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Hall of Fame inducts 'hard working' farmers

By Andy Comber

For their dedication to family, farm, church and community, two Essex County farmers were inducted into the Essex County Agricultural Hall of Fame during a ceremony at the Exhibition Hall in Harrow, April 5.

Robert V. McKim, sponsored by the Colchester South and Agricultural Society, and the late David H. Morris, sponsored by the R. Pinsonneault Family, were recognized for their outstanding and significant contributions to the development and betterment of Essex County agriculture.

Dan Diemer, president of the association, gave special tribute to the inductees, their sponsors and family members, followed by tributes to the inductees from the provincial and federal government.

"You should be proud of their achievements," said Essex MP Jeff Watson, speaking at the ceremony.

David Howard Morris 1912-1971

David Howard Morris lived and farmed his entire life at 11307 North Middle Road in Lakeshore, the former Township of Tilbury West. Under his stewardship, the family farm grew from 100 acres to 356 acres of



Accepting the award for the late David Morris are, from left, sons Doug, Duane and Winston and wife Dorothy, joined by Hall of Fame inductee Robert McKim, right.

mixed grains. He transformed a few mixed cows into a herd of 120, establishing Morridell Holsteins in 1946.

On their family farm, Morris led a very active life, with his wife Dorothy raising three sons, Winston, Duane and Douglas.

Morris was a member of numerous farm organizations, including the Comber Agricultural Committee of Essex County, Comber Farms Co-Op, Holstein Freisen Association of Canada, and the Essex Holstein Club. He was instrumental in assembling the Essex Centennial yearbook and active in the planning for the Blytheswood International Plowing

Active in the community,

Morris served as director, president and manager of the Comber Fair Board, was a founding member of the Tilbury West Museum, served on the planning board of the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority, and member Metropolitan Hospital.

Acclaimed as Tilbury West councillor in 1961, Morris served as reeve from 1962-1969 and also served on numerous Essex County committees. Involved with Comber Baseball and the Essex County Softball League, he even made a ball diamond on his farm for the "Young People's" softball games.

Morris's life achievements garnered many awards including a commendation from the County of Essex,

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William Murdock Trophy, Premier Exhibitor banners, a Premier Breeder banner, T. Eaton Company Special Award for best Junior Herd, and the Simpson Sears Ltd. Special Award for best Dam and Daughter.

Morris's farm and civic duties never overshadowed his religious commitments. He was an active member of the United Church's choir and Two-by-Two Club.

Robert Vern McKim 1946-

In 1965, at 19 years of age, Robert "Bob" McKim entered into a partnership with his father Vern to take over the family farm located at 3900 North Malden Road, The operation includes both beef cattle and Ontario Cattlemen's McKim's contribution to the agricultural community

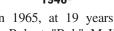
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includes serving with the provincial tribunal for farm tax, drainage and farm products rebates. He chaired the inaugural committee of the Ontario Beef Expo 2000 and served on the inaugural committee for the Essex County Agricultural Hall of Fame Association. Bob was involved with the Ag Mural Committee for the Town of Essex and ECFA education

With his church, McKim has served as treasurer, people's warden and rector's warden. He is a member of the parish council and cemetery board.

Dedicated to his community for many years, McKim is considered a major supporter of the Harrow Fair. He has assisted the Colchester and Harrow Agricultural Society's Board of Directors with the open

In recognition of his dedication to farming and his community, McKim has received awards from the Essex County Farm Safety Association, Canadian Red Cross Society, and Canadian Blood Services. His expertise with cattle has garnered the "Best Beef Herd" award at the Harrow Fair.



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Over the years, McKim's

Hereford beef herd has gar-

nered many awards, earning

respect and recognition in

this field. In addition to his

farm duties, McKim also

served as a sales agent for

The 'family' part of the

affectionately

Advisory

farm includes his wife

known as Frankie, daughter

Kristie and sons Lorne and

served terms with the Essex

County 4-H, Essex County

Cattlemen, Essex County

Soil and Crop, Southwestern

Ontario Soil and Crop

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Committee. He also chaired

the Producer Communica-

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PROJECT BACKGROUND: Ambassador Bridge is proposing to construct a 6-lane cable stayed bridge over the Detroit River, just west of the existing Ambassador Bridge. The new bridge will connect directly into the existing plazas in both Windsor and Detroit. The New structure will be 31.24 metres wide and 1889.76 metres long, with approximately 670.56 metres traversing the Detroit River. No supporting structures (piers and towers) will be placed in the Detroit River. Once the new structure is completed, the existing Ambassador Bridge will be taken out of service in order to evaluate and make any repairs necessary.

The Ambassador Bridge will conduct a series of Public Workshops on the Enhancement Project at the times and places noted below:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
April 16 at 6:30 pm	April 17 at 6:30 pm	April 18 at 6:30 pm	April 19 at 6:30 pm
Royal Canadian Legion	St. Francis Elementary School	Caboto Club	Essex High School Gymnasium
3920 Huron Church Road	477 Detroit Street	2175 Parent Avenue	244 Talbot Street North
Windsor, Ontario	Windsor, Ontario	Windsor, Ontario	Essex, Ontario

These meetings are being held as part of the public consultation process for the preparation of a Federal Environmental Assessment (EA)

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