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## NOTES FROM THE POTOMAC

*Editor's Note: Doug Lawrence and Patty Lawrence authored these "Notes."*

**Pocketbook Issues**—For Federal retirees, the Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for 2019 continues to trend up. With just a few months left in the process, federal, military, and Social Security retirees are looking at a January inflation adjustment of at least 2.7%.

**Farm Bill**—Moving forward on the Farm Bill is a top priority when Congress reconvenes on September 4th following its August Recess. According to [Rep. Peterson](#), a lot of work has gone on during recess: "The staff's been very heavily engaged. They're working every day, all day long, and into the early evening." And Conference leadership has been similarly engaged, committed "to working together on a Farm Bill that delivers certainty and predictability to our farmers and families as quickly as possible." The Committees need to complete work by September 30<sup>th</sup> before the current Farm Bill expires to avoid an extension. In reality, that means completing work by mid-September in order to finalize drafting and get it to the President's desk. Once reconvened, there are only 11 days when the House and Senate are both in session in September.

The Conference Committee will have to negotiate many differences between the House and Senate Farm Bills that including traditionally difficult differences such as Title 1, crop insurance, dairy, and payment limits. But in this Farm Bill, many observers point to two areas where major work will be needed: nutrition and conservation.

**Nutrition**—The key controversy in Nutrition is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The House bill adds new work and work training requirements, while the Senate version did not make major changes. According to CBO analysis, the House farm bill will reduce billions in spending on benefits and increase administrative and other non-benefit costs (*Farmdoc*, [July 3, 2018](#); [May 24 2018](#); [April 26, 2018](#)). Critics of the House Bill point out that SNAP already contains work requirements and that most SNAP beneficiaries are employed but are still below the poverty line. In addition, SNAP spending and participation have been steadily declining since 2013, and the CBO estimates that trend will continue with a strong economy (*Farmdoc Daily*, [April 12, 2018](#)).

**Conservation**—House and Senate bills both reduce working land programs, but in different ways and at different levels. According to the Congressional Budget Office, enacting [H.R.2](#) provisions would result in a net reduction in spending of \$0.8 billion over the 2019-2028 period, while enacting [S. 3042](#) provisions would result in no net change in spending. However, the bills differ more starkly at the program level, with CSP, EQIP, and CRP being the key negotiation points for the Committee.

The House Bill eliminates CSP and shifts some of that spending into an enhanced EQIP in the form of Stewardship contracts, and bolsters ACEP and RCPP funding. The Senate Bill retains CSP (but reduces annual enrollment) and reduces EQIP funding in order to increase ACEP and RCPP at slightly lower levels. In CRP, the House and Senate bills increase the acreage cap (29 million and 25 million, respectively) and cap rental rates (80 percent and 88.5 percent, respectively).

Note: The parentheses in the following table mean "negative" numbers. This means that the CRP program in the House version of the farm bill is \$23 million less than the Congressional Budget Office baseline funding for CRP. In short, the House is spending \$23 million less on CRP than its baseline funding and using those saved CRP funds to fund other programs. The baseline is generally the funding level the last year of the Farm Bill's authorization. Note also that the baseline is for 10 years (2019 to 2028), so the prior year's funding would be multiplied by 10 years to get the total baseline funding.

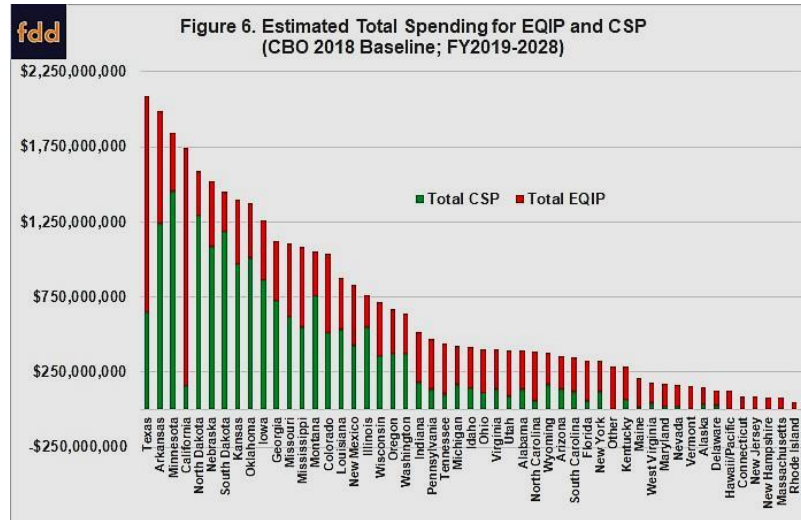
### Summary of Changes in Direct Spending for Major Conservation Programs

Program	Total Change to Baseline, 2019-2028 Millions of Dollars in Outlays	
	House	Senate
Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)	(\$23)	\$0
Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)	(\$12,618)	(\$1,000)
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)	\$7,692	(\$1,481)
Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)	\$2,221	\$1,607
Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)	\$1,308	\$874

**Where CSP and EQIP Funds are Expended**—The following graph summarizes CSP and EQIP funding in the Baseline for the 2018 Farm Bill. It was published by *Farm Doc Daily* at the

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University of Illinois. What the authors have done is use the distribution of EQIP and CSP funds, by state, for the years 2010 to 2016, to allocate the total baseline funding for EQIP and CSP over the 10-year Congressional Budget Office score for the 2018 Farm Bill. The top five states that would benefit from the 2018 Farm Bill EQIP and CSP programs are: Texas, Arkansas, Minnesota, California, and North Dakota.



**Lastly**—While there are definitely negotiations to take place in the Conservation Title, the Conference Committee is more likely to be challenged with finding compromise between the widely divergent and charged views on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The White House signal that it favors House SNAP work requirement reforms will serve to further charge the debate.

In the spirit of getting a bill done by September 30<sup>th</sup>, on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, Agriculture Committee Chairmen **Sen. Pat Roberts**, R-Kan., and **Rep. K. Michael Conaway**, R-Texas, and Ranking Members **Sen. Debbie Stabenow**, D-Mich., and **Rep. Collin Peterson**, D-Minn., announced a public meeting of the 2018 Farm Bill Conference Committee. There are 47 House Members and nine (9) Senate Members. **Date:** Wednesday, September 5, 2018; **Time:** 9:30am; **Place:** 325 Russell Senate Office Building; **Webcast:** live at [ag.senate.gov](http://ag.senate.gov).

**Trade**—Farmers have serious concerns that the Trump Administration's strategy of pursuing changes in trade relationships may have significant near-term and long-term consequences for their bottom lines.

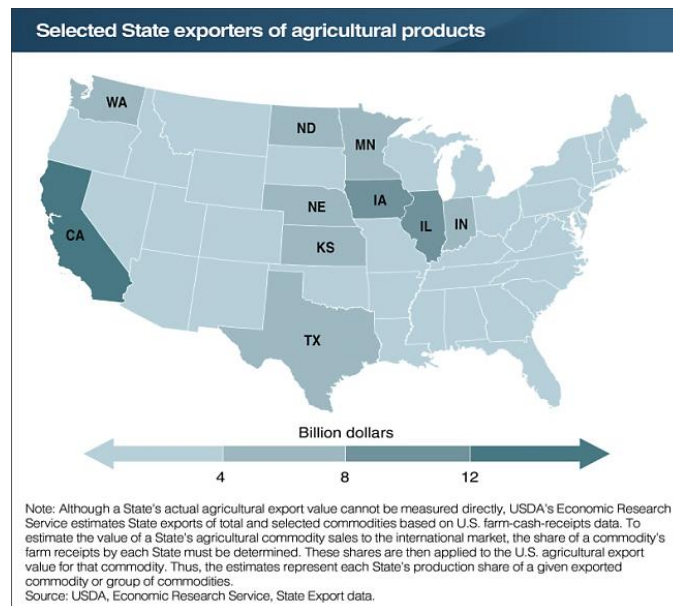
First a little background. U.S. agricultural exports totaled \$138.4 billion in 2017, with the top three markets being Canada (\$20.5 billion), China (\$19.6 billion), and Mexico (\$18.6 billion) accounting for 42% of total agricultural exports. What concerns farmers is that the combined export value for just these three countries equals 16% of total cash receipts for U.S. farmers. Unfortunately, the trade war not only directly affects U.S. farm income in the near-term, but it also has serious implications for farming because the trade wars could impact long-term market share as foreign customers are forced to find alternative sources for agricultural products.

The following graph displays the value of agricultural exports in 2017. Soybean and corn exports alone account for nearly \$31 billion in farm income.

On July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the Trump Administration, facing pressure from Republican dissent over its trade policies, authorized up to \$12 billion in emergency aid from the Commodity Credit Corporation to help farmers caught in the escalating trade war. White House officials say farmers will begin seeing payments by September, and they hope the payments will quiet protests by farm groups, as well as Democratic and Republican lawmakers who contend that the President's confrontational trade policy is harming American farmers just months before the 2018 midterm elections.



The following map shows which states have the most to lose, in terms of agricultural income, as a result of the on-going trade wars.



**Brian Duncan** raises hogs and cattle and grows row crops in Ogle County, Illinois, and is vice president of the state's Farm Bureau. He told *Politico* that "The Trump administration's \$12 billion aid package is a recognition of the 'economic upheaval' producers have experienced. At the same time, it won't make farmers whole. Soybean prices have sunk by \$2 a bushel, while hog futures have dropped by as much as \$18 a head since tariff threats began this spring."

"Multiply that by the billions of bushels of soybeans and hogs American producers sell each year, and it signals significant costs. I don't think tariffs should have been a first resort, rather a last resort," Duncan said. "We now have short-term realities we're dealing with, which were brought on us through no fault of our own. The economic damage if this is allowed to go on for years would be counted in the hundreds of billions, I'm afraid."

**Appropriations**—On August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, the full Senate approved the Agriculture Appropriation bill for fiscal-year 2019 and provided \$879,107,000 to fund the Conservation Operations program and \$150,000,000, to fund the Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations program. The House has moved the Agriculture Appropriations bill out of Committee, but it has not reached the floor.

**USDA Science Agencies Reorganization**—On August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the Agriculture Department announced it will relocate two major research groups outside of the Washington, D.C., area, and bring one of those groups, the Economic Research Service, directly under the purview of **Secretary Sonny Perdue's** office. The changes will affect most of the 700 employees at the Economic Research Service and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture. USDA will provide relocation assistance and the same base pay to affected workers, though employees could receive a pay cut if the new locality rate is lower than what they currently receive. USDA is requesting authority from the Office of Personnel Management to offer early retirement or buyouts to those opting not to move.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Dana York**

### Renewing Friendships

If you missed the recent annual meeting of ARCSE at the Soil and Water Conservation Society International Conference, you missed a chance not only to attend a great meeting, but also to have the opportunity to see old friends from your professional days. One person I look forward to seeing each year is **Earl Norton** from Alabama. We figured out that this year, we had known each other for 30 years. When I was a new State Resource Conservationist, Earl and **Jim Canterbury** of North Carolina took me under their wings to help me find my way through the first Farm Bill. I will always appreciate their counsel and advice. Earl to this day is still active professionally and travels far and wide with his lovely wife.

When I was SRC, **Arnold King**, our South VP, was at the South NTC and would come to Tennessee to review our technical programs. We used to "shake in our boots" when he and his "posse" would come visit the state, but we were always better for it! When I was Associate Chief, **Cecil Currin** (Past President of ARSCE) was a State Conservationist. One time when STC's were at a meeting in Reno, our returning flights got cancelled, but resourceful Cecil rented a car, and we drove through a snowstorm over the mountains into California to catch a plane home. I was really glad he came from the Northeast, and I thoroughly enjoyed getting to spend some quality time with him.

And speaking of outstanding folks, **Ron Marlow**, one of the best engineers I have ever known at Headquarters, has been the backbone of our organization and is stepping down as Secretary-Treasurer of ARSCE. He has kept many a President and officers on task and has been the central hub for the organization for 10 years! We appreciate his outstanding service and will be looking for someone to take on his duties. Let me know if you are interested!

So being part of ARCSE and attending the annual meeting, or just adding what you have been doing as a retiree in our newsletter that our editor Jerry Bernard so expertly edits each month allows us to renew old friendships, keep up with when and where you are and think about the special times we spent together, even when we don't get to see you! Dana



**ARCSE 2018 President's Award for Outstanding Community Service (submitted by Harold Thompson)**

**Dan McCain**, Indiana SCS retiree, has been awarded the 2018 ARCSE President's Award for Outstanding Community Service. The purpose is to publicly recognize ARCSE Members who have distinguished themselves in sustained and outstanding contributions in local, state, and regional community service. Nominees for this award are individuals who have distinguished themselves by providing sustained high-quality service, possibly using their SCS/NRCS area of expertise, to local, state, or regional entities. Recipients of their service may include volunteer work for hospitals, churches, schools, youth organizations such as Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, SWCDs, NRCS Earth Teams, environmental groups or other units of government, or service organizations.

Dan has been instrumental in coordinating the development of Delphi Historic Trails, Canal Park, and since his retirement the newly added Wabash & Erie Canal Conference & Interpretative Center. He has worked for several decades to inspire plans, then uses them for the Canal Conference and Interpretive Center (opened July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2003). He has served as President of the Canal Interpretative Center Commission, a public-private partnership with the City of Delphi while representing the Carroll County Wabash & Erie Canal, Inc. This Commission also includes members of the City Parks Board and the City Council. He ignored the negative comments from people who believed the project was too great a venture for a small community, but went on to lead a campaign that has raised over \$3,000,000 dollars to achieve the vision. Dan retired from SCS in 1994, completing a 34-year career.

