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NOTES FROM THE POTOMAC

Doug Lawrence and Patty Lawrence

As you all know, recently there has been a significant up-tick in the flow of news coming out of Washington, DC which means the cable news networks are probably raking in advertising revenue. Viewership data supports this with the combined viewership for the three largest cable news networks increasing by 23%, compared to their third quarter averages, since the announcement of the impeachment process. Also, we might have finally found out that all it takes to unite the partisans that populate the DC area is for the home team to reach the World Series. And finally, happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Personal Finance—

2020 COLA. The Consumer Price Index data for September has been reported, and Federal retirees will receive a boost of 1.6% in their retirement checks. Although this is less than the 2.8% increase in 2019, it is welcomed. And because it is less than 2%, the 1.6% bump will also apply to FERS employees.

Interest Rates—In September, the Federal Reserve (FED) cut its Federal Funds interest rate by another quarter of a percentage point to 2.0%, signaling that there was continuing concern about the effect of an expanding global economic slowdown and the Administration's trade policy on the US economy. The Federal Funds rate is the interest rate at which banks and other depository institutions lend money to each other so they can meet reserve requirements, and lowering the rate increases the supply of money.

The President was not pleased with the FED action and called for the FED to reduce interest rates to zero. The FED is highly unlikely to cut interest rates much lower since its current target is between 1.75% and 2.00%. Economists expect that there will be another cut in the Federal funds rate in November, but officials at the FED don't see the rate cut below 1.5% through the end of 2020. The FED is concerned that if it lowers rates too much over the next few quarters, it will have very limited leverage to stimulate the economy if the US falls into a recession.

Health Insurance—Here's a reminder that the Federal health insurance open season will begin on November 11th and end on December 9th. More interestingly, health insurance premiums for Federal workers and retirees will increase by 5.6% in 2020, while the government's share will only increase by 3.2%. In 2019 employee and retiree premium costs only increased by 1.5%. About 8.2 million current and retired Federal employees are covered by Federal health insurance and few, only 5% to 6%, of the enrollees change plans each year.

2020 Federal Employee Pay Raise—On August 30th President Trump reversed course and issued his alternative pay plan for 2020, endorsing a 2.6% across-the-board pay increase for civilian federal employees, effectively ending the administration's push for a pay freeze next year. Each year, the President is required to submit an alternative pay plan to Congress by the end of August, or else significant automatic pay increases will take effect under the Federal Employee Pay Comparability Act. Had Trump not issued an alternative pay plan, locality pay would rise by 24.01% next year, and base pay would increase 2.6%.

The pay increase proposal essentially defuses most debate over a pay raise in Congress. Although the Senate has not unveiled any of its spending bills, the House has passed funding legislation that would have provided an average 3.1% pay increase for federal workers, a 2.6% across-the-board raise coupled with an average 0.5% increase in locality pay. The President added that the administration would continue to pursue working toward a performance-based pay system.

2018 Farm Bill

The following are a few Farm Bill conservation highlights. You can read more Farm Bill News at USDA's [farmers.gov](https://www.farmers.gov) website (<https://www.farmers.gov/farmbill>).

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Hill Update—On October 17th, **Steve Censky**, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture testified before the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry on the status of farm bill implementation. Mr. Censky highlighted CRP, EQIP, CSP, and RCPP activities in outlining conservation program progress. You can watch the video replay of the hearing at <https://www.agriculture.senate.gov/hearings/implementing-the-2018-farm-bill> and read the written testimony at <https://www.agriculture.senate.gov/download/testimony/censky-testimony-101719>

Regulatory News—NRCS Program rules are continuing through the normal process and are in the final stages of clearance at OMB before publication. The RCPP rule has not yet gone to OMB and will be published later in the first quarter as an Interim Final Rule. Meanwhile, these programs are operating under existing regulations consistent with changes made by the 2018 Farm Bill.

Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG)—NRCS is in the process of evaluating proposals and anticipates announcing awards in the first quarter of fiscal year 2019. There were two CIG funding announcements in May 2019:

- Up to \$25 million in On-Farm Conservation Innovation Trials (On-Farm Trials),
- Up to \$12.5 million in National Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG)

There were 73 proposals from 33 states submitted for the On-Farm Trials and 114 proposals from 38 states submitted for the National CIG.

Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)—NRCS announced funding for the updated Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) on September 3rd. Potential partners are encouraged to submit proposals that will improve the nation's water quality, combat drought, enhance soil health, support wildlife habitat and protect agricultural viability. Proposals are due December 3rd 2019. You can view the announcement at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=regional%20conservation%20partnership>

Wetland Reserve Enhancement Partnership (WREP)—On September 13th, NRCS announced investment of \$48 million in wetland conservation projects in eight states. WREP project partners are providing nearly \$2.3 million in matching funds, bringing the total to more than \$50 million. The projects will protect, restore and enhance more than 15,000 acres of wetlands in critical watersheds in Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee. NRCS evaluated proposals based upon partner contributions, the ability to address resource concerns within NRCS designated special initiative areas, and expected benefits to agricultural producers impacted by record flooding over the past year.

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)—On September 27th, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced the availability of a Programmatic Environmental Assessment. The assessment covers programmatic changes that have not been evaluated previously and is available to the public for review. Comments are due by October 27th. Any comments received after that date will be considered to the extent possible. FSA is requesting comments on the proposed alternatives and their potential impacts on the human environment. The assessment can be accessed at: <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/environmental-cultural-resource/nepa/current-nepa-documents/index>

2020 USDA Appropriations

The US government is currently funded at FY-2019 levels by a continuing resolution that Congress passed, and the President signed on September 27th, 2019. That continuing resolution is set to expire on November 21st, 2019, and Congress is expected to kick the can down the road with a second continuing resolution. "Unless a miracle happens around here with the House and Senate, we will have to put forth another CR," **Sen. Richard Shelby**, R-Ala., chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, [told reporters](#) earlier this week. Shelby expected that the second continuing resolution would likely fund agencies through February or March.

The House has approved 10 of the 12 annual appropriations measures, but the Senate has not approved any of their 12 appropriation bills. The Senate is scheduled to resume consideration of a package of several appropriation bills, including the Agriculture bill next week. It's worth noting that under "regular order" the House and Senate would have agreed on the budget allocations to each of the 12 appropriations committees last spring. This is critical because the committees are making different assumptions about how much funding they will be allocated. Consequently, this will be one more item that will need to be resolved by the conference committee.

Economic Research Service and National Institute of Food and Agriculture Relocation

Although USDA has implemented its relocation of most of the Economic Research Service and National Institutes of Food and Agriculture staff from Washington, DC to the Kansas City area, opposition to the move continues. On October 21st, a group comprised of associations and nonprofits issued a statement supporting a provision in the 2020 House Agricultural Appropriations bill that discourages the move. However, the Senate Agricultural Appropriations bill underwrites the relocation by providing funds to facilitate the move. Resolving the differences will be the responsibility of the Conference Committee. Long-time agriculture journalist **Jerry Hagstrom** reports that a congressional aide said that the House provision is unlikely to succeed, but the fight to stop the move is important because other USDA agencies could be moved next.

Farm Income Uncertainties

The Trump Administration issued a second round of tariff-war induced payments to farmers amounting to \$16 billion. This brings the total trade-related payments for farmers to \$28 billion. To put this in context, the farm bailout associated with the tariff war is now more than twice the 2009 bailout of Ford, Chrysler, and GM.

For American producers, the hit to exports has further strained finances that are at a breaking point because of a six-year slump in prices for agricultural commodities. An ERS report on farm finances indicated that net farm income is projected to be down 29% this year from 2013 levels.

An increase in debt and bankruptcies among U.S. farmers was also reported by ERS in their August forecast of farm income. According to USDA, debt levels in the farm sector are at their highest levels since 1982. This is mostly due to increased real estate debt, which accounted for 60% of farm debt in 2019. Both farm sector assets and equity are expected to be about the same in 2019 compared to the prior year, which means that the debt to asset ratio (a key measure of farm financial health) for U.S. farmers will increase in 2019. Bankruptcies have also been trending upwards since 2016. All of these trends are concerning and worth watching both in the short and longer-term.

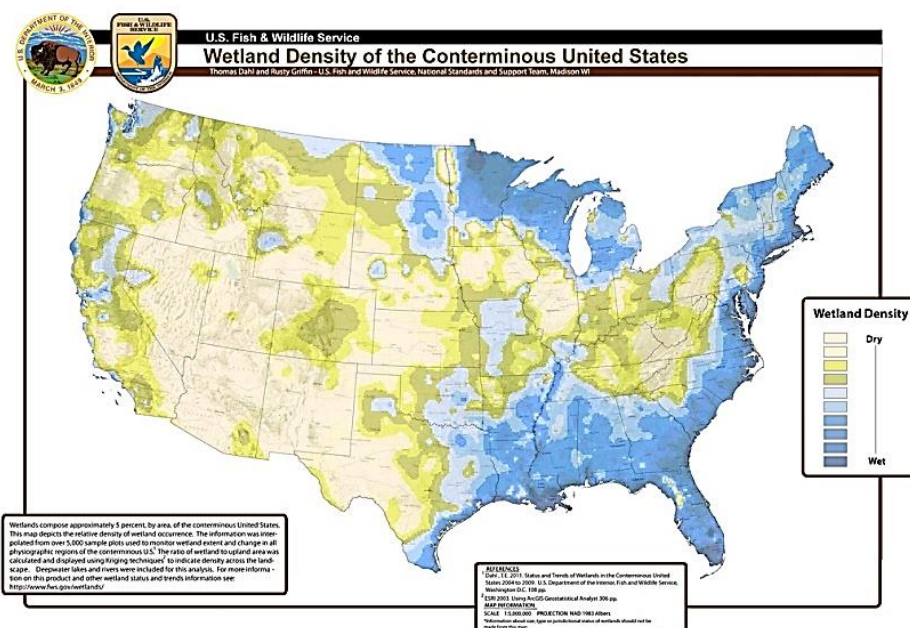
Repealing the Clean Water Rule

The question of which streams, lakes, wetlands and other water bodies across the U.S. should receive federal protection under the Clean Water Act has been a major controversy in environmental law over the past 20 years. The latest twist came on September 9th, 2019, when U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator **Andrew Wheeler** and Army Assistant Secretary **R.D. James** signed a final rule repealing the Obama administration's "Clean Water Rule."

The Obama era regulation was intended to resolve uncertainty created by the 2006 Supreme Court decision, *Rapanos v. United States*. The Rapanos ruling caused widespread confusion about which waters were covered, creating uncertainty for farmers, developers and conservation groups.

Efforts to clarify it through informal guidance or congressional action had failed, so the Obama administration proposed a new rule. It acted under mounting pressure from various quarters, including some members of the Supreme Court.

Announcing the repeal, Wheeler and James asserted that they were "providing greater regulatory certainty" and ending a federal power grab. But they face a stiff challenge from the rule's supporters, including more than a dozen state attorneys general, and courts may not buy their arguments. According to statistics compiled by New York University Law School, the administration has lost over 90% of lawsuits challenging its deregulatory policies, often for failing to comply with the Administrative Procedure Act.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Cheryl Simmons

As Fall settles in, I enjoy morning coffee and reflect on the change in seasons. The grandson stayed over the weekend and is now able to reconfigure the TV for either great kid shows or to play video games. He is seven. He is changing at what seems a break-neck pace, but I can rely on the regular change in seasons.

ARCSE is striving to stay the same while also changing with the seasons. The ARCSE Newsletter is our mainstay. We are also working toward a Retirees' Facebook page and adding a button on the ARCSE web page to pay dues through PayPal.

A PayPal button will soon be placed on the <http://www.arcse.org/> web site. Using PayPal, the dues are \$18 plus \$1 service charge for a total of \$19 via PayPal. The one-time lifetime payment is still available. Mail-in memberships remain an option and can be mailed to the new address: ARCSE, USPO BOX 8965, Moscow, ID 83843.

We are open to additional ways to connect and share through the seasons. Additional ideas for ARCSE to consider include connecting volunteer retirees with the NRCS and SWCS mentoring programs. Please give some thought and reach out with your ideas to your retirees' local, State, Regional Rep. or any Board member.

