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## NOTES FROM THE POTOMAC

**John Stierna**

**Congress**—Congress will return from the August recess for a very busy September. Foremost will be enacting some form of appropriations to keep the government running. At the present time it is unclear whether this will take the form of an omnibus appropriation bill, a minibus bill, or simply a continuing resolution (CR). However, it is pretty clear that the 12 different appropriation bills considered and reported by the appropriation committees will not be the vehicles of choice, since it would tie up too much floor time and would invite extraneous amendments that could lead to killing the various bills. It can be expected that a short term CR will be passed in September to allow the new fiscal year to begin while allowing time to work out a way forward before the end of the calendar year.

The last issue of "Notes" included a report in some detail on House appropriation amounts. Since then, the Senate appropriators have reported a bill (S.1800) that provides somewhat more discretionary funding for conservation operations and leaves the Conservation Stewardship Program uncapped, thus allowing the Farm Bill mandate of enrolling 10 million acres to be the case. Since the way forward on appropriations still must be determined, uncertainty remains until something is enacted.

**Tax extenders**—Congress will be considering a tax extenders bill in order to re-authorize certain tax provisions that expired at the end of 2014 or are expiring this year. This includes a provision providing an income tax deduction for qualified conservation charitable contributions—primarily for accepting less than full market value for selling a conservation easement on farmland. This is an important element to benefit landowners and those entities that partner with NRCS to implement the Agricultural Land Easements component of the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program created in the 2014 Farm Bill.

**NRCS workload**—In addition to administering Farm Bill conservation programs and ongoing conservation operations, NRCS will be experiencing increased workload to help producers newly covered by the 2014 Farm Bill provision that included crop insurance premium assistance to the benefits that may be lost if conservation compliance requirements are not satisfied. Typically, most of the newly covered producers will be able to self-certify using a form AD-1026. However, NRCS workload will include making HEL and wetland determinations as well as developing suitable conservation plans where needed. As **Deputy Secretary Krista Harden** has stated, USDA is trying to protect those lands newly covered by compliance requirements rather than seeking a "got yah" situation for producers.

**Drones**—Now anyone can fly. Drones are part of the future in conservation, in agriculture and for many other aspects of our life. However, increasing drone incidents have posed risks to commercial and private aircraft. As the use of drones accelerates in the months ahead, particularly for conservation and agriculture, it is critically important that the FAA requirements be followed. Currently, these include not exceeding 500 feet in elevation, staying at least 5 miles away from airfields, and keeping the drone within sight.

NRCS has had internal discussions about drones for conservation work. However, they have not yet developed policy or guidance on their use. Expect these discussions to continue into the future as NRCS leadership wrestle with use of drones to assist in certain field operations.

**Soil Health**—With the increased attention to soil health, there has been a greater volume of workshops and seminars on various aspects of soil health. On September 21-22, the Farm Foundation is hosting a workshop on the Economics of Soil Health in Washington, DC. NRCS and ERS are cooperating in the workshop, and **Wayne Honeycutt** (Deputy Chief for Science and Technology) and former Chief **Bruce Knight** are also participating as panelists.

**ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED CONSERVATION SERVICE EMPLOYEES**

**Members: The 2015 Member Locator is attached at the end of this newsletter**

**Western Lake Erie Basin**—Through NRCS, USDA is providing additional funding to address algae blooms in the western Lake Erie basin. In past years, toxins from algae blooms have affected drinking water in Toledo, Ohio and surrounding areas. Recently there have been additional and concerted efforts to reduce runoff of nutrients and sediment and help improve water quality.

The USDA funding announcement says “The cause of algae blooms is complex; water temperature, lack of agitation, rainfall and runoff from farms and lawns, zebra mussels, and the impacts of climate change can all contribute to the problem.” Read the announcement at

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/newsroom/releases/?cid=NRCSEPRD388607>. To learn about what NRCS is doing in western Lake Erie basin, go to [http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/PA\\_NRCSConsumption/download?cid=nrcseprd389222&ext=pdf](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/PA_NRCSConsumption/download?cid=nrcseprd389222&ext=pdf).

**Voluntary Public Access—Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack** also announced an investment of \$20 million to partner with 15 state agencies to improve and increase wildlife habitat and public access for recreational opportunities on privately-owned and operated farm, ranch and forest lands. The projects are being funded under the Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program (VPA-HIP). The states receiving awards include Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Oregon, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming. More information is available at

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/newsroom/releases/?cid=NRCSEPRD388811>

**WOTUS**—As stated in earlier columns, the EPA and Corps of Engineers rule defining the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) is being battled out in court. Thirteen states have filed suit in Federal court to delay implementation of the final rule (currently scheduled for August 28<sup>th</sup>) until an earlier suit by 27 states to block the rule is considered on its merits in Federal court. More than a dozen organizations have also filed suits in opposition to the final rule. Of course, there is a lot of spin both in support of and in opposition to the rule. Hopefully, the courts will be able to sort it all out in some meaningful way.

**Drought**—Dry conditions continue in the west. To see 18 pages of weather and climate maps, go to <http://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/ftpref/support/drought/dmrpt-20150813.pdf>. In addition to the normal information on precipitation, temperature and drought, this site includes maps on soil moisture, floods, streamflow, reservoir conditions, and the outlook for fire, floods, drought, temperature, and precipitation. Lots of good stuff.

**Soil Health**—NRCS has released another interesting video on the science of soil health. It can be viewed at

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7id24FKSqWs&index=24&list=PL4J8PxoprGa3wFYSXFu-BW\\_mMatlelt0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7id24FKSqWs&index=24&list=PL4J8PxoprGa3wFYSXFu-BW_mMatlelt0)

**WOTUS—Breaking news.** The District Court of North Dakota issued an injunction to block EPA and the Corps of Engineers from implementing the Clean Water Rule that defines the waters of the United States. The Administration issued a statement that they will use the existing rule in the 13 states covered in that district, but will implement the new rule in the rest of the nation. The 13 states are Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming. There will be more litigation before this issue is resolved.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Cecil Currin

First of all, a big “Thank you!” to **Warren Lee** for his leadership during the past years. He has kept us on a path toward a balance of serving ARCSE members and fiscal responsibility. I am glad he has two more years on the Board of Directors. I am also pleased to welcome **Dana York** as President-elect. Dana is a huge asset to the board.

The annual meeting luncheon in Greensboro was a great success with 43 people attending. It was particularly rewarding to me because several of my former supervisors were there, including **Don Basinger, Rich Duesterhaus and Rex Tracy**. Don was the SCS Design Engineer who recruited me for his NC design Unit. As of June 1<sup>st</sup>, he has had 50 years to regret that decision. As Don progressed through SCS to become the Director of Engineering, he continued to be an informal mentor for me and provided many development opportunities. I have always considered Rich Duesterhaus to be one of the agency's best thinkers, and he has always provided advice and counsel even when he was not my supervisor. When I resisted taking on the job of ARCSE President, Rich said, “We all have to take our turn.”



**Cecil Currin, ARCSE President; Dana York, President-Elect; Warren Lee, Immediate Past-President.**



**Tommy Cutts, Don Basinger, Ron Marlow, and Cecil Currin**



**Rich Deusterhaus and Jude Mollenhauer**

Rex Tracy and I had lots of fun when he was State Conservationist in Massachusetts. Rex supported me when I applied for the State Conservation Engineer position in Texas. This was a big boost in my career and I became the only non-Texan SCE for Texas. Texas probably won't do that again.

I also enjoyed a visit with **Tommy Cutts**, retired SCE for NC. I have known Tommy since I was 11 years old. We were in elementary school, high school and college together. Neither of us could have imagined that two farm boys from Stovall High School (21 graduates) would both become State Conservation Engineers.

**Jason Weller**, Chief of NRCS, participated in the luncheon from start to finish. He provided up-to-date information, answered questions, and challenged ARCSE to help him with a mentoring program for conservation planning. We really enjoyed and appreciated Jason's participation.

During the luncheon, President Cecil Currin presented the President's Award for Outstanding Community Service to George Norris and Ross Braun.



**President Cecil Currin presenting award to George Norris**



**President Cecil Currin presenting award to Ross Braun**



**Association of Retired  
Conservation Service Employees**

**President's Award  
For  
Outstanding Community Service**

**George C. Norris**

*In recognition of outstanding leadership and dedicated service to improving life for the citizens of Pike County and the state of Georgia. His sustained efforts have resulted in a new church and community center, an agriculture related recreation and education center, twenty three Eagle Scouts, support of a historic perpetual care cemetery, and establishment of Pike County Historic Preservation, Inc. and its many projects.*

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**Association of Retired  
Conservation Service Employees**

**President's Award  
For  
Outstanding Community Service**

**Ross Braun**

*In recognition of over 25 years of dedicated service by volunteering thousands of hours in therapeutic riding and natural resources education activities benefiting numerous people of all ages at the local, state, national, and international level.*

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**President's Message (cont'd)**

**As we close out 2015 and think about 2016, we face some serious challenges and along with that, we have opportunities.** We made excellent progress on the fiscal side by going to the eNewsletter. The challenge is: we are still spending more than we are taking in. In other words we are still going broke, but more slowly. Without a change, we could use up all our resources in 10-12 years. The opportunity seems to be the eNewsletter. Many of our members are now enjoying the quality of the eNewsletter. There is no delay in transmission, and the full-color photographs are numerous and sharp. We still print and mail 319 copies of each edition of the newsletter at an average cost of \$3.66 per copy. The cost for this is more than half of the entire annual budget while the eNewsletter has virtually no distribution cost. I would like to hear from the members receiving published copies. Can the eNewsletter meet your needs? Please remember to update ARCSE if you change your email address or gain access to email. Lack of access to a computer would be an understandable problem.

One of our proposals is to bill an additional fee to each member receiving a hard copy. Obviously, another opportunity is to go completely to an eNewsletter and send a hard copy only to members without computer access. Either procedure would solve our fiscal issue. Another partial solution would be to publish quarterly instead of bimonthly. This would cut the printing cost but would not fully balance the budget. Please think about these opportunities and contact me or any of the board members with your thoughts.

Another challenge is declining membership. We have lost an average of about 43 members per year for the past 19 years and we are now below a thousand members. We are at a record low of 948 members. The drop in membership is dramatic in several states. For instance, Mississippi had 7 members in 2010 and 2 members in 2014. This is a large state with many SCS/NRCS retirees. A more typical large state is Indiana with 47 members in 2010 and 38 members in 2014. Most states show a similar pattern of decline. We are not reaching recent retirees and we are not getting new affiliate members. Privacy issues with Federal employees is a compounding problem, but we seem to be losing contact with our State Conservationists. There was not one State Conservationist at the Greensboro luncheon. In my recollection, this has never happened. State Conservationist's with affiliate memberships are very helpful in spreading the word for ARCSE. We will be making a concentrated effort to contact our state and national leaders. Your ideas and your help are needed with the recruitment of new members.

We have challenges and we have opportunities. We will work together on both. ARCSE continues to provide timely information to its members and great opportunities to stay in touch with friends and colleagues.



Participants, Annual ARCSE Luncheon, Greensboro, NC

**3rd Row:** Talmadge Wiggins, Wilkesboro, NC; Cecil Currin, Hadley, MA; Neil Sampson, Alexandria, VA; David Clapp, Whitsett, NC; Norm Kempf, Lincoln, NE; Ed Helmey, Raleigh, NC; Mark Berkland, Rolesville, NC; Wilson Spencer, Faison, NC; Thomas Cutts, Raleigh, NC; Rodney Johnson, Elizabeth City, NC; Bob Eddleman, Indianapolis, IN; Harold Thompson, Danville, IN; Jim Gulliford, Ames, IA; Jerry Bernard, Stafford, VA. **2nd Row:** Clara Raynor, Garner, NC; Jeanne Sampson, Alexandria, VA; George Norris, Zebulon, GA; Arnold King, Granbury, TX; Jim Canterbury, Cary, NC; Brenda Berkland, Rolesville, NC; Dick Phillips, Gibsonville, NC; Julie Norton, Auburn, AL; Earl Norton, Auburn, AL; Rex Tracy, Fuquay Varina, NC; Edward Ealy, Watkinsville, GA; Peg Reese, Morgantown, WV; Becky Fletcher Thompson, Danville, IN. **Seated:** Phyllis Pate, Lumberton, NC; Lou Currin, Hadley, MA; Marjorie Wiggins, Wilkesboro, NC; Ellen Norris, Zebulon, GA; Dana York, Jonesborough, TN; Barbara Lee, Locust Grove, VA; Warren Lee, Locust Grove, VA; Don Basinger, Greensboro, NC; Ann Marlow, Fairfax Station, VA; Ron Marlow, Fairfax Station, VA. **Attendees not in group picture:** Ross Braun, New Haven, MO; Beth Kleekamp, New Haven, MO; Rich Duesterhaus, Vienna, VA; Julie Knight, Fairfax, VA; Jason Weller, Washington, DC; Jude Mollenhauer, Vienna, VA.

## A BIT OF HISTORY

**Douglas Helms, Historian**

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**Neil Sampson** and his son, **Robert W.**, have written a joint autobiography, *Committed to Conservation: 50 Years of Work to Help Protect America's Soil and Water*.

The first chapter begins with Neil joining SCS in 1960, and the last chapter ends as son Robert is nearing completion of a 30-year career in SCS/NRCS. In the chapters about Neil's career at the Soil Conservation Service's national headquarters and at NACD, he writes about the dramatic changes in NRCS and conservation districts during the last 30 years.

The volume is available at Tower Books, Amazon, and other booksellers.

## ARCSE BUDGET AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR FY 2015

By Ron Marlow, Secretary Treasurer

As of July 1, 2015, ARCSE's membership was 948. This is a 46% decrease from the high of 1,768 members in 1998. Over the last seven years, membership has decreased by 273 members, at an average rate of 3.6% annually. There were only 16 new members in FY15, 18 less than FY 14. 10 new members were complimentary. Seven of the 14 complimentary in FY14 joined in FY15. There were 43 members dropped at either the May 1 cutoff or end of FY15. There are 744 newsletters distributed by email, 96 of which are distributed as complimentary to NRCS leadership. 319 newsletters are distributed by hardcopy. There are 308 senior conservationists, a decrease of 13 from the 321 shown in the last report.