**A BIT OF HISTORY**

**Douglas Helms, Historian**

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**Santa Monica Debris Basin Doing Its Job, by Doug Toews, NRCS retired, and Douglas Helms, Historian.**

The fire this past winter in Santa Barbara County and the subsequent flooding and debris flows of January 9<sup>th</sup> completely filled the Santa Monica Debris Basin, which is classified as a high hazard dam under the jurisdiction of the California Division of Safety of Dams. The Santa Monica Debris Basin was constructed during 1977-78, as a component of the Carpinteria Valley Watershed Project. The Thomas Fire burned 87 percent of the Santa Monica Creek watershed. Then on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018, a high-intensity 24-hour rainfall of 2.3 inches over the burned watershed resulted in a debris flow that filled the basin to capacity. The Santa Monica Debris Basin performed as planned and designed, protecting the City of Carpinteria from the deadly disaster similar to the one that befell the nearby village of Montecito.



**Santa Monica Debris Basin being maintained after debris flow  
(Final stages of Phase I Work)**

As an NRCS retiree, **Doug Toews** has been working for the Santa Barbara County Flood District which was the sponsor of this PL-566 project. During mid-January through mid-April, contractors working under FEMA worked 24 hours a day, seven days a week, clearing the basin. See the California report in this newsletter for more information on maintenance of this basin.

Since its inception, the Soil Erosion Service, SCS and NRCS have been protecting lives and exceedingly valuable farmland south of the Traverse Mountains in Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. The history item "A Retrospective: The Las Posas Demonstration Project, (ARSCE Newsletter, Vol. 43, No. 1) recounts the works, including grade stabilization structures to protect farmland. The Flood Control Act of 1936 established a method for USDA to survey upstream watersheds and write plans for Congress to approve conservation works. In the Flood Control Act of 1944 Congress had approved watershed projects for the Santa Ynez River and the Las Angeles River. This legislation was followed by the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act of 1954, PL-566, under which the Santa Monica Debris Basin was constructed.

**ANNUAL ARCSE LUNCHEON, By Ron Marlow**

The annual Association of Retired Conservation Service Employees (ARCSE) luncheon was held at Apache Room, Albuquerque Convention Center, Albuquerque, NM 87102 on July 30<sup>th</sup>. **Ken Leiting** was emcee for the luncheon, and **Rod Baumerger** delivered the invocation. We heard from an array of speakers that included NRCS Acting State Conservationist for New Mexico, **Blake Glover**; Chief Executive Officer of SWCS, **Claire Lindahl**; Chair, SWCS Board of Directors, **Rex**

**ARCSE MEMBERSHIP DUES**

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*

**Martin**; NRCS State Conservationist for Rhode Island, **Richard (Pooh) Vongkhamdy**; ARCSE President **Dana York**, and President-Elect **Cheryl Simmons**. The following 24 people attended the annual luncheon, and most of them are in the group picture that follows. The list is sorted by last name.



*From left to right: Julie, Harold, Ann, Cecil, Ron, Jude, Dana, Rich, Cheryl, Arnold, Pooh, Bob, Pat, and Ken*



*Harold accepting plaque from Cheryl for Dan McCain, recognized with the President's Award for Outstanding Community Service.*



*Dana and Ken (in foreground)*



*Willene, Ann, and Rachel (Arnold's granddaughter)*



*Ron Marlow and Dana York*



*Cecil, Arnold, Rod, and Pooh*



*Blake and Ken*

**Attendees, 2018 ARCSE Annual Luncheon**

First Name	Last Name	City	State
Rod	Baumerger	Sturgis	SD
Cecil	Curran	Hadley	MA
Rich	Duesterhaus	Vienna	VA
Pat	Eddleman	Indianapolis	IN
Bob	Eddleman	Indianapolis	IN
Blake	Glover	Albuquerque	NM
Kristin	Graham Chavez	Albuquerque	NM
Arnold	King	Granbury	TX
Rachel	King	Granbury	TX
Willeene	King	Granbury	TX
Julie	Knight	Fairfax	VA

Bruce	Knight	Fairfax	VA
Ken	Leiting	Rio Rancho	NM
Clare	Lindahl	Ankeny	IA
Ron	Marlow	Fairfax Station	VA
Ann	Marlow	Fairfax Station	VA
Rex	Martin	Ankeny	IA
Jude	Mollenhauer	Vienna	VA
Earl	Norton	Auburn	AL
John	Peterson	Burke	VA
Cheryl	Simmons	Fort Worth	TX
Harold	Thompson	Danville	IN
Richard (Pooh)	Vongkhamdy	Conventry	RI
Dana	York	Jonesborough	TN

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT***Ron Marlow, Secretary Treasurer***New Members**

Kist, Greg	KY
Paolini, Annunziata (Nancy)	NJ
Green, Johnny	TX
Freeland, Joe	OK
Ford, Jay	IA
Thomas, Burthel	AR

**ARCSE Membership and Budget Report for FY 2018--Ron Marlow, Secretary Treasurer**

As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, ARCSE's membership was 860. This is a 51% decrease from the high of 1,768 members in 1998. Over the last ten years, membership has decreased by 361 members, at an average rate of 3.0% annually. There were 26 new members in FY18, one less than FY17. 14 new members were complimentary. 15 of the 19 complimentary in FY17 joined in FY18.

There were 26 members dropped at either the May 1<sup>st</sup> cutoff or end of FY18, including four FY17 complimentary. There are 800 newsletters distributed by email, 95 of which are distributed to NRCS leadership. 159 newsletters are distributed in hard copy.

**Budget Report—Fiscal Year 2018**  
**(July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018)**

**Income**

Item	FY18 Actual
Annual Mtg.- WI	\$ 755
Dues	7,494
Dues, Life	*3,125
Interest Income	187
Contributions	616
Contributions (Life Members)	583
Printed copy Fee	1,802
Reserve Funds	0
Total	\$14,562

**Expenses**

Item	FY 18 Actual
Administration	\$2,629
Special Incentive	0
Annual Mtg.- WI	2,341
Newsletter	4,969
Webpage	600
Awards	202
Membership in CCC Legacy	20
Bank Charges	0
Total	\$10,771

\* Lifetime Dues for fifteen lifetime memberships. 435 members currently pay dues on an annual basis, accounting for approximately \$7,800.

**Analysis of FY 18 Expenses per Member**

Average annual expenses, per member, receiving printed copy newsletter	\$32
Average annual expenses, per member, receiving the electronic newsletter	\$ 9
Average annual difference in expense per member (Printed copy vs. electronic copy) - (difference)	\$23

**Analysis of Current Finances**



At the rate of asset depletion and membership decrease over several years, ARCSE's existence had become unsustainable. The Board and current membership has addressed this over the last three fiscal years by:

**Appeals for contributions.** Annual contributions help, and a strong appeal in FY2012 and in FY2016 resulted in significant response from membership that nearly balanced the budget in 2012, and in 2016 resulted in a significant replenishment to the reserve of \$3,648.72. Generous contributions continued in the amount of \$1,728 in FY2017 and \$1,199 in FY2018.

**Distribution of the newsletter electronically.** 82% of the membership now receives the newsletter by email. This has reduced the publication and distribution costs by 65% and the total expenses by 54%. As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 all members either now receive the newsletter electronically or pay an additional fee of \$12 per year for the printed copy.

### ARCSE ASSETS

As of 07/05/2018

(Includes unrealized gains)

Liquid Assets	
Total Bank Accounts (Savings and Checking)	\$16,917.94
Investment Accounts	
Certificates of Deposit Totaling	23,335.71
<b>OVERALL TOTAL Assets</b>	<b>*40,453.65</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL – (07/01/2018)</b>	<b>36,264.65</b>
<b>NET CHANGE</b>	<b>**3,989.00</b>

\* This level of total assets is needed to meet future amortized lifetime membership expenses.

\*\* Total assets have decreased eleven of the last fifteen years. During that period, total assets have decreased by 32 percent from \$59,475 to \$40,453.65.

## ARCSE Complimentary membership

### Ron Marlow

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

### Ken Cookson, ARCSE Representative

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**Rod Alt Report.** Sally and I flew to Luxembourg on June 24<sup>th</sup> to visit our daughter and son-in-law, **Christine** and **Lance Altizer** who work and live in Betrange, Luxembourg. Sally, Christine, and I visited Berlin for three days and two nights. We used the hop-on/hop-off bus to tour the city, visiting Check Point Charlie, the Wall, and many other places.

On Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, I had the opportunity to fly in a private airplane over Luxembourg, Germany, Belgium, and France. I was privileged to take the controls for a while on the venture.

On July 8<sup>th</sup> Sally and I flew to Oslo, Norway to start a tour of Norway. We toured the city on the hop-on/hop-off bus and visited the Viking ship museum, the National Opera House, the Vigeland Sculpture Park, the Royal Palace, and the Norwegian Parliament.

On July 10<sup>th</sup> we rode the train to Trondheim where we spent the night. We visited the *Kristiansten festning*, *Gamle Bybro*, *Nidaros-domen*, and *Stits Garden*. The next day, July 11<sup>th</sup>, we boarded the Hurtigruten cruise ship for Bergen. The voyage commenced along the Trondheim Fjord and past Hitra Island and arrived in Bergen on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

We spent two nights in Bergen and again toured the city on the hop-on/hop-off bus, visiting the St. Johns Church, the Magic Ice Shop, and the Bergenshus Fortress. We also took the tram to the top of Floyen Mountain with an overlook of Bergen.

On July 14<sup>th</sup> we rode the train from Bergen to Voss where we rode a bus to Gudvangen, and we got on a boat to Flam and spent the night there. We took a ride around Flam and saw the Flam Church that was built in 1667.

On July 15<sup>th</sup> we took the Flam Railway to Myrdal and then rode the Bergensbanen train to Oslo where we spent the night and then flew back to Luxembourg on July 16<sup>th</sup>.

On July 17<sup>th</sup> Sally, Christine, Lance, and I flew to Dublin from Brussels. Arriving at the airport in Dublin, Sally was surprised that her grandson, **Lance Jr.** and girlfriend **Regina** were waiting for us. Then we all traveled to the Dingle Peninsula in a van where we spent two nights in Dingle. We drove the Ring of Kerry route and visited Kells Bay Gardens, Ring Forts, Ballycarbery Castle, Blasket Island Centre, and Bee Hive Huts. We spent one night in the Butler Arms Hotel in Waterville and also visited the Waterville Golf Club that was the home course for Payne Stewart in Ireland. We spent two nights in Killarney and took in the sights such as the Muckross house and Gardens, Torc Waterfall, Ross Castle, and Molls Gap.

We spent July 22<sup>nd</sup> in Dublin before flying back to Luxembourg. On July 24<sup>th</sup> we headed home from Luxembourg through Amsterdam and ended up spending the night there before getting home the next day. Overall, it was a wonderful trip.

**Karl Klingelhofer Report.** In my last report I said I planned to make a trip back to the home town area 25 miles north of Peoria for **Georgann** and my 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I made it and visited the cemetery where her ashes are and the church where we were married. We did have 60 wonderful years together, though, so I can't complain. Then I visited the farm where I spent my high school years, and my high school friend who is still alive. We both enlisted in the Army Air



**Karl Klingelhofer and high school friend**



**\$300,000 tractor**

Corps in 1944 when we were seniors in high school. He and his two sons farm 2,200 acres of corn and soybeans. I haven't talked to him, since the tariffs may be a problem. I am three months older, so he is not 92 yet. I was 92 August 11<sup>th</sup>. Pictures below show us by a high tech planter and his \$300,000 tractor. Wow! And I did make it to the Univ. of Wisconsin for my bratwurst and beer. I drove 800 miles in five days after flying to Chicago. On Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> I have a treatment for the arthritis in my lower back and then hope to get back into tennis.

**REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS UP-TO-DATE BY CONTACTING THE SECRETARY/TREASURER**

## CALIFORNIA

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**Greetings from California!** Since our last report we went from a "quieter time related to disasters" to a very difficult time with major wildfires devastating parts of California. I will briefly discuss the two largest and most devastating fires.



**Carr Fire, one of the over 1,000 homes completely destroyed!**

**The Carr fire**, Shasta and Trinity County near Redding California as of Sunday August 19<sup>th</sup>: Containment of the Carr fire is approximately 80%. Burned area to date: 227,100 acres, it ranks as California's 7<sup>th</sup> largest wildfire in California History. To date, the Carr Fire has been linked to eight deaths and has destroyed 1,079 homes and 525 other structures. At its peak, 2,700 fire personnel were involved in fighting this wildfire. Some of our NRCS retirees, including **Hew Todd** and his wife **Mary**, and **John Tiedeman** and his wife **Irene** and family who live in Redding, were prepared to evacuate, the threat was that great. Fortunately, it did not get to that point.

**Mendocino Complex Fire**, Colusa, Lake and Mendocino County as of Sunday August 19<sup>th</sup>. This fire, which is actually two adjacent fires, has now become the largest wildfire in California history, with a total burned acreage of 390,000 acres. Containment is close to 80%. It is in a more rural area than the Carr Fire and has destroyed 157 homes and 120 other structures. There were three firefighter fatalities. At its peak, 3,500 fire personnel were involved in fighting this wildfire.

**Update on Santa Barbara County January 9<sup>th</sup> Disaster.** Work continues trying to get our agency's PL-566 Santa Monica Debris Basin as ready as possible to protect the Community of Carpinteria through this next winter season. Much was learned from what turned out to be a very arduous task of removing the Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> debris load from the completely full basin. It took over



three months of around-the-clock work to get the majority of material removed from the basin. During this time period three mandatory evacuations were required in March when storms threatened Carpinteria, with the basin not ready to protect the downstream area.

During this time period, it became clear that critical basin modifications were needed to help avoid the problems experienced and expedite future restoration efforts. This need to expedite future basin restoration is now considered critical, with the damaged watershed considered at a high risk level for a similar event for the next three to five years.

