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## NOTES FROM THE POTOMAC

### **John Stierna**

**Congress**—The Congress is in August recess, so appropriations continue in a holding pattern. Congress will be in session after Labor Day for part of September, but will then be out for the election and be back in session for November. During this limited time in session, Congress must complete the appropriation process to keep the government open for the new fiscal year. An omnibus appropriation bill is likely later in the year with short-term continuing resolutions until then.

**NRCS**—Chief **Jason Weller** announced the investment of nearly \$7 million in funding for agricultural wetland mitigation banks in 10 states. This USDA program helps partners develop mitigation banks that restore, create or enhance wetland ecosystems. Then producers can buy wetland credits offsite to make up for unavoidable wetland losses on-site. Wetland mitigation banking was created in the last Farm Bill and is structured to use a market-based approach. This program announcement includes work in Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Ohio.

**CSP**—NRCS continues working on the makeover of the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) to make it more user-friendly and similar to EQIP. One of the improvements concerns conservation enhancements—making a stronger linkage between the conservation practice and the expected benefits. This will help farmers and ranchers see more clearly the effects of practice implementation. CSP is now the largest land conservation program in USDA, covering about 70 million acres.

**USDA**—The Departments of Defense, Agriculture, and Interior announced the addition of three military bases to the Sentinel Landscape Partnership to improve military readiness, protect at-risk and endangered species, enhance critical wildlife habitat, and restore working agricultural and natural lands. This joint effort uses USDA's conservation programs to protect viable farmland, rangeland, forestland and grasslands from development around these military bases and training sites. The three additions are Avon Park Air Force Range, Florida; Camp Ripley, Minnesota; and training grounds in Eastern North Carolina. More information can be found at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/newsroom/releases/?cid=NRCSEPRD1201814>

**Soil Health**—Chief **Jason Weller** wrote an opinion piece in *AgriPulse* last month stressing the work NRCS is doing on soil health. He states that NRCS has made soil health the centerpiece of its conservation planning and on-the-ground delivery approach. Read the entire article at <http://www.agri-pulse.com/Opinion-NRCS-soil-health-effort-is-deep-impactful-and-taking-root-across-the-nation-07052016.asp>

**RCPP Project**—An interesting video was recently released of a Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) project in Washington State intended to help address unhealthy water temperature and fecal coliform in the Newaukum Creek. The principal organizations handling this project are the American Farmland Trust and King County Conservation District using NRCS RCPP resources. The video tells a realistic story of how this project can use conservation to help improve water quality before it empties into the Puget Sound. Take a look: [www.farmland.org/initiatives/restoring-the-newaukum-creek-watershed](http://www.farmland.org/initiatives/restoring-the-newaukum-creek-watershed)

**People**—Land O' Lakes has hired **Tina May** as Senior Director of Sustainability. Tina was the lead conservation staffer for Senator **Debbie Stabenow**, Chair of the Senate Agriculture Committee during the 2014 Farm Bill. Tina also was Chief of Staff for the Office of the Deputy Secretary of USDA during rulemaking for the Farm Bill.

**Callie Eisenberg** has left NRCS to go to the Environmental Defense Fund. Callie had been a key point of contact in NRCS for constituency groups as well as her work with legislative affairs.

**ATTENTION: To receive a hard copy of the newsletter in 2017, an additional \$12 payment will be required.** This payment will be in addition to the annual or lifetime dues payment. Please see the ARCSE Budget and Membership Report in this newsletter for a more detailed discussion.

**Election**—An item of note is that Congressman **Tim Huelskamp** from the huge agricultural 1<sup>st</sup> district of Kansas lost in this year's August Republican primary. A couple of years ago, Huelskamp was removed from the House Agriculture Committee and the House Budget Committee in a dispute with then-Speaker **John Boehner**. He voted against the 2014 Farm Bill and also took several actions in disagreement with GOP leadership in the House. A number of agricultural groups opposed Huelskamp in the primary.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Cecil Currin

Today is not my lucky day. I am sitting in the Louisville airport waiting for a plane with mechanical problems—better than in the air—much better. I have been at the airport since 5:45am and will get home at about 2am tomorrow morning. Remind me to drive to the SWCS/ARCSE meeting next time.

My thoughts are on water because the SWCS conference was about "Managing Great River Landscapes." The opening speaker was memorable. He started picking up trash in and on the Mississippi River when he was a barefoot kid in overalls. He is now 32 years old and heads a nonprofit with a budget over \$10 million. He organizes thousands of volunteers and has removed some 8 million pounds of garbage from 23 rivers. He was hailed as "America's hardest working person" when recognized as a "point of light" by **President Bush**. All four living presidents gave **Chad Pregrache** a standing ovation. Chad proved that one person, even a very young person, can make a difference. I will never forget the privilege of listening to this young environmental hero.

I am also thinking about the mighty St. Lawrence River which flows by my dock. More than a quarter of the fresh water reserves in the universe are in the St. Lawrence River system. Where we are in the 1,000 Islands area it's not just fishable and swimmable, it's drinkable. While the world is short of water, we have an abundance in NY. As we all know, large parts of the world are so water-short that families spend more than half of their income just for drinking water. Inequities in water are commonplace all over the world. The irrigated valleys in California are short of water or already dry or salted out. Water, not oil, is our major problem for the future.

Some thoughts about water:

- It takes 26 gallons of water to produce a pound of tomatoes.
- One pound of asparagus requires 250 gallons of water,
- and a single almond requires a gallon of water for production. Think about that when you eat an almond.

We only think about water when we can't get it, but it is destined to become more precious and more controversial as we try to feed the increasing world population. As **Will Rogers** put it long ago, "Whiskey is for drinking, water is for fighting over." We can all make a difference using drip irrigation, short showers, and maybe not-so-green lawns. As young Chad showed us, one person picking up garbage can make our rivers much better resources. One person conserving water can also make a difference.

## A BIT OF HISTORY

**Douglas Helms, Historian; and Ron Marlow, Secretary-Treasurer**

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ARCSE members and others often contact ARCSE support staff searching for information about the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and specifically for enrollee records. This article gives a brief history of the CCC, introduces the CCC Legacy, and provides information about where enrollee records are maintained. Web links are provided for information about obtaining copies of records.

**Brief History of the CCC:** In 1932, one-fourth of America's men between the ages of 15 and 24 could not find work. Another 29 percent worked only part-time. Incoming President **Franklin D. Roosevelt** proposed on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 1933, that Congress create "a civilian conservation corps to be used in simple work, not interfering with normal employment, and confining itself to forestry, the prevention of soil erosion, flood control and similar projects."

When the Soil Erosion Service (SES) was created in the Department of the Interior on September 19, 1933, its new director, **Hugh Hammond Bennett**, wanted CCC camps assigned to his new agency. He planned to carry out watershed-based demonstrations of soil and water conservation. The CCC enrollees could be invaluable in helping farmers install soil conservation practices.

During the life of CCC, SCS supervised the work of more than 800 of the 4,500 camps. Black enrollees worked in more than 100 of those camps. SES, and later SCS (Soil Conservation Service), supervised this work. Also, a number of former enrollees, having learned soil conservation methods, became SCS employees. The CCC was an important element in Bennett's success in creating the soil conservation movement.

A reprint of an article published in the Journal of Soil and Water Conservation, "The Civilian Conservation Corps: Demonstrating the Value of Soil Conservation," is posted at: [http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/about/history/?cid=nrcs143\\_021393](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/about/history/?cid=nrcs143_021393).

**CCC Legacy:** The purpose of the CCC Legacy is to promote awareness of the CCC program so that communities can recognize the contributions of America's youth during the Great Depression. The goals are as follow:

- To honor those who responded to the call to become stewards of the land
- To preserve the stories of the people and projects of the CCC
- To earn funds for CCC Interpretive displays for the new CCC Interpretive Center
- To develop educational programs that will teach citizens of all age

- To support the preservation of CCC heritage
- To strengthen the CCC legacy

Website link for CCC Legacy: <http://www.cclegacy.org/>

**CCC Enrollee Records:** The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) maintains Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) enrollee records. Records may include application information, education, camps and duties, medical information, leave and absences, and discharge information. The website at the following link provides an example of a record and instructions on how to obtain a copy of an enrollee's records.

Link to website: <http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/archival-programs/civilian-personnel-archival/ccc-holdings-access.html#access>

Link to an enrollee discharge record posted on the CCC Legacy website: [http://www.cclegacy.org/uploads/15-LF-CLC-6615-20\\_Morgan\\_Discharge.pdf](http://www.cclegacy.org/uploads/15-LF-CLC-6615-20_Morgan_Discharge.pdf)

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

*Ron Marlow, Secretary Treasurer*

### New Members

Jolley, Leonard	CA	Osborn, Scott	IA
Gulliford, Jim	IA	Shreve, Sterling	IA
Knudsen, Chris	IA	Ball, Bob	MO
Knutson, Russell	IA	Horton, Robert, Jr.	NC
Manternach, Steve	IA	Nelson, Robert John	NC
		Simmons, Cheryl	TX

### 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.*

## ARCSE Budget and Membership Report for FY 2016

*Ron Marlow, Secretary Treasurer*

As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016, ARCSE's membership was 915. This is a 48% decrease from the high of 1,768 members in 1998. Over the last eight years, membership has decreased by 306 members, at an average rate of 3.2% annually.

There were 37 new members in FY16, 22 more than FY 15. 20 new members were complimentary. Nine of the 10 complimentary in FY15 joined in FY16. There were 31 members dropped at the May 1<sup>st</sup> cutoff. There are 799 newsletters distributed by email, 92 of which are distributed to NRCS leadership. 231 newsletters are distributed in hard copy.

### Budget Report—Fiscal Year 2016 (July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016)

#### Income

Item	FY16 Actual
Annual Mtg.- NC	\$1,050
Dues	8,922
Dues Life	*2,200
Interest Income	301
Contributions	899
Contributions (Life Members)	885
Hardcopy contributions	3,479
Bank Fee Refund	90
Reserve Funds	0
Total	\$17,826

#### Expenses

Item	FY 16 Actual
Administration	\$3,060
Annual Mtg.- NC	3,290
Newsletter	6,675
Webpage	600
Awards	370
Membership in CCC Legacy	20
Bank Charges	162
Total	\$14,177

*\* Lifetime Dues for 13 lifetime memberships. 519 members currently pay dues on an annual basis accounting for approximately \$9,000.*

### ARCSE ASSETS, As of 07/01/2016 (Includes unrealized gains)

#### Liquid Assets

Total Bank Accounts (Savings and Checking) 12,603.92

#### Investment Accounts

Certificates of Deposit Totaling 22,951.36

#### OVERALL TOTAL Assets

\* 35,555.28

#### OVERALL TOTAL – (07/10/2015)

31,906.56

#### NET CHANGE

\*\*3,648.72

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

*\*\* Total assets have decreased eleven of the last thirteen years. During that period, total assets have decreased by 40 percent from \$59,475 to \$35,555.*

## Analysis of FY 16 Expenses per Member

Average annual expenses, per member, receiving hard copy newsletter	\$27.95
Average annual expenses, per member, receiving the electronic newsletter	\$ 9.53
Average annual difference in expense per member (hard copy vs. electronic copy) - (difference)	\$18.42

## Analysis of Current Finances

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

**Distribution of the newsletter electronically.** Over three fourths of the membership now receives the newsletter by email, and this has reduced the publication and distribution costs by 54% and the total expenses by 38%. Why not more? Over the last three years (as the number of copies printed has decreased from 1,160 to 230) the average cost per page for printing has increased by 28% and the number of pages per copy has increased by 35%. This increase in number of pages is for the most part due to a significant increase in the number of photos—much appreciated by membership. The editor does decrease the size of photos for the printed version. This sometimes saves four pages.

## Current Actions by the Board Related to the Printed Newsletter.

During Board meetings on July 25 and August 16, 2016, the following motions were adopted:

- Printed and mailed copies of the newsletter will be provided only to members who pay an additional fee of \$12 per year above the lifetime or annual dues payment.
- Only the electronic newsletter will be provided with the complimentary one year membership.

The Board sees these actions as necessary to place ARCSE on a more sound financial footing. They will become effective on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

707 members (77% of our membership) currently receive the newsletter electronically. Over 60% of the 231 members currently receiving hard copies of the newsletter have agreed to either switch to the electronic copy or pay an additional fee, or are already making contributions to cover the additional cost. The Board's action allows those members who prefer the hard copy, or do not have adequate service to receive the electronic copy, to keep receiving the printed newsletter by mail. Measures will be taken to credit those members who have already made contributions to cover their printed copies in future years. These measures will be described in both the November newsletter and in the dues notices that will be issued with the November newsletter.

## ARCSE REPRESENTATIVES

*By Ron Marlow, Secretary Treasurer*

### Introducing New State Representatives

On behalf of the ARCSE Board, I want to welcome several new state representatives.

Upon retirement of ARCSE state representative **Sharon Norris**, the new state representative for Idaho is **Jim Cornwell**. **Jim**, a new ARCSE member, retired in 2006 as the NRCS State Range Conservationist in Boise, ID.

Upon the retirement of ARCSE state representative **Larry Torres**, the new state representatives in Ohio are **Jon Gerken** and **Bob Parkinson**. **Jon**, a soil scientist, retired in 2012 as an NRCS assistant program manager, and **Bob** retired in 2011 as an NRCS soil scientist in Columbus, Ohio.

Upon retirement of ARCSE state representative **Charles Thompson**, the new state representative for south Texas is **Rosendo Trevino**. **Rosendo** retired in 2011 as an NRCS Natural Resources Specialist.

The ARCSE Board deeply appreciates Sharon's, Larry's, and Charles's efforts in leading ARCSE activities in their respective states. The Board is extremely pleased to see ARCSE members like Jim, Jon, Bob, and Rosendo stepping forth into ARCSE leadership roles.

## ANNUAL ARCSE LUNCHEON

*By Ron Marlow, Secretary-Treasurer*

The annual Association of Retired Conservation Service Employees (ARCSE) luncheon was held at the Galt House, Louisville, KY July 25<sup>th</sup>. The annual ARCSE meeting is held in conjunction with the annual Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) Meeting. **Billye Haslett** was emcee, and **Bob Eddleman** did the invocation. We heard from an array of speakers that included, in addition to **Gayle Barry** representing the Chief of NRCS, Kentucky State Conservationist **Karen Woodrich**, Indiana State Conservationist **Jane Hardisty**, SWCS President **Mark Berkland**, SWCS Executive Director **Jim Gulliford**, and ARCSE President **Cecil Currin**.

The following people attended the annual luncheon in Louisville, KY, sorted by last name.

First Name	Last Name	City	State
Mark	Berkland	Rolesville	NC
Gayle	Barry	Washington	DC
Bill	Bowers	Enola	PA
Cecil	Currin	Hadley	MA
Rich	Duesterhaus	Vienna	VA
Bob	Eddleman	Indianapolis	IN
Bob	Ensor	Manchester	MD
Becky	Fletcher Thompson	Danville	IN
Penny	Galatin	Pierre	SD
Jim	Gulliford	Ames	IA
Jane	Hardisty	Indianapolis	IN
Billye	Haslett	Lexington	KY
Greg	Johnson	Lexington	KY
Norm	Kempf	Lincoln	NE

Arnold	King	Granbury	TX
Ron	Marlow	Fairfax Station	VA
Ann	Marlow	Fairfax Station	VA
Jude	Mollenhauer	Vienna	VA
Julia	Norton	Auburn	AL
Earl	Norton	Auburn	AL
Janice	Reid	Palm Coast	FL
John	Robbins	Scottsburg	IN
Cheryl	Simmons	Fort Worth	TX
Harold	Thompson	Danville	IN
Karen	Woodrich	Lexington	KY
Dana	York	Jonesborough	TN
John	Peterson	Burke	VA
Blanche	Peterson	Burke	VA



*Much visiting during the social hour. Foreground: Jane Hardisty and Cecil Currin. Background L-R: Billye Haslett and Cheryl Simmons; Gayle Barry and Bruce Knight; Julie Knight and Dana York.*



*These attendees look anxious to partake*



*Gayle Barry, NRCS Regional Conservationist-Northeast, updates attendees on activities with NRCS.*

## ARIZONA

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**Warren Fitzgerald Report:** Warren and Rita Fitzgerald, Sun City, took a June trip to Kansas, Illinois, and Wisconsin. Our son, Scott, Overland Park, KS took a week vacation and volunteered to do the driving. His youngest daughter, Eliza, 15, accompanied us. In Urbana, IL we visited son Mark and his wife, Sharon. While there, we celebrated our 67<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Then on to WI where we were guests of nephew Jim and wife, Sandie Fitzgerald on their 2,000-acre, 1,200 cow family farm. Their three daughters, a son, and son-in-law are all actively involved in the farm. Most of their acreage is farmed using no-till farming methods. While there, our hosts held an open house for a great visit with relatives and friends. We also enjoyed a Friday night perch fish fry, which Wisconsin is famous for, along with cheese.

