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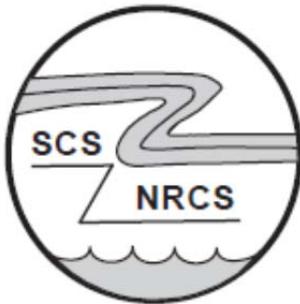
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NOTES FROM THE POTOMAC

Lennie Losh

Congressional Actions – Congress “To-Do” List includes deficits, budget, tax cuts, sequestration, [2012 Farm Bill](#) (S.3240), statutory limit on public debt, and other critical issues needing Congressional action. Hopefully, some of these will be acted upon after the election and before the start of a new Congressional session in 2013. The impact of sequestration kicking in is the most important concern of all government agencies.

Fiscal Year 2013 budget – Congress and President Obama may agree to a “Continuing Resolution,” a big hurdle for avoiding a September 30, 2012 government shutdown, with the agreement resulting in a 6-month extension of current spending priorities until April 2013. One Washington interpretation is that this is “just kicking the can down the road” rather than addressing the real budget needs.

House and Senate continue to pass legislation impacting Federal employees – The White House imposed a 2-year pay freeze and is extending it through spring of 2013. House Republicans are pushing for an extension ([H.R.3835](#)). [H.R.828](#) would give agencies the authority to fire employees who are delinquent in paying their federal taxes. Numerous other bill proposals have been introduced in the House, all affecting career employees.

Phased Retirement Option – Federal employees will soon have the option to ease into retirement toward the end of their career by working part-time and collecting an annuity ([P.L. 112-141](#), Sec. 100121). Signed into law July 6, 2012.

Farm Bill's Food Fight – The big difference between the House and Senate versions of the 2012 Farm Bill is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Food Stamps Assistance. The House Ag. Committee cut more than \$16 billion, while the Senate cut about \$4 billion. SNAP now takes up about 80% of farm bill appropriations.

Estate Tax Changes – Be Prepared. Currently the federal estate tax exemption is \$5 million per person and \$10 million per married couple. Any wealth above that is taxed at 35%. This exemption expires at the end of this year. If Congress does not renew the current law or enact a new law, the federal estate tax exemption will be reduced to \$1 million per person with a top tax rate of 55%. If this happens, many feel this will be devastating to farm owners and small businesses.

A timely political thought: A little boy and girl were talking about their Dads. "Mine is an Accountant," bragged the little boy. The little girl replied, "My Dad is a State Legislator." "Honestly?" the impressed boy responded. "I didn't say that," replied the girl.



Another thought:

Always vote for principle, though you may vote alone, and you may cherish the sweetest reflection that your vote is never lost – John Quincy Adams

The 2012 version of the **Member Locator listing** is included in this edition.

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ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED CONSERVATION SERVICE EMPLOYEES

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mark Berkland

It seems like just a few days ago we were in Fort Worth, Texas attending our Annual Meeting that was held in conjunction with the Soil and Water Conservation Society's Annual Meeting. Our annual Meeting consisted of three main parts: Our Luncheon, Board of Directors Meeting and attending some of the SWCS sessions.

Our Luncheon was attended by approximately 40 members. While we had many special guests, most noteworthy was **Mel Davis**, former Administrator for the Soil Conservation Service. The Luncheon was at the REATA Restaurant which was about a block away from the hotel where the meetings were held. I want to thank **Willeene and Arnold King** for selecting the restaurant. The food was great and it was not at typical hotel prices. Arnold is the ARCSE South Regional Vice President, and he also served as Luncheon host. **Tom Christensen**, NRCS Regional Conservationist, gave us an excellent presentation of what is current with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. **Bill Boyer**, SWCS President and **Jim Gulliford**, SWCS Executive Director, updated us on what is current with SWCS. **Mike Nethery**, who served for 10 years as our newsletter Editor, was given a Meritorious Service Citation in Special Recognition and Appreciation for Ten Years of Dedicated Service to the ARCSE Members as Editor of an Outstanding Newsletter.

The Board of Directors meeting:

- Ron Marlow reviewed the financial status of ARCSE. He reported that expenses for FY-12 exceeded income by \$2,837 and that expenses have exceeded income for eight of the past nine years. He also reported that the FY-13 planning budget at the current rate of income shows that expenses will not exceed income. The savings realized with E-news appears to be just about what we need to balance the budget.
- A concerted effort will be made this year to recruit State Representatives in the following states where we have vacancies: AK, AL, AZ, FL, PR, WI, WY, CT/RI, and MS.
- A proposed revision to the Awards Policy is being drafted and will be presented to the Board during our next teleconference.
- The Board of Directors decided to hold at least one teleconference with their State Representatives this year.
- A concern was raised regarding political statements being sent to the Editor for publication in the Newsletter. After discussion, the Board of Directors took the following position: **“Although we believe in free speech, the Board believes that the ARCSE newsletter is not an appropriate venue for sharing one’s political leanings.”** The Board took the position that the ARCSE Newsletter will remain politically neutral and have asked our editor to remove anyone’s comments relative to partisan politics.

- Upcoming Annual meetings:

2013: Reno, NV (Peppermill) - July 21-24

2014: Chicago, IL (Westin Lombard, western suburbs) - July 27-30

Several of our Members attending the meeting said that they appreciated the opportunity to also attend several of the SWCS sessions.

Cecil Currin wrote this very nice note to NE State Representatives about the Annual Meeting:

“Fort Worth is a good place for a gathering in spite of the heat. **Lou** and I drove from the St. Lawrence River leaving a temperature of 70 degrees. When we drove into the city, the car thermometer registered 107. Texas does have good air conditioners. We enjoyed a night of dancing at Billy Bob’s honkytonk and had excellent Mexican food and barbecue. We found an enormous watermelon in Arkansas (at least 50# and it was delicious) and a great home cooking buffet in Jackson, TN. There were 18 vegetables plus a huge salad bar and dessert bar. The trip went well and we traveled over 4,000 miles.

I can report that ARCSE leadership is doing an excellent job. President **Mark Berkland** is also on the SWCS board of directors which gives us a nice relationship with our cohost for the annual meeting. Mark has initiated regular teleconferences for the ARCSE Board. This had made the annual face to face meeting more efficient.

Our most important business for this year has been the process of moving to the Enewsletter. With the change to a paragraph form the newsletter is much more readable and has gained wide acceptance. The paper copy will continue to be available to all members who request it. The savings realized with Enews appears to be just about what we need to balance the budget.

Prior to the meeting **Peg Reese** from West Virginia asked that we discuss a way to get a list of retirees from NRCS through the HR staff. We did discuss this and it appears that “Privacy Laws and Policy” makes this impossible. The best way seems to be informal contacts with friends in the State Office. There is usually an employee organization of some kind in the state offices and the organization often announces parties or coffees for retirees. Some even have a newsletter and one can get on an email list which is nonofficial.

There were no awards presented this year. We all need to think of those ARCSE members who do outstanding community work or provide outstanding leadership within the organization.

The luncheon was offsite in a very good Mexican restaurant just a few steps from the hotel. It was quite reasonable and delicious. Most of us have tired of a dried out chicken breast hotel lunch. There were about 40 retirees at the luncheon including former Administrator **Mel Davis and his wife**. Mr. Davis was the last 'Administrator.' After Mel, the title has been 'Chief.' The food was great and the visiting was even better.

Thanks for all your efforts in the states and In DC."

A BIT OF HISTORY

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From about 1986 onward to my retirement at the end of 2011, my office was on the sixth floor, first wing of the South Building, bracketed to the north by the Conservation Engineering Division and to the south by the Ecological Sciences and Social Sciences Division. All the specialists were a few steps away and I peppered them with questions. One of the pleasures of working as historian for SCS and then NRCS was the multi-disciplinary nature of the work. The agency was not dominated by one science or discipline as a number of other Federal agencies were. In writing history, this situation was both a blessing and a curse. It provided variety in the history work; yet it required more background research on the disciplines.

Curtis Sharp, National Plant Materials leader, was one of the people who helped me, and now I help him occasionally on his history project. He and **Jack Carlson** are collaborating on a history of the plant materials program. I have long regarded that program as one of the jewels and major contributions of the agency. The early nursery specialists who came from the fields of agronomy, forestry, and wildlife ecology virtually created the field of selecting and propagating plants for conservation uses. Usually they tried to find plants that served multiple purposes such as erosion control, soil improvement, wildlife food and habitat, animal forage, beautification, and ecological preservation. As the commercial viability of providing plants for conservation uses became more obvious, SCS, with strong direction from Congress, relinquished the nursery function, and at the same time strengthened the identification and selection of plant materials.

By this point, it's becoming obvious that I am preaching to the choir. We look forward to seeing Curtis' and Jack's history, which will bring greater understanding and appreciation to this major conservation contribution.

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Life - (One-time payment)

Age 64 or younger - \$250

Age 65 thru 74 - \$200

Age 75 or older - \$125

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CALIFORNIA

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As the new representative for California SCS/NRCS retirees, I look forward to sharing the latest about my fellow California retirees. I hope to include in each of my reports one or more photos and a "Spotlight Update" about a different retiree each time whenever possible. In addition, as a proud musician, I love to share our band's music and with each issue (for a while) I plan to share a link to a different song that our band has recorded from our 2 CDs that you can all sample. For those who only receive a hard copy, you can also hear the song by typing the URL link I provide into your internet browser. The song I am sharing with this issue is at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xAZs5zhT6-Q>. I hope you enjoy, and I would love to hear any comments back!

Spotlight Update: Henry Wyman, Former CA Deputy State Conservationist retired January 2003. While in SCS/NRCS, Hank also was a branch chief and Director of Public Affairs in Washington, DC, and held positions in Oregon and Hawaii during his 40 years of federal service. Following retirement, Hank served as Executive Director for the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts and operated a private communications training business.



Henry (Hank) Wyman and granddaughter Monica



California Retiree Luncheon

IDAHO

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Attendees at our retirees' luncheon in April were **Lee Holstine, John Kendrick, George James, Joe Icenhower, Kent Foster, Frank Fink, Gene and Bev Crisman, Amos and Ruth Garrison, Glen and Florence Logan, Stan and Kathy Hobson** and me. **Joe** reported that he and his wife **Lori** were leaving soon for Great Britain and the

Hank and wife Christie recently became proud grandparents of new twins, **Monica and Kyle**, children of their son, **Bryan**. Although all three children and seven grandchildren are firmly entrenched Californians, Hank and Christie still are able to get to Oregon to work on their tree farm in Yamhill County and where Hank can do his work required as an associate conservation district director. Above is a picture of a proud Hank Wyman with Monica, the youngest of his new twin grandchildren. Congratulations to Hank, Christie and all the Wyman family! Hank is a lifetime member of ARSCE and encourages all retirees to join.

California had a nice big group of 24 at our retiree luncheon August 1. Those present beginning at the upper left and working around the table: **Carolyn and Ron Schultz, Glen Wilcox, Jerry and Ann Reioux, Dolores and Virgil Backlund, Pat Grover, Ila and Ted Gerbaz, Charles Davis, Helen Flach, Gary Bump, Jack George, Dan Toan, Arturo Carvajal, Shirley Leeper, Bill Ward, Mario and Virginia Milani, Dorothy Wallace, Bobby Ellis, Walt Sykes**. With my wife **Dana** taking the picture we had a total of 24!

Bill's first report for the most recent July/August Newsletter generated interest and a number of questions from retirees at the luncheon about joining ARCSE. Bill followed up by email to provide California retirees the latest information and application forms needed to join. Hopefully, some new California retirees will be added to the membership of ARSCE.

Gene Andreuccetti, former State Conservationist, continues to recover nicely from the heart attack he suffered recently and expects to be at the next retiree luncheon.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Many of us asked if we could come too! We are so proud of **George James**, who reported he has donated over 60 gallons of blood to the Red Cross.

The group attending our May luncheon included **Jim Cornwell, Frank Fink, John Kendrick, Paul Malone, Wayne Faude, Lee Holstine, Jerry and Carol Larson, George James, Amos and Ruth Garrison, Kent and Susan Foster, Gene and Bev Crisman, Maxine Stewart and me**. Maxine reported that **Don** was recuperating from gall bladder surgery.

After a three-month summer break, our Idaho group will resume our monthly luncheons (on the fourth Thursday of every month) on Sept. 27 at the Golden Corral, Boise. As usual, I'll be sending out postcards to retirees with our luncheon **schedule**.

ILLINOIS

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We are sorry to report the passing of **Richard Campbell** on June 7. **Dick** is the husband of **Elsie Campbell** who retired from the Personnel Staff in the state office. We offer our sympathy to Elsie.