### New Members

Rick Bailey	Mt. Airy, NC
Hank Henry	Burlington, NC
Ron Phelps	Dalton, PA
Talmadge Wiggins	Wilkesboro, NC

### Budget Report—Fiscal Year 2015 (July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015)

#### Income

Item	FY 15 Actual
Annual Mtg., IL	726
Dues	9,862
Dues Life	1,325*
Interest Income	281
Contributions	535
Contributions (Life Members)	68
Bank Fee Refund	50
Reserve Funds	3,422
Total	16,269

#### Expenses

Item	FY 15 Actual
Administration	2,714
Annual Mtg., IL	3,768
Newsletter	8,824
Webpage	600
Awards	312
Membership in CCC Legacy	20
Bank Charges	31
Total	16,269

\* Lifetime Dues for 10 lifetime memberships. 548 members currently pay dues on an annual basis accounting for approximately \$9,800.

**ARCSE ASSETS**

As of 07/10/2015, (Includes unrealized gains)

**Liquid Assets**

Total Bank Accounts (Savings and Checking) 16,755.28

**Investment Accounts**

Certificates of Deposit Totaling 15,151.38

**OVERALL TOTAL Assets** 31,906.56\*\***OVERALL TOTAL (07/01/2014)** 35,444.50**NET CHANGE** **-3,537.94\*\*\****\*\* This level of total assets is needed to meet future amortized lifetime membership expenses.**\*\*\*Total assets have decreased eleven of the last twelve years. During that period, total assets have decreased by 46 percent from \$59,475 to \$31,907.***ANALYSIS of FY 15 Expenses per Member**

Average annual expenses, per member, receiving hard copy newsletter	\$31.08
Average annual expenses, per member, receiving the electronic newsletter	\$ 9.12
Average annual difference in expense (hard copy vs. electronic copy) (difference)	<b>\$21.96</b>

**ALABAMA**

Twenty-six Retired South State Conservationists and Friends met in Florence/ Muscle Shoals, AL on May 3-5, 2015 for their annual gathering. On Monday the group took a trolley to tour the Fame Recording Studio, the Muscle Shoals Sound Studio and the Hellen Keller Home, Ivey League. The group ate lunch at the Claunch Cafe where they were greeted by the Mayor of Muscle Shoals.

Muscle Shoals music recording studios and local bands have been used by many famous musicians. To get an understanding of the Muscle Shoals sound impact on many musicians of our era, view the documentary "Muscle Shoals" available on Netflix.

On Tuesday six golfers played at the Robert Trent Jones Muscle Shoals Schoolmaster course, while others toured Florence attractions including the Frank Lloyd Wright Rosenbaum House, the W. C. Handy House, home of the blues, and other sites in the lovely college town of Florence. On Tuesday evening the group took the trolley to the Marriott Shoals Hotel and Spa for a delicious dinner. The group has been invited to meet in the beautiful state of Virginia next year.



*South State Conservationist and Friends gathering in Florence, AL in May 2015 hosted by Ernie and Peggy Todd and Ronnie and Peggy Murphy. Left to Right: Barb Lee, Peggy Todd, Jude Mollenhauer, Mary Ann Margheim, Rich Duesterhaus, Jerry Seinwell, Carol Waite, Warren Lee, Frank Scudder, Mary Nell Scudder, Ernie Todd, Billy Millicum, Betty Millicum, Gary Margheim, Lee Frederick, Niles Glasgow, Carolyn Glasgow, Dennie Burns, Peggy Murphy, Ronnie Murphy, Ellen Norris, George Norris, Carol Gallows, Dick Gallows, Barb Garrett and Coy Garrett.*

**ARIZONA****Karl Klingelhofer, ARCSE Representative****Email: [krklingel@aol.com](mailto:krklingel@aol.com)**

**Steve Black, Phoenix**, recently started volunteering with Habitat for Humanity helping to build homes for families in the Phoenix area. The organization builds 26 homes annually and is also involved in renovations and other community projects.

Steve also returns to his farm in Illinois several times a year to work on various projects. He will be going back in September for several weeks to help with corn and soybean harvest on his farm and several neighbors' farms.

**Ken Cookson, Tucson:** My wife, **Connie**, and I have had the good fortune of being able to make some trips over the last few months--all of them driving trips in New Mexico, Utah, Nevada and California. We saw some beautiful country and it is essentially in our backyard. We were in Sedona, AZ for a few days and I did a helicopter tour of the Grand Canyon (my wife is subject to vertigo so chose not to go.) It was spectacular and I have a video taken on the flight, showing the splendor of this awesome place. That's me leaning on the helicopter pilot after the flight.

We then went to Santa Fe, NM and saw some more spectacular areas. One was Bandelier National Monument. We had an encounter with a rattlesnake as the day was hot and people wanted to sit on a bench that he chose to lie under in the shade. He won the right to the bench.

We spent a week in the South Lake Tahoe area. We had spent a couple of days in the area before and this was the first extended visit. It is beautiful and awesome. The lake is over 1,600 feet deep. We hiked, drove around the lake twice, played golf, took the gondola to the top of the mountain, and did a luncheon BBQ cruise on the Lake aboard the Safari Rose yacht. In addition, we found some nice places for lunch with some good views. One of our favorite areas was Tahoe City. Good lunch at Rosie's and a nice walk along the lake. We saw a bear on the walk even though we were in the city and there were several other people using the trail. Looked like it was in a cave and trying to sleep so we didn't attempt to awaken it.

There was a major flood in 2011 that washed away a third of the parking lot at the visitor center so that now the only way to get into the Park is via a shuttle from White Rock. There are many remnants from the flood with debris and large logs still piled high in numerous places. Not far from Santa Fe is the Tent Rocks National Monument. We had not heard of it before but found it fascinating and beautiful. The picture gives you some idea of the rocks shaped like tents.

The Jemez Valley is also pretty interesting and beautiful. In the Valles Caldera National Preserve there is a large herd of elk and a prairie dog town. There are many other interesting sites including a falls, wineries, a tunnel cut through the mountain and spectacular rock formations.

We spent four days in the Park City, UT area. We visited Sundance, went to the Tiamongas Cave National Park, (a 1,065 feet elevation climb in 1 1/2 miles of paved trail to get to the cave). We didn't quite get to the cave so will have that to do the next time. Other sites we visited were Cascade Springs, Mirror Lake, and the Provo River Falls, all beautiful and worth doing. We had breakfast at the Road Island Diner in Oakley. This diner is on the national register of historic places and was transported, intact via semi-trailer, from Delaware to Oakley and restored in 2007. It was a fun place to be, and every booth has its own juke box. Who can forget those days!



*Road Island Diner*



*Ken Cookson with helicopter pilot*



*Tent Rocks National Monument and Ken and Connie Cookson on Cruise*



Our last trip was to **Temecula, CA at the Inn at Churon Winery** for two nights. We woke up each morning to see hot air balloons (6-7) gracing the skies. They were fun to watch and one landed within a quarter of a mile of our Inn. A beautiful Inn with very good wine. Among all this excitement we managed to celebrate our **56th wedding anniversary**.

**Karl Klingelhofer, Tucson** – I traveled to Maine for my 89<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. Have family there and my son from California was also there. I know several of our retirees are 90 and over, so I am on my way. I still play old-man's tennis and got a little in on my birthday with my granddaughter from Charleston, SC.

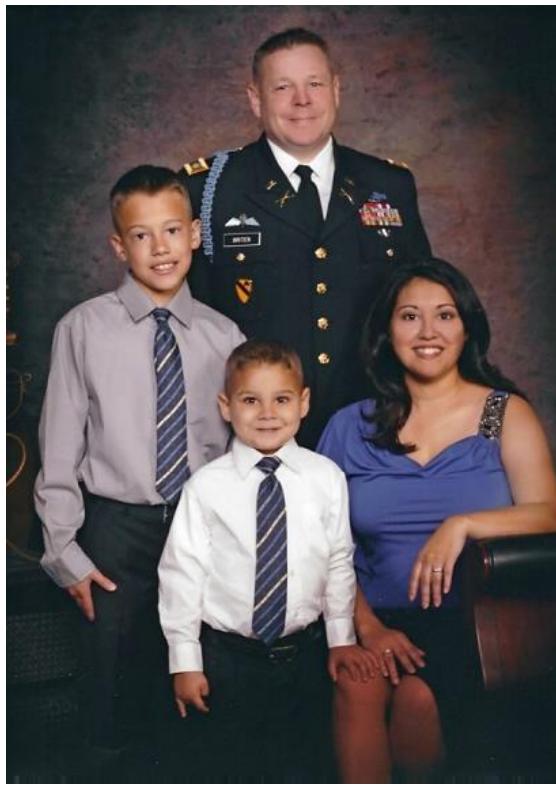
**Tom and Jeanne George**, Tucson, report that they spent half of the summer at their favorite place (other than Arizona) in Portland, OR. We have family there along with lots of friends. Tom was able to attend a retiree luncheon and re-connect with many former co-workers.



In September, we are meeting **Donna and Lee Bensey** on the outer banks of North Carolina in late September. We decided to see the U.S. on the way. Several Presidential Libraries are on our itinerary along with stops in St. Louis to see our son and family, New Hampshire to visit daughter and family, Evanston, IL to visit a grand-daughter, Denver to visit a sister, etc.! It should be a great trip.



**Gary and Jayne Nordstrom, Prescott**. In June we went to Branson, MO to meet our son who was home for two weeks leave from his deployment to the Middle East. We really enjoyed our time with him, our grandsons, and our daughter-in-law. His deployment was extended through December.



*Our son Major David W. Briten and Jessica, Ethan, and Bryan.*

In September we will be traveling to Minnesota to attend my 55<sup>th</sup> high school reunion. Following that, I will be getting together with several of my college forestry classmates. We will meet in northern Minnesota.

## ARKANSAS

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**Submitted by Ralph Mashburn.**

**Remember Arkansas members:** The 2015 annual ARCSE meeting and lunch will be held at the Arkansas 4-H Center at Ferndale on September 24, 2015 from 10am 'till about 2pm. The Attorney General's Office will advise us about avoiding telephone and internet scams.

**Robert Cantrell** has stayed busy since May working at his church 8:30 to 3:30 five days a week. This activity doesn't leave much time for his hobby of making duck calls.



*Nancy and Ralph Mashburn with Easter Bunny (Lori Babeu)*

**Ralph Mashburn. Ralph and Nancy** had a busy year with children/grandchildren activities such as duck and goose hunts on our farm and fishing on lakes and rivers close by. Nancy arranges activities, decorates and prepares meals for us all. For instance, she decorated our home for her annual Easter Party and Egg Hunt (w/prizes) for our friends and family who still have children. They enjoyed the presence of the real live Easter Bunny (Lori Babeu in costume). **Dick and Lori Babeu** (SCS retirees-WDC, now Arkansas) always help with the food and entertainment. Dick and Ralph hide about 120 eggs for the hunt each year.

**Mike Bigham**, retired RC&D Coordinator living in Warren, AR. Mike's wife **Judy**, a retired RN, reports that they are both enjoying retired life but during the day they keep busy helping raise their three grandchildren while the parents are working. Mike still enjoys his frequent fishing trips with old buddies.

**Ray Linder**, retired Area Conservationist living in Monticello, AR. **Ray and wife, Kathy**, have enjoyed our retirement for the last nine years. We are pretty much home bodies but have made a couple of trips to California, seeing the Grand Canyon and a few other sights along the way. Kathy made a two week trip to Hawaii to see our youngest daughter **Kara** who is now living back in Monticello and expecting a new baby this month. Maury, our oldest daughter, had three children of her own and then adopted four more just to make life interesting. We have a singing grand dog; I will try to put together a video for all of you. **Gene Sullivan** never believed we had a smiling dog; just wait until he sees this video.

**Dick Babeu** reports that he and **Lori** had a wonderful three-week Spring vacation to Pagosa Springs, CO, to celebrate their 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Together they caught 94 rainbow trout; 12 of them were 18" or larger. Dick said that they threw them all back to catch again next year. They also enjoyed the beautiful scenery while on the narrow-gauge railroad trip between Durango and Silverton. Besides fishing, hiking and the train ride, they toured the Grand Sand Dunes National Park and the Cliff Dwellings of Mesa Verde.



*Dick Babeu with one of 94 rainbow trout caught in Pagosa Springs, CO*



*Dick Babeu, Ralph Mashburn, and Lori Babeu in costume as movie extras*

**Dick and Lori Babeu, and their best friend, Ralph Mashburn**, were extras for the film, "The First Boys of Spring," a baseball documentary about the Boston Red Sox (w/**Babe Ruth**) and other major league teams having their early 1900's spring training in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Extras were asked to dress in clothing appropriate for the era. The film will premiere this October at the annual Hot Springs Documentary Film Festival in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

## CALIFORNIA

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Hello to all our Fellow SCS/NRCS retirees across the Country! We continue to meet monthly for both a breakfast and lunch get together for all retirees who can make it. At our August 5<sup>th</sup> luncheon we had a really good turnout of about 20 folks. Those who attended included **Marianne and Brian Hallet, Helen Flach, Pat Grover, Charles Davis, Darwyn Briggs**,

**Chuck Bell, Virgil and Dolores Backland, Stan Morehead, Ron and Marilyn Hoppes, Ed Schmidt, Walt Sykes, Marilyn Anderson, Betty Fox, Shirley Leeper and Bill Ward.**

Our group enjoyed a special treat that day as **Marianne Hallet** gave a talk to our group about her bicycle ride across the country earlier this year, sharing lots of her details and great photos as well. Here are some of the specifics she shared.

Marianne and her group of about 43 riders left San Diego March 7 and arrived in St Augustine Fla on April 27. They rode with a support company called "Bubba's Pampered Peddlers".

They spent nights in a mix of Campgrounds, schools armories, churches and hotels. Their days consisted of riding an average of 65 miles per day with riding times being 4.5 to 7 hours per day. They did have some "no ride" days for rest and to see some sights. The company they rode with provided their breakfast and dinners, and they generally purchased their own lunches in small towns along the way.

Other services and staff provided to the riders included a chef for their breakfast and dinner meals, laundry assistance (every 3 days), mechanic assistance, and even a massage therapist! The company also provided a sag wagon that provided water and snacks twice a day and will pick up any riders that cannot complete the ride for the day.

It was great to have **Chuck Bell** join us to hear Marianne share her story. Chuck is another huge fan of bicycling who has done three different bicycle trips of his own across the country! Near the end of our lunch I heard Marianne and Chuck talking about the possibility of a future trip together across the USA! Thanks for joining us Chuck, all the way from Paradise, CA! Thank you Marianne for your great presentation to all of us there.

Here are a few of the great pictures from her trip Marianne shared with us.

