

Prescott and Porter win \$1,000 scholarships

By Maurice Rees

Often we hear about companies being in the top 100 best managed companies: the 100 wealthiest people in Canada, or for some reason a company or someone has entered in the top 100 category. When that happens it's very rare that Colchester County is involved.

Times have changed.

Now Emily Prescott, Ella Porter and That Dutchman's Cheese Farm, Economy can lay claim to bringing notoriety to Colchester County. That Dutchman's Cheese

Farm won a national cheese award. (See separate story elsewhere in this issue).

Prescott and Porter are among the 100 4-H club members from across Canada who are recipients of a \$1,000.00 Ram Canada scholarship from the Chrysler Foundation.

Emily Prescott is a member of the Glooscap 4-H Club and Ella Porter is a member of the Onslow-Belmont 4-H Club. Nearly 200 4-H youth from across Canada applied for the Ram Canada scholarships by submitting 500-

word essays and reference letters.

The scholarship initiative was part of 4-H Canada's 2013 celebrations of 100 years of 4-H in Canada and became known as the Ram Canada "100 scholarships for 100 years of 4-H in Canada". The Ram Brand declared 2013 the "Year of the Farmer", during the Super Bowl in February 2013, when its much-talked about television spot "Farmer" kicked off a year-long initiative to bring national attention to the significance of farmers. To date,

"Farmer" has been viewed online more than 22 million times.

When asked what she plans to do with the \$1,000.00 scholarship, Ella Porter replied, "I am attending Mount Allison University in Sackville, NB this coming fall. I am doing a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Geography and a minor in Geographic Information Systems (GIS). I am hoping to pursue a career in cartography. Every cent of the money from the Ram Canada 100 Scholarships for 100 years of

What does being a farmer mean to me?

By Ella Porter

When I hear the word farmer, the first thing that comes into my mind is family. I mean family, not only in the sense of blood-relations, but also in community, from my 4-H family to the bond between farm families.

I come from a farming family. My mother grew up on a potato farm in Kelvin Grove, PEI. My dad grew up on the dairy farm which he now runs in Lower Onslow, Nova Scotia. It only makes sense that when I think farmers, I think family.

I think of the legacy of our family farm that was passed from my grandfather to my father and one day will go to my brother. I think of the way that farming tends to run in families and the fact that my dream husband would be a farmer. The future of farming is almost exclusively in the hands of the sons and daughters of current farmers.

I also think of the knowledge and

love of agriculture that my dad, the dairy leader, gives to the dairy members in my 4-H Club. We have created our own mini-family, sharing our love for agriculture. Our numbers have been rapidly expanding, meaning our little 4-H Dairy family is getting bigger. Not all of them live on a farm, but many have become what you would call "farmers at heart".

The bonds that form between the 4-H dairy members are similar to those that exist between farmers and their families. I have seen this kind of familial situation on the dairy farms near my house. In my family if we run out of something, we pop over to my grandfather's house.

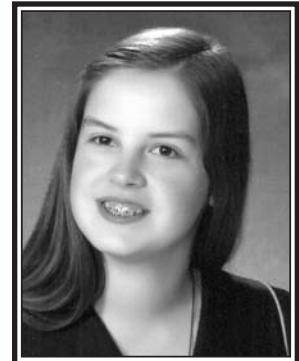
The same family dynamic exists in the farming community. If my dad needs colostrum, he calls all of the local farmers to see if they have any extra. Next time, it might be another farmer coming to our place looking for calcium.

From the sharing of medication

and supplies to the sharing of farm equipment, farmers are always looking out for each other. This is never more obvious than when there is a tragedy. When a barn burns there are immediately farmers with trucks and trailers offering to board livestock for as long as is needed. When a local farmer and father, Arthur Versloot, passed away, the response was immense with offers of sympathy and aid on the farm. So many people attended his funeral that there was a video feed so that people could watch from the church basement. It was truly moving.

When I reflect on the family of farming, it makes me feel good inside. The term "family farm" is one that is often quite literally true; I know it is for our farm. The familial bonds that spring up between farmers are an even more heartwarming occurrence.

The farming community has something that one might call an



honour system, but I disagree with that term. If I was to pick a word for the society of farmers, I would pick "family".

Ella Porter is a member of the Onslow-Belmont 4-H Club. Ella Porter was selected by the Chrysler Canada Foundation as one of 100 4-H Members from across Canada to receive the 2013 Ram Canada 100 Scholarships for 100 years of 4-H in Canada award.



educate the public though is by continuing to farm and provide great farm produce to the public. Farmers work hard to preserve and educate the public about agriculture.

