a truly UN-FAIR year.

A lot of plans made and a lot of plans crushed due to an unseen virus called COVID-19.

HOW LIFE HAS CHANGED. We don't hug; we stay 6ft apart. We wear masks into banks and stores. Doing that a year ago could have got you shot. We live and associate with people in our "bubble". Travel is out of the question and any plans to do so were shattered. Our movements and social lives are defined by the colour of the zone we are in.

HOW LIFE HAS CHANGED.

At Moore Agricultural Society we have tried to stay positive and plan for the future - our next FAIR - our next fund-raising event - and the maintenance of our facilities.

Our lives have changed, but as you can see life goes on at Moore Ag. It has been a busy year but totally UN-FAIR.

Many thanks to all of you who volunteer around the Fairgrounds throughout the year. Even though we haven't seen a lot of you we have been thinking of you and are looking forward to seeing you at the 2021 Brigden Fair.

During this atypical winter season we would like you to keep safe, so please plan to celebrate within your "Bubble".

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Moore Agricultural Society I would like to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are looking forward to celebrating our 170th Fair in 2021 with our theme being "Hats off to Brigden Fair".

As Judy Garland sang-...

"Meet me at the Fair"...

Malcolm Rogers. President.
Moore Agricultural Society
Home of the Brigden Fair.



Our Volunteers Keep Us Alive

Back at the end of March, little did we know what Life would have in store for everyone. We hoped the medical crisis would be resolved and we could resume our planning for the 2020 Brigden Fair. We were excited to use the "newly found" spare time to get a head start on our fair entries. We continued to "tweak" and modify our proven fair template to ensure safety protocols could be achieved. Covid-19 may have handed us a blip on our planning schedule but we knew we would rise up as a team, working together and overcome this small set back. We have had set backs before and this would not stop us but merely let us rethink "the plan".

As stated back in April, this time of physical distancing has given us a chance to re-evaluate what is important in our lives – family and tradition! We have been spending more quality time with our "household roommates" and using our hours to stay in touch with family and friends thru technology. We are completing those "procrastinator" projects, pulling out "comfort food" recipes and interacting from a safe distance.





Life can take us down different unexpected paths..... maybe a new ingredient makes your recipe better, maybe that scrap of material becomes a new creative project. Take stock of what you have, have fun and stay positive!

So as we continue to travel thru the uncertainties of this virus, stay safe, physical distance and together we will come thru this.

Michelle Evanitski
Homecraft President

2021 MEMBERSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE

\$10.00 – Membership payments can be dropped through the Fair Office Mail Slot. Please make sure to clearly print your name, current address, current phone number, email address if possible and names of everyone you are purchasing memberships for in the envelope with your payment.



As you will see in the following 2020 recap, the MAS Board of Directors, Homecraft and Mainboard Executives, volunteers and membership have continued to be busy even though we were not able to host a fair.

The start of a new decade and definitely a year of change and uncertainty!



Meetings, Meetings and more meetings!
January always starts off with meetings.

January 16 - The **Homecraft General Meeting** was held in the Exhibition Hall with a fantastic meal served by the Black Goose.

A fun activity took place with everyone involved to help choose the upcoming fair themes. The winning themes in order are 1) Aprons & Overalls; 2) Country Roots & Rubber Boots; 3) Homegrown, Homemade & Farm

Fresh; and 4) Thru the Fair Gate. Next year's meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 14, 2021 in the Ex Hall and the Black Goose Restaurant was once again asked to cater our meal.



This year's quilt is called Stars in the Valley and was created from blocks made by many of our members and put together and quilted by Kathy Scott and Marie Gorton. Thank you Girls!

Tickets are now on sale - \$2@ or 3/\$5

2020 Convention Delegates included: Cheryl McGuire, Marie Gorton, Barbara Rogers and Michelle Evanitski.

It was also decided to sponsor Cooking Buddies for the January – April sessions. This is a club for our young people to learn how to handle themselves in the kitchen. At each session, they make an appetizer, main dish, drink and dessert.

January 18 – **Moore Agricultural Society Annual General Meeting** took place. This year it was decided to hold an afternoon meeting in order to beat any weather issues. Mother Nature likes to keep us on our toes!



Even though February had 29 days this year, it seemed like there weren't enough days to get everything done!

Our great volunteers and flexible renters helped us to make it all happen!

