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NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Arnold King

Emphasis on environmental concerns seem to increase regardless of efforts by NRCS and other action agencies and groups. NACD and a coalition of leading conservation groups recently delivered a letter to Congress urging them to support conservation programs and technical assistance. My point is the old saying "conservation doesn't cost – it pays" is still as relevant now as it was fifty years ago, and Congress knows it. Because of this, we will continue to have a good supply of retirees to join and support ARCSE. Our challenge is to make them aware of the organization and give them reason to join. There are a couple of excellent books (historical perspectives) now available that you might be interested in reading.



Tom Christensen, NRCS deputy chief, retired, recently released the executive summary of a book he has been commissioned to write for NACD. His book emphasizes how NRCS delivers conservation programs at the grass roots level. Click on the link for a review of the book. <https://indd.adobe.com/view/a7cc2748-1e2c-4eec-bef8-a9557318df5d>

And **Larry Butler**, retired Texas State Conservationist, recently completed his book containing stories of people and circumstances that influenced his life and his dedication to conservation. Larry's book is available at www.outontheland.com.

The job of filling positions on the ARCSE board and support members is a never-ending process. **David Buland** has worked diligently to redesign and update the ARCSE website. His work is greatly appreciated, but feels he needs to resign and turn his job over to someone else. So, we are looking for someone with those highly specialized skills to fill his shoes as webmaster. In the meantime, we have our SWCS intern, **Jordyn**, who is highly skilled and can complete the job of updating the website.

We will soon be in full swing to make plans for the annual board meeting to be held in concert with the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) meeting at Denver during the first week of August.

NOTES FROM THE POTOMAC

Doug Lawrence and Patty Lawrence

Greetings from our new home in Cabin John, Maryland. The move was absolutely exhausting: I forgot how old I am. Given the supply chain issues the global economy has been dealing with, be sure to shop early for Christmas gifts. Patty and I hope you will be able to share a fabulous Thanksgiving with friends and family.

2022 Federal Retiree Cost of Living adjustment –

The 2022 Federal retiree cost of living adjustment (COLA) will be 5.9 percent for those under the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and 4.9 percent for those under the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS). The last time the COLA for Federal retirees neared this figure was in 2009 when CSRS retirees received 5.8 percent and FERS retirees received 4.8 percent. In 2021, the COLA for both CSRS and FERS retirees was 1.3 percent.

RIPE100 Program – A coalition of agricultural organizations, backed by funding from a handful of foundations, has formed a new group to champion the creation of a voluntary USDA climate change program to pay farmers \$100 an acre per year, or more, to apply conservation practices on their farms. The program is designed to reward farmers for the full public value of their conservation practices. The group said, "the voluntary federal program would pay for improved soil health, cleaner water, biodiversity and other environmental services, including carbon sequestration." "This is a first-of-its-kind policy that will help farmers invest in environmental improvements while mitigating the risk of implementing a new practice," said **Brandon Hunnicutt**, RIPE steering committee chair and Nebraska farmer who is active in state and national commodity associations. Current carbon market payments average about \$15 per ton of carbon sequestration. RIPE makes the case that farmers should be paid more to implement climate-smart conservation practices. Climate policies

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increase input costs, the group stated, and current incentive payments do not cover the costs of implementing practices to lower emissions and sequester carbon. A \$100 per-acre or \$100 per-animal unit payment floor, RIPE claims, would reflect the public beneficial value of conservation practices. To put the \$100 an acre plan into context, if USDA were to create a new program and enroll 100 million acres, it would cost more than \$10 billion annually.

USDA's entire spending on conservation programs in fiscal year 2020 was about \$8.2 billion, including the three major programs: the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) at \$2 billion; Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) at \$1.75 billion; and USDA's Conservation Stewardship (CSP), which cost a record \$2.2 billion in Fiscal Year 2020. In comparison, CRP, which idles land for 10- to 15-year contracts, has 20.5 million acres enrolled, paying an average rate of \$83.36 an acre. General CRP sign up pays about \$54 an acre.

Currently, the conservation language in the House budget reconciliation bill called for increasing spending by \$28 billion through 2030, or a boost of about \$3.5 billion a year. Among the proposals in the bill is a plan that would pay farmers up to \$25 an acre to plant cover crops. However, as Democrats in Congress negotiate the overall size of the reconciliation bill, the conservation proposals could be pared down.

Private carbon credit programs, which are still small in numbers, are paying farmers on average about \$15 a ton, which breaks down to even less per acre. RIPE stated that the group backs private carbon markets, in addition to the development of a far more expansive government program.

The RIPE group has members of its board and advisory committee from several agricultural organizations. Specific groups that are part of the RIPE steering committee include the Iowa Corn Growers Association, the National Black Farmers Association, Arkansas Rice Federation, North Dakota Grain Growers Association, Minnesota Farmers Union, and North Dakota Farmers Union.

Kernza and Conservation – Many of you may have heard about the development of a perennial wheat plant by the Land Institute that could, if its market grows significantly, help reduce erosion and associated runoff. Minnesota has one of the largest concentrations of Kernza acres in the world, and it is still only about 1,000 acres, according to the Land Institute. Other states with sizable acreage include Kansas with 700 acres and Montana with 400 acres. Currently, there are only about 4,000 acres of Kernza grown worldwide. Kernza has several production challenges. Grain yield is measured in pounds per acre rather than bushels. Yields can run from a few hundred pounds an acre to roughly 800 pounds. The kernels are small, difficult to hull and can be prone to shattering. Widespread commercial adoption of Kernza will not happen overnight. If Kernza is going to become a significant commercial product, the yields will need to increase, and the productive life of a stand will need to be extended.

Some of the biggest champions in Minnesota of Kernza as a crop are county soil and water conservation district managers such as **Doug Bos**, assistant director of the Rock County Soil and Water Conservation District in Luverne, Minnesota. The crop provides a market opportunity within Minnesota's 50-foot buffer law around lakes, rivers, and streams, as well as other strategic locations near community wells to provide a balance in markets for farmers while improving water quality. Communities in Pipestone County have planted dozens of acres of Kernza around their wellheads and are starting to see some positive results in lowering nitrate levels, Bos said.

"We're trying to figure out how to help farmers pay for their rent and make a living," Bos said. "If we can find a way for them to do it through a new type of crop and improve water quality, it's a win-win."

Dennis Fuchs, administrator for the Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District, said his county had a couple of communities – Melrose and Cold Spring – with elevated nitrates that were trending in the wrong direction. "If we can plant this in strategic locations on the landscape, that's going to provide us the ecosystem services that are going to save us a ton of money," Fuchs said.

In prior work at a University of Minnesota research lab, Fuchs said studies show there were minimal nitrate concentrations coming off tile lines under perennial crops such as alfalfa. So now attention is turning to Kernza. Fuchs noted that corn and soybeans will remain the dominant crops, but for communities, Kernza can save a great deal of cost in trying to remove nitrates from the water supplies.

CONSERVATION PROGRAMS UPDATE—Recurring conservation themes dominating the news cycle in this latest period were equity, recovery and relief, and climate change. USDA is seeking to establish a new FACA to advise the Secretary on systemic barriers to equity and inclusion, and several program announcements during the period focused on historically underserved clients. Recovery and relief efforts driven by historic drought and heat in the West gave rise to significant interest across the political divide, culminating in broad support for disaster relief in the continuing resolution passed in late September, which even included a \$275 million bump for Emergency Watershed Protection activities. Efforts to accelerate opportunities to mitigate and adapt to climate change continues to lead discussions and USDA released its climate adaptation and resilience plan in early October. Building resilience across landscapes with investments in soil and forest health is the lead cross-cutting action defined in the plan, and conservation has a pivotal role to play.

Equity—On August 25, 2021, USDA announced up to \$50 million in Racial Justice and Equity Conservation Cooperative Agreements to support historically underserved farmers and ranchers with climate-smart agriculture and forestry. The two-year projects are intended to help with implementing conservation practices that:

- Improve soil health
- Improve water quality
- Provide habitat for local wildlife species of concern
- Improve the environmental and economic performance of working agricultural land; and
- Build and strengthen local food projects that provide healthy food and economic opportunities.

Entities who provide outreach assistance to historically underserved groups are eligible to apply. Applications were due October 25, 2021. You can see the full announcement at

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=335400>

On August 30, 2021, USDA announced it was accepting applications from intermediary lenders for loans through FSA's new Heirs' Property Relending Program (HPRP) through **October 29, 2021**. Cooperatives, credit unions, and nonprofit organizations were encouraged to apply for these competitive loans, which ultimately will help agricultural producers and landowners resolve heirs' land ownership and succession challenges.

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/news-room/news-releases/2021/lenders-can-now-apply-for-new-heirs-property-relending-program>

On September 24, 2021, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), USDA announced the intent to establish an Equity Commission (EC) including a Subcommittee on Agriculture. The EC will advise the Secretary of Agriculture by identifying critical USDA programs, policies, systems, structures, and practices that are barriers to inclusion or access, systemic discrimination, or exacerbate or perpetuate racial, economic, health, and social disparities. Nominations are due by **October 27, 2021**. You can read the full notice at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/09/27/2021-20840/intent-to-establish-an-equity-commission-and-solicitation-of-nominations-for-membership-on-the>

On October 7, 2021, USDA announced \$4.7 million to establish partnerships with organizations to provide outreach and technical assistance to historically underserved farmers and ranchers to support participation in Farm Service Agency (FSA) programs. Fifty-six project proposals, covering all states and territories, are being finalized.

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/news-room/news-releases/2021/usda-invests-4-7-million-to-provide-outreach-and-technical-assistance-to-historically-underserved-farmers-and-ranchers>

Recovery and Relief—September 27, 2021, USDA announced recovery efforts for farmers, ranchers and residents affected by Hurricane Ida. USDA staff are on the ground in the hardest hit areas and are ready to help communities and agricultural operations rebuild however we can.

<https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2021/09/27/usda-assists-farmers-ranchers-and-communities-affected-hurricane>

September 29, 2021, USDA announced \$3 billion in investments to address challenges facing America's agricultural producers, including drought, animal health, market disruptions for agricultural commodities, and school food supply chain issues. Of the total about \$500 million is targeted to support drought recovery and encourage the adoption of water-smart management practices. This assistance will target challenges related to water supply and record-breaking drought and enable USDA's Farm Production and Conservation agencies to deliver much needed relief and design drought resilience efforts.

<https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2021/09/29/usda-announces-3-billion-investment-agriculture-animal-health-and>

Climate Change—On September 24, 2021, USDA announced nearly \$75 million for 15 Regional Conservation Partnership Program's (RCPP) Alternative Funding Arrangements (AFA) projects to address natural resource concerns on private lands. This year's projects focus on climate-smart agriculture and forestry and other conservation priorities as well as improving access for historically underserved producers.

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/newsroom/releases/?cid=NRCSEPRD1829258>

September 29, 2021, USDA published a Request for Information (RFI) seeking public input on design of a Climate-Smart Agriculture and Forestry Partnership Initiative that will finance the deployment of climate-smart farming and forestry practices to aid in the marketing of climate-smart agricultural commodities. USDA will support pilot projects that implement climate smart conservation practices on working lands and quantify and monitor the carbon and greenhouse gas benefits associated with those practices. Public input is requested to inform decision making and enhance the design of the initiative. Comments may be provided on or before 11:59pm EST on **November 1, 2021**. You can see the full notice at <https://www.regulations.gov/document/USDA-2021-0010-0001>

On October 6, 2021, USDA announced more than \$146 million investment in sustainable agricultural research projects aimed at improving a robust, resilient, climate-smart food and agricultural system through NIFA's Sustainable Agricultural Systems program.

<https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2021/10/06/usda-announces-more-146m-investment-sustainable-agricultural>

On October 7, 2021, USDA released its climate adaptation and resilience plan describing how USDA will prepare for current and future impacts of climate change. The Adaptation Plan identifies key climate threats to agriculture and forestry and outlines five cross-cutting adaptation actions USDA can take:

1. Build resilience across landscapes with investments in soil and forest health
2. Increase outreach and education to promote adoption and application of climate-smart adaptation strategies
3. Broaden access to and availability of climate data at regional and local scales for USDA Mission Areas, producers, land managers, and other stakeholders
4. Increase support for research and development of climate-smart practices and technologies to inform USDA and help producers and land managers adapt to a changing climate
5. Leverage the USDA Climate Hubs as a framework to support USDA Mission Areas in delivering adaptation science, technology, and tools

You can read the plan at <https://www.sustainability.gov/pdfs/usda-2021-cap.pdf>

On October 12, 2021, USDA announced \$10 million in a new initiative to sample, measure, and monitor soil carbon on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres to quantify the climate outcomes of the program. CRP is an important tool in the Nation's fight to reduce the worst impacts of climate change facing our farmers, ranchers, and foresters. This initiative will begin implementation in fall 2021 with three partners. The announcement is part of a long-term soil carbon monitoring effort across agricultural lands that supports USDA's commitment to deliver climate solutions to agricultural producers and rural America through voluntary, incentive-based solutions.

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/news-room/news-releases/2021/usda-launches-first-phase-of-soil-carbon-monitoring-efforts-through-conservation-reserve-program-initiative>

Bits and Bobs—On September 10, 2021, USDA announced that more than 2.5 million acres were enrolled through this year's Grassland Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Signup. This is double last year's enrollment and brings the total acres enrolled across all CRP signups in 2021 to more than 5.3 million acres.

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/news-room/news-releases/2021/usda-accepts-more-than-2-5-million-acres-in-grassland-crp-signup-double-last-years-signup>

On October 5, 2021, USDA announced the selection of recipients for more than \$6.6 million in grants and cooperative agreements through the Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production. Most of the award (\$4.75 million) went to 21 Planning Projects and Implementation Projects in 13 states. The remaining \$1.92 million went to 24 pilot projects to develop and implement strategies for municipal compost plans and food waste reduction plans in 15 states. You can see the complete list of grant and agreement recipients and project summaries at <https://www.farmers.gov/your-business/urban/opportunities>

October 19, 2021, USDA and EPA announced the winners of the Next Gen Fertilizer Innovations Challenge, the second of a two-part, joint USDA-EPA Partnership and Competition on Enhanced Efficiency Fertilizers (EEFs) to Advance Agricultural Sustainability in the United States. The winning concepts included a range of solutions that can improve environmental outcomes while maintaining or increasing crop yields. You can read more about the challenge and challenge winners at

<https://www.epa.gov/innovation/next-gen-fertilizer-challenges>

USDA SENIOR STAFF APPOINTMENTS—Linda Delgado, Senior Advisor in the Office of the Secretary – Delgado most recently served as the Director of Government Affairs at Oxfam America. Delgado is returning to USDA, having previously served as the Chief of Staff to the Deputy Secretary and a Senior Advisor to the Secretary from 1998 to 2001. She has extensive experience in environmental, agricultural and forestry issues as a Fellow at Ecotrust, a Senior Fellow at the World Resources Institute, and the Co-Director of the Forest Program and Global Forest Watch.

