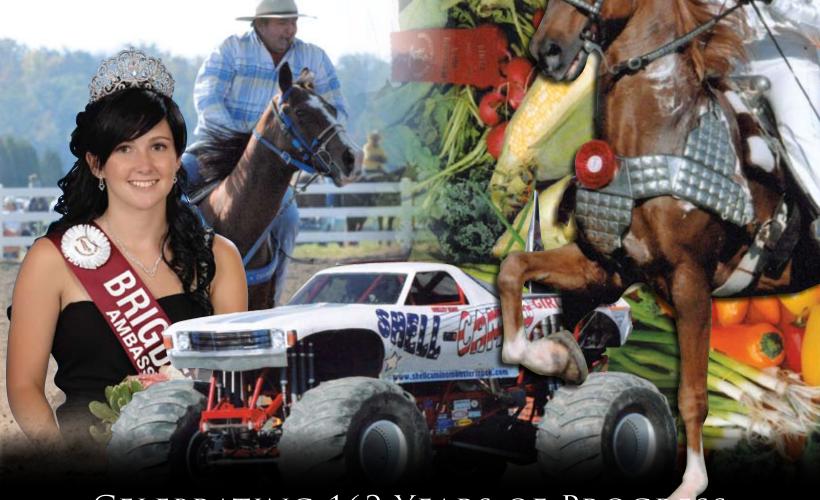


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## Greetings from the 2012 Presidents

## **Moore Agricultural Society, Home of Brigden Fair Presidential Message**

Brigden Fair was developed in 1850 by the hard work of our community forefathers and continues to grow through the dedication of the Moore Agricultural Society volunteers. For generations of families Thanksgiving weekend is Brigden Fair, working together with our fair families to give both our urban and rural neighbours an experience that they can't wait to repeat each year.

Again this year our volunteers have organized a great line up of events with something for the young and the young at heart. If you like the roar of power then the Friday night South Western Ontario Truck and Tractor Pull is for you. Livestock shows fill the Coliseum Friday, Saturday and Sunday and the horse rings are bustling as well. The Ploughman's Farmyard is a great place for fair goers of all ages as they experience hands on activities promoting the agricultural industry. New this year is an interactive display from the University of Guelph 'Equimania Farm Safety'.

Saturday evening at 7 p.m. the cowboys and girls are will be displaying their talent 'team sorting'. The intermission entertainment will feature 'Encore Presentation' a local trick riding team.

As you wonder the grounds you may see 'Dan the Balloon Man' roaming about offering free balloon creations compliments of the Moore Agricultural Society. If you'd like a different view of the grounds 'Zimmer Air' provide you an aerial view in one of their

helicopters.

And what would Brigden Fair be without the 'World's Finest Show' midway to thrill. The candy apples, candy floss & carmel corn are as much a Thanksgiving tradition at the fair as thanksgiving turkey. We are fortunate to have a vast diversity of vendors and we encourage everyone to check out what they have to offer.

Fair goers can't leave without at least one piece of homemade pie served at the Homecraft division's 'Lunch Counter'. The creative talent displayed in the Exhibition Hall by exhibitors of all ages is amazing and something that shouldn't be missed!

As the presidents of the Moore Agricultural Society and the MAS Homecraft Division, we want to thank all of our dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly all year round to raise funds which allow us to maintain and develop the fair grounds and buildings. Without their many talents and volunteered hours Brigden Fair could not continue to sustain its self and grow.

We invite all of our fair friends and families to join us on Friday at 11:00 am in the Entertainment Tent for the 'Official Opening of the 162nd Brigden Fall Fair'.

Looking forward to seeing you at the fair!