Agris Co-op Farmers Meeting & Dinner attendees were amazed at the decorations for their event. Thank you to the decorators for the Lambton County Development Services Valentine's Auction that would take place 2 days later for decorating early! They were also gracious and left the decorations up for the Valentine's Jamboree which took place the day after the Auction! Four days later, a contingent of delegates struck off for Richmond Hill to absorb new ideas for upcoming fairs at the OAAS Convention. Attendees included (Homecraft & MAS): Nancy Brown; Lacey Eramo; Michelle Evanitski; Marie Gorton; Brenda Maw; Devon & Taylor Maw; Cheryl & Peter McGuire; Melody Riedl; Malcolm & Barbara Rogers; Jerika Shepley, Harold & Mona May Thompson.

A surprise was in store for Brigden Fair when we were awarded the 2019 Fair of the Year by World's Finest Shows!



As you all know, workplaces were closed and all events were postponed or cancelled. Times were changing.....

The **Beef Dinner** had been cancelled until Further Notice and individuals were asked to hold on to their tickets. Ticket Sellers were to drop off their money at the fair office Mail Slot. Nancy was not in the office and Rachel was looking after our financial needs remotely. A decision would be made at a later date when the dinner would be rescheduled to.

Prior to the Virus taking hold of our plans, the Homecraft Division purchased new chairs and chair racks for the Exhibition Hall. They are much more comfortable, easier to handle and we looked forward to when we could debut them. A team came together of Peter & Cheryl McGuire, Jack Font, Bruce Brown, Malcolm Rogers, Ross Pettit and Michelle Evanitski to dismantle any of the chairs that were broken and dispose of the unusable pieces.

Bookings including the two brunches, two banquets, Air Stream Campout, Ladies Night Quarter Auction were cancelled. Some weddings and banquets were still in a "wait and see" mode and we were keeping in contact with them.

Storage Removal went well with renters booking appointment times to pick up their items and social distancing being maintained.

4-H Ontario went online! During this time, they were not able to participate in club activities as they normally would have but that didn't mean they couldn't get the 4-H experience from home! Youth could continue to obtain project completion credits through provincial online explore 4-H projects but also through virtual clubs in their association.

The Beacon went digital so readers were required to go to the St. Clair Township webpage for upcoming events and cancellations.

Planning for the **Bluegrass and Country Jamboree Weekend** was still in place awaiting to see what the Province and the safety of our volunteers and patrons will allow.

Children's Safety Village – As you all remember, we had a number of membership meetings concerning the Lambton Children's Safety Village being built at the Brigden Fairgrounds. We regret to let the membership know that the Safety Village committee had advised us that they would be closing their doors. They felt that with the new regulations about the virus, it would be impossible for them to go further. As Mary Ann Buntrock stated, "we are going to be living in a different world and one that the priority of people will be changing. All avenues will be difficult for us from social distancing, busing and fundraising – all these we cannot do. Schools will be run different too and it will take time to make these changes." The decision was very hard for the committee and they thanked Moore Agricultural Society for our support. They would like to continue to be a part of the Brigden Fair Family.

Moore Agricultural Society also thanked them for all their work in trying to bring the project to fruition but understand the difficulties at this time.

Additional Updates

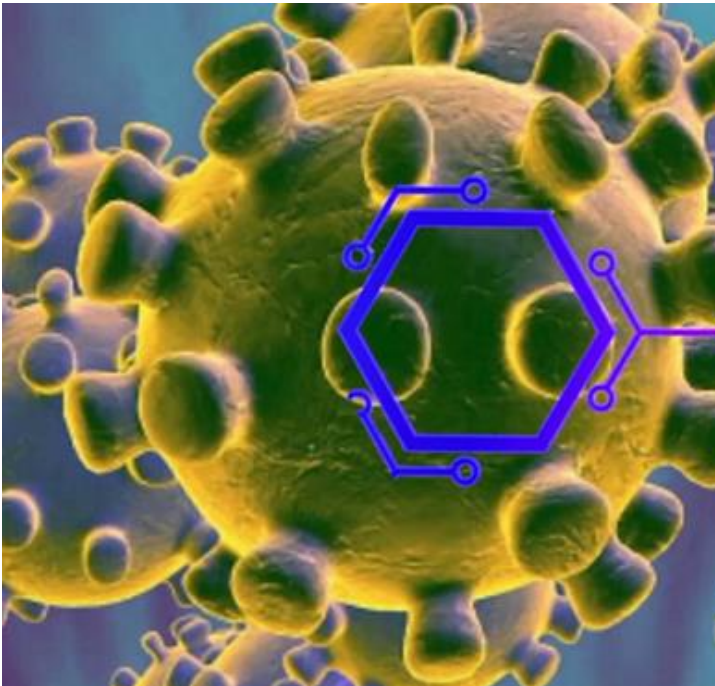
Although things have slowed down at the fairgrounds and meetings have been cancelled, Presidents Malcolm and Michelle had been busy lobbying our government representatives including MP Marilyn