Marni Karlin, Senior Advisor for Organic and Emerging Markets – Karlin joins USDA with two decades of experience in policy and the organic and emerging agricultural markets space – including consulting with stakeholders across the organic sector from producers to certifiers, service as Vice President of Government Affairs and General Counsel of the Organic Trade Association and serving as the founding Executive Director of the Controlled Environment Agriculture Food Safety Coalition. Karlin also has a certification in global organic leadership from the International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM) Organic Leadership Academy.

Marcia Moore, Director of the Office of the Executive Secretariat – Moore previously served as the Chief of Personnel and Administration and a Committee Management Senior Analyst at the Department of Defense. Moore returns to USDA where she previously managed the Agricultural Research Service's Office of Scientific Quality Review, USDA's Committee Management Program, and environmental policy analysis.

<https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2021/09/30/us-department-agriculture-announces-key-staff>

Xochitl Torres Small, Under Secretary for Rural Development – Representative Torres Small was confirmed by the Senate on October 12, 2021. Secretary Vilsack released a statement noting that Under Secretary Torres Small represents the heart and soul of rural communities. In this role, she will serve as an unwavering voice for millions of rural Americans and drive the effort to revitalize rural economies by implementing President Biden's aggressive plans under Build Back Better.

<https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2021/10/12/statement-agriculture-secretary-tom-vilsack-confirmation>

First Installment of Farm Service Agency and Rural Development State Directors – Five Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Directors and seven Rural Development (RD) State Directors.

<https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2021/10/12/usda-announces-first-installment-farm-service-agency-and-rural>

ON THE HILL—Press Releases:

- In response to USDA's **September 29th** announcement of \$3 billion to target challenges facing agriculture:
 - Chairman **Scott** of the House Agriculture Committee commended USDA for addressing ongoing challenges facing agriculture from drought and livestock disease to supply chain disruptions. It is clear that the scope of this drought has overwhelmed our standing disaster programs, and supply chain issues surfacing before the pandemic have only been exacerbated by the slow recovery around the world. <https://agriculture.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=2313>
 - In the Senate, Chairwoman **Stabenow** of the Senate Committee on Agriculture Nutrition and Forestry stated Not only will USDA resources help farmers recover from drought and prevent the spread of African swine fever disease, they also will fund innovative climate solutions so farmers, ranchers, and foresters can continue to tackle the climate crisis. <https://www.agriculture.senate.gov/newsroom/dem/press/release/chairwoman-stabenow-issues-statement-on-the-usdas-comprehensive-package-of-investments-to-target-urgent-challenges-facing-agriculture>
- In response to the proposed **New Climate Partnership Initiative**:
 - Chairman **Scott** of the House Agriculture Committee stated the announcement made by the USDA that it will be looking to invest vital resources to help ag producers take an active role in these [environmental] markets is an important step that will strengthen our agriculture sector's ability to take advantage of these opportunities. Subcommittee Chair Spanberger noted that Our crop and livestock producers can play a key role in the fight against the climate crisis — and today's announcement from USDA is another positive step in that direction. <https://agriculture.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=2312>
- In the Senate, Senator **Boozman**, Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture Nutrition and Forestry noted concerns with this latest approach that merit bipartisan, bicameral hearings in tandem with USDA's producer outreach efforts, including whether it is appropriate to use Commodity Credit Corporation funds to implement and carry out this program. <https://www.agriculture.senate.gov/newsroom/rep/press/release/ranking-member-boozmans-statement-on-usdas-new-climate-initiative>

On October 7, 2021, Chairman **Scott** of the House Agriculture Committee welcomed the announcement of **Rod Snyder** as EPA Agriculture Advisor: I am very pleased that Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Regan has named Rod Snyder as his Ag Advisor. Formerly with the NCGA, Mr. Snyder most recently led the Field to Market alliance aimed at defining, measuring, and advancing the sustainability of food, fiber and fuel production.

<https://agriculture.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=2323>

On October 8, 2021, Democratic Members of the House Agriculture Committee issued a letter to **President Joseph R. Biden**, House Speaker **Nancy Pelosi** and Majority Leader **Chuck Schumer** emphasizing the need to preserve agricultural provisions of the Build Back Better Act. The provisions include billions for critical investments to mitigate climate change and improve quality of life in rural communities and agricultural education across the country. You can read the letter here

<https://agriculture.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=2327>

Votes and Legislation: On September 15, 2021, Senator Fischer (R, NE) introduced the Precision Agriculture Loan Program Act of 2021 (S.2750), amending the Farm Bill, along with two co-sponsors (Hyde-Smith (R, MS) and Klobuchar (D, MN)). The bill was read and referred to committee and will likely be in the mix of things considered as the committees begin to consider the reauthorization of the Farm Bill in the coming year. You can read more about the bill at <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/2750/text>

On September 23, 2021, the Senate Agriculture Committee voted to advance **Dr. Homer Wilkes** to be Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment. The nomination was placed on Senate Executive Calendar (Calendar No. 362) (Subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate) and awaits approval by the full Senate.

<https://www.agriculture.senate.gov/newsroom/dem/press/release/senate-agriculture-committee-advances-wilkes-to-be-under-secretary-for-natural-resources-and-environment>

On September 30, 2021, Congress passed the continuing resolution to fund the government through December 3, 2021. Democratic leaders of the House Agriculture Committee highlighted their continued support of the inclusion of critical disaster relief funding. The signed bill included the House recommended \$10 billion in support for disaster relief for farmers and ranchers who have suffered losses in 2020 and 2021. The continuing resolution also included \$275 million for the Emergency Watershed Protection Program.

<https://agriculture.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=2316>

On October 21, 2021, a bill to provide additional funding for scholarships for students at 1890 institutions (H.R. 4252) was favorably reported out of the House Agriculture Committee with broad bi-partisan support (45-3). The bill will provide \$100 million in additional funds and make permanent the student scholarship program for students at the nineteen 1890 Colleges and Universities.

<https://agriculture.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=2333>

Hearings: On September 29, 2021, Public Hybrid Hearing of the House Agriculture Committee on "The 2021 Wildland Fire Year: Responding to and Mitigating Threats to Communities" with witness Chief Randy Moore. [You can access the recording here](#)

<https://agriculture.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=2303>

On October 7, 2021, Public Hybrid Hearing of the House Agriculture Committee to "Review the State of the Livestock Industry" with three panels including The Honorable Chuck Grassley (R, IA), The Honorable **Tom Vilsack**, Secretary, USDA, and a group of livestock industry representatives. You can access witness statements here <https://docs.house.gov/Committee/Calendar/ByEvent.aspx?EventID=114110> and listen to the hearing at <https://agriculture.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=2314>

On September 23, 2021, Public Hybrid Hearing of the House Agriculture Committee on **Voluntary Carbon Markets in Agriculture and Forestry**. In his opening statement, Chairman Scott noted ecosystem service markets, including carbon markets, provide an interesting value proposition to producers, business interests, and the public at large...I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge our farm bill conservation programs in this conversation. These programs play a leading role in improving farm productivity, profitability, and environmental stewardship. It is my hope that we can explore how carbon markets can work alongside these programs in the effort to further mitigate climate change. You can access witness statements here

<https://docs.house.gov/Committee/Calendar/ByEvent.aspx?EventID=114059> and listen to the hearing here

<https://agriculture.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=2297>

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Paul Benedict, Membership Chair

New Members

Jim Ayen – Urbandale, Iowa
 Bill Hammitt – Portsmouth, Iowa
 Cathy E. McGuire – Tucson, Arizona
 Richard Rogers – Urbandale, Iowa

New Life Members

Thomas J. Fedewa – Fowler, Michigan
 David V. Buland – Crowley, Texas

ARCSE Complimentary Affiliate membership Now Available to Current NRCS Employees – The ARCSE Officers and Representatives have recently voted to allow current NRCS employees to receive a first year complimentary **Affiliate Membership**. After the first year, membership dues are \$18 per year. Affiliate Members who are NRCS employees become voting Members upon retirement. Information is available here:

<https://arcsecommunications.wordpress.com/join/>

When you have social functions or any other time that you see new retirees from NRCS, be sure to remind them that they also are eligible for a one-year complimentary membership in ARCSE if they have not previously been a member. All that is required is that they submit a membership application. This one-year complimentary membership includes receiving the bimonthly electronic newsletter. Membership applications may be printed out from this link:

<https://arcsecommunications.files.wordpress.com/2021/09/applicationformembership2021.pdf>

MEMBERSHIP DUES AND ADDITIONAL FEES FOR PRINTED NEWSLETTER are due Jan. 1st, 2022.

For your convenience ARCSE annual dues and hard copy fees can be paid by credit card:

<https://arcsecommunications.wordpress.com/renew/>

You still can pay by check as in the past. Mail checks to: ARCSE, PO Box 8965, Moscow, ID 83843

2022 Dues Notice to Members receiving the newsletter by printed copy: A dues notice is included with the hard copy newsletter (cut it out). Please follow the instructions on the notice concerning the address label information to determine if your dues are due.

2022 Additional Fee for Printed Copy: All members (life members, honorary members and those who pay annual dues) who desire a printed copy of the newsletter must pay an additional fee of \$12.00 per year. Since many of you have already paid, please follow the instructions on the dues notice concerning the address label information to determine if you must pay the additional fee. This \$12.00 will help offset ARCSE annual costs of over \$20.00 per member to print and distribute the printed newsletter.

2022 Dues Notice to Members receiving the electronic newsletter: Members receiving the electronic newsletter whose dues are due will receive a separate email from ARCSE with a dues notice attached (WATCH FOR IT).

Life Members, honorary members, and members who have already paid their 2022 dues will receive an email assuring you that your membership dues are paid.

DEADLINE FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS IS DECEMBER 25TH, 2021.

ARCSE MEMBERSHIP DUES Due by January 1st, 2022

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

NOTE: Dues payment includes receipt of the bimonthly electronic newsletter only. All members (both life members and those who pay annual dues) who desire a hard copy of the newsletter must pay an additional fee of \$12.00 per year.
Please submit Dues to ARCSE at P.O. Box 8965 Moscow, ID 83843

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Earl Norton, ARCSE Representative

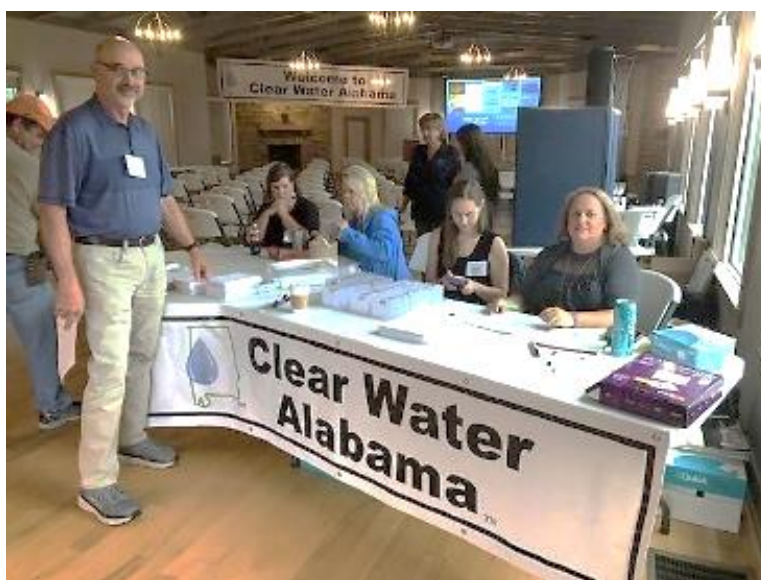
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Our local group in Auburn continues to meet monthly on the first Monday for breakfast at Chappy's and we are seeing the same small group (4-5) of regulars attend. News about our retirees continues to be short since most colleagues are staying close to home and generally avoiding crowds.

Exceptions to avoiding crowds are Perry Oakes, retired Alabama State Conservation Engineer; Bill Puckett, retired Alabama State Conservationist; and Earl Norton, retired Alabama State Resource Conservationist. During the late summer, Perry, Bill, and Earl attended meetings of the Alabama Association of Conservation Districts and the Southeast NACD Southeast at Gulf Shores State Park, AL, the Alabama Water Resources Conference at Orange Beach, AL and Clear Water Alabama at Cullman, AL. Bill is the Executive Director of the Alabama Soil and Water Conservation Committee and provides great leadership for several state-wide programs and Alabama's 67 conservation districts. Perry and Earl provide leadership to the Alabama Erosion and Sediment Control Partnership program that is providing technology to the construction stormwater sector.

Latest statistics on two Alabama items of high interest to many people: (1) mid-October unemployment = 3.1%; (2) fully vaccinated for COVID-19 = 44%. With the low unemployment, it is amazing at the number of "Hiring" and "Help needed" signs posted at many of our service businesses such as restaurants. Regarding vaccinations, efforts to encourage vaccinations have increased during the past month, while new cases and hospitalizations have significantly reduced. Some are very reluctant to be vaccinated, especially by those in rural areas.

Our NRCS/SCS colleagues were saddened to learn that **Glenn Hickman**, retired Alabama Assistant State Soil Scientist, died on October 15th. Glenn worked on a number of progressive soil surveys as a highly productive soil scientist. He made many friends in his various jobs and was recognized as a good listener and a devoted professional reflecting his love of our land resources. See the In Memoriam section for more details.



Perry Oakes, Erosion and Sediment Control Program Coordinator for the Alabama Erosion and Sediment Control Partnership, and registration workers prepare for Clear Water Alabama. The two-day program had 98 participants in the seminar and 75 participants in the field day.

ARIZONA

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Ken Cookson Report: My wife and I have been doing quite a lot of traveling – driving trips – this summer. Our first trip was into California. We went to Yosemite National Park and enjoyed the spectacular sites. Because of the lack of rainfall, all the falls were reduced to a trickle. We then went to the Sacramento area to visit relatives and do some wine tasting and a boat ride on the Sacramento River. From there we went to South Lake Tahoe. Fires were burning south and north of the Lake Tahoe area, and there was some smoke (It became much worse after we left, and South Lake Tahoe was evacuated). We then traveled to the Redwoods north of Santa Rosa and drove through the Avenue of the Giants, one of our favorite drives since these trees are so magnificent. We went north of Eureka to see the Roosevelt elk and were lucky enough to see them. To get back home we drove down the coastal highway, stopping in Monterey to do the 17-mile drive near Pebble Beach, and a little further down the coast some wine tasting near Paso Robles. We stopped for lunch at a small town on the coast and next to it was a service station. The gas price was \$7.50 per gallon, the highest price we saw anywhere by nearly \$3.00 a gallon. The nearest town was about 40 miles away. A memorable trip!

