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***Harvestin' the County* Supper Coming to Picton**

Picton ON – The County of Prince Edward is gearing up for its 4th Annual *Harvestin' the County* Supper, to be held this year on Main Street in Picton. On Monday, August 24th, from 5:00pm until 8:00 pm, local neighbours and farmers will come together to enjoy a 100% locally grown meal.

The street will be blocked off from Chapel Street to Elizabeth Street, with tables stretched out end to end to accommodate the hundreds who will gather so that the community can enjoy the bounty of the region. The Supper celebrates both the flavours of the late summer harvest and the producers who cultivate them. It encourages people to develop a more meaningful relationship, not only with their food but with the members of the community who produce it.

Many growers and producers will be present at the 100% County Supper to share their local products at the mini Farmers Market. There will be fresh produce and other County-made goods, as well as agriculture-themed interactive displays.

The Supper, presented by Currah's Café and Catering, will feature: 100% County beef from Sunset Farms; marinated tomato salad with basil from Vicki's Veggies and Honey Wagon Farms; lettuce medley with vinaigrette from Hagerman Farms, Blake & Sandi Vader and Cherryvale Organic Farm; corn on the cob from Laundry Farms and Hagerman Farms; roasted potatoes and herbs from Honey Wagon Farms and Blake & Sandi Vader; and, apple crumble from Maw's Lakeview Orchards.

Muriel Rabbie of Sunset Farms is looking forward to supplying for the Supper this year. "It gives us great pleasure to have the opportunity to supply the corn-fed, hormone-free beef for the 4th annual *Harvestin'* supper. We are sure everyone will enjoy our beef that is raised with care on our 300-acre, 4th generation farm," Rabbie said.

Chris Currah is pleased to be catering the Supper this year. "After a one year hiatus, Currah's Café and Catering is thrilled to once again have the opportunity to cater this event. In addition to the bounty of farm fresh products we plan to showcase at the *Harvestin'* supper, the public will be able to taste the difference David Lewis has made as our catering Chef. I'm very excited about this year's event" Currah said.

Tickets are \$20 each, and children under 6 years of age eat for free! Tickets are available at the following locations, or check out www.harvestin.ca for more info:

- The Campbell's Orchards, Rednersville
- The Grange of Prince Edward Vineyards & Estate Winery, Hillier
- Re/Max, Wellington
- Taste the County™ , Bloomfield
- Hick's General Store, Milford
- County Farm Centre, Picton
- Sobeys, Picton

The attendance at the annual Supper has been growing every year, and this year's goal is to feed 1200 diners. The Picton community and businesses are experienced in hosting large-scale events, and in particular, the Picton BIA has been generous in lending their expertise to the event planning.

Roni Summers Wickens, Executive Director for the Picton BIA, is excited about the Supper being held in Picton. "The BIA has had the privilege of working collaboratively toward planning for the *Harvestin'* Supper and is especially pleased that our community has been chosen as the location to showcase Prince Edward County's rich food culture," Summers Wickens said.

Main Street is both symbolic and strategically consistent with the goals and objectives of the event. Three *Harvestin'* Suppers have been successfully undertaken elsewhere in Prince Edward County. From an economics perspective, bringing 1200 people to the downtown core is good for business as merchants will be open for business before, during and after the dinner - a captive audience for commerce.

"Harvestin' the County is a program designed to support and show appreciation for our farmers and agricultural community by encouraging County residents and visitors to include as much locally grown food in their diet as possible," said Mayor Leo P. Finnegan. "The suppers held previously in Bloomfield, Milford and Wellington were very successful. This is a very special event for the whole community."

Harvestin' the County is an Economic Development initiative.

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