Fall is a great time for memories - Feel free to share some with us.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Paul Benedict, Membership Chair

New Members

Edward Schmit – Davis, CA
Mark Parson – Stevenson, WA

New Lifetime Member

Howard Hall – Quarryville, PA

New Honorary Members

The following 18 members of ARCSE have celebrated or will be celebrating their 91st birthdays by the end of 2019. With this milestone, each of these members becomes an Honorary Member. As an Honorary Member, no dues are required

for calendar year 2020 and thereafter. However, those honorary members who wish to receive a printed copy of the newsletter are required to pay a \$12 fee.

| First Name | Last Name | State |
|------------|-----------|-------|
| John W | Adams | GA |
| Dwight E | Allman | TN |
| Gene F | Baltes | OH |
| Walker G | Carter | GA |
| James R | Fisher | CO |
| Charles S | Fisher | IA |
| John J | Garrett | NC |
| James L. | Gaskell | KS |
| Gerald O | George | OR |

| First Name | Last Name | State |
|------------|-----------|-------|
| Richard W | Hardy | MD |
| Richard E | Highfill | FL |
| Russell L | Knutson | IA |
| Robert C | Martin | IN |
| Richard L | Porter | CO |
| Harry | Rucker | LA |
| James F | Steinkamp | IL |
| Charles B | Tisdale | MS |
| Donald K | Ummel | IA |

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|-------------------------|---------------|
| Member | \$18 per year |
| Affiliate | \$18 per year |
| Life (One-time payment) | |
| Age 64 or younger | \$250 |
| Age 65 thru 74 | \$200 |
| Age 75 or older | \$125 |

NOTE: Dues payment includes receipt of the bimonthly electronic newsletter only. All members (both life members and those who pay annual dues) who desire a hard copy of the newsletter must pay an additional fee of \$12.00 per year.

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MEMBERSHIP DUES AND ADDITIONAL FEES FOR PRINTED NEWSLETTER IN 2019

Paul Benedict, Membership Chair

New for 2020. For your convenience ARCSE annual dues and hard copy fees can now be paid by credit card: <http://www.arcse.org/nFORMS.htm>. You still can pay by check as in the past. Mail checks to: ARCSE, PO Box 8965, Moscow, ID 83843

2020 Dues Notice to Members receiving the newsletter by printed copy. A dues notice is included with the hard copy newsletter (green page insert). Please follow the instructions on the notice concerning the address label information to determine if your dues are due.

2020 Additional Fee for Printed Copy. All members (life members, honorary members and those who pay annual dues) who desire a printed copy of the newsletter must pay an additional fee of \$12.00 per year. Since many of you have already paid, please follow the instructions on the dues notice concerning the address label information to determine if you must pay the additional fee. This \$12.00 will help offset ARCSE annual costs of over \$20.00 per member to print and distribute the printed newsletter.

2020 Dues Notice to Members receiving the electronic newsletter. A dues notice is not included with the electronic newsletter. Members receiving the electronic newsletter whose dues are due will receive a separate email from ARCSE with a dues notice attached (**WATCH FOR IT**).

Life Members, honorary members, and members who have already paid their 2019 dues will receive an email assuring you that your membership dues are paid.

ARCSE Complimentary membership. When you have retiree social functions or any other time that you see new retirees from NRCS, be sure to remind them that they are eligible for a one-year complimentary membership in ARCSE, if they have not previously been a member. All that is required is that they submit a membership application. This one-year complimentary membership includes receiving the bimonthly electronic newsletter. Membership applications and the ARCSE brochure may be printed at: <http://www.arcse.org/nFORMS.htm>.

ARIZONA

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Karl Klingelhofer Report. Made my trip back to the Midwest in June of 2019. Flew to Chicago and then drove to hometown area near Peoria, IL. Visited highschool classmate still on the farm. Visited with current owners of farm where I spent my high school years.



Karl with beer and bratwurst



Lake Mendota from the Union at the U. of WI

Then on to Davenport to visit some friends and on to the University of Wisconsin where I had my bratwurst and beer on the lake shore at the Union patio.

Graduated from there in 1948, and it is still very dear to me. Made it back to Chicago for my flight home and drove 756 miles in five days. Picture of me on the patio. I am 93 now and use a cane because of arthritis in my back. No tennis now nor flying since I sold my airplane in January. Keep in contact with two sons, one in Maine and one in California. Grandchildren are all over the country.

Rod Alt Report. On July 1st, **Sally** and I traveled to Frederick, MD to visit our daughter and family. We spent two weeks at the Outer Banks before coming back to Frederick to attend our granddaughter's wedding on July 20th at a winery north of Frederick. Then we visited another grandson in Lynchburg, VA before coming home on July 24th.

On August 16th, we traveled to Pocatello, ID to visit **John and Vickie Ward** for a couple of days. Then we traveled to Fairmont Hot Springs, BC to meet up **with Rod and Val Bollinger** at their cabin. We played golf and did white-water rafting while we were there. Then we went with them to their home in Calgary, AB and played some more golf. When we left Calgary, we stopped to see **Tom and Diane Ivens** at their ranch near Cardston, AB.

Then we traveled to Butte, MT to join up with some other friends to play golf there for a couple of days. Then we traveled back to Pocatello to spend the night with John and Vickie before heading home.

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Sally and Rod in Montana

ARKANSAS

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Twenty three attended the Arkansas SCS/NRCS Retirees' annual meeting and luncheon September 26th, 2019 at the Roosevelt Thompson Library meeting room in west Little Rock. It was organized by president **Bob Price** who arranged for a very interesting and useful program presented by **Shelly**, a representative of Blue Cross Blue Shield.



ARKANSAS SCS/NRCS Retirees Fall 2019

Back Row: Bob Price, David Tencleve, Larry Ward, Tom Fortner, Jerry McGary, Bob Young, Robert Cantrell, and Wayne Richardson. **Second Row:** Sid Lowrance, Bill Garner, Linda Ward, Richard Babeu, Rick Miller, Glinda Miller, Dru Cantrell, and Myrna Richardson. **Seated:** Ralph Mashburn, George Dahlke. **Not Shown:** Rose Webb, Burthel Thomas, Bill Townsend, Mike Sullivan (State Conservationist), and Anderson Neal Jr.



Bob Young, retired as assistant state conservationist for field operations from Jonesboro, and his wife **Theresa** enjoyed a trip to Paris and London in early September. Bob continues to stay engaged in conservation work through his part-time employment with Ducks Unlimited as a conservation specialist. Bob retired from NRCS in May of 2014 after 34 years.

Here are some photos from a recent cruise that **Nancy and Bob Price** took to Honduras, Belize, and Mexico with their youngest son **Jamie** and his wife **Julie**.





Mashburn Family get-together. On the right are Dick and Lori Babeu (also NRCS retirees) who live in nearby Maumelle and have been a part of the family for many years.



In July their Seattle area grandchildren with a great-granddaughter came for another Mashburn family get-together.



Nancy still entertains in her home, and Ralph still gives Gideon talks in many churches and to civic groups throughout the year.

CALIFORNIA

Bill Ward, ARCSE Representative

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Greetings from California! As I reported in the last bimonthly newsletter, my wife **Dana** and I traveled to Pittsburgh PA to attend the recent annual ARCSE Board Meeting and luncheon. I was able to share about the meeting and our time in the Pittsburgh area, but space limited sharing anything about our experience seeing Niagara Falls.

For those who have never seen Niagara Falls, I highly recommend seeing it. It is truly a marvel that you can only really appreciate seeing it in person. My wife and I took tours on both the American and Canadian side and really enjoyed all "up close experiences" of both tours.



Niagara Falls in all its beauty!

Our trio had the recent privilege of providing music for fellow CA Retiree and good friend **Marianne Hallett's** Benefit event for AAUW (American Association of University Women). Marianne's chapter had a fund raiser at the Matchbook Winery in Zamora on September 29th. The event included a silent auction to raise money for scholarships for young professional women in areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. In addition to the Silent Auction, there was a wonderful dinner for all, great wines to sample, and our music to listen to.



Matchbook Winery Silent Auction table

Here is a sample of some of our newest music that we shared with the group. https://youtu.be/MiOn5kOE_7k
Western Lights Trio, medley of three newest songs

My wife Dana donated her Yosemite Fire Falls photo (upper left in the Silent auction table photo below), some Card photos, and I donated both of our band's CDs for the silent auction. Dana and I were very happy to learn that Marianne purchased Dana's Fire Fall photo for herself. We learned from Marianne that the benefit was very successful in raising money for the intended purpose to help these young professional women. It was a very wonderful and fun event for the band and all participants. Following are some photos from the event.



Western Lights Trio provides music for Marianne Hallett's Benefit event at Matchbook Winery.



The beautiful view in front of our band!

Tom Wehri, who retired as State Conservationist in Arkansas in 1997, recently returned from an amazing three-week visit to China! Tom and a friend visited Beijing, The Great Wall, Xian (Panda Research Station), Chendu, Chongqing, Three Gorges Dam, and Shanghai. Tom very much enjoyed his visit to this country of 1.2 billion people. Here is a small sample of the many photos that Tom shared with me for this report.



Tom (right) and his friend at the Great Wall



Tiananmen Square and Forbidden City



Three Gorges Dam

Tom has stayed active and involved in the local Conservation Movement. In his own words:

"I stayed involved with the local conservation movement serving as Executive Director for the California Association of Conservation Districts (CARCD) from 1997 to 2005. I have served on the Local Placer County RCD for the past 14 years and served as State President of CARCD 2006 to 2008. I am still involved with the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) serving as California's Board member for seven years and am presently serving as the Pacific Region representative on the NACD Executive Board."



Shanghai, looking out hotel window

Thanks, Tom for sharing your visit to China with all of us here and thanks for your continued involvement and contributions to "Conservation Work," the essence of our agency's foundation and purpose!

Doug Toews, retired NRCS Engineer, shared the great news with me that \$4.7 million in funding has been approved and allocated for critical remedial work on the Santa Monica Debris Basin. Following is a review and update going back to the disaster event put together by Santa Barbara County on this effort to improve the safety of this basin and its ability to protect Carpinteria.

Following the Thomas Fire in December of 2017, a high-intensity rainstorm on January 9, 2018, resulted in a debris flow that filled the Santa Monica Debris Basin to capacity. Constructed in 1978 as a component of the Carpinteria Valley Watershed Project, the Debris Basin successfully protected the City of Carpinteria from the disaster that befell the nearby Village of Montecito, where 450 homes were destroyed or damaged, and 23 residents perished. The ensuing cleanout effort immediately revealed the extreme challenges and limitations, in accessing the site and maintaining the structure. The Santa Monica Debris Basin remains at risk to future debris flows until full recovery of the burned watershed.

As local sponsors, the Santa Barbara County Flood Control District (SBCFCD) desires to maintain the Debris Basin in a much more expeditious manner, needing the ability to return the basin to full storage capacity between debris flow events that may occur within the same rainfall season.

After a thorough engineering investigation, remedial measures have now been recommended for federal funding through the Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program (PL-566), administered by the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). In cooperation with NRCS California, SBCFCD has requested \$4.6 million in remedial funds for the design and construction of the operational improvements needed." - **Santa Barbara County Flood Control District, August, 2019**



Bill Ward, Tom Fayram and Doug Toews on site during emergency basin restoration work



Santa Monica Debris Basin, February 14th, 2018, emergency cleanout work

And now just in time for the newsletter, \$4.7 million in funding was actually approved and allocated allowing for technical assistance work to begin immediately for final design work and development of plans and specifications for the approved remedial measures. The award of a Contract for construction of the remedial measures is expected in 2020.

It has been a long and arduous journey to this point of restoring the original basin capacity after the disaster event, identifying needed remedial measures and now having funding approved to implement the needed measures. California NRCS is fortunate to have been able to work together with one of our Strongest Conservation Partners, Santa Barbara County Flood Control District under the leadership of Deputy Director Tom Fayram. Thanks Tom for the many years of excellent partnership NRCS has enjoyed working with you!

That's about all this time around folks. Best Wishes from California! Bill Ward, bluegrassbillward@gmail.com, California ARCSE Representative, PE, Former Design Staff Leader, Davis, CA.