**Doug Toews**, PE, retired NRCS Engineer, was officially hired by Santa Barbara County to provide design and technical assistance to the County. Doug's work is focused on design of the needed basin repairs and modifications to the basin that will expedite future basin cleanouts

**Phase I Work.** A current construction contract is in process to do the final basin cleanout work that was not completed as part of the original \$20 million FEMA-assisted work. This work consists primarily of blasting and removing large boulders, some basin repairs, and rebuilding access ramps and roads. This work is expected to be completed by September 1<sup>st</sup>. The county will make a formal request to FEMA and the State of California for reimbursement for this work. This work finally will restore the basin's full capacity.

**Phase II Work.** This planned work includes basin repairs and modifications for the three intake towers, asphalt roads, concrete v-ditch and road re-surfacing of the long access road from Foothill Drive. Some of the work on the tower trash racks will help reduce the potential for the principal spillway to plug, which was a major problem that occurred after the January 9<sup>th</sup> flood event. These repairs are a proposed EWP Project. A damage survey report was been prepared for work, estimated to cost about \$500,000. A request for funding has been made. Plans and specifications have been prepared for this work, and the county is ready to begin advertising the work to be done by local contract. The goal is to complete this work by the end of the calendar year in time for the upcoming winter's storms.

**Phase III Work.** This work includes basin modifications that will help expedite future basin restoration work. These measures include further modifications to all three principal spillway towers and other renovations that are still being finalized. These items are considered outside the scope of EWP authority, but eligible for NRCS assistance under Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO) authority.

Funding requested under WFPO authority requires completion of an Engineering Investigation Report. Work on the investigation report is underway and will be submitted, along with a request for WFPO funding. With the limited time remaining before the upcoming winter season and the need to complete Phase I and Phase II work first, Phase III work is now planned for the spring of 2019.

Congratulations again go to **Marianne Hallett** as she recently completed another long bicycle adventure pedaling some 2,800 miles from Saint Mary, MT to Boston, MA. She was "on her bike" from June 26<sup>th</sup> to August 9<sup>th</sup>. Along her journey she shared many wonderful post cards with photos and descriptions of the sites and experiences along the way. Here are two such postcards, one taken in Jamestown, ND and her final postcard at the end in Boston, MA with her riding team.

**Harold Honeyfield** enjoyed a trip back "Home" to New Mexico where he grew up and also enjoyed many productive years working with SCS in Design in a state with a very active PL-566 program.

Harold enjoyed connecting with an old friend, **Julie Youberg** in Albuquerque. Julie was the Secretary for the State Conservationist when Harold was the State Design Engineer. They enjoyed reminiscing about the many folks they worked with who were involved in their PL-566 program from 1958 to 1975.

Harold also enjoyed the opportunity to meet and get to know fellow New Mexico retiree, **Ken Leiting**, who was the State Resource Conservationist. Ken is also the ARCSE State Representative for NM. They enjoyed their opportunity to get to know each other as Ken came after Harold left NM for a position out of state.



**Harold Honeyfield with Julie Youberg**



**Harold Honeyfield with Ken Leiting**

In 1892 Harold's Great Grandfather **George Honeyfield** and his four sons homesteaded land on Johnson Mesa, where Harold grew up about 20 miles east of Raton, NM. Both Harold and his Father, **Ed** were born in the same rock house on Honeyfield Homesteads.



### World's Largest Buffalo - Jamestown ND



Hello Everyone, today we went to see the World's largest buffalo. As you can see by me tickling its chin, that it is big! There is a herd of Buffalo at the museum, including an albino buffalo named Dakota Miracle. There is ~200 acres where the herd can wander. It was a fun day of cycling. The landscape was rolling hills so the roads were rolling but most were low gradient roads. A few sprinkles kept us cool. We ate at a wonderful cafe in Marion, ND where a yummy chocolate, oatmeal bar and a coffee had my taste buds jumping for joy! Love, Marianne



### We made it to Boston! End of an epic bicycle trip!



Hello Everyone, I pedaled about 2800 miles from St. Mary, MT to Boston, MA. It was a grand and glorious adventure. We ended the ride by going on a parade through the streets of Boston from JFK's birthplace to the USS Constitution. We passed Fenway Field, Benjamin Franklin's birthplace, site of the Boston Massacre, San Adams statue, Faneuil Park, part of the Freedom Trail and many statues and plaques along the way. I dipped my front wheel in the harbor (stamp) which is traditional for a cross country trip. I'm headed home via Catherine's place. Love, M

***Congratulations to Marianne and her riding team in Boston, MA!***

The "Johnson Mesa Church," also referred to as "Rock Church," is a unique historical landmark built in 1897 on the Honeyfield Homesteads. The Church has special meaning for Harold, and he fondly refers to it as his "Spiritual home." Harold always looks forward to seeing it every trip back home again.



***"Johnson Mesa Church" Monument Marker***

Harold and I (**Bill Ward**) have had the pleasure of developing a special friendship in recent years since I joined him as a retiree some eight years. The band I play music with had the pleasure and honor of providing music for both Harold and his wife **Valma's** 85<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations.

A few years back Harold shared with me the story about the "Rock Church" on the land his grandfather homesteaded as well as his spiritual connection to the Church. He shared with me lyrics to a song written specifically for this Church, set to music of the popular song "The Church in the Wildwood." I took the opportunity to record and share with Harold a version of this song as I envisioned our band would do it, as follows: <https://youtu.be/evU262E8Qpg>, The Little Rock Church on the Mesa.





**The "Rock Church" on the Honeyfield Homesteads**

Harold is a great planner, always thinking ahead. Harold shared with me "when his time comes," and there is a service for him, he would like to have my band provide music for his service, including a rendition of this special song for him, "The Little Rock Church on Mesa." We are both hoping that will not happen any time soon!

That's all for this time around folks. Wishing you all the best from California! Bill Ward, California ARCSE Representative, PE, Former Design Staff Leader, Davis, CA

## ILLINOIS

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Eleven retirees and spouses gathered for lunch and visiting in Litchfield on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

The next gathering of retirees in Illinois will be October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Perkins Restaurant, 1214 West University Ave., Urbana. We will start gathering at 11am for lunch and visiting.

## IOWA

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**Jon Hubbert, acting STC,  
discussing NRCS Activities**



**Summer picnic attendees listening  
to the program**

Our retirees' bi-annual summer picnic was held on July 11<sup>th</sup> at the Walnut Ridge Recreation Area by Saylorville Lake. The event was planned by **Jody Christiansen and Chris Knudsen**. After some socializing and a good lunch catered by HyVee, **Jon Hubbert**, Acting State Conservationist at the time, gave us a good update on what is happening in NRCS. Retirees who attended the picnic included **Lyle and Charlotte Asell, Jim and Doris Ayen, Dave and Kay Breitbach, Jody Christiansen, Chuck Fisher, Jim and Jan Frederick, Ann and Mark Jensen, Chris Knudsen, Russ and Donna Knutson, Helen Kopitzke, Roger and Donita Link, Duane Miller, Tom O'Connor, Don and Kay Peterson, Brian and Kathy Peterson, Maralee and Jack Sarasio, and Herb Wilson.**

**Ann** and I (Mark Jensen) spent a week at the Eagle Ridge Resort in Minnesota with our daughter **Lauri**, son-in-law **Benji**, and grandsons **Oliver, Milo, and Clyde**. We got in a lot of fishing, boating, swimming, and taking life easy. The fishing was pretty good. We filleted a lot of large panfish, along with quite a few walleyes, northerns, largemouth bass, and crappies. We might have to do that again!

The most recent issue of Iowa State University's "Stories in Agriculture and Life Science" magazine focused on teaching excellence. One of the people recognized was **Eldon Weber**. As an affiliate instructor, after retiring from NRCS, Eldon launched the Pizz-A-Thon program about 20 years ago. The ag. literacy program has reached more than 8,000 students. It teaches kids where food comes from by having each student create and market a pizza. As part of the process, they trace ingredients back to the soil through hands-on exploration. Congratulations to Eldon on receiving the honor from Iowa State. Eldon celebrated his 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Happy Birthday Eldon!

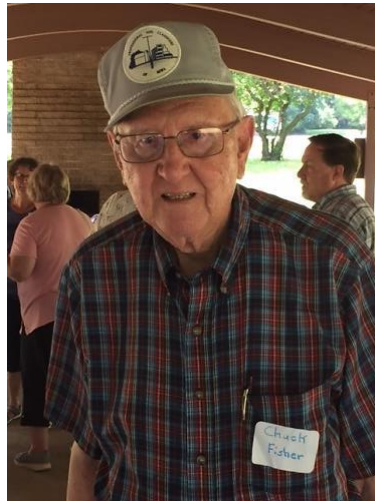
The Stories magazine recognized another instructor with ties to NRCS. **Lee Burras** is on the faculty of the College of Agriculture and Life Science. He is the son-in-law of **Chuck Shirley**. Chuck told me that he takes credit for steering Lee toward a career in soils and agriculture. That's what good mentors do! Lee helped create the environmental science program at Iowa



State. His soils classes and study abroad programs are among the most sought after in the college. On a medical note, Chuck told me that he is having problems with his eyes and is working with the Mayo Clinic to try to get the problem fixed.

**Charles (Chuck) Fisher** retired in 1985 as the State Soil Scientist in Michigan. Chuck has an interesting story to tell about his time before SCS. Chuck grew up in Iowa and graduated from high school at the age of 17 near the end of World War II. He was interested in joining the military, so when the Army offered a test which would allow him to join the reserves, he took on the challenge and passed the test. He and a few hundred other reservists received one year of school in which he studied pre-engineering at South Dakota State University. At the end of the year of school, he was inducted into the regular Army and was sent to basic training. After completing basic training, he boarded a ship to South Korea where he served in a Military Government Company about 25 miles south of the capital of Seoul. While on duty in the fall of 1946, a military jeep came by and he was told that he was being assigned as the Military Governor of the city of Suwon and the surrounding area. This was being done as the country was soon to be transferred to the South Korean government. Chuck served in this capacity for 4 ½ months. Some of his primary duties were to work with the local people on rice collection records and procedures. He inspected rice wine factories for compliance with regulations. He also was responsible for responding to problems or concerns with the occupying troops. Chuck said that for an 18-year-old kid, it was quite the experience. He had his own jeep, his own interpreter, and was the only enlisted man in the Company who could carry a sidearm. Chuck's official Military Governor stamp is shown in the picture. In June of 1947, shortly after the Military Governor assignment ended, he was discharged. Suwon is now the capital and largest metropolis of South Korea's most populous province which surrounds Seoul. After life in the Army, Chuck finished his degree in farm operations at Iowa State University. From there he went to work for the Bureau of Reclamation as a soil classifier. Then he transferred to SCS and worked as a soil scientist in South Dakota, Iowa, and Michigan.

**Greg Mathis** provided the pictures of the old CCC terraces which were dug by hand. The pictures came from **Dale DuVal**, the current District Conservationist in the West Pottawattamie and Harrison Soil and Water Conservation Districts.



**Chuck Fisher**



**Chuck Fisher's Military Governor Stamp**



**CCC Hand dug terraces on the Dale DuVal family farm.**



**CCC Hand dug terraces on the Dale DuVal family farm.**

The terraces are on Dale's family farm in Monona County. They were built sometime between 1937 and 1942. The terraces look reasonably parallel, built on the contour, and the blocks can be seen. Looks like some good conservation work that was done by the CCC folks! Thanks to Dale and Greg for sharing.

## KANSAS

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An exciting primary election was held in Kansas to select a Republican candidate for governor. When the polls closed on Election Day, 311,000 votes had been cast, and the spread between the two top candidates was only 121 votes. Needless to say, it was only after mail-in and provisional ballots were counted that one candidate won by a very small margin.

On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, members of the Kansas Chapter of SCS/NRCS Retired Employees gathered for their annual meeting and dinner at the Holiday Inn in Salina, KS. Thirty members and spouses or guests attended: **Kayla Ascher**, Salina; **Russell and Sandra Blake**, Ness City; **Harold and Paula Blume**, Salina; **Dennis and Vera Brinkman**, Carbondale; **Glen Creager, Jr.**, Beloit; **Karen Churchman**, Salina; **John Drew**, Great Bend; **Duane Evans**, Salina; **Jeff and Lynette Gross**, Tescott; **Larry and Carolyn Kuder**, Salina; **Deanne and Ron Lull**, Salina; **Guy McClaskey** and **Joyce Rich**, Salina; **Bernie and Maxine Owen**, Fort Worth, Texas; **John and Linda Ourada**, Salina; **Kathy Razak**, Solomon; **John Reh**, Salina; **Bill and De Roth**, Salina; **Robert and Carolyn Roth**, Great Bend; **Mary Shaffer**, Salina; and speaker, **Ken Stout**, Salina.



**Carolyn and Larry Kuder, Kayla Ascher, and Kathy Razek**



**Jeff and Lynette Gross (foreground), Robert Roth, and Russell and Sandra Blake**

**Ken Stout** from Kansas Erosion was our program speaker. Kansas Erosion is a Salina-based company that uses locally purchased wheat straw to make high quality straw erosion control products. These products are used to help control erosion in ditches, along roads, and on construction sites. Straw blankets have been used to rehabilitate mountain sides after wild fires and to hold ground cover seeds in place. Products are shipped throughout the nation as well as all over the world. Google "Kansas Erosion" to learn more.

A short business meeting was held. Officers **Harold Blume**, president, and **Mary Shaffer**, secretary-treasurer, will continue to serve next year. The vice-president position remains vacant. Prizes were given to **Guy McClaskey** as the oldest member attending, to **Robert and Carolyn Roth** for the most great-grandchildren, and to **Bernie and Maxine Owen** who traveled the longest distance.