Also, we are sorry to report the death of **Paul Krone** who passed away on June 27. **Paul** retired in December 2011 as the District Conservationist at Watseka. We offer our sympathy to his wife, **Diane**, and their two sons.

The next gathering for lunch and visiting of SCS/NRCS retirees is October 4 at Ryan's Steak House in Champaign. Doors open at 11:00 am. All are welcome to come.

IOWA

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Last month **Dale Frank** sent the following note about their family vacation in Minnesota. "We will leave for Woman Lake, MN, July 28. It will be our 50th year at the same resort. In 1962 there were 7 of us in one large cabin-\$50 per week. Now I rent 4 cabins for a family reunion. They come from Arizona, Oklahoma, and the rest of us from Iowa and Minnesota. Weather permitting, we eat all our meals together outside on picnic tables by the lake. The young people ski, tube, water board and play in the water. We old people talk about the memories and take naps. I taught all the grandchildren how to play Cribbage. I used to fudge so they could win once in a while. It has changed now. They beat me once in a while and that really tickles them. As we leave for the year, they are making plans for next year. As our family grows, it will make more fond memories."

Jack and I went on another fun Midwest Tour in Moorhead, MN in June. This was the 56th year for the group. Highlights included a stop at the NDSCS Fargo Skills and Technology Training Center. This is a research center. They showed us a computerized picture of a piece of dust enlarged nearly the size of a baseball. Did you know the colors of a peacock's feathers are actually tiny colored crystals? The Fargo Air Museum at the airport has a great display of restored World War II airplanes. We saw the authentic hand-built Viking ship that was sailed to Norway. The people who made this trip had to be brave to take a trip across the Atlantic in an open sailing vessel, recreating the route of the Vikings. This ship is displayed at the Hejmekost Center in Moorhead where a replica of a Stav Church has been built. We toured an ethanol plant and the restored Bagg Bonanza Farm. Bonanza farms were from 9,000 to 13,000 acres during the late 1800's. One of the things we liked most on the tour were the shops doing restorations of World War II airplanes. We were in one shop that built wings and another that did fuselages and final assembly. On the last day we were treated to old time movies, complete with pop and popcorn, at the Fargo theater and a concert on the mighty Whirlitzer Organ.

Deane Glenn and Margaret Hemphill volunteered at information booths at the state fair. **Marge Miller** volunteered in the Living History Farm booth. We all enjoyed a break from the heat during the fair. **Duane Miller** once again passed out bananas and water during RAGBRAI, the bike ride across Iowa. **Dennis Peterson** is helping his grandson with his sprint car. **Dennis Miller** is taking a break from farming in North Dakota, reporting the wheat harvest is complete.

Larry Caldwell, a former Iowa employee and retiree from Oklahoma, received a prestigious award at the ASABE 2012 Annual International Meeting in Dallas, TX on July 31, 2012. It was the G.B. Gunlogson Countryside Engineering Award. It is presented annually to honor outstanding engineering contributions to the development and improvement of the countryside (an excerpt from his award program is included under the Iowa ARCSE report).

Holiday party time is rapidly approaching. Mark your calendar for November 17th, at the Machine Shed Restaurant in Des Moines. Please join us. Contact Marge Miller 515-225-8264 for further information.

KANSAS

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The drought and extremely high temperatures in the Salina area have been our hot topics this summer. Along with the burnt up agricultural crops, lawns, shrubs, and flowers, it seems that any retiree news has also dried up.

The other day I sent my husband, **Ron**, to buy a new set of tires for our SUV. He came home with a new SUV. Now I knew the cost of tires would be high, but the price I paid for this new set was ridiculous!

In visiting with a couple of our Salina retirees, I learned about their recent travels. **Jean Hamilton** (spouse of **Vern Hamilton**) had a very good trip to Australia and New Zealand, while **Dale McClaskey** took a 16-day trip to the British Isles. He reports that he now knows why the British drink tea—they never learned to make coffee.

Gerald Karnes is serving as treasurer of the ISIS Shrine Greeters for 2012. The ISIS Greeters promote Shriner hospitals, welcome the public to activities and events, and assist with helping new members.

I am happy to report that again I do not have any retirees' deaths to report. However, **Jay Hudson**, spouse of **Sandra Hudson** (former Soil Conservation Technician at Osborne, Kansas), passed away August 7, 2012.

KENTUCKY

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The Annual meeting this year is planned for October 9 at Rough River State Park, Falls of Rough, KY 40119. Rough River State Park is located 15 to 20 miles North from West KY Pky at Canevile Exit. The meeting will begin at 10:00 AM Central time. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. I shall look forward to seeing all.

MINNESOTA

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Minnesota metro retirees gathered for lunch on Wednesday, July 11, 2012, at Pippins in Roseville: **Kay Breitbach** (**Dave** had jury duty), **Bill and Ruth Brune**, **Ordean and Dorothy Finkelson**, **Cathy and Don McCormack**, **Vic Ruhland**, **Margy and Micki Gangl**, **Ron and Sylvia Olson**, **Robin Martinek**, **Bud Finney**, **Marlene Mechelke**.

Minnesota will have a **Statewide Reunion of all SCS/NRCS Retirees on Tuesday, September 18th, 2012** at the American Legion Post 428, in Waite Park, MN. We'll have rolls and coffee and socializing at 10:30 a.m. with lunch served at 12:00 noon. All are invited!! Come enjoy beautiful Minnesota and sneak in a visit with folks you haven't seen in a long time. We will have a bulletin board at the reunion, so please feel free to email greetings, and we'll post them. (mechgram@aol.com)

Bill and Ruth Brune: The Brune's had a good year in 2011, as they spent the summer in Victoria and then flew to their condo in Florida in November. "Our son, **Scott** and his wife, **Patti**, visited us in Florida in February and we kept busy entertaining them. Our daughter, **Nancy** and granddaughter, **Emily**, visited us at our Florida condo in March for spring break and attended our big St. Patrick's party. Our condo is very active so we have lots of parties for all the holidays. We didn't do much traveling or cruising this year – maybe that will happen this year, 2012."

"**Bill and I (Ruth)** celebrated our 63rd wedding anniversary on May 21st of 2012 with our son and daughter-in-law – had a lovely dinner and received many beautiful cards. We'll leave for Florida on November 1st for our year of fun in the sun!! Dallas is our destination for Christmas with daughter, **Nancy** and granddaughter, **Emily**."

Belated Congratulations from all of us to the Brune's for their 63rd Wedding Anniversary!!

Dave and Kay Breitbach's report: "It has been a busy spring and early summer with the Breitbach's. Included have been trips to Pierre, SD for a granddaughter's confirmation; a 40th birthday party for a friend; an eight-day trip to El Paso, TX to visit Kay's sister (hadn't been out there in 20 years); granddaughter's dance recital in Ames, IA; a 50th wedding anniversary celebration for friends in Waterloo, IA; a garage sale at home; and a 3-day trip to the Wisconsin Dells. Our neighbors wonder if we ever stay home. Add in a series of medical appointments and we wonder where the time goes."

"Dave did find time to get a garden planted and despite the above-normal rainfall in late May and June and the heat wave in late June and early July, things look pretty good. We are enjoying early summer produce as things mature. Harvested our first red, ripe tomatoes and cucumbers on July 7th. Also, sweet corn was 8 feet tall on the fourth of July (Tall as an elephant's eye from the musical Oklahoma). The balance of the summer looks busy with some trips to family reunions in IA and some trips to the farm to stay on top of projects there."

Cathy McCormack will be 60 years old and will start to receive a Naval Reserve pension. Now doing a pile of paperwork. "Visited the USDA service center in Pipestone, MN and had a good talk with the FSA manager. Saw the 300+ wind generators in southwestern MN. What a great site. Visited former co-worker, **Karen Bakke**, USDA-OCIO-ITS, in Marshall, MN. She loves retirement. Went to the National Monument in Pipestone. It is a sacred pipestone quarry for Native Americans. Planning to visit the Grand Portage National Monument in northern MN in August and planning to visit Washington, DC in September and see the national monuments."

Vic Ruhland reports: "I noticed that our retirees' luncheon today is on July 11th which then reminded me that one month from today (August 11, 2012) Jean and I will be celebrating our 50th Wedding Anniversary. My, how fast those years have passed. We will be having a little get together with relatives and friends to honor the event. Hopefully, it will also serve as two family reunions – Jean's Murphy Family Tree and mine, the Ruhland Family Tree. We are thankful that the Lord has allowed us to celebrate (assuming that we will still be here a month from now). It will be something special for us since neither Jean's parents and grandparents nor my parents and grandparents were able to celebrate their respective Golden Wedding Anniversaries (tidbits from a genealogist). Congratulations to the Ruhland's on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary!!"

"This hot summer has been a doozy already, and **Margy and Micki Gangl** are finding it hard to keep up with all the yard work as the oppressive heat and humidity slows a person down. About the only way to beat it is to get out into the yard early in the day and succumb to the air conditioned house in the afternoon. Also, the horrible Japanese beetles have returned like a plague of locusts. They are crazy about our roses, and have now also found a liking to many of our other pretty flowers as well. The miserable critters are all over and so far there is nothing to do that will get rid of them. Margy has "declared war" and makes several trips a day around the yard with her pail of soapy water, sending them in for a swim . . . but they don't swim very well!! Today she had a count of 53 victims on only two excursions. Now we try to cut the roses as soon as they bud and bring them into the house so we can enjoy a few of them at least."

"We will be going on a journey again in September. This year we are taking a tour to the Dalmatian Coast on the Adriatic Sea in Croatia. It is supposed to be very beautiful and not too touristy yet, at least not American tourists, although the Europeans have enjoyed that beautiful area for a very long time. We will visit Zagreb, Split, Dubrovnik, and the Island of Hvar, with stops along the way in Istria and end with a four day visit to Venice. We will be gone for two and a half weeks and are looking forward to it very much."

Something from **Bud Finney**: "Weather is a common topic of conversation, but the weather of 2012 in MN is nearly a universal topic. Some features that merit that are: (1) every month of 2012 so far has had above average temperature; (2) May was the second wettest May on record for the Twin Cities area with a bit over 8 inches; (3) in June very severe storms hit SE MN centered around Cannon Falls with as much as 10 inches the week of the 10th and the Duluth area with about the same amount the week of the 17th; (4) record heat June 29th – July 6th with high each day exceeding 90 and 2 days with over 100, namely 101 and 102, and (5) now a severe drought covers much of the southern half of the state (and much of the corn belt, too). For a "devoted gardener" as I claim to be, this weather has made gardening difficult, and to make it worse is the population explosion of Japanese Beetles. They are trying to defoliate my roses, grapes, raspberries and Honey Crisp apple tree."

I had a great week in June when my son, Bruce, and my grandson, Bryan (my daughter's son) joined me for a week of fishing at my favorite lake in Otter Tail County. This was special because several years had passed since the 3 B's had been together. Bruce lives in Idaho and Bryan in California. I continue to volunteer for the University of Minnesota master gardener program. Early this year I received an award for serving 20 years in the program.

Well, yours truly (**Marlene**), can join in on the battle against the Japanese beetles. I was bemoaning the fact that I forgot to plant my very favorite Four O'Clocks this summer when lo and behold, in my garden appeared 3 lovely volunteers (from last year). I kept a special place open for them, tending them with loving care. Lo and Behold!! The Japanese beetles appeared and ate them to the core. It was a pleasure to prance through the garden, as Margy Gangl did, with the pail of soapy water and drown those suckers. I cut back the Four O'Clocks, sprayed them with "Eight" and they have come back and are ready to bloom. Down with the Beetles!! (But they have attacked the neighbor's blueberry bushes.) They appear once in a while on the pea pods and some marigolds, but I picked them off. They seem to be very picky (thank heaven) about where they set up camp.

I turned 80 on Flag Day (now you know why you've been flying that flag on June 14th) and my kids put on a grand party, inviting nieces, nephews and friends that I haven't seen in a long time. Of course, lots of good food.

John Handler sent in some 'news' some time back when we did not have a Newsletter submission. John's article is so interesting that I am publishing it here:

"Well, two years into retirement, I have no regrets, and no reason to have them. As I stated last year, why didn't I retire sooner? Travel seemed to be the theme this past year, with six experiences squeezed into the past 12 months. It all started with a transcontinental trip last February: I had always wanted to visit the Rocky Mountains in winter (from ground level, not just a fly over at 35,000 feet), but not having a passion for skiing, no wishing to drive through them

during the winter season, I needed an excuse to see them. So how about a train trip? And to make the experience even more 'wintry', I crossed the continent on VIA Rail (Canada's passenger rail system)."