COLORADO

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Colorado ARCSE members **Wendell Hassell** and **Jack Carlson** joined retired NRCSers **Curtis Sharp, Fred Gaffney, Larry Holzworth**, and **Wendall Oaks** on their 12th Love of Grass botanizing trek, this time convening in Albuquerque, NM on September 4th.



Love of Plants Botanizing Trekkers on Mt. Taylor, Albuquerque, NM (Mosca Peak Lookout): Larry Holzworth, Jack Carlson, Greg Fenchel, Wendell Hassell, Fred Gaffney, Earl Hassell (Wendell's brother), Curtis Sharp, and Wendall Oaks



Attire for high traffic zones

For a week they inventoried plant communities at Bandelier National Monument, Valles Caldera National Preserve, Mount Taylor, El Malpais National Monument, Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge, Valley of Fires Recreation Area, Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Karr Recreation Area (near Cloudcroft), Organ Mountains Desert Peaks National Monument, and the NRCS Los Lunas Plant Materials Center (PMC).

For the first segments of the trek, retired PMC Manager **Greg Fenchel** joined the group to identify species and catch up on matters. Prior to visiting the Center at the conclusion, the route included a stop at retired PMC agronomist **Dave Dreesen's** "mini-PMC." The trek logged ~1,400 miles, adding ~500 to the list of ~6,000 plant identifications compiled over the 12 treks since 2008.

FLORIDA

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Fishermen Ernie Todd, Bob Halstead, Billy Milliken and Wes Oneth ready for a day on the water



Four hardy fishermen with days catch

The annual Captain Ernie Todd fishing "fishing extravagance" once again was a tremendous success. Over the past 25 plus or minus years Ernie has hosted a group of retirees at his beautiful place on the Steinhatchee River on the Nature Coast of Florida. This year's attendees were Ernie **Todd** (AL), **Bob Halstead** (FL), **Billy Milliken** (KY) and **Wes Oneth** (OK). The group enjoyed a beautiful week of fishing and catching. The evenings were filled with stories of the good old days with SCS and a lot of reminiscing. Good food, good fishing, and good friends made for a beautiful time for all.

ILLINOIS

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Illinois retirees gathered for lunch and visiting in Champaign on October 3rd, 2019. Attending were **Bob McLeese**, **John Garrity**, **Jim and Bonnie McQuilkin**, **Lee Bridgman**, **Judy and Salvador Velazquez**, **Earl and Barb Voss**, **Andy Cerven**, **Ray Coombes**, and **Dale and Nancy Benz**.

Judy Velazquez had knee replacement surgery in July and is doing well. She had surgery one morning and was discharged before noon the next day. **Judy and Salvador** visited in Mexico for the month of April. **Ray Coombes** also had a knee replacement surgery in July on the same day as Judy's surgery but at a different hospital. His knee is also doing well. **Andy Cerven** had both knees replaced. All three with knee replacements commented how nice it was to not have the pain anymore. Andy related that he has 17 grandchildren. Andy still does some conservation consulting work. This helps those metal knees from rusting together!

Lee Bridgman said he and **Nancy** prefer to stay close to home now. Traveling long distances isn't as easy as it used to be. We can relate to that! They are planning to go to Alaska in December for a grandson's baptism.

John Garrity retired last spring and is enjoying retirement. He took a two-week trip to Ireland and a one-week fishing trip to Canada since retirement. John, you got the hang of retirement!

Bob McLeese is still doing some soil investigations and officiating basketball games. He and **Rosie** have seven grandchildren who live within five minutes of their house, so there is a lot of grandkid time. So much you can teach them at this learning age, Bob!

Earl and Barb Voss stay close to home also. They have enjoyed 17 cruises in past years but have quit those. Earl and Barb are both doing well after several hospital visits and surgeries for Earl.

Dale Benz told about the fire at their house in August. It was in their neighbor's back yard and destroyed their garage and wood fence. Dale's house damage was the melting of the vinyl siding but no flame damage.

INDIANA

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I am the new Indiana representative for ARCSE. I retired January 2018 and have been enjoying retirement, living on the family farm. I have been keeping busy with maintenance items on the farm, lots of gardening and being the care giver along with my sister for my Dad who is 93 and my Mom who is 90. Being the independent farm couple, they are still living in the old farmstead on the farm and doing fairly well. I am very blessed to still have them.

The Indiana SCS/NRCS retirees held our annual retiree luncheon on October 1st, 2019. It was held at the NRCS State Office, and we had several state office employees join us and visit with the retirees. We were able to meet the new Indiana State Conservationist, **Jerry Raynor**, and get to know him and hear updates regarding NRCS. We were so sad of **Harold Thompson's** passing a few months ago and miss him a lot and his great leadership as the representative for Indiana. It has taken a team of four to replace him. Our team includes me, **Becky Fletcher**, **Geri Bond** and **Pam Davidson**. We hope to enhance our communications with our retirees and get our email and mailing addresses up-to-date. We are also going to make an effort to update the Indiana SCS/NRCS history and archives for generations to enjoy and have a record of the great conservation accomplishments and Leaders in Indiana.

Jane Hardisty, Indiana ARCSE Representative, Retired Indiana State Conservationist – 2000-2018



Indiana Retirees Meet



Jane Hardisty welcoming retirees

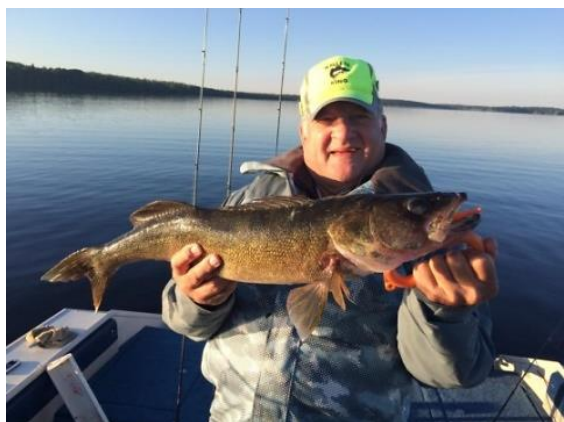
IOWA

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Since retiring in January as NRCS State Geologist, **Kathy Woida** has been working on a book about the natural and cultural history of the soils of Iowa for a contract with the University of Iowa Press. She has worked with Iowa soils in many capacities—engineering, soil erosion, soil health, and glacial stratigraphy—with NRCS and the Iowa Geological Survey since 1999, and for five years as a PhD student at U of I in the late 80s. The idea of a book about Iowa's "greatest treasure" for the general reader was incubating in her mind for a couple of years, but she had to retire to find the time to write it! Several chapters are already out to various professors for technical review. If all goes well, it will go to press next summer. If I remember to do it, I'll pass along information on how you can obtain the book for your reading pleasure when it comes out.

Thank you to **Lee White** for the following: "Lee and Alice White have had a busy year. In March we warmed up at Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, after a long, cold Iowa winter. On April 25 our daughter and husband had twins in Denver, CO. We've been back and forth numerous times, with Alice spending seven weeks initially after their birth. Lee was able to fit in a fishing trip to Canada in late June, landing a 28" walleye, good for 2nd place for our group. In July we spent two weeks with granddaughter, Kayla, 11 from Knoxville, TN, who wanted to see some of California. We visited Muir Woods, Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco, Fisherman's Wharf, the cable cars, Monterey Bay Aquarium, the 17-mile drive, and finally, Yosemite N.P. After a trip to Knoxville, we are back in Denver getting reacquainted with the twins and family."



Lee White and his 28" Walleye



Lee and Alice White's Twin Grandkids with Grandma and Grandpa

Martin Adkins retired in August as the Assistant State Conservationist for Partnerships. One of his main goals for retirement is to spend more time with his family. One way the family is spending quality time together is by doing a lot of volunteering within the community. Several years ago, Marty started the Redrock Retro Radio Theater and the Community Theater in Knoxville. While working, he was active with both of those groups. He is now the President of the Knoxville Community Theater, and his wife **Carol** is the Secretary of the group. They are currently preparing for the next performance which will be Mary Poppins in mid-November. Marty is the director of the show, and Carol is the producer of the show. Marty said they have been spending a lot of time building props and sets for the show. Another interesting project that he just completed was filming a short video on cover crops and soil health for NRCS and Iowa State University. Marty wrote and recorded the song for the video.



Dennis and Cheryl Pate outside the Cheers Pub



Four Mast Sailboat that Dennis and Cheryl rode around the Bar Harbor, Maine, area

Dennis and Cheryl Pate went on a cruise along the New England and Canada coastline in late September to early October. One of the highlights of the trip was enjoying the beautiful scenery along the route. Timing of the trip was just right for seeing

the fall leaf colors. One stop along the route was at the Cheers Pub. I don't know if they saw Norm, Cliff, Frazier, or any of the others!

In mid-September **Norm Koester, Marion Plumb, and Mark Jensen** met with **Greg Mathis** and several current NRCS employees to make a field review of structures in North Pigeon Creek and Indian Creek Watersheds in Pottawattamie County. It was fun and educational to look at structures that we had worked on during the seventies and eighties. Greg has been working for the Soil and Water Conservation District since his retirement as the watershed inspector. He coordinates the O&M work and budgeting for that work. All of the sites we looked at were in good condition and well maintained. It is obvious that these structures will provide many benefits well beyond their projected service life.

After retirement from NRCS, **Bruce Trautman** became the Deputy Director of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Recently he retired from that position. A series of former SCS/NRCS employees have served in leadership positions with IDNR. Some of these include **Paul Johnson, Lyle Asell, Jeff Vonk, Chuck Gipp, and Bruce**.



Norm Koester, Mark Jensen, and Marion Plumb by the inlet on Site 2 of Indian Creek Watershed. Marion made the form for the SCS logo. It still looks good after 43 years!

Congratulations to the following new members into our retirement community: **Marty Adkins**, Assistant State Conservationist for Partnerships, Des Moines State Office; **Thomas Duvel**, Soil Conservation Aid, Waukon Field Office; **Barbara Hanson**, Soil Conservation Technician, Waukon Field Office; and **Betty Romero**, Soil Conservation Technician, Spirit Lake Management Unit. We welcome you all!

KANSAS

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October is a special month for **Ron** and me as we celebrated our 59th wedding anniversary on the 21st. It really was an uneventful day as none of our family members live close. We have been blessed with two children and two grandchildren, and if all our family members visited, we would have a total of eight. Yes, we are a very small family.

Kansas had two new retirees on August 31st, 2019. **Bob J. Fisher** retired with 32 years of service. He was a Soil Conservation Technician in the Hiawatha Management Unit and worked in the Seneca Field Office. **David J. Weishaar** retired with 40 years of service. He was a Civil Engineering Technician on the Hutchinson Technical Staff and worked in the Wichita Field Office.

Ron and I celebrated our anniversary a month early by taking a bus tour to Kansas City sponsored by our bank.



Ron and Deanne Lull at the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum.

It was a very busy trip as a number of museums were on our itinerary. We first visited the Moon Marble Company where we were fascinated by a demonstration of how special marbles are made. Our next stop was the Grinter Place, the home of **Moses Grinter**, who was commissioned by the Army in the early 1830s to build the first ferry across the Missouri River. Then it was on to the Arabia Steamboat Museum. In 1856 the Arabia Steamboat, which was carrying over 200 tons of cargo intended for general stores up river, hit a tree snag and sank. We were amazed to see what was recovered. Lying 45 feet deep beneath a Kansas cornfield (over the years the river has shifted course), protected from light and oxygen, the payload was remarkably well preserved. Displays of fine china, carpentry tools, boots, and buttons were enjoyed, also including canned pickles (which looked like they were canned yesterday). Our day was made complete by attending a dinner theater seeing the "The Last Romance." The rest of the trip we were exposed to lots and lots of history as we visited a number of interesting places, including a traveling exhibit about Stonehenge, the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, the American Jazz Museum, World War I Museum and Memorial, and the Kansas City Federal Reserve and Money Museum. Completing our trip was a stop at the Brookville Hotel in Abilene, KS, which is known for its fried chicken dinners.

