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Annual General Meeting

Thursday, March 12 ~ Casual Dinner at 6:30pm ~ 555 Brewing Co. Picton

Parking available at Sobey's & Mary St. Lot

Special Guests: Mark Boone & Maya Navrot, Quinte Conservation



We're thrilled to have FARM 911 finally available in PEC. The goal is for landowners to get civic addresses put at the entrance of their farm fields, so if there's ever an emergency, first responders can find you faster.

ORDER YOUR SIGN TODAY!

Download the application form at www.FARM911.ca

Applications must include:

- \$55.00 non-refundable fee for administrative and material costs.
- A sketch or site plan of the property, identifying the existing access point location(s) with distance to and in context with property line(s).

The applicant must be the property owner or otherwise include a letter from the property owner designating the applicant as the property owner's acting agent.

Bring paperwork to Edward Building, 2nd Floor,
Development Services Dept. 280 Main St. Picton



Quinte Ag Wall of Fame

PEFA was proud to nominate the late Grant Howes of County Cider Co. and he was inducted in September 2019. Grant was instrumental in the creation of a successful commercialized cider industry in Ontario. He pioneered planting cider and heritage apples varieties in Ontario for cider making. He was a founding member of the Fruit Wines of Ontario, the Prince Edward County Winegrowers Association and the Ontario Craft Cider Association. He was an advisor the Niagara College Winery Program during its first year and taught for one semester at Loyalist College in the Wine Technology Program. This is just a snapshot of a lengthy bio for someone so deserving of this honour.



Jennifer Dean, Liz Howes and Dannielle Davidson at the induction ceremony

Reduced Truck Load Season

By-law 2406-2009 has allowed for perishable and contracted commodities to be trucked on County Roads when needed. Operators must obtain a \$200 permit AND provide a \$2000 deposit that will be returned at the end of the season.

To get your permit: email operations@pecounty.on.ca & ask for the "Annual Oversized Load Permit Application"

Drop off the completed form, documentation, and deposit, to the Operations Department, 115 County Road 10 (Lake St.) Picton

STUDENT BURSARY

We are continuing to invest in our youth, and this past fall, we awarded two \$500 bursaries to:

Mario Spinosa: His family grows and processes grapes at the family winery, Exultet Estates. He is at Brock University for the Oenology and Viticulture program. The program has already helped to expand his knowledge of the viticulture & winemaking field. He volunteers extensively at his local parish. Mario plans to return to the family farm and expand the business by growing more kinds of fresh produce to sell locally and he hopes to start producing maple syrup and raising poultry.

Shae-Lynn Bell: She's the 5th generation on her family farm and her passion is raising Hereford cattle. She has started her own herd and attends cattle shows and fairs across Ontario. She's heavily involved in the 4-H program, completing many clubs and just recently won the Gold Watch Award from the Association. She's a student at Loyalist College in Business Accounting, in her 3rd year. She plans to continue to grow her herd of cattle and balance farm work with a side job of bookkeeping for clients.

Know of any future applicants? Have them email princeedwardfarmers@gmail.com for more info about



Director Bruce Walt presenting cheques to Mario Spinosa and Shae Lynn Bell

DONATIONS in 2019

- \$500** Food for Learning/Feed the Meter Campaign (hpelearningfoundation.com)
- \$200** AgScape (agscape.ca)
- \$125** 4-H shows at the Quinte Exhibition (qer.ca)

COMING UP in 2020

- ⇒ Screening "*Before the Plate*" an ag-friendly documentary at The Regent Theatre, April 18
- ⇒ Continue lobby effort to achieve fair taxation for farm land & monitor Farm Assistance Grant
- ⇒ Work with Agricultural Advisory Committee to host another Councillor Farm Tour in summer



Tune in to The Grapevine on County FM
3rd Thursday of the month at 12 noon & 6 pm
Host Jane Thompson interviews fellow farmers

COUNCILLOR FARM TOUR



PEFA worked alongside PEC's Agricultural Advisory Committee to host our municipal councillors on a farm tour. Attendees gathered on the morning of August 8th, and set out to visit Baitley Farms, Blue Wheelbarrow Farm, Terp Acre Farm, Dana Vader's farm, and finished at Prinzhaven Farm, where Phil and Selena were hosting the Family Farm Fun Night. In total, 8 councillors attended, along with reps from PEFA and the AAC. It was a productive day of networking and learning.

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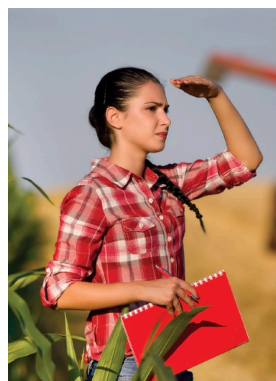
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