**John Scott**Moore Agricultural Society, President



**Kathy Scott**MAS Homecraft President

### **Schedule of Events**

#### FRI, OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>

#### Seniors/Student Day Admission

#### \$4 until 5pm then \$10

9:00am Exhibit Building Open

9:30am Agriculture In The Classroom

**Emergency Response Displays** 

10:00am Ice Cream Making Demo in Exhibition Hall

11:00am Crystal Gage (ET)

11:30am Official Fair Opening (ET)

See the Educational Exhibits in Jr. Bldg.

12:45pm Crystal Gage (ET)

1:30pm Ice Cream Making Demo in Exhibition Hall

2:00pm Pickin' N' Fiddlin' at the Fair (ET)

-Marilyn Whiting and Friends

7:00pm South Western Ontario Tractor truck and

tractor pull

8:00 pm Exhibit Buildings Close

# SAT, OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup> ADMISSION \$8

9:00am Exhibit Buildings Open

9:00am Haflinger Show

9:00am Open Hunter Horse Show9:00am Mid Western Horse Show9:30am Children's Mutt Show (ET)

10am-noon Hand quilting demo (Exhibition Hall)

10:30am Poultry Show

10:30am Saddlebred Horse Point Show11:00am CHOK Garden Show—live (CS)

11:00am Open Sheep Show (C)

11:00am West Coast Lumberjack show

12:00 Noon PARADE

12:30pm Fiddler Christine Storey & Friends (ET)

1:00pm West Coast Lumberjack show 1:00pm IPM Awards Presentation ©

1:00pm Little Buckeroos (CS)

1:00pm Beef Cattle (C)

2:00pm Canadian Cowgirls –grandstand
2-4 p.m. Hand quilting demo (Exhibition Hall)
2:00pm Gardening with the Windover's (CS)

2:20pm Steppin' Up Dance Club (ET)

3:00pm The Black Family (fiddle/mandolin/step dance) (ET)

4:00pm Always Quilting with Kathy Scott (CS)

4:00pm West Coast Lumberjack show

5:00pm Balloon Workshop with Dan the Balloon

Man (CS)

5:00pm Lambton-Kent Mini Pullers

7:00pm Team sorting (C)

8:00pm Exhibit Buildings Close

# SUN, OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup> ADMISSION \$8.00

#### **Elementary students free.**

9:00am Mid Western Horse Show 9:00am Exhibit Buildings Open 10:00am Children's Rabbit Show 10:00am 4-H Sheep Show (C) 10:30am Waterfowl Show

11:00am Pastry Making demo (Exhibition Hall)

11:00am Baby Show (ET) 11:00am Little Buckeroos (CS)

11:00am West C oast Lumberjack show noon Crafts and more with Michaels (CS)

noon Encore Presentation Jr's

(grandstand)

1:00pm Intercounty 4-H Sheep Show (C)

1:00pm The Ballagh Bunch (ET)

1:00pm West Coast Lumberjack show 1:00pm Horse Driving Competition 2:00pm Little Buckeroos (CS)

2:00pm Pastry Making demo (Exhibition Hall)

2:15pm Sarnia Line Dancers (ET)

3:00pm Dan the Balloon Man workshop (CS)

3:00pm The Ballagh Bunch (ET)

3:00pm Encore Presentation Sr. team (C) 4:00pm West Coast Lumberjack show

5:00pm Little Buckeroos (CS)6:00pm Exhibit Buildings Close

# MON, OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup> ADMISSION \$8.00

#### **Elementary students free.**

9:00am Light Horse NBHA/OBRA Sanctioned Show

9:00am Open Light Horse Show 9:00am Miniature Horse Show 9:00am Brigden 4-H Beef (C) 9:00am Exhibit Buildings Open 9:00am Heavy Horse Show 9:30am Brigden Speed Show

10:30am Pigeon Show

11:00am Pastry Making demo (Exhibition Hall)

### **Schedule of Events**

11:00am Beef/Hog/Lamb auction (C)11:00am West Coast Lumberjack show11:30am Joan Spalding and Friends (ET)

12:00pm Culinary Fun with Chef Alastair MacKay (CS)1:00pm Balloon Workshop with Dan the Balloon Man (CS)