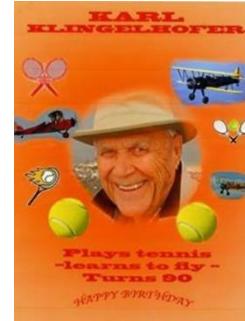
On our return to KS, we stopped again in Urbana and took a trip to Springfield for a visit to the Lincoln Museum and Tomb—very impressive. We have lived in Sun City for 28 years, our longest stay since our marriage 67 years ago!

**Bill Fobair Report:** Bill and Joyce Fobair celebrated their 67<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016. **Gary Nordstrom Report:** Just a short note to update everyone on my current situation following my heart attack last February. I went into cardio rehab in May. Then in June I needed a Biventricular Automatic Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator/Pacemaker to help stabilize the heart. I said goodbye to my Zoll Life Vest, and the implant was put in at the end of June and seems to be functioning well. Hopefully that will be the last of the surgeries. There hasn't been any time to travel and visit friends due to all the doctor appointments. I hope to start travelling again this fall. I appreciated all the cards and letters I received during this period and thank all of you for your support and prayers.

**Karl Klingelhofer Report:** "I have lived in this Active Adult Community called SaddleBrooke for 25 years. I joined the Tennis Club when I came and am now the oldest member of The Club. I still try to play tennis three times a week. It is doubles, and we are up in age with a number of 80-year-olds. Many are in their 70s, and then there are some kids in their 50s and 60s. Our sessions are computerized and they try to have us play with those of somewhat equal capability.

I really had a great birthday. I have no family within 400 miles, but they were all here: two sons and wives, five grandchildren with spouses if married, and two great grandsons. They came from Maine, New York, Florida, New Mexico, and California. Also included were six neighbors and my flying instructor and girlfriend. All eating and drinking took place at my home. There were a total of 22 people, and I feel blessed to have such a great family and a great 90 years."

On August 11<sup>th</sup> I had my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. I signed up to play tennis at 7am but then it poured rain (yes, in Arizona). Apparently the Club had planned to honor me at 9am when my session was finished. About 9:30 I received a call from one of the Club members and he asked if he could stop by. I said I have some family members here, but he said he wouldn't stay long. So he came and delivered a cake that they were going to present to me and they would have a photographer there. They also posted a picture on the bulletin boards. Copies are below.



Bill and Joyce Fobair on the 67<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their wedding day



## CALIFORNIA

### **Bill Ward, ARCSE Representative**

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Hello to all our fellow SCS/NRCS retirees across the country. After missing our July luncheon, we had a small group that made it to our August luncheon that included Shirley Leeper, Harold Honeyfield, Ed and Bertha Schmidt, Walt Sykes and myself. Walt Sykes typically meets with a smaller group of retirees for breakfast each month as well.

I had a chance to talk on the phone with **Ted Gerbaz**, our former State Conservation Engineer, after he shared with me by e-mail that he had taken a recent fall and would not be able to make our luncheon. Ted told me he was "moving slow but doing well." Ted turned 90 earlier this year, and he shared with me that he and his wife Ila have 15 great grandkids, and all their family members are doing well. It is always great to talk to Ted, and we talked about what a great agency and group of people we were blessed to work for and with!

I also caught up with **Gary Bullard** on the phone, and he told me he is doing well in his recovery from his hip replacement surgery, and is able to get around the house and short distances pretty well with a cane most of the time.

**Helen Flach** shared the following update with me on her recent travels as well as upcoming travel plans: "I have just finished rafting the Grand Canyon with my two grandsons, 9 and 11 years old. Six days on the river, lots of whitewater, a few monsoons,

some hot weather, but a wonderful experience for the boys. This is my second time—I first rafted the GC 11 years ago. I will be home for a week before I leave for a month to Romania, Moldova, and Poland." Here are a few pictures from Helen's rafting trip.



**Ready to Raft!**



**Helen Flach with her daughter and grandsons**



**Some of the slower Water!**



**Helen and Her Grandsons**

**Jack and Kathy Bramhall.** **Jack**, SCS Forester, retired January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1995. "After I retired, I initially taught forestry at American University, until **Kathy** retired in 1997, and we moved back to Red Bluff. Teaching was fun, and I thoroughly enjoyed it. It was satisfying to explain to students the differences between what the books said, and the way it really is. However, when we moved, it was too far to commute, so I had to find something closer to home.

I worked as a Projects Manager for Western Shasta RC&D for 14 years, retiring for the last time in February, 2015. After all the years planning projects for SCS, it was a welcome change to be part of a project implementation team. Our mix of projects ran the gamut from fuel reduction, to post-fire rehab, to mitigation bank establishment, so it was never boring.

The largest drawback to working for an RC&D was constantly working with soft money, which translates to continually chasing grant funds. This is a huge change from working with the large USDA budget, where you had to spend it or lose it. All RC&D's are unique, with their program reflecting the local resource concerns and politics. I am also on the board of the RC&D of Tehama County, and the two RC&D's are very different. I have been retired from SCS long enough that there are only about six employees here in Area 1 who I worked with. Time sure does fly when you are having all this fun.

As I said, **Kathy** retired in 1997 and immediately jumped into a second career, that of becoming a flower show judge. She belongs to several garden clubs and is active in the California Garden Clubs, Incorporated. This time of year she is busy judging flowers at the various county fairs around the north state, ranging from Alameda County Fair, to the Plumas County Fair, to the Trinity County Fair. The Red Bluff Garden Club is in charge of the flower exhibits at the Tehama County Fair, so Kathy is heavily involved in it.

Our three sons are living in northern California, so we see them regularly. They have blessed us with four grandchildren, who range in age from 10 to 26. This gives us a wide range of grandparent experiences. We have one great granddaughter, age nine, who lives in Williston, ND. We see her and her mother about once a year. We've traveled to ND twice now—great trip, but long.

We had a call last week from **Dave Patterson**, Area 1 Biologist for years. He and wife, **Sandy**, live in north Georgia. Dave had some comments to add to the input to the Pit River Study. He has been assisting a group that maintains parts of the Appalachian Trail, which is the east coast version of the Pacific Crest Trail.

We had a Christmas card from **Dave and Bobbi Clay**. They are both holding their own. For years Dave was an engineer in Modoc County, and then the RC&D Coordinator in Alturas when he retired.

We also had a late Christmas letter from **Art Hawk**. Art was the DC in Alturas when he retired, Loyalton before that, and way back, Homer, AK. Art has lived in Colorado for many years. He is well, except for badly deteriorating eyesight. He still has his great story-telling gift!

We see **Lin and Valerie Brooks** around town occasionally, usually at the grocery store!"

I only recently connected with **Jack and Kathy Bramhall** to get their e-mail address on our California retiree group list. Thanks Jack and Kathy for this nice update!

We received information that **Barbara Foster**, Budget and Finance Officer in the Davis State Office, passed away July 12<sup>th</sup> after a long struggle with COPD. Barbara had probably been retired at least 10 years. There may or may not be a service for her, and if additional information becomes available I will share that.

If anybody out there would like contact information for any of our California retirees to make a personal contact please let me know via my e-mail. I have personally enjoyed connecting one-on-one with my fellow retirees in other states and know many of our retirees would welcome connecting with old friends and co-workers as well. That is all for this time folks, Best Wishes to all our SCS/NRCS retirees across the country!



**Jack and Kathy Bramhall, June, 2015**

## COLORADO

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From **Jack Carlson**: Retired plant materials specialists **Dan Ogle** (Idaho), **Wendell Hassell** (Colorado), **Larry Holzworth** (Montana), **Jack Carlson** (Colorado), and **Wendall Oaks** (Colorado) convened in Salt Lake City, UT on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 for the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Love of Grass botanizing trek. Somewhat rudderless with the absence of elders **Bob MacLaughlan** (Nebraska) and **Curtis Sharp** (West Virginia), the group made its way north stopping to see good friends at the ARS crops research lab at Logan, then on to the Aberdeen PMC to catch up on their good work there, then botanizing at Coffee Point, Craters of the Moon, Camas Prairie Centennial Marsh, Castle Rocks, Orchard, and Balanced Rock. Finally, south into Nevada to the old Trout Creek riparian and grass plantings near Jackpot. Sufficiently recharged, back across Salt Lake with plans to reconvene in 2017 at a location determined by elders **Sharp** and **MacLaughlan**.



**L—R: Jack Carlson, Wendall Oaks, Dan Ogle, Larry Holzworth, and Wendell Hassell at Craters of the Moon.**

## ILLINOIS

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**Earl Voss** had a bad case of diverticulitis in August and had surgery. Everything went well and he is home healing. Good thing you got rid of your soil investigation tools, Earl, or you would be behind on your schedule. By the way, I thought diverticulitis was a soil term, but when I looked it up in my soils handbook I couldn't find the word! We are glad that your surgery was successful.

The Southwestern Retiree group met in Litchfield in July for lunch and visiting. Attending were **Mook and Helen Allen, John and Patty Paden, John Burns, Albert Dowland, Dave Lightle, Ed Weilbacher, and Dave and Maribeth Rahe**.

We are sorry to report the passing of spouses of two of our retirees. **Nancy Fasig**, wife of **Joe Fasig**, passed away in April. Joe and Nancy had been married for over 61 years. **Marion Deeds**, husband of **Beth Deeds** passed away on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Beth and Marion celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary last December. We extend our sympathy to Joe and his family and Beth and her family.

Our next gathering of SCS/NRCS retirees in Illinois will be October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Urbana Gardens Family Restaurant, 810 West Killarney, Urbana. We will begin at 11:30 for lunch and visiting. Hope you can attend.

## INDIANA

**Harold Thompson, ARCSE Representative**

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What retirees do after they retire! The following pictures show **Jerry Perkins** and **Harold Thompson** working at the Indiana Conservation Partnership's Pathway to Water Quality at the State Fair on a rainy Saturday morning! Pathway is a one-acre permanent outdoor exhibit that attracts over 60,000 fair-goers each year. The exhibit is also used for school tours throughout the year. Pathway is a model watershed built in 1993 that shows all land uses and explains how individual actions impact water quality.



Earth Team Volunteers Harold Thompson, left, and Jerry Perkins ready to greet the fair goers.



Legendary Charles Deem (aka Matt Jones), left, Indiana's first State Forester, talks trees with Harold Thompson.



Bob Eddleman wants people to know about the threat of invasive plants to Indiana's ecosystem.



Harold Thompson shares information about soil health and invasive plants on the Pathway to Water Quality Bridge on busy days during the fair.

## IOWA

**Mark Jensen, ARCSE Representative**

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**Lyle and Charlotte Asell** recently attended a reunion of his Viet Nam Army unit in Golden, CO. Lyle was part of the 579<sup>th</sup> Terrain Intelligence Detachment Unit (Viet Nam) where he served in 1967-68. Lyle provided the following information about the reunion

and his service in Viet Nam. He told me to edit as necessary, but this is so interesting that I'm including all of it. Thank you, Lyle, for your service and also for providing the following:

"We (the 579<sup>th</sup> Terrain Intelligence Detachment Unit) were unusual for several reasons. We were small, usually around 11 guys. Virtually everybody had a degree, ranging from BS to PhD. We were older than most GIs. We each had an area of technical expertise, regardless of rank. We provided data to military units on construction material (laterite, rock, bamboo, etc.), mapped tunnels; predicted floods; evaluated roads, bridges and old French bases; mapped vegetation (ranging from Elephant Grass to triple canopy jungle); etc. We had geologists, mining engineers, civil engineers, soil scientists, agronomists, foresters, geophysicists, and, of course, biologists.

One memorable mission was so top secret even our CO didn't know where four of us were. The mission was to Khe Sahn, near the DMZ, where we were with a Marine Long Range Recon company to gather data for what became known as **McNamara's** electronic barrier across the DMZ. My part was to map vegetation which would affect which sensing devices would be deployed. (Since we were sternly warned not to tell anyone about the mission, and my unit didn't know where I was, I went without mail or pay for a month. Two weeks after returning to the 579<sup>th</sup> I was sent to DaNang with two other guys to predict floods on 18 rivers in I Corps. Since we did not control the mountains where runoff occurred, we had no data to work with and were told to do the best we could. For three months we had nothing to do, and to top it off, my pay never caught up with me. Luckily **Dave Nelson**, one of the reunion organizers, floated me a few loans. (I think I even paid him back).

There were nine members at the reunion (I served with eight of them) and five spouses or their children. We had a great time remembering various events and telling stories, which were amazingly consistent. When you spent a lot of time together, as we did in a situation far from home, you get to know each other pretty well and develop friendships. Then life happens and you don't see each other for 48 years, but it is amazing how fast you reconnect.

Lives after Viet Nam were interesting, and many members of the 579<sup>th</sup> were/are outstanding in their chosen fields, be it education, mining, business, public service, etc. One of the guys attending the reunion was **Roger Hammer** who spent most of his career as a Soil Scientist for SCS/NRCS in Nebraska. One of the guys tried to identify those who served in the 579<sup>th</sup> which was in Viet Nam from 1966 to 1970. Veterans of the 579<sup>th</sup> came from all over the US and attended many universities. Iowa State University and Colorado School of Mines provided more than any other university, with one guy who received degrees from both."

**Lee White** enjoyed another successful fishing trip to Canada during the third week of June. His party of 13 traveled to a super-secret lake in Ontario about 17 hours north of Ankeny. The fish were plentiful, and the eating was even better. Lee continues to serve as fry cook for the annual trip. Lots of stories were shared—a few of them true.

Thanks to **Jim Ayen** for the following: "I really like Southern Gospel music, so when I heard that the first Wisconsin Gospel Music Festival was being held in Wisconsin Dells, I had to go! It was a great Memorial Day weekend with Legacy 5, Ernie Haas and Signature Sound, The Browns (from LeMars, IA), Cana's Voice, The Ball Brothers, and Ken Davis. It was an amazing experience, and the cost was great: only \$69 for all three concerts. Just right for retirees! It was so good I purchased my ticket for 2017 (May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>). Come join me! Besides, it's in the Dells!"

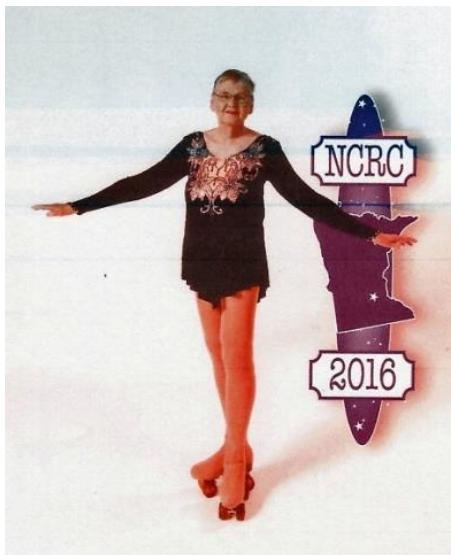
**Roger and Donita Link** have made a couple of trips down south. In May, they toured places from here to Louisiana to Tennessee and back. Roger said some of the highlights included: "A 'Poboy' shrimp sandwich at a French Quarter sidewalk cafe in New Orleans which was very good; the old above ground cemeteries of New Orleans; a shrimp boat cruise in the Gulf at Biloxi, MS; touring the Jefferson Davis home, the Beavoir; seeing mile after mile of homes by the Gulf shore that were destroyed by Hurricane Katrina—the debris was removed, but the houses have not been rebuilt; great barbecue and Blues Music at the Kings Palace Restaurant on Beale Street in Memphis, TN; the Lorraine Motel in Memphis where **Martin Luther King** was assassinated in April, 1968; **Elvis Presley's** home, Graceland, museums—and of course the gift shop had to be visited."



**Lyle Asell** has managed to keep his slim figure and can still fit (pretty much) into his Class A uniform!



**Lee White** hoists a 24" walleye as an envious friend looks on.



**Jan Schmidt** after winning the **Regional Golden A Women's Solo Dance Championship** in Jefferson City, MO.

**Jan Schmidt** started roller skating in Queens, NY, at the age of 14 to earn a Girl Scout Badge. She fell in love with the sport and decided to join the skating club at the rink and learn figure skating and dance. She met her husband **Joe** at one of the rinks, and they became dance partners and eventually were married. Their two children, **Joan and Joe** were also roller skaters. Jan and her husband skated together for many years. After his death, she continued in the sport. Last year she won her dance division, Golden A Women's Solo Dance, at the North Central Regional Championships in Jefferson City, MO. This year she repeated as Regional Golden A Women's Solo Dance champion at the Regionals in St. Louis Park, MN. Jan hopes to skate the event again next year and plans to continue to skate and compete as long as she can. Way to go Jan!