**Mary Shaffer** (former Public Affairs Specialist) recently vacationed in the Grand Cayman Islands. She enjoyed walking and sunbathing on the silky, sandy beaches, swimming in the crystal clear sea and snorkeling, including night snorkeling using flashlights to see the colorful fish, turtles, nurse shark, and other creatures of the ocean. She swam with the sting rays in the bay, held starfish in the cove, and viewed wrecked ships from a glass-bottom boat. She ate many excellent meals and even sipped a few rum punches! Every morning she would go for a three to four mile walk in a different direction from the hotel. As she walked, she shared the sidewalks with the friendly iguanas whether by the pool or the golf course. Surprisingly, chickens abound in the Caymans, in parking lots, golf courses, and streets, and hiding or taking shelter in the lush tropical growth. The story about how the chickens got to the Caymans is that they blew in on Hurricane Ivan.





**Mary Shaffer swimming with the starfish in the Grand Cayman Islands**



**Volunteers Linda and John Ourada**

**Mary Shaffer** returned from her travels in time to enter a variety of flowers and plants at the county fair, for which she received a number of ribbons.

**John Ourada** (former State Conservation Engineer) and spouse **Linda** enjoy volunteering and assist many agencies in Salina. They have served as election supervising judges for about seven years. As supervising judges they are in charge of election workers at one location and see that the election process goes smoothly. This includes welcoming voters and meeting challenges, such as proper ID or the proper ballot. **John** is serving as president of our local NARFE chapter and in April was elected president of the Kansas Federation of NARFE. The Kansas Federation consists of about 3,000 members. **Linda** also serves as secretary of our local NARFE chapter and is presently serving as a co-leader for organizing the upcoming Feed My Starving Children campaign with the goal of recruiting 500 volunteers to pack 100,000 meals.

Update: After her visit to the KU Med Center in Kansas City, **Karen Churchman** (former State Conservationist's Secretary) has been put on the liver transplant list.

Two retirements were effective on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. **Melvin T. Alexander** retired as a Soil Conservation Technician in the McPherson Field Office. **Vicky M. Wilkinson** retired as an Area Office Assistant in the Emporia Area Office.

**Robert E. "Bob" Hagen** passed away on June 27, 2018. **Michael J. Case** passed away July 18, 2018. And **J. D. Rector** passed on July 20, 2018. See the In Memoriam section for more details.

## MASSACHUSETTS

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Well, it's been a quiet few months for the Massachusetts retirees. The fairs are starting, and September will soon be here followed by our six dark months of winter. August 24<sup>th</sup> was the opening day for the billion dollar MGM Springfield casino. And so we begin the slippery slide toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and what happens in Springfield stays in Springfield.

I guess I slept through the last newsletter deadline and missed telling about two new May retirees: **Beth Schreier** and **Karen Regish**.

**Beth Schreier** retired as the Mass. Biologist after coming to us from the snowy ice-bound wilds of New York many years ago. She volunteered for a tour in Louisiana after hurricane Katrina and got a quick introduction to cottonmouth snakes and alligators. In the more recent past, Beth became an expert in the legalities of wetland easements while still being able to discern the difference between an Eastern cottontail and its close cousin, the New England cottontail. I think the real difference was the way they twitched their nose, but you need to ask Beth.

**Karen Regish** worked for a while as the State Conservationist's Secretary before making a career shift to a Purchasing Agent. Imagine shopping all day and getting paid for it! With the administrative changes, Karen began purchasing for states throughout the east. Karen's greatest accomplishment: raising and educating a doctor of Pharmacy and another PhD in Chemistry.

So we await the annual migration of **Lou and Cecil Currin** to their winter habitat and wait to see if the lack of a casino was the cause of all of Springfield's problems. We wish you a Happy Fall season.

## MISSOURI

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An error in the last newsletter identified **Paula Price** as the former Area Clerk in Bethany. I'm not sure Paula was ever in Bethany, but she was in St. Joseph. My apologies for the brain lapse, Paula. (That seems to happen a lot lately).

The Columbia area retirees met for breakfast on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Those in attendance were **John and Carol McCarthy, Frank and Kay Miller, Robert Hummel, Jerry Edwards, Gail Sallee, Jean Herman, Gena Michalson, Alan Wolfe and Dave Rastorfer**. The next breakfast will meet again at Denney's in Columbia on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Hummel reports a lot of grandkid activity around his house. Michalson continues with her genealogy search and DAR activities, and Sallee (like all other newly retirees) is "Happy to be retired!"



**Bill Pauls:** Summer has been busy at the Lake of the Ozarks. AquaPalooza, Hot Summer Nights Car Cruises on the Bagnell Strip, the up-coming Shoot-Out boat races, lounging around in the lake/lakefront and mountain-side home has been relaxing, adventurous, enjoyable, peaceful, active and just down-right fun. Spent a lot of time watching grandkids' ballgames around Saint Louis and having them and their dogs here to visit and enjoy the lake fun. Watching the Cardinals, the little league world-series, and traveling to marathon destinations (mainly out East this year (ME, VT, MA, CT, and RI). Also will travel back to Bethany this weekend to visit that old haunt and good friends. Many church activities and volunteering for Knights of Columbus. Also using my ol' soils expertise to help develop a cemetery on our church property. **Kris** and I are just flat out enjoying our retirement, as you can probably tell. Unbelievably we are going on our 11<sup>th</sup> year since that, "*take this job and shove it*" moment, waaay back in 2007. God Bless and good fortunes to you all.

**Fran Wells** has informed us that **Mike** has fractured his tibia during a fall on Wednesday, 8/1. He had surgery on the following day, and last Monday he was moved to The Bluffs for extended rehab. Mike was scheduled for a knee replacement in his other leg for next November, but that has been canceled. Fran tells us that rehab will be extensive, and his availability for visitors may be limited. Get well wishes may be sent to Mike Wells, c/o The Bluffs, 3510 Bluff Creek Drive, Columbia, MO 65201.

**Dennis Shirk:** Hello from the Shirks. We are basically healthy except for the normal stuff that comes along with being in the 70s. It's been very dry as with most everyone else in Missouri. We are in good shape with hay, unless we have to start feeding before winter. We have not done much traveling since the last newsletter. We are trying to make it to SW Missouri, Dade Co. to visit my parents. Still very fortunate to have them. Nothing much else to report. See you down the trail and God bless.

**Alton Taylor:** We are breaking ourselves into a new life style. **Vena** was diagnosed seven years ago with dementia. She is now in Brookdale Memory Care Assisted Living. Our property line is theirs also, so as the crow flies we are 100 feet apart. We still get out as usual but back for her care after a few hours. It takes daily adjusting. Three of our MO grandsons will be here next week, and **David** will retrieve a couple on Labor Day. The other one has to be back to work before then. We have had our daughter and another time a granddaughter in the past few weeks. We will keep this house for me to operate a B&B for kids and grandkids, and a couple great grandkids.

**Laura Cowart:** In August of 2011, seven years ago, **Walter** and I retired from Federal service. Our "motto" when we retired was to travel as much as possible, and we are doing just that! Our most recent trips included Cuba and the Tuscany Region of Italy. Our next planned trip is August 24<sup>th</sup> when we fly to Jacksonville, FL to attend the National Conference of NARFE (National Active & Retired Federal Employees Association). This will be our 3<sup>rd</sup> trip to a National Conference and will be most different in several ways. Two years ago in Reno, NV we voted to do away with required Chapter membership and voted for one member, one vote rather than having a delegate vote the way of the Chapter at conventions. In April of this year, I was elected as the President of the MO Federation of NARFE, and I encourage all of you reading this newsletter to join NARFE, if not already a member, and I know some of you are. I'll get off my soapbox. **Walter** and I are doing well. Our children are doing well, and our six grandchildren (five boys, one girl) are, too. They range from three to 10 yrs. of age, and we will be grandparents again in December. Life is good down here in southwest Missouri. I'm gearing up for a great Crimson Tide football season, as always. I see MIZZOU will be traveling to Tuscaloosa in October. If any of you are planning to go, enjoy the South and its hospitality, but be prepared to be enveloped into a "sea of crimson red." ROLL TIDE, ROLL!

**Pat Hufford** sent the following pictures to show what's been going on with her since her recent retirement.



**Wheel bug eating a Japanese beetle on raspberry plant. Raspberry plants managed by an organic system.**



**First day of freedom for young chickens raised this spring by Pat Hufford. Buff Orpingtons and a few Partridge Cochins.**



**Born June 1. Miss Kate, and her mother Rowdy Blue Junewood. Pat and Jay Hufford owners and breeders. Kate is great granddaughter to a Bert mate still owned by the Hufford's.**

**Jimbo Sturm** took a vacation trip up to the Windy City to visit relatives and had a blast except for getting lost in Iowa and Chicago. He was glad to have had two separate navigation systems on board in his pickup to keep on track. Then on the return trip, he had a 40-minute delay because of heavy fog about 50 miles east of Davenport, IA. He is hoping to head to Kalamazoo, MI to watch his nephew play football in October. Wonder if he will need a snow shovel?

**Mike Blaine:** I have been pretty busy having surgery on my right shoulder and am now getting therapy for it three days per week. That fun will go for the rest of the year! On more pleasant thoughts, we finally got rain here this week (8-23-18). We got four inches overnight, and I think most of it soaked in. I still have two-inch cracks in my backyard! The hay crop here, for all farmers I have talked to, is very light. Hay will be going for a premium here this winter. On our farm we normally get 325 big bales. This year we got 138. That is pretty typical for this year I think. Hope everyone is doing well. I'll see many of you at our annual dinner in September. Looking forward to it!

**Rich Koenig:** My wife **Marjorie** had major surgery on her right foot on July 9<sup>th</sup>. She is not supposed to put any weight on the foot for three months. If all goes well, we will try to make it to the luncheon. I will need to bring her in a wheelchair. It is a lot of work to grow old.

**Chris Elbert:** Looks like I won't be able to attend the retiree luncheon again this year. I know, my usual excuse is that we are picking grapes, but this year, in addition to that going on, our son asked if I would like to go to Disneyland with him and his boys. Of course, I said "yes!" So, I am leaving my husband at home to finish with the grape picking, and I am heading to sunny California! I hope that everyone has a great time visiting and catching up with old friends. Tell everyone "hi" for me. Take care.

Recent retirees: **Dee Vanderburg**, DC at Moberly and **Harold Deckard**, AST at the state office.

We were saddened to hear of the recent passing of **Charles Eddy**, retired AC in Chillicothe and former MO SCSer **David Jefferson**. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their loved ones.

Remember that the annual retirees' luncheon will be held at the Columbia Senior Center in Columbia on September 13<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't already, please let me know if you plan to attend.

## MONTANA

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### Montana Big Sky Report

**Scot Hoag Report.** Summer has been uneventful. **Scott and Nancy** have been on a couple of trips with the Senior Center, including a trip to Bighorn Lake with a boat ride downstream. Enjoyed the geology and wildlife: eagles and bighorn sheep. It's been hot here in Bozeman, pushing a hundred degrees a couple of times. Scott and Nancy have their condo for sale by owner in preparation for a move to Bainbridge Is. to be with family, two daughters and five grand kids, Nancy's sister and mother, as well as nieces and nephews. When the condo is sold and they return from a buying trip, they'll sell their house in Bozeman. Nancy received an honorable mention in a national writer's competition. Scott is working on a PL-566 irrigation project in Southern Utah.

**Gooby Ranch Report.** About ten years ago the foxes in our area got the mange, and they all died off. Since then we have very seldom seen a fox. In the meantime, the ground squirrels have multiplied so much that they eat over half our crops. For the last several years I have spent most of my time harvesting ground squirrels. **Mary Ann** has been taking them to the farmers market, but with the price of ammunition we don't make very much.

This spring for the first time in over ten years we have a fox that moved in and dug a fox hole and raised babies. When we go by the fox hole, it's amazing how big their hole is. They have soil piled three feet high all around the hole. It's totally amazing that a fox can dig a hole that big. When you look at your dog's feet, it doesn't look like they could dig a very big hole. Since a fox's feet are built like a dog's foot, how can they dig such a big hole? Also, as big as their foxhole is, what keeps it from caving in when we get a lot of rain? I did a lot of research at the library but didn't find out how the foxes dig their hole or keep it from caving in.

To find out more about the foxhole, I want Mary Ann to crawl into the fox hole to see how big it really is and how they brace the ceiling so it doesn't fall in. Mary Ann is just a little too big to be able to fit into the fox hole. I tried to get a grand kid to crawl into



the hole and take some pictures but her mother wouldn't go for it. She didn't want a fox to eat her baby. We decided that Mary Ann was the logical one to crawl into the foxhole. Since she can almost fit into the foxhole I had her reduce her food consumption by 18% each day, and I increased her daily work activities by 12%. By next week she should easily be able to crawl into the foxhole, take pictures and see how the foxes brace their ceiling. So far, it's working great: we have reduced our grocery bill, Mary Ann is getting more work done, and she's getting thin as a rail and tougher than nails.

We do have an issue in that Mary Ann is claustrophobic and may get a little upset when she is crawling into the foxhole. I'm going to tie a rope on her foot and have the tractor close by in case she gets stuck in the foxhole. That way I will be able to pull her out backwards.

## NEVADA

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In July, retirees **Cub Wolfe**, Nevada Native American Liaison, and **Liz Warner**, Nevada Public Information Officer, held their first college reunion from the University of Nevada, Reno, College of Agriculture, College of Renewable Natural Resources. Cub graduated in 1976, Liz in 1977. Twenty-three graduates and two professors attended, including **Stu Keil**, retired NRCS IT specialist. Other alumni in attendance were **Doug Martin**, retired Nevada Tahoe Conservation District administrator; **Don Henderson**, former director of the Nevada Dept. of Agriculture; **Andrea Minor**, retired BLM range cons.; **Pete Anderson**, retired NDF administrator; **Ed Ryan**, current administrator for Mason and Smith Valley Conservation Districts; and **Ed Smith** and **Jay Davison**, recently retired Cooperative Extension specialists (see group picture.)

Cub Wolfe has restored a 1957 Plymouth and participated at Hot August Nights in Sparks, NV, August 7-12.