Well March started off with a great Quarter Auction supporting some

local athletes. A successful Jamboree was celebrated for "everyone who was a little bit Irish". Annual Beef Dinner ticket sales were progressing well. Harvest of Gold 50/50 tickets were ready to go!

AND THEN.....



Corona Virus Rocked Our World as we know it!

But at that point we had not panicked!

Gladu, MPP Bob Bailey, Minister of Agriculture Ernie Hardeman, and Senator Rob Black on how lost revenues will be disastrous for the future of agricultural societies. They have been working with CAFÉ (Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions) and OAAS (Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies), completing surveys and providing financial projections. If you have been following the financial programs being provided by the Federal and Provincial Governments, many ag societies (especially those who own their own property) are not eligible. The Presidents are questioning whether grants will be available to supplement these lost revenues. Bridgen Fair is very fortunate that we were able to postpone some maintenance projects that had been planned for 2020 but there are many fairboards across the province that are fearful of the future.

Major decisions have not been made at this time and we continue to hope that the virus curve will be flattened and life will return to a "somewhat" familiar place. We have continued to apply for grants.... Just in case!



A time where the Directors were trying to figure out where we were headed.....

During the early spring, MAS started to become the recipients of many, many, many truckloads of dirt which would continue



throughout the summer. Thank you to Cope Construction. Hopefully, this will help with our parking lot water issues.



Also because when you get anything FREE, there are usually some additional surprises.....



Rock picking crews (Malcolm Rogers, Jason Van Esse, Bill Myers, Eric VanDommelen, Dennis Robinson, Eldon Krohn, Michelle Evanitski, Lindsay Myers, Curtis Vandendool, Taylor & Devon Maw) worked on weekends to pick up any extra materials.

Hydro One was also a huge part of the summer renovations with some new landscaping and relocating the welcome sign.



The month of May was all about cancellations and hopefully rebooking of banquets, horse shows, weddings, and the FCRV Campvention. Fundraisers, Brunches and the Campout Jamboree were cancelled. We learned how to conduct ZOOM meetings.



Discussions with St. Clair Township were productive regarding the Harvest of Gold Draw that had been planned for 2020. Since no tickets had been sold, the Lottery Co-ordinator was willing to hold the licence to be changed for the 2021 draw.

A loader tractor had been purchased prior to the shutdown and became very useful during many of the projects that would be undertaken over the summer (including Rock Picking!).

Government Programs including CERB and Wage Subsidy were applied for to assist our employees.

The Creative County Grant that was received for a 2020 project was extended until Fair 2021.

The Homecraft Executive continued to meet in a socially distanced manner and it was decided that we would be unable to operate Fair Kitchen 2020 if the fair would take place. Lengthy discussions took place debating the pros and cons of how we could keep all the volunteers, exhibitors and patrons safe prior, during and post fair activities.





Decisions had to be made!!!

MOORE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY Home of the Brigden Fair Since 1850



It is with sincere regret that the Moore Agricultural Society is announcing the postponement of the 2020 Brigden Fall Fair to the Fall of 2021.

Each year over the Thanksgiving Weekend our fairgrounds, as well as the small community in which we reside, welcomes upwards of fifty thousand people to our four day celebration of agriculture. Unfortunately as a result of the ongoing global pandemic, the Moore Agricultural Society does not feel that an event such as the Brigden Fair can be successfully held without compromising the safety of the volunteers, exhibitors, staff, judges, vendors, sponsors, community, and patrons that are relied upon. Enhancement of both rural and urban life is central to the mission of the Moore Agricultural Society, and because of the way this year has progressed, the possible benefits of moving forward with the fair are outweighed by the risks involved.