1:00pm West Coast Lumberjack show

1:00pm Beef Cattle (C) Angus, Hereford MOE Show

1:00pm 4-H Beef Regional Show 1:15pm Key of G Gagnon family (ET)

1:30pm Gardening with the Windovers (CS)

2:00pm Little Buckeroos (CS)

2:15pm Neufeld School of Highland Dance (ET)

3:00pm LaPier Flowers workshop (CS)

3:00pm Winterline (ET)

4:00pm West Coast Lumberjack Show

4:00pm Little Buckeroos 4:30pm Fair Exhibit Removal

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# 2012 / 2013 Brigden Fair Ambassador Courtlyn Fiddler

Courtlyn Fiddler, 16, was crowned Brigden Fair Ambassador for 2012/13 on August 15, 2012. She officially becomes Ambassador September 1, after 2011/2012 Ambassador Megan Vandendool completes her reign competing at the C.N.E. in Toronto.

Courtlyn's great grandfather, Ken Anderson was the Brigden Fair president in 1971 and it has been a tradition for her family to attend for as long as she can remember.

Courtlyn has been a part of the Brigden Fall Fair by being a craft exhibitor since she was young. As a talented artist she has won the fairs poster contest several times. In 2010 her poster 'Promoting Brigden Fair' was chosen to move onto the district 13 level placing first place, it then was sent onto the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies (OAAS) convention in Toronto where it won first place again. Courtlyn has worked with her grandfather Bruce Anderson being a part of the Agriculture in the Classroom program, helping to teach the elementary students about the horse industry on the Friday of the fair.

Horses are a very important part of her life and she has being riding since she was very young with her family. Recently she has taking her riding to a new level becoming a part of the 'Encore Presentation' trick riders. She performs with them as a trick rider and roper and is part of the DODGE Ram Rodeo series all across Ontario. They will be performing a half time show on Saturday, during the Team Sorting event in the coliseum.

Courtlyn is also looking forward to working with first runner up Taylor Meyers, together they will be carrying out various tasks all around the fairgrounds. The competition was very close and the judges has a very hard decision to make. During the competition, the contestants had to give a speech, answer an impromptu question and change into an outfit that best describes their main interest or hobby. Judges for the evening's

competition were Lorna Sellers, Tim Williams and Derek Givern.

Courtlyn will also be attending many community events all throughout the year representing Moore Agricultural Society, Home of the Brigden Fair. She will also be attending the OAAS Convention in Toronto in February, meeting with the ambassadors from all across Ontario.

Courtlyn will not be able to compete in the CNE Ambassador Competition next August as she won't be old enough at the time of the competition.

Courtlyn will be returning to L.C.C.V.I., Petrolia again this fall entering into grade 11. After high school, she hopes to pursue a career as a hairstylist / esthetician.



# Brigden Fair AUCTION

On Monday October 8, at 11 a.m. in Coliseum/83, there will be a live auction of lamb, beef and pork. You will have to opportunity to purchase from the Lambton 4-H clubs and open shows. Following the livestock auction there are items that have been donated by volunteers and people of this great community that will be auctioned off and all the money collected will be donated to charity. This is a fun and exciting event at the fair so please come and show your support.

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## Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies Service Award 2012 Nominations - Jean & Howard Maw

Moore Agricultural Society is proud to honour Jean and Howard Maw with the Ontario Societies 2012 Agricultural Service Award.

What amazing memories the Maws have of being involved with the best fair – Brigden Fair.

Jean joined the Ladies Division in 1958, the year the ladies organized with its own slate of officers. Howard assisted the men with constructions, post-holes, and working at the gates. He was involved in building the Jr. Fair Building. Recently, he has often been in the field so other family members could be at the fair.