Marianne's husband **Brian** met her in Augustine and St. Augustin, and from there they spent some time exploring Florida and then drove back home across the states together. As Marianne described her experience shortly after completing her ride: "It was a magnificent journey made all the more pleasant by a congenial group of riders and staff." - Marianne Hallet.



*Marianne on the road!*



*Dramatic Skies!*



*Saint Francisville Bridge crossing the Mississippi River*

*More Beautiful Scenery!**Some Beautiful Sunsets!*

I have been keeping very busy playing music as a member of the Western Lights trio with quite a diversity of playing venues. Most recently we provided music for a wedding and before that we played for a bunch of fly fisherman at our local fly shop.

*The Western Lights Trio playing at the local fly shop*

Here is a sample of the music, not recorded from those specific events but songs that we played at those events.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=25IXd2hsheU>

*The Wedding - God Bless the Broken Road*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5XmEzTlaZMA>

*The Fly shop - Northern California fly fishing blues*

I have been trying to get out and do some fly fishing and even tie some flies in anticipation of some upcoming fishing. **Darwyn Briggs** and I recently did a half day float trip on the American River catching some very small stripers that were not worth even taking a picture of. I have been tying some flies in anticipation of an upcoming vacation, and here is a sample of some of my recent fly tying.

*Olive Damsel fly*

As most of you know, California like many Western States is really feeling the effects of the multi-year drought in addition to many serious wildfires. We are sure praying for an El Niño Winter. That is all from the California Retirees this time around--best wishes to all our fellow retirees across the country!

## COLORADO

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**Cecile (Cec) O'Rourke** died December 31, 2014, as included in the last edition of the newsletter. Following is a tribute written in 1995 by Wyn-Nelle White:

### **A Steel Magnolia from North Dakota**

**Cecile (Cec) O'Rourke** is like one of those “steel magnolias,” except she’s not from the South. She grew up on a farm in North Dakota. At age 12 she was putting dinner on the table not only for her parents’ family of six, but at times for as many as 10 farm workers as well. (From this early training as farm cook, Cec went on to become a gourmet chef in later years.) Cec attended Jamestown College and went to work for National Farmers Union in 1940, transferring to Denver in 1942.

She came to the USDA Soil Conservation Service (SCS)—now Natural Resources Conservation Service—by way of two other USDA agencies where she worked in personnel from 1944 to 1962. Her first job with SCS (1962-64) was at its Washington field office, forerunner of national technical centers and now regional offices, located at 10th and Bannock. When that office closed, she was invited to go along to Nebraska or Pennsylvania, but with no “luggage” (she had a husband and two children by this time). She declined and took a job at the Colorado state office, examining vouchers on **L.E. Brown**’s staff. (L.E. Brown was **George Christy**’s predecessor, but that’s another story.) Cec also worked in the river basins section preparing camera-ready copy for reports and manuscripts, in the days before computers, and even before “white-out,” when you cut a hole in the paper to fix a typo! She was on the public affairs staff for four years, then went to the Federal Center as part of the Western U.S. Water Plan task force, an interagency undertaking for which USDA had leadership. Four years later Cec found herself back at the state office on crutches, recovering from a broken hip. She worked in the soil science section, then on the state conservationist’s staff until she retired in October 1987: Forty-three years of government service!

Was she ready to sit at home with her needlepoint? No, ma’am! She left SCS on a Friday and started work on Monday at the Hilton Hotel in downtown Denver (subsequently the Radisson and now the Adams Mark) After seven years in sales, marketing and catering at the Radisson, Cec had been there longer than any other employee in her department. In 1993 her husband **Bill** suffered a stroke, and Cec stayed home for three years taking care of him. Bill died in 1995.

Here are some of Cec’s extracurricular activities. During World War II she was a hostess at military officers’ clubs in the Denver area—the equivalent of USO clubs for enlisted soldiers. She spent Saturdays at the historic Daniels & Fisher department store modeling clothes in the tearoom. For many years, her husband Bill was executive director for the Colorado Optometric Association, and Cec handled the bookkeeping and arrangements for conventions. And she has been, and still is, a wonderful mother to her two children, **Janie O'Rourke Gibson** and **Mike O'Rourke**. Cec is now employed at a mortgage company in Cherry Creek, just “a stone’s throw” from her house.

After 50+ years in the workforce, she shows no sign of slowing down. When she’s not at the mortgage company, she pitches in to help Mike who has a catering business, and Janie who works part-time as a meeting planner for Coors Brewing Company. On Saturdays and Wednesday evenings she works at Lord & Taylor in Cherry Creek. Having worked in both government and the private sector, Cec makes this observation: “I feel government surpasses private industry as an employer because it awards more recognition and appreciation to its workers.” Cecile O’Rourke deserves every bit of recognition and appreciation she ever got. She is one hard-working, talented and elegant lady—a real “steel magnolia.”

## FLORIDA

**Submitted by Ida Cuthbert**

When Spring comes, the lure of the Open Road comes to **Ida Cuthbertson**. This year the trip begins with joining the Road Scholar (Elderhostel) group for the French Quarter Festival in the Big Easy. Road Scholar really knows how to put on a great program in “Nawlins”. Give it a try. Then westward with stops at the Johnson Space Center south of Houston, then San Antonio. A late storm diverts the driver further west than planned, but Ida drives through only light snow to Montrose, CO to visit son, **Jim**, and his wife, **Rebecca**. The week there almost converts this Floridian to a Coloradan. Following tornadoes across the plains, Ida stops in Bentonville, AR, to visit the AAA Gem-rated Crystal Bridges Museum in its lovely natural setting. It’s worth a detour. After visiting friends in Conway, AR, she stops at the Corps’ Mississippi River Basin model/museum. Two days later she is home. Mid-summer is the time this year for the usual trek to Arlington, VA to visit daughter, **Becky**, husband, **Gary**, and two grands. Time in the National Archives’ genealogy room is well spent—good progress. Homeward, Ida visits the national historic monument at Walterboro, which highlights a training site of the Tuskegee Airmen. Galen Bridge is right—this is a magnificent country. And as many of us know, best enjoyed by auto.

**Submitted by Bob Eddleman**

**Bob and Sue Halstead** report all is well in Florida and in their lives as they enjoy their 25<sup>th</sup> year of retirement.

This summer they celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and Bob’s 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. A big surprise party saw sons, grandchildren, and spouses fly in to join in the celebration. A surprise card party saw over 150 friends, fellow coworkers, and family members roast and congratulate them. Some names from past SCS days that they heard from included **Bud Meckleberg** and **Mrs. Leon Silkman** from the Colorado days. Others included **Benny Martin** and **Munk Munkittrick** who refuse to get any older, so Bob is slowly catching up with them. Also present were former coworkers like **Jerry Root**,

**Arnold King, John Okay, Mrs. Elmer Sauer, Ernie Todd, Buddy King** (Bob's technician in his first DC job), and the family of his first DC and many more. Plans are now under way for Bob's 100<sup>th</sup>.

## GEORGIA

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Georgia ARCSE met on July 25<sup>th</sup> at Ryan's Steakhouse in Athens, GA. This turned out to be a good day to get out since it was one of the few days this summer that Athens did not receive rain. There were 17 in attendance: **Bob Stovall, Carolyn Adams, Earl Brantley, Edna Firor, Edward Ealy, Ellen and George Norris, Evelyn and Gerald Sadler, Gene and Cecil Martin, Frederick Dilbeck, James Huff, Judy and Jim Helm, Kitty Stevens**, and newest member to join, **MaryAnn McQuinn**.

The break from the season-wet weather had all attendance in a good mood. **Ellen and George Norris** shared with the group of their recent visits to Wisconsin, Virginia, and Cherokee County, GA, to attend high school graduations for their grandchildren.

**Gene and Cecil Martin** updated the group on the progress of their newest grandbaby. **George Norris** made it official that after 18 years as serving as Georgia Representative for the ARCSE-GA, he was stepping down. **Edward Ealy** agreed to serve as GA Representative for the next year.

## IDAHO

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We had a great turnout for our luncheon on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Attending were **Frank Fink, Jim Cornwell, Paul Calverley, Hal Swenson, Amos and Ruth Garrison, Gene and Bev Chrisman, Darrell Gallup, Stan Hobson, Joe and Laurie Eisenhower, Wayne Faude, and Sharon Norris**. After a three-month summer break, our monthly luncheons will resume in September.

## ILLINOIS

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Fourteen retirees from southwestern Illinois met on July 8<sup>th</sup> for lunch and visiting in Litchfield. Attending were **John and Patty Paden, Don and Martha Long, Dave and Maribeth Rahe, Lee and Nancy Bridgman, John Burns, Dave Lightle, Mook and Helen Allen, and Dale and Nancy Benz**.

**Dave Rahe** still does consulting on conservation work. He has a son who is a Soil Conservationist in Knoxville, IA. **Patty Paden** had back surgery in December when the doctors put rods in her back. She said she is slowly healing.

**Don Long** said he and **Martha** have six grandkids in five states. Don and Martha are celebrating their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year. Congratulations, Don and Martha.

**Lee and Nancy Bridgman** took a trip to Yellowstone National Park last winter. They spent Thanksgiving with their son and family in Northpole, AK. They plan to go to Colorado in August and back to Alaska in October. They also plan to be in Arizona a couple months this winter. Did all the snow and cold get to you last winter, Lee! Nancy had back surgery in March for a pinched nerve and is healing from it. Lee now has a pacemaker to help keep his heart rate in check.

**Dave Lightle** retired in 2010 and has moved to Missouri from Lincoln, NE. We were happy that he could be with us and hope he can join us again. **Mook Allen** said he is in the 88 years-plus category (we assumed age) and is doing well, although he seems to see his doctor quite often. He had an abdominal aneurysm repaired this spring and had a cancerous growth removed from his forehead this summer. The doctors said they got all the cancer. Mook, we know **Helen** works hard to keep you healthy and out of trouble so do heed her orders! Mook and Helen held the record for the number of grandchildren of those at the gathering with 17 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. We did not ask him to name them, although I think he could.

We extend our sympathy to **Leo Downing** on the passing of his wife, **Esther**, on June 10<sup>th</sup>. We want to say Happy Birthday to **Harold "Boge" Kraut** on his 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday this summer. Harold, walking the hills of Calhoun County has kept you young. We wish you many more.

The next gathering of retirees will be in Champaign at Ryan's Steakhouse on October 1<sup>st</sup>. All are invited and hope you can join us for lunch and visiting.

## IOWA

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Most of us develop some sort of “bucket list” of things we want to do or accomplish while we can still do or accomplish them. **Jim Ayen** decided last winter that he needed to make such a bucket list. Unlike me, he’s actually setting about to do them! Following is Jim’s report on a very interesting trip through the Rockies.

“I decided last winter that perhaps I needed to make a bucket list of things I wanted to do and then get busy doing them. So my first item was going on the WHO Radio “Railroading Through the Rockies with an Agriculture Emphasis” hosted by **Bob Quinn** and arranged by Holiday Vacations. I had never been on a hosted trip before. I had no idea what to expect. In a word—Wonderful!!

We flew from Des Moines to Seattle via Chicago. **Bob Quinn and his wife Ann**, a couple from Knoxville, and I took the urban train to the fish market/harbor in Seattle that night. That is quite a setting. The next day we boarded the coach and drove onto a ferry at Port Angelos and headed to Victoria on Vancouver Island, BC, Canada. Victoria is a beautiful town, and the Island is also beautifully quaint—very British. Victoria was having their “Buster Festival” so there were a lot of street performers and other activities going on. We visited the world famous horticultural exhibit, Butchart Gardens. The flowers and landscaping were breathtaking considering that the area was a reclaimed limestone mining operation that supplied cement for construction.

The Ag portion included a stop at the Wedgewood purebred Holstein dairy where they milk 200 cows daily in a double-12 milking parlor. It was interesting learning how they raised the feed for the cows in the rocky soils and a Mediterranean climate. After that we boarded another ferry to cross over to Vancouver. The ferry rides were an awesome experience. Bicyclists, cars, campers, buses, semi-trailers, were all loaded on the same ferry. The first crossing was really fun talking to a guy from the California central valley area and trying to stay standing on the rocking boat. The Victoria to Vancouver crossing was a much smoother ride but very windy.

Before we boarded the Canadian Via Rail to Jasper we visited a six-acre greenhouse operation that supplied all the green, red, and yellow peppers for the NW states as well as western Canada. The Via rail experience was great and hard to explain other than the “berths” were very small and sleep was not easily found overnight! Ending up in Jasper, Alberta, Canada the next afternoon we prepared to head toward Banff. Banff is basically a mini Estes Park, CO. We took special buses out on to the Columbia Ice Field where we were able to walk on the Athabasca Glacier. It was a great experience to walk on a small example of what north central Iowa (the Prairie Pothole Region) was covered with.

The Rockies in Canada are mostly limestone, so they are constantly sloughing off and changing shape. At Banff we visited and had lunch at the Chateau Lake Louise where **Marilyn Monroe** made one of her films. We did a river float down the Bow River and then a small group took the gondola ride to the top of Sulfur Mt. (51 degree average climb, 2,300 feet in about 7 minutes). Awesome!

We ended up in Calgary for a close-out meal and a great presentation from a local farmer about the Canadian Ag issues, basically the same as here! Best thing about the trip, the new friends I met, ferry rides, Victoria, dairy farm, green house, glacier walk, and Banff experiences. Oh, and coming home to my grandkids smiles, hugs, and ‘we missed you Papa!’ ”

**Lee White** enjoyed another Canadian fishing trip in late June, 2015. Lee has traveled to Red Lake, Ontario, Canada almost yearly since 1991 with 12-15 friends from the Ankeny area. Gull Rock Lake has proved to be a good walleye fishery for both catch-and-release and fresh-from-the-lake meals. Lee generally serves as fry cook for the group and has cooked many fish over the years. Good food, good friends and many laughs make the week pass quickly. Catching a lot of walleye similar to the one in the picture doesn’t hurt either!

**Eldon Weber** was surprised at a family gathering in Branson, MO, the week of July 22<sup>nd</sup> (his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday), when the grandchildren performed a magic trick! Eleven-year-old Alex from Dallas, TX said he was going to pull off a disappearing act as he threw a sheet over cousin **Maddie** and sister, **Lauren**, and took them into the bedroom. Reappearing under the sheet was Eldon’s brother **Keith** from South Carolina and family members and sister **Retha** from Houston, TX, and family members. Eldon’s wife **Jeannie** had planned several surprises with a total of 17 family members who spent most of a week having fun and spending money in Branson! Happy Birthday, Eldon!