Mary Shaffer (former Public Affairs Specialist) has also been bitten by the travel bug. In August she traveled to the great northwest, mainly the states of California, Oregon, and Washington, touring Paul Bunyon Redwood Forest, Crater Lake, Mt. St Helens, Mt. Hood, and Portland Rose Garden. The highlight of the tour was seeing the many waterfalls along the Columbia River Gorge. In early September she went on a Mystery Tour that went to Lake Geneva, WI, where she toured the area and visited the Jelly Belly Official Warehouse, Pretty Prairie, WI; Windpoint Lighthouse on Lake Michigan, Racine; Rotary Botanical Garden at Janesville, WI; and the John Deere Museum, Waterloo, Iowa.

She recently returned from a trip to China visiting Shanghai, Beijing, and Suzhou. She visited a jade factory, silk factory, green tea plantation, Buddhist temple, rode the electromagnetic train that travels at 430 mph, and hiked (climbed, walked, and crawled) part of the Jinshanling section of the Great Wall. She visited Tiananmen Square where thousands of Chinese were celebrating the 70th Anniversary of The People's Republic of China during their 7-day national holiday. With China's population of 1.3 billion people there are waves of apartment houses everywhere. China has planted millions of trees along their highways, perhaps to combat carbon emissions from the millions of cars. Bicycles and electric scooters are popular modes of transportation as well as natural gas powered buses. The Chinese retirees (required at age 60) find exercise equipment readily available in parks and gather there daily as well as to visit, play cards, knit, and other activities. In the part of China toured, the group saw modern skyscrapers and dazzling displays of lights on buildings at night in Shanghai. Translator's apps on phones are used to communicate with tourists. On television, some information is blocked from viewers. No Google, Instagram, or gmail in China.

We were saddened to learn that two retirees have passed away. **Kenneth C. VanCleave** passed away on September 22nd, 2019. He served most of his career in the Eureka Field Office, retiring in March 1983 as a Soil Conservation Technician. His spouse, **Verna**, preceded him in death in 2018. On October 11th, 2019, **Houston Gerald Price, Jr.** passed away. He retired from the Tribune Field Office in 2007 as a Soil Conservation Technician. His wife, **Donna**, survives.

One spouse also passed away. **Daisy Irene Dester** passed away on October 1st, 2019. She was the wife of **Eugene R. Dester** who retired from the Abilene Field Office in 1992 and passed away in 2014.

KENTUCKY

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Kentucky Retirees

Front Row L-R: Cil Marcum, Jimmy Marcum, Billye Haslett, Connie McKinney, Drucilla Hatchett, June Alcott, Fred Alcott, and Diane Coney-Turner. **Back Row L-R:** Greg Stone, NRCS State Conservationist, Tom Marcum, Ira Linville, Glenn Kelley, Charles Turner, Billy Hartsell, Greg Stephens, Tom Butcher, Doug Hatchett, Joel Legris, Doug Hines, Kenneth Overhults, David Stipes, Steve Crabtree, Charles Farmer, and Anthony Burns. Photo taken by Diane Coney-Turner, Wife of Charles Turner, retired RC&D Coordinator.

The KY SCS/NRCS retiree association held their annual meeting at the Salato Wildlife and Education Center located in Frankfort, KY on October 8th, 2019. The Center is the 2nd most visited attraction in Frankfort outside of the Capitol, and is owned by the KY Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. Salato is dedicated to conservation education of the native plants and animals of KY.

The retirees elected new officers: President **Steve Crabtree**, Vice President **Charles Farmer**, Secretary **Mike Andrews** and Treasurer **Joel Legris**.

MICHIGAN

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Michigan SCS/NRCS Retiree Lunch. The 47th annual SCS/NRCS Michigan retiree lunch was held on September 12th, 2019 at Maxfield's Restaurant in Wyman, MI. Twenty retirees and spouses gathered together, including **Loren and Erica Berndt, Will and Debra Bowman, Diane (Pepper) Bromelmeier, Diane Fielder, Bill Fude, Bernie and Diane Huetter, Kathy and Ken Kelly, Keith and Cathy Martell, Don and Kay Meister, Julius Piggott, Jim Scott, John and Barbara Swanson, and Carol Wade.** We really appreciated **Garry Lee**, Michigan STC, joining us and providing an update on what is happening in NRCS.

Messages were received from nine retirees who were unable to attend. We remembered **Jeanne Thompson, Ruby Sorrell, and Richard Crane** who have gone to their rewards. Everyone shared recent events in their lives. The 48th annual retiree lunch is scheduled for September 10th, 2020, but after meeting at Maxfield's for eighteen years, we were disappointed to learn that they are closing this fall.

MISSOURI

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The annual Missouri Luncheon was held at the Senior Center in Columbia on September 12th. Those in attendance were **Mike and Pam Blaine, Liz Cook, Jack Cronhardt, Jerold and Mayree Sue Crowder, Hugh Curry, Tom Deberry, Jerry Edwards, Renee Gardner, Roger Hansen, Jim Henry, Jean Herman, Terry Hill, Dennis Hoffman, Bob Hummel, Rich and Marjorie Koenig, Bob Laird, John and Carol McCarthy, Jerry McElhiney, Frank and Kay Miller, Bill and Kris Pauls, Larry and Bonnie Pollard, Dave Rastorfer, Gail Sallee, Ed Smith, Pam Stewart, Odie Swanegan, John Turner, Dee Vanderburg, Doug and Kathy Wallace, Gena Michalson, Al Wolfe, and Bob and Rosie Herschbach.** A good time was had by all.

New Retirees: **Charlie Rahm**, Information Officer and **Harold Deckard**, Assistant State Conservationist

Bob Harryman. Hello to everyone. I think the biggest event in our life this summer was a severe hail storm. It ruined the roof and siding on our home and two rentals. It flattened my garden (tomatoes, sweet corn, strawberries, peppers and zucchini). So now we are going through the insurance claims process. It is slow because of the widespread damage. We sure have had a lot of roofers visiting Bethany this summer. I am doing cardiac rehab twice a week since my heart attack last October. All signs are that I recovered well and I am healthy (at least for an 82-yr-old). We still have part of our "home farm" in McDonald County. My renter of the last five years suddenly quit about the time to cut hay in May. So I found a guy to bale the hay. He was slow getting to it and cut one field about the first of July, and he died that night! So his brother-in-law baled that field and left. I was able to find someone else to bale the rest of the hay, but it has rained ever since. Not a good year for my small farm.

Dennis Shirk. Hello from the Shirk Ridge. For the first time in 40 years we have new adjoining landowners. The Kerber land sale went very well. All acres brought above \$3,000 per acre and some above \$4,000 per acre. And no, we didn't purchase any. We are very content with the small farm that we have. Hope you enjoy the end of the year activities with your family and friends. See ya down the trail.

Alton Taylor: I am in Avondale, AZ for another week, then back to Texas even if the Cowboys lose again. **Gail** (daughter) and **Harvey** (son-in-law) provide such a nice B&B. One day at the Science Center and one day on Gold Mountain where Harvey is making an old road passable again. He said that the investors would sell the Mountain for \$12 M. It is 4,000 feet in elevation, so on the south side you can look down on the whole Phoenix valley. I'll take the short route home using only about 100 miles of Interstate. West Texas crops are short this year, maybe a *red ribbon good*. Even the peanuts don't get a blue. If ever in the Denton TX area, check in with me. I stay home some.

Bill Pauls. It's simply gorgeous at the Lake of the Ozarks. We enjoy this time of year when all the "hubbub" has settled. It's quiet and it's pretty. The water on the lake some mornings and evenings sparkles, and the fog/mist hangs low in the valleys over the water. We rebuilt the dock so no more spiders will be getting in our hair from low hanging rafters. We don't have to put the Bimini top up/down every time we come and go. Marathon #108 was in September in Bellville, IL. It was humid, difficult for this aging runner, but I finished another one. Kris and I head for Bowling Green, KY for my next effort on 11/3. We plan to visit Mammoth Cave and the Corvette museum. We're taking our RV, should be fun. God bless everyone and stay healthy. We look forward to the newsletter.

Mike Blaine. My late summer/early fall has been consumed by repairing the 6X6 support post timbers in my shop. The building was built over 40 years ago, and now I find the treated posts are rotting from the inside out. I have dug down 3 to 4 feet by each post that is bad and put a new post in the ground and then bolted it to the old post to support the walls and roof. It has been a very muscle-intensive repair. So far I have done eight posts. I hope that is over with! I haven't done my fall mowing on the farm yet and, horror of horrors, I am not ready for deer season which is quickly approaching. Oh well, what else would I do with all that time? Happy Thanksgiving wishes to all from Blaine Hill.

We have been notified by **Ron Miller** of the passing of **Joe Everett** on March 21st, 2019. Joe was the ARC in the Washington Area Office and the DC in Hillsboro in the late 80's-early 90's. Joe retired in 1993 or 1994. The obituary can be found at: <http://www.fultonsun.com/obits/2019/mar/24/joseph-everett/74347/>. Our sympathies go out to Joe's family.

We have also been notified by **Pat Beneke's** husband, **Bill** that Pat passed away on June 27th of this year. She was recovering from surgery and suffered a major heart attack. The obituary can be found at:

<https://hedgesscottfuneralhomes.com/tribute/details/3219/Patricia-Beneke/obituary.html#tribute-start>

Our sympathies go out to Bill and the family.

MONTANA

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Montana Big Sky Report



Joyce and Jim Swartzendruber with Chris Clarke in Jamestown RI



Lois and Bill Yamartino with Jim and Joyce Swartzendruber in Portland ME.

Joyce Swartzendruber Report. Jim and I had a great trip throughout the northeastern states this fall. We turned our trip to Lake Geneva WI for the Farm Aid concert into a 5,800-mile road trip, catching up with family as well as NRCS retirees and current employees.



Greg Drew, Jim Swartzendruber, and Vicky Drew in Georgia, VT



Coleen Churchill and Joyce Swartzendruber in Easton, PA.

Phillis Phillips Report. Enjoying a fantastic fall season with my grandkids and family in Delaware. The trees are just turning! It is in the 70s and yippee, no snow. Will be back in Montana in December!



Jim Swartzendruber with Stephanie King in Chadron NE

Gooby Ranch Report. It's getting really scary around here. Four hunters got attacked by grizzlies up in the mountains where **Mary Ann** picks berries while I go fishing. One day we saw some grizzlies eating some cows they had killed. I had Mary Ann chase off the grizzlies, and I harvested a couple of the beef loins. Mary Ann had to quit picking berries since the Fish and Game Department won't allow people in the area because of all the grizzlies.

The other morning the dogs were going nuts barking and carrying on. Mary Ann got the flashlight and headed out to see what was wrong. Then she saw a moose standing right in the yard not 30 feet from the house. When it got daylight, Mary Ann had to go out to feed, and when she left the house the moose came right after her. Luckily Mary Ann was able to jump the fence, and the moose decided to stay in the yard.

The horses weren't happy to see the moose. They just kept running and running. The moose was eating the raspberry plants and the bushes in the yard and was not the least bit interested in leaving. In the meantime, the horses are going wild. Mary Ann was afraid they were going to run through the fence and get hurt. After about an hour of waiting for the moose to leave, it looked like he had found a new home and was planning to stay.

I suggested to Mary Ann that I go to town and get a moose tag and harvest the moose, then have the head mounted. Since the moose was a yearling, his antlers were only about two inches long. Mary Ann said there was no way she was going to pay to have a moose head mounted with two-inch antlers. I finally had to agree. His antlers aren't near as big as the one I have mounted. His antlers are nearly four inches long.

Since Mary Ann wouldn't let me harvest the moose, we had to chase it out of our yard. Every time Mary Ann went toward the moose to chase it off, the moose would chase her. I got my moose call and went out in the field and called the moose, but he wasn't the least bit interested in coming over to visit.

Mary Ann decided to start the lawn mower to see if the noise would scare the moose off. First, she took the muffler off, then away she went right at the moose. He panicked and ran away and jumped the fence into where the horses were. They went totally berserk. At least they didn't try to run through the fence. We had to get the horses out of the pen before we could get the moose out. We were able to open the gate, and the horses ran out, and we closed the gate before the moose got over to the gate. When everything was set up so the moose would have a clear shot at going out into a field, I drove the mower while Mary Ann stood in front of the gate. We wanted the moose to go through, and waved her coat. The moose came right at her, and Mary Ann barely jumped out of his road in time. He went out the gate, and we haven't seen him since. Maybe in a few years when he gets big antlers, I'll get to see him again during hunting season.

