Eck family inducted into Agricultural Hall of Fame

ANNAPOLIS — Governor Larry Hogan and Secretary Joseph Bartenfelder of the Maryland Department of Agriculture inducted the Eck family of Queen Anne’s County into the Governor’s Agriculture Hall of Fame March 3 during the Maryland Agriculture Council’s “Taste of Maryland Agriculture” event at Maryland Live! Casino & Hotel. The Eck family is the 54th inductee in the Governor’s Agriculture Hall of Fame and accepted the award in front of hundreds of agricultural leaders from across the state.

“Far too often our farmers and our Ag community don’t get the respect or the appreciation that they deserve, but I want the entire Ag community to know that your commitment to our state does not go unappreciated,” said Hogan. “We have accomplished so much together, and our administration is going to continue standing up and fighting hard for you each and every day. Congratulations to all of tonight’s recipients and honorees.”

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Eastern Shore lawmakers push for Bay Bridge priority funding

ANNAPOlis — Members of the Eastern Shore Delegation discussed their desire to secure funding for the next phase of the Chesapeake Bay Crossing Study, calling the effort a statewide priority despite the number of large population jurisdictions uninvolved with the project.

“This is a statewide project,” said Sen. Steve Hershey, R-36 Queen Anne’s. “It’s not a Queen Anne’s County project; it’s not an Anne Arundel County project, and I think it needs to be addressed this way.”

Hershey told Maryland Transportation Authority Executive Director Will Pines if the MITA was waiting for an indication of interest from larger areas like Baltimore City to proceed, the long-queued venture would never get completed.

The two spans of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge have passed their 50-year lifetimes, the first span by over two decades.