*Jim Ayen meets a Royal Canadian Mountie. (Based on Jim's big grin, I'm thinking that somehow he just talked that Mountie out of arresting him!)*



*Lee isn't the only retiree who can catch fish. Here I'm showing off one of my bigger catches to my grandson, Clyde, from one of our recent outings to a nearby lake.*



*Lee White with one of the walleyes he caught on a fishing trip to Canada.*

Another event planned for Eldon's family was to get a family picture taken next to the Iowa State University alumni flag (recommended for use on social media during athletic events). It was special to get the picture, including four ISU family Alums. The family members had quite an age spread with Jeannie's mother from Ames who is 95 to Brad's new baby, **Brody**, 11 months old from Dallas, TX.

## KANSAS

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I have finally assembled some news from Kansas for the newsletter. I was diagnosed with breast cancer last week so have a lot on my plate right now. More tests tomorrow to help me with my options.

I just learned last month that **John Smithhisler** passed away in February in Manhattan, Kansas. In old personnel directories I found that he worked in the Kansas Ness City Field Office in the late 50's and was listed for the last time in the 1961 directory. See the in Memoriam section for more details.

The Annual Meeting of the Kansas SCS/NRCS Retirees Association was held on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at the Quality Inn in Salina, KS, to visit and reminisce. Attending were **Harold and Paula Blume**; **Gene and Jan Burns**; **Don Cooper**; **Harland and Anita Dietz**; **Duane Evans** and grandson, **Isaac Seal**; **Lynn Gibson**; **Richard and JeanAnn Jones**; **Ron and Deanne Lull**; **Dale McClaskey** and guest, **Joyce Rich**; **John and Linda Ourada**; **John Reh** and guests **Bernie and Maxine Owens** and **Ron and Corrine Sidener**; **Mary Shaffer**; **Baron and Dee Shively**; **Bill and De Roth**; **Robert and Carolyn Roth**; and **Lawrence and Phyllis Wetter**. Several others who were planning to attend but were unable to come were **Robert and Dorothy Gerdes**, **Eldon and Betty Schwandt**, and **Malcom Strom**.

Following a carved sirloin and rosemary lime chicken dinner buffet, **Bernie Owens** presented a program on Financial Strategic Planning which gave us lots of tips to help manage our taxes and savings.

A short business meeting was held, with **Duane Evans** being elected as President, **Harold Blume** as Vice President, and **Mary Shaffer** as Secretary/Treasurer. Fourteen retirees who passed away this past year were honored with a memorial service.

Door prizes were awarded to **Lynn Gibson** for traveling the farthest, 547 miles; **Harold and Anita Dietz** for the longest marriage, 64 years; and **Robert and Carolyn Roth** for the most great-grandchildren, 24. The **Dietz's** were also welcomed back to Kansas. They have recently moved to Topeka from Fort Worth, TX.

**John T. Conway**, Resource Conservationist at the Emporia, KS, Area Office, retired on June 27, 2015, with 32 years of service. **John** started his career in 1983 as a soil conservation technician at the Anthony Field Office, later moving to the Seneca Field Office. In 1987 he transferred to the Winfield Field Office as the district conservationist and in 1991 moved to the Emporia Field Office where he served as the district conservationist for 18 years before moving to the Emporia Area Office. Also retiring was **Rodney K. Bollinger**. **Rodney** retired on July 1, 2015, as a Soil Conservation Technician in the Mound City Field Office.

August brings county fairs. This year as I viewed the exhibits at the Saline County Fair, I noticed that several Salina retirees and family members had made entries. In horticulture, **Mary Shaffer** received seven blue ribbons and four red ribbons for her flowers. **Lawrence Wetter** had entered potatoes and a 1930s spelling book. He received a red ribbon and a white ribbon for his potatoes. **Jean Hamilton** (spouse of **Vernon**) received two red ribbons for her quilting handiwork for those over 70 years of age. **Linda McClaskey** (daughter of Dale **McClaskey**) received blue ribbons on an appliquéd quilt and a prayer shawl.

Our sympathy goes out to the **Kleppe and McMulin** families. **Paul A. Kleppe** passed away on June 29, 2015. He retired from NRCS in 1994 from the Troy field office where he had worked 30 years as a soil conservation technician. He then went to work for the Brown and Doniphan County Conservation Districts as their NPS coordinator retiring again in 2013 at the age of 82. He is survived by his wife, **Mary. Marilyn K. McMulin** passed away on July 3, 2015. She had worked a number of years in the Kansas State Office prior to moving to the Topeka Area Office as the Area Administrative Assistant where she retired in 1994. See the In Memoriam section for more details.

## KENTUCKY

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**Gregory K. (Greg) Johnson** retired from the USDA-NRCS NHQ in 2011. Greg and his wife, **Melynda** returned to Kentucky, where Greg had worked and his children reside. Greg was selected as the eighth Commissioner of the KY Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) in May, 2014. The following information was released by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources on August 14, 2015.

### Rare mussels released into Big South Fork of Cumberland

#### River

A collaborative effort between the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park Service placed three endangered species of freshwater mussels into the Big South Fork of Cumberland River on Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>. More than 100 endangered juvenile mussels now live in a shoal upstream of Blue Heron in the Kentucky section of the Big South Fork. They are comprised of three species, the *Cumberlandian combshell*, the *tan rifflershell* and the *littlewing pearlymussel*. All three species are protected under the Endangered Species Act.

"One of the last places on Earth they survive is right behind me," said **Monte McGregor**, mussel biologist for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife, while standing on the banks of the shoal. "These are the rarest of the rare."

McGregor and his team raised these mussels at Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's Center for Mollusk Conservation in Frankfort from broodstock collected from that site on the Big South Fork in 2013. These three species currently reproduce in low numbers in the river. This effort helps bolster those wild populations.

All of the released mussels have a small tag on them for identification and further monitoring. The Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area is a refuge for 11 species of freshwater mussels on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife's Endangered Species List.

"The Big South Fork is the last place you can actually find the *littlewing pearlymussel*," said **Leroy Koch**, senior biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and an authority on freshwater mussels. "If we lose them here, we've likely lost them for good."

The Center for Mollusk Conservation reintroduced four other endangered mussel species in the Big South Fork including the *dromedary pearlymussel*, the *spectaclecase*, the *fluted kidneyshell*, and the *oyster mussel* over the past several years.

**Billye Haslett**, retired SAO, reports: I retired in April 2010 and enjoyed five years of retirement. However, I have returned to work. Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 I accepted an appointment as the Director, Division of Administration for the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Resources Department. I thought I knew a lot about the KDFWR, but I'm learning there is so much more



**Greg Johnson**, NHQ retiree/Commissioner of the KY Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources and **Monte McGregor**, mussel biologist.

complexity to the organization than I knew about. It's good to be back to work. Unfortunately I had to resign from the Fayette County Conservation District Board, due to potential conflicts of interest. I certainly enjoyed working for the Board.

**Jerry Coleman**, President of the KY SCS/NRCS Retiree Association, reports that he hopes everyone makes plans to attend the annual SCS/NRCS retiree association meeting October 5-6th at the Pennyrile Forest State Park.

No activities are planned the evening of October 5<sup>th</sup>, so there will be plenty of time to visit with old friends. The meeting will start at 10am local time on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Ira Linville**, retired Area Conservationist reports: I am staying busy as Chairman of the Franklin County Conservation District. I serve on the Franklin County Solid Waste Advisory Committee that works on recycling and pick up issues. Currently the Committee is assisting the Fiscal Court to construct and operate a Dead Animal Carcass Compost site. The Conservation District already assists with the cost of picking up fallen animals. I remain active in NARFE and wish all retirees and current employees belonged to it. NARFE seems to be the only voice in Washington for Employee/Retiree benefits. See you at Pennyrile.

**Tom Marcum**, retired SRC reports: We had to put our two Springer Spaniels down this winter after almost 15 years of joy. We're now serving as foster parents for the breeder to make her a show dog champion.

We also took a beach vacation in June. My son **Wes** got tired of driving home so he turned it over to my pride and joy grandson.



**Joyce Wilson**, retired Area Administrative Coordinator, Somerset Area reports: Can't believe I have been retired 21-plus years. We downsized a year ago and moved to the country. Still have room for a nice garden. Our son, daughter-in law, and granddaughter are living in Australia for the next two years. It is a work assignment for our son. Wayne and I are healthy, just some of the AGE ailments. We love every minute of retirement!

**Ray Johnson**, retired AC (1993) reports that he is staying busy and working in his garden. He and **Anita**, along with their 13-year-old grandson, are leaving for a two-week tour in Alaska.

**Joe Roberts: Loretta** and I spend every other week camping at Twin Knobs at Cave Run Lake, working around home the rest of the time. We have three children, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren with the birth of our great-grandson on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Hope all our friends are doing well.

**Recent Retirements:** **Thela Blythe**, SCT, Princeton; **Mark Claxton**, SRNM, Mayfield; **Connie Curtis**, Secretary, Lexington; and **Shirley Kelley**, SCT, La Center.

## MISSOURI

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Word has it that **Alan Wolfe** had knee replacement surgery on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Hope you are recovering well, Alan.

**Bill Pauls: Kris**'s 1<sup>st</sup> full week of full retirement. She's a happy camper! Speaking of camping, we will be hitting the camping trail in our "new-to-us" small Wolf Pup camping trailer pulled by my "new-to-me" pickup truck. We traded in a much bigger camper for this one. Much easier to pull and perfect for two, but can sleep up to 6. Using it in another week, headed for Ashton, ID for marathon #89 (#38 2nd time around the 50 states), still going strong with the running. Also, we are enjoying the lake cabin quite often. Now I'm volunteering on the Columbia Neighborhood Watch City Board and still on the Parks Commission. VERY busy with Knights of Columbus (new trustee for our council) and our PRO-LIFE work, as well as with PRO-LIFE work for *40 Days For Life* and *MO Right To LIFE*. Also doing Adopt-A-Spot volunteer work for the neighborhood and city. Family is going strong, everyone healthy and doing well in their endeavors. Have had several friends diagnosed with cancer and are praying for them. God Bless, Stay Strong, Stay Positive. Fear Not!

**Bob Harryman** news: **Bob and Doris Harryman's** highlight of early summer was a trip to Alaska June 10 through June 22. We flew to Anchorage and took the train to Denali Park where we toured the park and did a couple of tours for three days. Then we went by bus to Seward, where we boarded a cruise ship and cruised the Inside Passage to Vancouver. Highlights for us were that we saw a grey wolf and lots of other wild animals in Denali Park. We did the Husky Homestead Tour with **Jeff King**, four-time Iditarod winner. We saw humpback whales "bubble" feeding, and we saw Orcas feeding. We saw a lot of glaciers and had very good food on the ship. It was a great trip! We also held a family reunion on the home place farm on Elk River in McDonald County over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Our garden is not doing so well with too much rain and time away. We hope you are doing well.

**Lane Thurman:** Nothing going on down here, just hot and humid. Haven't even been fishing since the water is so high. A lot of the access points are closed and you can't launch your boat. Indian Point, where I fish most of the time, is closed. I went down for a four-night trip and couldn't get the boat in the water, so came home. Bad week for fishing!

**Dennis Shirk:** Hi folks, it's been a rather strange summer for me. Around the first of June a heart monitoring device was implemented. July 2<sup>nd</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> I was having heart issues but not aware of it physically. My heart was stopping up to 15 seconds at a time. On July 6<sup>th</sup> Boone hospital called and said to get there ASAP for an emergency pace maker installation, which they did. I cannot tell physically when it activates. People tell me that my color has improved and I have more energy. I'm so very thankful for modern medical technology. I have been cleared to do anything I feel like doing. Otherwise we are well. Have one of my three fall calves on the ground. Several trail rides scheduled in Sept and Oct. See ya down the trail.

**Mike Blaine:** The Blaines spent part of the summer helping at church camp. That is always a good and rewarding experience. The rest of the summer has been spent trying to keep from drowning in all the flooding that has occurred in NEMO. We drove over to the farm one afternoon, and a torrential rainfall hit us as we headed home. We were driving so slow a largemouth bass passed us on the highway! Seriously, the water situation here is hampering a lot of farm work. Some fields never got planted. Our hay fields have not yet been cut the first time. As this is written in early August, we are finally getting a rest from rain every other day, and we may get some hay put up this week. Best wishes to all!

**Frank Miller:** I did not make it to the August breakfast. We received bad news about 9pm the evening before that **Kay**'s brother, **Mike Duncan**, passed away about 7pm, so I needed to be home with her. Kay has been working with a couple of doctors to clear up pain problems with her legs. Those Dr. check-ups keep us on-the-go also. We will be heading to Austin, TX to attend our granddaughter **Jennifer**'s wedding on Sat., Aug 15<sup>th</sup>. We'll then go to Alamogordo, NM to visit her Mother **Evelyn** and our son **Brian** for two or three days. Our plans after that are now up in the air, as we don't have any details on services for Kay's Brother. Maybe we will wind up in Tucson, AZ later. Then we'll head home to Missouri. Our news is staying close to home working in the garden and yard.

The garden is doing great as I constructed a pest control enclosure so the deer, rabbits, and turtles cannot get to our plants. Tomatoes are doing great. The okra is just now really starting to produce so have to find a home for the excess.



The new strawberry bed is doing great. We are looking forward to the berries next year.



**Phyllis and Jess Epple**, (near Muskogee, OK): are we ready for the season change--to FALL! Rain and hot weather have made our grasses grow really well, and since we are "grass farmers," we are "happy campers." We have already had our first fall calf, and she is doing well. Our spring hay crop was great! The Civil War Battlefield of Honey Springs and Connors State College (Alumni) continue to occupy some of our time. We finally received all the funding to begin the Visitors Center at the Honey Springs Battlefield site. The building will be about 7,000 sq. ft. in size and will be much easier/quicker to get to from I40/69 Hwy. Almost 9,000 Union/Confederate soldiers fought July 17, 1863. If any of you retirees come near the site, please stop and look around. Visitors Center should be completed in the near future. We hope National Park Service will eventually control the site.

Wishing all of you the very best.

**Forrest Tindall:** It's been a busy summer. "I put out a small garden that has given us lots of tomatoes, beans and cucumbers. Two trips to KC to pick up dog food for the shelter. Two trips to Texas for vintage racing and one to Oklahoma. I spent several weeks getting ready for a huge yard sale. It is amazing how much stuff you collect by living in same place for 45 yrs. I'm currently in Michigan having just completed three days of vintage racing at Grattan raceway."