In addition to the individual health risks, the financial considerations of moving forward with the Brigden Fair have weighed heavily on the minds of the organizers. The operation of the Moore Agricultural Society largely relies on donations provided through the generosity of local individuals and businesses. We recognize that many, if not all of our sponsors have been hit hard over the past few months by the economic repercussions of the ongoing global pandemic. The Moore Agricultural Society refuses to let the 170th Brigden Fall Fair become a financial burden to our sponsors and to the community that supports us.

However, make no mistake, the seriousness of the decision to postpone the fair is not taken for granted. Please monitor the official Brigden Fair website (WWW.BRIGDENFAIR.CA) along with its various social media accounts for news regarding any ongoing activities that we may be able to host once restrictions are adjusted. We recognize that the Brigden Fair has far reaching social and economic impacts, and in the coming months we will do our best to mitigate the losses felt across the community.

The Moore Agricultural Society membership will take this time to complete projects around our property and work with our committees (while social distancing), to come back stronger and even more creative next year.

Please continue to work on your exhibits using the theme "Hats Off to Brigden Fair", hone your prize winning recipes and plan for a time when we can all meet again and truly give "thanks" that together we have endured.

All the best to everyone.

Stay healthy, stay safe and we will see you Thanksgiving Weekend 2021.

Malcolm Rogers, President
On behalf of the Moore Agricultural Society Board of Directors



The Grounds & Buildings Committee kept monitoring projects that needed to be completed. Work was completed on catch basins, a new drain in the Ploughman's Diner and a concrete pour and asphalt to fix sidewalks and area around the diner.

Stay strong, because things will get better. It might be stormy now, but it can't rain forever.



With the fair being cancelled for 2020, how were we going to fundraise when we needed to social distance??????

CAFÉ – Canadian Association of Fairs and Events started a Progressive online 50/50 Draw. Patrons played \$2 every week. Once you purchased numbers, they were yours but if you did not pay your \$2, and your ticket was pulled, the winnings would go into the next week's jackpot!

This was a good fundraiser for the Moore Agricultural Society as the breakdown of the pool was as follows:

50% of the weekly draw went to the winner

10% of the weekly draw went to the administration

40% of your ticket price went to the organization you supported. Therefore for every \$2 ticket registered to Brigden Fair, the society received \$.80.

Homecraft Quilt Raffle Tickets

Typically the majority of Homecraft Quilt Tickets are sold at events such as Jamborees, Brunches, Moore Craft Show and the Fair but with Covid Restrictions in place, concerns arose as to how to promote the draw. Again we are thankful that due to the unusual COVID 19 pandemic, St. Clair Township was willing to make amendments to the Lottery license and to delay the draw date until Thanksgiving Monday, October 2021.

We appreciate the support of everyone who purchases or sells quilt tickets and we now have a new way that you can purchase quilt tickets!!!!

You can still contact any member of the Moore Agricultural Society Homecraft Division or you can purchase through e-transfer!

Simply email quiltraffle@brigdenfair.ca with how many tickets you wish to purchase, including names and contact information for the tickets.

Once email is received you will receive further instructions and your ticket numbers will be forwarded to you.

Tickets are \$2 each or 3/\$5 but you can purchase in higher increments. Don't be left out. The quilt is Queen Size and handmade by our members.





During July, MAS started working on Government CEBA grants that in hindsight proved more difficult to complete than first assumed. This Federal program was to ensure small businesses have access to the capital they need to see them through the current challenges and better position them to quickly return to providing services to their communities and creating or maintaining employment.

2001 OAAS Convention

Early Bird/Cheaper Hotel rooms for the 2011 OAAS Convention were not secured as rooms were sold out by 9:30 a.m. on July 2 and had only opened up at midnight that day. At that time, the Board felt that with Covid 19 restrictions in place and the need to be very conscious of finances and spending that Brigden Fair will probably not send any delegates this year.

Fair Office

With the fair office being closed, the phone messages were updated and any email sent to info@brigdenfair.ca or office@brigdenfair.ca would be copied to Malcolm for distribution.

The Phone System and Email Response have been adjusted and contact representatives are noted.

Thank you for contacting Moore Agricultural Society - Home of the Brigden Fair. Our fair office is currently closed until further notice in response to the many unknowns of the Covid-19 Virus. For updates, please follow us at <http://www.brigdenfair.ca> or our facebook page.