NEBRASKA

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The September 18th meeting was called to order by President **Norm Helzer**, with 15 members present.

The October 16th meeting was called to order by President **Norm Helzer**, with 16 members present: **Steve Scheinost, Jim Culver, Paul Bartlett, Joe Calder, Keith Sheets, Steve Stover, Dave Camper, Gus Dornbusch, Bill Hance, Jim Carr, Louie Buller, Russell Shultz, Norm Helzer, JoAnne Thiele, Chris Chapman, and Donna Dornbusch.**

Maggie Breckel, retired employee at the Nebraska State Office, died September 17th at age 83. There was no obituary in the newspaper, so most of the retirees did not know of her death or funeral.

Paul Bartlett and his wife took a river cruise on the Rhine River. They spent time in Amsterdam, walked a lot, and were within two blocks of the Anne Frank house. But because of the condition of the house, tourists are no longer able to go in. They visited a cheese factory which included the milking process, and after cruising into Switzerland, visited a chocolate factory. The only down side of the trip was when an oil tanker had hit a gate in one of the locks causing a several hour delay.

Harold and Becky Klaege toured three Canadian provinces and nine states. They visited Niagara Falls, Oak Island (Harold has long been a fan of the TV series), and the USA's largest flea market in Massachusetts.

Steve and Jan Stover spent time in Cincinnati helping their grand-daughter celebrate her 3rd birthday. **Jim Harder and his wife** celebrated their son's re-marriage in Springfield, IL. They visited both state capitals during their time there. **Norm Helzer and his wife** attended girls' volleyball games in San Diego. The Huskers won both, of course! **Tom Reinsch** took his son back to college at BYU. On the trip, they also visited Tom's father in Draper, Utah.



A quality turnout for our September Lincoln SCS/NRCS Retirees Club meeting. Left: Lou Buller, Bill Hance, Bob Engel, and Harold Klaege. Right: Chris Chapman, Jim Culver, Paul Bartlett, Steve Scheinost, and Gary Muckel.

Bill Hance and wife went to Branson, MO, to test the capacity of her oxygen tanks in preparation of their trip to Austin, TX. Everything with the oxygen tanks went well, so the Texas trip is being planned. **Steve Scheinost and wife** traveled to

Minnesota to watch the Nebraska football game last weekend. He said about 40 percent of the stadium was occupied by Nebraska fans.

The Egg and I where the November breakfast was planned has been sold, is under new management, and is being transformed. **Norm Helzer and JoAnne Thiele** will check to see if the newly transformed café will be open for our November breakfast. If not, other sources will be checked to see if they can accommodate us.



Russ Schultz, Lou Buller, Gus Dornbusch, and Dave Camper in discussion at the recent Nebraska State SWCS meeting in Lincoln Nebraska.



Paul Bartlett, Joe Calder, Keith Sheets, Steve Stover, and Bill Hance visiting about current fun vacation experiences.



President Norm Helzer visiting with our excellent host at Stauffer's Cafe.

NORTH CAROLINA

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Twelve retirees and spouses from the Raleigh area met at the Raleigh Farmers Market Restaurant for breakfast on September 9th. Attending the breakfast were **Jim Canterbury, Frank Evans, Dick Fowler, Coy Garrett, John Garrett, Mildred Garrett, Hubert Hawkins, Ed Helmey, John Kelly, Cecil Settle, Horace Smith and Rex Tracy**. Photo by **Hubert Hawkins**.

OREGON

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The Oregon retirees met for the Fall quarter lunch on October 23rd at The Old Spaghetti Factory in Clackamas. Although it has happened before in October, Mt. Hood was opened for a day of skiing on the previous Sunday because of early snow due to a stretch of cool wet days. But the day of the lunch was a delightful bright sunny day that accentuated the Fall colors. Those

attending were **Eldena VanderZanden**, **Lowell** and **Marian Kenedy**, **Jon Lea**, **Gail Voge**, **Kay Denfeld**, **Dick Sylvester**, **Kathy Sylvester**, **Joe Sahlfeld**, **Beth Zetter**, **Ralph Wadleigh**, **Tom George**, **Pat Straka**, **Marcine Richmond**, **Lamont Robbins**, **Joe Sahlfeld**, **Jim Marron**, **Bobbie Hart**, **Terry Mitchell**, and yours truly, **Don Stettler**.

Tom George told us that several months ago he had taken a tumble on a walk and broke some ribs. The next morning, he was experience excruciating pain which required some strong pain medication. He is doing much better now. **Jim Marron** is still coaching girls' softball at Aloha High School. Geese are back in the area from wherever they go in the summer. Geese are troublesome because of their deposits on the softball field. He is trying an "air man" as a deterrent.

Jon Lea told us that his daughter who recently graduated in civil engineering from the University of Washington is now married and working for an engineering firm in San Francisco. He went on to say that **Jolyne** is still having fun as a forecasting hydrologist on the staff of the National Water and Climate Center. **Dick Sylvester** is enjoying working on his home improvement project, and **Kathy** is staying busy. **Terry Mitchell** is enjoying her new sidewalk. Recently her son who lives in Florida came for a visit.

Marian Kenedy said that she and **Lowell** have now been married for 63 years. **Lowell** talked about of his experience of flying while working on his daughter's roof. **Lamont Robbins** who moved into a new home last December told us that he and **Karen** are finally starting to feel like they are moved in.

A highlight of **Eldena VanderZanden's** summer was attending her 50th Ball High School reunion in Galveston, TX. Not to be outdone, yours truly attended his 65th Salem High School reunion. About 50 classmates or ten percent of the class attended. **Joe Sahlfeld** has been challenged by matching white paints in his home's bathroom.



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Bobbie Hart, Marcine Richmond, and Kay Denfeld



Gail Voge and Beth Zetter



Eldena VanderZanden and Joe Sahlfeld



Dick Sylvester and Jon Lea



Jim Marron and Tom George

Gail Voge and **Kay Denfeld** recently returned from a trip to Tennessee. While there they attended a Dolly Parton concert at the Grand Ole Opry. They also went to the Dollywood Theme Park located in the Great Smoky Mountains. **Marcine Richmond** said she sailed through her 95th birthday and is on her way to 96. **Bobbie Hart** and her husband recently celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary.



Lamont Robbins, and Lowell and Marian Kenedy

Pat Straka now lives in Keizer with her son and his family. She much enjoys her family. Recently she had visitors from Indiana. **Stefanie Aschmann** is looking forward to a trip to Hawaii. **Ralph Wadleigh** is finding adjusting to being a widower difficult. I am sure it is.

Plans for the winter quarter lunch are to meet at the Pepper Mill in Aloha on January 22nd, 2020.

PENNSYLVANIA

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Greetings to all! What a great couple of days we had in the Hershey area at our annual reunion! Great attendance (over 50 individuals), great food, great speakers, and a great tour! Sunday evening the food, atmosphere (covered deck) and conversation were outstanding at Fenicci's. Monday morning featured homemade jams and jellies (thanks to those who brought them). **John Mank** won the SCS Anniversary belt buckle (for a year) while raising money for the student scholarships we fund with the Keystone Chapter of SWCS. There was an entertaining and informative presentation on the Eastern Bluebird by **Dean Rust**, President of the PA Bluebird Society, and an amazing story by **Ed Helmey** of his military flying career.



Ed Helmey talking about his flying career

Who out there is a history buff? Who would enjoy time travel? After several years as the Historian for the organization, **Fred Bubbs** has stepped down. Thanks, **Fred**, for your years of service as Historian! We are looking for a volunteer to fill this slot.

I have several notebooks of newsletters and pictures dating back to 1993. Please give this some thought. It is quite interesting to look through the newsletters and see the names of many fellow SCS/NRCS conservationists. Drop me a note or give me a call if you have any interest in filling this slot!

We are giving strong consideration to the State College area for the 2020 (can you believe it?) annual reunion. Places being considered are the Pennsylvania Military Museum in Boalsburg, Penn's Cave, the Penn State Arboretum, and the Penn State Meteorology Department. Of course a visit to the Penn State Creamery (and maybe a tour) would be on the agenda! Let us know your ideas and suggestions. Dates are **September 20-21, 2020**.

Enjoy the fall color which is so beautiful in Pennsylvania. Please continue to send Tim information about your activities to share with the group.

The SCS/NRCS Retiree's Organization and the Keystone Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society combined their funds to award a \$500 scholarship.

Our 2019 recipient is **Colten Ehrhart**. Colten is from Hanover, PA and is a junior at Penn State University Main Campus majoring in Environmental Resource Management with a minor in Watershed and Water Resource Management and a specialization in Arboriculture. In his essay and thank you to our organizations, Colten expressed how much he appreciates the

scholarship since he has two sisters, one in college and one a recent graduate of Penn State and so the financial burden is heavy for his family.



Pennsylvania Retirees gathering: We concluded the event at the Antique Automobile Club of America Museum where there were numerous Studebakers among the antique automobiles on display; lots of memories! Thanks to all who made this happen.

A worthy recipient of our generosity, the opening statements of his application show that he shares many of our values. Colten writes, "Growing up, my house bordered my grandmother's farm. You could rarely find me indoors. I was always helping my grandmother raise and tend animals, garden, and do other work around the farm. I was never afraid to get my hands dirty. This type of work shaped me into the person I am today. I am a passionate outdoorsman who loves to hunt, fish, backpack and just enjoy nature's beauty."

As of the close of our annual meeting, we have collected \$556 toward next year's scholarships. Our intent is to award two scholarships in 2020. Thanks to all who participated through meeting registrations, the belt buckle raffle, and donations.

Fred Bub ponders "Why is it that when you get old, ¼ acre seems like a farm? It takes as long to mow the lawn as it did to mow 10 acres of hay. And that vast cropland that wears one out is 12 X 24 feet. My chief crop, really abundant, was weeds. Did pretty good, though, still harvesting tomatoes, pole string beans, eggplant and peppers.

I do manage to get away some. Every Friday I do the mailboxes at our church (there are over 900.) Once a month, I take my truck and go to New Hope Ministries, Mechanicsburg to do something my wife created. New Hope gets donations of a lot of cases of 6 -8 gallon food cans which are not suitable for families. She also got involved with New Life for Girls, Dover which is a Christian resident rehabilitation center for ladies who have hit rock bottom. It operates totally on donations. So once a month, I take a load of cans and other over abundant goods from New Hope to New Life. Since they load the truck at New Hope, and the ladies unload me at New Life, I plan to keep doing it as long as I or my 1997 Ford Ranger don't break down. By the way, New Life has an 87% success rate."

Mark Groshek sent a note and photo. "We have been doing an annual trip to a Phillies game for over 10 years, but probably closer to 15 years. **Don Murray** and I will be retiring on January 3rd. Hopefully we will join the NRCS retired folks in your get-togethers."



Top (Left to Right): Paul Yankovich, Rob Sweppenheiser, Don Murray, Mark Groshek, and Kevin Rohe. Bottom (Left to Right): Farmer Martin Smith, Joe Rutkoski, and Jack Clark

Rose Marie Updegraff writes: "In July, my daughter **Tracy** and I took a cruise. She was the speaker on the cruise ship and could take a friend, and what better friend than your Mom. It was a British Isles cruise starting in Amsterdam and going to Scotland, Wales, UK, and Ireland. We had a wonderful time. One of our favorite places was Guernsey, a gorgeous setting

along the water. After working for USDA all those years, I didn't realize that the Guernsey cow They said in some cases they shipped a couple and also shipped whole herds. So I got an educat

Allan Bennett says he and **Deb** “Just returned from a 10- day trip that included CT and New Yor so accommodations are no problem. We have them with us all the time. The rates are great and reproach. Normally we travel much further afield, but family issues kept us fairly close to home. : central part of NY but did visit the restored Fort William Henry in Lake George. This is the Fort th Cooper's "The Last of the Mohicans." Also visited the restored Fort Stanwix in Rome and the near is generally accepted to be the turning point of the revolution and the bloodiest battle of the war. of the Erie Canal that contains a lock that uses the same mechanisms and motors used in the 18 Cooperstown Diner which has been in operation since 1921. It is literally a hole in the wall that per a place that may seat 30 if they are skinny. We highly recommend it.”