And, the Yerington Field Office has had three retirements this year: **Ed Biggs**, district conservationist; **Tracey Jean Wolfe**, range conservationist; and **Bill Conlin**, engineering technician have all joined the ranks of the happily retired! **Debra Hoffmann**, area conservationist, is retiring in September.

## NEW YORK

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The NY NRCS/SCS retirees' picnic this July was another success. We had a presentation by **Greg Kist** on the current status of NRCS and the announcement that he is retiring this year and will relocate to be closer to the grandchildren.

**Tony Esser** introduced the concept of Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) as a way to gain some benefit from charitable contribution on your income tax, if you have a qualified IRA and are at least 70 ½ years of age. If you want more info, you can ask your financial advisor.

The next picnic will be on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Northern Pavilion in Dorchester Park.

**Luther H. Robinson**, 84, a resident of Oswego, passed away on Dec. 28, 2017. See the In Memoriam section for more details.



**2018 RNR Reunion. July 21, 2018, Washoe Lake State Park, Washoe Valley, Nevada**

**Back Row left to right:** Mary Ann (Moore) Christensen, Pete Anderson, Stu Keil, Ron Keil, Bob Becker, Jay Davison, Lou Christensen, Ed "Too Tall" Ryan, Rich Semenza, and Cub Wolfe.

**Middle Row:** Andrea Minor, Ed Smith, John Bradford, JoEllen Keil, Sheila Anderson, John King, James "Reno Red" Campbell, Ken Ward, Mark Johnson, Tom Cavin, Liz Warner, and Doug Martin.

**Front Row:** Dr. Don Klebenow, Don Henderson, and Dr. Elwood Miller.





## NORTH DAKOTA

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The North Dakota SWCS Chapter has taken steps to reactivate their Foundation, with all the Director positions filled, officers established, bylaws are being reviewed, and ideas for projects and fundraisers are being explored. Hopefully the Foundation can be as active as the local Chapter.

The local retirees will be having their annual reunion luncheon on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 11am at the Bismarck Elks Lodge room. This is mainly a social event with a short program.

## OKLAHOMA

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The next meeting for Oklahoma retirees is scheduled for Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at the Golden Corral Buffet, 520 South MacArthur Blvd. in Oklahoma City. It is located between I-40 & Reno behind the Shell Station. Take Exit #144 off I-40. Go north on MacArthur Blvd. The doors will open at 10am. We invite all former SCS/NRCS employees from Oklahoma and other states to join us. No reservation is required.

To see more information about Oklahoma retirees take a look at our website at [joepad.com](http://joepad.com). Retirees find it quite helpful in our effort to keep them informed. This website also has a posting of the attendees, minutes and pictures from each of the semi-annual meetings.

## OREGON

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On July 18<sup>th</sup>, 24 took advantage of cooler temperatures after a week of highs in the mid to high 90s to attend the summer quarter retiree lunch at the Peppermill Restaurant in Aloha. Attending were **Chad McGrath, Tom Fujii, Tom George, Beth Zetter, Rene Walls, Pat Smith, Lowell and Marian Kenedy, Joe Sahlfeld, John Hedlund, Eldena VanderZanden, Dick and Kathy Sylvester, Kay Denfeld, Jeff Repp, Lamont and Karen Robbins, Gene Sturtevant, Bobbie Hart, Terry Mitchell, Gail Voge, Jim Marron, Ralph Wadleigh**, and yours truly, **Don Stettler**.

Attendees welcomed **Tom George** back to the Portland area after living in Arizona for a number of years. Interesting is that Tom is now living in a new apartment complex which displaced the Belmont Goats that had captured the hearts of local residents. Not to worry, the goats were relocated to Lents Town Center, onto land provided by the Portland Development Commission. The goats were initially brought in to clear brush. Along with that was a secret agenda, a social experiment to find out what residents would think of goats living in the middle of the urban, partly-industrial neighborhood. That was answered by

the outcry when the community learned of the property's proposed development and loss of the goats. I am now tempted to write about the Roseburg's Mt. Nebo weather goats but will save that for another time.

**Tom Fujii** spent two and one-half weeks in Omaha, NE attending the 2018 College World Series, a 64-team, double elimination tournament. Much to Tom's delight along with other Oregon State University alumni was the Beavers defeating Arkansas in the best-of-three final series to win the championship. It could be considered miraculous that OSU won. They lost the first game of the series, putting them into the loser's bracket. And then in the second game of the championship series with Arkansas, the Beavers were one out from losing when three Arkansas fielders let a pop foul drop between them. This was OSU's third championship following back-to-back wins in 2007 and 2008. Go Beavers!



**Tom Fujii**



**Dick and Kathy Sylvester, John Hedlund, Bobbie Hart, and Gail Voge.**



**Tom George and Don Stettler**

**Ralph Wadleigh** was into jet lag after returning from a trip to Maine the night before. **Jeff Repp** told us that he did some enjoyable contract range work in the gold mining area in the vicinity of Elko, NV. **Chad McGrath** and **Jim Marron** told of their delight in spending time with their grandchildren. **Gene Sturtevant** and his wife recently celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary: congratulations to **Gene and Heidi**. **Beth Zetter** has been enjoying family reunions. **Kay Denfeld** recently enjoyed a trip to Montana. Bobbie Hart is making good use of her beach house to escape the heat of the Willamette Valley. **Dick and Kathy Sylvester** have been busy staying cool and working in the yard. **Joe Sahlfeld** said he and **Beckie** made a trip to Ohio to visit and help family. They also went to North Carolina to visit Joe's daughter. **Eldena VanderZanden** recently made a trip to Mississippi with friends. She also participated for the 19<sup>th</sup> year in a fund raising effort for the National Cancer Society. **Marian Kenedy** has been doing some genealogy work for her daughter at Washington State University. Husband **Lowell** was recruited by a daughter to first design and then construct a deck. **Karen Robbins** recently made a trip to Singapore. She said she is ready to move there because it is such a neat and clean place. To help with that, chewing gum is banned in public places. **Lamont Robbins** told of making trips to Denver for family activities including a wedding. He and **Karen's** oldest granddaughter graduated from high school.

At the end of July **Ralph Mashburn** made a surprise visit to the Portland area on his way to Seattle to see family. He and several of his former co-workers had lunch.

On our daily walk, **Max** and I found **Gary Conaway and Sheryl** sitting on their front stoop enjoying a pleasant morning. Among other things, Gary said they had recently enjoyed a tour of Eastern Europe.

The next retiree lunch is planned for October 24<sup>th</sup> at The Old Spaghetti Factory in Clackamas.



**Lamont Robbins, Lowell Kenedy, Karen Robbins, Marian Kenedy, and Eldena VanderZanden.**



**Jim Marron, Chad McGrath, and Jeff Repp**





**Joe Sahlfeld and Dick Sylvester**



**Pat Smith, Rene' Walls, Terry Mitchell, Beth Zetter, and Gene Sturtevant.**



**Danny Moore, Dave Johnson, Ralph Mashburn, and John Hedlund.**

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## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

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The SC Retirees Group's next meeting will be October 18<sup>th</sup> in Santee, SC.



**Mary and Byron Thompson on a trip out west. Glacier National Park, MT.**



## SOUTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA

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On July 14<sup>th</sup>, 15 of our group met for lunch, fun and fellowship at the UNO Grill in Newtown Square. Present were **Len and Mary Beck, Gail Brant, Helen Brossman, Pat Burkett, Carl and Rosalie DuPoldt, Carolyn Gehlen, Jean Kirkaldie, Ann Magee, Frank and Jane Resides, Fred and Jane Schuetz, and Shirley Thomas.**



**SE PA retirees. Standing L to R: Pat Burkett, Helen Brossman, Carolyn Gehlen, Len Beck, Mary Beck, Fred Schuetz, Jane S., Shirley Thomas, Rosalie DuPoldt, Carl DuPoldt, Gail Brant, Frank Resides, and Jean Kirkaldie. Seated: Ann Magee, Jane Resides.**

**Art Holland** sent greetings to all, and we noted Art's becoming a Senior Conservationist and his story in the ARSCE News. Congratulations to Art!

A recent message from the State Conservation Agency in Indiana described their efforts to have the US Postal Service issue a Conservation stamp. It went on to mention that the USPS did issue a Soil Conservation stamp in 1959. It so happened that **Frank Resides** had one of those that had been sitting on the top of his bookcase for 59 years. The stamp was framed and sold by Post Impressions, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington DC. The stamp was passed around for everyone to see and touch a piece of history.

It was great to get together again and we hope that more of our group can join us at the same place in Nov. or Dec., date TBA. We wish them well.

## TENNESSE

**From Dana York**

The Tennessee SCS/NRCS Retirees met on June 21<sup>st</sup> at Loretta Lynn's Kitchen for a buffet lunch and a short business meeting, followed by a brief update on current activities by those present. Those not present but reported on were:

**Ray Curl** is still recuperating from a recent illness. **Vic Simpson** is visiting his mother who had fallen and had to go to the hospital. **Jim Lansford** is looking after his grandson. **Jack and Anna Chidester** have moved to 124 Marty Lane, White Bluff, TN 37187.

The 23 present were **Marie Blackwell, Debbie Brasfield, James and Lee Ann Brasfield, Kevin Brown, Carol Chandler, Allen Crowe, Jeanne Eastham, Donald Dotson, Faye Floyd, Larry and Beth Goff, John and Betty Harris, Billy Headden, Ardelle Langdon, Bobby and Brenda Moore, Odell Poynter, Bob Sanders, Jimmy and Sue Spencer, and James Sims.**

**Marie Blackwell** is helping with ageing family members and lost a nephew recently.

**Debbie Brasfield** is working with the NRCS through the ACES program. She has a granddaughter and is loving being a grandmother. She continues volunteering with the Envirothon Tennessee and the historic Linnville Project.

**James and Lee Ann Brasfield** have a new grandson and currently are enjoying good health. They are glad to have the opportunity to attend a meeting this close to home.

**Kevin Brown** is a Master Gardner and volunteers with the Master Gardner Program. He is currently working with the Bredesen for Senate Campaign.

**Carol Chandler** is a Master Gardner and still working on her home. Her whole front yard is a flower bed. She has grandsons one and three years old. Her mother still lives in Jackson and visits her regularly. She is currently working two days/week with the ACES program.

**Allen Crowe** is currently rebuilding a deck on his house that he built when he moved to Nashville. His grandson is on a Rugby team and he attends a lot of his games.

**Jeanne Eastham** has a new great grandchild, making a total of seven. Had some recent surgery and also fell and broke a rib.

**Donald Dotson** had his 2<sup>nd</sup> knee replacement in January and has recovered completely. Recently "updated" his auto fleet and was surprised by current prices. Currently serving on the Williamson County Farm Bureau, Board of Directors. Works part time at Williamson Co. Park located near the entrance to Natchez Trace State Park.

**Faye Floyd** related a story about a picture of her, **Billy Headden and Larry Goff** on about the first day she started work for the Madison SCD. She was only 17. She has been retired five years and is currently working in the ACES program for the Jackson Area Office. She volunteers with the local reading program and takes her grandson to football practice.

**Larry and Beth Goff** claim to be fully employed with three acres to mow, garden, church, golf, and doctor visits. Planning some travel to Pigeon Forge and Alaska.

**John and Betty Harris** are retired 21 years and have lived in 21 houses since he started work. Now they have one daughter in Jackson and two in east Tennessee. They are going to one football game at UT this year. They spend a lot of time with yard and roses. No major travel planned.

**Billy Headden** recently made his first trip to Niagara Falls and saw a lot of grape vineyards. He does not believe the talk about short supply and high wine prices. He currently has blueberries for sale. He advised that he has put his house and 57 acres up for sale.

**Ardelle Langdon** is planning her annual trip to Minnesota in July. Like a lot of the others, she has doctors and things around home to keep her busy.

**Bobby and Brenda Moore** related the death of their youngest son, **Johnny Moore**, which was sudden and unexpected. Johnny leaves a wife, a son and a daughter. Bobby and Brenda had just celebrated their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Odell Poynter** is the director of the local EMT organization and Mgr. of the SCD. He has three grandchildren and is involved in his church.

**Bob Sanders** related that **Belinda** was having health issues. They managed to spend two months in Florida but had to fly home twice for treatment. They are encouraged by the current state of her health.

**Jimmy and Sue Spencer** related that they stay busy around the farm and with doctor appointments. Jimmy has been retired 25 years. He said he thought that the trip to this meeting was the longest trip they have made since they were here last year. They really appreciate the group meeting close enough for them to come.

**James Sims** went with NRCS retirees to Kentucky Lake fishing. Not many crappie but a lot of big cat fish. He is currently working with the ACES program and has worked two elections for the Davidson County Election Commission. He plans to work at least two and possibly three more elections this year, both early voting and election day.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Golden Corral in Cookeville, TN. The final meeting of the year in December has not been scheduled due to the closing of Ryan's in Lebanon.

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## TEXAS (NORTH)

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**Arnold King Report.** Our retiree group decided to postpone monthly meetings until the vacation season is over. **Willeene** and I traveled to Albuquerque, NM to attend the annual meeting of the Soil and Water Conservation Society of America (SWCS). Concurrent with that meeting, we also attended the luncheon and board meeting for the Association of Retired Conservation Service Employees (ARCSE). On our way to Albuquerque, we spent two nights at Ruidoso where we promptly lost our \$20 each at the horse races. Actually, I fudged a little and was able to lose about \$40, which is about what I won last year. We still enjoy ocean cruising with friends at Ft. Worth. Toward the end of August, we are leaving from Tampa Florida on a Princess Cruise to Havana, Cuba and a few other ports in the Carribean. We are also making plans for a Mediterranean cruise, leaving out of Barcelona, Spain. I still work part-time for Texas A&M where I make nearly enough to keep us in travel money. That little job has been a real blessing and has afforded me the opportunity to attend the SWCS and ARCSE meetings for the past 12 years following my retirement. It is always fun to meet up with old friends and associates like the amazing **John Peterson** and **Rich Duesterhaus** who are always there representing various organizations.