Many changes have occurred, in the last 54 years like from a Class B to A fair, from a one day to four day fair, from Erma's Tea Room to the present Homecraft Ladies Kitchen. In the corner of the Administration Building we sold homemade cookies, homemade fudge, tea and coffee with sand floors and lots of dust. Jean remembers cooking a turkey for a Threshermen's

was not totally cooked, it never happened twice.

Often the ladies organized and decorated a float and oh what fun they had. The ladies wore blue jackets, hats and gold skirts or slacks for the parade. They thought they were quite debonair.

Jean worked with Arts & Crafts for many years. She was also the secretary-treasurer of the Ladies Division from 1978-1982. When an educational grant was received, she was asked to help in the Jr. Fair Building looking after projects and displays. Seeing a need for more entries she also started showing in this area. The competition was fun for many especially Bob McGee and Don Young. Howard assisted with the many displays located in this building. Three generations of the Maw family are called upon annually to make the surroundings attractive.

If you wanted a home cooked turkey dinner, Jackie's kitchen was

the spot. Jean went into the diner to discuss a matter with Jackie and was asked if she could wipe off some tables. Guess what Jean was there cooking, stuffing turkeys and making pies, even her daughter-in-law and grandchildren joined her to help. Many days of fun and laughter were enjoyed in the diner as they all worked together.

Jean remembers many a foggy drive to Brigden when judging used to be done at 6:30 a.m. the day of the fair.

Their greatest pride is the fact that their family has been involved in the fair recently. Often Jean wheeled a cart with a grandchild inside and perhaps another following along behind during fair preparations. The Maw family all love the excitement, and are still dedicated volunteers.

Jean and Howard have made many friends over the years have enjoyed being volunteers and wish the Moore Agricultural Society success in the next 54 years.

The Board of Directors of the Moore Agricultural Society is proud to nominate Jean and Howard Maw as recipients of the 2012 Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies Award. This couple have been a great asset in the promotion of agriculture and dedicated in the support of the Moore Agricultural Society.





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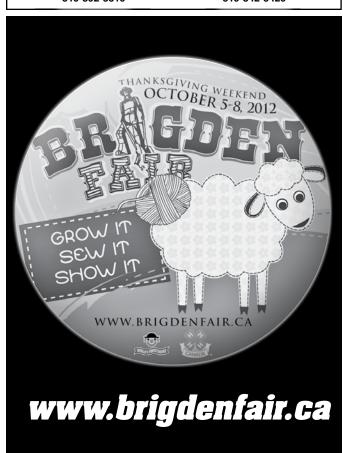
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The Canadian Cowgirls were chosen to stand as honour guard for Prince Charles and Dutchess Camilla during their recent visit to Canada, escorted the Olympic torch appeared on the Rick Mercer Report.

These Credentials have earned them an invitation to the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena California on New Years Day.

There are two things left to accomplish on The Canadian Cowgirls Bucket list since they started 10 years ago, One was perform

at the Brigden Fair and the other was to ride in the Rose Bowl Parade. Imagine that, we get to do both in the same year.

The team will be performing at 2 p.m. Saturday October 6th in front of the Grandstand, you can help them raise the \$80,000 need to get to the Rose Bowl by purchasing a rose to be placed on your favourite Canadian Cowgirl's horse in honour or memory of someone at their booth right after their show.