If you have questions or require information, please use the following contacts and a representative will get back to you shortly.

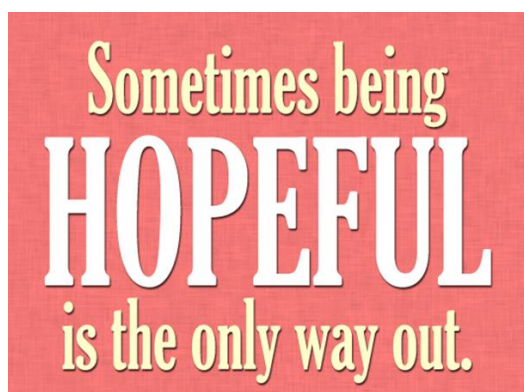
Finance/Vendor Inquiries: finance@brigdenfair.ca or voice mail message at 519-864-1197 ext 303.

Storage: storage@brigdenfair.ca

Bookings/Events: Michelle.Evanitski@brigdenfair.ca or 519-864-4889

Homecraft Division: Homecraft@brigdenfair.ca

General Inquiries: MalcolmRogers@brigdenfair.ca or 519-892-3061



Homecraft – What are they up to????

The Homecraft Quilt Raffle Draw date has been amended by the township to Thanksgiving Monday, October 2021! The ladies set up an e-transfer account to sell tickets both thru social media and in person. This is a great testing period to see if this will become a new way of doing business for us. All previous ticket purchasers were notified of the date change as per regulations.

Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser – The ladies are working on a Thanksgiving Pie Sale with pre-orders and pre-payment. They would take orders from Sept 1 until Sept 15. Order forms were sent to MAS members. Choices were: Apple, Cherry, Blueberry (Frozen – ready to bake); Pecan, Pumpkin – Ready to serve; Pkgs of 5 frozen pie crusts (Ready to Bake). Pick up dates would be Thanksgiving Friday/Saturday with sign up times (COVID). Prior to the fundraiser being put in place, Jenna Armitage of the Health Unit was contacted regarding the annual kitchen inspection, social distancing, cleaning practices and contact tracing. Payment & orders will be received thru email/e-transfer or order forms with cheque/cash can be left in the office mail slot.



Grounds & Buildings advised the board that an additional 1400 loads of fill would be arriving starting August 17. A new roof is required for the Administration/Office Building and quotes were being sought.

Melody Riedl 2019-21 Ambassador & Windy the Clown.

The term of the Ambassador was extended due to COVID and no competition was held in 2020.

Although she was able to attend the OAAS convention in 2020 before COVID restrictions came into play, Melody was not able to represent Moore Agricultural Society at the Canadian



National Exhibition as it was also cancelled. The District 13 Fall Meeting was held by Zoom and an Ambassador Program was not available. We hope that Melody and her court (Emma



Wheeler) will be able to assist at upcoming events once COVID Framework restrictions are lifted.



Grounds & Buildings Committee continues to work on maintaining the property. Cope Construction continues to haul fill and topsoil to the fairgrounds. No Authorized Motor Vehicle signs are being posted on the grounds. Also looking at ways to make winterizing of bathrooms easier.

Let the Pie preparations begin!!!!



Big thank you to
Agris Co-operative
who ordered 100 assorted pies for their
Farmer Harvest Appreciation
Give -Aways!



WHAT – NO FAIR!!!!!!

Not a typical October for many of us! Many commented that they didn't normally cook a turkey dinner for their family at Thanksgiving and typically Donna Hiller and her crew do the cooking for the Volunteers on Thanksgiving Sunday!

The Harvest of Gold 50/50 draw went digital on Thanksgiving Friday using the same lottery platform as Glencoe Agricultural Society, CAFÉ and many other organizations across Ontario with a draw date of Tuesday December 1, 2020.

The Ladies Division made over 594 pie crusts for their Thanksgiving Fundraiser (over 300 pies – double and single crust). Pick up days went great even when Emma and Clara Spooner came to express their disgust at the cancellation of the fair!!!!



If like these ladies, you are missing all your fair friends, head to the Brigden Fair facebook page and check out some past memories. You might be surprised who you see!



Giving Back to the Community – It’s What We Do!

In spite of the lack of the 2020 Brigden Fair, Moore Agricultural Society continued to give back to the Community.