**Roger and Donita**'s second trip south was to attend the AAU National Junior Olympics swimming competition held in Pearland, TX (near Houston) on July 30<sup>th</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup>. Three of their grandchildren qualified for the swimming competition for Team Arkansas. The three swimmers—ages 11, 14, and 17—earned ribbons and medals at this national level competition which greatly helped their team. There were teams from as far away as Saudi Arabia at the competition. Roger said their swimming skills certainly did not come from their grandparents, as walking is the best they can do!

The Des Moines Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI) was held on July 24-30. A group of conservation partners, including SWCS, NRCS, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (Division of Soil Conservation and Water Quality), Conservation Districts of Iowa, local Soil Conservation districts, and the IDOT Roadside Program Staff, hand out free water, bananas, and postcards to riders along the route. **Duane Miller**, along with his grand-daughter **Samantha**, participated in handing out these items to the riders. This is the 12<sup>th</sup> year that Duane has participated in this activity.

## KANSAS

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Greetings from the Kansas SCS/NRCS retirees. The Olympics are over and it's time to get other things done. We were able to get the games on seven channels, and many days the TV went on around 9am and didn't go off until midnight on a number of nights. Needless to say I am tired! We really enjoyed watching some of the lesser events—table tennis, badminton, rugby, handball, fencing, etc. And would you believe I am now into the Little League World Series with games broadcast all day long.

We have been having some wonderful summer days—temperatures in the 80s—so also have been enjoying the outdoors some.

Twenty-three retirees and guests attended the Annual Meeting of the Kansas SCS/NRCS Retirees Association on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at the Holiday Inn in Salina, KS. Attending were: **Kayla Ascher, Thomas Badger, Harold and Paula Blume, Dennis and Vera Brinkman, Rosie Collins, Don Cooper, Duane Evans, Jean Hamilton, Gary Kelley, Ron and Deanne Lull, Dale McClaskey and guest Joyce Rich, John and Linda Ourada, Loren and Darlene Pearson, John Reh, Mary Shaffer, and Lawrence and Phyllis Wetter.**

After a lot of visiting and reminiscing, followed by a delicious dinner buffet, guests **Jennifer and Dean Krehbiel** presented the program. **Jennifer** took us inside a bee hive describing the life of the queen bee and workers and showing how the hive is developed. She shared some of her experiences as a beekeeper over the last eight years. **Dean** then brought us up to date on the current NRCS activities in Kansas.

The short business meeting included comments by **Mary Shaffer** on the Association's financial status, and a few words from NARFE representative, **John Ourada**, and Kansas ARCSE representative, **Deanne Lull**. A memorial service with a moment of silence was held, honoring retirees and spouses who had passed away this past year.

Door prizes were awarded to **Gary Kelley** for traveling the farthest and to **Dale McClaskey** for being the oldest retiree in attendance and also for having the most great-grandchildren.

August is time for the Saline County fair. Retiree **Mary Shaffer** won the sweepstakes in the Adult Open Class for Horticulture. She exhibited a very nice display of flowers from her yard. **Jean Hamilton**, spouse of **Vernon** (deceased), received a blue ribbon for a hand-quilted feathered star wall hanging, and red ribbons for a machine-quilted tablecloth and for embroidered tulips pillow cases. She also received a white ribbon for a baby quilt she had restored in the antiques category.

Two retirees have reached milestone birthdays. **Edie Hadle**, who retired from the Plant Materials Center in 1983, has reached the age of 94. **William Roth**, who spent the 1980s as the Kansas State Soil Scientist, has turned 82.



**Front Row:** Jean Hamilton, Darlene Pearson, Mary Shaffer, Deanne Lull, Ron Lull, Don Cooper. **Middle Row:** Loren Pearson, Phyllis Wetter, Duane Evans, Paula Blume, Linda Ourada, Kayla Ascher, Rosie Collins, Dale McClaskey. **Back Row:** Gary Kelley, John Reh, Lawrence Wetter, Harold Blume, John Ourada, Dennis Brinkman, Vera Brinkman, Joyce Rich. Attended but not pictured: Thomas Badger.

We were saddened to learn of several deaths. Retiree **Lonnie L. Schulze** passed away July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016. **Lonnie** retired in 2000 as the State Resource Conservationist on the Resource Conservation Staff in the Kansas State Office. His wife **Jeanne** survives.

**Granville W. Davidson** passed away August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016. **Granville** retired in 1986 as a Conservation Agronomist in the Topeka, KS, Area Office. He is survived by his wife **Ruth Marie**

Two spouses recently passed away: **Doris L. Penner** on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016, and **Erlene Spriggs** on July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016. **Doris** was the spouse of **Harold** who survives. He retired in January 1980 as a soil scientist. **Erlene** was the spouse of **Donald** who passed away in 2005. He served as a construction Inspector at a number of watershed projects.

## KENTUCKY

### Vacant, ARCSE Representative

**Note: Billye Haslett is no longer the Representative for Kentucky, but she graciously submitted the following:**

**Jerry Coleman**, President of the KY SCS/NRCS Retiree association has reserved 20 rooms at the main lodge at Lake Cumberland State Resort Park near Jamestown, KY for the night of October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. The park's phone number is: (270) 343-3111. The rooms will be held until September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. The KY SCS/NRCS retiree association meeting is scheduled on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and will be held at the Pumpkin Creek Lodge about a half mile from the main lodge. The meeting will start at 9:30am Central Time.

**Deena Wheby**, ASTC-Programs, KY, NRCS reported: More than 20 Kentucky State Office retirees and spouses were recent guests at the State Office's annual "Spring Fling" cookout in the office's back parking lot. Started in 1985 by then State Conservationist **Randall Geissler**, the Spring Fling has been a long-standing tradition and a treat for the ladies of the State Office, as the men take care of the preparations and food. Retired State Soil Scientist and Grill Master **Bill Craddock** has cooked at nearly all of the 32 lunches. State Office retirees have been invited the last two years, and their attendance numbers rival the ever-shrinking numbers of the current State Office staff. It is a good opportunity for the retirees to meet new employees who hold positions they once held, to hear how things "aren't like they used to be," and to fellowship with friends and former co-workers.

We welcome recent retirees to our ranks: **Marvis Barrick**, Soil Conservation Technician, Glasgow, KY; **Barbara Clough**, State Office, Lexington, KY; **Charlie Farmer**, Supervisory Natural Resources Manager, Lexington, KY; **Jack Kuhn**, Assistant State Conservationist, Lexington, KY; **Charlie McIntire**, District Conservationist; and **Joe Montgomery**, District Conservationist, Somerset, KY.

**R. Dwain Abell**, retired Engineer sends best wishes from Mayfield, KY. Dwain has a pre-scheduled doctor's appointment in Nashville, so will not be able to attend the retiree meeting this year.

Emails to **Henry Amos** have been failing. Per phone conversation, Henry reports that his email hasn't changed: [amosfarm@scrtc.com](mailto:amosfarm@scrtc.com). However, as of this mailing we're still unable to get email through. Henry said he's not doing too

well—getting older. Drop Henry a line at 6015 Lonoke Rd., Horse Cave, KY 42749, or give him a call at (270) 786-2671. If you talk with him, let him know his email still has a problem. Based on the return message, I suspect the mailbox is full.

**KY** is in search of an Association of Retired Conservation Service Employees (ARCSE) representative. Duties include submitting KY retiree news every two months to **Jerry Bernard**, the ARCSE newsletter editor; maintaining a record of retirees (address, phone number, and email); obtaining new retiree information from the NRCS state office; submitting death notices to **Ron Marlow**, Secretary/Treasurer of ARCSE; and inviting new retirees to join ARCSE. The representative must be a member of ARCSE. Dues are \$18.00 annually. It's an opportunity to keep in touch with retirees across the state, and help is available. **Billye Haslett and Connie McKinney** maintain the database with information that all retirees provide to keep the records current. Serving in this position can be very rewarding. If willing to serve, please contact one of the officers: **Jerry Coleman**, President; **Fred Alcott**, Vice President or **Joel Legris**, Secretary/Treasurer.

**George Ballard**, retired District Conservationist and wife **Betty**'s new email address: georgeandbettyballard@gmail.com. **Anthony Burns** has reported a new address: 7600 Organ Creek RD, Pendleton, KY 40055; agburns@gmail.com. **Mark Claxton**, retired Supervisory Natural Resources Manager (SNRM), reports that he has moved. His new address is 4764 Julian Newstead Road, Hopkinsville, KY 42240. You can reach Mark at marktclaxton@gmail.com. Mark volunteers with the local fire department in Hopkinsville. **Larry Eastham** spends six months in Florida and six months in Bardstown, KY. He's still a member of the Nelson County Conservation District Board. His wife **Pat** is celebrating her 14<sup>th</sup> year as a cancer survivor. They enjoy their three grandchildren and one great-grandchild very much.



Kentucky "Spring Fling" attendees. See if you can identify these retirees: Steve Crabtree, Bill Craddock, Steve Christenson, Joe Davis, Bob Eigel, Shirley Hill, Beecher Hines, Greg Johnson, Glenn Kelley, Connie McKinney, Peggy Smith, and David Stipes.

**Charlie Farmer**, retired Supervisory Natural Resources Manager (SNRM) reports: My wife **Lisa** and I celebrated our 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a seven-day cruise to the Southern Caribbean, visiting the islands of St. Maarten, St. Kitts, Antigua, St. Lucie and Barbados. It was our first time cruising, and it was wonderful. I would recommend it highly. The family is doing well. My oldest son, **Jonathon** is working for GE in Cincinnati as a mechanical engineer on the next generation of airplane engines. My daughter **Morgan** is a registered nurse in Bowling Green, KY. She and her husband **Tanner** celebrated their second anniversary this year. Our youngest son **Brandon** got married in June and is in his second year of medical school at the University of KY. His wife **Mara** will be teaching freshman English this fall at George Rogers Clark High School in Winchester, KY.

**Tom Gullion**, retired CET, reports that he has purchased a fifth-wheel camper. He and his wife spend the winter in Ft. Meyers, FL. Goodbye winter!

**Billye Haslett**, retired State Administrative Officer: I bought four heirloom tomato plants this year for \$10, and I've gotten three tomatoes—not a good return on my investment. I think they got too much rain. The plants produced a lot of vines! I attended the annual Association of Retired Conservation Service Employees (ARCSE) luncheon at the Galt House, Louisville, KY July 25<sup>th</sup>. The annual ARCSE meeting is held in conjunction with the annual Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) Meeting. There were three KY SCS/NRCS retirees from KY in attendance: **Greg Johnson**, **John Robbins**, retired soil scientist, and myself.

**Steve Ewalt**, retired District Conservationist, owns and operates a jewelry store in Cynthiana, KY. Cynthiana recently held the "Walking Dead" festival, which attracted thousands of Zombies to Cynthiana. The creator of the "Walking Dead" series is from Cynthiana. Steve got into the act by placing a Zombie in his jewelry store display window, which got him featured in the Lexington Herald Newspaper prior to the Zombie Festival. Read more here:

<http://www.kentucky.com/news/state/article93689787.html#storylink=cpy>

There were 28 attendees at the luncheon, which was reported to be the lowest number ever. The ARCSE membership has fallen below 1,000 members for the first time. It was also reported that the SWCS membership has dropped to 3,500—down from 12,000 to 15,000 in the 1980s and 1990s. Not sure of the reasons, but all agreed it's time to re-invent the organizations to attract membership.

I've been retired from NRCS for six years. However, since July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 I've been working full time as the Administrative Services Division Director for the KY Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) in Frankfort, KY.

If you had to make a decision about your Federal Long Term Health Care Insurance, it would be nice to have a crystal ball! I found this Genworth link helpful for evaluating the costs of long term health care costs in KY. There is a Genworth report generated for every state. Here is the Kentucky 2013 cost data:

[https://www.genworth.com/dam/Americas/US/PDFs/Consumer/corporate/Kentucky\\_gnw.pdf](https://www.genworth.com/dam/Americas/US/PDFs/Consumer/corporate/Kentucky_gnw.pdf)

**Rodney Hendrickson**, retired RC&D Coordinator reports: Since retiring from SCS/NRCS, I have been the Executive Director of the London-Laurel County Tourist Commission in London, KY. My wife **Alice** continues to work as a field review nurse. She travels throughout central and eastern Kentucky with her job. Our daughter **Autumn** is a school teacher in Fort Wright, KY, and our son **Jimmy** is a mechanical engineer and physicist in Charleston, SC. Alice and I continue to enjoy cycling. I have been riding about 850 miles per month. Just a couple of weeks ago we took a 400-mile six-day ride through northern Wyoming. We cycled across the Big Horn Mountains twice that week. We are also in the process of backpacking the 319-mile-long Sheltowee Trace Trail. We backpack one weekend per month.

**Don Henry**, retired Plant Materials Specialist, says you don't have to go deep sea fishing, just go to Lake Cumberland. Check out this catch!



**Steve Ewalt** stands in front of his jewelry store on Main Street in Cynthiana. The window display includes a moving zombie.



**3<sup>rd</sup> from left is Darren Henry, son of Don Henry, shown with his fishing guide and fishing friends** [Editor's note: Striped Bass, also known as rockfish or stripers].

**Rodney Heilman**, retired Resource Conservationist says hello to all and writes that he is still getting used to being a widower and has been trying out new recipes on himself lately.

**Glenn Kelley**, retired State Soil Scientist, reported that he and his wife **Rosalee** watched an exciting State High School Championship season this past year. Their grandson played for Dunbar, who won the championship game. Glenn has a new email address: [grkelleylex@gmail.com](mailto:grkelleylex@gmail.com).

**Jack Kuhn**, retired Assistant State Conservationist, has been busy since his recent retirement. "I'm raising strawberries, setting up an irrigation system in my high tunnel, and still have the chickens."

I've expanded my apiary operation from 9 to 18 bee hives this year. I'm also traveling back and forth to Florida to help my parents who are dealing with Alzheimers. My son **Brent** is also helping out after graduating from the College of Central Florida. Brent is heading to Florida Polytech to resume studies in computer engineering next year. My oldest son **Justin** is married and living in Seal Beach, CA and celebrating eight years in the Coast Guard."

**Jerry Laurie**, retired District Conservationist, sends his regards but will not be able to attend the retiree meeting in October.

**The Tom Marcum Family:** "I traveled to Florida this past year with my son **Wes**, daughter-in-law **Kimberley**, and grandson **Ethan** (three years old). We all had a blast! My father, **Bob Marcum**, retired Area Conservationist, will turn 93 in September and has had some health issues lately. He spent some time in Richmond Place, a rehabilitation facility in Lexington, KY."

**Connie McKinney**, retired Contracting Officer reports that she her husband **Steve** and grandson **Benjamin** spent their annual vacation in Topsail, NC in July. They had perfect weather every day.

**Betty Prows**, retired Area Clerk (Cynthiana, KY), has let us know that she lost her husband **James Prows** on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016. [Betty, we're so sorry for your loss]. Betty continued, "I'm still farming with our two sons. Can't do what I used to, but still enjoy farming."

**Randal Rock**, retired District Conservationist, reports "I have been retired three years, and I'm still working as a crop advisor in Shelby County. It is sweet sorghum processing time. This will be our 17<sup>th</sup> crop. Last year we produced about 400 gallons, and we hope to exceed that amount this year."

**Ed Scott**, retired CET reported that he and his wife **Bonnie** had a family reunion in July in the mountains of Georgia, and all had a grand time. "It was great spending a week with our families from Florida and Northern Ohio. It went by in a hurry. I stay busy with my fish pond and my yard. I will be on a one-day honor flight out of the Cincinnati/Northern KY airport to Washington, DC on September 20<sup>th</sup> to view all the war memorials. If you're a veteran and interested, there is an all-volunteer organization funded by private donations, Honor Flight Bluegrass, based out of Louisville, KY. You have to be at least 65 years old. The phone number is (888) 998-1941. You can fly out of Louisville or Cincinnati. I expect to have a good time. The garden is doing well and I have been canning pickles. Not quite time for tomato juice yet. We had a surprise visit from **Dudley Gullion**, retired CET and his wife **Linda** recently. The Gullions are well and have too many grandkids to keep track of, and they are loving it."

**Harold Wallace**, retired District Conservationist, sends his regards, but regrets he will not be able to attend the KY annual retiree meeting at Lake Cumberland State Park in October.