"Starting from my 'home' Amtrak station in Red Wing, Minnesota, I traveled east to Buffalo, New York, then from Buffalo to Toronto, then west across Canada (Toronto to Vancouver), then from Vancouver to Seattle, and then east again from Seattle back to Red Wing – it is possible to make a complete 'circle tour' on passenger trains. (OK, technically, I didn't actually see the Atlantic Ocean, but crossing Canada was a 4,466-mile adventure in itself, so it seemed "transcontinental" – Canada is a huge country!"

"And then in May, the Midwest Friends of the Pleistocene (an informal group of glacial geologists and soil scientists) was hosting their 55th annual meeting in southern Illinois. When I looked on a map and observed how far south that part of Illinois is, I said to myself, 'Why not visit Kentucky, Tennessee, and Alabama also?' (Why those three states? So that I could cross those states off my life list – I had never visited them.) By the way, if you haven't driven the Natchez Trace Parkway (operated by the National Park Service), I highly recommend it – 444 miles of peaceful slow-paced driving, with plenty of turnouts and points of interest of all sorts."

"My next trip was on a flight on the B17-G bomber, Liberty Belle. My uncle had perished doing bomber duty in WW II, and my journey last June sure gave me an appreciation of some of what he might have experienced as radioman (except for the terror of being shot at!). The most impressive views were from the bombardier's seat, right in the nose of the plane completely surrounded by glass. Unfortunately for the Liberty Belle, she developed an in-flight engine fire the week following my flight, safely landed in a farm field, but was consumed by the fire."

"In July, the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation had their annual meeting in Omaha, and being a Lewis and Clark aficionado, it was enjoyable to relive the Corps of Discovery's journey through the Omaha area through re-enactors."

"And, as long as I was in Omaha, I headed west to see the Nebraska Sand Hills, which I had heard a lot about over the years, but had never visited, except briefly near North Platte. Driving through them on Nebraska Route 2 was memorable (did you know that there is a National Forest – yes, with trees – in the Sand Hills?). When I arrived at "Carhenge" on the western side of the Sand Hills (Carhenge is North America's answer to Stonehenge), I knew my journey was complete."

"But wait . . . as long as I was in the Sand Hills in western Nebraska, why not see where all those coal trains come from (i.e., Eastern Wyoming)? The coal mining and railroad operations in the Powder River Basin are quite impressive – mining and railroading on a scale I had never seen before."

"On August 19, the Closing Ceremony for SCAM was scheduled. Not familiar with that acronym? It stands for the Soil Classifiers Association of Michigan, and while its Closing Ceremony wasn't of Olympic proportions, to the SCAM members it was that big of a deal, sad to see the society disbanding. However, the intent of this last meeting backfired – attendance (dwindling for several years previously) was way up, so much so that the members voted to not disband. SCAM lives on."

"And, as long as I was going to be in the eastern Upper Peninsula for the SCAM Ceremony, why not visit the shores of three of the Great Lakes? Armed with the 'DeLorme Atlas and Gazetteer' of Michigan, I traveled nearly every back road (the roads not on the state highway map) along the shores of Lakes Michigan, Huron, and Superior. There are miles and miles of these roads parallel to these three great lakes, most with no habitation and plenty of empty beaches adjacent to them, which provided a very enjoyable travel experience."

MISSOURI

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Jay Lingwall: **Leigh** and I planted 2,000 tree seedlings on CRP land, but the heat and drought killed most of them. We have this to look forward to again next year. It is a little different being on the other side of the CRP work. We did have a great trip to Alaska in June, our first time there. There were many memorable places and sites. One of the high points was going out on our own in Juneau, driving to the end of the road and catching wild salmon in an ocean bay and river. **Leigh** also hooked one large rainbow trout in the river. I finally placed first (age group) in a small town 5K (run). **Leigh** placed second in her age group but still beat me by 13 seconds. I am looking for a better training plan. Idaho is on fire, so our trip there got postponed, but we are going to Montana, Utah, Arizona, and Colorado on a trout fishing, camping, and off-roading (jeep of course) trip.

Mike Blaine: My activities of late have included remodeling a furnace room into a storage closet since we changed heating systems a long time ago, and cleaning out my shop. The shop had not had a good cleaning and reorganizing for many, many years. It looks a lot better. Over the next 2 or 3 months **Pam** and I will lead worship for at least 2 revivals and perhaps do some music specials for 2 other churches. NEMO is pretty much burned up unless you happen to be in the few places that got some spotty rainfall. Knox County was NOT one of those. We had decided to put out a garden this year after many years of not doing it. It was not a good year for that!! We got a little bit of Okra

and a few green beans and that was about it. *Update*. I am currently in the Memphis (MO) hospital with another case of pneumonia. It hit me all of a sudden on the 18th hopefully I'll be straightened out before too long. Have a good fall everyone!!

Bill, Ruby, and Ryan Riggs enjoyed a late July trip to picturesque New England to have a respite from the hot weather and drought. They traveled to Bill's cousins who live near Burlington, Vermont. They visited the quaint country store at Warren, Vermont, dined on homegrown blueberries, and saw numerous rural covered bridges and barns, old churches and cemeteries. They toured Shelburne Farms, one of the summer homes of the Vanderbilts on Lake Champlain. They drove through rural New Hampshire and on to the coast of Maine where they stayed at the Royal Camden Inn. They took a schooner ride out on Penobscot Bay to see lighthouses and lobster fishing. The homegrown lobster was outstanding, and the rocky Atlantic coast was breathtaking with resort-like weather. They enjoyed the Maine Lighthouse Museum at Rockland, and the Transportation Museum at Owls Head, Maine. They spent some time in the capitals at Augusta, Maine and Montpelier, Vermont. On the day they were to fly home, a little drama unfolded. **Bill** ended up in the ER at the hospital in Burlington, Vermont with an aortic dissection. Emergency surgery was performed, and 5 stents were placed in his left groin area to restore circulation to his left leg. The cardiologists in Vermont and our local doctor say he is lucky to have survived. He is recovering nicely and has 5 extra souvenirs from the trip.

Jess Epple (ex-Missourian in his native OK): Things are real dry here in what used to be called 'Green Country,' but we expect rain soon. Hay crop was short this year but we will have enough to get through winter. Fall calving has just started. Spring calves are already weaned and eating their feed -- way too well! We had planned a trip to Nashville to see one of our twin Grand Daughters receive her M.S. degree last week but we have had so many fires near our land we could not take the chance and leave. Next year our other Grand Daughter will receive her Masters in Physical Therapy, so hopefully we can attend her ceremonies and do more sight-seeing in the Nashville area.

As beef prices rise in the marketplace, remember it is costing the rancher a small fortune to raise that beef.

Jack Schneider: We have had lots of company this summer. The last to go will be our grandson Felix, (just turned 8 years old). We are driving him back to Rochester, NY, and then visit some relatives and friends there. Other than that, outside projects were on hold all summer due to 100+ temperatures almost daily.

Lane Thurman: No big news down here at the Thurman household, just too hot to be out doing anything, so we have just stayed in and watched the Olympics for the last week or so. I haven't even been fishing as the heat was just too much. I hope everyone else has been doing exciting things.

Steve Black (ex-Missourian retired to AZ): It will be 115 here today and it is hot, but not that miserable as long as you don't stand out in the direct sun. I was sitting on the patio last night, and it was 110 and it was not that bad. Water in the pool is 93 degrees, so it feels like bath water. I had lunch with **Ken McManus** a week or so ago, and we talked about the old times in Missouri and the various watershed projects in the northeast corner of the state. I will be back to my farm in Illinois for a few weeks in September to help with harvest, assuming we have that much to even harvest with the extreme drought. We did get a couple of inches of rain last week, but that was the first in months.

Maurice Davis: Spent some time in the hospital with chest pain and very rapid heart rate. He was diagnosed with arrhythmia and put on IV medication to correct it. Latest report is he feels great and doing very well.

Gary Fak: Everything is going well here. We travel a lot and spend a good deal of time watching our grandchildren play basketball on two traveling teams.

Dennis Shirk: Just like everyone else we've had no rain, 1.5 inches since May 5th. The cattle are in my last paddock of dry grass the M I G system. It lasted a long time but can't perform miracles with no rain. August has been busy with grandkids before school starts. We had to go to Gasconade River to swim; the Maries River is essentially dry. It's been too hot to ride horses. If the weather cools off, hope to get back in the saddle.

Lyle Noblitt: It has been a trying 6 months. My last remaining aunt passed away, then my youngest sister followed by 2 first cousins, who both were in my class. Many of you may remember **Kenton Ingles** who worked in Missouri in the 1960's. He moved to several states and ended his career in Texas as Deputy State Conservationist. He was buried in Temple Texas last week. He suffered from Parkinsons, then a heart attack followed by a stroke. On the more positive side, we had our 16th grandchild and are expecting our first great-grandchild in July. We celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary in Hot Springs, AR by taking a mineral bath and getting massages. We took our annual golf trip to Springfield with the ol' Chillicothe bowling group. Had a good time playing *Rivercut, Payne Stewart, Island Green and Millwood* golf courses. We then headed to the Noblitt reunion in Bolivar.

Doug Wallace: I am doing just great. Still working 3 days a week, but doing something that is fun and rewarding (and getting paid!). We took off last week and made a driving loop around Lake Michigan (1800 miles). May try and start golfing again - need to see how to work around my hip issue.

The 2012 Open Season Health Fair will be held on Thursday, November 1, 2012, at 10am, in the USDA Training Room at the Parkade Center, Columbia, MO. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Birch, HR Assistant, at 573-876-9375.

The quarterly breakfast of the Columbia area retirees was held at the Country Kitchen in Columbia on August 12. Those in attendance were: **John and Carol McCarthy, Richard and Marjorie Koenig, Clayton Lee, Bob Ball, Bill Pauls, Virgil and Joy Gardner, Warren and Mary George, Odie Swanegan, Neil and Louise Randall, Bob Herschbach, Jim Henry, Bob Hummel, Frank and Kay Miller, Don Williams, Cordes Potter, Roger Hansen, Jean Herman, Mike and Fran Wells.** **Clayton** reports he is busy with bee keeping and woodworking. He just finished a chest of drawers. **Bob** is busy with woodworking along with his farming activities in OH. **Bill** is still volunteering, spending time at the Lake and runnin' marathons. **Frank and Kay** are heading to their native KS for a visit in September to visit relatives and a pen-pal gathering.

Remember the annual Retirees Luncheon to be held at the Golden Corral in Columbia on Thursday, September 13th. The meeting room will be available from 9:30 – 1:30. If you haven't already, let Dave Rastorfer know if you are coming so we can give a head count to the restaurant ahead of time. See you there!!

MONTANA

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Montana Big Sky Report

Scott Hoag report: **Scott and Nancy** spent July in Washington helping build two Habitat houses in Port Townsend and visited family on Bainbridge Island and in Maple Valley. They're back in Bozeman where **Nancy** continues to write, and **Scott** is working on a Habitat house in Belgrade.

James Johnson report: We attended the retiree's breakfast on August 1 – there were 17 in attendance. I talked to James' wife and she said she counted 18.

Gooby Ranch Report

Several years ago we had so many mosquitoes you couldn't even go outside without getting eaten up. I thought we had moved to Alaska. Also the flies were so thick that I had to eat fast or the flies would eat the food before I could.

Mary Ann put bird houses up everywhere. We have birds all over the place. Now we hardly ever see a fly or mosquito. The Cliff swallows built their bird nests all over our horse trailer. That's a real problem since Mary Ann has to use the trailer a lot to go to the rodeo arena for the Ramblin' Rose drill team practice sessions. She had missed two practices, and they said if she missed another she would be kicked off the team--cliff swallows or not. So the next practice session Mary Ann got my supper ready then rode her horse the 10 miles to the rodeo grounds to practice so she didn't have to disturb the cliff swallows.

The next practice time Mary Ann didn't have time to ride her horse to town. She got the sprinkler hand lines moved but she didn't have time to get my supper ready and ride her horse to the rodeo grounds. So she had no choice but to take the horse trailer, cliff swallows or no cliff swallows. The rodeo grounds are full of flies and mosquitoes since there is a lot of water and horses there. Everyone has to spray themselves to keep from getting eaten alive.

When Mary Ann got to the rodeo grounds and parked, the cliff swallows went crazy buzzing around and eating insects. The cliff swallows thought they had died and gone to heaven. When the cliff swallows got back home they must have told a bunch of their buddies. Now every time Mary Ann hooks up the horse trailer, about a hundred cliff swallows latch on to the trailer and sit there with a big smile. Now not only the cliff swallows, but all the swallows and blue birds latch on to the trailer every time Mary Ann starts the pickup.