Due to Covid, Brigden Fair hosted a private treaty sale of Feeder Club Calves and Lambs and offered sides of pork to previous buyers and donors. Meat product packages from 3 Beef and 7 Market Hogs were donated to Wallaceburg Salvation Army, Inn of the Good Shepherd, Petrolia Food Bank, LCDS Group Homes, Huron House Boys Home, Women's Interval Home and OHANA Landing.

Thank you to Weiland Meats and Dresden Meat Packers for preparing the donated meat.

Special thanks to our buyers and donors: Unifor Local 848 of Sarnia; Brigden Feed Mill & Cash & Carry Feed Bin, Petrolia; Dresden Meat Packers; B&A Langstaff Farms; World's Finest Shows; George Langstaff & Sons Construction; Great West Auction Company; Kelly's Construction Services; Lorne & Theresa Pumfrey; Adam and Randa Harris; John Langstaff; Riedl Farms; Horsemen Motorcycle Club; Wilbur Farms; Scotia Bank Petrolia; FCC - Farm Credit Corporation; Brad Langstaff - Country Seeds; Childs Farms; VanEsse Show Cattle; COMA Crossbred Cattle; Weiland Meats; CF Industries; Domenic Eramo and Murphy Acres.

STORAGE



October 24th was a memorable day for the “Storage Team”. People were lined up waiting to store their campers, boats and cars before 5:00 am. With all hands on deck, by 2:30 pm our buildings were 95% filled and we were turning people away. A busy day for everyone involved.

Thank you for all your support!



This year’s District 13 Fall Meeting was held by Zoom with a lot of questions about how to manage the Covid Restrictions.

High Winds took down the big evergreen tree in front of the office.



Michelle Evanitski and Malcolm Rogers were invited by the Provincial Minister of Tourism to be a part of a “Banquet Hall and Event Space Operators Working Table” to help develop a framework for COVID 19 supports for the sector and recommendations for recovery which would include determining potential regulation changes and reopening amendments as they relate to banquet halls.

The majority of the representatives are located in the GTA with Malcolm and Michelle being the only representatives west of Kitchener.





Let them make Pie!!!!!!



For the Christmas Pie Fundraiser, the ladies replaced Pumpkin Pie with Mincemeat Pie! All pies and packages of pie shells were frozen so purchasers could plan their own family celebrations anytime in December.



Between Thanksgiving and Christmas, over 660 pies were sold which in perspective means over 1396 single pie crusts were made and Marie Gorton mixed up filling for 151 pecan pies! Big thanks to Rosemary, Isabelle and Marie who prepared the dry dough mix ahead of time, Rosemary and Mari Lynn who made the pie dough and all our shoppers, peelers, rollers, fillers and packagers! A great team of volunteers making sure everything was sanitized and safe for all. Thank you to Rosemary Bradshaw, Nancy Brown, Isabelle Clark, Connie Courtney, Joan Dawson, Michelle Evanitski, Marie Gorton, MariLynn Harris, Anna Hill, Donna Hiller, Cheryl McGuire, Diane Murray, Emma & Lori Ouellette, Carol Robinson, Barbara & Malcolm Rogers, Marilyn Shaw, Margaret Thomson, and Norma Jean White.



Also thank you to Morgan & Duncan MacRae for helping re-organize the freezers, Eldon Krohn for assisting with making the racking, and Bill Myers & Devon Maw for delivering another freezer for our use.

And of course
THANK YOU
 to everyone who purchased pies.



Emma O – our pie taster

“HARVEST OF GOLD”

And the Winner is..... What Happened?

A Bridgen Fair lottery that saw its jackpot climb to more than \$70,000 was stopped in its tracks and forced to draw a winner Thursday night (prior to the scheduled Dec 1 draw date).

Moore Agricultural Society President Malcolm Rogers said all lotteries using The Lotto Factory fundraising platform in Ontario, including their Harvest of Gold 50/50 draw, were shut down.

“This action was taken by the organizing group who were having the validity of their license in Ontario challenged by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario,” said Rogers. The Lotto Factory Global, which runs lottery websites on behalf of fundraisers, claims its Interactive Gaming License was granted from a Quebec-based gaming commission, from the Mohawk Territory of Kahnawake.

Rogers said the Glencoe Fair, which saw its 50/50 draw reach an unprecedented \$366,806 this fall, used the same platform.