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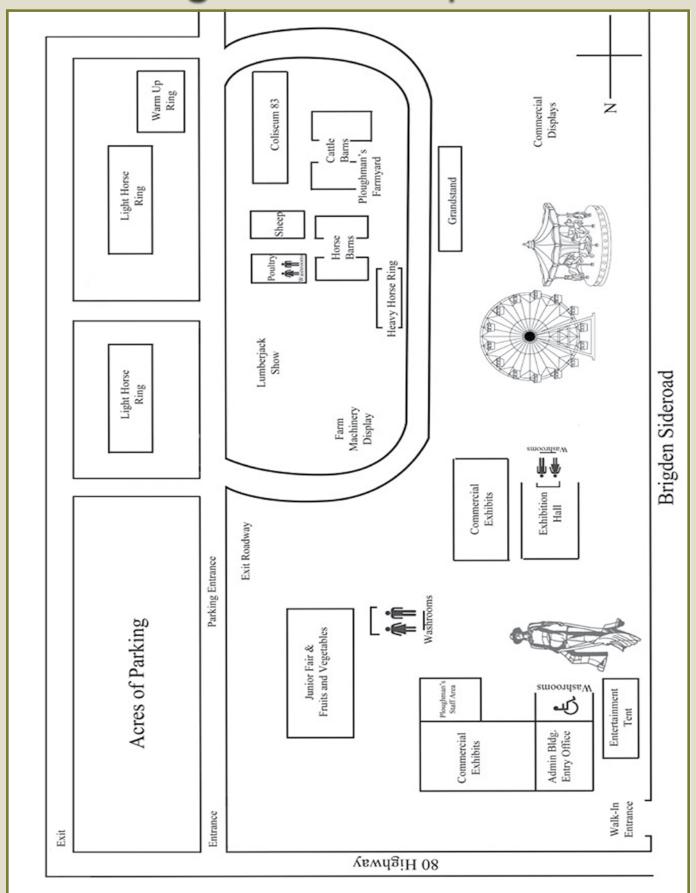
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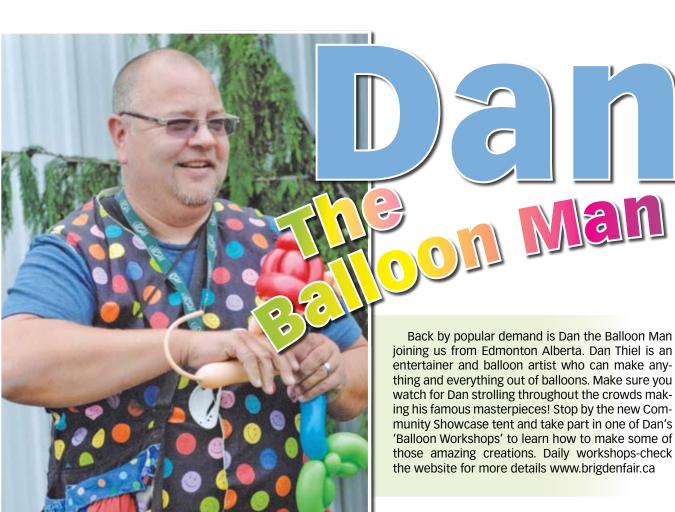


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# Children's Mutt show



Held on Saturday October 6 at 9:30 a.m. registration starts at 9:15 a.m. all being held in entertainment tent. This is open to all children under the age of 13. Only children must handle and be in control of dog at all times. So come out and show off the family pet.





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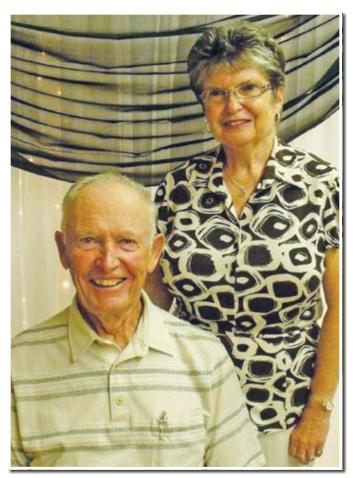
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# 2012 Parade Marshals

# Marilyn & cameron shaw



The Moore Agricultural Society is proud to have Marilyn and Cameron Shaw as our 2012 Parade Marshals.

Both Cameron and Marilyn Shaw have been lifelong residents of Moore Township. (now St. Clair) and have attended the Brigden Fair all their lives. Cameron did miss the fair in 1953 as he was in Vancouver. He remembers that there was one year in the 1940's when he was in public school that the fair was postponed for two weeks because of wet weather Back then, the fair was on the first Wednesday in October and the schools gave the students the afternoon off so they could attend the fair. Students were anxious to see what prize ribbons they had received for entries from their schools.