Like any good conservationist, Mary Ann wants to increase the insects we have at home so the birds have plenty of food and aren't overgrazing. I contacted The Natural Resources Conservation Service and The Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant, Pest and Quarantine office and asked them if they could help us develop a plan to increase the number of mosquitoes. Both of them said they thought I had a screw loose.

Pearlie Reed who has been serving as the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Administration for the past four years retired in May. He has been a real asset to USDA and the different minority groups.

All the NRCS retirees should consider applying to work in the Department of Agriculture Headquarters.

NEBRASKA

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President **Dave Langemeier**, called the July and August meetings to order with 25 attending.

Health Reports:

Axel Boilesen is currently at South Lake Village. **Don Hoppes** is at home but receiving hospice care. **Doris Jensen** is recovering from a knee replacement, and **Coleen Hance** has been released from re-hab. **Barb Patronsky** is in the hospital.

Mike Stout has been hospitalized twice this month with various problems.

Norman Kempf had surgery for a ruptured appendix on August 19th. He was sent home after 23 hours at the hospital and is healing quickly. The report is that the doctor locked up his golf clubs for 2 weeks.

Travel reports:

Ivan and Ginger Wilkinson of Estes Park, CO were guests of **Gus and Donna Dornbusch**. They were on their way to Wisconsin to a bike fund-raiser.

The **Dave Camper's** visited family in Florida and had a good time with their five grandchildren. Dave also went to Wisconsin to a motorcycle rally. While there, he contacted some of the engineers he had worked with and visited some of the watersheds they were involved with.

Paul Bartlett's family reunion was in Cody, Wyoming over the 4th. From there, they went through the Tetons, hoping to see Jenny Lake, but traffic was so congested they just kept driving. They ended up in Vernal, UT, then came back through Grand Junction, CO.

Bill and Coleen Hance went to Nashville to a National Prison Ministries workshop. They went from there to Clarion, PA and back through Branson, MO.

Steve and Jan Stover went to Cincinnati to visit relatives. Their daughter-in-law works in the tourism industry and has been busy bringing the world choir games to their city.

Jim and Susie Harder and his wife went to Canada for her 50th class reunion and visited several provinces and Maine. They also went to the Sarpy County Fair in Springfield, NE.

Bob Koerner had visited **Rick Patronsky** and while there, they talked with **Don Hoppes** on the phone. Rick is getting ready to move to Madison, Wisconsin where he will be living in an independent living apartment which also has assisted living capabilities for later, if necessary. Don is in a wheel chair but apparently still living at home with hospice care.

Norm and Linda Helzer stopped in Alliance on their way to Yellowstone. Norm stopped at the Horse Creek Tire shop, owned by **Karen Ott** and her husband. Many of you will be familiar with Karen from her "The Faces of Drought" emails. Unfortunately, he didn't get to meet her.

Pete Jensen said his nephew was responsible for the #1 commercial shown during the Olympics. He is employed by Nike in Tokyo.

Norman took his sister from Australia up to Timber Lake, SD so she could visit friends and relatives during the Annual city celebration. Norman then traveled to Brookings, SD where he attended the 50th anniversary of his college graduation. A good time was had by all.

Death Reports:

Deaths reported were **Mearldine Roker Butler**, former secretary in the old E&WP Unit, and **Charles "Chuck" Peterson** who left Nebraska for South Dakota in the 60's, but came back to Lincoln after he retired. **Pete Jensen** said he visited the cemetery and found that Chuck had "Soil Conservation Service" on his marker. I wonder if any of today's employees will be that proud of their service.

OHIO

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Forty-nine retirees, spouses, relatives, and NRCS employees attended the annual SCS/NRCS Retirees' Social Gathering and Luncheon on August 1 at the Fawcett Center at The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. Following the invocation by Pastor Dave Berna, a very delicious luncheon was enjoyed by **Dave and Nora Berna**; **Joe and Marge Branco**; **Art Brate**; **Dave and Terry Brooks**; **Dennis Brown**; **Howard and Margaret Brown** accompanied by their daughter; **Earl Carlton** and his son, **Ron**, and grandson, **Jeff Haskett**; **Ralph and Betty Gray**; **Bob and**

Connie Hendershot; Jon Kreglow; Chuck Lamborn; Mike Laughrey; Joe and Bonnie Lee; Michelle Lohstroh; Lennie Losh; Jim McCluskey; Ed. McConoughey; Kyle and Betty Moran accompanied by their daughter Gretchem Barnes; George and Helen Newberger accompanied by their daughter and son-in law; Byron and Ardith Nolte; Bob Parkinson; Larry Porter; Cliff and Charlotte Simpson; Merv and Betty Skiles; Tom and Pat Sommer; Joe and Carolyn Steiger; Larry and Anna Tornes; and Jon Warner.

Larry Tornes received word that John Clark, Bob Dush, Cecil Flesher, Wayne Garrison, Rodney Hayden, Jim Huff, Bob Kissler, Danny LeMaster, and Dean Swigert had passed away since the 2011 luncheon. He asked for a moment of silence for them and all retirees that have passed.

Congratulations to **Gene Baltes** for receiving the Senior Conservationist award from the Association of Retired Conservation Service Employees. Larry stressed the benefits of membership in this organization. Fifty-nine retirees that worked in Ohio are members of the Association.

Larry introduced **Michelle Lohstroh**, Assistant State Conservationist for Special Projects, NRCS, who discussed the additional work being done in the Lake Erie and Grand Lake St. Marys Watersheds to reduce sediment and nutrients from runoff and nutrients in subsurface drains from moving into these lakes. NRCS in Ohio hired 22 new employees this past year and so presently has 213 employees. Staffing in field offices is being discussed again to possibly consolidate more offices under one District Conservationist increasing the time available for field work.

The group expressed pleasure to **Earl Carlton** for purchasing the luncheon. Earl retired as District Conservationist in 1978. While working for SCS, he purchased land and started raising trees for Christmas and landscaping. He leased the coal under this land through a coalition. Earl introduced his son, **Ron**, who did an outstanding job informing the group about the oil and gas leasing, drilling, and production in eastern Ohio. A company is now preparing the pad to drill on their farm. Since leases are commonly written in favor of the oil companies, Ron has worked with a number of groups that formed coalitions to lease land for oil and gas. Payments for leasing of land for a five or 10 year period has increased drastically in the past couple of years to \$5,800 per acre plus 20 percent royalty on one of the more recent signings. One hundred permits have been issued by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to drill in Carroll County. Nine wells are in production. The "fracking" is being done about 9,500 feet below the surface in the Carroll County area. The pipelines are not in place to move the oil and gas, and processing facilities still must be constructed, so some of the new high production wells cannot go into immediate production. Another big problem is where can the hydraulic fracking companies obtain the seven to eight million gallons of water needed to frack one well.

***Editor's note:** Fracking is very controversial, and individual state regulations vary, but from a natural resources standpoint, remember that it's not just about chemicals and their potential impact on groundwater, but also the tremendous volumes of water needed to "drive" the fracking process. The potential impacts on the quantity and availability of surface and groundwater resources are also an important local natural resource conservation issue where fracking is employed. In addition, also remember that the special gradations of sand needed for the fracking process to work, to hold the fractured rock open after fracturing, also need to come from somewhere; i.e., huge surface mines that disturb the landscape. So the point is that "fracking" has many natural resource conservation aspects, both surface and subsurface.*

Messages were received from a number of retirees that could not make the meeting. **Albert Lee**, 715 Broadway, Higginsville, MO 64037, retired in Missouri in 1980. He was Area Engineer at Coshocton from 1954 to 66. Albert would love to hear from other retirees. **Walter Cooper** worked in Ohio in 1959 and 1960 and 1962 to 1979. He had surgery in 2008 that paralyzed his diaphragm on his left side. He is on oxygen. **Betty Dush** sent a message that **Bob** had passed away on July 2, 2012. She would have liked to attend today but had a conflict.

Richard Patronsky will be 90 in October. He was an Area Engineer in Ohio. Richard has had several operations, lost most of his hearing, and is 30 percent disabled. His wife is in the hospital. **Dan Ross** is now a geography instructor at Kent State University. **Thornton Hole**, retired Soil Scientist in New Jersey, is 81. His wife **Joanne** had cataract surgery and is forgetful. **Adrian Achtermann** sent a message expressing appreciation to **Earl Carlton** for all he did for him during his career. **Rex Mapes** is home taking care of his wife **Carol**. She is on oxygen.

Neil Rubel's wife is ill with pancreatic cancer in addition to the lung cancer she has been fighting for a number of years. **George Smeltzer** is in the Inn at Fairfield assisted-living facility at Lancaster. His family is preparing to sell the home farm. **Dick Rush** could not get out of doing Meals on Wheels today. They are busy with church, YMCA activities, and trips to Florida. **Jim Piper** is travelling to Ashtabula County today to prepare for the family reunion.

I am looking for a retiree to take over the State Representative position. If anyone is interested, please let me know.

Earl Carlton was presented with an OSU vest in appreciation for hosting this luncheon. Funds were collected that have been sent to the Bluebird Society in his name.

OKLAHOMA

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LARRY W. CALDWELL, P.E., is the recipient of the ASABE 2012 G.B. Gunlogson Countryside Engineering Award for his outstanding contributions and engineering service in the rehabilitation of aging watershed dams for the protection of natural resources and general public. Caldwell is a nationally recognized authority on dam safety and dam rehabilitation. He served NRCS for more than 41 years and is well-known for providing support for congressional efforts to obtain USDA authorization to assist communities with rehabilitation of aging watershed dams. This legislation created the NRCS Watershed Rehabilitation Program, for which Caldwell was named the first national program leader. He managed a budget of \$86 million, which provided funding for 118 rehabilitation projects in 20 states during the first five years of the program. Since 2000, more than \$300 million has been appropriated for the rehabilitation of 230 dams in 29 states, with Caldwell providing direct assistance on 185 of those projects.

OREGON

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We here in Oregon's Willamette Valley have a prognostication that summer weather doesn't start until sometime after July 4th. This year our first in a series of summer-like days began on exactly the day, July 4th. As such, we had a nice sunny clear day for the summer quarter lunch held July 25th at The Old Spaghetti Factory at Tanasbourne. There was a very nice turnout. Those attending included newly retired **Danny Burgett**, formerly Oregon's Assistant State Conservationist. Also attending were **Bobbie Hart, Sue Brandt, Roy Bright, Gary Formanek, Tom Fujii, Leonard Gilson, John Hedlund, Jack Kanalz, Lowell and Marian Kenedy, Roy and Linda Mann, Kendra Moseley, Bob Pranger, Jeff Repp and Maureen O'Rourke, Patricia Straka, Wendell and Jan Styner, Dick and Kathy Sylvester, Dick Verboort, Ralph Wadleigh, Don Wallin, Beth Zetter**, and yours truly, **Don Stettler**

Kendra Moseley, an ecological site inventory specialist located in the Oregon State office, gave a presentation on the work underway to update ecological site descriptions, so they will be in compliance with current standards.

Jack Kanalz reported that he and **Geneal** traveled to Ireland in May for a two-week tour of the country. There they had a wonderful time with a group of 25 and an excellent tour guide. Jack said he got to visit a number of Ireland's Pubs and get his fill of Guinness beer.

Bob Caldwell emailed me his regrets and reported that he and **Elaine** just returned from a 12-day Mediterranean cruise along with twelve others in the family. According to Bob, the cruise was lots of fun and was extremely interesting. However, Bob did have to admit that like John Denver said, "Gee, it's great to be back home again."

Joe Sahlfeld also sent his regrets saying he would be camping at Detroit Lake, a lake formed by a Corp of Engineer's dam in Oregon's Cascade Mountains. Joe mentioning camping there reminded me of the summer I took our teenage daughters there to give their mother a break from their antics. It wasn't until several years later that I learned about what they pulled on me during my watch while I slept.

Eldena VanderZanden faithfully attends just about all the quarterly lunches. However, this time she emailed telling me that she would be on her annual camping trip the day of the lunch. She went on to qualify what she means by camping -- staying at a hotel without room service. For her, backpacking is when you pack it back to the mall the day after Christmas, and primitive camping is when the ice machine is outside. Her eleven family group would be camping at Devils Lake State Park on the Oregon Coast. Since **Eldena** is the yurt goddess, she said they would be staying in one of the park's yurts. Eldena also reported that she was again the #1 individual fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Forest Grove by raising \$5,573. Further, she was the #4 in the three-state (Washington - Oregon - Idaho) region. Her team, Bedes of Sweat, raised \$7,639. The 36 teams raised \$83,490! Good going Eldena!