Tim and Gina Murphy visited son **Evan** in New York City for his birthday Liberty and Ellis Island to see where three of my four grandparents ente visited the 9/11 Memorial and museum, both of which are very well don 3,000 who died, and a reminder to never forget.”

Hosea Latshaw sent this photo as documentation of a recent Octobe Minds” at the Peachtree Restaurant in Harrisburg.



Clockwise from the lower left hand corner:

Jim Saltsman, Civil Engineering Technician with the Lancaster County Conservation District (SW reimbursed by NRCS) with 30 years of conservation experience in Montgomery, Chester, and Montgomery county was spent working with Harlan Kemmerer.

Mark Myers, Soil Conservationist, NRCS Lancaster County, 15 years of conservation experience Lancaster Counties.

Gary Ballina, Civil Engineering Technician, NRCS Lancaster County, 40 years conservation expe with Ron Donlan), Berks, York, and Lancaster Counties as well as the Pequea Special Projects Offic

Larry Zuschlag, retired NRCS/District Soil Conservation Technician, 50 years of experience begi and working most of the years in Lancaster County. Larry and Warren Archibald began working i year, and followed in the footsteps of Abner Housenick.

Frank Harvatine, retired NRCS/PACD Civil Engineering Technician, 50 years of experience in the 1 of those years were spent as conservation engineering anchor of the Lebanon Area Office. Early Hayes Palmer, Jim Olson, Dick Kirk, and Barry Kintzer.

Hosea Latshaw, retired NRCS Engineer, 45 years of engineering experience throughout Penns provided by Fred Schuetz, John Mickley, Gene Krotzer and the PL566 construction inspectors.

The most interesting stories of the evening involved losing “survey notes recording devices” when of moving vehicles, whether it was the black loose-leaf field books, the brown or orange hard-be electronic data collectors! NEVER, NEVER SET THE “NOTES” ON THE TAIL GATE OF THE VEH

Both Frank and Larry passed along a hearty hello and a wish to stay in touch with their many cons

Fred Bubb writes: “Recently on TV, I saw the PA Dairy Princess competition which brought bac the State Office, I usually found myself staffing the SCS exhibit at the PA Farm Show. The PA stopped at the exhibit and she said, “I had hoped that someday I would meet you so I could thank a beautiful place.” After she introduced herself, I asked, “Are you Donald’s daughter?” and she s you that little shaver that followed your dad and me all over the farm as contour strips and otl Another “Yes.” Small world and a wonderful memory.”

Sam Young recalls: "In the mid-1970s I received a phone call from a contractor who had a number of 216 stream stabilization projects in the northern tier of PA. Our specifications called for supplying rock based upon a minimum weight for a large percentage of the rocks. He demanded I meet him at 7am the next morning because **Don Haines**, inspector on the job, was rejecting many loads of rock as not meeting minimum weight. This particular job required exceptionally large rock. I don't remember exact spec., but it seems it was 80 percent over 600 pounds for each rock.

Don and I met the owner of the construction firm on the site north of Towanda. The contractor had a load of rock dumped on site and demanded I tell him how much individual rocks weighed. I told him that Don would tell him what the estimated weight of each rock weighed based on a chart we developed for all 216 inspectors. After Don had measured five individual rocks pointed out by contractor, the contractor agreed Don knew what he was doing. The contractor had each rock weighed and marked before loading into the truck. Don's estimate was within 30 to 40 pounds for each rock. Since this contractor had a number of contracts, it ended complaints on all of them because all the inspectors were measuring average dimensions, computing volume of rock and reading the estimated weight from the same chart Don used.

This was not the only early morning or late afternoon meeting I and local DC's had with this contractor. **Don Lindsey** and I had a number of meetings with the contractor in Tioga County asking us to remove inspectors who were doing their jobs correctly, either rejecting unsuitable materials or documenting when equipment, paid for by hours operated, was sitting idle for extended time when they thought the inspector was not able to see them. The contractor was always trying to run up the hours for payment not earned."

TEXAS (NORTH)

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The North Texas chapter met on September 20th at Genesis Methodist Church. We had a great meeting and program on a very unusual topic. This was our first meeting following the summertime meeting cancellation thing we decided to try this year. There were 13 members present. After a short roundtable discussion of summer vacations, we enjoyed an informative program concerning "final arrangements" we all have to face sooner or later. Our program speaker was the current president of Funeral Consumers Alliance of North Texas. The Consumers Alliance is the only national organization concerned with keeping individuals informed about rules, regulations, pricing, and scams associated with funeral arrangements. For instance, Corporate Funeral Homes charge around \$3,500-\$3,600 for cremation. Smaller funeral homes charge around \$2,800. Hillcrest in Dallas charges \$6,260. Online retail is only \$699. So, one needs to do their homework if there is any interest in paying reasonable rates for these types of services. The presenter also told some gruesome stories I won't share with you, but everyone was interested in his comments and the QA session was lively.

VIRGINIA

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Editor's Note: Ken Carter needs to retire from his representative duties, and we are looking for a replacement. Please contact Melvin Womack if you are interested or have questions: (804) 803-8940, mwpocket2@comcast.net.

The Virginia conservation community is saddened to learn of the passing of three of our retirees in the last two months (see the In Memoriam section for details):

Louis "Curly" Button, former SCS State Engineer, and later state DCR Dam Safety program manager; **Rachel Lickey Hollins**, retired Contract Specialist in the State Office; and **Bob Kohnke**, Retired SCS from NHQ and later Urban Conservation Engineer with the Northern Virginia SWCD.

Ken Carter, retired ASTC(P) and SRC, reports he is home and recuperating from a successful heart transplant in September.

WASHINGTON

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Welcome to new member **Mark Parson**. Attending our monthly lunch at the Timber Creek Grill and Buffet were: **Larry Edmonds**, **Stefan Fechter**, **Ken Kaul**, **Harry Riehle**, **Ralph Schmidt** and **Carl Vennes**. Carl Vennes made a long trip to North, Central, East and Southern Montana to visit family, friends and retired SCSers. **Stefan Fechter** has headed to Arizona for the winter, **Joe Carmack** is in Tennessee. **Ken and Tina Kaul** are on a cruise through the Panama Canal. An early wet and heavy snow in Spokane caused a lot of damage to homes, power lines and vegetation. The leaves were green and still on the trees. We had severe damage to two trees and were without power for 12 hours.

WASHINGTON, DC, NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA

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WEST VIRGINIA

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Alan Staddon conquered another 14,000-foot mountain, AKA "14ers," on his annual trip to Colorado. "My friend, Dr. James Tucker and I climbed Mount Bierstadt on Monday, August 12th. We left the trailhead at 8:05 am and summited at 11:30. The total elevation difference from the valley floor was 2,585 feet. We enjoyed the beautiful views while we had our lunch and then began the challenging descent through the irregular-shaped rocks which covered the top portion of the peak. We encountered a group of four mountain goats just 200 yards from our departure point and then 30 minutes later, another group of five mountain goats presented themselves close to the trail where we could capture several more good photos."

The smiling faces of **Shirley Austen** and eight of her fellow Mon County Community Educational Outreach Services (CEOS) members were photographed for a story in the August 2019 Senior Post, a monthly magazine by the Dominion Post. While employed by SCS, Shirley was the secretary to State Resource Conservationist **Dixie Shreve**. Shirley has been a member of the CEOS for 63 years.

WISCONSIN

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The Wisconsin retirees met for lunch on October 17th, 2019 at the Monona Garden Family Restaurant in Monona, WI. **Pat Leavenworth** was the gracious host. Attendees included **Jim Kaap, Marlene Dingle, Bob Uhrig, Bob Weihrouch, Steve Rake, Vic Price, Ted Manning and Pat Leavenworth**.

Marlene shared some photos of some of the NRCS folks who attended her husband **Stanley's** funeral. **Steve Rake** shared tales of his latest travels to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, OH and the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY. **Jim Kaap** shared photos of his adorable twin granddaughters who are now six years old. **Pat Leavenworth** shared her retirement activities including managing the Mount Horeb Farmers Market, being a board member of the Groundswell Conservancy and being Co-chair of the WI Land and Water Food, Land and Water Project. The group then watched the new Wisconsin NRCS video. Future retirees' luncheons will begin in March 2020.

NEW SENIOR CONSERVATIONISTS

They have reached the minimum age of 83 years and have completed the Senior Conservationist Questionnaire. See IN MEMORIAM for the Senior Conservationists who have left us since the last Newsletter. Please help us identify retirees who should be named Senior Conservationists. Please provide their contact information to your ARCSE Representative or Regional Vice-President.

Coy A. Garrett

Raleigh, NC

SENIOR CONSERVATIONIST CHRONICLE

**Senior Conservationist
Francis T. (Frank) Holt**

Senior Conservationist Frank Holt was born October 14, 1934, in Protem, MO. Protem is a community in southeastern Taney County, Missouri, approximately two miles north of the Missouri-Arkansas state line.

Frank grew up on his family's beef cow-calf farm and attended local schools through the 8th grade. He then attended School of the Ozarks High School in Point Lookout, MO. After graduation he worked as Forest Technician for the Missouri Department of Conservation from 1952 to 1954. In 1954 he joined the United States Coast Guard and served until 1958. On December 25, 1954, he married Donna Joyce Mottesheard at Branson, MO. After his service with the Coast Guard, Frank enrolled at the University of Missouri – Columbia. He graduated with a B.S. in Forestry in 1962. He continued as a graduate student there and earned an M.S. in Forest Management in 1963 and a Ph.D. in Forest Ecology in 1968.

After graduate school, Frank was hired by SCS in Missouri where he served as State Forester from 1968 to 1974. In 1974 he became State Forester for California SCS and worked there until 1977.

His next position with SCS took him east to Virginia where he was State Resource Conservationist until 1979. He then went to SCS National Headquarters where he held several positions. In 1979 he worked on the Resources Conservation Act initiative as an environmental specialist. After that, he was Acting Associate Director of the USDA Office of Environmental Quality, and National Coordinator of the RC&D Program. Frank left NHQ in 1983 when he was selected to be State Conservationist for Utah. He served in that position until 1994 when he retired from Federal service.

Upon retirement, Frank and Donna moved to western North Carolina. Currently he is involved in volunteer efforts with Country Creek Homeowners' Association and other community endeavors in and around Weaverville and Asheville, NC. In May of this year, he completed "The Country Creek Story" a historical account of the development of his community north of Asheville. This December Frank and Donna will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary. They have two children, Deborrah and David.

Frank received a Meritorious Achievement Award from the School of the Ozarks High School Alumni Association, Point Lookout, MO, in November 1979 "for continuing interest and loyalty to the School, Christian living, community service, personal achievement, and influence for the good in the world." He received special recognition by the Utah Association of Conservation

Districts in November 1984 and again in November 1988 for strong and sustained support of conservation endeavors in the State of Utah. In 1993 Frank received a Distinguished Service Award presented by the Utah Association of Conservation Districts. He was named a "Friend of Extension" and awarded that distinction by the Cooperative Extension Service, Utah State University, in November 1989. His biography is included in the 20th Edition, Marquis' *Who's Who in the West* and he is listed in the 4th Edition, American Biographical Institute's *Personalities of America* for "Contributions to USDA's Conservation Programs."

When asked if he would share his philosophy of career and life, Frank related that one must have goals, pursue them, and not look back. The Holts (Frank and Donna) will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on this Christmas Day.

OBITUARY INFORMATION

Paul Benedict, Membership Chair

When you receive word of someone passing, with little other information provided to you, obituaries can often be found by doing an advanced search using Google, using the full name of the deceased. If you do not have access to the web, Paul Benedict will be glad to do the search. Please send death notices and obituary information directly to Paul at soilwarden@verizon.net. Always include the position or the spouse's position with SCS/NRCS.