Our next trip was to Santa Fe, one of our favorite places. We always go to Los Alamos and marvel at what was accomplished there. From Los Alamos we travel to the Valles Caldera, a very unique area. We had hoped to see some elk but didn't see any. We drove down the Jimenez Mountain and enjoyed many of the red rocks and formations.

Our high school class of '56 was celebrating the 65th year since graduation. We had 32 in our class, and 13 of us with spouses met for a reunion. This is the first time I have ever been at a meeting where everybody was at least 82 years young or older. Fond memories!

Our last trip was to Sedona, AZ. This is a spectacular area of red rocks with many formations that highlight the beauty of the area. It is a very popular tourist area, and October is one of the busiest months. We were staying in the Village of Oak Creek, seven miles south of Sedona; and every morning we would drive into Sedona past Bell Rock with the sun behind us, giving us spectacular views of the area. We like to go to Winslow to the LaPosada Hotel for lunch, about 100 miles away. Years ago, Winslow was a stop by passenger trains for people to go to the restaurant in this hotel. The servers were the famous Harvey Girls. The hotel has numerous memorabilia from that era. Other places we visited were Flagstaff and Cottonwood. We also did a lot of driving around the area to view the red rocks and the beautiful scenery.

We felt safe in our travels. Numerous places had signs posted requiring face masks, and we almost always had our face masks on when we left our vehicle. Many of the people we encountered also wore face masks, but this varied by the state we were in. Hopefully, more people will get vaccinated so that someday, soon, masks won't be necessary.

ARKANSAS

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Arkansas retirees. Front L-R: Bob Price, Ralph Mashburn, Ken Ziegler, Bill Garner. Second row: Dick Babeu, Bill Townsend, Larry Ward, Sid Lowrance, David Tencleve, Burthel Thomas. Back row: Tom Fortner, Charles Fultz, Bob Young, Anderson Neal, Ronnie Keener. Bob Price, our president, set up the arrangements again for the Arkansas Retirees' annual luncheon meeting on September 16th, 2021 at the Thompson Library in west Little Rock. Attendance was 20, counting the ladies. The delicious Mexican Food buffet was catered by "Doe's Eat Place."



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Association of Retired Conservation Service Employees and FACEBOOK

By Julie MacSwain

Thanks to our Intern Jordyn Rodriguez, ARCSE has a FACEBOOK Site.



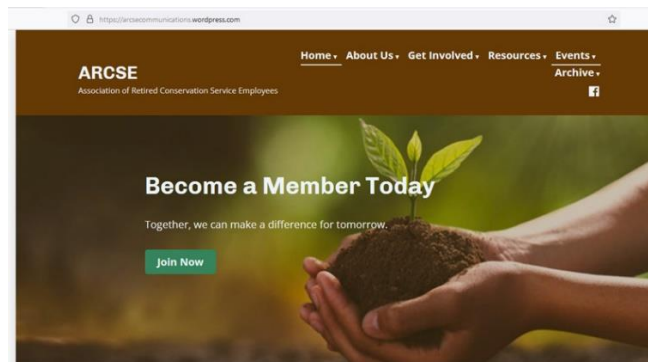
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Now that ARCSE has a FACEBOOK site, we have another way to connect with one another.

If you have any questions, please email me at arcsecommunications@gmail.com

Also check out the newly revamped ARCSE Web Site: arcse.org.



Picture sharing available for ARCSE members

By Julie MacSwain, ARCSE President-Elect

In the last few months, a photo sharing site has been developed by **Jordyn Rodriguez**, an intern for SWCS and ARCSE. The platform that was used to share photos is Flickr. Flickr is a photo-sharing platform and social network where users can upload photos for others to see.

As an organization we now have the ability to share our picture memories. Our Flickr account currently has a total of 499 photos uploaded to the Flickr site. To view our Flickr site for ARCSE Communications, please click-in on the following link:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/193466003@N08/albums>.

Keep our Flickr site in mind as you go about planning ARCSE events. If you would like to share your photos, simply email **Julie MacSwain** at juliemacswain@gmail.com. Please send the photo as a jpeg file. Remember to include a photo caption for each of the photo files that are shared.

Thank you!—Julie

ARKANSAS Report, cont'd

We enjoyed visiting together as shown below.



Anderson Neal is telling how things are and giving advice to one table.



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Randy Childress, NRCS Assistant State Conservationist, gave us an update on NRCS programs, including the increased funding for Watershed Projects.



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Charles Fultz set a good example by wearing his mask before we started eating.

Charles and Ralph Mashburn remembered getting training from **Zig Ziglar** staff in Texas and then giving that training to all Arkansas NRCS employees. That included urging each person to "Do a checkup from the neck-up to eliminate stinking thinking and avoid hardening of the attitude."

Bill Gardner gave us an interesting presentation on his hobby of restoring old tractors.



Ralph Mashburn remembers that the first tractor his Dad trusted him to drive was this Ford 9N shown above when he was 14 years old. Before that, he mainly chopped cotton and was only allowed to drive a team of mules on a fertilizer distributor.

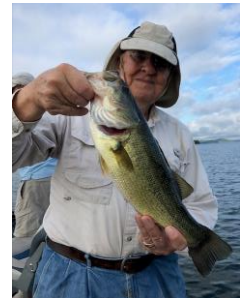


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Left is a picture of Ralph Mashburn today with that fertilizer distributor that was pulled by his pet team of mules, Pat and Mike. He and Nancy are living on the farm where he grew up near Lonoke, Arkansas.

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Dick Babeu and Ralph Mashburn go fishing together about once per week on Lake Maumelle west of Little Rock. Here they argue over which bass is the largest.

**CALIFORNIA**

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Greetings to Retirees across the Nation from California!

California Retirees continue to have a monthly Zoom meeting for all who wish to participate and stay connected. A small group of us shown below enjoyed our opportunity on October 6th.



**Top left: Bob Slayback; Top right: Bill Ward
Ed Schmit, Jolene Lau
Walt Sykes, Harold Honeyfield**

Everybody reported they were generally doing pretty well. It is very nice to have **Jolene**, current Public Affairs Officer there to share how the current working staff is handling various things these days, with the challenges of COVID-19. Jolene reported that most working folk are still working a lot from home.

I shared with our group a video of the recent mini vacation my wife **Dana** and I took to Humboldt Redwoods State Park. We had a great time exploring and photographing the beauty of the Redwood Forest and giant Redwood trees in this park. Below is that video for all to see and enjoy.

<https://youtu.be/peu9Yqsw4JU>

A look back to our agency's beginning and our agency's first ever Watershed Project led by Hugh Hammond Bennett

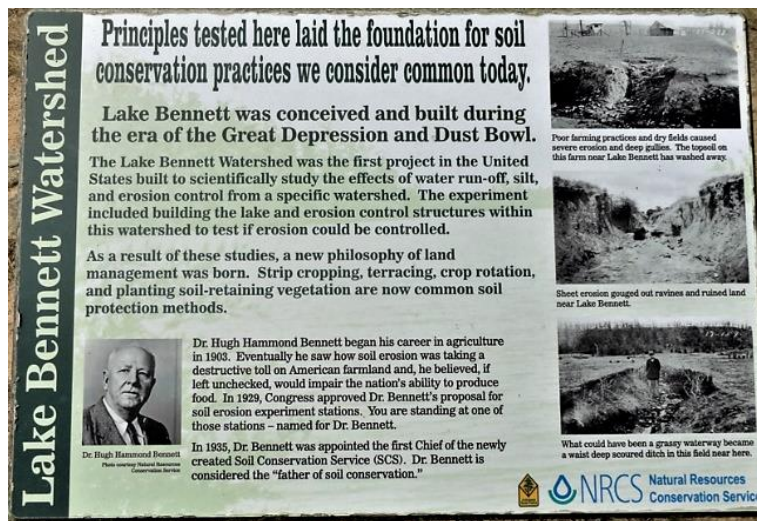
Bob Dunkle, Soil Conservation Technician, San Jacinto Field Office, made a trip back to the Midwest to see old friends and places where he and his wife **Linda** had lived. Together with another Engineering Technician friend, **Richard Bryan**, an Arkansas retiree, a bit of history was brought to light that will be of interest to NRCS retirees and history buffs with the agency.

Richard took Bob out to Woolly Hollow State Park in Arkansas and showed Bob "Lake Bennett," a significant feature of the Park. A quick look at Historical Markers at the lake site revealed some amazing facts about Lake Bennett.

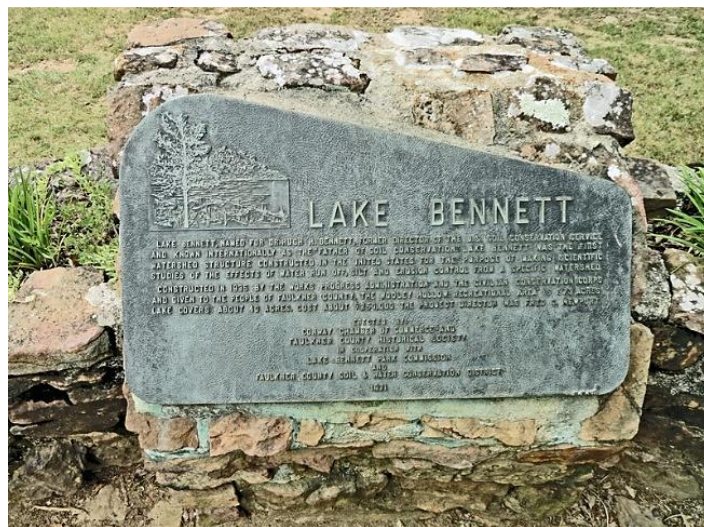
After a phone conversation I had with Bob and some additional "google detective work," here is a short summary of how Lake Bennett came to be and its significance for NRCS.

- Lake Bennet was conceived and constructed during the Dust Bowl era and in effect was the first SCS Watershed Project!
- Constructed in 1935 by the Civilian Conservation Corps and Works Progress Administration, Lake Bennett was the first Soil Conservation Service watershed project in the United States built for the purpose of making scientific studies of the effects of water run-off, silt and erosion control in a specific watershed.
- In addition to the larger Lake Bennett itself, small erosion control structures were built and tested in the 35,000-acre watershed, proving effective in preventing erosion.
- Principles tested by this watershed project laid the foundation for soil conservation practices commonly used by the NRCS today.
- One of the historical markers acknowledges Hugh Hammond Bennett as the overall leader of this study, resulting in the lake being named Bennett Lake. And of course he became our agency's first Chief in 1935.

Following are photos of the Historical Markers at Lake Bennett documenting the History of this project.



Close up photo of one of the Lake Bennett Historical Land Marker's



Lake Bennett Monument set in Stone by the City of Conway, Arkansas

Following is an excellent link with more detailed information on the History of Lake Bennett:
<http://www.faulknercoco.com/history-of-lake-bennett.html>

Closing comments from Bill Ward regarding Lake Bennett: Thanks, Bob for sharing about your amazing trip to the Midwest. And a big thanks to **Richard Bryan**, Retired Civil Engineering Technician in Arkansas, for sharing the history of Lake Bennett with Bob – and as a result now all ARCSE Members.



Bob Dunkle and Bill Ward, Long time Members of California's EWP Team!



Richard Bryan, Retired Civil Engineering Technician at Lake Bennett

COLORADO

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Despite the Delta variant and with some booster fortified, the monthly Breakfast Club in Fort Collins convened the first Tuesday in both September and October, the most recent attended by **Steve Ekblad, Terry Buettgenbach, Wendall Oaks, Frank Geter, Dave Butler, and Jack Carlson.**

FLORIDA

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Every year for the past 23 plus years **Ernie Todd** invites a group of retired coworkers from his SCS (Soil Conservation Service) days to join him at his "cottage" in Steinhatchee, FL for a week of fishing. Last year we missed because of the pandemic. A hardy group joined him this year for a time of reminiscing about friends who have been with us over the years. This year's group had 125-plus years of SCS and USDA service, which made for great story telling. Coupled with good food, drinks – and some fishing – made for a great time by all. The start times have gotten later in the day, and we finish fishing earlier, but the stories are better, the food unbelievable, and the companionship something we all will long remember with fondness. This year the group included Ernie Todd, our host and captain, **Wes Oneth** who came from Oklahoma, **Billy Milliken** from Kentucky, and **Bob Halstead** from Florida.

We are all looking forward to next year's event.



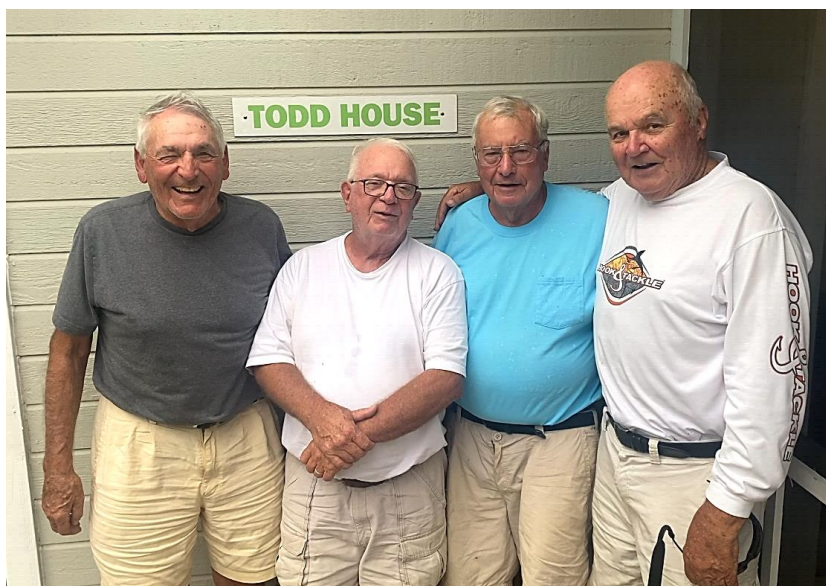
Billy and Wes handling one of the big ones



Ernie, Wes and Billy after a "short" day fishing



A selfie of Ernie, Billy, Wes, and Bob.



The group at the "Todd House:" Wes Oneth, Billy Milliken, Ernie Todd, and Bob Halstead.