The Columbia area retirees met for breakfast on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Those in attendance were **Richard and Marjorie Koenig**, **John and Carol McCarthy**, **Neil and Louise Randal**, **Ed and Judy Smith**, **Alton Taylor**, **Bill Pauls**, **Don Williams**, **Virgil and Joy Gardner**, **Jerry Edwards**, **Bob Ball**, **Robert Hummel** and **Dave Rastorfer**. The next breakfast will be November 11<sup>th</sup>.

We received the following from **Dan Philbrick** in early August:

**Robert Lee (Bob or Bud) Rauch** worked as a soil conservationist in Northern MO. He and his twin sister just celebrated their 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays a few months ago. Then three weeks ago he found out he had lung cancer and passed away Monday night, August 3<sup>rd</sup> with his family by his side. We have received notice from Reverend **Mike King** in West Virginia that his wife has passed away. Once upon a time **Mike** was the State Admin Officer here in Missouri. I'm sure there are several of

you that remember him. Our condolences go out to Mike and his family. We have also received word that **Bob McCarty**, retired contract specialist, died on August 10<sup>th</sup>. See the In Memoriam section for more details.

Congratulations are in order for **Ross Braun**. Ross received the ARCSE COMMUNITY SERVICE award for all his community volunteer work with equine-assisted activities and therapies both nationally and internationally. Ross said, "What an honor! I asked the audience to raise their hands if they are involved in volunteer community service and every hand went up. I expect all of you can raise your hands. It is rewarding to be recognized by peers and we all know we get more from volunteering than we give. Thanks ARCSE!"

Ross is a Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructor, has served in several offices and boards and served as logistics coordinator for several events. He continues soil science educational endeavors for teachers, students and families and is a Missouri Master Naturalist at the Shaw Nature Reserve/Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis. Ross has received several awards over the years from the therapeutic riding associations, SWCS (for many years of active society efforts) and others. In addition, Ross is an American Red Cross platelet donor (20 times a year). Ross received the Association of Retired Conservation We've received news that we have three new retirees. **Mary Giles** has retired as the long time state volunteer coordinator in Springfield. **Wanda Brosey**, Area Administrative Coordinator, in Jackson, Missouri retired on July 31. **James Maberry**, Wetland Emphasis Team Leader in Chillicothe. Welcome to the retirees family!

**Remember the Annual Retirees' Luncheon at the Senior Center in Columbia on September 10<sup>th</sup>.**

## MONTANA

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**Joyce Swartzendruber** report: Attached is a picture from the August breakfast.



**Back table left to right:** Gordon and Kathy Decker, Hal and Judy Hunter, and Jim and Joan Johnson. **Front table clockwise from left:** Gordon Watson, Bob Lohmiller, Bob Ross, Liz Lohmiller, Ron Batchelor, and Bob O'Driscoll.

I enjoyed getting to know some retirees I'd never met, and found connections from Iowa and Alaska. **Liz Lohmiller** filled me in on all the activities at the Bozeman Senior Center, including a recent boat trip in Big Horn Canyon.

**Jim** and I enjoyed some good camping and hiking with family in Glacier National Park before the fires set in.

**Scott Hoag report:** After much searching for a home on Bainbridge Island, Scott and **Nancy** decided to stay, for at least the time being, in Bozeman. They purchased a house under construction in the subdivision where they currently live and will use their condo as a rental property. Scott continues working on the watershed rehab project in Kansas, and Nancy works at focusing on her writing (she placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Writers' Digest National Competition with a story about the homeless and hungry), but she's also been kept busy selecting wall colors, floor coverings, lighting, tile, and window treatments for their new home, so the writing has been slowed down some.

**Jim Johnson report:** We did go to breakfast--there were 13 in attendance. **Joyce Swartzendruber**, who is recently retired, was there, and it was good for everyone to meet and get acquainted with her. There is nothing else that I have to report.

**Gooby Ranch Report:** A few weeks ago we were riding in the mountains on our Rocky Mountain Gaited horses looking for wasted cattle. Wasted cattle are cattle that are still on the public lands after the rancher has moved their cattle to another location, and the cattle are just living in the area. The reason the cattle are called "wasted" cattle is that the rancher or ranch

hand decided he had enough cattle and didn't want to waste his time looking for more when he moved the herd to another location.

Since **Mary Ann** and I are conservationists, we ride through the areas where the cattle have been moved out of and look for wasted cattle, which we take home and add them to our herd. This way we are helping to insure the rangeland is not being overgrazed by wasted cattle left behind by the rancher.

Nearly all the ranchers use quarter horses. Quarter horses got their name because they are the fastest horse for a quarter mile. They are also good to rope off of. The problem when a rancher has a large gazing unit is that the quarter horses poop out before they get to the far side of the unit. The Rocky Mountain Gaited horses are not as fast for the first quarter mile but they keep on going. We don't have any trouble getting to far side of the grazing unit, and that's where we find the wasted cattle.

We were riding way up in the mountain looking for wasted cattle when a couple of calves came running out of the bushes and bellowing like they were lost. They came after the horses so hard the horses went nuts and started trying to run and buck at the same time. I guess the horses thought the calves were wolves. Mary Ann stayed on hers, but mine fell down. The calves kept coming up and trying their best to nurse the horses. The horses finally got over thinking the calves were going to kill them. We got everything settled down and tried to herd the calves down the mountain with the idea that we would load them into the horse trailer along with the horses. But the calves wouldn't go in front of the horses. It was obvious they thought the two horses were their mothers, and they were sticking with them. So we rode down the mountain with the calves spending full time trying to nurse the horses. When we got to the trailer, we tried to put the calves in the trailer but no way--they were not leaving their new mommies. We had to put the horses in the trailer, and the calves jumped right in with them.

When we got home, Mary Ann got a couple calf bottles, milked a cow and tied the bottles to the horses' hind legs so the calves could get some milk. It worked perfect. Now that is a four-times-a-day task for Mary Ann to feed the calves. The horses have bought into the calves being their babies to the point we can't take the horses away from the calves. Every time we head for the mountains to look for wasted cattle, the darn calves have to go with their new mommies. Mary Ann has to take the calf bottles and some milk so the calves can have a few snacks on the trip. The other day I thought I heard one whinnying. If the calves keep thinking they are horses, in a couple years Mary Ann will break them to ride.

Yesterday it was so smoky because of all the forest fires that you could hardly see. I had to go to town to get some staples so Mary Ann could fix the fence. The smoke was so thick I couldn't see beyond the front of the pickup. Mary Ann had to sit on the hood of the pickup and signal me which way to drive to stay out of the ditch. For those of you who were worried about Mary Ann's safety, she was able to hook her spurs into the grill which really help her stay on.

**Richard Vigil**, who retired from NRCS last year as the Quality Assurance Officer, UT has started working for the Indian Nations Conservation Alliance as their Deputy Director. **Ruth Ann Vigil**, retired NRCS Personnel Management Specialist, is also assisting the Indian Nations Conservation Alliance.

It's so great that retired NRCSers believe so strongly in the importance of caring for Mother Earth that they keep helping any way they can.

## NEBRASKA

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SCS/NRCS breakfast meetings were held on July 21<sup>st</sup> and August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015. President **Steve Scheinost** opened the meetings. The attendance for the past two months has been small, and golfing and fishing were given the blame.

**Gus Dornbusch** celebrated his 78<sup>th</sup> birthday. **Jim Culver** celebrated his birthday this month. **Don Manley** announced that he will be celebrating his 90<sup>th</sup> with a reception in October. **Tony Vrana** celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**Bob MacLauchlan** reported that he and former Plant Materials co-workers went on their annual tour of Plant Material Centers. This year they visited the center in Pullman, WA. While there, they also spent time at Mt. St. Helens., Mt. Rainier, a 10,000-acre ranch, the Columbia Crest Winery and Grand Coulee Dam. He was surprised to discover that the Agronomist at the Plant Materials Center was the daughter of our Nebraska retiree, **Steve Scheinost**.

**Steve and Jan Stover** spent time at a family reunion in Independence, KS with 110 members attending. They went from there to Cincinnati to visit their son and family. **Don Williamson** is very ill with complications following knee replacement surgery.

## NEW YORK

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**Phil Metzger, Marc Usher, and Dick Winnett** enjoyed a NY Red Bulls game (Major League Soccer) on June 24<sup>th</sup>, along with former New Jersey NRCS employees **Tom and Donna Drews**. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June the group also attended a New York Yankees game in the Bronx. Such outings have become an annual affair over the past three years.

**Nancy Lee**, along with two sisters, a brother, sister-in-law and brother-in-law recently logged over 7,000 miles, touring 18 states, from PA to Utah, over a three-week period enjoying many National Parks and hiking in the Grand Tetons National Park. Nancy's family had recently been in contact with cousins of relatives that left PA in 1878 to settle in Lexington, NE. We saw the original homestead in Lexington and met with cousins in Omaha, NE, Salt Lake City and Logan, UT and Blue Springs, MO.

The annual NY retirees' picnic was held June 15<sup>th</sup> at Dorchester Park in Whitney Point. It was a cold, windy day and only about 13 present.

**Theodore Fedak**, 92, passed away on Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. Ted was a soil scientist, employed for 32 years with the USDA Soil Conservation Service. **David P. Dupont**, age 64, passed away unexpectedly Friday morning July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. Many of Dave's co-workers from the Batavia Area were present at his memorial service. See the In Memoriam section for more details.



Left to Right: **Don Lake, Pat Lake, Deb DelVecchio, Joe DelVecchio, Carol Gallo, Lou Currin, Dick Gallo, Cecil Currin.**

**Cecil Currin** sent this. THOUSAND ISLANDS, NY- Former State conservation Engineers (SCE) and former State Conservationists (STC) gathered on Round Island on August 15<sup>th</sup> to share food, drinks and memories and discussed the future of ARSCE. **Dick Gallo**, former SCE in VT and retired STC in MA and NC; **Don Lake**, retired SCE, NY; **Joe DelVecchio**, retired STC, NJ and NY; and **Cecil Currin**, former SCE in MA and TX and retired STC in NJ and MA enjoyed great weather at the Currins' log cabin. This gathering for tennis, island walks, fishing and good food cooked on an open fire has been a tradition for many years. **Deb and Joe** are actively involved in gardening, travel and part time jobs. Joe captains a large tour boat on the St. Lawrence. **Carol and Dick** play golf, pickle ball and tennis and travel. **Pat and Don** play golf and split time between NY and FL. Don is an active consulting engineer with emphasis on dam safety. **Lou and Cecil** split time between MA and the island. Cecil works with a large farm in MA and enjoys fishing, tennis and boating. Lou is involved with Yoga, fitness and watercolor painting. She teaches in her studio in MA.

## NORTH CAROLINA

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**Frank and Donna Holt** are two proud grandparents. Frank reports that their son **David**, an architect from Atlanta, was honored on ABC's "Good Morning America" (GMA) June 15<sup>th</sup> as their Father of the Year. The surprise came after **Brittany Holt**, 26, and her sister **Megan**, 24, nominated their father for GMA's Thank You Dad series for being an amazing role model and for his devoted support and care during their experience with breast cancer. **Brittany** was diagnosed with breast cancer in March, 2014 and needed six months of chemotherapy followed by a double mastectomy. Since her sister Megan had the same BRCA1 gene, she too had a double mastectomy as preventive treatment. Monday morning, June 15, **David**, an avid Atlanta Braves fan, was surprised and honored as their Father of the Year on Good Morning America at Turner Field, home of the Atlanta Braves, with his entire family, friends, coworkers and the GMA television audience in attendance. Frank wrote, "This family has had blessings from Him who directs all. We are happy to share that with everyone!"

## NORTH DAKOTA

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The North Dakota Retiree's Annual Reunion luncheon will be at the Bismarck Elks Lodge at 11:30am on Thursday, September 17.

I get calls quite frequently from **Neal McClure**, who reminds me that he will be 99 years old on November 21<sup>st</sup>. He is doing well except for his vision, which is affected by macular degeneration. He happened to be around the new NDSU Bison head coach of the four-times-in-a-row National Champion football team and commented that he may be the oldest former Bison football player. They got a football and autographed it and gave it to him as the oldest living Bison.

**Larry Bushey** recently returned from a trip to Reno, NV for a family reunion and made a side trip to California to visit relatives before heading home. **Bob and Jeannie Bird** attended a family reunion at her sister's in Greeley, CO. Later traveled to Livingston, MT for the Watts family reunion where she once again updated the family tree and put out a booklet that included family members who served in the military or the Civilian Conservation Corps. Jeannie reserves a spot in the back of the tree for family stories or pictures each year. We attended a wedding in Bismarck before traveling back to Greeley, CO for the wedding of her grand-niece. All this while she was suffering with a bad hip that will be replaced in September.

A group of mostly engineers and other SCS/NRCS co-workers of **Wes Wiedenmeyer** got together for a picnic at his house because the outdoor shelter that was supposed to be used was open to the elements of cold and rain that showed up. Wes has struggled with various ailments and treatments since he retired. Some traveled from as far as Minnesota and Grand Forks to be there. It was a great party and a chance to catch up with some people I haven't seen for many years, and some I had never met. Remember to attend our reunion on September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Elks.

**Della M. (Hindman) Turman**, 96, of Bismarck, ND, died peacefully surrounded by her family on May 2, 2015. She was the wife of the late **Ralph Turman**, who worked in various locations in North Dakota including Cavalier, Hillsboro, and Bismarck. See the In Memoriam section for more details.

## OKLAHOMA

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Kind of a hot summer in Oklahoma after a wetter than normal Spring and early Summer for most of the state. Our SCS/NRCS flood control structures really got a test and did their job in parts of the state. Our next statewide meeting isn't until October, so not much to report for now. But we do have a couple of items to tell folks about.

Every Friday morning about 9am at What-A-Burger Restaurant in Stillwater, a group of retirees meet for free soft drinks or coffee for Seniors. According to **Roland Willis**, we aren't "cheap"--we are just "frugal." If you choose to join us, you might see **Darrel Dominick, Les Conner, Bill Littlefield, Randy Freeland, Loran Zweiacker, Norm Smola, Dwain Phillips, Bobby Birdwell, Jimmy Hill, or Roland Willis**. Conversation usually varies from our latest ailments, to home repairs, grandkids, show-and-tell relics, or the latest bargains at the Thrift Shops in town. Again, we are "frugal!" Please feel free to join us anytime you are around the area.

At the May State Convention for the National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) organization, NRCS Retiree **Randy Freeland** was elected President of the Oklahoma Federation. Many of us know that this organization is in business to protect our hard-earned retirement benefits, including health insurance. Forty dollars a years is a pretty small amount to pay for that kind of protection. Heck, we even save that much in coffee at What-A-Burger!