Surname Year *In Memoriam* (Note: These are recent notices. For a complete list, please see www.arcse.org)

- Allbritton** 2019 **Margaret Ann Allbritton** (95) of Wildwood, Florida passed away on August 29, 2019 at the Harbor Chase Assisted Living Center in Wildwood. Margaret retired from the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in 1984 after working 35 years as the Area Clerk at the Mayfield, Kentucky Area Office. She was a member of the Hickory Baptist Church for 70 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, **William H. Allbritton**, seven brothers, and three sisters. She is survived by her daughter, **Kathy (Ted) Knue** of The Villages, Florida; two grandchildren, **Marnie** and **Neill Knue**; and three great-grandchildren.
- Beaty** 2019 **James "Jim" Clarence Beaty** (87) of Sayre, Oklahoma passed away August 31, 2019 at his home. Jim was born to **Frank** and **Marie (Powell) Beaty** on April 10, 1932 at the family farm near Durham, Oklahoma. He grew up in Roger Mills County and graduated from high school at Crawford, Oklahoma. After graduation he began working for the USDA Soil Conservation Service retiring in 1986 after 36 years of service. He married the love of his life **Betty Jo (Barrett) Blanscet** in June of 1963. He was an avid quail hunter and outdoorsman and a rancher who had unprecedented love and respect for his land and livestock. He is preceded in death by his wife of 40 years, **Betty**. He is survived by his son, **James Blanscet** (partner **Judy Branch**) of Reydon, Oklahoma; daughter, **Carolyn (Blanscet) Potter** and husband, **Bill**, of Shamrock, Texas; two grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.
- Beneke** 2019 **Patricia Ann "Pat" Beneke** (70) of Sunrise Beach, Missouri, passed away June 27, 2019 at Lake Regional Health System in Osage Beach, Missouri. She was recovering from surgery and suffered a major heart attack. Pat was born August 23, 1948 in Willmar, Minnesota. She was the daughter of **Robert** and **Beatrice (Hjelle) Mark**. Pat was united in marriage to **William M. "Bill" Beneke** on June 9, 1967 in Spokane, Washington. After graduating as class salutatorian with a bachelor's degree in Agriculture from Lincoln University, Pat worked as a Resource Conservationist with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. After retiring to the Lake of the Ozarks, she enjoyed living the lake life. She loved spending days outdoors boating on the lake and tending to her flower garden. Pat is survived by her loving husband Bill; her sons **Michael Beneke (Christy)** of Jefferson City, Missouri and **Jeff Beneke (Arla)** of Peculiar, Missouri; and three grandchildren.
- Black** 2019 **Talitha Jean Bradshaw Black** (83), formerly of Athens, Georgia, passed away October 13, 2019, in Marietta, Georgia. She was born in Oglethorpe County, Georgia, on July 12, 1936, to **James Beasley** and **Jeannie Brunetti Busha Bradshaw**. Jean worked as an Administrative Assistant with the USDA Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1991 with 35 years of service. She was preceded in death by the love of her life, **Charles Bowen Black** in 1966. Surviving are her two daughters **Kathy Henson (Allen)** and **Karen Thayer (Marc)**; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.
- Breckel** 2019 **Margaret "Maggie" Breckel** (83) of Malcolm, Nebraska passed away September 17, 2019. Maggie was hired as a Clerk Stenographer by the USDA Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in 1978 working with the Public Affairs Specialist for Nebraska. She was the lead person in coordination and use of photographs and other visual material used in the outreach program for SCS in Nebraska. She retired in the late 1990s as a clerk-stenographer with the Natural Resource Conservation Service. Maggie was well known throughout the state, as she worked with many field SCS/NRCS staff in providing photos and other resource material for the agency's outreach programs. She is remembered by her co-workers as always cheerful and was well-liked by all. She lived on an acreage and was very active in planting trees, gardens and other activities to enhance the environment. Memorials can be directed to Lincoln Lutheran High School Scholarship Fund.
- Button** 2019 Senior Conservationist **Louis "Curly" Stanley Button Jr.** (94) of Richmond, Virginia passed away on September 12, 2019. Curly was born on April 1, 1925, in Jefferson, Virginia. During World War II, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps at the age of 17 and served through the end of the war. After the war, he attended University of Georgia and graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in engineering. In July of 1951, Curly married **Helen Louise Connolly** of Blacksburg, Virginia. Curly was employed by the USDA Soil Conservation Service from 1952 through 1989 and served as State Conservation Engineer in Richmond from 1966 to 1989. After a career with USDA, he had a second career with the State of Virginia from 1989 through 1995 as Manager of the Bureau of Dam Safety and Flood Protection, Department of Conservation and Recreation. He was an avid skeet shooter and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen, and his son, **Louis Stanley Button III** of Richmond. He is survived by his daughter, **Rebecca Button Cournow (Thomas)** of Kent Island, Maryland, and sons **John Connolly Button (Rosemary)** of Madison, North Carolina and **Thomas Robert Button (Heather)** of Milford, Virginia; and four grandchildren.
- Campbell** 2019 **Richard Lee Campbell** (71) of Palmdale, California passed away September 30, 2019 at home surrounded by his

family. Rich was born September 15, 1948 in Kilmichael, Mississippi. He attended Alcorn A&M University where he earned his degree in Agricultural Education. In 1970 he began his career with the USDA Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in Bismarck, North Dakota as a Soil Conservationist and met the love of his life and future wife, **Nancy**. Rich and Nancy were married in Colorado on December 10, 1973 and blessed with 46 beautiful years together. The next year he was promoted to District Conservationist for Yuma County, Colorado. He went on to become the Resource Conservationist of ten counties in Colorado. In 1977 he transferred to The Dalles, Oregon to serve as District Conservationist for Wasco County. In 1983 he was promoted to District Conservationist of Los Angeles County based out of Lancaster, California. In 1992 he was a key founder of the Dustbusters Task Force. He was actively involved in countless other community environmental projects. Richard's Christian faith was very important to him, and he served in several leadership positions in churches during his life. Richard was preceded in death by his son **Michael Matson**. He is survived by his loving wife Nancy, son **Matthew Matson (Sarah)**, daughters **Carrie Campbell**, **Cammie Szabo (Aaron)**, eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

- Coggin** 2019 Senior Conservationist **Norma Sturdivant Coggin** (90) of Raleigh, North Carolina passed away on October 1, 2019 after an extended illness. She was born November 29, 1928 in Chatham County, North Carolina to **Robert** and **Lena Andrews Sturdivant**. Norma attended Crofts Business School in Durham in 1945 and began her career as a medical secretary at Duke Hospital at age 17. Norma met her husband **John Rod Coggin, Jr.** while in Durham, and they were married December 17, 1954. They were married for 40 years until his death in 1994. Norma worked as a medical secretary for many years and continued her career as a secretary with the USDA Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1989. Norma was active in United Methodist Women and The Woman's Club of Raleigh. She was preceded in death by her husband John. She is survived by her daughter, **Carol Coggin Barker (William)**; three grandchildren, **Will (Megan Bair)**, **John (Anna Knott)** and **Blair Hunt (Quinn)**; and four great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a special friend, **Nancy Chance** who lovingly cared for Norma over the last 10 years.
- Cox** 2019 **G. Samuel Cox** (82) of Edenton, North Carolina passed away on September 4, 2019. Mr. Cox was born in Onslow County, North Carolina on November 26, 1936, the son of the late **Willie Crawford Cox**, a farmer, and **Sadie Kellum Cox**, a schoolteacher. He graduated from North Carolina State University in 1958 with a degree in Animal Husbandry. Known to many as "Sammy" or "Sam," he married the former **Betty Lou Jarman** on October 24, 1959, and they were married for over 59 years until her death earlier this year. Sam worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service for 35 years. He served in different roles and locations during his career, with the last 19 years as area conservationist for the northeastern area of North Carolina, based in Edenton. He was a faithful member of Edenton Baptist Church and was also active in community organizations, including the Edenton Jaycees and the Edenton Lions Club. Survivors include three sons and their families: **Graham S. Cox II (Samantha)** of Newman, Georgia; **John C. Cox (Susan)** of Holly Springs, North Carolina; and **Andrew Cox (Lisa)** of Holly Springs, North Carolina; and three granddaughters.
- Crane** 2019 **Richard Louis Crane** (80) of Hurontown, Michigan passed away at home on July 12, 2019 of an apparent heart attack. He was born the son of **Richard Crane, Sr.** and **Margaret Sardish** on May 5, 1939. Richard grew up on a dairy farm with his grandparents, **Louis** and **Caroline Sardish**, in Menominee County. He served in the US Army as a paratrooper. After his military service, Richard worked for the Natural Resources Conservation Service for 44 years. He was honored for his work in Washington, DC with a national Soil Conservation Service Technician of the Year award. Richard was an avid runner for two decades, often running competitively. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, **Kenlyn Crane (Rivard)**; his children, **Michael Crane (Sarah)**, **Dan Crane (Mary)**, and **Becky Crane**; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.
- Dester** 2019 **Daisy Irene Dester (Savuyers)** (85) of Abilene, Kansas passed away October 1, 2019. Daisy was preceded in death by her husband **Eugene P. Dester** in 2014. Eugene was District Conservationist for the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Abilene for 16 years until he retired in 1992. Daisy and Eugene are survived by their son **Steve Dester (Janice)** of Solomon, Kansas; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.
- Everett** 2019 **Joseph "Joe" H. Everett** (73) of New Haven, Missouri passed away March 21, 2019 at Mercy Hospital, Creve Coeur, Missouri. Joseph was born in St. Louis, Missouri on February 22, 1946 to **Vasco Theo** and **Helen Clara (O'Day) Everett**. He was united in marriage with **Janice K. Middaugh** on May 22, 1962, in Fulton, Missouri. He worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service in a career that included assignments as area resource conservationist in the Washington Area Office and district conservationist in the Hillsboro, Missouri Field Office. Joe retired in 1993 or 1994. After he retired from federal employment, he worked as a truck manager of sales for Chris Auffenberg Ford in Washington. Joseph is survived by his wife, Janice; three daughters, **JoAnn Smothers (Eddie)** of Bartlett, Tennessee; **Jennifer Buwalda (Paul)** of Canadian Lakes, Michigan; and **Joyce Everett** of Linn, Missouri; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, **Julie Everett**; and a son, **Joseph Jonathan Everett**.
- Goode** 2019 **Rodney "Rod" Keith Goode** (70) of Pell City, Alabama passed away October 14, 2019. He was born on July 2, 1949 in Glencoe Alabama. He married his high school sweetheart, **Retha Marker Goode**, and was married for 49 years. He graduated from Auburn University with bachelor of science degree in 1972 and master of science degree in 1974. He loved his Alma Mata and was an enormous Auburn Football fan. He loved his job with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and retired after 42 years of service. He was District Conservationist for Jefferson and St. Clair Counties in Alabama for many years. Rod was actively involved in many conservation and civic organizations. He won the Jerry L. Johnson award for excellence in public service. Rod was a member of First Baptist Church of Pell City for 44 years. He led a life of service and volunteered to help his church and community in many capacities over the years. Survivors include his wife Retha; daughter **Amy (Chris) Bain** and two grandchildren. A Celebration of Life Memorial service was held at First Baptist Church of Pell City, on Friday, October 18, 2019.
- Hedgpeth** 2019 **David Wayne Hedgpeth** (80) of Fairmont, North Carolina passed away October 7, 2019 at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He was born November 9, 1938 in Robeson County, North Carolina. David worked as a Soil Conservation Technician for the USDA Soil Conservation Service at the Lumberton Field Office in North Carolina. Friends described him as having a big heart and always a smile on his face. David's survivors include his wife, **Carolyn Holt Hedgpeth** of the home; two daughters **Denise Whitley (Terry)** of White Lake, North Carolina, and

Wendy Hedgpeth of Fairmont; and three grandchildren.

