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"150 Years of Rural Roots"

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METCALFE FAIRGROUNDS EXPANDS FOR THE FUTURE

In the midst of celebrating its 150 years of history, Metcalfe Agricultural Society took a positive step towards future success last week, when the membership ratified an agreement to purchase a 10-acre parcel of land across the road from the existing fairgrounds. "This parcel has been rented by the Fair for a number of years for parking purposes, and when it was put up for sale, we had to find a way to make it ours", says Fair President John Lackey. "We've watched a number of Fairs become completely surrounded by housing development, leaving no place to park at Fair-time, so we couldn't let this opportunity pass us by."

The Agricultural Society plans to continue using the land for parking at Fair-time, but the zoning designation is the same as the existing Fairgrounds, allowing for future expansion of exhibit space and other Fair events.

"This purchase has changed our cash flow outlook for the next few years," says Lackey, "but we're confident that our Directors and volunteers will be able to pull together as a team towards this goal."

The group is busy planning a number of upcoming fundraisers, including a Dinner Theatre on April 1st and a golf tournament in early June. Information on these events is available at the Fair Office, 821-0591, or by visiting www.metcalfefair.com.

The 150th Metcalfe Fair will be held on September 28th to October 1st, 2006.

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