



Oliver Agricultural Society

Vision: The vision of the Oliver Agricultural Society is to promote agriculture as environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial, and economically viable in rural Northwestern Ontario.

Mission: The Oliver Agricultural Society is firmly committed to protecting the viability of the agricultural industry and promoting the country lifestyle and traditions. We strive toward fostering an appreciation of sustainable livestock and crop farming through educating and entertaining both the rural and urban community in the Thunder Bay District.

2022 President's Message

Welcome everyone to the 131st Anniversary of the Murillo Fair! After a hiatus of two years we are glad to be **"OUT AND ABOUT"**

This year we are excited to have the tractor rodeo, the rodeo with local and out of town cowboys, and the ever popular midway rides. Come out to see local entries in the Lil Everett Hall and maybe think about entering this year or next.

This year things got off to a late start with the snow not leaving until mid to late May. Usually by that time there have been a few horse events. The horse events will be starting very soon.

We are always looking for volunteers and this year is no different. We need people to come out to help clean the grounds, do a little painting, cut some grass and other odd jobs that need to get done before the Fair even begins. At Fair time we need even more volunteers. There are garbage cans to be placed, picnic tables set up around the grounds, tents need to be erected, damage to the buildings and fences need to be repaired and painted just to name a few. We also need volunteers to help with parking, gates, the food booth as well as other little jobs too numerous to mention.

I would also like to extend a big thank you to the sponsors, vendors, volunteers, exhibitors, and everyone that attends the fair. Our fair wouldn't be possible at all without your participation.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone come out and enjoy the 2022 Murillo Fair!

Sincerely,

Sue-Ellen Blekkenhorst
2022 President
Oliver Agricultural Society

2022 Directors and Officers

OFFICERS

<i>President</i>	Sue-Ellen Blekkenhorst
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	Toni Johnson
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	Madison Lehr
<i>Secretary</i>	Lindsey Vandenberg
<i>Treasurer</i>	Sylvia Goodheart

DIRECTORS

Sue-Ellen Blekkenhorst	Brenda Gillespie	Chris Goodheart
Sylvia Goodheart	Toni Johnson	Madison Lehr
Shane Maxwell	Joyce Tinsley	Lindsey Vandenberg
Cindy Witzel		

Committees (A-Z)

Below are the main points of contact for each of the Committees of the Murillo Fair and the Oliver Agricultural Society. For more details, contact one of the directors or visit www.murillofair.ca.

Advertising Lindsey Vandenberg	Ring rentals Toni Johnson, Joyce Tinsley
Cattle barn	Rodeo Toni Johnson
Children's centre Brenda Gillespie	Small animals
Entertainment Sylvia Goodheart	Social media Lindsey Vandenberg
Food booth Madison Lehr	Sponsors
Gates and parking All Directors	Tractors Shane Maxwell (807-628-4020)
Grounds and maintenance Shane Maxwell, Chris & Sylvia Goodheart	Vendors Sue-Ellen Blekkenhorst and Toni Johnson
Gymkhanas Joyce Tinsley	Website , Sue-Ellen Blekkenhorst
Horse barn Joyce Tinsley, Toni Johnson	
Lawn Mower Racing	
Lil' Everett Exhibit Hall Sue-Ellen Blekkenhorst	
Memberships Sue-Ellen Blekkenhorst	
Prize book Sue-Ellen Blekkenhorst	

General Rules and Regulations

1. A membership fee of \$10 is required by all adults making entries in the fair. Senior (65 and over) categories and children's categories (18 and under) are exempt. All entrants will be given a wristband when entries are received on the fairgrounds giving them access to the fair.
2. An admission fee will be charged to all who enter the fairgrounds except those who have a wristband. Anyone found transferring wristbands shall forfeit their membership, wristband and prize money.
3. Entries will be accepted the week of the Fair starting on **Monday through Wednesday from 6 to 8 pm** for non perishables. Exhibit Hall entries must be brought in on **Thursday between 2 and 8 pm** to be ready for **judging on Friday**. There will be help available for entries on-site beginning on Monday.
4. Exhibitors are encouraged to use the online entry form that will be activated closer to the date of the Fair. All Exhibit Hall entries will be required to use the online form, and all other entries are encouraged. A laptop will be available on the fairgrounds beginning on Monday prior to the Fair if needed.
5. All exhibits (including animals in barns) must remain on-site **until after 8 p.m on Sunday of Fair weekend..**
6. **Any person on the fairgrounds will be subject to the rules and regulations of the Oliver Agricultural Society. Any person interfering with judges will forfeit all prizes and will be removed from the premises. Judges have full power to classify all articles and animals and further, the Society will NOT be responsible for anyone being injured in any way on the fairgrounds.**
7. **There will be a \$35 handling fee for any NSF cheques.** Please note that post dated cheques will not be accepted, and all cheques should be payable to Oliver Agricultural Society.
8. **All exhibits entered for competition, in the exhibit hall, must be made by the the exhibitor.** All exhibitors who are entering stock, produce or other articles which are not their own property or of their own manufacture shall be disqualified.
9. Exhibitors shall enter only once for each applicable class.
10. **No visible name or mark of any kind** by which it is possible to discover to whom any article belongs, shall be allowed on any exhibit until after the prizes have been awarded. Any exhibitor so offending shall be disqualified and his or her prize money forfeited.
11. The judge has the discretion to withhold or decrease prize monies for any exhibit he or she deems to be of inferior quality, which includes soiled, defaced or old work not from the current year. If any exhibitor refuses to accept the award of the judge, the director in charge may cause the prize to be returned to the Society.
12. If, due to bad weather, conditions or circumstances beyond its control, the Society reserves the right to pay the prizes on a percentage basis if necessary owing to decreased revenue.
13. **The decision of the judge is final;** no appeals will be considered.
14. The Directors of the Society agree to take every reasonable precaution to ensure the safety of articles sent to the exhibition, yet it must be distinctly understood that the **owners assume all risks** should any article be accidentally injured, lost or stolen. The Directors will assist in the recovery of the same to the best of their abilities, but will not recognize any claim for payment of the value of any portion thereof, that being exhibited, and those that are improperly entered to report the same to the Secretary.
15. The Board of Directors has made every attempt at accuracy in this prize book, however reserves the right to alter, interpret, amend, add, or cancel any of these rules.

Lead by Example

As exhibitors and volunteers, we are all in a position to set a positive example for all visitors to our Fair. Please pass this message along when needed.