Cameron has been volunteering at Brigden Fair for almost 60 years, volunteering first on the parking committee until 1989. The late Gordon Reynolds asked him to assist on the poultry committee in the early 50's and Cameron still serves on this committee. Poultry exhibitors used to be the local farmers bringing their guinea fowl, turkeys, ducks and chickens but today exhibitors come from distances to show their

fancy fowl. There is a poultry show for three days at the fair.

Cameron was an assistant director and later served on the MAS Board in the 70's and then from 1982-2001. During those years when bank rates were very high, the coliseum was built and MAS acquired more property. The board of directors worked very hard to pay off their debt. Cameron was honoured to be president of the 140th Brigden Fair in 1990. The weather was wonderful and a record crowd attended. Cameron took part in the burning of the mortgage in the spring of 1991, thanks to the efforts of many volunteers.

Marilyn first started volunteering for Brigden Fair in the Homecraft fair kitchen over 30 years ago. She has played an active role with the Homecraft Division ever since and is the current secretary.

Marilyn served as president of MAS Homecraft in 1997-98. During her term, a quilt and craft show was held involving many MAS volunteers. For the 40th anniversary of the Homecraft division, a fashion show through the years was held. She also helped plan the program for the 50th anniversary of Homecraft with a historical presentation of the organization.

In 1996, the addition of a new entrance, washrooms, bar and storage room to the exhibition hall was built and Marilyn chaired this committee. It was open in time for the fair that year and has provided a good facility for the fair and for other functions throughout the year.

Marilyn was in charge of the dining room for weddings and other dinners for over 10 years. Cameron often helped serve at many of the dinners too. Our biggest undertaking was serving meals for the London conference of the United Church in 2002 for approximately 500 people.

It was in 1990 when Cameron was president of MAS that he came home from a Board meeting and said they needed someone to be in charge of the activity centre (entertainment) at the fair. Marilyn said that she would try to organize some program. A trailer was rented for dancers and for the opening of the fair with other program in the Ploughman's Diner. In 1992, the Board agreed to rent a tent and have done so for the past 20 years except for two years when the Ontario Lottery provided a stage. Marilyn says that much credit goes to her committee members who have contributed much in to putting together a program each year that seems to draw a large crowd.

Marilyn and Cameron have enjoyed being part of Moore Agricultural Society. It is a rewarding place to work where volunteers can get pleasure out of taking on projects which are of interest to them and at the same time it helps to support the successful fair that we have had for so many years.

They wish to thank the Board of Directors for the honour of being chosen for the Parade Marshals of the 162nd Brigden Fall Fair.



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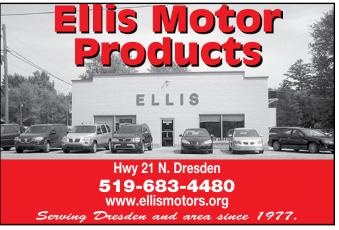
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# Ending of an Era

A familiar face will be missing from the Brigden Fair office, after 19 years as the Office Facilitator, Beth McGill has retired. Beth became an employee in September of 1993 and assisted the Moore Agricultural Society through many changes & developments. Beth acted as the 'office ambassador' for Brigden Fair, the first line of communication with the fairgrounds and the lady with all the answers.

With a smile, she was able to calm an excited bride planning a wedding reception and undecided about the best catering option, direct the exhibitors in the livestock programs or soothe a lost child at fair time. It was all part of a job that she made to look easy. She saw the implementation of not one, but two new computer systems in the office, bringing MAS into the world of the internet generation. Very few people will ever understand the true wealth of knowledge that Beth McGill has developed on behalf of the Moore Agricultural Society.

The Moore Agricultural Society, Board of Directors would like to extend our appreciation to her for 19 years of devotion and dedication to the Brigden Fairgrounds.