The fall quarter retiree lunch will be held at The Old Spaghetti Factory at Clackamas on October 24th.

PENNSYLVANIA

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Ed Helmey writes: Since I worked in PA about 14 years, it is good to hear about the ones I worked with and knew. Thanks for the **Lou Kirkaldie** note as he was with me all of my time in PA. I tried to keep in contact so I called him after reading about his accident (Last issue Note – Lou was in a serious auto accident just before Christmas 2011 and is in rehab care.)

Tim Murphy attended the Summer Engineering Workshop conducted by NRCS and Penn State, where he visited with **Norm Wolfrom, Frank Harvatine, and Abe Repine**. The workshop focused on manure storage safety, which was very timely coming about a week after three Pennsylvanians died in a Maryland manure storage structure. More recently, **Tim and Gina** enjoyed a trip to Alaska, cruising the Inside Passage, then visiting Denali National Park and the Kenai Peninsula. Lots of wildlife on land and sea, including a close encounter with a bear and cub in a tree over the hiking trail at Mendenhall Glacier. **Son Evan** has completed his degree in Architecture at Penn State, and has rejoined the firm he interned with last summer.

Carl Dupoldt attended the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel festivals in Hammonton, NJ. They have a procession through the streets and lots of great food. A similar festival will be held this weekend in Bridgeport, PA. He are planning to attend. He has been participating in webinars sponsored by the NRCS East Regional office in Greensboro, NC. They have been very informative. He especially liked the webinar on windmills. Cooperative Extension has lots of informative webinars. Penn State has a webinar series on the Marcellus Shale. They have the webinars archived on their web site.

Not much new with the **Lindseys** is the word from **Don and Shirley**. Our poor garden is dehydrating as we speak. We only water tomatoes, since we country folk depend on a well. We plan a trip to Alaska for a breath of cooler air. Looking forward to the retirees gathering in September.

The **Southeastern PA Retirees** met for lunch on July 7th. It was a beautiful 100+ degree-day in Chester County that resulted in several heat-related cancellations. However, eleven of us showed up to enjoy **Roger's** fine food, our BYOBs and each other's company. It was nice to visit in the peaceful and private atmosphere of the back room. Those attending were: **Helen Brossman, Pat Burkett, Carolyn Gehlen, Tom and Joyce Iivari, Frank and Jane Resides, Fred and Jane Schuetz, John Wenderoth, and Joe Zurlo**. We look forward to our November meeting, which will probably be a lunch, on the 10th, also at Roger's, unless we can find another suitable place.

From **Pat Cecil** down in Texas, she writes – can't remember the last time I sent any news, so here goes!! First, best news was when my Air Force **son Henry** returned from Afghanistan early last year after over 12 months there. Unfortunately, (but thank God he was not still there), 2 months after he returned home, an Afghani went berserk and killed 9 Americans and wounded several Afghans, and one of the Americans killed was Henry's roommate. But life has been exciting as Henry reunited with one of his high school classmates and nine months later, this year on March 10th, they were married! The wedding was in Florida, and it was beautiful, and afterwards, I was able to travel to South Carolina to visit some friends from Pennsylvania that had moved there. Had a great time with them and a super drive back. I was saddened to learn of my friend Lorraine Beinhaur's death but feel fortunate that I was friends with her. I have not been traveling much, which I love to do, but maybe next year I will be able to take some trips. My sister and I did take a very short trip to Destin, FL last November, and we went at the right time – a week before Thanksgiving. The weather was fantastic, the place was most enjoyable, and we had a lot of fun just doing nothing but eating and shopping. We may be able to go again this fall and I think we will stay on the beach this time. Only sad news for me is that Henry's chocolate lab Blaze, who I kept numerous times while he was off defending our country, died. She was 13 years old, and she was as much my dog as she was Henry's – I still miss her but I have lots of memories and pictures! It has been extremely hot the past couple of weeks in deep East Texas where I live(although we have been blessed with rain when we need it most) – and if you have a chance to see the movie "Bernie" be sure and go see it – it is right on about the people of East Texas – they are like no others in any other part of this state! Hope all of you are staying cool and that you have had a great year so far!!

Wayne Maresch sends an update – "I retired to a spot along the Allegheny River in Venango County that my family (Dad's side) has had summer cottages on since the 1930's. Six years ago my wife **Jackie** and I purchased a place about 8 doors upriver from my parents, my Aunt and Uncle and began turning it into a year-round home. When I retired in 2009, I decided to make it my home. We still own a home in NJ, but our plan is to sell it sometime in the future and look for a winter home somewhere South. I like to fish so I'm living the dream!"

From **Doug Pease** – "Thanks for sending out the information about **Arnold 'Dick' Pennay**. Dick and I grew up in the same general area. However, we attended different high schools. So I didn't meet him until we were at Penn State. We car-pooled several times while attending Penn State. We both majored in Ag Education. We both worked as waiters at the same girls' dorm dining hall. Later on, his sister married a cousin of mine. But it has been years since I have had contact with Dick. (Editor's Note – Dick Pennay worked with ASCS in Harrisburg. His main responsibility was ACP and other programs with SCS. His cooperation was so good that often he was questioned about which agency he worked for. Dick died June 29th. He lived on his farm along Rtes 11 and 15 just north of Liverpool.)"

Be sure to mark your calendars NOW for the Annual Picnic in Somerset County Monday, September 17, 2012, visiting the Quecreek Mine Rescue Site and the Flight 93 Memorial. The picnic is TWO weeks after Labor Day, not the usual one due to the anniversary program at the Flight 93 Memorial on our usual meeting date. A great meeting program and great fellowship with your former co-workers.

From **Jake Echenrode**: "My wife just came home from church and told me that both **Donna Krebs and her husband Jerry** are home-bound. They are asking for cards and prayers for them. Donna had hip replacement surgery that got

infected and was redone the second time. Not sure about Jerry's problem. It would be great if all who knew her would send cards of encouragement and get well to both. Donna was program assistant in the Area 5 office in State College and then in the Map Compilation Center at Penn State. People are taking meals to them until they recover: Donna and Jerry Krebs, 114 Grandview Road Centre Hall, PA 16828."

TEXAS (NORTH AREA)

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The July 2012 meeting of the SCS/NRCS Alumni Club will be at 10:00 AM on Friday July 20th, 2012 at St Ann's Catholic Church, 100 SW Alsbury Blvd., Burleson, TX. Refreshments were provided by **Earl Blakley** and **Dave Drennan** with funding from **Dennis Erinakes**. No program was planned.

Fourteen members were present for the June 15th, 2012 meeting: **Earl Blakley, Elaine and Billy Don Davis, Don Newman, Bernie Owen, Joyce Petty, Anita Plummer, Dave Drennan, Mary Mattinson, Don Kapalka, Don and Helen Shanklin, Barbara Gillum, and Dennis Erinakes**.

President **Dave Drennan** presided over the business meeting. Club business included a treasure's report from Elaine Davis. The club has about \$1,593. She sent a memorial check in memory of **Phil Delucchi**.

NEWS RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS

Alex and Faye Alexander recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary, Alex's 90th and Faye's 85th birthday. A family luncheon was hosted by their daughter and son-in-law, **Deborah and Charles Nash**, at their home. All fourteen family members were present and enjoyed the special day together on June 16th.

Bob Fronk appreciated the call to tell him about Phil's death. (Bob does not have email so misses the many notes that are sent out.) Bob said he has been dealing with Atrial Fibrillation the past 3 months or so that really wears him out. He is working with his doctor and is starting a new medication they hope will help. Bob said his Doctor is his son-in-law and that his daughter who lives across the street is a nurse. Together they make sure he takes care of himself.

Frank Richardson is in treatment for heart problems. He doesn't go out often as he is too light-headed and sometimes feels dizzy. Frank said his mother-in-law passed away last week at the age of 91. He was unable to attend her funeral in Tennessee, but his daughter and granddaughter did attend.

July 1st **Arnold and Willeene King's son, Todd**, was injured in a motorcycle accident near Kerrville, TX. He is currently in Brooks Medical Center in San Antonio with severe leg injuries below his knee. July 8th **Willeene** sent the following update: "I have been intending to send you a note. It has been a crazy week or so. They have done four surgeries on Todd in a week. The last one was on Friday and was a 5-hour procedure. They are trying to save his right leg from the knee down. We are not real clear on some of this, and Todd has a different perspective than we do. He feels they are working to keep the knee so a prosthetic will give him better results. As you see, we need some clarification and will try to get that the first of the week. He is scheduled for another surgery on July 16. He is in Brooke Army Medical Center which is the best place he could be for this type of injury. They see our wounded soldiers every day and are "salvaging limbs." It is a remarkable team of doctors on his case. Thank you so much for the prayers. We all need them and they are felt. We will try to keep you posted. **Willeene and Arnold** have spent much of their time with Todd in San Antonio.

Clyde Goodman wrote his **wife Marla** had her knee revision at FW Plaza Medical Center Wednesday morning. While in the surgical waiting room I looked up to see a face from the past entering the waiting room. **Barbara Holland** and I recognized each other about the same time. Her mother was having cancer surgery. I saw Barbara last night and she reports her mother's surgery appears to be totally successful. I told her about the retirees group and she said she would like to be a part of the group. Told her I would forward her info to the group. So here tis! I really think she would like to be a part of the group. Marla's surgery was also successful. In fact this has been the best of the seven. Dr. Weeden was just by and expects to discharge her tomorrow. Yeah. Seventh floor at Plaza has been a very good experience.

Freddie and DeWayne Williams wrote on May 31st their **son Jeff** is still fighting. Hospice is trying to find different med for the nausea. I think they have the pain under control, with the help of the Lord through your prayers. The nurse that stays with him (the sitter) is wonderful. It is such a relief to have someone with him all the time. And that really cares about him. His neighbor and prayer partner called me yesterday and said she had asked him if he was ready and had total surrender to the Lord and he told her YES, that he talks to God every day and is ready when God is ready. He said he has given his cancer over and knows he can trust in God's love. This neighbor has been such a blessing to him and us, as all of you are. I thank God for you all every day.

Glen Black sent the following note: Dear Friends, It's been almost a month since I last gave an update on **LaVerne's** health. Since so many of you have responded in a positive way to the updates and have requested that I keep you informed, I offer the following report. LaVerne's last chemo treatment was on June 1st with her next treatment

scheduled for June 22nd. However, on June 16th she went to the ER (Emergency Room) due to an elevated fever as well as a high heart rate. After getting the fever and heart rate under control, she got home this past Tuesday. Considering LaVerne's weakness, growing pain, weakness in voice and her overall physical condition, her Oncologist determined that further chemo treatment would be more detrimental than helpful. She will be placed in Hospice care sometime next week. We have a Great God who knows where we are and all about our circumstances. The journey isn't over, so keep on praying for God's strength, comfort and peace. IN HIS LOVE, **Glen and LaVerne Black**

Mable Arfman wrote: "My brother Rev. **Frank Leach** passed away suddenly on Sunday morning 6/24. He lived here in Fort Worth, went to Poly High school and was the Poly United Methodist pastor for many years. This is my last sibling – there were 5 of us to begin with and I am the oldest, nearly 87. The memorial service will be at Poly UMC on Saturday June 30th, 2012 at 11 a.m." (**Mike Woodson** added a note that Rev. Leach had also been their pastor at the Methodist Church in Burleson.) Mable continued: "Also I am a great-great grandmother now – my great-great granddaughter is 6 months old! I am now the grandmother of a grandmother. WOW! I keep planning to come to the meetings but I don't drive very far nowadays. Maybe one day I will get the nerve to try to get there."

We sadly acknowledge the passing of these colleagues:

Philip Delucchi, 73, passed away Tuesday, June 12, 2012, at home, surrounded by his wife, two daughters, **Christine and Katherine**, and his sister, **Barbara Novak**. Officiating at his Memorial Service was Father Frank Reeves and Father Jim Hazel, a longtime family friend. Both are with the Episcopal Church USA. Philip was born June 30, 1938, to **Attilio and Janet Delucchi**. He was raised in Daly City, Calif. He went to Oregon State University on a swimming scholarship and was a member of Theta Zi fraternity. He received a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture in 1961 and a master's degree in forest management in 1976. Phil met his wife of 50 years, **Marcia McLure**, while at Oregon State. He started his career with the Oregon State Highway Department in Salem, OR.