“There were numerous groups. Glencoe is the one that’s known, after all that took place, it was quite large. Other groups, like ourselves, fairs and different organizations, jumped on board to try and use it [the software] to raise funds because we didn’t have a fair. So, this was going to be a great way to generate some revenues to be able to ensure our fairs would go next year.”

Rogers said thankfully a winning ticket in their lottery was still drawn.

“On a more positive note, out there somewhere, is an individual named Amanda, who is \$35,270 richer this morning.” Rogers said the individual, whose last name wasn’t revealed, will be notified by email by The Lotto Factory. In previous years, when the fair only sold paper tickets, about \$5,000 was raised with the winner claiming \$2,500.

And the Winner is Announced!!!!



Moore Agricultural Society would like to take this opportunity to once again thank everyone who supported the Harvest of Gold 50/50 online draw.

We had the opportunity to meet with our winner, Amanda Andersen and her family from Kimball Sideroad. As a family, they are also giving back to the community with donations to the Petrolia Angel Tree, The Vineyard, Operation Christmas and local food banks.

Congratulations Amanda.

OTHER NEWS....

With the office being closed since last spring, you may not have known that Sherry Teed has been covering for Rachel, handling any of our financial needs, during Rachel’s maternity leave.

Rachel, Kody & Hannah Roddick welcomed a baby girl, Hailey, to their family on August 23, 2020.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – COVID STYLE The Plan as of December 17, 2020

Moore Agricultural Society Annual General Meeting
Thursday, January 21, 2021
Registration & Voting - 12 Noon to 7:00 PM
Exhibition Hall, Brigden Fairgrounds

Current COVID-19 regulations restrict the size of meetings. It is unknown what level of restrictions will be in place in January. However, MAS needs to elect directors to replace those that will have their terms end. After some discussion, the MAS Board has adopted the following procedures for the annual meeting. These will serve as a method of electing directors and providing information to the MAS members. It is felt that these will both protect MAS members and allow us to elect directors for 2021. Hopefully, we will be able to return to normal in 2022.

Procedures

COVID-19 requirements for masks and separation distances will be maintained.
The exhibition hall will open at 12 noon and be open until 7:00 PM.
Members will be able to register and purchase their 2021 memberships.
Members will receive the financial statements for 2020, a summary of operations, candidate bios and voting package.
Board members and others will be available to try to answer questions.
Ballot boxes will be available in the Exhibition Hall.
Members will be able to vote for up to seven board members.
The four candidates with the most votes will be elected to a three year term.
The next three candidates with the highest votes will serve a one year term.
After 7:00 PM, the ballots will be counted by a group of scrutineers to determine the new directors.
The results will be posted on our website and announced by email and Facebook.

Additional Information

Scrutineers – At least three people will be asked to count the ballots and report the results. A list of people that have volunteered to be scrutineers will be available on January 21.
Nominations for Directors – The nominating committee has been contacting members to ask if they wish to stand for election. If you are interested in running for a position, please submit your name. If you want to nominate someone, please contact them to confirm that they will let their name stand and ask them to submit their name. Names must be submitted by December 22, 2020 so they can be included on the ballot. Name of candidate, biography and picture of the candidate to be submitted by email to Homecraft@brigdenfair.ca.
Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting – A draft copy of the minutes will be available for your information. Those members that attended the 2019 meeting are asked to review the minutes and advise if there are any corrections. Approval of the minutes will be part of the voting package.
2022 Annual Meeting – The date and time will be set and published by the 2021 Board of Directors.
Memberships – If you cannot attend the meeting, 2021 memberships (\$10) can be obtained by mailing a cheque to the MAS office, depositing cash in the fair office mail slot or by e-transfer to finance@brigdenfair.ca. If purchasing multiple memberships, please note all the membership names on the transaction.

NOTE: Should our area be placed under the orange, red or lockdown COVID-19 framework, the Annual General Meeting will be postponed and members will be notified of the new date and time.

We don't want this to happen again
for Brigden Fair 2021 when the theme will be
"Hats off to Brigden Fair"



So for now....

Days later, the Provincial Government announced that the Province of Ontario would be going into a complete lockdown until January 23, 2021.

Moore Agricultural Society Members will be notified of the new date and time. If your email address has changed, please drop a note to info@brigdenfair.ca

**Our wish for everyone
is to stay safe and stay healthy
so we can all be together soon
to start planning Brigden Fair 2021!**