Dinner



Captain Ernie repairing equipment after another day on the water

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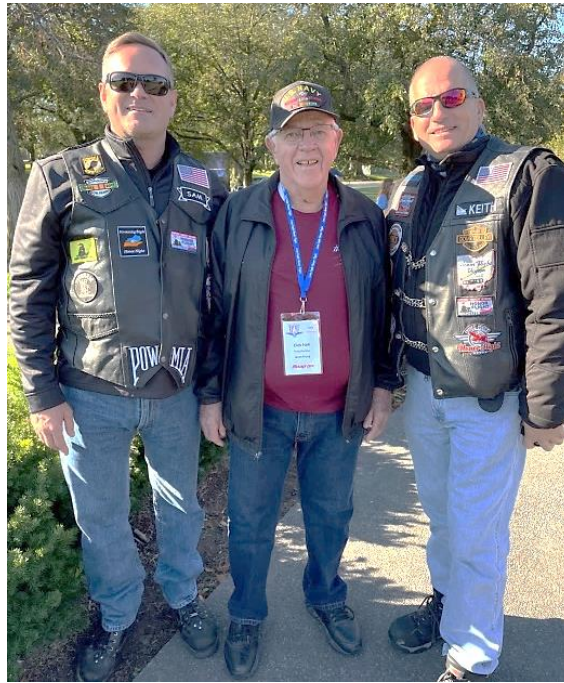
Dick Hall recently participated in a Veterans' Honor Flight Tour to Washington, DC. Before going into the details of his trip, I wanted to fill you in a little about his military service. He served in the Navy from August 1956 through August 1962. After spending the first year in training commands, he then spent three plus years as a radar operator on a Neptune Patrol aircraft squadron (VP-9) stationed at Alameda, CA, with one six-month tour in Kodiak, AK. While there, he flew recon missions in the Bering Strait before Alaska was a state. He finished out his six-year enlistment in the active reserves. One of many interesting assignments that he had was when he was at Kodiak. He was the radar operator on the aircraft that flew the navigators of the Nautilus submarine into the Arctic Circle to chart the ice masses prior to their trip under the ice cap in the fall of 1958.

Now we'll move on to Dick's story about the trip: "The trip was sponsored by Snap-on Tools. My daughter, who works there, was able to get me in on the trip. We flew out of Milwaukee on a Friday to Baltimore. The tour was all day Saturday, and we flew back to Milwaukee on Sunday. My daughter went as my guardian as that was the setup for the tour. We spent the day touring the memorials. I saw the Iwo Jima, the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, the Air Force, Navy, and World War II Memorials, the Vietnam Wall, Arlington National Cemetery, and the FDR Memorial. The FDR memorial was very meaningful to me as it covered all four terms starting with his first term and his establishment of the Civilian Conservation Corps, which in the 40s and 50s transitioned into the SCS.

One other very meaningful event was the changing of the guard at the tomb of the unknown soldier. At the changing of the guard they placed a wreath on a tripod. After that was completed, they selected two veterans to place a second wreath on a tripod. I happened to be one of those two veterans, which was very humbling."



Dick Hall in front of the Iowa marble "column" at the WW2 Memorial and in front of a wall commemorating the establishment of the Civilian Conservation Corps.



Dick Hall with two of the Honor Flight Riders

Denny Peterson shared the following: "This is not great news, but I wanted to tell the story. On September 30th, I was feeling pretty good and thought I would clean out the garage. Got it done and I had some summer things to put away. I got the ladder out and got the cushions up in the attic. I was just about done when the ladder moved, and I fell 5 feet to the concrete floor. Hit my right side, shoulder and back. I knew it was going to hurt and it did. Don't know how I got back in the house. Blood was running down my arm and back. **Gerri** chewed me out and cleaned me up. I was hurting so bad I went to bed. Got up Saturday morning, and hurting worse, called a couple of friends of mine and told them I needed help. They came and took me to the urgent care center. Several x-rays were taken and showed that I did not break anything, thank God. I bruised lots of soft tissue in my shoulder, back and stomach, which the doctor said is just as bad as a break. The recovery time could be several months. I'm glad we saved my Mom's walker – looks like I'll be using it for a while!" Denny's experience should serve as a reminder to a lot of us that we aren't as young and don't have as good of balance as we used to. I'm not sure what that magic age is, but it might be time for some of us to get rid of our ladders, so we aren't tempted to do things we probably shouldn't. Who am I kidding – we aren't going to do that!

Eldon Weber sent in a couple of items this news cycle. These are definitely in the good news, bad news category. I'll start with the bad so we can end on a positive note. Eldon's bad news was the following: "We had a shock in our family. Our daughter-in-law passed away leaving our granddaughter without a mother as she finishes her senior year at Ankeny Centennial. **Jeannie** and I hope we can assist **Maddie's** dad, our son **Brian**, in giving Maddie the support she needs as she finishes high school and prepares for college." Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Eldon and Jeannie.

Now for Eldon's good news. Eldon's son **Brad** is an attorney for the international law firm of Locke Lord LLP. He works out of their headquarters office in Dallas, TX. In August, Brad was recognized in the 2022 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He was named the lawyer of the year in the specialty of antitrust law.



**Bradley Weber –
Eldon and Jeannie
Weber's son.**

Ann and Mark Jensen travelled to Cleveland, OH in late October to visit their daughter **Christy**. In addition to enjoying a lot of visiting, they toured some of the historical sites in the area; spent time along Lake Erie; drove around a lot looking at the fall foliage; and did some hiking in Cuyahoga Valley National Park. It was a fun trip!

KANSAS

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Two upsetting events recently occurred at the **Lull** house. First our computer was hacked. We were called early one morning asking what help we needed and became aware that an e-mail requesting help had been sent to all our e-mail contacts. We then

spent the rest of the morning answering calls from many friends offering assistance. It took several days working with computer technicians to correct the problem. The good news is that it is wonderful to know that we have so many friends who we can count on.

Then my husband, **Ron**, being a good Samaritan, stopped to help a club member who had fallen, going to his car after their weekly meeting. He bent over, lost his equilibrium, and fell hitting his head on the concrete. Now there were two club members on the ground needing assistance! **Ron** received a cut above his eye, and as I write this, will have a beautiful black eye on our 61st wedding anniversary which we will celebrate on October 21st. He says it has taken him 85 years to get his first black eye! The other gentleman was not injured.

Lawrence Wetter (former civil engineer on the Natural Resources Planning Staff in the Kansas State Office) is well on the road to recovery after suffering a heart attack and receiving two stents. After feeling discomfort, he immediately went to the hospital and quickly received treatment. Lawrence retired in 1993.

Mary Shaffer (former Public Affairs Specialist in the Kansas State Office) has been catching up on her travels during October after being at home during the COVID pandemic. In October she spent a week in Colorado at Crested Butte, enjoying the beautiful scenery of the mountains and fall colors of the aspens, hiking, and altitude (ugh) adjusting. She then had a great trip to Cabo, except that on her return to Salina she was stranded in the Denver airport for 36 hours because of cancellation of flights. No flights to Salina, Hays, or Wichita. No rental cars for one day no return! No hotel rooms left after the 1am cancellation. Sleeping was left to dropping on the floor or squishing into a chair. Closing out October she is going back to Colorado with bridge-playing girlfriends for a few days in Frisco. They are driving, stopping to see the new Kansas State Park, Little Jerusalem, in the Kansas Badlands south of Oakley.

There was only one recent retirement. **C. Brad Swisher** retired on August 17th, 2021, as a Soil Conservation Technician in the Pratt Office in the Pratt Management Unit.

Two retirees who I worked with during my career in the Kansas State Office have passed away. **Dennis (Joe) Lemon** died on October 1st, 2021. **Joe** retired in 1993 as the Assistant State Conservationist (Administration) in the Kansas State Office. His wife, **Ila**, survives. **Steven (Steve) Henningsen** passed away on October 7th, 2021. **Steve** retired in 2011 as a Soil Conservationist in the Abilene Management Unit. **Linda**, his spouse, survives.

MICHIGAN

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After an 18-month COVID break, the Michigan State Office retirees began their monthly lunch get-togethers on August 10th at Harry's in Lansing and on September 21st at Buddie's Pub in Okemos. The next is at DeLuca's in Lansing on October 19th. Present at one or both were: **Cathy Brothers, Dave Burgdorf, Frank Cousin, Diane Fielder, Bill Fude, Fred Gasper, Jerry Keller, Noella Stone, and Carol Wade**. We all enjoyed seeing each other again. Thanks to Frank for organizing these events.

MID-ATLANTIC STATES

Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, DC

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George Norris, former VA State Conservationist, reports that his daughter **Pat** has returned to Virginia to live after twenty-five years in Michigan. He thinks it will be warmer for her in Blacksburg than in Michigan. I don't know about that – it can get pretty cold in the New River Valley. He also reports that Pat accompanied him and **Ellen** to North Carolina to visit former West Virginia State conservationist **Craig Right**, whom he has known professionally now since 1976. Craig, at 94 years of age, is a true marvel according to George, staying as active as possible, and maintaining his keen sense of humor, hearty laugh, and interests.

John Peterson reported: **John and Blanche Peterson** spent three weeks in Rockport, Maine the last two weeks of Oct. and first week of Nov. They love the Maine Midcoast and come at this time every year. A daughter, **Shannon Dube**, her husband **Jeremy**, and their children **Lilly** and **William** live in Cumberland, ME. In addition to just enjoying the scenery and color, granddaughter Lilly was playing in the Maine State High School Volleyball Tournament for Greely HS in Cumberland, and the **Peterson's** got to see her first tournament games, which they won 3-1 against Messalonskee HS. Next they play the top-rated team in the state, Cape Elizabeth. The **Peterson's** will also travel to that game.

Wayne Maresch, father of six children, sent along a family photo showing five generations.



From Wayne Maresch: I have six children. Spent time with my oldest daughter Sharon and her family. Here is a picture showing five generations of my family. My daughter Sharon, her daughter Theresa, Theresa's daughter Sahra, and Sahra's son Alexander.

Since 1836, a lighthouse has occupied the southern end of a seven-acre island just offshore from Camden, ME. Today, it is known as the Curtis Island Lighthouse. However, when the government established it in 1836, it was known by another name, the Negro Island Lighthouse. One of the first settlers, **James Richards**, moved his family from New Hampshire to Bristol, ME in 1767. Within a year, they had moved to Camden, ME. While returning from a trip with his family on May 8th, 1769, and upon entering Camden Harbor, the ship's African cook pointed to the island at the entrance to the harbor and exclaimed: "There, that's my island!" From that point on, the island became known as "Negro Island." The island was renamed "Curtis Island" in 1934, in honor of **Cyrus H.K. Curtis**, publisher of the Saturday Evening Post.



Rockport Harbor.



Blanche Petersen at Camden Hills State Park overlooking Penobscot Bay, at Mt. Battie looking over Camden Harbor. You can see Curtis Island just to the right of her head. The lighthouse is on the tip of the island facing the Atlantic Ocean.

Camden is a town on Penobscot Bay, in Maine's MidCoast region. The High Street Historic District features 19th-century homes and the Camden Public Library, with its landscaped amphitheater. The restored Camden Opera House stages music, film, and dance. Trails line the slopes at Camden Hills State Park, with views of Camden Harbor and the bay from Mount Battie. Curtis Island, with its 1830s lighthouse, is in the harbor. Camden is a haven for ocean lovers, shoppers, and outdoor adventurers. In the summer months, the population more than triples due to visitors and seasonal residents, many of whom reside in gorgeous ocean-view estates around the Harbor. It is worth a day trip to visit one of Camden's outlying islands, Isleboro, Vinalhaven, North Haven, Isle Au Haut or the many other smaller islands in the area, accessible by boat or ferry out of Camden Harbor. Many of these islands are home to great hiking and biking trails, quaint seaside villages and picturesque Maine lighthouses.

There are 18 lighthouses within a 40-mile radius of Camden. Curtis Island Light is located at the entrance to Camden Harbor and is still actively used by the US Coast Guard. Vinalhaven is home to Brown's Head Light and Heron Neck Light. Vinalhaven is also famous for its resident

swordfish captain and author **Linda Greenlaw** who wrote The Lobster Chronicles, A Hungry Ocean, Slipknot, All Fishermen are Liars and her own Maine Cookbook, Recipes from a very small island. Downtown Camden is a delight of upscale shops, antique shops, general stores, seafood eateries and cafes, plus the most beautiful waterfront. Camden Public Library is surrounded by a lovely park for picnicking.

Music and cultural interests have long flourished in Camden. In 1912, Edna St. Vincent Millay read "Renascence," a poem she wrote from the top of Mt. Battie, to the guests at the Whitehall Inn, one of whom offered to pay her tuition to Vassar. After graduating from Vassar, she went on to write poetry and plays that made her one of the most famous women in America and an inspiration for the Roaring Twenties, winning the Pulitzer Prize. The French harpist, composer and conductor, Carlos Salzedo, founded the internationally renowned Salzedo Summer Harp Colony in Camden, and each summer held a Harp Festival in the amphitheater beside the library. Camden/Rockport also is home to the Bay Chamber Concert Company. Theatre productions at the Opera House and Shakespeare in the Amphitheatre enriched the lives of residents and summer visitors for generations.



Camden Harbor.

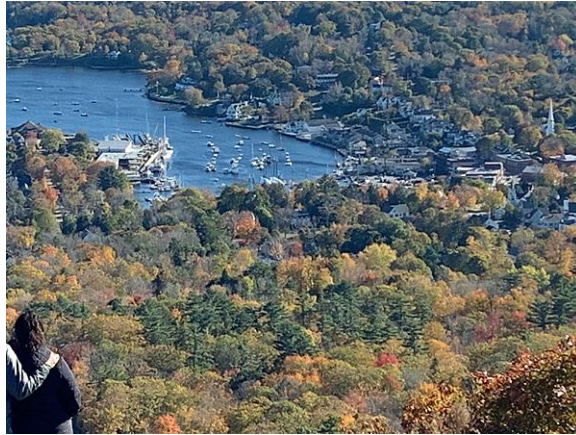
In the 1950s, artists and writers of significant reputation began moving to Camden and neighboring Rockport, where local artists organized Maine Coast Artists. **Wayne Doolittle** began publishing Down East Magazine in 1954, and in 1956 *Carousel* was filmed in Camden, followed by *Peyton Place* in 1957, because the quaint, old town with its picturesque harbor and scenery, looked like the picture-perfect American town. Since then, Camden's setting has not gone unnoticed by Hollywood, with **Steven King's** *Thinner* in 1995, Todd Field's *In the Bedroom* in 2001, and with the soap opera *Passions* using Camden for shots depicting the fictional town, Harmony.



A professional shot of Curtis Island Lighthouse.



A picture I finally took of Curtis Island Lighthouse.



Camden Harbor from Mt. Battie in Camden Hills State Park.



A tanker on Penobscot Bay near Camden.

MISSOURI

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The annual Missouri retirees' luncheon was held at the Columbia Senior Center on September 19th. Those in attendance were: **Mike and Pam Blaine, Jack Cronhardt, Jerold and Mayree Sue Crowder, Jerry Edwards, Jean Herman, Terry Hill, Dennis Hoffman, Bob and Diane Hummel, Rich and Marjorie Koenig, John McCarthy and his daughter Cathy, Larry Pollard, Ed and Judith Smith, Odie Swanegan, Alton Taylor and Kay Trietsch, Bob Ball, Harold Deckard, Bob and Rosie Hershbach and Gary Moreau.**

Chris Elbert: I missed the retirees luncheon this year. It's not because of grape picking time, but it is because I cannot be around people for now. Last November I found out that I had AML (acute myeloid leukemia). Then in June I received a stem cell transplant from my sister who was a perfect match to me. I am doing much better, but I am still not past the 100 days post-transplant period. According to the last bone marrow biopsy I had at the Siteman Cancer Center, I am now leukemia free, but I still have to stay home and pretty much isolate myself. So, for now, that's where I stay and try to keep myself busy. Hope that you had a good turnout at the luncheon! Take care!