Billie Bob Mahler died at his home Monday, May 14th at the age of 85. He was a member of the class of '47 at Texas A&M University where he was a member of the Corps of Cadets. He served in the occupation of Germany after WWII with the U.S. Army. He earned his degree in Agronomy in 1949 from Texas A&M. He worked for the Soil Conservation Service in Giddings, Caldwell, and Temple, retiring as the State Auditor.

Bailey Mayo passed on the following message: "**Don Pendleton** passed away this past Friday (June 1, 2012) in Breckenridge, TX. I knew Don from classes at Tech and worked with him after moving to Temple." Arnold King has added: "I worked next to Don at NHQ. He was one of the true SCS cowboys. He was one of a kind and will be missed." Don was a long time member of our SCS-NRCS Alumni Club. He was employed by the U.S. Soil Conservation Service where he worked out of offices in Texas, New Mexico and Washington, D.C. During a 10-year stint as chief range conservationist, he was instrumental in getting the SCS involved in prescribed burning. He served as liaison to the National Cattlemen's Association and was active in the Society for Range Management where he was assigned to represent the U.S. SCS on several projects in Senegal, the Sudan, East Germany and Australia. The Soil Conservation Service selected Don to participate in a mid-career educational program. At Harvard University Don earned a master's degree in public administration of natural resources.

We are saddened to report the death of **Ida Leone Elliott Segler**, a long-time member of our SCS-NRCS Alumni Club. Ida, 91, of Fort Worth died Saturday, June 16, 2012, at a Marlin nursing home. Her service will be at 10 AM, Thursday, June 21st, 2012 at Cook-Gerngross-Green-Patterson Funeral Home in Rosebud, TX, the Rev. Don Fulton officiating. Interment: Powers Chapel Cemetery near Rosebud. Ida retired from the Human Resources Department with Soil Conservation Service after more than 29 years of service. She will be missed by her family and co-workers.

John Allen Wright, 79, passed away on Saturday, June 2, 2012 at Songbird Lodge in Brownwood, Texas. John worked for the U.S.D.A. Soil Conservation Service for 30 years, retiring in 1985. He served across Texas at offices in Cotulla, Haskell, San Saba, Snyder, Archer City, Amarillo, settling at Brownwood in 1978, where he remained until retiring.

Theodore Edward "Ted" Kreuz, 93, of Victoria, TX passed away Tuesday, May 15, 2012. He worked 34 years for Soil Conservation Service retiring from the SCS in the Port Lavaca FO in 1976. Ted resided in the Wood Hi Community in Victoria County.

Kenton R. Inglis died Thursday, June 14, 2012 in a local nursing home in Waco, Texas. He is survived by his wife **Joycelyn** and daughter **Rhoda** and two grandsons. He worked with NRCS in Missouri, Virginia, Florida, New Jersey, Nebraska, and transferred to Texas in 1990. He retired as Deputy State Conservationist in 1996.

WASHINGTON DC NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA

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On July 30th, **John Peterson** was inducted into the NACD SE Region Hall of Fame at their annual meeting in Destin, FL. **John** was nominated for the honor by the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (VASWCD), where he serves on the Board of Directors. **John** also represents VASWCD on the NACD Board of Directors. He is an elected director and vice-chair of the Northern Virginia SWCD. The NACD SE Region consists of AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, and VA. This honor came as a complete surprise to **John**, as the VASWCD and his own district didn't want him to learn of it, so kept it a secret. **John** has been involved with districts in one way or another since 1953, his junior year in high school, when his father encouraged him to work with their local Swift County, MN SWCD for summer employment. Since his retirement from SCS in 1994, he has been helping his Northern Virginia SWCD, becoming a director in 2006. This is also his 6th year on the NACD Board, a position he will leave after this year because of term-limits. He will still find ways to assist NACD in the future. **John** has been involved with districts for 59 years.

On Monday, July 23rd, ARCSE held its annual luncheon in conjunction with SWCS's 67th Annual International Conference in Fort Worth, TX. Attending the luncheon from the National Capital Area were **Ron Marlow**, the **Rich Duesterhauses**, **John Peterson**, and incoming ARCSE president **Warren Lee**. NRCS Regional Conservationist **Tom Christensen** represented Chief **Dave White**, and updated us on what is happening in the agency and the federal government. SWCS President **Bill Boyer** and SWCS Executive Director **Jim Gulliford** also spoke. **Arnold King** served as the luncheon's moderator, and ARSCE President **Mark Berkland** talked of the state of ARCSE, and **Warren Lee** presented ARCSE awards. Retired SCS Administrator **Mel Davis and Marilyn** were in attendance. It is always fun to see them again, and also fun being able to reconnect with the other retirees who attend. There were about 35 retirees in attendance.

Ron and Ann Marlow report that they had a great trip out to Texas for the ARCSE Board meeting. Ann loved her first visit to San Antonio (three days on the Riverwalk, three missions, much more). We enjoyed Fort Worth (the Stockyards, Joe T. Garcia's), Austin (capital and LBJ library), College Station (the University, Bush Sr. Library, and a large quilt shop), and a short stop in San Marcos (river city park). We had a nice visit with **Dick and Mary Wenberg** in Belton. All of that is in addition to many great stops on the way out including Nashville (Gaylord Opryland Hotel), Memphis (Beale Street, Peabody Hotel), Little Rock (Clinton Library), and Hope (Clinton birthplace). The trip back included 200 miles of the Natchez Trace (Jackson to Florence, AL), Tupelo (Elvis's birthplace; great fried green tomatoes at Romie's), Kosciusko, MS (Oprah's birthplace) and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. All this was on a diet of mostly catfish, barbeque, and Mexican food.

Owen Lee sent the following brief message: "I have been dealing with prostate cancer for a few years. It was being held in check with oral medications, but when the 4th option stopped working, chemo was next. Chemo is way harder on the body than the pills. The first two chemo treatments sent me to the hospital – all the associated steroids really messed my blood sugar up, along with a stent that I have that keeps a low level infection in me which occasionally gets totally out of control. Well, I have mostly recovered – enough so that I have been playing about 8 softball games a week. I get a treatment every three weeks and hardly have any side effects anymore – just tired for a few days."

National Capital Area retirees were saddened to learn of the passing of **Bob Pasley** and the mother of **Maxine Barron** since our last newsletter. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families

WEST VIRGINIA

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Annual meeting: West Virginia Chapter members are invited to attend a luncheon at the Ali Baba Restaurant in Morgantown at noon on October 12th. Lunch will be buffet style. Joe Paull, OSHER instructor, will give a short presentation on the origins and history of Bluegrass Music. We will have door prizes and a 50/50 drawing to raise a few dollars for administrative expenses. Please make your reservations to **Peg Reese** no later than October 4th by sending an email to pegreesewv@gmail.com or calling (304) 599-5440. The Ali Baba Restaurant is located at the Morgantown Airport (100 Hart Field Road.)

Deaths: **Bill Hatfield** passed away on July 7th. Bill was the West Virginia State Soil Scientist when he retired in 1994. More information can be read in the "In Memoriam" section of this newsletter. **Shirley Austin's** grandson passed away a few weeks ago.

Updates:

John Cooper was inducted into the West Virginia Forestry Hall of Fame in July. Unfortunately, he was unable to attend the ceremony as he was in the hospital

Ron Gilkeson gave the following report: "I've been waiting to hopefully give you a final report on our situation, but the end is not in sight."

Velda had surgery on her hip almost three weeks ago to have a wire removed. "The surgery went fine but the drainage from the incision has been a problem. We are concerned about infection and another surgery has been discussed. We hope that won't be necessary. Velda's drainage may have stopped. We have had a few days without any now and her stitches were taken out this week. We and the doctor are keeping our fingers crossed

My CT scan was mostly positive but did reveal a nodule in my thyroid. I assumed it was nothing but the biopsy was inconclusive. We asked for the sample to be sent to UVA for further analysis and they say it is suggestive of a malignancy although they are not certain. That means thyroid surgery in the near future. My surgery is not scheduled yet. I am going to a specialist at UVA Medical Center on August 29 for a second opinion. We desperately need for Velda to be totally healed before I take my turn.

Hopefully I can report some really good news at some future date. We are both getting very tired. We have been fighting health problems with Velda for over 35 years, especially the last 16 years. Goodbye for now."

Larry Casseday vacationed in Maine and says that "Retirement is much better than working!" Larry and other retirees, including **Dick Judy, David Pierce, and Chuck Thornhill**, were invited to the Elkwater Fork Dam Dedication on August 22nd. The Elkwater Fork Water Supply Dam was built to assure a dependable source of potable water for Randolph County.

The storms in late July left many NRCS employees and retirees without power. Some were only inconvenienced for a few hours while others suffered without electricity and modern conveniences for days during a heat wave. This was particularly hard on those with health problems. **Alan Boone**, reported "Mine was off for 48 hrs., and Jenny was running low on O₂. We were getting ready to go to our daughter's in Huntington when it came back on. Mom just got hers back yesterday, and I think that my sister **Twanna**, about 10 miles out of Lewisburg, still doesn't have power. Makes you think seriously about a generator especially with Jenny's dependence on oxygen. The first thing that I did was wait until the old water heater done its job, and took a luke-warm shower, then shut the bedroom door, and cranked the air conditioner all the way up!!!!"

WISCONSIN

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The Wisconsin retirees met for lunch and fellowship on June 14 at Christiano's Pizza and Eatery in Green Lake, Wisconsin. **Erv Lesczynski and Steve Prissel** were the gracious hosts. Those in attendance included **Erv Lesczynski, Steve Prissel, Jim and Lynnette Enlow, Dan Cotter, Jerry Hytry, Jim Kaap, Bob Lieske, Leon Janowski, Emeron and Phyllis Christensen, Roman and Bea Statz, Stan and Marlene Dingle, Gene and Annemarie Nimmer and Gene and Georgene Hausner**. It was a welcome surprise to have **Jerry Hytry**, former Wisconsin State Conservationist and National Office employee attend the luncheon and rekindle old friendships. After a wonderful lunch the group spent time talking about current events, experiences from the past and plans for the future. The next luncheon is scheduled for August 9, 2012, at the Rhinelander Cafe and Pub, Rhinelander, Wisconsin.

NEW SENIOR CONSERVATIONISTS

We welcome four new Senior Conservationists since the last Newsletter. They have reached the minimum age of 83 years and have completed the Senior Conservationist Questionnaire. Congratulations!

The new Senior Conservationists are:

Leroy J. Drechsel	Albion, IL
Cecil Martin	Watkinsville, GA
Darrell J. Reed	Winchester, VA
Donald K. Ummel	Des Moines, IA

See IN MEMORIAM for the Senior Conservationists who 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.

SENIOR CONSERVATIONIST CHRONICLE

Marc Safley, Chronicler, this contribution via Linda DiPietro

Senior Conservationist, Cecil Martin

Cecil is a recent addition to the honorable list of Senior Conservationists. He was born and raised in Elberton, Georgia (GA), where he also graduated from high school in 1943. After high school, he served in the U.S. Navy as an aerial gunner on a torpedo bomber. After WW II, in 1946, he started college under the GI Bill. He met Eugenia (Gene) Mitchell during his freshman year. They were married on April 16, 1948. He graduated from the University of GA with a BS in Ag Engineering in 1952.

Cecil's career with SCS began immediately after graduation in Clarkesville, GA, as he became the Project Engineer for what was to become the first PL-566 (pilot) watershed project. Beginning his upward career movement, in 1956, he became Area Engineer for 26 counties in GA. In 1958, he was promoted to State Design Engineer in GA, supervising a design staff and a geologic site investigation staff.

His accomplishments as State Design Engineer are many, including having designed over 300 floodwater retarding dams, some over 100 feet high. Many of the dams contained additional water for recreational and municipal uses. There were many county recreation parks and stream channel stabilization measures, including one urban-area reinforced concrete-lined channel in Columbus, GA. It has water control structures based on hydraulic model studies made at GA Tech and still exists today.

In 1973, Cecil became the State Construction Engineer in Georgia. He retired from SCS in 1987 as Assistant State Conservation Engineer. He also retired from the US Air Force Reserve as a Civil Engineer (Major) in 1986.

Cecil received numerous job performance awards throughout his career with SCS. One rather unique award came from the Athens Junior Chamber of Commerce, when he was awarded their "Boss of the Year." He also was a registered Professional Engineer and active in professional and civic organizations. Cecil has been a valuable asset to his church, Watkinsville First Baptist, as a member of Deacons and Chairman of Deacons. He served on several church building committees, including one that involved moving the church from downtown Watkinsville to a lovely new facility in a rural setting just east of the downtown area.