# Busy time for volunteers

Brigden Fair is a busy time for all the volunteers, early in the morning they are getting everything ready in anticipation of the fair goers arrival. For these early risers a breakfast is served in the Ploughman's Diner. Being part of the agricultural community we know how important it is to support our local producers when possible.

Our diner is staffed by volunteers and serves only our volunteers. Through the support of the 'Egg Producers of Ontario' we are able to purchase our eggs locally from Noppen Poultry Farms and receive reimbursement for the price of the eggs.

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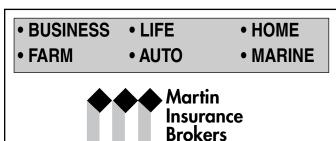


# The Black Family

Saturday October 6, 3 p.m. in the Entertainment Tent.

The Black Family is a Celtic music ensemble began performing as a family about nine years ago and have become well known all over southern Ontario. These talented siblings range in age from 5 to 21. Their many talents include the fiddle, mandolin and step dancing.





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# Program for Entertainment Tent 2012

#### Friday, October 5

11:00- Crystal Gage 11:30- Official Opening 12:45- Crystal Gage 2:00- Pickin' N Fiddlin' at the Fair

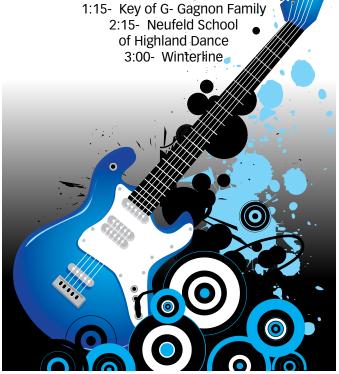
#### Saturday, October 6

9:30- Mutt Show 12:00- Parade 12:30- Christine Storey and Friends- Deb Wellington, Dan Hunter, Linda Murray 2:20- Steppin' Up Dance Club 3:00- The Black Family- 10 brothers & sisters- fiddle, mandolin, step dancers

#### Sunday, October 7

11:00- Baby Show 1;00 - The Ballagh Bunch 2:15- Sarnia Line Dancers 3:00- The Ballagh Bunch

## Monday, October 8 11:30- Joan Spalding and Friends



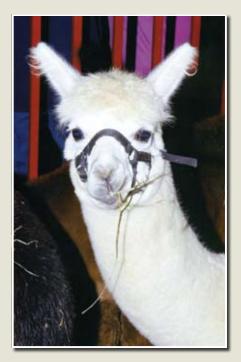
# Follow the fibre trail

## Sunday, October 7 10:00 A.M – 4:30 P.M.

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environment for the fair goer giving then the opportunity to have fun learning about fibre artistry and fibre producing animals and plants.



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#### **competition** Town and Cou

The Town and Country Competition got its inspiration all because of pumpkins.

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A trip to Waterdown to see what took place and was surprised to see all the houses and business decorated for the event. The minute you drove into town you could tell something was going on. Of course pumpkins were the main decoration along with corn, scarecrows and straw. If Waterdown could do it why not Brigden for the fair.

their yards but not entered.

A few people entered the first year and prize money of \$100 helped. Over the past years a few more people have entered and some have decorated

Darlene Pepper and Elsbeth McCormick have helped this event with all the decorating these two ladies do. When you drive into Brigden you will see the flags, flower pots and the big square planters decorated for all the different seasons. These two ladies have spent hours making sure that the main street of the town looks good. This small community puts on the biggest fair in Lambton County and you know something is happening as you drive by.

Town and Country competition is open to all residents and business of Brigden. Along Courtright Line from Kimball to Mandaumin and Brigden Road from Moore Line to Oil Springs Line. You will be judged on fair theme, dates, visibility from road and use of fall decorations not Halloween.

First prize \$100. Second \$75. **Third \$50. Fourth \$25.** 





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