**Ira Linville** reported that **Archie Weeks**, retired Engineer, received a serious diagnosis and is scheduled to undergo chemotherapy. Please keep Archie and his family in your prayers. If you want to send Archie a card of encouragement his address is: 4097 Plantagenett, Lexington, KY 40513, (859) 433-8855 or email [aweeks1936@aol.com](mailto:aweeks1936@aol.com).

**In Memory:** See the *In Memoriam* section of the ARCSE.org website for more details. **Billy K. Benson**, 40-year KY and TN retiree, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016; **Alan Heard**, age 79, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016; **Lewis Perkins**, retired DC, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

## MINNESOTA

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Metro retirees met for lunch on Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Pippins in Roseville: **John Handler, Vic Ruhland, Margie and Micki Gangl, Susan Ploetz, Marlene Mechelke and Ordean and Dorothy Finkelson**.

**Vic Ruhland** reports: Our Sheephead group (some of us also call it Schafkopf) within the Minnesota NRCS (retired) is alive and well. We met last month (June 9<sup>th</sup>) at Sweeney's to play our favorite card game, taking advantage of their bar. After several hours of cards and some refills, playing several different versions of the game, we came upon a variation that still has me excited about it. It consists of the winner of the blind being allowed to call any suit trump. The Qs and Js are still trump, but the remaining six trump cards can be any suit. So, along with the Qs and Js, there's still the total of 14. With this variation, any suit can be trump, not just diamonds.

Hey all you Sheephead players out there, try it and let me know what you think. Actually, the variation is consistent with other German card games, notably Skat and German Solo, where any suit can be trump. My goodness, card players at Sweeney's included **Robin Martinek, Al Giencke, John Handler, Kim Steffen and Vic Ruhland**. **Pete Cooper**, who usually plays with us when in Minnesota, is now back in Colorado.

**Donald E. Benrud**, DC in Carlton County for many years, passed away on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at the age of 81. He had battled cancer for three years. **Ted Thorson**, Rochester, MN recalls working with Don in the Benson, MN field office with **Ed Johnson**, DC when he first started on the Watershed Party as a new engineer. They had a lot of evening meals at Dick's Cafe.

The service for **Don Benrud** was held on Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, at Hope Lutheran Church in Moose Lake. Several SCSers were there, and **Char Harms** informed everyone that **Ernie Schober** had also passed away on May 10<sup>th</sup> in Solvay Hospice House. Ernie made quite a hit with his appearance at our 2009 SCS/NRCS Reunion in St. Cloud. Char had a reunion with the three Area Conservationists she worked with in Duluth. Following is the picture taken of them.



**Kevin Daw, Wayne Oak, Char Harms and Ernie Schober**

**Wayne and Jan Oak** will be the Grand Marshals of the upcoming Sandstone (MN) Quarry Days. Wayne was AC in Duluth, MN for many years.

## MISSOURI

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**Reminder: The annual Retirees Luncheon will be on September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Columbia Senior Center.**

**Stu A. Lawson:** "My wife and I live in Hopkins, MO now. We can see Iowa from our living room window. Our garden has cracks in the soil surface large enough to drop a log chain into and rattle it! Always remember the virtues of the dust mulch. Slight cultivation helps fill the cracks and conserves moisture. We moved here to be closer to my mom, just ten miles north, in Bedford, IA, and my father-in-law is only six blocks downhill from us. Our family farm where my mother was born is 17 miles north of Hopkins. My conservation plan application is open-ended, flexible, and only limited by taxes, insurance, and cash rent. My tenant works closely with me to maintain the original contour strip cropping system my dad started in 1949. I am very proud of my tenant! He takes care of the farm just as good as or better than my dad did. It was an honor for me to attend the grave-side services for **Bill Riggs**! Full military rites were performed by two young men with the United States Army. The Adams County, IA, American Legion provided the rifle squad and bugler, and all of them wore white gloves. As a member of the American Legion, I have assisted with folding the flag, presentation of the flag to the widow, and the rifle salute at numerous military funerals, but Bill Riggs' was the most impressive military funeral I have seen since the war in Vietnam. God Bless America! **Stuart A. Lawson**, 101 N. 10th St., Hopkins, MO 64461; (660) 778-3280; [flytier60@hotmail.com](mailto:flytier60@hotmail.com)."

**Lane Thurman:** "Our summer has really been upended, and the only thing we have accomplished is a couple of stays in the hospital and one in a rehab unit. **Nancy** really had a severe bout with her cancer treatment. She had accomplished four of the six, but they just got too severe for her and we decided to just stop them. The cancer had gone and was not showing on the PET scan, so we just decided to drop the treatments altogether. We think she will recover just as fast without them. I also had a mini-stroke that put me in the hospital for a couple of days. It's over now, with no lasting effects at all, so I was lucky there. I haven't been fishing at all this summer. Other than it being too hot, I had to stay around the house with Nancy and look after her, but I have fishing plans for this fall, like the middle of September when my son, **Randy**, comes up for a week, that will be spent mostly on the lake. Hope everyone is having a great summer!"

**Bill Pauls:** We are all moved in and very happy at the Lake of the Ozarks, 149 Kingfisher Road, Camdenton, MO 65020, very close to Bridal Cave, Thunder Mountain Park. We sold the house in Columbia within a week for asking price; we're very happy campers. Tomatoes and cucumbers are plentiful! Anyone is welcome anytime we're home: [b2kpauls@yahoo.com](mailto:b2kpauls@yahoo.com), (573) 289-3745. I'm still running marathons (#s 94 and 95 this fall in PA and DC) and am still doing Pro-Life work. Life is good and God is great! PS: Go Jump in the Lake!

**Dennis Shirk:** "Hello folks, as I'm writing this, I just hooked up Lois's Ice pack for soothing cooling for her shoulder surgery. The surgery was more involved than first thought, but her prognosis is good. We're expecting a full recovery with physical therapy. We have been extremely blessed with rainfall. The summer crab grass is very lush and of excellent quality. I have both of my calves on the ground. I haven't been doing any riding (been too hot). We took a trip to Amish country in northern Indiana but couldn't stir the people with a stick. We went across the border into Michigan, a state we had not visited. We then went to Morgantown, KY to visit with friends. We arrived home to a driveway of beautiful surprise lilies, then spent the next Friday at home celebrating our 44<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. I have several rides planned in September and October. See you down the trail."

**Jack Schneider:** "We have been doing some traveling to Toronto, Rochester, NY and Wilmington, DE. Our third grandson, **Sid Schneider**, was born August 1<sup>st</sup> in Toronto, Canada to our son **Keith** and wife **Ginna**. They are also in the process of moving to a new house and job in Wilmington, DE. We helped drive a trailer-load down there and spent some time with the baby and other grandparents in Mississauga, ON. The next trip will be to Escalante National Park in Utah for a little sightseeing. We are looking forward to seeing fellow retirees attending the Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> luncheon."

**Mike Blaine:** The Blaines have been running like the proverbial chicken this summer—keeping some grandkids, visiting others, trying to do a little gardening (with lots of help from the coons), and, of course, going to the doctor. Mike had a cancer biopsy in July. Praise the Lord it was negative. We have been doing some mowing on the farm in an early attempt to prepare for deer season in November. My, but the weeds grew well this year! It is not uncommon to be mowing weeds taller than my Massey-

Ferguson 1250 tractor. Our hay, because of late rain, did not do well. We got 100 big bales less than our best ever off our 80 acres of hay ground. And when it did rain, it washed out a stream crossing to one hay field. Oh well, I'd still rather be here than anywhere else! Best wishes to all!

**Bob Ball:** "We are excited grandparents with the birth of our first grandchild, **Cooper Christopher Hartmann**, now eight weeks old. Daughter **Laura** and husband **Chris** are proud parents. Unfortunately for us, little Cooper lives in Orlando, so it's a long way to watch him grow and develop. He may grow up knowing Mickey better than us! **Lenore** is there now for several days. I'm not sure I will be able to get her to return back to me after this visit!"

Prior to Cooper's birth we spent a few days in the Midtown portion of New York City. We had a wonderful trip and look forward to a return to see sights we simply could not fit into our schedule. I highly recommend everyone visiting the World Trade Center Museum. All high school seniors should make that visit. Just incredible. We never want to forget what happened there September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001.

Our farm in Ohio keeps us very busy. We've been making the 11-hour trips each way for well over 25 years. Each year we are able to see more of our accomplishments on the land, and the trees are getting taller. I am active with both the Ohio and Missouri Chapters of Walnut Council serving on the Council's Board of Directors and as the newsletter editor for the Missouri Chapter. We are expanding our support to woodland landowners by providing better field days, workshops and then access to the technical information landowners need and want, but maybe have not discovered yet elsewhere. **Lenore** and I recently returned from the Walnut Council annual meeting in Lawrenceburg, IN which is an attractive and vibrant city with lots of history on the Ohio River."

**Jess Epple:** The Epples in Indian Country, also known as Warner, OK, continue to raise hay, cattle, and wildlife. **Phyllis** has a love/dislike relationship with the wildlife when they enter her yard and feed on her flowers! We were over five inches short of moisture going into spring this year, and our hay crop was short, with the exception of the Bluestem hay, which did well. We have a few cattle, and they are doing well. We now have the Civil War Battle of Honey Springs Visitors Center completed! It's located near Rentiesville, OK. The State of Oklahoma budget problems continue to get worse, so we expect to staff it with several volunteers! The battle has the distinction of being the largest battle in Indian Territory fought mostly with minorities. Island Mound, West of Butler, MO had the first unofficial battle using 200-300 African-Americans, but Honey Springs had 700 Black soldiers fighting officially alongside Indians on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 1863! It was fought the day before "Glory" (Ft. Wagoner, SC). If you are traveling in the area, please come see our Visitors Center and Battlefield. Also, don't forget to see "Island Mound" West of Butler, MO. Be well, keep your glass half-full, and stay as active as you possibly can.

The Columbia area retirees' quarterly breakfast was held on August 10<sup>th</sup> at the Country Kitchen in Columbia. Those in attendance were: **Richard and Marjorie Koenig, Frank Miller, Robert Hummel, Virgil and Joy Gardner, Mike Wells, Bob Ball, John Turner, Alan Wolfe, Jack Cronhardt, Jean Herman, John and Carol McCarthy and Jerry Edwards**. The next quarterly breakfast will be held at the Columbia Country Kitchen on November 9<sup>th</sup>. All retirees are welcome.

## MONTANA

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### Montana big sky report

**Joyce Swartzendruber report:** Five retired women State Conservationists gathered in Bozeman, MT August 12<sup>th</sup>—16<sup>th</sup>. There was a lot of coming and going, but we had a good dinner together and touched base with current Montana STC, **Lisa Coverdale**. Some of the women and their husbands enjoyed the Gallatin County Farmers Market, Yellowstone National Park, Battleground of Little Big Horn, Pictograph State Park, Pompey's Pillar, Tom Miner Basin, Ted Turner's bison ranch, Montana State University campus, hiking to Palisades Falls in Hyalite canyon, and side trips to Jackson WY, Glacier NP, and Banff, Alberta.



L—R: Joyce Swartzendruber, Sylvia Gillen, Judy Johnson, Janet Oertly, and Mary Combs

Those convening were **Judy Johnson, Mary Combs, Janet Oertly, Sylvia Gillen, and Joyce Swartzendruber**. Together, we tried to compile a list of all women state conservationists, past and present, and have set up a Facebook page for them to connect. We believe there are 17 retired women STCs, two deceased, 13 current, and 36 all-time women State Conservationists. Future reunions are welcome, and anyone is invited to plan one for us!



*L—R: Joyce Swartzendruber, Janet Oertly, Judy Johnson, and Mary Combs at Palisades Falls*

**Scott Hoag Jr. report:** **Scott and Nancy** spent the 4<sup>th</sup> of July with family on Bainbridge Island helping daughter and granddaughter move. They've made a couple of trips with the Bozeman Senior Center, one to Tizer Garden out of Helena and a second one to Yellowstone for lunch at the Yellowstone Hotel and a tour of the lake. Nancy continues to write and sell her work. Scott is about finished with the watershed rehabilitation project in Kansas.

**Jim Johnson Report:** I really don't have much to report. We went to **Harry Brence's** 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party at the Bozeman Senior Center on a Sunday afternoon in July. Harry is doing well and his party was well attended.

**Gooby Ranch Report:** We have probably 100 Barn Swallows building mud houses on the eaves of our house and garage and barn. They use a lot of mud to build that many houses. **Mary Ann** and I decided it would be great to have a pond not too far from the house so we could water the cows, and if it works out right, plant some fish. However, it's tough to make ends meet out here on the farm, so we will contact NRCS to see if we can secure an Environmental Quality Incentive Program contract to build the pond.

If NRCS approves the contract, we plan to till up the area where we want the pond and sprinkle it so the soil is moist. The Barn swallows would then use the area to dig out the mud to build their houses. It's going to take a few years for the Barn Swallows to dig the pond but we will keep the area moist where the soil needs to be removed. I'm going to ask NRCS for a copy of the Pond Standards and Specifications and we will post them on the barn so the Barn Swallows will know what they need to do to make sure the pond is built right.

There are a lot of plusses in having Barn Swallows around. Mary Ann is able to gather a lot of eggs. They taste real good, but it takes eight Barn Swallow eggs to equal the size of one chicken egg. The other thing is that the Barn Swallow droppings are fertilizing the yard. Mary Ann parks one of her wheel barrows under an eave. She then put a sign on the wheel barrow that says "Bird Bathroom." The birds understand what that means since she has had to dump the wheel barrow several times. I've also seen a lot of robins, killdeers and sparrows fly over and bomb the wheel barrow. When it's half full, Mary Ann uses the droppings to fertilize the crops. Barn Swallows are a real valuable farm animal. They dig ponds, furnish eggs, fertilize the yard and eat a ton of mosquitos. Plus we don't have to buy bird food to feed them. And we don't have to pay them either.

## NEW YORK

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*New York Retirees' picnic, June, 2016*

## NEBRASKA

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The breakfast meetings were called to order with 14 members present in July and 18 members present in August.

**Owen Kvittem**, retired State Conservation Engineer for Nebraska died on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016. **Larry Meierdierks**, husband of **Suzie Meierdierks** died on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Suzie is retired from the NRCS State Office in Nebraska. See the In Memoriam section for more details.

**Jim Harder** and family spent time in Destin, FL, and then traveled to Savannah, GA and Ashville, NC where they attended a lecture on the Blue Ridge Parkway. They toured the Biltmore Estate and travelled on the Parkway. They traveled on to Springfield, IL where they visited the Abraham Lincoln attractions. Later in the month they toured the Ozarks and spent time in Colorado Springs, CO with family.

**Paul Bartlett and his wife** went on a bus tour to Niagara Falls, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Quebec. The Paul Bartlett's also visited family in Seattle.

**Roger Hammer** visited in North Platte, Hershey, and Valentine. His last duty station was in North Platte, and he has family in the Valentine area.

**Norman Kempf** traveled to Louisville, KY where he attended the SWCS Annual Convention and the board meeting of the Association of Retired Conservation Service Employees.

**Kieth and Mary Alice Sheets** are getting ready to travel to Colorado in Kieth's restored 1951 Studebaker car. Wish them luck.

**Don Manley** reported that **Leo Shields** recently had cataract surgery at the Mayo Clinic that has made a drastic change for him. He is even going to be able to drive now.

**Cam Loerch**, former State Soil Scientist, recently suffered a stroke. He is mending quickly and is now back to golfing.

## NORTH DAKOTA

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The North Dakota SCS/NRCS retirees will be having our annual Reunion Luncheon at the Bismarck Elks Lodge Room at 11:30am on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016. We will have someone from NRCS to give us a brief update on agency activities. **Neal McClure** keeps telling me he will be hitting the century mark on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016, and that his sons are planning a party. If you would like to send him a card, send it to Sheyenne Crossing, 225 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. W. #305, West Fargo, ND 58078 or call him at (701)

478-6067. Neal says he is going to try to get to our reunion if he can get a ride. I was saddened to hear of **Ole Kvitem**'s passing at age 69. He was Area Engineer at Grand Forks, ND when I was working in Grafton, ND in the 1970s. I remember visiting him in those days, and he showed me a home computer he had built from scratch. Remember our reunion on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Owen John "Ole" Kvitem**, 69, Lincoln, NE, passed away on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016. He worked as an engineer in offices in Minnesota, North Dakota, and Nebraska. See the In Memoriam section for more details. He is survived by his wife, **Debbie**; his mother, **Marcy**, Kenyon, MN; his sons, **Scott (Holly)**, Detroit Lakes, MN; **Dane (Jamie)**, Lincoln, NE, and **Lee (Sandy) Kvitem**, San Angelo, TX; two sisters; a brother; a special friend **Sharon Hundley**, Minneapolis, MN; six grandchildren; a niece and a nephew. He was preceded in death by his father, **Myron**. Memorials to Peoples City Mission, Southwood Lutheran Church or Lincoln Police Department.