The retiree website ([www.cyber-shack.net/nrcs/](http://www.cyber-shack.net/nrcs/)) has been helpful in our efforts to keep Oklahoma Retirees informed. This website also has a posting of the attendees, minutes and pictures from each of the meetings. Check it out! Special thanks to **Bill Porter** for his work in keeping the website up to date.

The next statewide meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 23, 2015, at the Golden Corral Restaurant on MacArthur Boulevard in Oklahoma City. Everyone is welcome, and no reservations are required.

## OREGON

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A reprieve from what has been typically very hot weather for the time of year encouraged a nice turn out for the July 22<sup>nd</sup> summer quarter retiree lunch at the Tanasbourne The Old Spaghetti Factory. The twenty-nine present included **Eldena VanderZanden, Roy Bright, Don and Diana Wallin, DD and Howard Kido, Tom George, Ralph Wadleigh, Chad McGrath, Jeff Repp, Matthew Fillmore, Gail Voge, Joe Sahlfeld, Kay Denfeld, Stefanie Aschmann, Roy Fox, Keith Cromwell, Cliff and Sandy Hillebrandt, Thor Thorson, Pat Smith, Gary Formanek, Dick Sylvester, Terry Mitchell, Beth Zetter, Dick Verboort, Russ Hatz, Bruce Newton, and yours truly, Don Stettler**. The noise level during the lunch would indicate everyone enjoyed catching up with each other.

I received regrets from **Bill Hughey**. He and **Jean** would be on a twelve-day cruise around the British Isles. Bill was especially looking forward to the stop in Glasgow, Scotland. It was from there that his ancestor left to come to America as a British soldier during the Revolutionary War. The ancestor never returned to England and became an American. Bill said he was glad that happened. I would suspect most of us are thankful that our ancestors did find their way to the US.

**Jon Lea** wrote to tell me he would have to miss the lunch because he would be in New Hampshire. He went on to tell me that he and **Joylene** have been busy. I mistakenly jumped to the conclusion that Joylene had retired, but she informed me that she is still among the employed NRCSEers. **Jon and Joylene**'s daughter has now graduated from high school where she earned a Washington Scholar Award. Further, she has been accepted into the College of Environmental and Civil Engineering at the U. of Washington. For me that is hard for me to get around because it doesn't seem that along ago that she was born. But then I remind myself that I have a great grandson entering the first grade this September.

**Dick and Theresa Verboort** drove to Zion, Bryce and Grand Canyon National Parks last spring. On the way home they stopped at the Oregon Trail Museum at Baker City. Dick was surprised to find that the speed limit starting south of Boise, ID all the way to the Grand Canyon was 80 mph for both cars and trucks.

I had a rude awakening at 5am on the morning of July 3<sup>rd</sup> when our neighbor's home caught on fire. We were fortunate to have only some blistered paint, burned fence, and some melted antenna coax feedline cable because of the fire. A neighbor who spotted the fire early used our garden hose to spray the side of our house next to the fire. Had he not done that, I dread what might have happened. Not a fun way to begin the day.

The fall quarterly retiree lunch will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup> at the Clackamas The Old Spaghetti Factory.



Don Wallin, Ralph Wadleigh and Gary Formanec



Russ Hatz, Don Stettler, and Jeff Repp



Bruce Newton and Russ Hatz.

## PENNSYLVANIA

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### Sent by Frank Resides:

Fourteen of our faithful followers met for lunch at Roger's Bistro in West Chester on the sunny morning of July 25<sup>th</sup>. See the group picture that follows.

Present were: **Len and Mary Beck, Helen Brossman, Jean Francis, Carolyn Gehlen, Tom and Joyce Iivari, Jean Kirkaldie, Ann Magee, Frank and Jane Resides, Fred and Jane Schuetz, and Shirley Thomas.**

We enjoyed the good food, fun and fellowship while looking at some vintage photos from workshops, retirement parties and scenes around the office from the 1980s and 90s. Story-telling of the Good Ole Days ended about 3pm, after the group photo, was taken by **Roger** with Joyce's I-Pad.

Our winter meeting will be in November or December, same time, same place, with the date TBD.



*Southeast Pennsylvania Retirees' July Luncheon.*

Standing L to R: Joyce Iivari, Len Beck, Tom Iivari, Jane Schuetz, Fred Schuetz, Jane Resides, Frank Resides  
Sitting L to R: Mary Beck, Helen Brossman, Ann Magee, Jean Kirkaldie, Jean Francis, Shirley Thomas, Carolyn Gehlen.

## SOUTH CAROLINA

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South Carolina ARCSE (retires) are planning their fall meeting tentatively scheduled for Thursday October 22<sup>nd</sup> in Columbia SC. We hope to have a good representation of our membership. We, **Mary and Byron Thompson**, have had a great summer, with my final retirement from landscaping on July 1<sup>st</sup>, and our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Our two daughters surprised us with a family and friends party at our retirement community. We have been traveling, doing county council meetings and are planning a trip to California in September.

## TEXAS

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Fourteen members and two guests attended the June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. The members attending were **Mary Garsjo, Anita Plummer, Bill and Rita Kuenstler, Dennis Erinakes, Barbara Gillum, Bernie Owen, Dave Drennan, Doug Seibel, Earl Blakley, Elaine and Billy Don Davis, Dennis Gaster and Joyce Petty**. The guests were **Wayne Everett and Julius Lyons**.

**Dennis Gaster** reported that he has started getting gear ready for the Boy Scout summer camp, which will be in the mountains of New Mexico this year.

**Marie Garsjo** had several items to report. She has been out of town, spending time with a cousin who had total knee replacement. Since returning from her cousin's house, she has been preparing to host the Fort Worth Cactus and Succulent Society. That meeting will be on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Marie also told us that she is setting up her own business, which will be a technical writing service.

**Rita Kuenstler** said that she and Bill made a trip to Illinois in late May. They visited family in southeastern Illinois, and Bill did some spraying on his CRP ground. They also made a trip up to Joliet, IL to visit Bill's oldest sister, who has Alzheimer's disease. She is living with her youngest son and his family. **Barbara Gillum**'s grandson, who has been living with them for the past two years, has graduated from high school. **Anita Plummer**'s children were here last week from North Carolina. They took her grandson to Space Camp in Huntsville, AL last week.

**Dennis Erinakes'** grandson is now **Lt. Ethan Erinakes**. He graduated from Oklahoma University with a degree in Electrical Engineering and has been assigned to the US Army Corps of Engineers unit at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. **Dennis** continues to work on validation of the groundwater model on which he has been working. The next step is to incorporate the socio-economic impact of groundwater management into the model. Because of the increased work with groundwater modeling, **Dennis** is reluctantly giving up his computer business.

**Bernie and Maxine Owen's** granddaughter, **Michelle**, has graduated from Mansfield Summit High School. Their oldest granddaughter, **Nicole**, who is studying Physical Therapy at Texas A&M, has a summer job with a physical therapist in Arlington and is taking courses through a Community College. **Mitchell**'s older daughter, **Kayla**, just graduated into Middle School and the youngest granddaughter, **Amanda**, entered 4<sup>th</sup> grade. All are doing well!

**Bernie and Maxine** are going to Kansas June 25<sup>th</sup> to visit family and friends. They will attend the Annual SCS-NRCS Alumni meeting where Bernie will be the guest speaker. Bernie has plans to spend the next week with his sister in Kinsley, KS, and Maxine will return to Leawood, KS to visit her sister for the week.

**Dave Drennan** missed the past two meetings because he was in Hawaii one month and attended the Texas Relays in Austin, TX the other month. **Dave** is planning a trip to Kenai, AK in August to visit his sister. When he isn't globetrotting, **Dave** is busy shuttling grandchildren to and from various activities.

**Doug Seibel** has been busy doing "honey-do" jobs around the house. **Elaine Davis** has just finished with physical therapy for her knee replacement. She will visit the doctor soon to determine if she should have the other knee replaced.

**Julius Lyons** retired in 1994 from the National Cartographic and Geospatial Center. He moved to a ranch near Teague (east of Waco) and lived there until 2011, when he sold out and moved to Arlington.

**Wayne Everett** retired in 1994 from the SNTC, where he was the Plant Materials Specialist. After retirement, he worked at the recycling center for the city of Burleson for about 10 years. Currently he and his wife collect and sell antiques. They have booths at H&H Antique Mall in Crowley, TX. They also care for their daughter, who is handicapped.

The August meeting was called to order and presided over by **President Marie Garsjo**. **Marie Garsjo's** said that her husband's (**Mike**) daughter plans to be married on Nov. 4, 2015. Marie also said that she is making a "career quilt," with each block of the quilt illustrating a work location or a major event in her career.

**Dennis Erinakes** announced that **Marie Garsjo** has received the Floyd T. Johnson Service Award from the National Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists for her continuing service to the organization.

**Dave Drennan** continues to keep busy with his grandchildren. One of their granddaughters is staying with them now, so they are particularly busy with her activities.

**Dave Stockbridge** reported on his recent fishing trip to Canada. His goal was to catch a 40-inch northern pike, but he had to settle for "only" a 38-inch northern! **Dave and Barb** are going to California in late July for a family reunion. They plan to drive to California, visiting Salt Lake City, UT on the way. And **Dave** announced that their daughter is now a PhD candidate in Public Health Administration.

As usual, **Bernie Owen** had several items to report. Over the past two weeks, he has had surgery on both eyes to remove cataracts. The surgery went well, and his eyes seem to be healing from the surgery, as long as he can keep a supply of eye drops on hand, PLUS get **Maxine** to administer the eye drops for him.

Bernie announced that AARP is again offering a driving safety/defensive driving course. If you successfully complete the course, you may qualify for a discount on your auto insurance. The course is available on-line or as a classroom course. Bernie knows someone who has been an instructor for this course, and if enough people are interested, he may be able to offer the course in a classroom session. Contact Bernie at 817-784-8022 or email him at [bernie.owen@tx.rr.com](mailto:bernie.owen@tx.rr.com) if you are interested



**Dave Stockbridge (right) telling Doug Seibel about his fishing trip to Canada.**

Bernie said that OPM is now saying that the data breach at that agency now affects almost 22 million people. So far, no major problems have been reported because of this security breach.

**Bernie** gave a recap of their trip to Kansas in late June, during which Bernie and Maxine celebrated family birthdays. While in Kansas, **Bernie** was the guest speaker at the Kansas SCS/NRCS Retirees Annual Meeting. **Harland and Anita Dietz**, who recently moved from Fort Worth back to Kansas, came to the meeting. **Bernie and Maxine** said they had a nice visit with **Harland and Anita**.

On a related note, I failed to include in last month's newsletter that **Joan Trew**, who was **Harland and Anita's** realtor when they sold their home here, has made a contribution to the Alumni Club, and has also rejoined the club.



**Elaine Davis, Anita Plummer and Earl Blakley enjoying refreshments at the July meeting**

**Mary Mattinson** is staying as busy as she wants to be with ball games and other activities in which her grandchildren participate. **Don Kapalka** has received word that he will become a grandfather in January, 2016. **Doug Seibel** is happy to report that his wife **Jane** continues to gain strength and see general improvement in her health.

On August 6<sup>th</sup>, we received an email from **Clyde Goodman** telling us that his wife, **Marla**, has had back and neck surgery the last two Wednesday's. She is at Baylor Medical Center in Plano. She is making satisfactory progress and hopes to be walking again soon. Needless to say, he will not be attending the next meeting, so he sends everyone his regards.

Earlier this summer, **Judy Twitty** fell and broke her hip. Since then **Judy** has had a long and painful journey. She had surgery to repair the break and then was sent to rehab before being released to go home. During this time they told the doctors her leg was quite swollen and she was in terrible pain but was told that was normal for her surgery. **Ken** continued to take her to rehab until four or five weeks ago when she was listless and unresponsive in her wheelchair when he returned to take her home. **Judy** was readmitted to the hospital, where it was discovered that the screws used to repair her hip had

broken off and were causing extreme bleeding. The bleeding was internal and not readily detected. Corrective surgery was delayed another three days as she had developed pneumonia. She finally was able to have surgery to remove the screws, returned to a different Rehab hospital and was able to go home Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. We hope you are feeling better, **Judy**.

**Helen Shanklin** sent an e-mail about mid-June that her sister had passed away.

The **Kuenstlers** and the **Stockbridges** will provide the refreshments for the August 21 meeting.



## WASHINGTON, DC, NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA

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*John Peterson, our man in Washington, DC.*

Following the ARCSE meeting in Greensboro, **Barb and Warren Lee** drove to the Outer Banks of NC to visit **Hershel and Barb Read** and **Dennie Burns** and his wonderful friend **Lee**. The **Reads** have their home on the market with plans to move to Tennessee.

This comes from **Doug Helms**. "A trip to Europe in July combined several of my interests, in particular historical geography and Formula 1 automobile racing. First I stayed in Oxford, from where I took a bus to Silverstone for qualifying on Saturday and the race on Sunday. I also had a day in Oxford, during which I dropped off a copy of my book at the Bodleian Library and took the Hop-On, Hop-Off bus tour of Oxford. I spent that time trying to spot the location of scenes from the TV program *Inspector Lewis*. The second week, I went to the International Conference of Historical Geographers at the Royal Geographical Society in London. My primary interest in attending the meeting was to go on the post-conference field tour to the Welsh Marches (England-Wales frontier). This place interests me because many of the surnames in my part of central North Carolina were Welsh names.

The third week, I took the Eurostar train under the English channel to Paris and transferred to a French train to Biarritz. The Eurostar does not offer the best sightseeing opportunities, but the speed is impressive. If you ever have occasion to transfer from the north train station in Paris to the south train station, may I recommend using a taxi. Taking baggage up and down the steps at the metro stops, which had no elevators or escalators, was no fun, despite whatever exercise benefits may have accrued." Sounds like a lot of fun, **Doug**.



*Field Tour at Rollright Stones*

**John and Blanche Peterson** traveled to Tupelo, MS in August, to attend the NACD SE Region Meeting. There they visited the original **Elvis Presley** home and the Church the Presleys attended, a hydroponic tomato farm, and drove the Natchez Trace Parkway from Tupelo to Nashville. The Natchez Trace leads one through 10,000 years of history, and follows the corridor where walkers, riders and wagons wore down the sunken sections you see today. In the early 1800s, "Kaintucks" from the Ohio River Valley floated crops and other materials down the Mississippi River on wooden flatboats. At Natchez or New Orleans they sold their goods and also sold their boats, as the boats could not go back upstream against the current, and walked or rode horseback home via the Old Trace. The **Peterson's** then drove to Tyler, MN for **Blanche's** 60<sup>th</sup> High School Reunion. **John's** 60<sup>th</sup> was last year in Benson, MN.