Alton Taylor: Things are running smooth here in Texas as of the moment and no storm clouds in site. My daughter has reservations for an Airbnb just outside of Yellowstone for next Sept., with about half of kids, grand kids, and great grandkids expected. Kay's daughter asked us to join her for a week in northern NM last week, but we let other obligations keep us home – that just should not happen when retired.

Craig King: The air has a hint of coolness, so fall is in the air. Harvest is in full swing here in northeast Missouri. It will require more time as there were a lot of acres of replanted corn. **Andrea** still works from home but does go into the office occasionally. As you know, COVID has added a layer of bureaucracy, paperwork, and a different way we service the customer. **Candra** just finished softball and is looking forward to basketball season. She also is involved with FCA, (Fellowship of Christian Athletes), and Key Club, a service club sponsored by Kiwanis, which I am involved with. **Weston** is attending UCM in Warrensburg, MO studying Agronomy. He is also playing football. The original plan was to have a redshirt year. They had a couple of injuries, so now he is second on the depth chart at Nose Guard. He is getting some playing time and doing well. He's 6'3" and 290 lbs. He's enjoying it and doing really well in class. Momma and I attend all the events, sometimes splitting duties so one of us is there. We're traveling some miles with Weston, but we are enjoying it. We have met other players' parents and enjoy the pregame activities. I am still hauling grain for the neighboring farmer and that keeps me busy.

Andrea and I both had COVID around August 11th. We both had fever, cough, and were very tired. I lost my taste and smell and lost 20 lbs. We immediately took Mucinex, cough medicine, Tylenol, and used our Nebulizer. We did go to the doctor after a

week. He gave us antibiotics and steroids for Andrea, as I was about over the rough part. Going to the gym previously and keeping my lungs in shape helped immensely. Andrea would get on the treadmill and workout. I had one doctor say the exercise kept it at bay. Everyone, be careful and don't be afraid of going to the doctor, whether you've been vaccinated or not. They have meds available to give you.

Ross Braun: In August I moved to Virginia. Always thought I'd move west but some good friends are starting a therapeutic riding center, and I moved next door into a log house on 10 acres. New address is 3771 Forest Grove Rd., Sandy Hook, Virginia 23153, on the edge of the Piedmont between Richmond and Charlottesville. You are all invited to visit. My house is one hour from Shenandoah National Park, 2.5 hours from D.C., and less than two hours from Williamsburg, Jamestown, and the Chesapeake Bay. I am a Missouri Master Naturalist (volunteering to teach soil science and more), so I joined the Virginia Master Naturalist, James River Chapter, to do the same. The local SWCD chair invited me to join the board as an associate member, and I'll meet with them in November. Sure is fun meeting lots of new people and hiking new trails.

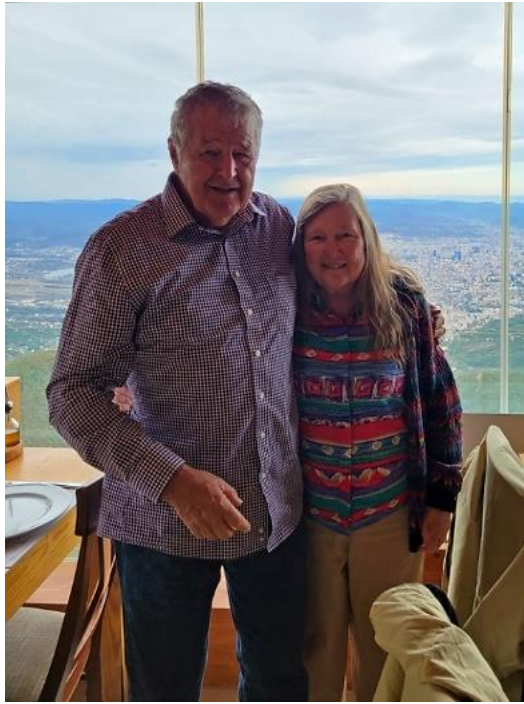
Mike Blaine: Hello friends. Greetings from Blaine hill. It is a beautiful fall here in NEMO. The weather is good (a little dry though) and harvest is pretty much over. Hunting season is just around the corner and then Thanksgiving and Christmas. I am behind in cutting firewood and hope to make that up in the next couple of weeks. Have a great holiday time with family and friends. Remember Jesus is the reason for the season. God bless you.

Jim Rickman: We just got back from Greece, Albania, and Macedonia October 19th. Highlight of the trip was nobody tested positive for COVID in our group, so no quarantine was necessary. Attached is a picture of us in a mountain top restaurant. We are still healthy, and my goal of reaching 100 countries is looking better. Now at 99. Hope all is well with you.

Ted Utz: A group of retired NRCS employees and folks thinking about retirement recently met at the city park in Plattsburg, MO. The invited folks were former employees who worked in NRCS Area 1 (northwest Missouri) for most of their careers. The group shared a catered picnic lunch, took pictures, and discussed work events from years ago. Everyone had a great time, especially bragging about their kids and grandkids. They plan to get together again next year. Those in attendance are as follow:



Front row: Doug Peterson, Linda Richardson, Dan Switzner, Mary Beth Jungk, Dean Stransky. **2nd row:** Gary Barker, Ted Utz, Grover DePriest, Lori Rhodes, Paula Price, Rick Douglas, Tony Stone, Pat Rehkop. **3rd row:** Rick Filley, Terry Breyfogle, Dave Howard, Terry Rouse. Ron Owen also attended but left before we took pictures.



Jim and Jeri Rickman pictured in a restaurant in Northern Greece. They rode up on a gondola to get to it. The trip included visits to Northern Greece, Albania, and Macedonia.



World travelers, Jim and Jeri Rickman.

Maudie Lattimore, wife of **Tom Lattimore**, DC at Higginsville in the 60s, died in July. **Kenneth Holland**, former DC at Richmond died in August. (Thanks to **Wayne McReynolds** for furnishing this information.)

MONTANA

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Montana Big Sky Report

Joyce Swartzendruber report: Joyce reports that she is still volunteering at Bozeman Deaconess hospital, currently at the COVID booster clinic. She remains active with the Museum of the Rockies as a volunteer docent. She and **Jim** traveled and camped throughout the western states, hitting her favorite winery in Benton City, WA, Olympic and Rainier National Parks, and Custer State Park in South Dakota.

Gooby Ranch Report: A couple weeks ago I started having a pain in my hip. It wouldn't go away, so **Mary Ann** made a doctor's appointment to see what the problem was. We went to the doctor, she did a checkup and said, "It was a muscle problem."

The doctor said we needed to see a therapist to see how to relax the muscle. We went to the therapist, and she said the best way to relax the muscle was to do pushups. She said I needed to do at least 10 pushups a day. She said the reason I was having the muscle problem is that I was spending way too much time sitting on my butt.

When we got home, I hit the floor to do pushups and got about a half a pushup done before I had to give up. A week later I still hadn't done a full pushup. I finally figured out that if Mary Ann put a pulley in the ceiling, put a rope through the pulley and hooked the rope to my belt, she could pull the rope while I was doing the pushups. It worked great. After a couple weeks I was clear up to 40 pushups while Mary Ann was swinging on the rope.

We had to go back to see the doctor and when I told her I was doing 40 pushups she said she was really proud of me.

Mary Ann told the doctor she has a pain in the butt. The doctor said point to where it is. Mary Ann pointed at me.

NEBRASKA

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The Sept. 21st meeting was called to order by President **Tom Reinsch**. There were 12 members present: **Gus Dornbusch**, **Jim Culver**, **Paul Bartlett**, **Steve Scheinost**, **Thomas Reinsch**, **Bob Engel**, **Louie Buller**, **Harold Klaege**, **Steve Stover**, **Norm Helzer**, **Craig Derickson**, and **Donna Dornbusch**.

The October 20th meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson **Jim Culver**. There were 13 members present: **Gus Dornbusch, Gary Muckel, Paul Bartlett, Louie Buller, Keith Sheets, Norm Helzer, Jim Culver, Bob Engel, Steve Scheinost, David Camper, Harold Klaege, Craig Derickson, Wayne Vanek, Donna Dornbusch, and Joanne Thiele**.

Jim Culver said that our Chairperson **Tom Reinsch** was absent because he was home taking care of his wife because of her recent knee surgery. **Norm Helzer** reported that **Val Bohaty** has some memory problems. He said he had seen Val Bohaty, and although he is doing okay, is not able to attend our meetings.

Doris Pollok, wife of **Bob Pollock** died on October 12th, 2021. Bob died on March 11th, 2018 after 70 years of marriage. Bob worked for NRCS as a soil scientist. **Lewis Laflin** died on October 17th, 2021 at 88 years of age. He worked at a variety of positions in the National Survey Center and the Office of Personnel Management. He is survived by his wife, **Virginia** of Crab Orchard, NE

Jim Culver presented **Norm Helzer** with a plaque for a 2021 Presidential Award for Outstanding Community Service from the Association of Retired Conservation Service Employees. The plaque was presented "for his intensive engagement with organizations contributing to resilient and flourishing local and regional communities."

Paul Bartlett and his wife celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. **Steve Scheinost** and his wife celebrated their 49th. **Gus Dornbusch** reported that **Joe and Flo Calder's** 65th wedding anniversary was published in the Lincoln Journal Star.

Gary Muckel attended a gun collectors event in Denton, TX, as well as a gun cartridge event in Pennsylvania in August, where he contracted COVID-19. He has gotten through it and is doing okay.

Gus Dornbusch announced that he and **Donna** traveled to Italy, a trip rescheduled from 2020. The trip was to the Lake District which is close to Switzerland. **Paul Bartlett** and wife traveled to Seattle to see their son and his family.

Jim Culver shared with us a book titled Iowa's Remarkable Soils by **Kathleen Woida**. **Scott Argabright**, former SCS employee, had contributed to the book (Scott passed away in December of 2011).

Craig Derickson said that there is an excellent display of Iowa soils at an Iowa rest stop. He said that many people and families stop to see the display. **Jim Culver** announced that we need a committee to determine officer nominations for 2022. **Norm Helzer** and **Craig Derickson** offered to serve on that committee. **JoAnne Thiele** will continue as treasurer, and **Donna Dornbusch** will continue as secretary. **Donna Dornbusch** volunteered to send out the minutes from the meetings to members.

Jim Culver had talked to **Claudia Stevenson** who currently resides in Ogallala but has attended some of our meetings via Zoom. She thought it was great that one of our members, **Harold Klaege**, was now the president of the Nebraska Chapter of NARFE. Harold announced that the Lincoln Public Schools were having a coat drive today, so you could donate a coat(s) or money to the drive. Channel 8 in Lincoln has a website about the drive. The need is for about 1,200 coats this year. He also announced that there will probably be about a 5.9% increase in Social Security; CSRS – and FERS probably about 4.9%. Medicare Part B rates are not out yet; Part A is free. BXBS rates will probably increase less than \$10 a month. Harold also announced that there will be a NARFE meeting on November 20th at 11am at First Lutheran Church with a service representative talking about the rate changes.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17th. After discussion, it was decided that we will meet again at 7:30 in November but meet at 8:00 in December, January, and February. The meeting was adjourned. The minutes were recorded by Donna Dornbusch.



Craig Derickson and his wife Kate enjoyed joining their son and family at Blue Bell campground in Custer State Park. The weather was perfect for hiking, swimming, and wildlife viewing in the area.



Craig Derickson's recent motorcycle tour included western Nebraska where he first worked as a soil scientist in the early career days, the Colorado mountains west of Ft. Collins, into the rolling hills around Cheyenne, WY and then into the Black Hills and the area around Hot Springs, SD.



Left to right – Dave Camper, Harold Klaege, Keith Sheets and Gary Muckel continue visiting about current issues at our October SCS/NRCS Lincoln Retirees Club meeting.



Norman Kempf and his golfing partners were very successful playing in Senior League Golfing Tournaments this golfing season.



Our September meeting was a busy one. Left to right: Thomas Reinsch, Bob Engel, Lou Buller, Harold Klaege, Steve Stover, Donna Dornbusch, Norm Helzer, Gus Dornbusch, Hostess at Greenfield Restaurant, Paul Bartlett, and Steve Scheniost.

NEW YORK

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NY Retirees' Picnic Attendees in July 2021: Front row: Bob Myers, Rod Douglas, Pete Wright, Mary Gilbert, Fred Gilbert. Nancy Lee, Karen Williamson. Back row: Lisa Indrick, Leslie Ray, Paul Ray, Steve Indrick, Jim Mietz, Harlan Moonen, Greg Currier, Joyce Currier, Julian Drelich, Frank Winkler. Not shown: Bruce Williamson.

Sad news of the passing of **Dana Chapman** on September 26th, 2021. Dana was employed with the USDA for 26 years as an engineer. He also worked for the NYC Watershed in Walton, NY and ACS in Rochester. Contributions may be made in memory of Dana to the Sennett Federated Church or the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

NORTH DAKOTA

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The pandemic is still going strong in North Dakota, but the news coverage has not been as actively covering it. The governor isn't on TV every day anymore quoting statistics or the actions that he is taking, the health department, or CDC and other federal guidelines. We decided not to have our annual Retiree Reunion in September, mainly because the ones who attend are the older retirees, and the Elks Club where we usually have it was restricting access. The more recently retired don't seem to turn out for

our annual reunion. When I first started, and through the years, it seems people got to know their co-workers outside of the office through face-to-face get-togethers. I think this has changed, and now they probably only know their co-workers outside of the office through social media, if that.

Dennis Meyer passed away Sept. 15th, 2021. My first full-time job after college was in the Bismarck Area office. **Pete Balkan** was leaving the Area Engineer position and becoming the State Irrigation Engineer, and Dennis Meyer was becoming the new Area Engineer. Pete was from my hometown of Hillsboro, ND, and he made a comment at that time that it took two engineers to replace him, and one was from Hillsboro, ND. I only worked in the Bismarck Area office for a couple years but saw Dennis every so often over the years. After Dennis retired, he formed a consulting firm where he worked on projects around the state, designed a school for the God's Child Project in Guatemala, land development, and several patents. He went to Bismarck Junior College (now BSC) for two years then completed his engineering degree at North Dakota State University. He later became president of BSC Alumni Association and established the Outstanding Alumni Award which he was honored with in 1985. He was active in the local and state SCORE Chapter, the Rotary, the Rotary Wrestling Tournament, and the Lutheran Church councils in all the towns he lived in. He was involved with professional engineering societies and National President of NCEES as noted later. I was at a picnic with Dennis and Bernie just a few weeks before he passed, and he said he was still working on some consulting projects. See the In Memoriam section for more details.