After retiring Cecil did engineering consulting work for about 4 years. Also, he served on a Water Task Force which developed a plan for a 4-county municipal water dam and reservoir which is now in operation.

Cecil and Gene have 5 children, 20 grandchildren and one great grandchild. They have enjoyed their travels and experiences and are currently enjoying retirement on their farm in Oconee County, Georgia. This is where Cecil has raised Angus beef cattle and hay since 1964.

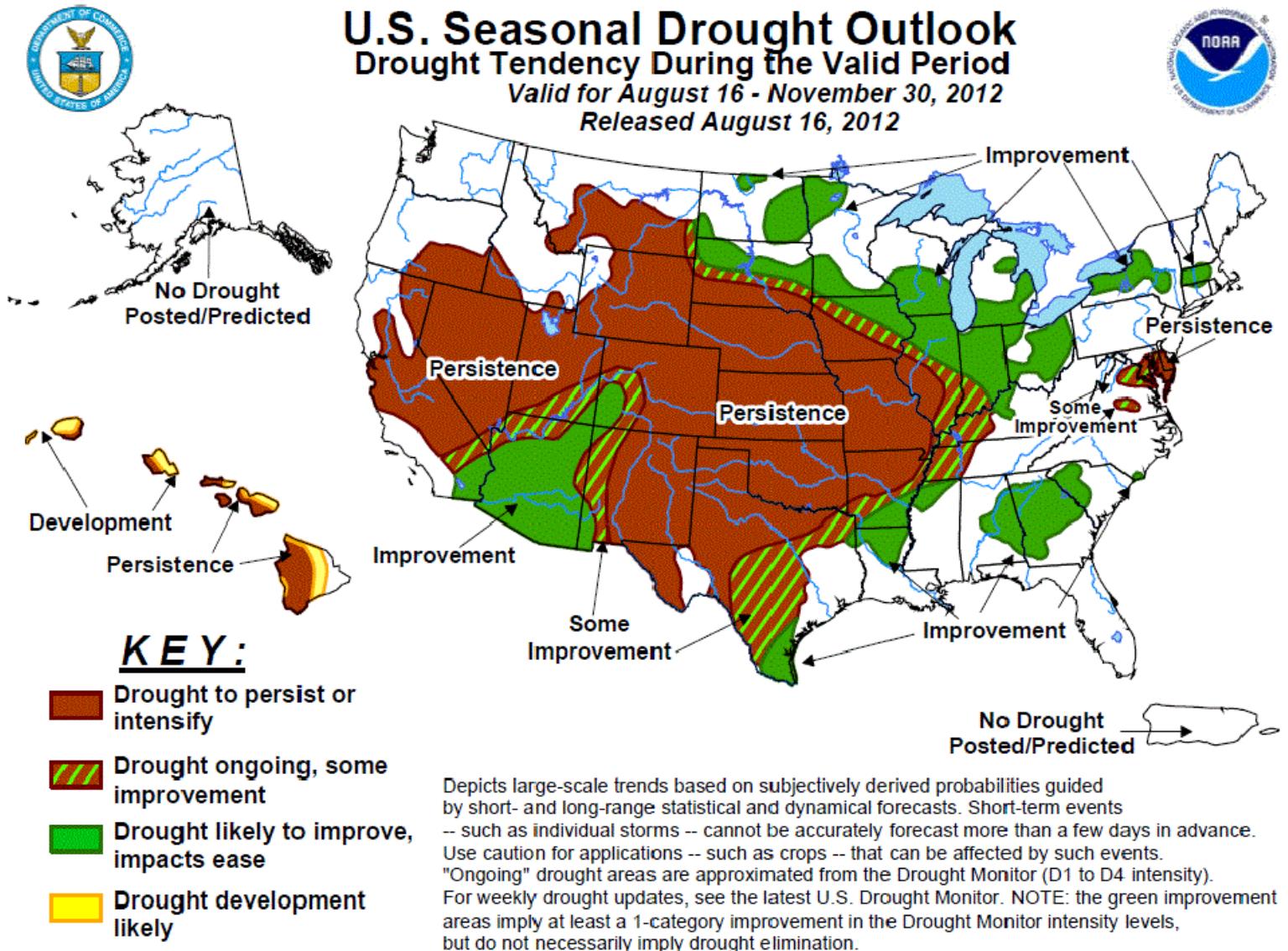
NOTES

An interesting article on some effects of the oil boom in North Dakota was published in the Washington Post:

http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/in-north-dakota-the-gritty-side-of-an-oil-boom/2012/07/18/gJQAZk5ZuW_story.html

Carl DuPolt provided this link to US Seasonal Drought Outlook:

http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/expert_assessment/seasonal_drought.html



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ALASKA

Freeman, Theodore G Anchorage

ALABAMA

Meetze, John C	Auburn
Murphy, Ronnie D	Auburn
Norton, Earl L	Auburn
Todd, Ernest V	Auburn
Tucker, Kermit N	Decatur
Hurst, William R	Gulf Shores
Currier, Raymond L	Lillian
Schertz, David L	Northport

ARKANSAS

Jones, J G (Jodie)	Bentonville
Garner, Billy A	Booneville
Whittington, Paul F	Charleston
Mashburn, Ralph	England
Stringer, Fred	Ft Smith
Knight, Emily J	Hope
Hackbart, Dennis	Little Rock
Spears, M J (Whitey)	Little Rock
Mathis, Marion T	Mansfield
Cloutier, Hardy	Marianna
Babeu, Richard G	Maumelle
Dahlke, George	N Little Rock
Henry, Johnnie F	N Little Rock
Ellis, Jeff	Newport
McCullough, Bruce M	Ozark
Chenoweth, John W	Van Buren

ARIZONA

Paulsgrove, Glenn H	Apache Jctn
Williams, Christopher P	Chandler
Cavanaugh, J P (Pat)	Chino Valley
Fobair, I W "Bill"	Cottonwood
Johnson, A Glen	Glendale
Calhoun, Thomas E	Green Valley
Bittner, Elmer M	Mesa
Elliott, Loren S	Mesa
Freeman, Theodore G	Mesa
Klofstad, Gordon O	Mesa
Black, Stephen	Phoenix
Sanders, Aubrey C	Phoenix
Addison, Albert C	Portal
Nordstrom, Gary	Prescott Valley
Odell, J Gordon	Saddlebrooke
Bathurst, Verne M	Scottsdale
Cohen, Herman C	Sun City
Fitzgerald, Warren J	Sun City
Jordan, Robert H	Sun City West
Lowrey, John C	Sun City West
McManus, Kenneth G	Sun City West
Collins, Harlan G	Surprise
Alt, Rodney M	Surprise
Maguire, Connie	Surprise
Enz, Richard W	Tempe
Pease, Douglas S	Tempe
Strong, Marion E	Tempe

CALIFORNIA

Myszka, Romy	Antioch
Harben, Ron	Arroyo Grande
Pitney, Kenneth	Bonita
Collison, Frederic E	Carmel
Neu, Albert	Cathedral City
Briggs, Darwyn H	Davis
Honeyfield, Harold	Davis
Wyman, Henry	Davis
Borst, George	Fallbrook
Schultze, Ronald F	Folsom
Finch, Clarence U	Fresno
Braker, William L	Lancaster
Slayback, Robert D	Lodi
Velasquez, Charles	Marysville
Gerbaz, Olice "Ted"	Orangevale
Garlinghouse, Jennings W	Orleans
Todd, Hewlett F	Redding
Danielson, Mervin G	Roseville
Priest, Norman W	Roseville
Wehri, Thomas	Roseville
Andreuccetti, Gene	Sacramento
Ward, Bill	Sacramento
Milani, Mario J	Stockton
Koluvek, Paul	Winters

COLORADO

Mullaney, Richard J	Akron
Jordre, Nyle L	Aurora
Bauer, Ronald F	Brush
Johnson, Duane L	Cedaredge
Glocker, Carl L	Colorado Spgs
Grubb, Robert G	Craig
Bright, W Esther	Denver
Wilkinson, Ivan R	Estes Park
Dilsaver, Millard F	Evans
Brubacher, John I	Ft Collins
Carlson, Jack R	Ft Collins
Geter, John	Ft Collins
Ohland, Paul J	Ft Collins
Wettstein, Carol A	Ft Collins
Collins, Monte J	Grand Junction
Johnson, Emery C	Grand Junction
Fisher, James R	Lakewood
Milbradt, Thomas	Lakewood
Gonzalez, Flavio R	Littleton

Wilimek, Frank E	Tempe
Bridge, Galen S	Tucson
Cookson, Kenneth M	Tucson
George, Tommy A	Tucson
Hedlund, John D	Tucson
Klingelhofer, Karl R	Tucson
Knisley, Joseph L	Tucson
Moreland, Ronald E	Tucson
Ard, R G	Willcox
Lyton, Warren	Yuma
Watson, Gordon	Yuma
Davis, R M (Mel)	Yuma City

Hamon, Carroll E	Longmont
Porter, Richard L	Longmont
Ververs, W Kent	Loveland
Weber, Joan	Loveland
Christenson, Carter	Lyons
Jones, Alvin	Meeker
Boecking, Robert H	Montrose
Olmsted, Edwin W	Northglenn
Schwien, Jerry D	Northglenn
Miles, Larry D	Pagosa Springs
Dansdill, Robert K	Parker
Wingard, Angela	Ramah
Lindahl, Bruce A	Steamboat Springs
Hopkins, Verlin R	Swink
Vescio, Laura	Wesminster

CONNECTICUT

Ireland, William	Chaplin
Faber, Margie	Coventry
Offerman, Elmer E	Storrs
Csiki, Joseph	Willington
Polulech, Joseph E	Woodstock Valley

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Boyer, William	Washington
Frost, John E	Washington
Lawrence, Douglas J	Washington

DELAWARE

Mott, Frederick T	Dover
Bennett, Richard P	Georgetown
Ellingsworth, Betty J	Georgetown
Stingel, James W	Lewes
Bouchard, Carl E	Milford
Eisenbrey, William W	Milford

FLORIDA

Brune, William J	Bonita Springs
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Donaldson, Norman C	Colville
Patterson, Esther	Ellensburg
Caird, Darlene	NO Bonneville
Hough, Glenn H	Olympia
Nelson, Vern R	Olympia
Pringle, Russell F	Olympia
Landtiser, Gilbert R	Sequim
Hughey, William	Shelton
Spofford, Thomas L	Soap Lake
Kaul, Kenneth D	Spokane
Krauss, Hans	Spokane
Olson, Robert J	Spokane
Richard, Gerald	Spokane

WISCONSIN

Omernik, David L	Antigo
Stanke, Gary B	Appleton
Statz, Roman A	Baraboo
Stroesenerreuther, Neil W	Baraboo
Jakel, Dale E	Barron
Kidney, Kim	Green Bay
Conner, William	Madison
Densmore, Jack	Madison
Enlow, James L	Madison
Maguire, Connie	Madison
Schendel, Michael C	Menomonie
Leavenworth, Patricia	Mount Horeb
Christensen, Emeron P	Onalaska
Goke, Lester	Platteville
Ten Haken, Irwin	Portage
Prissel, Stephen J	Ripon
Barber, Louis C	Siren
Price, Steven J	Spring Valley
Wozniak, Norbert E	Stevens Point
Schmeichel, Norman E	Two Rivers
Lorenz, Glenn E	Viroqua
Erdman, Alvin A	Waukesha
Fimreite, Olin C	Whitehall

WEST VIRGINIA

Michael, James R	Berkley Springs
Judy, Richard	Beverly
Wetsch, Carrie	Elkins
Burns, David F	Fairmont
Gwinn, Gary A	Hambleton
Sharp, Curtis	Harpers Ferry
Newman, Pearl	Huntington
Austin, Shirley R	Morgantown
Bayles, Gordon B	Morgantown
Chase, Debbie	Morgantown
Clevenger, James P	Morgantown
Cooper, James M	Morgantown
Hayhurst, Eileen	Morgantown
Morrow, Wes	Morgantown
Noonan, Tom	Morgantown
Reese, Margaret (Peg)	Morgantown
Shutts, Lynn M	Morgantown
Weston, Delores R (Dee)	Morgantown
Ridenour, Willis J	Parkersburg
Cooper, John	Point Pleasant
Bennett, Quentin P	Riverton
Parks, Orland C	Scherr
King, Michael F	Spencer
Shreve, Dixie	St Albans
Ball, Betty A	Williamstown
Gilbert, Ted	Casper
Taylor, David O	Casper
Gasseling, Douglas A	Cheyenne
Bell, Jimmy R	Worland

