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MIDDLESEX COUNTY LOCAL 312

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Monday November 20th Farm Succession; What it can look like.

A JOINT MEETING OF HURON & MIDDLESEX LOCALS
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160 MAIN STREET, AILSA CRAIG
7:00 PM

Huron and Middlesex NFU Locals will come together to host a joint meeting on Monday November 20. The meeting will focus on the topic of farm succession and investigate options.

We are excited to be hosting, Anna Korzensky as our guest speaker. She is originally from Hungary and is currently a PhD candidate at the University of Vienna. Anna's research has focused on connecting generational and agrarian studies in extra-familial farm succession planning.

Her presentation will describe the process of extra-familial farm succession as a possible mechanism contributing to the survival and re-generation of small-scale farming. Anna will also address how can the extra-familial farm succession can bring together elderly farmers without successors and young aspiring farmers seeking farming opportunity?

Most often the young and aspiring farmers are confronted by different economic, social and cultural barriers to enter into the sector.

Based from experiences of farm succession of smallholder farmers in Austria, her presentation will take a look at the farm succession process step-by-step. First, from the perspective of the elderly farmer(s) (transferors) and then, from the perspective of the young, aspiring farmers (successors).

Finally, by interconnecting the two generation-specific processes into a complex, multi-generational model, Anna will apply her research and point out how generations and their pathways along the farm succession process can meet.

The presentation also looks at the challenges and benefits of establishing a multi-generational farming partnership between non-kins, while providing practical guidance for future farm transfers.

The evening shall bring new ideas to the audience.

The meeting is open to the public, bring along your neighbour and/or others who might be interested in learning more about farm succession options.

Getting Organized

LETS KEEP OUR LOCAL GOING!!

Our Middlesex County local needs to get organized and become active once again. We have the potential within our membership.

Now we just have to do it!

As a local of an accredited farm organization in Ontario, we are required to hold an Annual General Meeting . At this annual meeting, we shall vote in members to hold various executive roles, review our annual financial statement, vote on any resolutions that our local brings forth, and select delegates to attend the national convention

Throughout the year our local should also be holding and/or hosting meetings, working with others in the county on rural and agricultural related issues, and overall; have a presence and voice regarding the various topics that we feel is of importance to us.

A brief business meeting will take place prior to the speaking event that begins at 7:00pm. Please RSVP by November 17th. to Karen Eatwell 519 232-4105 or kareneatwell@execulink
Appetizers and non-alcoholic drinks will be served.

Please note the address. The 5:30 meeting will be held just down the street from the 7:00 event.

2017 Annual General Meeting - Middlesex
Monday November 20, 2017
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Crown and Turtle Pub
143 Main Street, Ailsa Craig

NFU Convention

NOVEMBER 23-25, OTTAWA

The theme for the 2017 National Convention is "Farm Renewal" and is being held in Ottawa later this month. The topic of farm renewal is an important one for us all; whether we are looking at succession planning or looking to enter and begin to start farming. Our success for our rural communities relies on positive growth renewal.

A great line up of workshop topics and panel sessions are scheduled. If you have not attend a convention in the past, then maybe this is the year to attend! Call Karen to learn how the convention might be right for you.

Our Middlesex Local has 3 delegates that represent us. We, as a Local should be represented and we should have these delegates in attendance.

The delegates vote on resolutions, as well as for the incoming persons standing for executive positions of our organization. The resolutions that are debated are what shape our policy as an organization.



The local has the ability to cover the costs for the delegates we send to attend on our behalf. (transportation costs (gas, train), hotel and convention registration fee)

Delegates from our local will be selected at our AGM/business meeting on Monday November 20, (5:30pm - 6:30pm)