John got notice from **Dottie Hofstad** that **Wes Hofstad** had passed away. Wes started in MN as an economist, and ended at the NE NTC in PA. I believe he was 97.



**John Peterson, John Foot, Tom Breen and Dusty Rhoads (from left) are prominent denizens of Ken's Place at Pfitzner Stadium.**

Many of you know I have long been involved with our PNats Carolina League baseball team (since 1978), now the Washington Nationals high class A affiliate. Since 1978 we have been an affiliate of the Mariners, Pirates, Yankees, White Sox, Cardinals, Reds, and now Nationals. We have won five Carolina League championships, three with the Nats. A great many of our players are in and have been in the Majors, including some now in the baseball hall of fame. Earlier this year a fellow asked some of us about a sign on the first base fence and later we found out he writes for minor league baseball. We got this link to his article from the PNats General Manager, Josh Olerud. Thought you would enjoy it.

[http://www.milb.com/news/article.jsp?ymd=20150717&content\\_id=136965950&fext=.jsp&vkey=news\\_farmalmc&sid=mlb](http://www.milb.com/news/article.jsp?ymd=20150717&content_id=136965950&fext=.jsp&vkey=news_farmalmc&sid=mlb)

If you're attending a [Potomac Nationals](#) game at Pfitzner Stadium and things are going well for the hometown team, expect to hear a distinct yell emanating from the first base side of the stadium: "Hubba-Hubba!"

This is the catch phrase of dedicated PNats fan **Dusty Rhoads**, an 81-year-old (though he doesn't look it) ballpark regular. Specifically, Rhoads is a "Ken's Place" regular, "Ken's Place" being a standing-room-only gathering spot identified by a banner hanging on a chain-link fence that runs down the first base line. Ken's Place has the atmosphere of a local watering hole, a largely male enclave where everybody seems to know everybody else. Within this convivial locale, the trash talk, in-jokes and beer flow freely.

Ken's Place is a longstanding tribute to die-hard P-Nats fan **Ken Rostkowski**, a mainstay at "The Pfitz" who passed away suddenly in 2007 at the age of 46.

John also sent the following: ***Fossil Fuel Energy and Economic Wellbeing*** is available for free download at <http://marshall.org/energy-policy/fossil-fuel-energy-and-economic-wellbeing/>.

**From Ron Marlow** after talking to **Neil Bogner** on September 1 by phone concerning Neil's health.

As many of you know, Neil has had a low platelet count since 2008 and has received different treatments (chemo and several different pills) before some success with *predisone* over the last three years. His kidneys are now beginning to fail, however. More recently, after he and Eleanor arrived in Cedar Rapids, IA on Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> for a family reunion, Neil was admitted to the hospital with a temperature of 103 and diagnosed with MRSA infection. After treatment with antibiotics, he was transferred by air ambulance back to the Catonsville area but is still in the hospital. He hopes to be released to the care center at the Charlestown Retirement Community within the next day or so. The MRSA has been successfully treated. There has been some encouraging news related to the kidney failure; however, the challenge is that the treatment for the kidney failure conflicts with his platelet treatment. Please keep Neil in your thoughts and prayers.

## WASHINGTON

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On August 3<sup>rd</sup> **Jud and Karen Melton** hosted a summer potluck at their beautiful landscaped Spokane Riverfront home in Post Falls, ID for SCS and NRCS retirees and their spouses. Sixteen retirees enjoyed an afternoon of good food and lots of conversation. Photos by **Jud, Katie and Jerry**. Besides **Jud and Karen**, others were; **Jim King, Harry Riehle, Hans and Katie Krauss, Gary and Elinor Johnson, Larry and Jean Edmonds, Joe Carmack, Ralph Schmidt, Lenn and Fran Dompier and Jerry and Phyllis Richard**.



*Our Host and Gourmet Chef, Jud Melton*



*Fran Dompier and Hostess Karen Melton*



*Katie Krauss and Jean Edmonds*



*Joe Carmack and Larry Edmonds*



*Lenn Dompier and Tim King*



*Jerry and Phyllis Richard*



**Gary Johnson, Hans Krauss, Harry Riehle, Fran Dompier, Elinor Johnson, Lynn Dompier, Phyllis Richard, Karen Melton**

## WEST VIRGINIA

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**Patrick Bowen**, State Resource Conservationist at the Morgantown State Office, retired on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**Helen and Rollin Swank** celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015. They were married at St. John's Lutheran Church in Eastern Pennsylvania. An interesting side story is that on the way to the wedding, the accelerator on Helen's old Ford stuck while she was going down a steep mountain road. Fortunately she got the car out of gear and pulled in to a cut-off. Sixty years of marriage almost ended before it started.

They celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with their two children, **Cynthia** and **Joseph**. **Cindy** and her daughter, **Sarah**, live in Charlotte, NC. **Joe** and his wife, **Amy**, and their two children, **Tory** and **Colton**, live near Annapolis, MD. They had a family dinner to celebrate the occasion.

## WISCONSIN

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The Wisconsin retirees met for lunch and fellowship on August 13<sup>th</sup> at Langford's Pub & Grill in Green Lake, WI. **Erv Lesczynski** and **Steve Prissel** were the hosts. **Larry Behlen**, former mayor of Green Lake, gave a brief talk on the history of Green Lake and tourism in the area.

Those in attendance included **Erv Lesczynski**, **Jim and Lynnette Enlow**, **Howard Gundlach**, **Tom Thrall**, **Steve Rake**, **Bob Uhrig**, **Gene Nimmer**, **Stan and Marlene Dingle**, **Emeron and Phyllis Christensen**, **Ron Lowery**, **Ted Manning**, and **Jim Kaap**. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful day and fellowship. The next luncheon is scheduled for October 8<sup>th</sup> at Monona Garden Family Restaurant in Monona, WI.





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

**Stanley O. Barefoot**, Raleigh, NC  
**Norma Sturdivant Coggin**, Raleigh, NC  
**Edward E. Weber**, Keizer, OR

### **SENIOR CONSERVATIONIST CHRONICLE** **Marc Safley, Chronicler, Senior Conservationist**

#### **Senior Conservationist, Niles A. McLoda**

Senior Conservationist **Niles A. McLoda** was born October 5<sup>th</sup>, 1929 in Elyria, Ohio. Elyria is about 30 miles southeast of Cleveland. Niles was the first of six children. His father worked at a shipyard in Lorain, OH, on the southern shore of Lake Erie. Niles' family lived on his grandfather's farm near Elyria. He graduated from high school in 1947 at Amherst (OH) High School. After high school he enrolled at The Ohio State University. He left OSU and worked on the farm. In June 1954 he joined the US Army; in 1955 he joined the 11<sup>th</sup> Airborne and was stationed at Fort Campbell, KY. He served until March 1956 when he was honorably discharged.

Upon completion of his military service Niles went back to OSU where he received a B.S. degree in Agricultural Equipment Science in 1958. He completed one quarter of graduate studies that completed his eligibility as a Soil Scientist for SCS. His first location as a Soil Scientist was at Eaton, OH, as part of a progressive survey party. He was there until March 1961 when he took the job of Soil Scientist at Coshocton, OH. He left that position in June 1963 to take the job of Area Soil Scientist at Hillsboro, OH, where he worked until June of 1969. He then went to Columbus where he was Area Soil Scientist and Survey Party Leader. In April of 1977 he transferred to Newark, OH, in the equivalent job. He was there for only seven months. In November of 1977 he was selected Assistant State Soil Scientist for SCS in Richmond, VA. He held that position until March 1985 when he became State Soil Scientist for Virginia. He retired from that position June 30, 1988.

While working in Ohio, Niles invented, designed, and constructed a soil sampling machine that could be mounted on a motorcycle sidecar. This allowed soil surveyors to reach locations inaccessible by standard truck-mounted coring machines at the time. He also designed and constructed a rectangular soil sampler which facilitated extraction of making of soil monoliths.

After retirement, Niles and his family remained in the Richmond area. For 12 years until 2000 he worked at the Amelia Wildlife Management Area, and from September 1989 until June of 2000 he did soil mapping as a consultant. He has been a volunteer with the Amelia Volunteer Fire Department since 1989. He was named Firefighter of the Year in 1995 and 1998. In 2009 he was named a Life Member of the Department.

Niles' interests beyond soil science have been both active and varied. He earned a private pilot license in 1949. He was very involved in motorcycling both touring with his wife and competitively in racing. He won the Jack Pine National Sidecar Enduro Championship (500 mile race) in 1955, 1956, 1959, 1960, and 1966. He says that he has owned 27 motorcycles during his cycling career (17 of which were Harley-Davidson's). He and his wife have ridden in all states of the US, except Alaska. Other activities have included big game hunting in Wyoming and Nebraska, camping, and square dancing. Square dancing has played an important part in Niles' life beyond a social pastime. He met **Jane Houghton** at a square dance in Elyria and they later married on April 14, 1954. Jane and he are the parents of two daughters and two granddaughters.

When asked what guidance he would have for persons today, he said "know what you know."

**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).*

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

Baker	<b>Earl R. Baker</b> (91) of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho passed away on June 26, 2015. He was born in Roundup, Montana in 1923. During WW II Earl served in the Army Air Corps, flying missions from China and India into Burma in a B-24 bomber as a photographer and assistant radio operator. He married his high school sweetheart, <b>Mary Alice Storer</b> in Billings, Montana on May 29, 1945 and graduated from Montana State College in Bozeman on June 6, 1945. <b>Earl</b> worked 32 years for the Soil Conservation Service in various locations in Washington retiring in Spokane in 1983. He travelled to Washington, D.C. in 2013 on the Honor Flight. <b>Earl</b> is survived by his wife, <b>Mary</b> , of Coeur d'Alene; his daughter, <b>Patty</b> of Coeur d'Alene; his son, <b>Ed</b> of Richland, Washington; his grandchildren, <b>Janel</b> and <b>Brad</b> ; and great-granddaughter <b>Vivian</b> .
Betts	<b>Elaine Betts</b> (83) passed away on July 8, 2015. <b>Elaine</b> was a resident of Cassville, Missouri at the time of her passing. She graduated from Bagley High School, Bagley, IA in 1951. She was preceded in death by her husband <b>Warren</b> in 2009. <b>Warren</b> retired from SCS in 1988 as an engineering technician.
Brock	<b>Bobby G. Brock</b> (74) of Apex, North Carolina passed away on July 23, 2015. <b>Bobby</b> retired in 2006 as Conservation Agronomist on the State Resource Conservationist Staff. His work assignments during his 45 year career with NRCS included Soil Conservationist in Harnett and Iredell Counties as well as District Conservationist in Sanford, Goldsboro and Raleigh Field Offices before transferring to the state office in May, 1983 as Conservation Agronomist. <b>Bobby</b> probably did more than anyone in North Carolina to promote the use of long term no-till. He was reared on a general farm in the South River Community of Cumberland County, North Carolina. He graduated from NC State College (University) in 1963 with honors and took several graduate agronomy courses after moving to Raleigh. <b>Bobby</b> was active in Civitan Clubs, Soil and Water Conservation Society where he received the Fellow Award, and the NC Land Use Congress. His hobby was collecting and restoring older John Deere tractors. <b>Bobby</b> is survived by his wife, <b>Linda Griffin Brock</b> ; daughters <b>Michelle (Robert) Andersen</b> of Clayton, NC, <b>Marlette (Thomas) Truitt</b> of Garner, NC; son, <b>Geoffrey Adam (Brittney) Brock</b> of Fuquay-Varina, NC; and two grandchildren. He is also survived by two brothers and one sister.
Carlson	<b>Zilda Carlson</b> (89) passed away July 26, 2015 in Boise. She worked for SCS in Lewiston, Idaho, and later married <b>Mel Carlson</b> , SCS woodland conservationist. <b>Zilda</b> and <b>Mel</b> spent many happy years together camping hiking and traveling throughout many countries of the world.
Cook	<b>Kevin Ray Cook</b> (46) of Stillwater, Oklahoma passed away on June 11, 2015 in Rochester, MN after a brief illness. He was a member of the Glencoe Church of Christ. He graduated from OSU in 1991 with a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Engineering. His career with the USDA began at the state Agricultural Research Station in 1986 and continued at the NRCS until his death. He could honestly refer to it as a "dam" good occupation with many "dam" good co-workers. Left to cherish his memory are his children, <b>Brent</b> and <b>Lyndsie</b> ; and his mother and sister. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Kevin Cook Memorial Scholarship Fund established at Glencoe Public Schools, 201 E. Lone Chimney Rd., Glencoe, OK 74032
Dupont	<b>David P. Dupont</b> (64) of Dansville, New York passed away unexpectedly on July 3, 2015. He was a true outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing, and shooting with his wife, family and friends. He was a member of numerous organizations supporting these activities. Dave was a graduate of Alfred University and Tech. He retired from the USDA-NRCS as a conservationist based out of Bath. In recent years he had his own conservationist consulting business. He was a US Army veteran serving from 1970 to 1978. He is survived by his dear wife of 36 years, <b>Debra</b> , a daughter, <b>Erin (Kyle) Cloutier</b> of MA, a son, <b>Jon (Heather) Dupont</b> of PA, and three grandchildren. In lieu of flowers please make memorials to the Dansville Fish and Game Club, 35 Gibson St., PO Box 406.
Fedak	Honorary Life Member and Senior Conservationist <b>Theodore Fedak</b> , (92) of Niskayuna, New York passed away on August 3, 2015 in the comfort of his home with his loving wife of 64 years, <b>Margaret</b> , at his side. Born and raised in Glen Lyon, Pennsylvania, he was a graduate of Pennsylvania State University. <b>Theodore</b> served his country proudly in the U.S. Navy Seabees during World War II. He was honorably discharged on February 8, 1946 and awarded the Pacific Theater Ribbon, the American Theater Ribbon and the Victory Medal. A soil scientist, <b>Theodore</b> was employed for 32 years by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1980. During those years he resided in Niagara Falls, Buffalo, East Aurora, Syracuse, Corfu and, most recently, Colonie. He was proud of his Ukrainian heritage and was a member of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church in Watervliet where he was a member of the Our Mother of Perpetual Help Society and sang in the church choir. In addition to his wife, he is also survived by his dear brother <b>John (Ruth) Fedak</b> of Rockville, MD and numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.
Frederick	<b>Wayne D. Frederick</b> (84) of rural West Branch, Iowa passed away at the University of Iowa Hospitals on July 12, 2015, after an extended illness. After graduating from Iowa State University, he worked as a soil scientist with the USDA Soil Conservation Service for more than 21 years prior to farming full-time near Springdale. He is survived by his wife, <b>Barbara (Hand) Frederick</b> and four children. He was very proud of his 20 grandchildren and their many accomplishments. In keeping with Wayne's directives, he has deeded his body to scientific research at the University of Iowa, and no services will be held. A private memorial will take place at a later date.
Grabast	<b>Ethel M. Grabast</b> (93) of Portland, Oregon, passed away on June 17, 2015. She was born in Norton, Kansas. Ethel attended college at Portland State University. Ethel worked for the Soil Conservation Service in the Portland, Oregon state

office. She was predeceased by her husband of 71 years, **David**, in 2012. She is survived by a daughter and a son, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