The leaves are falling, and it is getting colder here in North Dakota. I suppose the snowbirds will soon be heading south for the winter. I hope everyone stays safe and healthy during this pandemic, and maybe in 2022 we can put it in the rear-view mirror and get back to normal. Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for 2022.

OKLAHOMA

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Still being cautious, the Oklahoma SCS/NRCS Retirees cancelled their meeting scheduled for October, hoping Spring 2022 will be a much safer time for old timers to get together in person. Here are a few things going on with our membership as we continue to navigate the daily changes of COVID. Some items were received shortly after the April 2021 Newsletter was sent out.

Ron Hilliard – Hello to all my Oklahoma friends. **Edith** and I are in Germany touring and catching a Viking Cruise Home on October 3rd. Hopefully can make meeting in spring.

Dick Bogard reported that **Bob Bourlier**, 88, retired Soil Scientist, and his wife **Loretta** are in assisted living in Norman. Phone 580-309-0081 or 309-0096, if anyone wants to contact him.

Hi, it's **Carolyn Webb** and sure miss seeing all of you USDA friends and co-workers. Looking forward to seeing you in October. After being a hermit thru this crazy pandemic (shame on me as I call it a "damdemic"), I now get out in the public some. Have been volunteering at our recent recycling project in Bristow and really enjoying it. I'm training for Bristow Wildflower 5K in May. It will be Mother's Day weekend, and my daughter and granddaughter from California are coming in as a present to run with me! Can you believe that I'm able because years ago some of you gave me your leave when I had my cancer surgery and was told it was terminal. God is good and you are truly the best! I love you all. *Here's a follow-up to her story.* Hi, I won 1st prize and a medal for the 5K I did Saturday. Placed in the 45 and up age category. Did it in 54 minutes. Yahoo! In the morning I'm going to have surgery for a shoulder I hurt two years ago. *And then...* Had shoulder surgery two days after the 5K and wore my medal. They took it off just before surgery. I'm healing now.

Greg Allen reports: Hi Randy, as you know I retired March 31st from NRCS. I will now spend more time with Bend of the River Outfitters LLC, a hunting business of mine for 27 years now. Upon my retirement I was hired as Regional Coordinator with the Oklahoma Prescribed Burn Association. I will be promoting the benefits of Prescribed Burning in western Oklahoma, writing burn plans, assisting and educating the public on the use of Prescribed Burning.

I had an email exchange with **Geri Cutler** when she wasn't receiving our newsletter, etc. Here is her response. "Came flying like an Eagle. It's difficult to get mail without problems any more. I make some of the mistakes myself. Just have to keep sending until you get a reason for things. Hope everything at least partially works out soon. This happens often lately; probably part of this confusion and health overload we're undergoing. We did change my address lately, and maybe it will clear up soon. Stay safe and we appreciate hearing from you. I have increasingly suffered an increase in dementia. Wonder why? I'm only 94 years old. Always enjoy seeing your news about the SCS and employees."

I (**Randy Freeland**) just talked on the phone last night with **Nick Lambeth**. Many of you will remember **Nick** either as a friend, co-worker, supervisor, mentor, or member of SCSA (SWCS). Always a pleasure to visit with him and reminisce times from the past. He is doing well except pretty much home-bound due to a surgery, but anxious for another SCS/NRCS Retirees Meeting to see old friends. If you would like to give him a call, he would love to hear from you. Send me an email and I will give you his home phone number.

Remembering a phone call from **Phil Perryman** about a year ago came to mind as I wrote about **Nick**. **Phil** had started calling (about once a month) retirees he worked with during his employment with SCS/NRCS. That's a great idea and more of us should do something similar. Doesn't take but a few minutes and both of you will cherish long time memories from the past. If you can think of someone you would like to contact but don't have email or phone numbers, give me or Sandra Hough a call or email and I bet one of us has it.

Our What-A-Burger group is meeting in person once again in Stillwater. We welcome any and all to join us about 8:15am on each Friday morning for the latest in solving the world's events. It is amazing the knowledge that is around the table and stories we tell about our careers in SCS/NRCS. And besides all of that, the coffee is FREE!

Members are reminded to look at the information presented on the website www.joepad.com. If you happen to miss our meetings, the website provides pictures, list of attendees, newsletters, etc.

Just learned through **NARFE** (National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association) that CSRS Retirees will be getting a 5.9% COLA starting in January! I believe those who receive Social Security will be getting the same increase. If you aren't a member of NARFE, I would very much encourage it. They are the only lobbying organization whose total purpose in life is to maintain and/or improve the benefits (annuities, health insurance, etc.) of Federal Retirees and Active Employees. Give me a call or email if you would like more information about NARFE.

As you can see, I got a few very interesting "inputs" from our Retiree Membership. Thank you very much. Others, please feel free to send me something similar, and I promise to keep it until the next newsletter. Do it now before you forget! Send it to: randy.freeland@suddenlink.net.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday in April 2022 at Golden Corral Restaurant in Oklahoma City. A precise date will be sent out as soon as it is secured. No reservations are needed, and we welcome out-of-state guests as well.

Recent NRCS Retirees – **Don Bartolina** (2nd retirement), 17 years with Oklahoma County Conservation District, District Manager, 6/30/2021. **Linda Parkhurst**, Clerk, East Zone, McAlester TSO, 7/17/2021. **Tom James**, Resource Specialist, Wewoka, 7/31/2021. **Jim Shaffer**, Resource Specialist, West Zone, Woodward TSO, 34 years of service, 9/30/2021. **Dennis Fowler**, Soil Conservation Technician, Chandler, 35 years of service, 10/22/2021.

Recent Deaths in our SCS/NRCS Family. We received the sad news that one of our former employees, **Brandee Williams** passed away on April 26th, 2021. **Brandee** was from Forgan, OK and worked in Taloga and Hugo/Idabel before accepting a Range Management Specialist position with NRCS in Florida. **Darrell Wells**, 82, Watershed Staff in various locations, Clinton, started working at the age of 18, retired in 1994 with 37 years of service, 5/28/2021. **Anthony Felder**, 92, retired Soil Conservation Technician, Okeene, 6/24/2021, retired in 1983. **Gordon Moebius**, 82, retired Resource Soil Scientist, Duncan TSO, 9/12/2021. **Iris Imler**, 68, retired Programs Coordinator, Cimarron County Conservation District, Boise City, retired in 2019, 26 years of service, 9/14/2021. Although back in 2020, we just learned of the following: Retiree, **Jack Eckroat** passed away on July 13th, 2020. Jack worked for NRCS as a Resource Conservationist on the Ecological Sciences Staff in the state office from 2003 until he retired on January 2nd, 2009. Jack's focus during his time working with NRCS was on compiling ecological site descriptions and the eastern red cedar project.

OREGON

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Marsel Tingey updated me on what is going on with him and his wife. **Joylene** has advanced Alzheimer's, and the family has decided to put her into a care facility in Salt Lake City near two of their daughters and two of her brothers. Marsel will soon be selling his home in Vancouver and will be moving to Salt Lake City. Marsel says he is not able to push himself as much but insists that he is doing pretty well at 93. He is not driving anymore, can't hear, and can't see, but can still eat and listen to the news of the challenges around the world nowadays.

Stef Aschmann wrote to tell me she didn't really have anything new to report. Knowing Stef, I was pretty sure that that wasn't true, and she went on to confirm it. She and **Linda** were planning a trip to California to visit family, and a trip to Colorado to visit some friends from school and Linda's cousin. However, the COVID Delta variant has sort of put a damper on those plans. Stef's sister **Sara** had COVID-19 even though she was fully vaccinated. Sara and her husband drove their son to college in Pullman and then flew home. She thinks she got it at the airport. Anyway, she's doing OK, and she's very glad she was vaccinated.

Jon Lea reported that he was not doing much and was keeping a low-profile during summer. Even so, he has been involved in activities of the various kennel clubs in which he is an officer. Jon recorded multiple record high temperatures at his home weather station, for which he now has 25 years of record. There are now new maximum temperatures, multiple daily maximums, and a few record high/low temperatures – and even a tied record low temperature.

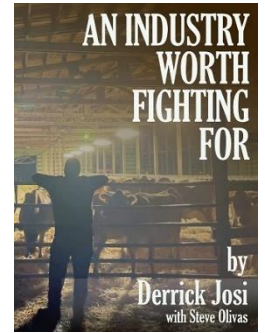
Jolyne has been in New Hampshire most of the summer, she went out to visit her mom and brother's family at their cottage near the town of Washington, NH. Her mom landed in the hospital with a blood infection and has been there for almost two months. Most recently she had open heart surgery in Boston to replace a damaged heart valve.

One summer evening while **Jon** was sitting on the back porch watching the airplane lights fly toward the Big Dipper, he realized that for two weeks the only real living person he had visited was the store clerk when he went shopping for groceries. Most of his communications have been via Zoom, SKYPE, text messages, or emails, not face to face, or even via the phone. Jon and Jolyne's daughter and her husband visited briefly on their way to a vacation on San Juan Island.

Years ago, I spent quite a bit of time being involved with the Tillamook Water Quality Project that focused on assisting about eighty dairies manage their manure and wastewater in an environmentally safe manner. Several times I visited the Josi Dairy. At the time **Ernie Josi** (1924–2006), a community and industry leader, operated the dairy. I also served with Ernie on a technical advisory committee for the Oregon Department of Agriculture in development of its confined animal feeding operations program.

I have to admit that I am bewildered as to why certain things happen on my Facebook Page, but suddenly I started getting feeds from “TDF Honest Farming” in which **Derrick Josi**, Ernie’s grandson, posts a daily video about what is going on at the dairy. He now has over 600,000 followers. Of course, these posts invite comments, and he receives pushback from many who tell him he is cruel to his cows and even question the necessity of dairies. These negative comments motivated him to write a book hoping to dispel misinformation about his dairy and agriculture, [An Industry Worth Fighting for](#).

I am finding the book an interesting read. For one thing, it emphasizes how fortunate I was to have had an engineering career employed by our favorite agency, rather than pursuing my boyhood dream of being a dairy farmer. I have my Dad to thank for that. He said, “Don, you like to sleep too much.” Derrick starts his day at 2:30 a.m. Can you imagine what that must be like?



PENNSYLVANIA

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Editor's note: the following are excerpts from the PA Bugle, fall edition.

Our meeting in State College on September 19th and 20th was a great success, with 31 attendees from across the state and beyond. We enjoyed a wonderful meal and conversation on Sunday evening at the newly remodeled and re-opened Tavern restaurant. On Monday, **Joel Myers** introduced our guest speaker, **Herb Grove**, a Centre County farmer who grows hemp and markets several hemp products.

Bill Bowers shared a report entitled “Pennsylvania NRCS Conservation Update”, which included articles on the dam rehabilitation (construction) of PA-433 in the Brandywine Creek Watershed, the recent Conservation Boot Camp, a Soil Survey update, and the status of Farm Bill programs in PA.



Meeting attendees, from left to right: Glenna Latshaw, Hosea Latshaw, Vickie Pinkerton, Anne Smith, Gary Smith, Harvey Pinkerton, Gina Murphy, Tim Murphy, Barry Frantz, Alan Wood, Judy Wood, Dave Lorenz, Judy Ulery, Shirley Thomas, Rose Wolfrom, Norm Wolfrom, Nevin Ulery, Bill Parrish, Debbie Watson, Tom Sierzega, Ken Harvey, Joel Myers, Jane Schuetz, Fred Schuetz, John Mank, Ellen Mank, Wayne Bogovich, Mary Smith, Martin Smith, and Bill Bowers.

After lunch at Hoss’s, we visited the Penn State Arboretum, which has been vastly expanded since our previous visit several years ago. The latest addition is a pollinator garden, which is both visually attractive and very inviting to bees and other pollinators. The meeting wrapped up with the all-important stop at Penn State’s Berkey Creamery for fantastic ice cream.

Following the meeting, **Bill Bowers** received this message from **Denise Coleman**, NRCS State Conservationist:

“Retirees, as I write this, we are fifty percent staffing in all of our field, area and State offices. On the other days, our employees work from their homes. Luckily, before COVID-19 hit, all employees had laptops, so the transition was easy. The Farm Service Agency was not so lucky. It took them several months to get laptops to all employees.

Since the early days of COVID-19, our field people have been meeting with agricultural producers and forest landowners at their locations. On-site planning and implementation have never stopped. It is a testament to our employees and our customers’ willingness to meet and discuss conservation objectives – even if it needs to be a safe six feet from one another. Despite COVID-19 and CDC limitations placed on large gatherings, we have made a lot of good progress on Farm Bill obligations; Watershed planning, design, and construction projects; and training of field staff.”



Bill Bowers conducts the belt buckle raffle

Amanda Hasemeier reported: "I've been retired as the State GIS Specialist (from the NRCS State Office) about 4 years now. My husband and I didn't embark on a major trip or vacation as some do at retirement. There were some family responsibilities and household projects in progress that summer anyway. However, that summer, a fourth granddaughter was born in San Francisco – that was a great trip – and my dearest and only mother-in-law was ill, plus we were in the midst of a major addition to the back of the house. Those who know me, know that my husband and I have *always* had some home remodel project going on with the house or helping one of our three children who all live away from the Harrisburg area.

Turned out to be an interesting summer, fall, and winter that year. Ultimately, we got two new bathrooms, a new dining room, a remodeled guest room, and a brand-new kitchen besides – with some new appliances. Plus, with our addition work, our back yard was all torn up. The best part of this story is that as we were working on the finishing touches of our kitchen, the kitchen design shop that we had done business with closed shop without warning.

So, while both of us were still part-time employees (Robert had reduced his engineering schedule to 20 hours a week), semi-retired, we continued to work on home remodel projects but decided to become business owners at the same time. We took over from Ed Lank Kitchens in Lemoyne to become Manor House Studio, continuing the kitchen design studio business. COVID also kept us indoors and a bit isolated, so Robert stayed with a couple of his engineering projects, and my GIS projects were conducive for staying home. Working as an affiliate even part time kept my work contacts and was a great help in mental health during our isolation days, plus I was able to continue making a contribution to "NRCS."

Pat Cecil wrote: I still enjoy receiving the newsletters from Pennsylvania, which was one of my favorite states that I worked in! I am now living back in Texas. I moved to Florida in 2014 when my son Henry asked me to move there after he retired from the Air Force. I was there for five years and am now back in Texas, close to my two sons who live in Louisiana. Henry died last year from colon cancer that he may have contracted from the burn pits in Iraq when he was stationed there – he was only 53 years old. The burn pits were similar to what Agent Orange did to our military in Vietnam. I would love to attend the retirees' annual gathering but will not be possible this year. Best wishes for a successful reunion and keep the newsletters coming – love hearing about folks I worked with there!