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## VIRGINIA

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The conservation community in Virginia is saddened by the recent loss of current employee **Fred Garst** of Harrisonburg VA on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 of an apparent heart attack. Fred was a trained geologist, but came to work with SCS as a technician, took

college classes and became certified as a soil scientist, and then worked for many years as the state's GIS specialist. Fred was well known for his smile and friendly manner with all NRCS employees, SWCD staff and Directors and many agency partners. In addition, Fred served as an adjunct professor at James Madison University in Harrisonburg and positively impacted the lives of countless students through real world examples and training on GIS in the NRCS office. He will be greatly missed.

## WASHINGTON, DC, NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA

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Received this from **Doug Helms**. "Once again I went with some friends to see a Formula 1 race in Europe. This year it was the French Grand Prix outside Marseilles. In terms of historical sites, we saw the Last Supper by Da Vinci in Milan, the Alhambra in Grenada, and the Mosque-Cathedral in Cordoba. I remember the latter two from architectural history class of 50 years ago, though I never imagined that I would actually see either one. Then, I visited the Basque country of San Sebastain and Biarritz alone." **Doug** has become quite the world traveler.

**Warren and Barb Lee** just returned from a week at Big Bear Resort on Kentucky Lake. They attended a family reunion on her side. It was great fun with three generations renewing friendships and meeting cousins for the first time.

**John and Blanche Peterson** spent a week in Wisconsin's North Woods, near Cable, WI. They traveled to Lake Superior and the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore. The 21 islands and 12 miles of mainland host a unique blend of cultural and natural resources. Lighthouses shine over Lake Superior and the new wilderness areas. They enjoyed having **Blanche's** brother, **Jerry** and wife, **Kathy** join them for a few days. With cell service spotty at best, they enjoyed some quiet time.



**Mt. Blackburn with Kennicott Glacier in foreground (covered in moraine debris)**

In June, **Ron and Ann Marlow** had a 15-day trip to Alaska where they had a great driving tour of South Central and Interior regions. Ann did the driving, and Ron did the navigating. Ann likes to say, "Driving Mr. Ron." Ann also says that views of the snow-capped peaks of the Alaska, Kenai, Chugach, and Wrangell Mountain Ranges along much of the drive were amazing.

Tour highlights included Anchorage, Talkeetna, Fairbanks, North Pole (town), a one-day cruise from Seward in Kenai Fjords National Park (lots of whales, sea lions, and puffins), slow ferry out of Valdez across Prince William Sound, Denali where on their full day bus tour in the park they had full views of Mt. Denali from several locations.



**Ron and Ann Marlow with Holgate Glacier in background.**





*Alaska pipeline off Richardson Highway, mile 562*

They saw “the big four:” Dall sheep, grizzly bears, elk, and moose). They had a bush plane ride from Chitina to McCarthy/Kennicott mining area, and great views of the Alaska Pipeline along the Richardson Highway, as well as many lakes, glaciers, and waterfalls.

## WASHINGTON

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**Ken Kaul's** first government job was in 1958 as a Topographic Field Assistant with the USGS in Glasgow, MT. In 1959 he was hired by SCS as a WAE Engineering Aid in Glasgow, MT. He worked several summers as a WAE and as a Student Trainee in Glasgow and Plentywood, MT. He graduated from the University of Montana with a BS in Forest Conservation in 1964 and was assigned as a Range Conservationist in Broadus, MT and then in Glendive. In 1968 he was WUC and DC in White Sulphur Springs, MT. Then AC in Rochester, MN, ASTC in Portland, OR, then DSTC in Gainesville, FL, and then SRC in Bozeman, MT. He retired January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2001 and moved to Spokane, WA in 2003. And that's the longest he's ever lived in one place!

Ken reports “We have been plagued by no rain and smoke from forest fires in Washington, Idaho, Oregon, California, and Canada. The air quality is unhealthy. In August our luncheon was attended by **Joe Carmack**, recently returned from Tennessee, **Larry Edmonds**, **Stefan Fechter**, **Chet Jans**, **Ken Kaul**, **Harry Riehle** and **Carl Vennes**. We are mounting an effort to have recent NRCS retirees join us at our monthly lunch meetings. **Ken and Tina Kaul** completed a 5,400 mile road in June and July, visiting all of their children, grandchildren, siblings and some nieces and nephews in Texas, Tennessee, North Carolina, North Dakota, Montana and Idaho.”

Everett L. Abbott, Bryan, TX, died in June 2018. He was 98 years old.

## WEST VIRGINIA

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Senior Conservationist **Eileen Moore Hayhurst** died August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Eileen was a voucher examiner at the Morgantown State Office. You can read more about Eileen in the Obituary Section.

**Barbara A. McWhorter**, State Forester stationed at the Morgantown State Office, retired on July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. A few years ago Barbara was presented with the West Virginia Women in Agriculture Award and the Soil and Water Conservation Society's Fellow Award. Her contributions to conservation and forestry were also recognized by the Chiefs of the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Forest Service.

**Ron Gilkeson**, retired area conservationist, had his first round of chemo on August 8<sup>th</sup> and the second round on August 9<sup>th</sup>. This is his third cancer. The other two were curable with surgery. This one is a blood cancer called Waldenström Macroglobulinemia, a form of lymphoma. It is not curable, but is treatable with chemo. Ron was diagnosed six years ago, but treatment was delayed until his bloodwork took a sudden turn for the worse. We wish Ron the best results possible for his treatment.

**Dee Weston** “will be having a little surgery on my right hand the day after Labor Day. This will be my third surgery in less than a year. So much for old age!”

**Jim and Mary Clevenger** moved to the Village at Heritage Point this summer.

On August 16<sup>th</sup>, **Alan Staddon** flew to Colorado for another adventure. He expected to learn which 14,000-foot mountain he will climb the next day from **Dr. James Tucker** of the Colorado High Altitude Training Center (CHATC). If all goes well on the climb on Monday, he planned to climb Pikes Peak on Wednesday. Alan has agreed to give a presentation about his adventures at the Retirees' Annual Meeting in October.

## WISCONSIN

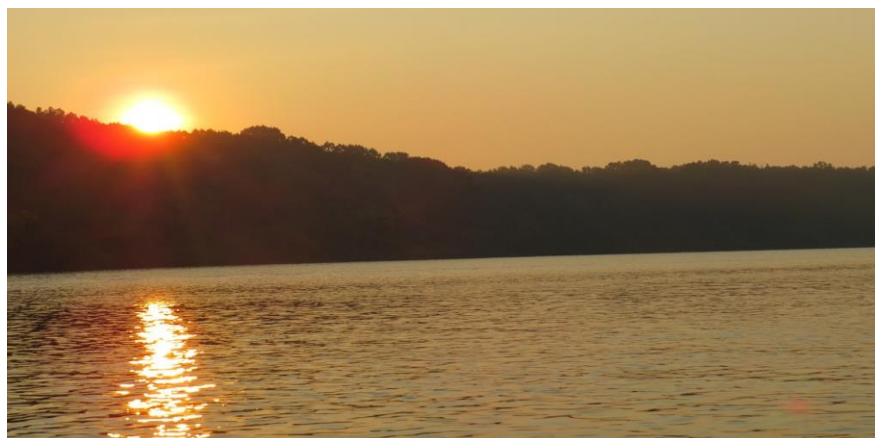
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The Wisconsin retirees met for lunch at the Cross Country Bar & Grill, Rhinelander, WI on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018. **Jim Barnes** was the gracious host. Those in attendance included **Jim and Margaret Barnes, John Campbell, Pete Lindgren, Howard and Sue Gundlach, Dan and Monica Lynch, Ken and Joanne Lubich and Bill and Linda Kowalski.**

Everyone had a wonderful time, shared stories, laughed a lot and exchanged well wishes.

The next luncheon is scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Monona Garden Family Restaurant in Monona, WI.



**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.*

John Donlin	Siren, WI
Kelso Keith Huffman	Marysville, OH
Graham T. Munkittrick	Dillsburg, PA
Byron H. Nolte	Columbus, OH
William Curtis Sharp	Harpers Ferry, WV

### SENIOR CONSERVATIONIST CHRONICLE

by Marc Safley, Chronicler, Senior Conservationist

#### Senior Conservationist Charles L Boothby

Senior Conservationist **Charles L. Boothby**

Senior Conservationist ("Charlie") was born in Livermore, ME, May 5, 1935. Livermore is a town in Androscoggin County, ME, about 30 miles west of the capital, Augusta. Charles was raised on his family's general agriculture farm in Livermore. Charles describes it as a dairy, orchard, potato and forestry farm. He graduated from Leavitt Institute in Turner, ME in 1953. He enrolled in the University of Maine, Orono, in 1953 and graduated with a B.S. degree in agronomy in early 1958. He later enrolled in the University of Maine's graduate school, receiving a Master of Public Administration degree in 1975.

Charlie served in the U.S. Army from April 1958 until April 1960, when he was honorably discharged. While serving in the U.S. Army he received a direct commission in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He retired from the Army Reserve in 1989 with the rank of Colonel.

Charlie began his conservation career in 1954 as a summer WAE at Auburn, ME. He was a Student Trainee at the same location during the summers from 1955 through 1957. He served as a Soil Conservationist with SCS at Portland, ME, from February 1958 until he entered the U.S. Army. Following his return to civilian status he returned to Portland as a soil conservationist in May 1960 where he served until March 1962. He was then promoted to District Conservationist at Belfast, ME, where he worked until March 1964. He left SCS in 1964 to take the position of Executive Director of the Maine Soil and Water Conservation Commission at Augusta. Charlie served in that job until late 1976. In January 1977 he accepted the position of Executive Secretary of the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) in Washington, DC. He served at NACD until his retirement in December 1986 as Executive Vice President.

From 1974 until 1975 Charlie was President of the Northern New England Chapter of SCSA. In 1975 he was President of the National Association of Soil Conservation Executives. In retirement, he was honored in 2010 as honorary Soil Scientist of the Year by the Maine Association of Professional Soil Scientists.

Following retirement from NACD Charles and his wife Judith moved to Bangor, ME, where they still reside.

Charles has continued to be involved in both agricultural and civic affairs. From June 2002 to September 2012 he was a Certification Farm Inspector with the Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association of Unity, ME. He reports that he has also served the City of Bangor for six years as a member of its Historic Preservation Commission (two years as its chairperson), for eight years as a member of its Planning Board (one year as chairperson), and 12 years as a member of its Housing Authority (two years as vice chairperson). He has also taught gardening at Penobscot Valley Senior College in Bangor.

Charlie and his wife **Judy** met at university and married February 8, 1958. They celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year. They have three sons and one grandchild. When asked about his general thoughts on conservation today, Charlie offered that more emphasis is needed on grass-based systems, crop rotations, and the like.

## OBITUARY INFORMATION

**Ron Marlow, Secretary–Treasurer**

*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, Ron Marlow will be glad to do the search. Please send death notices and obituary information directly to Ron at [arcse@cox.net](mailto:arcse@cox.net). Always include the position or the spouse's position with SCS/NRCS.*

### Surname

### *In Memoriam*

(Note: These are recent notices. For a complete list, please see [www.arcse.org](http://www.arcse.org))

- Abbott** Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist **Everett Loyd Abbott** (98) of Katy, Texas passed away on June 13, 2018. Everett was born in Bradshaw, TX. He graduated from Bradshaw High School, as well as Sul Ross State College with a BS degree in 1950. Everett married **Pansy Woods** on May 28, 1943 and to this union came three children. He proudly served in the Army and was a World War II veteran. Everett was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church in Bryan. He retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1979 as an RC&D Coordinator. Everett was much loved and will be greatly missed by his family and many friends. He is preceded in death by his wife, **Pansy Woods Abbott** and is survived by his daughter, **Donna (Gene) Easterly** of Katy; sons, **Bob (Kathy) Abbott** of Austin, and **Bill (Lynn) Abbott** of Irving; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren, and five siblings including his brother **James Abbott** of Temple who also retired from SCS, and numerous nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to First United Methodist Church of Bryan.
- Bowie** **Robert Lee "Bob" Bowie** (68) husband of **Lynn Isom Bowie**, of Edgefield, SC entered into rest August 11, 2018. Bob was born in Abbeville, SC. He was retired from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and was a member of Edgefield United Methodist Church. Survivors include his wife, three sons, **Hunter Lee (Kerry) Bowie**, **Clinton Sharpe Bowie**, and **Theodore Carroll "Cal" (Morgan) Bowie**; four grandchildren, and two brothers. Memorials may be made to Edgefield United Methodist Church, PO Box 25, Edgefield, SC 29824 or to a Charity of one's choice. Please sign the online register book at [www.edgefieldmercantilefh.com](http://www.edgefieldmercantilefh.com).
- Case** **Michael James Case** (67) of Greensburg, Kansas left this world for heaven on July 18, 2018 after a long battle with cancer. He was born in Phillipsburg, Kansas, the youngest of four boys. He earned an Associate Degree from Kansas Technical Institute. Prior to college, Mike spent four years in the United States Air Force and was stationed in Okinawa and Guam during the Vietnam conflict. After his honorable discharge from the Air Force, Mike spent 21 1/2 years in the Air National Guard. Mike's civilian job was with the Natural Resources Conservation Service as a Soil Conservation Technician. He is survived by his wife of 40 years **Jan**, of the home; his daughter, **Bethany (Micah) Wood** of Satanta, Kansas; his son, **Barrett (Meghann) Case** of Rich Hill, Missouri; five grandchildren, one brother. Memorials are suggested to the First Baptist Church, Greensburg and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, in care of Fleener Funeral Home, PO Box 41, Greensburg, Kansas 67054.
- Culberson** **Bobby Scott Culberson** (53) passed away on August 3, 2018 at the Merit Health Hospital in Brandon, Mississippi. Scott was born and grew up in Jackson, MS. He graduated from Jackson Prep and Mississippi State University with a BS in Civil Engineering. Scott began his career with NRCS as a student trainee in the Canton Project Engineer Office. After graduation from college, he worked in the Mississippi State Office Design Section and became the Head of the State Design Section. In May of 2012, Scott was appointed State Conservation Engineer. Scott was an avid hunter who enjoyed spending time at his deer camp. He is survived by his wife, **Denna Clark Culberson**; mother, **Beverly Culberson Varner** and two children, **Ashlan Nicole Culberson** and **Christan Erin Culberson**. Scott is preceded in death by his father, **Bobby J. Culberson**. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to any conservation efforts for the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.
- Eddy** **Charles Eddy** (72) a resident of Chillicothe, Missouri, passed away peacefully while surrounded by family members on July 9, 2018 at his residence. Charles was born in Sikeston, Missouri. Charles served in the United States Army from 1968 until 1972 during the Vietnam War. He attended the University of Missouri, graduating in 1973, with a Bachelor's degree in Agriculture. Charles worked for the USDA as a soil conservationist for 35 years, retiring as an area conservationist in December of 2000. He then co-owned and operated Gaslight Real Estate from 2001 until his retirement in 2013. He was a member of the Church of Christ, Chillicothe, Missouri, where he had served as an elder since 2002. Survivors include his wife of 43 years, **Joyce** of the home; two sons, **Joe David (Kelly) Eddy** of Rocheport, Missouri, and **John Daniel (Teresa) Eddy** of Henryetta, Oklahoma; two daughters, **Lynnette Marie (Michael) Berry** of Kansas City, Missouri, and **Leah Michelle (Jason) Robitaille** of Russellville, Arkansas; ten grandchildren; two great grandchildren; two brothers, and a mother-in-law. He was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson, **Elijah Hunter Saldivar**. Memorial contributions may be made to the Church of Christ and may be left at or mailed to Lindley Funeral Home, P.O. Box 47, Chillicothe, Missouri 64601. Online condolences may be made at [www.lindleyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.lindleyfuneralhomes.com).
- Ellis** **Billy Wayne Ellis** (76), Seminole resident, went to Heaven, his eternal home, on July 28, 2018 in Shawnee, Oklahoma, with his loving wife **Ruby** by his side. Bill was born in Prague, Oklahoma. Bill graduated with the class of 1960 from Strother