<b>Ham</b>	<b>Jearl Ham</b> (81) of Cooper, Texas passed away on June 23, 2015 in Sulphur Springs. He graduated from Cooper High School. <b>Jearl</b> served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and had retired from the Soil Conservation Service after 40 plus years as a Soil Conservation Technician in Cooper and later worked for the Delta SWCD. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, <b>Genell Ham</b> of Cooper, two sons; <b>Marc Ham</b> and wife <b>Mindy</b> of Granite Bay, CA, and <b>Kevin Ham</b> and wife <b>Kay</b> of Winnsboro, and two granddaughters.
<b>Holstine</b>	Member <b>Leland Leroy Holstine</b> (84) passed away at his Meridian, Idaho, home on March 4, 2015. <b>Lee</b> served in the Navy on the USS Estes during the Korean War. After graduating from Montana State University, <b>Lee</b> started work for Soil Conservation Service which took him to Hardin, Ft. Benton and Havre, Montana, and then to Meridian, Idaho, as District Conservationist. After retiring from SCS, he worked for the State Soil Conservation Commission. He was a 32 <sup>nd</sup> degree Master Mason of the Scottish Rite. <b>Leland</b> is survived by his wife, <b>Leah</b> , and children, <b>Chris Holstine (Shannon)</b> , <b>Dana Ahlstrom (Scott)</b> and <b>Eric Holstine (Vanessa)</b> and seven grandchildren. The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to Luther Heights Bible Camp, HC 64, Box 9381, Ketchum, ID 83340.
<b>Hostad</b>	Honorary Member and Senior Conservationist <b>Wesley Hofstad</b> (97) of Silver Spring, Maryland passed away at home with hospice care after months of complications from a heart attack. <b>Wes</b> remained very active in mind and body until the last weeks of his life. He retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1982 as an economist at the Northeast National Technical Center, having begun his career with SCS in Minnesota. He was predeceased by his first wife, <b>Virginia</b> , and a daughter, <b>Lee Ann Anderson</b> . He and <b>Virginia</b> had five children. <b>Wes</b> is survived by four children and his second wife of twelve years, <b>Dorothy Davis</b> . They lived at Leisure World.
<b>King</b>	<b>Mary Virginia "Miss Ginn" King</b> (72) of Spencer, West Virginia passed away on August 12, 2015 after an extended illness. She is survived by her husband of nearly 54 years, <b>Michael</b> ; two children, <b>Kelli King</b> of Martinsburg and <b>Doug (Cristy) King</b> of Greenville, Ind.; and two grandchildren. <b>Michael</b> retired from SCS in 1994 as the Director of the Administrative Services Division. <b>Miss Ginn</b> was a homemaker and mother. She was a member of the Meadow Dale Baptist Church and a graduate of the West Virginia Baptist Convention School of Christian Studies. Also, she was an active grief counselor and former pilot. Memorial donations are preferred to the National MS Society, Virginia-West Virginia Chapter, P.O. Box 27326, Richmond, VA 23261-7326. Online condolences may be made at <a href="http://www.taylorfuneralhomeinc.com">www.taylorfuneralhomeinc.com</a> .
<b>Kleppe</b>	<b>Paul A. Kleppe</b> (84) of rural Hiawatha, Kansas passed away on June 29, 2015, at Hiawatha Community Hospital. Paul graduated from Hiawatha High School in 1949. He wed his high school sweetheart, <b>Mary Fraser</b> . They lived their entire lives in Brown and Doniphan counties where <b>Paul</b> farmed and worked thirty-six years as a soil conservation technician for the Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 2013. He was proud that both his grandsons followed in his footsteps with careers in the Natural Resource Conservation Service. <b>Paul</b> is survived by his wife of 64 years, <b>Mary</b> of the home, a son <b>Bruce Kleppe</b> , a daughter <b>Debra (Jim) Ewing</b> , all of Hiawatha; four grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, which may be sent in care of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, 124 S 7 <sup>th</sup> St., Hiawatha 66434.
<b>Lee</b>	<b>Bonnie L. (Sullivan) Lee</b> (78) of Tiffin, Ohio passed away on July 19, 2015, at the St. Francis Nursing Home in Tiffin. Bonnie is survived by her husband of 47 years, <b>Josiah Lee</b> of Tiffin; two stepdaughters, <b>Dorothy Barry</b> of Medina, <b>Mary (Mike) Mennell</b> Homerville; four granddaughters; and eight great-grandchildren. Bonnie worked with the Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service for 38 years, retiring in 1994. She enjoyed traveling, antiques, and cars. She was a 1955 graduate of Bettsville High School. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Northwest Ohio Chapter. Online condolences may be left for the family at <a href="http://www.englischookfuneralhome.com">www.englischookfuneralhome.com</a>
<b>Mast</b>	<b>Robert E. (Bob) Mast</b> (79), Frankfort, Indiana passed away on August 24, 2015. <b>Bob</b> worked primarily in water resources activities in Indiana and later as Assistant Director of the Lincoln and Hyattsville Cartographic Units. He retired as Assistant State Conservationist in Indiana leading watershed work and introducing automation into the daily activities of NRCS at the field office level. <b>Bob</b> was a 1959 graduate of Purdue University and a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of the First Christian Church, Frankfort Rotary, Masonic Lodge #119, and many other organizations. He was awarded the Silver Beaver Award, the highest honor given by the Boy Scouts of America.
<b>McCarty</b>	<b>Robert Lee McCarty</b> (78) of Jefferson City passed away on August 10, 2015, at his residence surrounded by his family. He was a 1959 graduate of the University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri. He served with the Missouri National Guard for six years. <b>Robert</b> worked as a contract specialist for the USDA Soil Conservation Service for 32 years, retiring in 1995. He also had worked for the United States Postal Service and the United States Geological Survey. He was a member of Bible Baptist Church in Jefferson City where he participated in mission projects and mission trips and also served as a Volunteer In Corrections with the prison ministry project. In addition to his wife, <b>Mary Lou</b> of 56 years, he is survived by two sons, two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Bible Baptist Church Missionary Fund, 4730 Country Club Drive, Jefferson City, MO 65109. Those wishing to email tributes or condolences to the family may do so at the <a href="http://www.dulletrimble.com">www.dulletrimble.com</a> website.
<b>McMulkin</b>	<b>Marilyn Kay McMulin</b> (76) recently of Topeka, Kansas passed away on July 3, 2015. She was a graduate of Edmond High School and Washburn University. She was a member of National Secretary Association and served as a secretary with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1994. <b>Marilyn</b> was a member of Countryside United Methodist Church in Topeka. Survivors include two sisters, a brother, and numerous nieces and nephews. <b>Marilyn</b> was cremated. A memorial ceremony will be held at a later date in Norton, Kansas. Memorial contributions may be made to your local Meals on Wheels.

Naylor	<b>Betty Mitchell Naylor</b> (84) of Raleigh, North Carolina passed away on July 7, 2015. <b>Betty</b> worked in Administrative Services in the SCS state office for many years before transferring to the ASCS state office. She was preceded in death by her husband of 31 years, <b>Eugene Naylor (Gene)</b> . She is survived by her four children from her first marriage to <b>Clyde Mitchell</b> : <b>Vicky (Jeff) Davison</b> of Benson, NC, <b>Kathy (Tim) Scholl</b> of Angier, NC, <b>Cindy Mitchell</b> of Raleigh, NC, whose husband <b>Joe Melton</b> preceded Betty in death, <b>Marty (Charlie) Page</b> of Longmont, CO. Both <b>Betty</b> and her husband <b>Gene</b> were long-time members of Highland United Methodist Church. They helped launch the Wednesday Night Suppers program providing delicious meals to encourage friendship and fellowship among the church's members.
Pond	<b>Bonnie Jean Pond</b> passed away on June 13, 2015 in a Boise, Idaho nursing home. She was born in Boise in 1935. <b>Bonnie</b> had several secretarial jobs for SCS in the state office and served as Federal Women's Program Coordinator for a number of years. She is survived by her five sons, a daughter, eleven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.
Powles	<b>Erskine E. Powles</b> (98) of Sidney, Iowa passed away on June 27, 2015 following a brief illness. He was a graduate of the Thurman, IA High School and on December 18, 1938, he was married to <b>Thelma M. Barnard</b> in Rock Port, MO. He was a member of the Sidney Presbyterian Church, a Charter Member of the Sidney United Faith Church and the Williams-Jobe-Gibson American Legion Post #128 of Sidney, IA for over 60 years. <b>Erskine</b> served in World War II in the Philippines and was a member of the Japanese Occupation Forces. Returning home in 1947, he began his long and distinguished career with the USDA Soil Conservation Service in southwest Iowa as a Soil Conservation Technician. He is survived by his son, <b>Dennis D. Powles</b> and wife <b>Beverly</b> of Sidney, IA; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.
Rauch	<b>Robert Lee Rauch</b> (90) Blue Eye, Missouri passed away on August 3, 2015, at the Ozarks Methodist Manor in Marionville, MO. He and his twin sister just celebrated their 90 <sup>th</sup> birthday a few months ago. Then three weeks ago he found out he had lung cancer. He was a veteran of World War II. Following the war he returned to the family farm and later worked for the Soil Conservation Service as a soil conservationist in Northern Missouri until retirement in 1985. He and his wife also operated a channel catfish farm near Higginsville, Mo. He is survived by his wife and soul mate of 47 years, <b>Judy</b> , of the home; sons, <b>Robert William Rauch (Carolyn)</b> , of Higginsville; <b>David Rauch (Chris)</b> , of Billings; <b>Carl Mustain (Melissa)</b> , of Valrico, Florida; <b>Craig Mustain (Nelsa)</b> of Ocala, Florida; and daughter, <b>Dr. Kristin Rauch (Brian Kerns)</b> , of Missoula, Montana; fourteen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Please visit <a href="http://www.meadorsfuneralhome.com">www.meadorsfuneralhome.com</a> for a more extensive obituary, and for memorial and condolence information.
Simmons	<b>J. R. "Dick" Simmons</b> (88) of Fairfield, Iowa, passed away July 28 <sup>th</sup> at Mercy Hospital in Iowa City. He attended Penn # 10 one-room school through the 6 <sup>th</sup> grade. He graduated from Pleasant Plain High School in 1944. He served with the U.S. Army in World War II, and over 20 years with the Iowa National Guard, attaining the rank of First Sergeant when serving in the Red Bull Division Medical Company. He worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service office for 32 years as a soil conservation technician in Lee, Scott, and Jefferson Counties. He farmed for 20 years and served as a Jefferson County Supervisor for 20 years. He was a member of the American Legion and was an avid deer hunter and outdoorsman. Surviving are his wife of 61 years <b>Lorry</b> ; three sons: <b>Tim Simmons</b> of Fairfield; <b>Perry (Phyllis) Simmons</b> of Ankeny; <b>Tom (Carolyn) Simmons</b> of Fairfield; one daughter, <b>Dee (Ray) Lehn</b> of Fairfield, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. <b>Dick</b> has donated his body to medical science at the University Hospital in Iowa City.
Smithhisler	Member <b>John Wendelin Smithhisler</b> (87) of Manhattan since 2011, passed away on February 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2015 at the Good Shepherd Hospice House. He was a District Conservationist and a Resource and Soil Conservationist for the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Kansas and Illinois until his retirement in 1985. He was united in marriage to <b>Rita Jean Downey</b> on June 7, 1954 and she precedes him in death. He graduated from KSU in 1953 with a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture. He was a member of St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, NARFE and the VFW. John served in the U.S. Air Force as a weather observer during WWII. John is survived by his son <b>John W. (Marsha) Smithhisler, Jr.</b> of Dodge City; son <b>Matthew L. (Patricia) Smithhisler</b> of Manhattan; a daughter, <b>Mary A. (Sean) Salsbury</b> of Bowlingbrook, IL; daughter <b>Judith L. Smithhisler</b> , of Lake Villa, IL; and a son <b>Peter D. (Christina) Smithhisler</b> , of Zionsville, IN; and eleven grandchildren. The family request donations to the Good Shepherd Hospice House, 3801 Vanesta Dr or Manhattan Catholic Schools.
Turman	<b>Della M. (Hindman) Turman</b> (96) of Bismarck, ND, died peacefully, surrounded by her family on May 2, 2015. She was the wife of the late <b>Ralph Turman</b> , who worked for the Soil Conservation Service in various locations in North Dakota including Cavalier, Hillsboro, and Bismarck. She is survived by four sons: <b>Frank (Julie)</b> , <b>Joseph (Ranelle)</b> , <b>Michael (Lottie)</b> , <b>Richard (Sarita)</b> ; 10 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.
Wilson	<b>Clay Wilson</b> (64) of Seneca, Missouri, passed away on July 26, 2015 suddenly at his farm in rural Wyandotte. <b>Clay</b> received his Bachelor's degree at OSU 1973. He retired in 2000 from the US Department of Agriculture where he worked as an Area Resource Soil Scientist. <b>Clay</b> was a Mason and a member of the Seneca United Methodist Church. He married <b>Marsha Elaine Sparks</b> , January 10, 1972 in Miami, OK and she survives. Additional survivors include two sons, <b>Ethan Wilson</b> and <b>Jami</b> , Wyandotte and <b>Galen Wilson</b> (an NRCS employee in Kansas) and wife <b>Mellisa</b> , Garnett, KS and five grandchildren. Memorial contributions can be made to the Susan G. Koman Foundation (Breast Cancer) in care of the Campbell-Biddlecome Funeral Home, PO Box 380, Seneca, MO 64865.

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