Being a farmer to me means most importantly to love the work you do and the lifestyle you live. It is often said that farmers do not become farmers because they think they can make lots of money in it, they become farmers because they love farming and cannot imagine a life not farming. Farming is one of the hardest jobs there is out there, with the worst hours and no overtime pay.

Generation after generation, farmers stay farmers because they fell in love with it from an early age. To me being a farmer means loving the farm, the dirt, the animals, and the big open fields with space to roam. Being a farmer means loving every single thing about farming and not being able to imagine a life without it.

Being a farmer to me means helping to feed the world, preserving

and educating the public on agriculture and loving what you do. The world needs farmers to survive, protect nature and sustain an agricultural future. The world needs farmers, because no farmers means no food, no future. If you ate to day be thankful there are farmers.

Emily Prescott is a member of the Glooscap Trail 4-H Club. Emily Prescott was selected by the Chrysler Canada Foundation as one of 100 4-H Members from across Canada to receive the 2013 Ram Canada 100 Scholarships for 100 years of 4-H in Canada award.

4-H award will be going towards paying my tuition. I am very thankful for Ram Canada's contribution, not only to my future, but to the futures of many fellow 4-Hers across the nation".

Glooscap Trail's 4-H member, Emily Prescott said, "In the coming fall I plan on Studying Fashion Design at Ryerson University in Toronto, Ontario and I plan on using this scholarship toward school expenses. I am very honoured to be selected

for the Ram Canada award, and the recognition it brings to 4-H movement in Canada".



Phoenix Bard-Cavers wins N-2 competition



Phoenix Bard-Cavers graciously accepts her winning "Speak-Out" certificate from Parrsboro Lion Member, Dan Yarymowich. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

By Lawrence R. Nicoll

A valuable tool to involve young people in public speaking was hosted by the Parrsboro Lions Club. In a contest called "Speak-Out", students in grades 9-12 compete at the school level then their local zone level first.

Zone N-2, which includes Parrsboro and Springhill area was honoured with speakers Phoenix Bard-Cavers from Parrsboro and Ryan Baker from Springhill appeared before a panel of three local judges.

The Parrsboro Lions Club enlisted the talents of Bruce Graham, Dr. David Howe and Natasha MacLellan, Artistic

Producer, Ship's Co.Theatre as Zone N-2 judges. Following the presentations, the judges indicated an amazement at the quality of the presentations by both speakers and their ability to answer questions.

In a split decision Phoenix Bard-Cavers was declared the winner. She will go on to the District level where 12 zones will compete. Congratulations to both candidates for the courage to stand before strangers and speak-out.

Lawrence R. Nicoll is a Parrsboro based landscape photographer and contributes regularly to the Shoreline Journal.



Pictured (L-R) are: Lion Frank Hartman, Lion Sarah Hartman, the judges Dr. David Howe and Natasha MacLellan (Ships Co. Theatre), Speak-Out winner, Phoenix Bard-Cavers, judge Bruce Graham and Ryan Baker, Speak-Out runner-up. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

Farming, a Way of Life

By Emily Prescott

There are no sick days, no snow days and everyday is a workday for a farmer, 365 days a year. There is always work to be done. For most farmers though they cannot imagine living any other way. To me being a farmer means being able to help feed the world, preserving and educating the public about agriculture and loving the job and life style you have.

Being a farmer helps to feed not only your family and yourself, but others as well. Together farmers help to feed the people in our world. We will always need food to survive. Without farmers to provide this food we will go hungry. The quotation, "My grandfather used to say that once in your life you need a doctor, a lawyer, a policeman and a preacher but everyday, three times a day you need a farmer"- Brenda Schoepp, shows how dependant we are on farmers. Farmers are always needed to provided and feed our world. I am thankful that my parents along with other farmers help to feed our world.

Being a farmer means helping to

preserve and educating the public about agriculture. As the farming industry decreases through the tough times, the farmers who remain help to preserve the agriculture and farming in our world.

They work hard to sustain agriculture for generations to come. Working towards giving future generations the same great variety of wholesome, safe, healthy and affordable food that we have available here today in Canada.

Unfortunately many people do not truly appreciate these benefits we have of great food in Canada, because they do not know about all the hard work farmers put into to providing the food. With growing amounts of large cities, people are often less educated on farming and how the food gets to your table for you to eat.

Farmers continue to try and educate the public through many small and large methods like advertising, farm markets, farm shows, open farm days and so much more. The most important way farmers' help to

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