- Hollins** 2019 **Rachel Hollins** (74) of Bumpass, Virginia passed away September 11, 2019. She was born November 2, 1944, in Middleburg, Virginia. Rachael worked for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service for 40 years. She was a contract specialist when she retired in 2003. Rachel was an avid bowler, loved to dance and loved music. She loved travelling, especially cruising, with 26 cruises completed. Her remains were donated to the Virginia Anatomical Program. Rachael is survived by her husband, **George H. Hollins Sr.**; children **Charles Robinson Jr.**, **Darrell Robinson**, and **Renee Lickey Davis**; and stepchildren **Linda Lickey Tribby**, **Sandy Lickey Welfel**, **Kenneth Hollins**, **George Hollins Jr.**, and **Kim Hollins Humphries**. She also leaves 19 grandchildren and 15+ great-grandchildren.
- Hughey** 2019 Lifetime Member **William "Bill" Allen Hughey** (71) of Shelton, Washington passed away on October 13, 2019. He was born to **Aubra** and **Louise Hughey** in Belle Rive, Illinois on January 24, 1948. On October 1, 1966, Bill married his high school sweetheart **Kathryn Jean Woodman**. In 1967, Bill received his draft notice and then enlisted into the United States Air Force. After honorable discharge, Bill used the GI Bill to attend college. He received an Engineering degree studying at Centralia College and Oregon Institute of Technology. After graduation, Bill worked 32.5 years at 5 locations with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. He served as a design/soil mechanics engineer for four years where he assisted the Northeastern Region's thirteen States with soil foundations and embankment design for small dams. Bill served as agency representative in the selection and oversight of professional services for the design and construction of a large Roller Compacted Concrete (RCC) dam and subsequent water treatment facility in West Virginia. Bill received an International Honor Award from the US Agency for International Development for leading the first technical assistance team to the African nation of Eritrea. Bill ended his career with NRCS with 8 years of service as the National Agricultural Engineer in Washington DC. While working in Washington, DC, Bill maintained relations with several engineering schools. He was affiliated as a member and Committee Chair for: American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), American Society of Agricultural Engineering (ASAE), and International Erosion Control Association (IECA). Bill and Jean have made Shelton, Washington their home for the past 15 years. After retirement, they enjoyed RV camping, international travel, and cruising. In addition to his wife Jean, Bill is survived by sons **Codey Hughey (Alicia)** of Chicago, Illinois and **Tony Hughey (Rita)** of Federalsburg, Maryland; and grandchildren **Maggie**, **Kaylyn**, and **Kevin**. Bill is preceded in death by his parents and brother **John Hughey**.
- Kohnke** 2019 Senior Conservationist and Lifetime and Honorary Member **Robert "Bob" Earl Kohnke** (93) of Springfield, Virginia peacefully passed away on October 7, 2019. He was born on March 5, 1926, the son of **John** and **Esther Kohnke**. Bob received degrees from Iowa State University and the University of Wisconsin. Bob started with the USDA Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in 1952 as an agricultural engineer. He became a hydrologist on the Iowa Watershed Work Party in 1955. He later served as a hydrologist in regional offices in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Upper Darby Pennsylvania and Indianapolis, Indiana. In 1970 Bob was appointed Assistant Director of the SCS River Basins Division and later promoted to Division Director. He retired from SCS in 1982. He then continued his conservation work with the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District. He was one of their first Urban Conservation Engineers. In this role, Bob provided his technical expertise with drainage and erosion concerns, the development community with understanding and implementing erosion and sediment controls, and supported the Fairfax County government through plan review, the engineering standards review committee, and the closeout of the PL-566 Pohick Creek Watershed Projects. Bob is preceded in death by his wife of 38 years, **Donna Kohnke**; his second wife **Kitty Kohnke**; and his brothers **Laverne** and **John Jr.** Bob is survived by his three children, **Kay**, **Scott**, and **David**; his daughter-in-law, **Betsy**; two granddaughters, **Katie** and **Elise** and Kay's partner **David Seidman**; as well as stepson, **John Schafe**. Services were held at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on October 18. The family is requesting donations in memory of Bob be given to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 8304 Old Keene Mill Rd., Springfield, VA 22152.
- Long** 2019 **Lauren Hubbard "Larry" Long** (90) of Holden, Maine passed away October 21, 2019. Larry was born June 8, 1929 in Randolph, Vermont. He was a US Army Veteran of the Korean War. He graduated from the University of Vermont in 1957 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics and began a career with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Vermont. He subsequently settled in Orono, Maine in 1966. He was an Assistant State Conservationist and then later held the position of Maine State Resource Conservationist at the campus of UMaine Orono for 20 years. At the age of 89 Larry was moved to the Maine Veterans' Home in Bangor, ME where he received exceptional and loving care. He leaves his wife of 68 years, **Lois Adelaide (O'Brien)**. He is also survived by his children: **Lauren Hubbard "Lonny" Long** of Fairfield, Maine; **Rebecca Ruth Johns (Mitch)** of Chico, California; **Kathleen Jean Long** of Butte, Montana; **Alan Robert Long (Amy)** of Belleville, Illinois; **Daniel Leslie Long (Wanda)** of Holden, Maine. He had six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Donations in Larry's honor may be made to the Maine Veterans' Home, 44 Hogan Road, Bangor, ME 04401, or to Parkinson's Foundation, 200 SE 1st Street, Suite 800, Miami, FL 33131, or at www.parkinson.org.
- Martin** 2019 Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist **Cecil N. Martin** (93) of Watkinsville, Georgia passed away October 16, 2019. Cecil was married to **Eugenia "Gene" Mitchell Martin** for 71 years. He was the son of the late **Jesse Marion Martin** and **Lottie Berryman Martin**. Cecil served in the US Navy during WWII and retired Air Force Reserves with the rank of Major after 25 years. He graduated from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Engineering and retired in 1987 from the USDA Soil Conservation Service as a State Design Engineer. Cecil and Gene purchased "Sweet Acres Farm" in 1963 where their five children grew up and where they raised beef cattle. Survivors in addition to his wife Gene, include children: **Donna Davis (Danny)** of Bishop, Georgia; **Pam Misenhamer (Gene)** also of Bishop; **Jeff Martin** of Athens, Georgia; **Rex Martin (Suzette)** of Buford, Georgia; **Joy Bloom (Donald)** of Gainesville, Georgia. He had twenty-one grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held October 18, 2019 at Watkinsville First Baptist Church Chapel with **Pastor Carlos Sibley** officiating.
- Price** 2019 **Houston Gerald Price, Jr.** (83) of Tribune, Kansas passed away on October 11, 2019 in Garden City, Kansas. He was born on September 6, 1936 in Wichita, Kansas, the son of **Houston Gerald** and **Juanita Velvet (Roby) Price, Sr.** He married **Donna Jean Armstrong** on April 27, 1958 at Sharon Springs, Kansas. He attended Garden City Community College and then joined his Father on the family farm where they raised crops along with cattle and sheep. While continuing to work on the farm, he worked for 19 years as a soil conservation technician in Greeley County for the

USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service, retiring in 2007. He was a Charter Member of the Tribune Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by Son-In-Law- **Brent Kinlund** and three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He is survived by his Wife **Donna Price** and four Daughters: **Judy Kinlund** of Raton, New Mexico; **Susan Sisk (Brad)** of Holcomb, Kansas; **Peggy Munoz (Abby)** of Garden City, Kansas; and **Stacy Cundiff (Randy)** of Garden City, Kansas. He had nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren

- Saulisberry 2019** **Charles "Chuck" Nash Saulisberry** (90) of Carson City, Nevada passed away August 20, 2019 at Carson Tahoe Care Center from Parkinson's disease. He was born in Evanston, Illinois to **Lynn** and **Helen Nash Saulisberry** September 14, 1928. Chuck graduated from the University of Nevada (UNR) with a degree in Range Management. He met **Josephine Caprio** at UNR. They were married and spent 68 happy years together. Working first for the UNR Experiment Station and joining the Nevada Air National Guard, he entered active duty on March 1, 1951. Stationed at the Nellis Air Force Base Weather Unit, he released weather balloons for the nuclear testing at Indian Springs. After being honorably discharged in 1952, they moved back to Reno where he was employed by the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) as a Range Conservationist in Wellington, Nevada, doing snow surveys, farm planning, rangeland resource management, and monitoring. He transferred to Cedarville, California to open an SCS office for NE CA and NW NV. His area of responsibility was so large he received his private pilot's license and bought a Piper Tri Pacer to be home more with family. He served from 1977 to 1984 as liaison between SCS and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), coordinating and overseeing the soil survey and ecological correlation of vegetation. Retiring from Federal service in 1984, he began a second career as a Certified Range Management Consultant with Resource Concepts, Inc. and other sub-consultants. He owned and operated a private flying service for 45 years and was often called as an expert witness in legal proceedings. He is survived by wife Josephine of 68 years, son **Daniel Saulisberry (Neve)**, daughter **Kathryn Smith (Gary)**, five grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by son **Tracy Ralph** and granddaughter **Danielle Carpenter**.
- Sorrell 2018** **Ruby Rosette Sorrell** (94) of Lansing, Michigan passed away August 16, 2018. She was born April 18, 1924, in Lansing, to **John** and **Clara Hyboone**. Ruby worked 22 years with the USDA Soil Conservation Service. She is survived by her children, **Jerry Wise (Bonnie)**, **Sherry Sorrell (Chuck)**, and **Laura Sorrell**; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, **Ralph**, in 2014, and her daughter, **Suzanne Landon (Duane)**.
- Staley 2019** Lifetime Member **Larry Staley** (87) of Emery, South Dakota passed away October 14, 2019. Larry was attending Pennsylvania State University when he joined the US Navy during his sophomore year and served during the Korean War. When he got out of the service, he finished his degree at Pennsylvania State University. After college he went to work for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a soil scientist. He mapped soils all over eastern Pennsylvania. He then moved to Kosciusko County, Indiana and worked on soil surveys there. He retired from federal service in 1988, but then worked on a contract soil survey on per diem in Cumberland County Illinois. Larry loved soil survey work and all the good people he worked with! Larry is survived by his five children: son **Scott Staley (Karen)** and daughters **Julee Staley**, **Marlys Staley**, **Darsee Staley** and **Lori Staley**; and four grandsons and four great-grandchildren.
- Theurer 2019** Member **Fredrick Douay Theurer** (82) of Gaithersburg, Maryland passed away peacefully on October 5, 2019 surrounded by his wife and family. Fred was born to **Edward Arthur** and **Helen Theurer** on April 9th, 1937 in Washington DC. He grew up in Washington DC. He earned his Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Maryland, College Park in 1959. He went on to earn his Masters of Science and Doctorate in Civil Engineering from Colorado State University in 1975, taking just two years to do so. He spent his professional career with the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service working in California, Pennsylvania, Colorado, and Maryland. He was considered among the foremost experts in the world in his field of hydraulic engineering; and in the later part of his career, he represented the United States government abroad. As much as Fred was devoted to his work, his wife **Marge** was, by far and away, the love of his life. The sun rose and set on her through their sixty years of their marriage. He was preceded in death by his beloved second daughter, **Theresa**, who passed away in 1996. In addition to his wife Marge, Fred is survived by five children and their spouses: **Maureen Joseph (Richard)**, **Kenneth Theurer (Laurie)**, **Christine Morse (Tom)**, **Patrick Theurer (Karen)**, **Matthew Theurer (Maria)**; 17 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Mass of Christian burial was held at St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Derwood, Maryland on October 10. Internment was at Gate of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Cure PSP: <https://www.psp.org/iwanttohelp/>
- Thompson 2017** **Jeanne Marie Thompson** (90) of Grayling, Michigan passed away March 21, 2017. She was born in Grayling August 6, 1926 to **Carl** and **Francilia Hanson**. She married the late **Sandy Thompson** after he got out of the US Navy at the end of World War II. She and Sandy operated Penrods Cabins and the canoe livery at Penrods. Later, she worked 20 years for the USDA Soil Conservation Service and then retired. She is survived by her two sons **Randy Thompson** and **Pat Thompson**, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.
- Van Cleave 2019** **Kenneth Charles Van Cleave Jr.** (93) of Galesburg, Kansas (formerly of Eureka, Kansas) passed away on September 22, 2019, at the Greenwood County Hospital in Eureka, Kansas. He was born on December 13, 1925, in Galesburg, Kansas, to **Kenneth C. Van Cleave, Sr.** and **Margaret (Robinson) Van Cleave**. Kenneth attended Labette County Community College and graduated from Kansas State University. He served in the US Navy as a Communications Specialist in the Pacific during World War II. Following his discharge, Kenneth worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Marion and Eureka, Kansas, his entire career. He retired in 1983. He was married to **Verna Fae Berends** for 69 years. Verna preceded him in death in 2018. He was also preceded in death by son **Vernon Ray**. Survivors include two sons **Larry Van Cleave (Nancy)** of Lake Waukomis, Missouri and **Gary Van Cleave** of Pomona, Kansas; daughter **Cheryl Sowder (Jeff)** of Toronto, Kansas; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



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