Allan Bennett, a regular at our annual retiree gatherings, sent his regrets this year and added:

"In thinking back, my tenure in PA compared to some of the folks who will be there is pretty miniscule. Hired on in January of 1962 and was gone by 1970. With the passing of **John Mickley** the **McKeever** generation is getting pretty slim. John was the first person I met when I walked into the Meadville office.

In retrospect, I probably should have never left West Chester. It was a great county with a great PL-566 program, lots of Ag work and an up and coming program of doing work in the rapidly developing areas east of Rt. 100 where Philly was beginning to encroach. I had a good crew which made it all the more enjoyable."



Rose Marie Updegraff, Craig Derickson, Gary Smith, and Bill Bowers.

Previous Pennsylvania State Conservationist and retired Nebraska State Conservationist **Craig Derickson** visited Harrisburg in early summer. Craig and his wife **Kate** live in Nebraska and were in the Washington, DC area to visit their daughter and son-in-law and their several children. While there, Craig decided to take a one-day trip to Harrisburg and fortunately found three of his old friends and coworkers available for lunch: **Rose Marie Updegraff, Gary Smith, and Bill Bowers**.

Sylvia Rainford, who was the Public Affairs Specialist in the Harrisburg State Office for several years, is now Public Affairs Specialist with the USDA Farm Production and Conservation Mission Area. She authored an article entitled "**Dr. Hugh Hammond Bennett: Sparked the Creation of a Conservation Agency**" in April to commemorate the 140th anniversary of his birth. The article highlights Dr. Bennett's vision and leadership in establishing SCS, the concept of conservation districts, and the founding of the Soil Conservation Society. The full article can be read at

https://www.farmers.gov/connect/blog/conservation/dr-hugh-hammond-bennett-sparked-creation-conservation-agency?utm_campaign=nrcsandutm_content=hughhammondandutm_medium=emailandutm_source=govdelivery

TEXAS NORTH

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Seems like we are taking two steps forward and one step back regarding the pandemic. The city dwellers tend to wear masks and take more precautions than us small-townners. **Willeene** and I have taken all three vaccinations for COVID and are willing to take another one, if recommenced. But we have our share of folks who refuse to follow mandates from the Feds. For whatever reason, our numbers are looking pretty good.

We have a Caribbean cruise planned during January and a transatlantic cruise planned for November 2022. Most cruise lines are currently requiring customers to wear masks while on board the ships. Hopefully that will soon change. I have plans to head for Colorado for two of the four elk/deer seasons. My Colorado friend is an outfitter, and I cook for his group of elk/deer hunters during two seasons. We have access to a nice lodge with modern facilities. It is hard work but lots of fun.

Dennis Gaster reported his grandson, **Jake Gaster**, who was the varsity place kicker/punter for Frisco High School for three years, is now the place kicker/punter for Trinity Valley Community College in Athens, TX. He recently kicked a 54-yard field goal with two seconds left on the clock to win the game for his team! Grandpa was very excited to be in the stands to see that happen. He is currently the number one kicker in the Junior College Athletic Association, and he is fourth in scoring!

Jim and Geri Rickman are traveling a lot, as usual. They are currently in Greece. Upon returning home, they head for their cabin in Arkansas and then to the Gulf coast for a family fishing trip with **Jim Robinson** and **Billy Teals**.

Clyde and Marla Goodman recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. Their daughter **Melissa** has her own successful interior design business in Midland, TX. Their son **Corby** is a chemical engineer with an independent company in Humble, TX. We recently purchased a fully accessible handicap minivan to help with Marla, as she has become progressively debilitated over the past ten years due to the severity of her arthritis, becoming a functional quadriplegic. The three-yea- old van cost more than twice what we paid for our first home in Midland, Texas. Clyde serves as Summer Creek Group Captain for the Citizens on Patrol program, which is a part of the Fort Worth Police Department. Clyde has served one term as a member of the NRCS Credit Union Board of Directors and is currently running for a second term.

WASHINGTON

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As of October 15th there were no wild fires burning in the state of Washington.

The U.S. Drought Monitor has put Spokane under the most extreme level of drought, making it the first time in the history of the Monitor that Spokane has reached such a drastic measure. By almost any conceivable measure, this summer's lengthy and extreme drought led to historic lows in the production and quality of the region's signature cash crop, soft white wheat. Yields were 60% of normal. Soft white wheat is the kind grown on the hills of the Palouse and is sought-after by worldwide markets for its use in cakes, pastries, and noodles.

A blue-green algae alert has been issued by the Washington State Department of Health and the Idaho Panhandle Health District. People – especially children, pets and wildlife – are at risk. Several animals have died.

Philip Schauble, a DC in Eastern Washington, passed away September 21st, 2021.

Joylene Tingey, wife of **Marsel Tingey**, passed away September 19th, 2021.

Stefan Fechter report – I'm happy to report we've arrived in Arizona for the winter. We're just unpacking and getting ready to sweep the dust, power wash the park model, wash windows, and play.

WEST VIRGINIA

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Becky Strogon, retired State Office Secretary, and **Peg Reese**, retired Resource Conservationist, are both celebrating new additions to their families. Becky's daughter **Megan** had a baby girl on July 21st. Her name is **Adelynn Rebecca**.

**Adelynn Rebecca****Adyson Reese Norton**

Peg's niece, **Erin**, had a baby girl on August 23rd. **Adyson Reese Norton** is "the first girl born into my family in 34 years. I have seven great-nephews, to give you an idea of how rare a girl is!"

After taking a year off due to COVID, the WVU Soils Team placed second in the 2021 Southeast Regional Collegiate Soils Contest held in Knoxville, TN on October 3-7. The WVU team is now qualified to compete in the National Collegiate Soils Contest in Columbus, OH in the spring of 2022. This will be the 16th consecutive time that WVU has participated in the national contest. Congratulations to Coach **James Thompson** and the team.



WISCONSIN

James Enlow, ARCSE Representative

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The Wisconsin retirees participated in a retirees' luncheon in September at Eau Claire, WI. **Vic Price** was the gracious host. Those attending included **Vic and Mary Price, Keith and Gail Sengbusch, Deb LeGear, Judy Derricks, Pete Lindgren and spouse, Louie and Cathy Barber, Olin and Jan Femreite, Kim Goerg and spouse, Larry and Geri Natzke, Jerry Thompson, and Ron Kugel**. Everyone enjoyed the lunch and fellowship. We only had two luncheons in 2021 due to COVID-19 virus. Hopefully, we can plan more luncheons during 2022. Thanks to everyone for being patient during this pandemic period and looking forward to seeing everyone in 2022.

SENIOR CONSERVATIONISTS

Prepared by Marc Safley, Senior Conservationist Chronicler

Paul H. Calverley Boise, ID
Robert D. Slayback Lodi, CA

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

SENIOR CONSERVATIONIST CHRONICLE

Senior Conservationist

Paul H. Calverley

Senior Conservationist Paul H. Calverley was born August 27, 1938, in the Los Angeles, California, area near the San Gabriel Mountains. His family owned a lemon grove there. Paul graduated from Camarillo High School and attended the University of California at Davis. During his college years he had summer employment with the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service. Paul married Harriet in 1960. He graduated in 1961 with a B. S. degree in Range Management.

Paul's first job with SCS was in Canyon City, OR, as range conservationist. He was promoted in grade while there. His next position was as District Conservationist (DC) at Baker, OR. Following Baker, Paul was transferred to Fossil, OR, as a GS-11 DC. From Fossil he went to Le Grand, OR, as DC. Paul was promoted to Area Conservationist (AC) at Grants Pass, OR, then to Albany, OR, as AC. Paul then was promoted to Assistant State Conservationist for Operations at Reno, NV. From Reno Paul moved to Davis, CA, as Deputy State Conservationist. Paul was later promoted to State Conservationist for Idaho. Paul was selected to participate in the Legislative Fellowship Program. He was assigned to the office of then Oklahoma U.S. Senator David Boren. Paul completed his 34-year conservation career in 1994.

Paul and Harriet remained in Boise following his retirement. They have a row-crop farm in Idaho and a timber/pasture operation in Oregon. Paul has been a Supervisor on the Ada County (ID) Soil and Water Conservation District Board for many years. He served as its chairperson for eight years. Paul is proud of the Ada District's accomplishments. There is an active urban conservation program as well as a range and cropland program component. The District has an active pollinator program, too.

Paul and Harriet have two sons and 5 granddaughters. They are active in their church and enjoy spending time in their wooded acreage in Oregon. Paul said that he feels truly blessed. He observed that he has noticed that when things in life aren't going well it has been important for him to look beyond the difficulty – to have faith.

ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED CONSERVATION SERVICE EMPLOYEES

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2021 MEMBER LOCATOR

November 1, 2021 (Sorted alphabetically by State, City, then Last Name)

Use this current listing to find members in states or cities you may be passing through.
Bold names are ARCSE state representatives. Find contact information for members in the 2021 ARCSE Member Directory.

First Name	Last Name	City	State
Robert (Bob) N	Jones	Palmer	AK
Erlene	Lingle	Auburn	AL
Charles	Love	Auburn	AL
P George	Martin	Auburn	AL
John C	Meetze	Auburn	AL
Ronnie D.	Murphy	Auburn	AL
Marshall "Mac"	Nelson	Auburn	AL
Earl L	Norton	Auburn	AL
Ernest V	Todd	Auburn	AL
Kathy	Gotcher	Muscle Shoals	AL
David L	Schertz	Northport	AL
Billy A	Garner	Booneville	AR
Harry	Rucker	Edgemont	AR
Ralph	Mashburn	England	AR
Emily J.	Knight	Hope	AR
Dennis	Hackbart	Little Rock	AR
George	Dahlke	North Little Rock	AR
M Bruce	McCullough	Ozark	AR
Burthel	Thomas	Pine Bluff	AR
John W	Chenoweth	Van Buren	AR
Christopher P	Williams	Chandler	AZ
Wade	Biddix	Goodyear	AZ
Thomas E	Calhoun	Green Valley	AZ
A Glen	Johnson	Mesa	AZ
Gordon O	Klofstad	Mesa	AZ
Ron	Lowery	Mesa	AZ
Karl R.	Klingelhofer	Oro Valley	AZ
Stephen	Black	Phoenix	AZ
J Gordon	Odell	Saddlebrooke	AZ
John C	Lowrey	Sun City West	AZ
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Galen S	Bridge	Tucson	AZ
Christopher	Cochran	Tucson	AZ
Kenneth M	Cookson	Tucson	AZ
John D	Hedlund	Tucson	AZ
Joseph L	Knisley	Tucson	AZ
Cathy E	McGuire	Tucson	AZ
Ronald E	Moreland	Tucson	AZ
Romy	Myszka	Antioch	CA
Ron	Harben	Arroyo Grande	CA
Albert	Neu	Cathedral City	CA
Darwyn H	Briggs	Davis	CA
Harold R.	Honeyfield	Davis	CA
Edward	Schmit	Davis	CA
Walter E.	Sykes	Davis	CA
Chester	Bush	Fresno	CA
		Hidden Valley Lake	CA
John H	Stierna	Lake	CA
William L	Braker	Lancaster	CA
Robert D	Slayback	Lodi	CA
Leonard	Jolley	Napa	CA
Charles W	Bell	Paradise	CA
Hewlett F	Todd	Redding	CA
Nyle L	Jordre	Rio Vista	CA
Thomas	Wehri	Roseville	CA
Mary	Andreuccetti	Sacramento	CA
William A.	Ward	Sacramento	CA
Albert	Cerna Jr.	Salinas	CA
Edwin L	Minnick	Walnut Creek	CA

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Paul	Koluvek	Winters	CA
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Duane L	Johnson	Cedaredge	CO
Carl L.	Glocker	Colorado Spgs	CO
Ivan R.	Wilkinson	Estes Park	CO
Jack R.	Carlson	Fort Collins	CO
Larry	Flentie	Fort Collins	CO
Allen	Green	Fort Collins	CO
Chuck	Hart	Fort Collins	CO
Dennis	Lytle	Fort Collins	CO
Scott	Snover	Fort Collins	CO
Wendell	Hassell	Fruita	CO
Paul J	Ohland	Ft Collins	CO
Stuart N.	Keil	Ft. Collins	CO
Emery C	Johnson	Grand Junction	CO
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Richard L	Porter	Longmont	CO
Carter	Christenson	Lyons	CO
Edwin W	Olmsted	Northglenn	CO
Jerry D	Schwieen	Northglenn	CO
Larry D	Miles	Pagosa Springs	CO
William	Ireland	Chaplin	CT
Marjorie	Faber	Coventry	CT
Joseph	Csiki Jr.	Willington	CT
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Richard E	Highfill	Fort Meyers	FL
Clayton R	Miller	Ft. Meyers	FL
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Robert G	Halstead	Homosassa	FL
Willis J	Ridenour	Largo	FL
Marc	Crouch	Leesburg	FL
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Mary Jane			
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Jerome C	Hytry	Orlando	FL
Janice	Reid	Palm Coast	FL
John N	Holeman	Pompano Beach	FL
John S	Pirie	Punta Gorda	FL
William	Kuenstler	Santa Rosa Beach	FL
Paul M	Howard	Sarasota	FL
Donald	Butz	Tampa	FL
Charlie	Godley	The Villages	FL
Karl H.	Langlois	The Villages	FL
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Carolyn C	Adams	Athens	GA
Linda R	DiPietro	Athens	GA
John W	Adams	Lyons	GA