High School. In addition to several other jobs, he was a technician for the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Seminole and Pottawatomie Counties and on the watershed staff in Pontotoc County, retiring in December of 2002. Bill was a member of the Praise Assembly of God in Little, Oklahoma and served as deacon and Sunday School Superintendent and Teacher. He had a love for classic cars and owned several throughout his lifetime. Bill is survived by his loving wife of 20 years, **Ruby Ellis** of Seminole, Oklahoma; a son, a daughter, five siblings, five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. A link to his obituary and online condolences <http://www.swearingenfuneral.com/funeral-schedule/m.obituary/17/view/4863>

- Fobair** Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist **I. W. "Bill" Fobair** (92) of Cottonwood, Arizona, passed away on February 16, 2018. He was born on the Niobrara Ranch, homesteaded by his grandfather in 1890, seven miles southwest of Butte. By the time Bill reached the eighth grade, he was determined to become a soil and water conservationist, based on the severe rill and gully erosion he witnessed in rural Boyd County. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy (1943-1947) and served again during the Korean War (1951-1953). In between that service he received his BS in Agriculture, University of Nebraska, Lincoln. He was a charter member of one of the first College Student Chapters of the Soil Conservation Society of America. He married **Joyce A. Pellew** in 1949, a knowledgeable young lady from New Zealand. In September 1953, they made an extended trip to New Zealand before starting his career in the Soil Conservation Service. Bill pursued post-graduate studies at the Canterbury Agricultural College, in Lincoln, South Island, New Zealand. Bill took out a patent pending for a folding, rolling shopping basket, had 1,000 made, and sold them after graduation in 1954 on a six-week tour of New Zealand. The proceeds paid for their expenses in New Zealand and trip back to the States in 1955. Bill started his career with SCS at North Platte, Nebraska in May 1955. Bill later served as Area Conservationist in Flint, Michigan, Resource Conservation and Development Coordinator in the Panhandle of Nebraska, and as Seed Production Specialist for the small livestock industry, Tunis, Tunisia. Bill retired in 1981 with 33 years of service. From 1982 to 1986 he was under contract with Utah State University and Louis Berger International to implement a soil and water conservation program for the Central Rangelands Development project in Somalia. Bill and Joyce traveled to 39 foreign countries, all states in the U.S. except North Dakota, and several provinces in Canada, Alaska and Mexico. They celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary July 5, 2016. Their oldest son **Roger**, mechanical engineer, works for John Deere at corporate headquarters, Moline, Illinois; and their youngest son, **Ralph** is Technical Education Director, Mingus Union High School in Cottonwood. Bill and Joyce have three grandchildren.
- Keller** **Anna Greta Franzen Keller** (86) of Portland, Oregon passed away on July 30, 2018. She was born in Spirit Lake, Idaho. After graduating from high school, she moved to Spokane, Washington and attended beauty school, only to make a career change into the field of accounting. She was then a homemaker from the early 1980s until the time of her death. She met her future husband **Milton Herman Keller** while tending bar in Portland, Oregon in 1952, and they were married in September of 1953. Milt retired from the Soil Conservation Service as an engineering technician at the WNTC. They welcomed four children, **Michael (Linda)**, **Mark (Sally)**, **Matthew (Patty)** and **Michelle**. She was preceded in death by her husband Milton and is survived by her four children, ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, we request that donations be made In Memory of Anna Greta Keller to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, <http://www.lls.org/>
- Garlinghouse** Honorary member and Senior Conservationist **Jennings Garlinghouse** (100) of Orleans, California passed away on December 26, 2013. Jennings retired from the Soil Conservation Service as a public information officer in 1973, having worked as a soil conservationist earlier in his career. He had a degree in agronomy.
- Garst** The conservation community in Virginia is saddened by the recent loss of current employee **Fred Garst** (62) of Bridgewater, Virginia on August 16, 2018 of an apparent heart attack. Fred was a trained geologist, but came to work with SCS as a technician, took college classes and became certified as a soil scientist, and then worked for many years as the state's GIS specialist. Fred was well known for his smile and friendly manner with all NRCS employees, SWCD staff and Directors and many agency partners. In addition, Fred served as an adjunct professor at James Madison University in Harrisonburg and positively impacted the lives of countless students through real world examples and training on GIS in the NRCS office. He will be greatly missed. Fred is survived by his mother, **Freda Cowger Garst**; his devoted wife of 38 years, **Sue Burkholder Garst**; two sons, **Matthew Marshall (Lora) Garst** and Capt. **Daniel Lloyd Garst**; and girlfriend, **Dr. Erika Shelburneand**; two granddaughters, and a brother and two sisters. Fred was known as an outstanding athlete. As a standout in H.S. football, Fred went on to play at James Madison University on their first undefeated football team. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312.
- Hagen** **Robert Eugene "Bob" Hagen** (88) of Sedan, Kansas was born in Chicago and passed away at his home, June 27, 2018. Bob grew up in Chicago, but loved spending his summers at his uncles' farms in Barton County, KS. Bob attended Kansas Wesleyan for one year and graduated from Kansas State Agricultural College, where he played for the baseball team, and was a member of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity. Bob and Jackie married Dec. 27, 1952, in Abilene, KS. Bob served two years in the Air Force, stationed in Europe. Bob worked for the USDA's Soil Conservation Service for 34 years retiring as the state administrative officer. Early retirement in 1996 allowed him to spend 33 years doing things he loved, including golfing and visiting his various farms. Bob was involved with his church, Sunrise Presbyterian, singing in the choir. He sang in the Bethel College performances of Handel's Messiah for many years. Bob is survived by his children, **Randell (Deborah) Hagen** of Houston, Texas, and **Nancy (Ted) Knopp** of Wichita, Kansas; his five grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren and a sister. Bob is preceded in death by his wife, **Nora Jacqueline "Jackie" (Scott) Hagen**; and son, **Barton Jay Hagen**. In lieu of flowers, please consider giving to: The First Tee of Salina, or Sunrise Presbyterian Church, in care of Ryan Mortuary, Salina.
- Hayhurst** Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist **Eileen Moore Hayhurst** (91) passed away on August 15, 2018, while she was at Sundale Nursing Home for rehabilitation. Eileen Rae Moore was born in Belington, in Barbour County and died just eight days short of her 92nd birthday. Eileen graduated from Morgantown High School in 1943, attended West Virginia University for one year, and then married her high school sweetheart in 1944. They had two sons before they were divorced in 1951. Eileen subsequently graduated from Morgantown Business College and worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service from 1954 to 1983. She was married to **Thomas S. Davis** from 1963 until his death in 1973. She married **Russell J. Hayhurst** on July 6, 1985. They were happily married for nearly 33 years, until he passed away earlier this year, on June 6. Eileen was an active member of the First Baptist Church, in Morgantown, for over 60 years. She loved

reading, playing bridge, and watching WVU football and basketball games. Eileen is survived by her two sons, **Michael Lynn (Theresa) Toothman**, of Ardmore, PA, (wife, **Therese**) and **Timothy Wilson Toothman**, of Tucson, AZ, (wife, **Jessica L. Andrews**); her stepdaughter, **Pamula Sue (Hayhurst) Pandolfi**, of Culpeper, VA, (husband, **Peter**); her daughter-in-law, **Deborah Hayhurst**, of Marianna, FL; eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; and a brother. Donations may be made in Eileen's honor to the WVU Foundation for the Eileen and Russell Hayhurst Athletic Scholarship Fund.

- Jackson** **Donald Lee Jackson** (88) passed from this life on July 12, 2018 at Grace Living Center in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Don was born in Butler, Oklahoma. He graduated from Oklahoma A & M College (now OSU) where he earned a BS in Agriculture in 1951 and his Masters in Agriculture in 1954. Don joined the Air Force in 1951, retiring as a USAF Colonel. On May 10, 1975, Don married **Patricia Bolton Talkington Jackson** in Stillwater, Oklahoma. After retirement from the Air Force, Don worked as the District Conservationist for Payne County, Oklahoma. He was an active member of the First Christian Church, the Lion's Club, and American Legion. Don is survived by his wife of 43 years, **Patricia**, one son, two daughters, two step-sons, and one step-daughter, 14 grandchildren and one sister. Condolences may be emailed to the family, and an online obituary may be viewed by visiting [www.strodefh.com](http://www.strodefh.com).
- Jefferson** **David Lee Jefferson** (75) of Lincoln, Nebraska was born in Columbia, Missouri and passed away on July 24, 2018. He received a music scholarship to Langston University but returned home after one year. In January 1960, he began his career as a Civil Engineering Aide with the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Columbia, MO. In March 1968, he transferred to the National Technical Center of the SCS in Lincoln, NE. While employed there, he began and graduated from The University of Nebraska with a degree in civil engineering in December 1982. During his 37-year career, he received numerous awards and commendations for his work as an Area Engineer, Design Engineer and State Environmental Engineer. He was a Master Mason. While in Lincoln, David held numerous leadership positions at his churches, Newman United Methodist and New Hope United Methodist Church. He was a member of the board of directors for several years for YMCA and Cedar's Home for Children. He also played trumpet with the Lincoln Community Concert Band. On August 24, 1963, he married **Sherry Jefferson** (who preceded him in death). They are survived by two children and his four grandchildren:
- Maresch** **Anna C. "Dolly" Maresch** (85) of Fort Washington, Maryland passed away on July 31, 2018; the beloved wife of **Maj. Wayne F. Maresch**, USAF (Ret.); mother of **Wayne M. (Jacquelyn) Maresch**, **Sharon A. (Michael) Dragoo**, **Kathleen M. (Ken) Chandler**, **Stephen A. (Michelle) Maresch**, **Theresa L. (David) Gwiazda** and the late **Craig T. (Susan) Maresch**. She is also survived by 17 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, many other relatives and friends. Dolly's husband, Wayne F. retired from the Soil conservation Service as Director of the Administrative Services Division, and her son, Wayne M. retired from NRCS as Deputy Chief of Soil Science and Resource Assessment. Anna was member of the St. Columba Sodality and the Ladies Guild St. Columille Council. In her spare time she enjoyed travelling, especially to a beach and playing the slot machines. She was also an artist. She could paint and sculpt and also arrange flowers. Donations in memory of Dolly may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church of Piscataway, 13401 Piscataway Road, Clinton, MD 20735-4564 or the **American Breast Cancer Foundation (ABCF)**, 10400 Little Patuxent Parkway Suite 480, Columbia, MD 21044
- Pedersen** **Bob Pedersen** (73) passed away June 9, 2018. Bob was SCS/NRCS retired long time Basin Team Leader for the North Coast Basin in Oregon. He is survived by his wife **Bernie Pedersen**, 8640 Mill Creek Road, Tillamook, OR 97141.
- Rector** Life Member **J.D. Rector** (87) passed away on July 20, 2018 at the Sedan City Hospital in Sedan. J.D. was born in Independence and grew up there. J.D. graduated from Independence Community College before graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Engineering from Kansas State University. J.D. was a member of the football team at ICC and Kansas State. On August 30, 1953 he married **Cynthia Ann Houck** in Independence, Kansas. J.D. worked several projects as Assistant State Conservationist for many years throughout the country. He built the first chainsaw for Sears. J.D. and his family moved extensively throughout Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Illinois, and Florida, returning to Sedan in 1992. J.D. was a member of the Epiphany Episcopal Church and Sedan Lion's Club. He was a lifetime member of the Soil Conservation Society of America, Chautauqua County Farm Bureau, numerous other conservation and environmental groups, was past board member of Sedan Public Library, Chautauqua County Animal Shelter, and Chautauqua County Economic Development and Sedan Kansas Hometown Prosperity. J.D. is survived by two daughters; **Kate Stettler** and husband **Charley Paul Sr.** of Sedan, Kansas and **Nancy Saylor** of Independence, Kansas; one son, **Jay Daryl Rector** and wife **Sally** of Loganville, Georgia; two sisters, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren and his special companion **Jo Wells** of Sedan, Kansas. He was preceded in death by one daughter, **Martha Elizabeth Rector**, his wife **Cynthia**, and one brother, **Robert Rector** and his parents. The family has suggested memorials to the Sedan High School Athletic Fund and may be left in care of the Dickens Family Funeral Home, 209 N. Douglas, Sedan, Kansas 67361.
- Robinson** **Luther H. Robinson** (84) a resident of Oswego, New York passed away on December 28, 2017 at the Morningstar Care Center. Born in Dansville, he received a degree in agronomy from Cornell University and his master's in soil science from Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon. He was employed with the USDA in Maryland for five years, then he moved back to New York to work for Birdseye in Albion and Fulton, and later worked for the Soil Conservation Service (now Natural Resources Conservation Service), doing soil mapping in St. Lawrence and Jefferson counties. After moving to Norwood (near Watertown), he became acquainted with the local Amish community there and scouted out farmland for them in Wayne and Seneca counties. He maintained a lifelong interest in Native American culture, and was a longtime volunteer at Sterling Nature Center, where he planted several of his beloved blight-resistant American Chestnut trees. He and **Patty** also volunteered at Acadia National Park in Maine for many summers, working on trail maintenance and enjoying the nearby Atlantic shore. Surviving are his two sons, **Mark (Helen Hudson) Robinson** of Pensacola and **Eric (Norma Reynolds) Robinson** of San Diego, California, and eight grandchildren. He was predeceased by his daughter **Holly Grazioplene** and his wife **Patricia O'Neil**.
- Wheeler** **Norman Dell Wheeler** (89) of McMinnville, Oregon passed away on December 15, 2014. Norman was married to **Louise**. When he retired in 1982, he was the area engineer at the Hillsboro Area Office of the Soil Conservation Service.
- Wiedenmeyer** Member **Wesley Jay Wiedenmeyer** (64) of Bismarck, North Dakota passed away on May 12, 2018 at a Bismarck hospital