## OHIO

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After 14 years of service as Ohio's ARCSE representative and coordinator of Ohio retiree activities, **Larry Tornes** has turned over the reins to **Jon Gerken** and **Bob Parkinson** to carry on. Thanks, Larry, for your tireless efforts to keep the Ohio retirees informed and connected.

From **Rex Mapes**: "Just got back from a 12-day trip to Alaska. Went with two daughters, **Linda Ellis** and **Valerie Scheibeck**, and son-in-law **Matt Scheibeck**, plus five others from Delaware County. We first did the land tour for six days and then the sea cruise back through the inner passage for six days. Two of the 12 days were travel to and from Alaska. We did get to see Mt. McKinley (or Denali as now named) several times. Weather was very cooperative. Some people have been there to see Denali three times and have never actually seen it because of the weather conditions. Visitors to Denali have about a 30% chance of actually seeing the mountain. We did a wilderness tour through Denali National Park and took the train back to Whittier to begin the cruise part of the trip. The highlights of the land tour were a fabulous glacier-landing flight by small airplane and horseback riding.

Highlights of the cruise part of the trip were a whale-watching trip out of Juneau and several glacier-viewing trips. The whale-watching trip was awesome. One whale breeched (jumping out of the water, usually accompanied by spins) 15 times (I kid you not—as counted by the tour guide, not by me). We viewed several glaciers way up Glacier Bay, including the Margerie and Grand Pacific Glaciers with active calving. I was surprised there were no large icebergs like in the North Atlantic. We then had stops in Skagway where we took the White Pass and Yukon railway up the long pass taken by past gold miners.

We also had a stop in Ketchikan, where we took a tour of the island before arriving at our final destination in Vancouver. Sea trip covered 1,700 statute miles."



**Rex Mapes (left) with daughters Linda Ellis and Valerie Scheibeck**



*Denali*



*Rex Mapes (left) horseback riding with daughters Linda Ellis (center) and Valerie Scheibeck*



*Car driving up side of mountain in Denali National Park*



*Rex Mapes enjoying the Red Onion*



*Sunset on trip to Alaska*



*Eagles perched on channel marker*



*Breeching whales*

## OREGON

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A lively group of retirees and spouses attended the summer quarter lunch at the Peppermill in Aloha. Present were **Stefanie Aschmann, Kay Denfeld, Gary Formanek, John Hedlund, Lowell and Marion Kenedy, Chad McGrath, Terry Mitchell, Bruce Newton, Frank and Elisa Reckendorf, Jeff Repp, Karen Robbins and Lamont Robbins, Susan Scott, Pat Smith, Dick and Kathy Sylvester, Eldena Vanderzanden, Gail Vogue, Ralph Wadleigh, René Walls, Beth Zetter**, and yours truly, **Don Stettler**.

**Dave and Joan Johnson** sent their regrets saying they were in Vancouver, BC on a cruise on the Inside Passage and Glacier Bay. Dave went on to say that having been thoroughly indoctrinated by **Manes Barton**, he was on the lookout for snow.

I did glean some news from those attending the lunch. **Chad McGrath** is busy with house upkeep and planning a trip to McCall, ID. **Jeff Repp** made a trip to Texas to visit a friend. He also was constructing a roof on his car port. **Stef Aschmann** is planning a trip to Oregon's Wallowa Lake and Montana's Flathead Lake. **Dick Sylvester** is enjoying some home electrical projects. **Ralph Wadleigh** recently visited his 93-year-old sister in New Brunswick. While on the east coast he did some genealogy studies which involved a trip to Nova Scotia. **John Hedlund** is a snowbird spending winters in Tucson, AZ. He gets in lots of golf there.

**Gail Vogue** has a basement remodel project underway. **Kay Denfeld** continues to enjoy a ukulele group. The group has done several gigs, one at the Elks' Lodge in Scappoose. Beginning two years ago, **Susan Scott** has been totally retired.

**Beth Zetter** has been visiting family. **Terry Mitchell** is busy attending a nephew's baseball games. Her garden also keeps her active. **Lamont Robbins** enjoys his photography hobby. He has also been camping with his son and family. **Karen Robbins** still has her wings on, with trips planned to Africa, Kazakhstan, and Ukraine to speak to women's groups about autism.

**Gary Formanek** was congratulated for having celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. He went on to tell us how he had been scammed because of unknown malware on his computer. He found out about it when he was installing a new printer. It was a sad story but also a warning to the rest of us to be vigilant.



*Eldena Vanderzanden with Alicia and Frank Reckendorf*

**Frank Reckendorf** is still doing some consulting work. He and **Alisa** are very involved with their grandchildren. Recent sad news that **Maury Jernstedt's** wife **Noma** has passed away was the catalyst for Frank reminiscing about having helped Maury after he had injured his back. Maury is an avid sheep farmer on the side. After he hurt his back, **Noma** had asked for help in dealing with a humungous manure pile. **Frank and Gary Formanek** both responded, which resulted in a vivid memory.

**Eldena Vanderzanden** has been doing volunteer work for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. She also told us of her plans for touring Grand Canyon and Bryce Canyon National Parks.

**Lowell and Marian Kenedy** are busy helping their daughter and her family move.

*The fall quarter lunch is planned to be held on October 26<sup>th</sup> at The Old Spaghetti Factory at Clackamas.*



**Gary Formanek with Karen and Lamont Robbins**



**Stefanie Aschmann, Jeff Repp, Bruce Newton, and Chad McGrath**



**Dick Sylvester, Pat Smith and René Walls**



**Gail Vogue, John Hedlund, and Ralph Wadleigh**



**Terry Mitchell, Kathy Sylvester, and Beth Zetter**



**Susan Scott and Kay Denfeld**

--End of Oregon section--



Oklahoma Retirees' April meeting

## OKLAHOMA

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It has been a pretty hot and dry summer for most of Oklahoma, but we are gearing up for a beautiful Fall.

We have a website for our Oklahoma group and anyone is welcome to visit it to see what is going on in Oklahoma with SCS/NRCS Retirees: <http://joepad.com>.

Our next meeting is Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at the Golden Corral on MacArthur Boulevard in Oklahoma City. Golden Corral now opens at 10am, so there is extra time for visiting before the meeting starts at 11:30am. We welcome anyone and especially out of state SCS/NRCS Retirees. No reservation is required.

## PENNSYLVANIA

**Bill Bowers, ARCSE Representative**

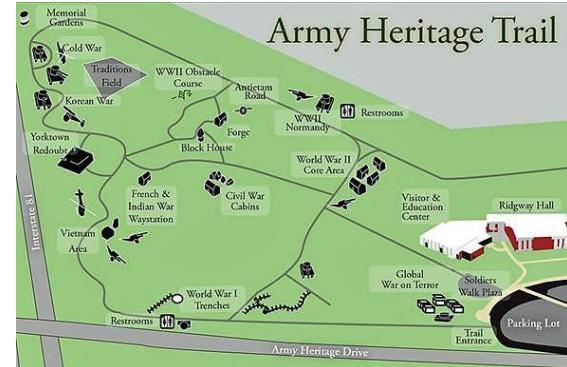
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We will be holding our annual event in September. This year we will meet in Carlisle for some local Cumberland County history, the US Army Heritage and Education Center and of course for the renewing of friendships.

The dates are September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Monday's meeting will begin at Hoss's just across the street from the Holiday Inn Express. For those folks staying overnight and those in the local area who would like some extra time becoming reacquainted, there will be an opportunity for a group meal Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup>, at "Fiddler's" at the Mayapple Golf Course. Address is 1 Mayapple Drive, Carlisle, PA 17025, just three miles from the Holiday Inn Express. Those staying at the Holiday Inn Express or those wanting to gather there can leave at 6pm or be at Fiddlers by 6:15. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn Express (only three years old and Rosie got us a great rate of \$90 plus tax). When making reservations, mention "NRCS Retirees" which will get you the \$90 "government" rate. We will have a speaker from the Cumberland County Historical Society address us in the morning, and in the afternoon we will visit the US Army Heritage and Education Center (about two miles from Hoss's). There is an indoor exhibit "Telling the Army Story... One Soldier at a Time" and an outdoor Army Heritage trail that we will visit in the afternoon. Here is the website with more details: <http://www.carlisle.army.mil/ahec/exhibits/default.cfm>.



**Don Lindsey** writes: "We have just returned from a short trip to celebrate our 62<sup>nd</sup> anniversary. We traveled in western PA and Maryland. Lots to see and enjoy without traveling very far. I still keep busy volunteering at Union Mills Homestead as their Colonial Carpenter, as well as at the local historical society, our church, and helping to tend the farm. I am still the chief go-fer at Julie's vet hospital. **Shirley**'s most exciting time this year was helping to transport our grandson's children from Salt Lake City to Anchorage. With 20-month-old **Gavin** and six-week-old twin girls, they needed Great Grandma **Shirley**, Grandma **Joyce**, and Mom **Liz** to fly with them. Shirley got to hold tiny baby **Kyri Lindsey** for more than 2,000 miles. We also celebrated our grandson, **Chris**'s wedding in July.

**Bill and Mary Ann Bowers** report: In March we spent a week in FL enjoying the warmer weather (in the 80s each day) attending some Pirate spring training games and visited the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens. We visited daughter **Amy** in Corpus Christi, TX in April (fortunately between rain storms). We spent a week with the family in Charlottesville, VA the end of June visiting Monticello, playing some golf and relaxing. The vegetable garden is doing well with lettuce, sugar peas and now zucchini. Blueberries are producing well and we look forward to peaches, pears and apples, although it is a constant battle with the rabbits and deer. Bill's immunotherapy treatments for melanoma have resulted in several clean scans! A couple more treatments, another clean scan, and no more cancer or treatments. Thanks for all your prayers, messages and support! See you in September!!



*Alan and Judy Wood caught the last plane out of DC before the blizzard of '16 to get to Tahiti with the Penn State Alumni. Alan is the one wearing blue and white.*

**John Mickley** says that the Mickleys have started a great way to take and enjoy vacations—by bus! To date they have spent a week in Jacksonville, FL, and future trips to Mackinac Island, MI and Sunfest in Ocean City, MD; plus several day trips. It's the way to travel.

**Tim and Gina Murphy** spent two weeks of June in Colorado with son **Evan**, who flew in from New York. The first week was sightseeing and hiking in Denver, Colorado Springs, Great Sand Dunes National Park, Durango and Silverton Railroad, and Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park. We spent the second week at the YMCA of the Rockies for a family reunion and getting reacquainted with Rocky Mountain National Park after 41 years. A highlight was fly-fishing for cutthroat trout in a high mountain lake.

**Frank Resides** sent the following:

The **Southeast PA Retirees** met for our semi-annual lunch at Roger's in West Chester on August 20<sup>th</sup>.



*Southeast PA Retirees' Luncheon. L to R: Gail Brant, Jean Kirkaldie, Jean Francis, Tom Iivari, Joyce Iivari, Shirley Thomas, Carolyn Gehlen, Jane Schuetz, Fred Schuetz, Jane Resides, and Frank Resides.*

We had a good time discussing our experiences from years gone by, and many of our former colleagues, sadly, some of whom are now deceased.

News from **Gail Brant**, who retired on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, after 37 years of federal service. **Gail** was employed by the USBR for nine years before coming to SCS in November of 1987 as the Sociologist for the NNTC. Congratulations, Gail!

Those that couldn't be with us but were heard from: **Art Holland** will be on a river cruise in Germany starting August 25<sup>th</sup> and will reach Prague on September 5<sup>th</sup>. We wish Art a safe and enjoyable trip. **Obie** was in MS, no details. **Ann Magee** is recovering from illness that required 13 days in the hospital in June and July. We hope and pray that her recovery goes well.

We look forward to our next meeting which may be at Roger's new restaurant in Frazer, in November, or we may stay in West Chester.

## SOUTH CAROLINA

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**Henry and Bennylynn Nicholson** report: "No really important news to share. We went to Tennessee in early August for the Route 27 yard sale. Enjoyed that adventure." (Ed. note: *That event is billed as the world's longest yard sale—690 miles through six States.*) Congratulations to **Dennis Bauknight**: The Pickens County Delegation appointed Dennis to serve on the Pickens County Forestry Board. The appointment was approved by the SC Forestry Commission. Dennis said "I am honored to serve. My Dad was on this Board until his death. Also, my wife **Amanda** went to Ireland this summer. I stayed in good ole Dacusville. Both of us got a nice vacation."

The **Thompsons (Mary and Byron)** have been on the road. We attended a wedding in Lexington, KY in June. We had our entire family at Myrtle Beach, SC in July and spent several days in Hilton Head, SC in August with County Council Association meetings. When home, we work on irrigation systems and attend local and state meetings. We are planning more travel in October and November

**Luke Nance** reports that **Laurely** had a right knee replacement on April 4<sup>th</sup> and is doing great. She's still taking PT a couple of times per week. That has kept us close to Columbia. In June, she joined me for a luncheon at work where I was presented the President's award by our Regional Conservationist for volunteering at work (over 5,000 hours as an Earth Team Volunteer). Congratulations, Luke!

**Curt Hobbs** is a Grandfather again. The baby is several months old now. The mother is **Sarah**, who has her Professional Engineer license and went to Law School. **Curt and Karen** moved to the Atlanta area to help with their grandchildren.

The **Adkins (Marcia and Grady)** have successfully completed the first phase of learning how to spoil a granddaughter. They are planning a trip to Cape Cod and the New England Islands in the fall.

## TEXAS NORTH

**Arnold King, ARCSE Representative**

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The July 2016 meeting of the SCS/NRCS Alumni Club will be held at 10am on Friday, July 15th, 2016, at St. Ann Catholic Church, 100 SW Alsbury Blvd., Burleson, TX.

Twenty-two members attended the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Those attending were: **Earl Blakely, Dennis Gaster, Doug Seibel, Tom Hodges, Jerry McMIndes, Bernelle Baxley, Rita Kuenstler, Bill Kuenstler, Arnold King, Willeene King, Anita Plummer, Diann Wilmart, Dave Drennan, Bernie Owen, Maxine Owen, Dennis Erinakes and Ranger, Larry Butler, Billy Don Davis, Elaine Davis, Clyde Goodman, Jere Rickman and Jim Rickman**. President **Clyde Goodman** called the meeting to order.

**Dick Folsche**, who retired as head of the National Cartographic and Geospatial Center, died June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Here is a link to his obituary:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/heralddemocrat/obituary.aspx?n=william-richard-folsche-dick&pid=180455626&fhid=12126>.

**Michael Bogard** sent the following to **John Peterson: Thomas G. Rockenbaugh**, 90, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016. **Clyde Goodman** reported that **Frank Scudder** had knee replacement surgery recently and is recovering well.

**Dennis Gaster** accompanied son **Don** on a photo shoot June 4<sup>th</sup> to the Red Bull Rallycross race at Fair Park in Dallas. Think of a Ford Fiesta or Volkswagen beetle with 600 horsepower, and all-wheel drive able to reach 60 mph in less than two seconds! The track was 0.8 miles long with many turns and a dirt jump that enabled cars to fly around 70 feet through the air before touching down! Noisy and exciting for us racing enthusiasts.

**Dennis** continues as President of NARFE Chapter 1201 in Arlington and is in his 31<sup>st</sup> year helping Boy Scout Troop 68. Last, but not least, **Dennis and Kathy** celebrated their 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on June 14<sup>th</sup>.



**Byron and Mary Thompson**



**Dennis Gaster** spent an afternoon and evening with his son, **Don** at a Rough Riders (double A Texas Rangers) game in Frisco. **Don** got free tickets to the game and was on a photo shoot.

**Larry Butler**, who retired about eight years ago as State Conservationist of Texas, gave a program on how he came to host the program "Out on the Land" on RFD-TV. After he retired, Larry worked as a consultant and conservation planner. He also served as an expert witness on occasion. In late 2010, he made a proposal to RFD-TV for a show that would highlight producers across the country, who are practicing good land use and natural resource conservation. He shot a pilot episode in November 2011, and was offered a time slot in March 2012. In order to get the show aired, Larry had to find sponsors because he had to buy the air time and cover his production costs. He was able to find financial sponsors, and this is now the third year that the show has been broadcast. Larry recently shot the raw footage for what will be three shows featuring producers in South Carolina, five shows on producers in South Dakota, and one show about a producer in Arkansas.

His contract for the show ends at the end of 2016, and because of the ongoing struggle to find financial support, Larry has decided not to continue with the show. All episodes will be available on the RFD-TV web site for a year after his contract ends: <http://www.rfdtv.com/story/22874909/out-on-the-land>. The episodes are also available on Larry's web site, <http://www.outontheland.com>, as well as on Vimeo, <https://vimeo.com/outontheland>. Larry's presentation gave good insight into how much of the programming on some cable networks is produced.