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Alexander	<p>Thelma G. Alexander (59) of Somerset, Kentucky passed away on July 20, 2012. Thelma was a retired RC and D clerk with the USDA Soil Conservation Service. She held a bachelor's degree from Berea College, loved to cook and bake pies, and sing in church. She is survived by her son, Kevin Dewayne Alexander of Somerset; and two grandchildren. Thelma was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Alexander, who passed away in 1994.</p>
Beck	<p>Honorary Senior Conservationist and member Roy Richard Beck (92) passed away on July 2, 2012. Roy was a native of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and was a 1942 graduate of Penn State University. He served as an officer in the United States Navy during WWII. Roy spent most of his SCS/NRCS career in North Carolina. He served as District Conservationist in the Waynesville Field Office and transferred to Greenville, NC in 1962 where he served as District Conservationist until his retirement in 1979. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Greenville and the Moose Lodge. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Rosalie Tadych Beck; two daughters, Kathy Beck and Tina Provenzale. Roy is survived by his wife of 6 years, Lib Rhodes Beck; son, Tom (Leta) Beck of Winterville, NC; daughters, Nancy Wheeler of Greenville, and Mary Jo (Joseph) Walker of Belle Glade, FL; eight grandchildren; and twelve great-grandchildren.</p>
Black	<p>(Myrtle) LaVerne Black (81) of Belton, Texas passed away July 30, 2012 at her home. She was a graduate of Southwest State Teachers College (aka Texas State University). After graduation from college she married her high school sweetheart, Glen Black. LaVerne worked in several jobs including a teaching career in Home Economics and elementary schools in Texas, Iowa, and Virginia. She taught youth Sunday school and in the last 25 years taught a Senior Adult Ladies Bible class. She is survived by her husband of 59 and one-half years, Glen who retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1987 as Assistant Director of the South National Technical Center. Also surviving are two sons Gregory (Michele) Black of Edwardsburg, Michigan and Michael (Jean) Black of Bristol, Tennessee, three grandsons, one granddaughter and two great grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Lakeview Baptist Church Building Fund, 7717 State Hwy 317 Belton, Texas 76513 or Scott and White Hospice 2401 South 31st Street, Temple, Texas 76508.</p>
Butler	<p>Mearldine M. (Roker) Butler (87) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away on July 27, 2012. She retired from the Soil Conservation Service. Mearldine was the former secretary in the old E&WP Unit. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elwin Butler. Mearldine requested no services, and asked in lieu of flowers that memorials be made to the Capital Humane Society or Aldersgate Methodist Church.</p>
Campbell	<p>Richard W. Campbell (74) of Mahomet, Illinois passed away on June 7, 2012. Dick is survived by his wife of 55 years, Elsie Mae Campbell who retired from the Personnel Staff in the SCS Illinois state office in 1993. Memorials may be made to Our Lady of the Lake Church, Mahomet, or to that of your choice.</p>
Hatfield	<p>William F. Hatfield (72) of Mt. Morris, Pennsylvania passed away on July 7, 2012, in his home. Mr. Hatfield was a graduate of West Virginia University and was an avid Mountaineer fan. He retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1994 after 33 years of service. Surviving are his wife of 48 years, Janice Ford Hatfield, a daughter, a son, and two grandchildren. The family suggest memorials be made to Primary Care Center, Mt. Morris, PA 15349. Information is online at www.milliken-throckmortonfh.com.</p>
Hayden	<p>Senior Conservationist and member Rodney V. Hayden (90) of Howard, Ohio passed away on July 17, 2012. Rodney graduated from The Ohio State University in 1949. He served in the U.S. Army in the 34th Infantry Division and was stationed in Italy during World War II. He was awarded the Bronze Star for valor in action. Rodney operated a dairy farm in Knox County in the 1950s and 1960s. He served on the Amity Local School Board and the Knox County Board of Education. Following his Army service and OSU graduation he was employed by the USDA Soil Conservation Service in several Ohio counties as a soil scientist and a soil conservationist. He retired in 1982 as a District Conservationist in Licking County. Following his retirement from SCS, he operated Haydens' Haven Tree Farm with family members. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Marie; son, James V. (Janet L.) Hayden of Powell and two granddaughters. He was preceded in death by a son, John E. Hayden. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mount Vernon Central Church of Christ, 1005 Harcourt Road, Mount Vernon, OH 43050; or the American Cancer Society, 555 Frantz Road, Dublin, OH 43017.</p>
Hudson	<p>Jay Marion "Fuzzy" Hudson (68) Osborne, Kansas passed away on August 7, 2012, at his home. He was a retired truck driver at K-W Trucking. He also served in the U.S. Army. Survivors include his wife, Sandy (Foster) Hudson, former Soil Conservation Technician at Osborne, two daughters, and a son, 10 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Memorials are suggested to Rebecca Morrison House, Salina, or Osborne County Track, Osborne.</p>

Kelsick	Ralph B. Kelsick, Jr. (83) of Grandin, Missouri passed away on February 7, 2012. Ralph served in the U.S. Navy on U.S.S. PCEC-882 during the Korean War. He retired as a Watershed Civil Engineering Technician for the Soil Conservation Service. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Charlene Kelsick of Grandin, MO; a son, two daughters, and eight grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.
Kreuz	Theodore Edward "Ted" Kreuz (93) of Victoria, Texas passed away May 15, 2012. He worked 34 years for Soil Conservation Service retiring from the SCS in the Port Lavaca Field Office in 1976. Ted served his country in the United States Army during World War II. Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Helen Laake Kreuz of Victoria; three daughters, a son, 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 4102 N. Ben Jordan, Victoria, Texas, 77901.
Krone	Paul Benjamin Krone (62) of Champaign, Illinois formerly of Westphalia, Missouri, passed away on June 27, 2012. Paul received his bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri in 1972. He retired in December 2011 as the NRCS District Conservationist at Watseka, Illinois. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Diane, and their two sons. Those wishing to email tributes or condolences to the family may do so at www.dulletrimbble.com .
Lile	Jeanean Edwards Lile (76) of Durham, North Carolina passed away on August 18, 2012 after a valiant battle with cancer. She earned a degree in Home Economics from the University of Tennessee at Martin in 1956. While in college she met the love of her life, Harold Lile . Harold retired as the State Administrative Officer for SCS in North Carolina. She is survived by her husband of 56 years, four children, and nine grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, please make any desired contribution to the Triangle Church of Christ Campus Ministry or to Susan G. Komen for the Cure.
Mahler	Billie Bob Mahler (85) of Belton, Texas passed away at his home on May 14, 2012. Bob was a member of the class of '47 at Texas A&M University where he was a member of the Corps of Cadets. He served in the occupation of Germany after WWII with the U.S. Army. Bob earned his degree in Agronomy in 1949 from Texas A&M. He worked for the Soil Conservation Service in Giddings, Caldwell, and Temple retiring as the State Auditor. Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Suma Ann Bowles Mahler , a daughter, two sons, and eight grandchildren.
Munthe	Corrine Ann Munthe (69) of Altoona, Wisconsin passed away on July 24, 2012, after a very long and difficult battle with Mantle Cell Lymphoma. She graduated from New Richmond High School in 1961 and was crowned New Richmond's Corn Festival Queen that same year. Corrine is survived by three children and her husband of 48 years, Steve , who retired from the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Friends may offer condolences online at www.fullerspeckienhulke.com .
Pasley	Member Robert Mark Pasley (80) of Glenwood, Maryland, passed away on July 15, 2012. He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Mary M. Elefsiades Pasley . Bob enjoyed a 32 year career as an engineer with the Soil Conservation Service, retiring in 1988 as Assistant Director of the Engineering Division. He was an active member of the Howard County Living Farm Heritage Museum. In addition to his wife, he is survived by one son, George , of Ketchikan, AK; five daughters: Lynn (Dan) Cantrell of Seattle, WA, Merry Lu of Lebo, KS, Eva (Jim) Baseley of Thurmont, MD, Jacqueline of Silver Spring, MD, and Yvonne (Richard) Thomas of Gaithersburg, MD; and eight grandchildren. Memorial gifts in Bob's name may be given to Howard County Living Farm Heritage Museum or Ketchikan Presbyterian Church.
Pennay	Richard Pennay (85) of Liverpool, Pennsylvania passed away on June 29, 2012. Richard worked for ASCS in Harrisburg for many years as the state ACP leader. He was often told he was an honorary SCS employee. He is survived by his wife Louise , six children, 13 grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.
Peterson	Senior Conservationist and member Charles Warren Peterson (90) of Lincoln, Nebraska passed away on August 9, 2012. He served as a medic in the European Theatre during WWII from July 1942 - November 1945. Chuck also served during the Korean Conflict. He completed his B.S. in Agronomy from the University of Nebraska in 1952 and worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service until he retired as an Area Conservationist at Watertown, SD in 1985. He was a lifelong Husker football fan – he attended his first Nebraska football game at Memorial Stadium in 1935. Charles is preceded in death by his wife, Mary, with whom he shared 62 years of marriage. He is survived by daughters, Patricia Ann (Ron) Pryor of Arlington, Texas; Collen Anne (Martin) Swanson of Bellevue, Nebraska; Mary Elizabeth Peterson and husband Stan Vogel of Papillion, Nebraska; Deborah Ann Peterson of Omaha, Nebraska; Jacqueline Renee Peterson and husband Robert Sherry of Dallas, Texas; sons, Terrence Charles and wife Renee (deceased) of Lincoln, Nebraska; Shawn Thomas and wife Cindy Spring of Albuquerque, New Mexico; and six grandchildren. Memorials are suggested to the American Lung Association or to the Pink Sisters Adoration Convent in Lincoln, Nebraska.

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Rubel	Elda M. Rubel (75) of Belmont, Ohio passed away on August 26, 2012 at her home. She is survived by her husband, Neil Rubel , retired Soil Survey Party Leader with the Soil Conservation Service in Ohio. Also surviving are two sons, Darrell Rubel of Westerville, OH and Eric Rubel of Belmont. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's UCC, 51736 German Ridge Road, Powhatan Point, OH 43942 or to Concord Presbyterian Church, c/o Ruth Hart, 45239 Hart Road, Belmont, OH 43718. Sympathy expressions at grisellfuneralhomes.com .
Segler	Ida Leone Elliott Segler (91) of Fort Worth, Texas passed away June 16, 2012. Ida retired from the Human Resources Department with Soil Conservation Service after more than 29 years of service. She will be missed by her family and former co-workers.
Steinhorst	Dean Steinhorst (82) passed away on August 1, 2012 at UW Hospital in Madison as a result of a tractor accident. Dean graduated from Reedsburg High School in 1948. He retired from the Soil Conservation Service in Viroqua (later transferring to Baraboo) where he worked with landowners and individuals on environmental problems and concerns for 32 years. After retiring in 1992 he was elected Mayor of the City of Baraboo, a position he held until 2004. He also held numerous civic and volunteer positions. In gratitude for all of his contributions to the Baraboo Community, a city park was dedicated in his honor. Loved ones who have gone before him include his loving wife of 44 years, Mary . Dean is survived by two daughters, a son, nine grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren.
Weber	Honorary Senior Conservationist and member Chris A. Weber (92) passed away on November 21, 2011. He graduated from Colorado A&M (CSU). Chris was a radar repairman in the Army from 1942 to 1945. On his return from Italy, Chris taught vocational agriculture at various high schools. He worked for the Soil Conservation Service from 1947 until his retirement to Loveland in 1975, retiring as a District Conservationist. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Joan ; son, Doug (Jory) Weber of Arvada; step son, Rob (Lori) Nedbalek of Huntley, MT; step daughters, Sandy (Jerry) Bernhardt of Loveland, Bonnie (Lowell) Jacobsen of Ft. Collins; as well as 13 devoted grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandson. He was preceded in death by a grandson and his first wife, Helen Sierawski . In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Freedom Honor Flight or the Elks Lodge in care of Allnutt Funeral Service. Please view the online obituary, send condolences and sign the family guest book at www.allnutt.com .
Wright	John Allen Wright (79) of Brownwood, Texas passed away on June 2, 2012. John served in the United States Marine Corps in California and Korea until being honorably discharged in 1956. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Southwest Texas State Teachers College in 1958 and a Master of Science from Texas A&M University in 1962. John worked for the U.S.D.A. Soil Conservation Service for 30 years, retiring in 1985. He served across Texas at offices in Cotulla, Haskell, San Saba, Snyder, Archer City, Amarillo, settling at Brownwood in 1978, where he remained until retiring. John is survived by his wife of 53 years, Joanna , of the home; a son, a daughter and a granddaughter.