after complications from renal cancer. He fought bravely for over five years. Wes was raised in Bismarck and graduated from Bismarck Junior College in 1974 and went on to North Dakota State University graduating with a degree in civil engineering in 1976. He married his high school sweetheart, **Sandy Vander Linden**, on June 26 of that year. During his college years he worked part-time for the U.S. Geological Survey and returned to federal employment with the Soil Conservation Service in 1977. He was transferred to Bismarck in 1978 where he continued to work until his retirement in 2008. Wes held numerous engineering positions and served as the State Conservation Engineer for the Natural Resources Conservation Service the last 17 years of his career. Before his illness, Wes was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church serving on numerous committees, boards, and offices on the church council. Wes enjoyed watching sports, especially those involving his children and grandchildren. Annual pheasant hunting trips to South Dakota were also part of his fall ritual for over three decades. He is survived by his wife, **Sandy**; his son, **Chad (Crystal) Wiedenmeyer** and daughter, **Jessica (Kelly) Koble**; four grandchildren, a brother and a sister. He is also survived by his step-mother **Elsie Wiedenmeyer**; a step-brother; and two step-sisters.

## Youberg

**Charles Frederick "Chuck" Youberg** (92) of Albuquerque, New Mexico peacefully entered into eternal rest on October 24, 2016. He is survived by his wife, **Juliet Youberg**; three children, **Fred, Allan, and Carol**; two stepchildren, **Susan and Dawn**; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; brother David; and sister Margaret. He was preceded in death by his first wife, **Bette Youberg**, and great-grandson, **Gavin Price**. He was born in Denver and grew up in Kremmling, CO. In 1942, he was drafted into the Army at the beginning of WWII. He served 4 years in Italy and France and was awarded two purple hearts. He then served three additional years in the Reserves as a photo interpreter during the Korean Conflict. He completed his education at Colorado State University and received his degree as a soil scientist/agronomist. For 33 years, he was employed by the USDA and worked in Goodland, KS, Washington D.C., and Albuquerque, NM. He retired in 1978 as the Assistant State Conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service, USDA. In the 1960s, Chuck was an active leader in the Boy Scouts of America. He also enjoyed remodeling Volkswagens and a 1929 Model A Ford. After his retirement, Chuck and Juliet traveled extensively and were active members at St. Stephens United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, consider contributions to Chuck's favorite charity--Albuquerque Rescue Mission, Joy Junction, or The Storehouse.



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## 2018 MEMBER LOCATOR

September 1, 2018 (Sorted alphabetically by State, City, then Last Name)

First Name	Last Name	City	St.	First Name	Last Name	City	St.	First Name	Last Name	City	St.
Erlene	Lingle	Auburn	AL	Larry	Flentie	Fort Collins	CO	Gerald C.	Stevens	Boone	IA
Charles	Love	Auburn	AL	Dennis	Lytle	Fort Collins	CO	Lyle W	Asell	Chariton	IA
John C	Meetze	Auburn	AL	Scott	Snover	Fort Collins	CO	Scott	Osborn	Cherokee	IA
Ronnie D.	Murphy	Auburn	AL	Paul J	Ohland	Ft Collins	CO	Brian C.	Peterson	Corning	IA
Earl L	Norton	Auburn	AL	John	Geter	Ft. Collins	CO	Lawrence L	Dorgan	Creston	IA
Ernest V	Todd	Auburn	AL	Emery C	Johnson	Grand Junction	CO	Jeff	Godwin	Cumberland	IA
David L	Schertz	Northport	AL	James R	Fisher	Lakewood	CO	Dennis L	Hurtz	Decorah	IA
J G (Jodie)	Jones	Bentonville	AR	Terri	Sage	Littleton	CO	Paul	Johnson	Decorah	IA
Billy A	Garner	Booneville	AR	Richard L	Porter	Longmont	CO	Keith	Krause	Delhi	IA
Ralph	Mashburn	England	AR	Carter	Christenson	Lyons	CO	Jay	Ford	Denison	IA
Emily J.	Knight	Hope	AR	Alvin	Jones	Meeker	CO	Lowell H	Kleckner	Denison	IA
Dennis	Hackbart	Little Rock	AR	Edwin W	Olmsted	Northglenn	CO	Jody	Christiansen	Des Moines	IA
M J (Whitey)	Spears	Little Rock	AR	Jerry D	Schwieen	Northglenn	CO	Christopher	Knudsen	Des Moines	IA
Marion T.	Mathis	Mansfield	AR	Larry D	Miles	Pagosa Springs	CO	(Chris)			
Johnnie F	Henry	N. Little Rock	AR	William	Ireland	Chaplin	CT	Tom	O'Connor	Des Moines	IA
George	Dahlke	North Little Rock	AR	Marjorie	Faber	Coventry	CT	Maralee J	Sarasio	Des Moines	IA
Bruce M	McCullough	Ozark	AR	Joseph	Csiki	Willington	CT	Donald K	Ummel	Des Moines	IA
John W	Chenoweth	Van Buren	AR	Joseph E	Polulech	Woodstock Valley	CT	Ronald J.	Kuehl	Elkader	IA
Christopher P	Williams	Chandler	AZ	Bruce	Knight	Washington	DC	Roger A	Will	Emmetsburg	IA
A Glen	Johnson	Glendale	AZ	Douglas J.	Lawrence	Washington	DC	Stanley R	Simmons	Fairfield	IA
Thomas E	Calhoun	Green Valley	AZ	Richard P	Bennett	Georgetown	DE	Daryl L	Carpenter	Ft Dodge	IA
Gordon O	Klofstad	Mesa	AZ	James W	Stingel	Lewes	DE	C Merle	Lawyer	Harlan	IA
Ron	Lowery	Mesa	AZ	Carl E	Bouchard	Milford	DE	Arthur A	Bryant	Indianola	IA
Stephen	Black	Phoenix	AZ	Edward J.	Brzostek	Ocean View	DE	Lynn	Betts	Johnston	IA
Aubrey C	Sanders	Phoenix	AZ	Patricia	Cecil	Auburndale	FL	Lew	Brent	Knoxville	IA
Gary	Nordstrom	Prescott Valley	AZ	William J	Brune	Bonita Springs	FL	Roger	Link	Maxwell	IA
J Gordon	Odell	Saddlebrooke	AZ	Robert W	Belcher	Brooksville	FL	Steve	Manternach	Nevada	IA
Albert C	Addison	San Simon	AZ	Robert G	Law	DeLand	FL	Barbara	Stewart	Newton	IA
Warren J	Fitzgerald	Sun City	AZ	Maurice J	Mausbach	Flagler Beach	FL	Mark	Lindflott	Northwood	IA
John C	Lowrey	Sun City West	AZ	Richard E	Highfill	Fort Meyers	FL	Erwin O	Aust	Shenandoah	IA
Kenneth G	McManus	Sun City West	AZ	Clayton R	Miller	Ft. Meyers	FL	Richard W	Hall	Sioux City	IA
Rodney M	Alt	Surprise	AZ	William E	Austin	Gainesville	FL	Donald	Carlson	Spencer	IA
Ruth	Wilimek	Tempe	AZ	Robert W	Johnson	Gainesville	FL	Jim	Ayen	Urbandale	IA
Galen S	Bridge	Tucson	AZ	Robert G	Halstead	Homosassa	FL	Dennis	Pate	Urbandale	IA
Christopher	Cochran	Tucson	AZ	Willis J	Ridenour	Largo	FL	Donald D	Redman	Van Wert	IA
Kenneth M	Cookson	Tucson	AZ	Raymond L	Marshall	Mt Dora	FL	Mark J.	Jensen	W Des Moines	IA
Tommy A	George	Tucson	AZ	Sterling B.	Caple	North Port	FL	Don C	Peterson	W Des Moines	IA
John D	Hedlund	Tucson	AZ	Janie	Jolly	Ocklawaha	FL	William R	Woerner	Waterloo	IA
Karl R.	Klingelhofer	Tucson	AZ	Jerome C	Hytry	Orlando	FL	Shelby H	Brownfield	Boise	ID
Joseph L	Knisley	Tucson	AZ	Janice	Reid	Palm Coast	FL	Paul H	Calverley	Boise	ID
Ronald E	Moreland	Tucson	AZ	Irvin F	Ross	Pinellas Pk	FL	James A.	Cornwell	Boise	ID
Romy	Myszka	Antioch	CA	John N	Holeman	Pompano Beach	FL	Darrell L	Gallup	Boise	ID
Ron	Harben	Arroyo Grande	CA	John S	Pirie	Punta Gorda	FL	Amos I	Garrison	Boise	ID
Albert	Neu	Cathedral City	CA	William	Kuenstler	Santa Rosa Santa Rosa Beach	FL	Stanley	Hobson	Boise	ID
Wendell	Gilbert	Chico	CA	Paul M	Howard	Sarasota	FL	Joe A.	Icenhower	Boise	ID
Darwyn H	Briggs	Davis	CA	Richard W	Hardy	Sebring	FL	Gerald G	Larson	Boise	ID
Harold R.	Honeyfield	Davis	CA	Donald	Butz	Tampa	FL	Paul L	Malone	Boise	ID
Walter E.	Sykes	Davis	CA	Karl H.	Langlois	The Villages	FL	William O.	Moore	Boise	ID
Henry	Wyman	Davis	CA	William E	Frederick	Winter Haven	FL	Rob	Sampson	Boise	ID
Chester	Bush	Fresno	CA	Carolyn C	Adams	Athens	GA	Neil D	Wilton	Boise	ID
Clarence U	Finch	Fresno	CA	Linda R	DiPietro	Athens	GA	Mark	Weatherstone	Bonnars Ferry	ID
Mike	Simmons	Goleta	CA	Robert L	Wilkes	Athens	GA	Richard	Van Klaveren	Hayden	ID
John H	Stierna	Hidden Valley	CA	John W	Adams	Lyons	GA	Wm (Bill) R	Evans	Lewiston	ID
William L	Braker	Lancaster	CA	Robert T	Stovall	Martin	GA	Charles D	Clarke	McCall	ID
Robert D	Slayback	Lodi	CA	Ross L	Ulmer	McDonough	GA	Sue R.	Ellis	Meridian	ID
Leonard	Jolley	Napa	CA	Walker G	Carter	Statesboro	GA	Rob	Fredericksen	Meridian	ID
Olice "Ted"	Gerbaz	Orangevale	CA	Phillip	Hadarits	Toomsboro	GA	Daniel	Ogle	Meridian	ID
Hewlett F	Todd	Redding	CA	Edward P.	Ealy	Watkinsville	GA	Dan	Pierce	Moscow	ID
Nyle L	Jordre	Rio Vista	CA	Cecil N	Martin	Watkinsville	GA	Mike	Somerville	Nampa	ID
Thomas	Wehri	Roseville	CA	George C	Norris	Zebulon	GA	Leroy J	Drechsel	Albion	IL
Mary	Andreuccetti	Sacramento	CA	Kenneth M	Kaneshiro	Aiea	HI	Harold J.	Kraut	Batchtown	IL
William A.	Ward	Sacramento	CA	Francis	Lum	Honolulu	HI	Malvern	Allen	Bunker Hill	IL
Edwin L	Minnick	Walnut Creek	CA	David D	Breitbach	Ames	IA	Dale	Benz	Champaign	IL
Paul	Koluvek	Winters	CA	Charles S	Fisher	Ames	IA	Lester J	Bushue	Champaign	IL
Richard J.	Mullaney	Akron	CO	John K.	Skerritt	Ames	IA	David W	Daizell	Champaign	IL
Ronald F	Bauer	Brush	CO	Eldon C	Weber	Ames	IA	Richard L	Dickerson	Champaign	IL
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