And now a personal note from your newsletter editor (**Bill Kuenstler**) for the last year and a half. **Rita** and I finally got our house in Arlington on the market and were fortunate enough to get it sold within about two weeks. The closing was June 30<sup>th</sup>, and as I write this, we are in a hotel for the July 2-4 weekend, since we are attending a wedding in Arlington on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will load up the truck July 4<sup>th</sup> and head out for Florida after that.

We have lived here for 19 years and will be leaving a lot of memories behind. Our daughter, **Jackie**, was five when we came here, and she is now 24, so this is pretty much home for her. She lives in Austin now and became engaged about two weeks ago to a very nice young man from Arlington.

We are looking forward to living in Florida. We will be making new friends, becoming involved in new activities, and finding a new rhythm for our lives. We will miss all of our friends here, but hope you will stay in touch. Our new address is: **Bill and Rita Kuenstler**, 79 Gulf Winds Way, Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459, [bkuenstler@gmail.com](mailto:bkuenstler@gmail.com). Note that Dennis Gaster ([d.gaster@sbcglobal.net](mailto:d.gaster@sbcglobal.net)) is now the Editor/Secretary/Treasurer:

*The August 2016 meeting of the SCS/NRCS Alumni Club will be held at 10am on Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at St. Ann Catholic Church, 100 SW Alsbury Blvd., Burleson, TX.*

Thirteen members attended the July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Those attending were: **Earl Blakely, Dennis Gaster, Bernelle Baxley, Bernie Owen, Joyce Petty, Don Newman, Dave Stockbridge, Douglas and Jane Seibel, Anita Plummer, Dennis Erinakes, Dave Drennan, and Tom Hodges**.

**Bernelle Baxley** reported hearing a knock on her door one evening, and when she opened the door she was greeted by a wild turkey!

**Joyce Petty** will be moving from Rio Vista to the "big city" of Cleburne in the near future. She looks forward to her postage stamp lawn and leaving behind her mowing an acre of grass.

We were pleased to welcome **Jane Seibel** to our meeting and are encouraged by the progress she is making with her health issues.

**Anita Plummer** has spent some time in Tennessee with her cousins who are in the process of getting rid of her aunt's possessions. **Anita** enjoyed a recent visit with her daughter.

**Dave Stockbridge** reported that he caught the least amount of fish on his Canadian fishing trip this year than in the previous six years he has been going. He weathered six storms in one day on the lake and got tired of taking his rain gear on and off. He did, however, bring home his allowable catch of four walleyes.

**Dennis Erinakes** is still looking for a replacement dog and may have located one in Ohio. He reports seeing quail at his son's place west of Burleson. He continues adding to his gadgets, including a flashlight with a shocker feature (for self-defense), a dash cam for his car, and a whole house generator.

**Dave Drennan** recently lost his uncle who was only five years older than **Dave**. The **Drennans** will be taking a cruise to Alaska and will be doing a road trip on the eastern side of that state.



*Larry Butler, host of "Out on the Land," on RFD-TV.*

**James Brasfield** reports the following on his wife, **LeAnn**: "She will have chemo treatments starting on July 26<sup>th</sup>, three days after **Blake's** wedding. She has a lot of local support. The treatments will end sometime in November.

**Clyde Goodman** recently talked to **Janie Wade**. She reported she is doing well and is recovering from her cancer surgery. **Jim** is also doing well following a major bout with Meniere's disease. She said she and **Jim** are looking forward to driving up and joining us for a meeting sometime soon. We are looking forward to seeing them again.

**Clyde** will be missing our August meeting. He is looking forward to going to Humble, TX to see his daughter and granddaughter in a Christian Production put on by the Christian Community Theater. August 22<sup>nd</sup> **Clyde** is scheduled for microscopic knee surgery that he anticipates will heal quickly. His 55<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion is scheduled September 13<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup> in Kansas City and he is really hoping his knee surgery has healed as he is looking forward to seeing old friends. **Marla** is healing well and was able to attend church for the first time in two years.

**Arnold King**: I attended the national ARCSE meeting at Louisville, KY during July. The board of directors has been on pins and needles for the past couple of years because the cost of producing and mailing hardcopy newsletter exceeds the annual dues. Two things had to be done to correct the problem. The main savings was sending newsletters in electronic format. Members who insist on hardcopy can pay an extra \$12.00 per year and continue receiving hardcopy newsletters. That was a hard thing to do, but something had to be done to correct the deficit. Several have responded by paying the extra.

We are heading out on our annual trip to Colorado later this month. We are meeting up with a childhood friend and his wife for a few days in Pagosa Springs. We are also in the planning stages for a cruise through the Panama Canal during January. Looking forward to that trip.

## TEXAS SOUTH

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Thanks to **Charles (Charlie) M. Thomson**, retired Texas State Soil Scientist, for his excellent and dedicated representation and outreach to the South Texas ARCSE community. **Cecil Currin**, ARCSE National President, reached out to me and asked if I would assist our organization in the role that Charlie fulfilled for many years. I agreed, and I am in the process of introducing myself to our membership and other SCS/NRCS retirees from South Texas. I am honored to serve in this effort and look forward to renewing and making new acquaintances.

**Roy G. Freeman** joined 53 other WWII veterans on an "Honor Flight" to Washington DC on Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. Roy is a World War II Navy Veteran and a 2015 Senior Conservationist from Kenedy, TX. The flight was sponsored by the Nyle Maxwell Family of Dealerships, Austin, TX. On Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> the veterans were honored at a ceremony at the WWII Memorial. Following the ceremony, they visited the Vietnam, Lincoln, and Korean War Memorials. They witnessed the changing of the guard at Arlington Cemetery, with a Public Wreath Laying Ceremony. This was followed up with visits to the two Iwo Jima (Marine) Memorials, Air Force Memorial, American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial, and the Navy Memorial. Roy was accompanied by **Chris Mann**, a Marine EMT. Roy and his family are very appreciative and give thanks to the Nyle Maxwell Family of Dealerships and a special thanks to **Chris Mann**.



*Roy Freeman getting on Honor Flight to Washington, DC. Roy was accompanied by Chris Mann, a Marine EMT.*



*Roy Freeman at the World War II Memorial, Washington, DC.*

**Alfred Vanderstucken** news from the Mid Gulf Coast: Alfred, along with **Marian** and their family, have operated VS Beefmasters since beginning his SCS retirement Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1990. His family purchased the land in 1849, and it has continued in agricultural production for 167 years. Alfred also shared that he was presented a Life Time membership in Lions Club International in recognition of his Lions outstanding service since 1958.

## **WASHINGTON, DC, NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA**

**John Peterson, ARCSE Representative**

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Many retirees gathered in Fredericksburg, VA, this past spring for fun and renewing friendships. Pictures of the attendees follow.



*The hosts of the Fredericksburg, VA gathering of ARCSE retirees*

**Peter Smith** reports: You know that you are getting old when a tomato variety you have been planting for years has been designated as a "Heritage tomato." As a loyal son of Rutgers University, graduate in Agricultural Economics in 1964, **Peter** has planted the Rutgers tomato for well over 50 years. He was surprised to find the Rutgers tomato in the Heritage tomato section at his local Home Depot. A modern option has been developed, "Rutgers 250," to commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the University. So perhaps the plain old Rutgers tomato which was developed by the University and the Campbell Soup Company in the late 1930s, though improved over the years, deserves the Heritage designation.

**Father Michael R. Duesterhaus**, son of our own **Rich Duesterhaus**, celebrated 25 years in the priesthood on May 19<sup>th</sup>. **Fr. Michael** is the parochial vicar of St. Timothy Catholic Church in Chantilly, VA, and also serves as assistant chaplain at Inova

Fairfax Hospital. He was mobilized as a Catholic Chaplain to Iraq twice. Congratulations **Fr. Mike and Rich**. Where does the time go?

**John and Blanche Peterson** took quite a conservation trip in July. They started at the NACD Summer Board Meeting in Minneapolis. **John** represents the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts on the NACD Board of Directors. Then it was on to Kansas City for the Land Improvement Contractors of America (LICA) summer Meeting. **John** assists LICA as their director of Government Relations. Then it was on to Louisville for the SWCS International Annual Meeting. **John** serves as the SWCS Washington DC Representative. In that role he succeeds former SCS Chief **Norm Berg**. Then it was on to Cherokee, NC for the NACD SE Region Meeting. That meeting allows NACD Directors from the 10 SE States to discuss issues unique to their region. Usually all these conservation meetings don't come so close together. **John** met up with many old SCS/NRCS colleagues at these meetings. At NACD he had the chance to spend time with **Tom Wehri** from CA and **Rich Duesterhaus**, who is still helping NACD as a senior staff specialist.

At SWCS **John** was again joined by **Rich Duesterhaus**, **Bob Edelman (IN)**, **Ron and Ann Marlow (VA)**, **Earl Norton (AL)**, **Arnold King (TX)** and a great many others. The ARCSE traditionally holds a luncheon or dinner for retirees at the annual SWCS meeting, and that is a great time to reminisce with old friends. At the SE NACD Region Meeting in NC, **John and Blanche** met up with **Peggy and Manly Wilder (NC)**. In addition to staying close to the soil and water conservation community, these meetings always provide an opportunity to renew lifelong friendships with colleagues. That's just fun!



**Bill Richards**



**Billy and Betty Milliken**



**Deusterhaus**



**Galen Bridge**



**Jerry Seinwill and Carole Waite**



**Ed and Doloris**



**Garret, Gallo, Glasgow**



Norris's



Shirley Klumpe



Todds



Herschel and Barbara Reed

## WASHINGTON

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On August 8<sup>th</sup> **Jud and Karen Melton** hosted our 4<sup>th</sup> annual summer potluck at their Spokane riverfront home in Post Falls, ID for SCS and NRCS retirees and their spouses. Some pictures are included. Seventeen retirees enjoyed an afternoon of good food and lots of conversation. On top of our usual hamburgers and hot dogs, we were treated with smoked King Salmon that **Carl Vennes** had caught in Canada (see photo). Carl's son **Robert** had a fish smoking technique that was outstanding. Yum. Besides **Jud and Karen**, others were **Tim King, Harry Riehle, Joe Carmack, Paul and Nancy Dorning, Chet Jahn, Lennie and Florence Husa, Carolyn McClane, Ralph and Lynn Schmidt and Jerry and Phyllis Richard**. The location was ideal for watching boat traffic, and flocks of geese flew close on their journey up-river.



Carl Vennes (left) and his brother James Vennes with a fine catch of 20-pounder King Salmon caught on a trip to Vancouver Island, Canada in July.

**Ken and Tina Kaul** were in Montana for a visit with family and **Larry and Jean Edmonds** were also not able to join us because of Larry's eye surgery. **Carolyn McClane** is in charge of celebrating birthdays for people at the Union Gospel Mission of Spokane. Carolyn is also a member of a song group of about 50 that routinely sing songs of the 50s, 60s, and 70s at various retirement homes. Her reward is the beaming smiles, as the residents join in with their favorite songs. **Florence and Lennie Husa** will be leaving for Alaska for a two-week cruise toward the end of August.



4<sup>TH</sup> Annual Washington Retirees' Summer BBQ at the Melton's. Retirees clockwise around the table starting with Carolyn McClane in foreground, Lennie Husa, Chet Jahn, Ralph Schmidt, Lynn Schmidt, Robert Vennes, Joe Carmack, and Harry Riehle. In the left background: Tim King and Paul Dorning.



L—R: Nancy Dorning, Phyllis Richard, Karen Melton, and Florence Husa.

## WEST VIRGINIA

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**Mildred Gilkeson**, mother of retired area conservationist **Ron Gilkeson** passed away on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016. You can read more about her in the In Memoriam section of this newsletter. Our condolences to Ron and his family.

**Kathy and Andy Feher** shared the following: "It's official: we have moved to VA. Our house sold without even listing it, and sooner than we anticipated. So instead of listing in January, we purchased in January. Our new home is adequate in every way, needing nothing. The heat has been an adjustment for Andy, but we are weathering well, thanks to air conditioning. We have had many family visitors and have enjoyed same."

**Alan Staddon** continues his adventures. "It was amazing! Standing on top of Mt. Elbert, the highest point in Colorado, reaching 14,433 feet above sea level, **Dr. James Tucker** and I had reached our goal. The views in every direction were gorgeous, and all of them were below the point where we were standing. After camping overnight at elevation 10,560, we started our 4.25 mile hike at 7:10am from the trailhead and reached the peak at 12:05pm. This was the most grueling physical effort that I have ever put myself through. This is the second year that Jim and I have climbed a "14-er," and hope to do it again in 2017."

Thanks to her many achievements (and to the efforts of **Patrick Bowen** and **Peg Reese** who co-wrote the nominations), Forester **Barbara McWhorter** was inducted into the West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame and became a 2016 "WV Women in Agriculture" award-winner. Barb's picture was hung in two places at the recent West Virginia State Fair. Pat and Peg are working on nominating Barb for the SWCS Fellow Award.



Alan Staddon on Mt. Elbert summit, highest point in Colorado

## WISCONSIN

**James Enlow, ARCSE Representative**

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**Vic Soden**, retired SCT from Monroe, lost his daughter to cancer. **Holly (Soden) Farwell** (33) of East Bethel MN passed away on July 29<sup>th</sup> 2016 after a hard-fought and courageous battle with cancer. Holly is survived by her husband **Casey Farwell** and her son **Fletcher Ginkel**. Go to <http://themonroetimes.com/main.asp?SectionID=3&SubsectionID=28&ArticleID=54367> for more information.

**Harold C. Sturgill**, 97 of Viroqua passed away Monday July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Bethel Home in Viroqua, WI. His career with SCS began in 1966 in Viroqua (Vernon County), and he worked all of his years of service with SCS in the same community until his retirement in 1981 as a Conservation Technician.

**DEADLINE FOR Nov/DEC 2016 NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS IS OCTOBER 25, 2016**



**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.*

**Sterling (Sam) Shreve, Ames, IA**  
Marc Safley, Chronicler, Senior Conservationist

## SENIOR CONSERVATIONIST CHRONICLE

**Marc Safley, Chronicler, Senior Conservationist**

**Senior Conservationist**  
**Johnny M. Eubanks**

Senior Conservationist **Johnny Eubanks** was born May 9<sup>th</sup>, 1932, in Tate, GA. Tate is in Pickens County, GA, about 56 miles north of Atlanta. Johnny's father worked for Georgia Marble and inspected every piece that was cut for the east wing of the United States Capitol. Although not directly involved in farming, Johnny was interested in agriculture from a young age. He graduated from Tate High School in 1948 and entered Berry College in Rome, GA, in the fall of that year. He graduated in May of 1953 with a B.S. degree in agriculture (animal husbandry major and agronomy minor).

While at Berry College, he met his future wife, **Frances Harris**, who was majoring in home economics. They married January 20<sup>th</sup>, 1954. After college and before his call to service, he did agriculture-related work. Johnny was drafted into the U.S. Army in May 1954. He spent 14 months stationed at the Yokohama (Japan) Engineering Depot. He was honorably discharged in 1956 and returned to Georgia.

After his discharge from the Army, Johnny was hired by SCS in 1957 and sent to Madison, GA. He worked there for two years and then was sent to Thomasville, GA, as a GS-7 District Conservationist in 1960. He retired April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1994, as a GS-11 District Conservationist at Thomasville. During the last 12 years of his SCS career, he was also District Conservationist for Grady County, GA (an adjoining county). During his years at Thomasville, Frances was a home demonstration agent and also taught in the Thomasville school system.

Following his retirement, he and Frances moved to Lake Murray, west of Columbia in 1996. They have three sons, five grandchildren, and three step-grandchildren. The eldest of their three sons lives nearby with his family; Johnny and Frances enjoy being near them. They are involved in their local church and have pursued several hobbies and activities. Johnny reports that he enjoys vegetable gardening, deer hunting, and fishing. In January of this year Johnny and Frances celebrated 62 years of marriage. He writes that though they are not in the best of health "...we do not give up."

## 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, I will be glad to do the search. Please send death notices and obituary information directly to Ron Marlow 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))

**Bain**

**William Ruel Bain Sr.** (85) passed away August 10, 2016 in Antlers, Oklahoma. **Ruel** was born south of Valliant. He attended Valliant schools, graduating with honors in 1949. He graduated from Oklahoma A&M where in 1953 he earned a BS in Animal Husbandry. **Ruel** served in the US Army and then returned to college in Stillwater and earned his Master's Degree in Agronomy (Soil Science), graduating in 1958. He worked for OSU for several years and continued his educational studies. In 1961 he began working at Blackwell, Oklahoma for the USDA Soil Conservation Service as a Soil Scientist and later moved to Antlers with the SCS. He completed a soil survey of Pushmataha County and assisted in adjoining counties until becoming District Conservationist in 1976. In 1987 he worked out of McAlester as the Area Soil Scientist for Eastern Oklahoma until he retired in 1994. He learned to call bids at an early age and worked auctions for over sixty years. **Ruel** was a fiddle player and could play most other stringed instruments. He has been a member of the First Baptist Church of Antlers, where he taught Sunday school for several years. He leaves behind a loving family that includes his wife of 63 years, **Shirley** of the home, two sons, two daughters, and six grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First Baptist Church kitchen benevolence fund or children's ministry

fund.

**Benrud**

**Donald E. Benrud** (81) of Moose Lake, Minnesota passed away after he battled three years of cancer on July 22, 2016 in Moose Lake. He was born in Monroe County. He worked for 35 years with the United States Department of Agriculture as a Resource Conservationist until retiring on December 31, 1989. **Donald** was a very active member of Hope Lutheran Church, Chairman of Lakes State Federal Credit Union for 10 years, past President of Soil Conservation Society of America, and was a member of Moose Lake Kiwanis for 40 years. He enjoyed farming, wildlife, hunting, traveling to Europe and Scandinavia, and spending time at the cabin in western Minnesota with family, and was especially fond of his beloved dog, **Arrow**. **Donald** is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, **Janice Benrud**, two daughters, a son, eight grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. To sign the guestbook online, go to: [www.hhkfuneralhome.com](http://www.hhkfuneralhome.com).

**Dannehy**

Member **Mike Dannehy** (82) of Woodson, New Hampshire passed away at Dartmouth Hitchcock Hospital in Lebanon, NH on August 17, 2016 after a brief illness. **Mike** was born in Rutland, VT, grew up in Fair Haven, VT, and graduated from Fair Haven High School. He served in the United States Army Reserves. He received an Associate degree in Business Administration and Forestry from Nichols College, followed by a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry from the University of New Hampshire. He worked for over thirty years with the Soil Conservation Service of the USDA where he was District Conservationist for Grafton County for twenty five years. After retiring in 1994 from the USDA, **Mike** was self-employed as a natural resource consultant and forester working throughout New Hampshire and Vermont. He had a Christmas tree farm in Newbury Vermont where he spent countless hours tending his trees and swapping stories with customers. He was an avid bird hunter who enjoyed training his dogs. **Mike** was very civic minded, loved his community, and was involved with various organizations including many leadership roles on commissions, councils and boards. He was a past president of the New Hampshire-Vermont Soil Conservation Society of America. He leaves behind his wife **Connie Dannehy** of Woodsville, NH; his son **Michael Dannehy** and wife **Susan Lewis**, and his three grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Woodsville Public Library, 14 School Lane, Woodsville, NH 03785; Kinder Memorial Forest, c/o Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank, 63 Central Street, Woodsville, NH 03785; or the Norris Cotton Cancer Center, Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, One Medical Center Drive, Lebanon, NH 03756.

**Davidson**

**Granville W. "Dave" Davidson** (90) of Topeka, Kansas passed away August 7, 2016. He was born in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. He was a graduate of Tahlequah High School. He served in the US Army during WW II. He graduated from Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Soil Conservation and Animal Husbandry. Granville was employed by the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Topeka, retiring in 1986. Mr. Davidson was an active member of Keep America Beautiful, receiving the Volunteer of the Year Award. He remained professionally active in soil conservation and agronomy education. Granville married **Ruth Marie Cann** on January 29, 1950. She survives. Other survivors include two children, **Dr. Terry (Ann) Davidson**, Newton, and **Donna Donovan**, Topeka; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and two grandsons, **Alex Donovan** and **Hadley Davidson**. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Grace Hospice, 3715 SW 29th, Suite 100, Topeka, KS 66614.

**Denslow**

**Howard Burnham Denslow** (69) of Brooklyn, Connecticut, passed away on August 7, 2016, following a long illness. He was born in Hartford, CT. He leaves his wife of 47 years, **Virginia (Pagani) Denslow**, his three children, and eight beloved grandchildren. Howard was a thirteenth-generation direct descendant of **Henry Denslow**, the first settler of Windsor Locks, CT. He was a graduate of Rockville High School and attended the University of Maine at Orono. He received a degree in Agronomy from the University of CT at Storrs. His professional career was spent with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service as a District Conservationist in Windham County and later as a Resource Conservationist at the state headquarters office in Tolland. He also served on the board of directors of the Eastern CT Conservation District. **Howard** was a communicant of Trinity Episcopal Church, Brooklyn, where he served as Junior Warden and Vestryman and was a longtime member of the choir. He enjoyed singing with local choral groups, including the Northeast CT Ecumenical Choir and the Plainfield VFW Chorus. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Trinity Episcopal Church, PO Box 276, Brooklyn, CT 06234, or to the Wolf Den Land Trust, PO Box 404, Brooklyn, CT 06234.

**Foster**

**Barbara Foster** of Davis, California, passed away on July 12, 2016 after a long struggle with COPD. She retired from the Natural Resources Conservation Service as Budget and Finance Officer in the Davis State Office.

**Gilkeson**

**Mildred Adamson Gilkeson** (93) of Fort Seybert, West Virginia passed away on August 10, 2016 at Bridgewater Retirement Community in Bridgewater, Virginia. She was born at Fort Seybert. A 1940 graduate of Franklin High School, **Mildred** had been employed by the WVU Extension Service, War Price and Rationing Board, Potomac Valley Soil Conservation District, and USDA Soil Conservation Service. She was a member of the Wide-Awake 4-H Club, Fairview-Bethel United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women, Fort Seybert Extension Homemakers, the Pendleton County Historical Society, and she served on the Board of Directors of Pendleton Senior and Family Services. On June 26, 1943, she married **William O. Gilkeson** (Oct. 23, 1919--July 27, 1991), who preceded her in death. Surviving are one daughter and two sons including ARCSE member **Ron Gilkeson**, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one grandson, **Lance Gilkeson**. Memorials may be made to Bridgewater Retirement Community, 302 N. 2nd Street, Bridgewater, VA 22812 or Pendleton Manor, PO Box 700, Franklin, WV 26807.

<b>Jernstedt</b>	<b>Noma Jeane Jernstedt</b> (84) of Hubbard, Oregon passed away on July 16, 2016. She was married for 63 years to <b>Maurice L. Jernstedt</b> . <b>Maury</b> retired from SCS in 1994 after serving as an economist at several locations in Oregon and Washington. For the last 33 years they have resided in Hubbard. She was blessed with four children. She celebrated her birthday with her twin sister July 15, 2016. She also had seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. <b>Noma</b> was a homemaker and farmer. She served the Lord faithfully in every volunteer capacity in each church she was a part of, with emphasis on youth programs. She also served many years in the Girl Scouts, the 4-H and FFA programs. Outside the church her life reflected the deep and abiding faith she held. <i>Please sign the online guest book at <a href="http://www.oregonlive.com/obits">www.oregonlive.com/obits</a>.</i>
<b>Jordan</b>	Member <b>Robert H. Jordan</b> (88) of Sun City West, Arizona passed away on May 11, 2016. Robert retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1986 as a Soil Scientist Staff Leader. He is survived by his wife, <b>Mary</b> , two children, four grandchildren, and one great grandchild--and one on the way. <b>Bob</b> will be buried in the fall at the AZ Vets cemetery. He served in the Army at the end of WW II--Signal Corps at Vint Hill Farm in Virginia.
<b>Kelly</b>	<b>Shawn D. Kelly</b> (51) of Pelican Lake, Wisconsin, formerly of Pembine, passed away on July 26, 2016 at his home, surrounded by his family. Shawn fought a long and hard battle with cancer. He was born in Norway, MI. <b>Shawn</b> worked for the Natural Resources Conservation Service in our cartographic office in Rhinelander and at the State office on the digitizing team. Shawn is survived by two sisters and four brothers.
<b>Kvittem</b>	Life Member <b>Owen John Kvittem</b> (69) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away August 8, 2016. He was born in Faribault, Minn. He worked as an engineer for the Natural Resources Conservation Service in offices in Minnesota, North Dakota, and Nebraska. He retired as State Conservation Engineer in Nebraska in 2007. He later retired as an engineer from the Nebraska Dept. of Natural Resources. He was a member of Southwood Lutheran Church. He enjoyed helping anyone with any and every project, and more importantly, spending time with his family and friends. Family members include his wife, <b>Debbie</b> ; mother, <b>Marcy</b> , Kenyon, MN; sons, <b>Scott (Holly)</b> , Detroit Lakes, MN, <b>Dane (Jamie)</b> , Lincoln, and <b>Lee (Sandy) Kvittem</b> , San Angelo, TX; and six grandchildren. Memorials to Peoples City Mission, Southwood Lutheran Church or Lincoln Police Department. Condolences online at <a href="http://Roperandsons.com">Roperandsons.com</a> .
<b>Labahn</b>	Life Member <b>Leslie "Les" Labahn</b> (75) passed away at his home in Pickstown, South Dakota on March 18, 2016. Les was born in Akron, Iowa. He attended South Dakota State University and received a degree in Agronomy from SDSU in 1962. After college, <b>Les</b> went to work for the USDA Soil Conservation Service until January 1963, when he reported to US Naval Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island. After Officer Candidate School, <b>Les</b> served aboard the USS Waldo County Landing Ship Tank (LST) 1163. He rose to serve as the Operations Officer of the ship. Les completed his Active Duty obligation in May 1966 and was honorably discharged. He returned to his civilian life in the USDA Soil Conservation Service but remained in the Naval Reserve, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Commander. <b>Les</b> moved to Pickstown in 1993 and retired from the Soil Conservation Service at the end of 2005 as an RC&D Coordinator at Lake Andes, South Dakota. After retirement, he remained active in the Randall RC&D (Resource Conservation & Development). He traveled around the country for his grandchildren's sporting events, birthdays, school programs, and concerts. He fulfilled a "bucket list" goal by driving to Alaska and touring the wilderness. Left to mourn are his wife of 49 years <b>Connie</b> , his daughter <b>Stephanie Hurd (Jeff)</b> of Rapid City, his son <b>Steven Labahn (Debora)</b> of Sioux Falls, his son <b>Michael Labahn (Melissa)</b> of Brandon, and his nine grandchildren. <b>Les</b> was active in the VFW, and the family requests that, in lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Burke VFW in the name of Les Labahn. Friends may sign his online guest register at <a href="http://clausenfuneralhome.com">http://clausenfuneralhome.com</a> .
<b>Meierdierks</b>	<b>Larry D. Meierdierks</b> (64) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away peacefully on Aug. 7, 2016. He was born in Pender. <b>Larry</b> graduated from Pender High School in 1970 and in 1972 joined the US Army where he was stationed in Korea and at Fort Riley, KS, and later served in the Nebraska National Guard as a helicopter repairman for the 24 <sup>th</sup> Medical Company. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, <b>Suzie</b> . <b>Suzie</b> is retired from the NRCS State Office in Nebraska. In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to Christ Lutheran Church Comfort Dog Ministry Fund.
<b>Merrell</b>	<b>J. Evan Merrell</b> (88) passed away at his home in Boise, ID on August 18, 2016. He was born in Virden, New Mexico. <b>Evan</b> served in the Navy during the closing months of WWII on a cruiser moored in San Francisco Bay and in the Army as a radio operator in the Korean War. He served as a missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in the Chicago, IL area. He earned a graduate degree in hydrology from Utah State University. <b>Evan</b> worked during his 25-year career as a hydrologist for the US Soil Conservation Service in Boise, ID. A final assignment for SCS took him to Anchorage, AK. After he retired, <b>Evan</b> and a group of former coworkers in Boise founded a consulting company, Associated Earth Sciences, to continue offering soil and water solutions. He really enjoyed AES. <b>Evan</b> and his wife <b>June</b> served two missions together for the church—first in Florida and then to Hanoi, Vietnam where they helped modernize a library in the National School of Public Health. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, <b>June</b> ; their children, <b>Kevin Merrell, Reed Merrell, Ann Reed, Dorothy Klomp</b> and <b>Richard Merrell</b> , and a sister-in-law, <b>Pat Merrell</b> . He leaves behind 17 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a grandson, <b>Loren Reed</b> . Condolences may be expressed at <a href="http://zeyerfuneralchapel.com">zeyerfuneralchapel.com</a> .
<b>Moses</b>	<b>Kathryn Grace Moses</b> (20) of Mooresville, North Carolina passed away on May 30, 2016. Kathryn is survived by her parents, <b>Samuel</b> and <b>Catherine Moses</b> , and brother, <b>Samuel</b> ; grandparents, <b>Richard</b> and <b>Carol Gallo</b> , <b>Cindy</b> and <b>James Goad</b> ; and many other loving family members. <b>Dick (Richard) Gallo</b> is an ARCSE member and retired as the NRCS State Conservationist in NC in 1997.

*We have no words to express the grief we feel for losing our intelligent, kind, and beautiful daughter. The promise her future held was cut short by a wrong decision, a reckless one... that led to a sickness she could not control and which quickly consumed her. But Katie is not defined by addiction. In her twenty years of shining bright with a personality and sense of humor as big as the sky, her last year will not be the one we remember her by.*

*Katie lived a wonderful life for 19 years. She loved her horses, her dogs, her friends, and especially her family. Everyone who was blessed enough to have known her will attest to her sense of humor--she kept us all laughing and at the same time she was free with her generosity and kindness. She had so many plans for what she wanted to do in life--and they changed often--but the underlying theme was to do something that involved travel. She was never as excited as when she was planning a trip or going someplace new and different--taking in the sights and trying different foods.*

*We know that she is free from suffering now and that God holds a place for her. "To everything there is a purpose," and although we cannot know what that purpose is right now, we hope that it has something to do with changing the course of another young person's life who is struggling with addiction. You were and always will be our cherished daughter, sister, granddaughter, niece, cousin, and friend. We will never forget who you were and the indelible mark you left on our lives.*

**Penner**

**Doris Louise Penner** (88) of El Dorado, Kansas passed away on July 8, 2016. She was the wife of **Harold Penner** who retired from SCS as a soil scientist in 1980. She was born in Marion, Kansas and graduated from Marion High School in 1945. Doris retired as a secretary for USD 490 (public schools) in El Dorado and was a member of First United Methodist Church. Her loving family includes her husband of 67 years, **Harold** of the home, two daughters, five grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. Memorial contributions in her name, in lieu of flowers, may be directed to Alzheimer's Association or Interim Hospice, in care of the funeral home.

**Perryman**

**Fred Perryman** (89) of Duke, Oklahoma, passed away on July 10, 2016 at Integris Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City. Fred was born northeast of Duke near the home site of his pioneer grandparents. **Fred** joined the United States Navy and served his country during World War II. After his service he completed his senior year of high school. He received his degree in Agriculture Education. He was vocational agriculture instructor at Butler, Oklahoma for a few years and then began working with the USDA Soil Conservation Service. He served in this capacity in several areas of Oklahoma: Walters, Okmulgee, Okemah, and Clinton. After 25 years in Clinton, **Fred** retired in 1991 as the District Conservationist. He was ordained as a deacon at the Hillcrest Baptist Church while he was in school at OSU. Fred leaves behind his wife of 69 years **Bonnie** of the home; three sons, **Philip Perryman** and wife Lana of Apache; **Fred Arlen Perryman** (Lillian) of Edmond; and **Dale Perryman** (Sezen) of Dallas; his daughter, **Freida Beall (Charles)** of Bixby; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers the Perryman family has requested a memorial to be sent to a fund set up to offset his son **Fred Arlen Perryman's** Parkinson's medical procedure. Please contact Fred Perryman's Memorial Fund, Farmers and Merchants Bank, PO BOX 190 Duke, Oklahoma 73532, or call (580) 679-3334. To sign the online guest book and share memories with the family please visit [www.Lowell-Tims.com](http://www.Lowell-Tims.com).

**Rockenbaugh**

**Thomas G. Rockenbaugh** (90) went to be with the Lord on July 10, 2016. **Tom** was born in Wills Point in 1926. He served his country in the US Army in the South Pacific during World War II. **Tom** graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in range and forestry. He began his career in 1951 with the Soil Conservation Service. He served in various roles throughout Texas before becoming SCS assistant state conservationist for Louisiana and deputy state conservationist for Kansas. In 1975, **Tom** was appointed as state conservationist for Arizona. He moved to Washington as SCS assistant chief for the Southwestern states in 1981. He retired as Associate Chief. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Mary Lois**. Survivors include his loving wife of 43 years, **Del Rockenbaugh**; children, **Vickie Rockenbaugh** and **Rob Rockenbaugh (Darlene)**; stepchildren, **C.J. Witten (Alan)** and **Nancy Cooper (David)**; six grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org) or to Birchman Baptist Church's Harp Fund, 9100 N Normandale St., Fort Worth, Texas, 76116.

**Schaefer**

Member **George W. Schaefer** (88) of Virginia Beach, VA passed away peacefully at home on July 27, 2016. He was born in Winona, MN. **George** was a former Marine who served in China after WWII, and during the Korean War. He was a Chosin Reservoir survivor. He retired from the USDA Natural Resource and Conservation Service after 32 years of service. After he retired, he served as a District Director on the Virginia Dare Soil and Water Conservation District Board for over 10 years, serving as Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer, and on the Resource Conservation and Development Council. He was a member of Hope Lutheran Church in Virginia Beach. **George** is survived by his wife of 37 years, **Oksun Lee Schaefer**; and one daughter **Linda Schaefer-Seinfeld (Steve)**, of Tarzana, CA.

**Schober**

**Ernest Schober** (93) of Duluth, Minnesota passed away on May 10, 2016, in Solvay Hospice House. He was born in Orpund, Switzerland. **Ernie** served the US Marines proudly during active duty during WWII in the Pacific Arena, receiving the Bronze Star of Valor and a Purple Heart Medal. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a degree in Forestry and retired from the US Soil Conservation Service. He was a member of the Elks Lodge and VFW. **Ernest** enjoyed golfing, fishing, playing cribbage, flower and vegetable gardening, traveling, and he always enjoyed the company of family. **Ernest** was preceded in death by wife, **Marjorie**, daughter, **Susan Wisocki**, and son, **Richard Schober**. He is survived by children **Thomas (Irma)**, **James (Becky)**, **Daniel (Rosie)**, and **Geoffrey**, and many nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**Schroeder**

**Gladys N. Schroeder** (94) of Cherokee, Iowa, passed away on August 15, 2016 at Accura Health Care (Countryside Estates) in Cherokee. **Gladys** was born in Afton Township, Cherokee County, Iowa. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. After high school graduation, she followed the secretarial and

clerical trade. **Gladys** was married to **Robert H. Schroeder** on May 21, 1943 at the Air Force Base in Greenville, Mississippi. Following her husband's discharge from WW II, they returned to Cherokee County. In 1955, she started her employment with the Cherokee County Soil Conservation District, the first district clerk in that office, and retired in 1983. She is survived by many nieces and nephews and many great nieces and great nephews.

<b>Schulze</b>	<b>Lonnie Lee Schulze</b> (72) of Salina, Kansas passed away on July 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2016 at the Mitchell County Hospital, in Beloit. He was born in Norton, Kansas. <b>Lonnie</b> worked as a soil conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 2001. He was a member of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Salina. Survivors include his wife of 44 years, <b>Jeanne</b> , of Salina; two daughters and a son, a step daughter, and three step sons, a foster daughter, as well as 15 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to Midwest Transplant Network, 1900 West 47th Place, Suite 400, Westwood, Kansas 66205.
<b>Smith</b>	<b>Howard R. Smith</b> (91) passed away peacefully on July 29, 2016 in Boise, Idaho. He was born in Seattle, WA. After briefly attending Seattle University and the University of Washington, Howard joined the US Navy where he served during the closing years of WWII in the Pacific and Far East on an LST (Landing Ship Tank). After the war, he returned to the University of Washington where he met and married <b>Joanne L. Hunt</b> . Graduating with a geology degree, <b>Howard</b> and his wife moved to Montana where he worked for the US Geological Survey and the US Soil Conservation Service. In 1966, the family moved to Boise where he continued his career with the SCS. After retiring in 1980, <b>Howard</b> worked as a consulting geologist. He enjoyed his life gardening, camping and fishing, and as a food and nutrition fancier. <b>Howard</b> is predeceased by his wife <b>Joanne</b> and survived by his children <b>Lytton (Janice Crosetti)</b> of Bothell, WA; <b>Randall</b> of Boise, ID; <b>Janine Smith Citron (Steve)</b> of Kelseyville, CA; and <b>Jeffrey N. (Tori)</b> of Port Orchard, WA as well as several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
<b>Spriggs</b>	<b>Erlene Spriggs</b> (86) of Parsons, Kansas passed away on July 15, 2016. She was born near West Mineral. She grew up on the family farm and graduated from West Mineral High School. On Sept. 2, 1951, she and <b>Donald B. Spriggs</b> were married in Galesburg. <b>Don</b> retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1985 and preceded her in death on April 5, 2005. <b>Erlene</b> was a member of Faith United Methodist Church of Parsons. She is survived by two sons, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Memorials are suggested to the Presbyterian Manor Good Samaritan Fund and may be left at or sent to the funeral home, Box 942, Parsons, KS 67357. Online messages may be left at <a href="http://www.wallfuneralservices.com">www.wallfuneralservices.com</a> .
<b>Stewart</b>	Senior Conservationist <b>Donald Pierce Stewart</b> (91) of Boise, Idaho passed away on August 7, 2016. He was born in Meadow, Utah. He met his future wife, <b>Helen Maxine Logan</b> , in band class at Boise High School. Following high school, <b>Don</b> entered the US Army where he served as a tail gunner on a photography aircraft. He was stationed in the Philippines and Okinawa. He flew over and took some of the first photos of Hiroshima after the bomb was dropped. He was proud of his military service but, like a lot of his generation, he did not talk about it. <b>Don</b> graduated in 1950 with a degree in engineering. His first job assignment with the Soil Conservation Service was in St. Anthony, ID. In December 1967, <b>Don</b> took a job with the A.I.D. This took all of the family, except <b>Charles</b> , to Tunisia for two years. He worked on irrigation and flood control projects for the Tunisian government as part of the "Foreign Aid Program." They returned to Boise from Tunisia in 1970. After two years in Portland, he retired as the State Irrigation Engineer in Oregon in 1981. He is survived by his wife of 70 years <b>Maxine</b> of Mountain Home; his sons: <b>Charles (Sherrel)</b> of Alaska; <b>John</b> of California; <b>Mike (Denise)</b> of Bruneau; <b>Doug</b> of Boise; eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Elks Rehabilitation Hospital in Boise, ID; University of Idaho Foundation in Moscow, ID; American Legion Post 2 in Boise, ID; or a charity of choice.
<b>Sturgill</b>	Senior Conservationist <b>Harold C. Sturgill</b> (97) of Viroqua, Wisconsin passed away July 25, 2016 at the Bethel Home where he had been a resident since May 3, 2016. He was born in Ashland, West Virginia and graduated from Elkhorn High School in Elkhorn, West Virginia in 1935. Harold began working for the Appalachian Power Company until 1937. Later he began working as an inside coal miner at the Consolidated Coal Company in Bartley, West Virginia until he volunteered for the U.S. Army in early 1942. He served in the U.S. Army in the North Africa campaigns with General <b>George Patton</b> 's Third Army serving in southern Italy as a signal corpsman until the war in Europe ended in 1945. In 1950 he married his beloved wife <b>Effie White</b> . He owned the Washington Street Texaco Station in Bluefield, West Virginia, for about 5 years. It was a predecessor to today's convenience stores, something called "jot 'em down store." He had already mined coal for 25 years in West Virginia before his career with the Soil Conservation Service began in 1966 in Viroqua (Vernon County), Wisconsin as a Soil Conservation Technician. After suffering a long illness of diabetes, Effie passed away in 1984. She was dearly missed by Harold. He is survived by his brother <b>Richard (Dawn) Sturgill</b> of Rancho Santa Fe, California, and several nieces and nephews. Memorials may be given to the Bad Axe Lutheran Church Word of Life Radio Show which Harold enjoyed every Sunday, the Bethel Home, Viroqua or the Vernon County Aging Unit Meals on Wheels Program.
<b>Tatum</b>	<b>James E. Tatum, Sr.</b> (77) of Mitchellville, MD peacefully entered into eternal rest on August 14, 2016. Beloved husband of 54 years to <b>Dr. Verlene H. Tatum</b> , he is survived by his loving wife; his son, <b>James, Jr. (Sherri)</b> ; and his three grandchildren. <b>Jim</b> retired from the Natural Resources Conservation Service in 1997 as a Special Assistant for Management. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the James E. Tatum Scholarship at the University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff, Office of Development, 1200 North University Drive, Mail Slot 4981, Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71601.

<b>Tucker</b>	Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist <b>Kermit Nelson Tucker, Sr.</b> (100) of Decatur, Alabama passed away on May 23, 2016. Kermit retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1953 as a Soil Conservationist.
<b>Warner</b>	<b>John Waydell Warner, Jr.</b> (86) of Marco Island, Florida passed away July 9, 2016. He was born in Bluefield, WV. <b>John</b> graduated in 1948 from Greenbrier Military Academy in Lewisburg, WV. In 1952, he graduated from West Virginia University with a bachelor's degree in Agriculture. He served his country in the Army in Korea for two years. After being called to serve again in the National Guard for a year during the Berlin crisis, <b>John</b> earned a Master's Degree in Agriculture from WVU in 1957. He worked for USDA in the Soil Conservation Service as a Soil Scientist in WV and NY and retired as State Soils Correlator in NY in 1985. He then went on to work as an independent contractor for another ten years. Upon retiring to Marco Island, FL he served as a member of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary for 18 years. <b>John</b> enjoyed many volunteer activities that served his church and community, including Habitat for Humanity where he was known for being the man on the ladder. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, <b>Rosellen</b> ; their daughter <b>Janellen Lents</b> of Naples, her husband, and their two sons; their son <b>John Warner</b> of Burke, VA and his wife <b>Betsy</b> , and their two children. Contributions may be made in his memory to Camp Able at St. Marks, 1101 N. Collier Marco Island, FL.



**Reflection Pond, Denali National Park, Alaska.**

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First Name	Last Name	City	St.	Robert D	Slayback	Lodi	CA	Bruce G	Watson	N. Fort Myers	FL
Erline	Lingle	Auburn	AL	Leonard	Jolley	Napa	CA	Sterling B.	Caple	North Port	FL
John C	Meetze	Auburn	AL	Olice "Ted"	Gerbaz	Orangevale	CA	Janie	Jolly	Ocklawaha	FL
Ronnie D.	Murphy	Auburn	AL	Jennings W	Garlinghouse	Orleans	CA	Jerome C	Hytry	Orlando	FL
Earl L	Norton	Auburn	AL	Hewlett F	Todd	Redding	CA	Janice	Reid	Palm Coast	FL
Ernest V	Todd	Auburn	AL	Thomas	Wehri	Roseville	CA	Irvin F	Ross	Pinellas Pk	FL
David L	Schertz	Northport	AL	Mary	Andreuccetti	Sacramento	CA	Kenneth T	Ackerson	Pompano Beach	FL
J G (Jodie)	Jones	Bentonville	AR	William A.	Ward	Sacramento	CA	David C	Brooks	Pompano Beach	FL
Billy A	Garner	Booneville	AR	Edwin L	Minnick	Walnut Creek	CA	John N	Holeman	Pompano Beach	FL
Ralph	Mashburn	England	AR	Paul	Koluvek	Winters	CA	John S	Pirie	Punta Gorda	FL
Emily J.	Knight	Hope	AR	Richard J.	Mullaney	Akron	CO	Ida	Cuthbertson	Sarasota	FL
Dennis	Hackbart	Little Rock	AR	Nyle L	Jordre	Aurora	CO	Paul M	Howard	Sarasota	FL
M J (Whitey)	Spears	Little Rock	AR	Ronald F	Bauer	Brush	CO	Richard W	Hardy	Sebring	FL
Marion T.	Mathis	Mansfield	AR	Duane L	Johnson	Cedaredge	CO	Donald	Butz	Tampa	FL
Richard G	Babeu	Maumelle	AR	Carl L.	Glocker	Colorado Spgs	CO	Karl H.	Langlois	The Villages	FL
George	Dahlke	N Little Rock	AR	W. Esther	Bright	Denver	CO	David O	Kile	Wellington	FL
Johnnie F	Henry	N. Little Rock	AR	Ivan R.	Wilkinson	Estes Park	CO	William E	Frederick	Winter Haven	FL
Bruce M	McCullough	Ozark	AR	Jack R.	Carlson	Fort Collins	CO	Carolyn C	Adams	Athens	GA
John W	Chenoweth	Van Buren	AR	Larry	Flentie	Fort Collins	CO	Linda R	DiPietro	Athens	GA
Christopher P	Williams	Chandler	AZ	Dennis	Lytle	Fort Collins	CO	Edna Bartlett	Firor	Athens	GA
I W "Bill"	Fobair	Cottonwood	AZ	Scott	Snover	Fort Collins	CO	Talbert R	Gerald	Athens	GA
A Glen	Johnson	Glendale	AZ	John I	Brubacher	Ft Collins	CO	Bob	Oertel	Athens	GA
Thomas E	Calhoun	Green Valley	AZ	Paul J	Ohland	Ft Collins	CO	Robert L	Wilkes	Athens	GA
Gordon O	Klofstad	Mesa	AZ	John	Geter	Ft. Collins	CO	John W	Adams	Lyons	GA
Stephen	Black	Phoenix	AZ	Monte J	Collins	Grand Junction	CO	Robert T	Stovall	Martin	GA
Aubrey C	Sanders	Phoenix	AZ	Emery C	Johnson	Grand Junction	CO	Ross L	Ulmer	McDonough	GA
Albert C	Addison	Portal	AZ	James R	Fisher	Lakewood	CO	Walker G	Carter	Statesboro	GA
Gary	Nordstrom	Prescott Valley	AZ	Flavio R	Gonzalez	Littleton	CO	Phillip	Hadarits	Toombsboro	GA
J Gordon	Odell	Saddlebrooke	AZ	Terri	Sage	Littleton	CO	Edward P.	Ealy	Watkinsville	GA
Verne M	Bathurst	Scottsdale	AZ	Richard L	Porter	Longmont	CO	Cecil N	Martin	Watkinsville	GA
Herman C	Cohen	Sun City	AZ	W. Kent	Ververs	Loveland	CO	Beverly H.	Walker	Watkinsville	GA
Warren J	Fitzgerald	Sun City	AZ	Carter	Christenson	Lyons	CO	Hilda G	Poss	Winterville	GA
Mary Lou	Jordan	Sun City West	AZ	Alvin	Jones	Meeker	CO	George C	Norris	Zebulon	GA
John C	Lowrey	Sun City West	AZ	Robert H	Boecking	Montrose	CO	Kenneth M	Kaneshiro	Aiea	HI
Kenneth G	McManus	Sun City West	AZ	Edwin W	Olmsted	Northglenn	CO	Francis	Lum	Honolulu	HI
Rodney M	Alt	Surprise	AZ	Jerry D	Schwien	Northglenn	CO	Rosemary	Gaudette	Altoona	IA
Ron	Lowery	Tempe	AZ	Larry D	Miles	Pagosa Springs	CO	David D	Breitbach	Ames	IA
Marion E	Strong	Tempe	AZ	Bruce A	Lindahl	Steamboat Spgs	CO	Charles S	Fisher	Ames	IA
Ruth	Wilimek	Tempe	AZ	William	Ireland	Chaplin	CT	Sterling P	Shreve	Ames	IA
Galen S	Bridge	Tucson	AZ	Margorie	Faber	Coventry	CT	John K.	Skerritt	Ames	IA
Kenneth M	Cookson	Tucson	AZ	Elmer E	Offerman	Storrs	CT	Eldon C	Weber	Ames	IA
Tommy A	George	Tucson	AZ	Joseph	Csiki	Willington	CT	Joseph F	Ausan	Ankeny	IA
John D	Hedlund	Tucson	AZ	Joseph E	Polulech	Woodstock Valley	CT	Jim	Gulliford	Ankeny	IA
Karl R.	Klingelhofer	Tucson	AZ	Douglas J.	Lawrence	Washington	DC	Carol	Jeske	Ankeny	IA
Joseph L	Knisley	Tucson	AZ	Richard P	Bennett	Georgetown	DE	Dennis G	Miller	Ankeny	IA
Ronald E	Moreland	Tucson	AZ	James W	Stingel	Lewes	DE	Lee C.	White	Ankeny	IA
Romy	Myszka	Antioch	CA	Carl E	Bouchard	Milford	DE	John H.	Wilson	Ankeny	IA
Ron	Harben	Arroyo Grande	CA	Patricia	Cecil	Auburndale	FL	Raymond L	Currier	Boone	IA
Kenneth	Pitney	Bonita	CA	William J	Brune	Bonita Springs	FL	Russell L	Knutson	Boone	IA
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