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Beverly H.	Walker	Watkinsville	GA
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Francis	Lum	Honolulu	HI
Rick	Bednarek	Altoona	IA
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Charles S	Fisher	Ames	IA
Thomas	Gust	Ames	IA
John K.	Skerritt	Ames	IA
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John H (Herb)	Wilson	Ankeny	IA
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Jeff	Godwin	Cumberland	IA
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Lew	Brent	Knoxville	IA
Donald D	Redman	Leon	IA
Dale	DuVal	Logan	IA
Roger	Link	Maxwell	IA
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Barbara	Stewart	Newton	IA
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Stanley	Hobson	Boise	ID
Gerald G	Larson	Boise	ID
William O.	Moore	Boise	ID
Rob	Sampson	Boise	ID
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Richard L	Dickerson	Champaign	IL
Earl Eugene	Evans	Champaign	IL
Ben	Mingo	Champaign	IL
Anne H	Pollak	Champaign	IL
Earl E	Voss	Champaign	IL
Andy	Cerven	Charleston	IL
John R.	Garrity	Earlville	IL
Jerry	Misek	Elizabeth	IL
Glenn H	Paulsgrove	Galesburg	IL
Ronald	Gebhardt	Island Lake	IL
Lee H	Bridgman	Jacksonville	IL
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Elsie Mae	Campbell	Mahomet	IL
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Neil	Pellmann	Mokena	IL
Bob	McLeese	Monticello	IL
Nancy	Phalen	Monticello	IL
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Charlie	Gossett	Indianapolis	IN
Jerry D	Larson	Indianapolis	IN
Mike	McGovern	Indianapolis	IN
Wayne C	Mullin	LaFayette	IN
Roger	Roeske	Lucerne	IN
Richard L	Schafer	Plainfield	IN
Jerry J	Pearson	Plymouth	IN
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C Owen	Maddux	El Dorado	KS
Randy	Bennett	Girard	KS
Roger L	Haberman	Lamed	KS
William B	Sorensen	Ness City	KS
Robert B	Crawford	Newton	KS
Don	von Wolffrad	Olathe	KS
Harold	Blume	Salina	KS
Deanne	Lull	Salina	KS
John	Ourada	Salina	KS
Jim and Bobbie	Wallace	Salina	KS
Tom	Badger	Topeka	KS
Harlan E	Dietz	Topeka	KS
Michael J	Mitchell	Bowling Green	KY
Greg	Kist	Catlettsburg	KY
Billy W	Milliken	Fulton	KY
Glenn E	Kelley	Lexington	KY
Richard A	Myers	Lexington	KY
Kenneth W	Overhults	Lexington	KY
Frank C	Scudder	Murray	KY
Billie Morgan	Haslett	Richmond	KY
Joseph	Branco	Alexandria	LA
Cherie E	LaFleur	Washington	LA
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Jeffrey G	Anliker	Belchertown	MA
Cecil B	Curran	Hadley	MA
James A	Wesoloski	Hadley	MA
Doug	Holy	Bethesda	MD
Edward G	Riekert	Bowie	MD
Gale W	TeSelle	Bowie	MD
Eleanor	Bogner	Catonsville	MD
William	Boyer	Chester	MD
Obie D	Ashford	Columbia	MD
Stephen and Judy	Foland	Crofton	MD
James E.	Hannawald	Denton	MD
Diana	Morse	District Heights	MD
William U	Reybold	Easton	MD
Wesley M	Gordon	Flintstone	MD
Wayne F	Maresch	Ft Washington	MD
Donald	Woodward	Gaithersburg	MD
Lee B	Shields	Greenbelt	MD
Roger	Cronshey	Huntington	MD
Noller	Herbert	Huntingtown	MD
Robert R	Ensor	Manchester	MD
Bobby E	Rakestraw	Monrovia	MD
Michael P	Sigrist	Pocomoke City	MD
Hagner R	Mister	Prince Frederick	MD
Helen L	Ross	Rockville	MD
Richard W	Hardy	Salisbury	MD
Robert	Snieckus	Silver Spring	MD
James	Talbot	St Leonard	MD
Shirley	Klumpe	Stevensville	MD
Sharon	Calhoun	Upper Marlboro	MD
Charles L	Boothby	Bangor	ME
Peter M	Tidd	Belfast	ME
Patty	Wright	Exeter	ME
D Bruce	Champeon	Glenburn	ME
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Arthur	Taylor	Milford	ME
William G	Moulton	Pittston	ME
Stephen S.	Davis	Presque Isle	ME
Loren W	Berndt	Bridgman	MI
Thomas J	Fedewa	Fowler	MI
Thomas H	Purkey	Gaylord	MI
Julius O.	Pigott	Jackson	MI
William J	Fude	Lansing	MI
Frank A	Griffin	Lapeer	MI

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Jon E.	Nestoss	Plymouth	MN
Justin L	Murray	Rochester	MN
Margaret	Gangl	Roseville	MN
Marlene	Mechelke	St Paul	MN
Vic	Ruhland	St. Paul	MN
John	Brach	Stillwater	MN
Stephen E.	Robbins	Alton	MO
Michael	Blaine	Baring	MO
Lyle	Noblitt	Carrollton	MO
Hugh	Curry	Columbia	MO
Darlene E	Edwards	Columbia	MO
J.R.	Flores	Columbia	MO
Roger A.	Hansen	Columbia	MO
Jean C	Herman	Columbia	MO
John R	McCarthy	Columbia	MO
Gary	Moreau	Columbia	MO
Dave	Rastorfer	Columbia	MO
Burns (Ed)	Smith	Columbia	MO
Jimmy	Henry	Elsberry	MO
Rita Marie	Williams	Fair Grove	MO
Francis F	Miller	Hartsburg	MO
Dennis	Hilger	Independence	MO
Robert L	Hummel	Jefferson City	MO
Kenneth E	Benham	Joplin	MO
Charles D	Cheek	Kansas City	MO
John J (Jack)	Walker	Kansas City	MO
Michael J	Bradley	Kirksville	MO
Marvin L	Knabach	Lee's Summit	MO
Ross	Braun	New Haven	MO
Jim	Gulliford	Parkville	MO
James E	Sturm	Princeton	MO
F. Tyler	Smith	Springfield	MO
Ellis	Benham	Stockton	MO
John F	Rice	Trenton	MO
David W	Sanders	Madison	MS
Charles B	Tisdale	Raymond	MS
Gordon L	Decker	Belgrade	MT
Phillip	Farnes	Bozeman	MT
Scott	Hoag, Jr.	Bozeman	MT
James S	Johnson	Bozeman	MT
Gordon	Watson	Bozeman	MT
Dick	Gooby	Twin Bridges	MT
Francis T	Holt	Asheville	NC
Angela	Gragg	Boone	NC
James H	Canterberry	Cary	NC
Rex O.	Tracy	Cary	NC
Mark W.	Berkland	Chocowinity	NC
Jesse R	Stevens	Clayton	NC
Rodney W.	Johnson	Elizabeth City	NC
C Wilson	Spencer	Faison	NC
Randall W	Giessler	Faith	NC
William J.	Harrell	Four Oaks	NC
Dean K.	Bingham	Goldsboro	NC
Rufus	Croom	Goldsboro	NC
Donald L	Basinger	Greensboro	NC
Richard A	Gallo	Holly Springs	NC
Dennie G	Burns	Kitty Hawk	NC
P. Benjamin	Robinson, Jr.	Lincolnton	NC
Phyllis K	Pate	Lumberton	NC
Craig M	Right	Mebane	NC
Lane	Price	Mill Spring	NC
John C	Hill	Mt Gilead	NC
Francis	Zaik	Pine Knoll Shores	NC
Robert	Horton, Jr.	Pinehurst	NC
Thomas T.	Cutts	Raleigh	NC
Coy	Garrett	Raleigh	NC
John J	Garrett	Raleigh	NC

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W. Hubert	Hawkins	Raleigh	NC
Edgar L	Helmey	Raleigh	NC
Horace	Smith	Raleigh	NC
Greg	Walker	Raleigh	NC
Manly S	Wilder	Raleigh	NC
Sam	Bingham	Rutherfordton	NC
Larry	Hendrix	Salisbury	NC
Suzanne C	Schenkel	Southern Pines	NC
Frank	Clearfield	Southport	NC
Dominic	Fetterer	Southport	NC
V. Loring	McIntyre	Swannanoa	NC
Rodney E.	Woolard	Washington	NC
Tim	Garrett	Waynesville	NC
M. Alan	Walker	Waynesville	NC
Talmadge J	Wiggins	Wilkesboro	NC
Robert A	Bird	Bismarck	ND
Gary	Tibke	Bismarck	ND
Norman	Koester	Beaver Lake	NE
James R.	Gerding	Elkhorn	NE
Joe	Calder	Lincoln	NE
Dave	Camper	Lincoln	NE
Doug	Christensen	Lincoln	NE
James	Culver	Lincoln	NE
Craig	Derickson	Lincoln	NE
Gus and Donna	Dornbusch	Lincoln	NE
William G	Hance	Lincoln	NE
Norman	Helzer	Lincoln	NE
Norman and Sylvia	Kemp	Lincoln	NE
Harold L.	Klaege	Lincoln	NE
Robert S	MacLauchlan	Lincoln	NE
Henry R	Mount	Lincoln	NE
Gary B	Muckel	Lincoln	NE
Kenneth E	Noonan	Lincoln	NE
Steven C	Stover	Lincoln	NE
JoAnne	Thiele	Lincoln	NE
Charline A	Woodside	Lincoln	NE
Dana	Snyder	Seward	NE
Ann Jackson	Wadsworth	Canaan	NH
Donald W	Haley	Durham	NH
Charles H	Dingle	Exeter	NH
Dean F	Sherman	Plymouth	NH
Gregory J	Westfall	Allentown	NJ
Thornton	Hole	Egg Harbor City	NJ
Annunziata (Nancy)	Paolini	Ewing	NJ
Tom	Drewes	Flemington	NJ
Laurence R	Irelan	Pennsville	NJ
Luther F	McDougal	Mimbres	NM
Kenneth B	Leiting	Rio Rancho	NM
Jim P	Thornton	Sante Fe	NM
James A	Linebaugh	Carson City	NV
Charles R.	Houston	Reno	NV
Loretta	Krall	Reno	NV
Loren J	Spencer	Reno	NV
Elizabeth	Warner	Washoe Valley	NV
Paul A	Dodd	Baldwinsville	NY
Henry S	Stamatel	Camillus	NY
William P	Yolton	Canastota	NY
Joe	DelVecchio	Clayton	NY
Donald W	Lake	Erieville	NY
B. Keith	Reece	Fayetteville	NY
Eugene C	Hanchett	Latham	NY
Frederick L.	Gilbert	Manlius	NY
Anthony J.	Esser	Owego	NY
Julius D	Toennissen	Rush	NY
Allan S.	Connell	Southold	NY
Nancy	Lee	Waterloo	NY
Richard K	Crowe	Whitney Point	NY
Jon	Gerken	Carroll	OH
William	Richards	Circleville	OH
Byron H	Nolte	Columbus	OH
Bob	Parkinson	Columbus	OH

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George T (Tom)	Haynes	Eaton	OH
Clifford E	Simpson	Englewood	OH
David F	Berna	Grove City	OH
Richard W	Rush	Grove City	OH
John H	Brown, Jr.	Marion	OH
K Keith	Huffman	Marysville	OH
Charles F	Lamborn	Mt Gilead	OH
Norman	Mull	New Paris	OH
Joseph	Branco	Port Clinton	OH
D Rex	Mapes	Powell	OH
Mark	DeBrook	Reynoldsburg	OH
Karl H	Reinhardt	Sidney	OH
Larry	Tomes	Sunbury	OH
Gene F	Baltes	Tiffin	OH
Lennie	Losh	Westerville	OH
Ralph E	Gray	Willoughby	OH
Joseph R	Steiger	Zanesville	OH
Robert C	Maples	Chandler	OK
Jesse	McMasters	Duncan	OK
Donald R	Jantz	Enid	OK
Wes	Oneth	McAlester	OK
Nickey J	Lambeth	Okemah	OK
Jimmy D	Thomas	Okmulgee	OK
Joe	Freeland	Pauls Valley	OK
Clifford L	Williams	Sayre	OK
Larry	Caldwell	Stillwater	OK
Ronnie L.	Clark	Stillwater	OK
Fred J	Fortney	Stillwater	OK
Randy	Freeland	Stillwater	OK
Jimmie W	Frie	Stillwater	OK
Roland R	Willis	Stillwater	OK
Jess C	Epple, Jr.	Warner	OK
John E	Witty	Adrian	OR
Donald E	Greiner	Albany	OR
John D	Hedlund	Aloha	OR
Ralph S	Wadleigh	Aloha	OR
Gerald W	Yeomans	Baker City	OR
Bill	Woolcock	Beavercreek	OR
Donald L.	Stettler	Beaverton	OR
Roy S	Mann	Clackamas	OR
Terry	Mitchell	Fairview	OR
Eldena	VanderZanden	Forest Grove	OR
Roy M	Carlson	Fossil	OR
Clifton E	Deal	Gresham	OR
Wendell A	Styner	Hillsboro	OR
Richard (Dick)	Sylvester	Hillsboro	OR
Maurice L	Jernstedt	Hubbard	OR
Patricia L	Straka	Keizer	OR
Edward E	Weber	Keizer	OR
Donald R	Robertson	Lake Oswego	OR
Matthew H.	Fillmore	Lebanon	OR
Garry L.	Schaefer	Molalla	OR
Beth	Zetter	North Plains	OR
Roy E	Bright	Portland	OR
Tommy A	George	Portland	OR
Leonard L.	Gilson	Portland	OR
Roberta L	Hart	Portland	OR
Cliff	Hillebrandt	Portland	OR
Jack P	Kanalz	Portland	OR
Bruce	Newton	Portland	OR
Jeffrey P.	Repp	Portland	OR
Donald E.	Wallin	Rainier	OR
Leland A	Hardy	Salem	OR
Frank F	Reckendorf	Salem	OR
Duane K	Setness	Salem	OR
Bob	Graham	Terrebonne	OR
Chad L.	McGrath	Tigard	OR
Thomas W	Calvert	Berlin	PA
Samuel E	Young	Bloomsburg	PA
Robert T	Heidecker, Jr.	Boiling Springs	PA
Donna	Krebs	Centre Hall	PA
William R	Parrish	Ebensburg	PA
Carl A	Du Poldt	Edgemont	PA

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Nevin L	Ulery	Elizabeth	PA
Shirley	Thomas	Elizabethtown	PA
William J	Bowers	Enola	PA
John R	Akers	Everett	PA
Steven A	Probst	Gettysburg	PA
Rollin N	Swank	Graysville	PA
Timothy J.	Murphy	Harrisburg	PA
Gary P.	Smith	Harrisburg	PA
Jana L.	Malot	Harrisonville	PA
Robert L	Hilliard	Lancaster	PA
Walter Hosea	Latshaw	Lebanon	PA
Alan	Wood	Lebanon	PA
Larry	Schardt	Lewistown	PA
Norman G	Wolfrom	Lock Haven	PA
Harvey	Pinkerton	Marble	PA
Jeff	Mahood	Mechanicsburg	PA
John J	Mank	Mechanicsburg	PA
Frederick E	Bubb	New Cumberland	PA
David C.	Tindall	New Hope	PA
Mike W.	Anderson	New Oxford	PA
Leonard R.	Beck	Newtown Square	PA
Charles	Ford	Philadelphia	PA
Howard W	Hall	Quarryville	PA
Edward	Sokoloski	Scott Township	PA
Judith L	Hughes	Shiremanstown	PA
Gene	Krotzer	Somerset	PA
David G	Lorenz	State College	PA
Wayne M.	Bogovich	Sugar Run	PA
Frederick H	Schuetz	Trappe	PA
Duane E	Pysher	Wernersville	PA
Frank E	Resides	West Chester	PA
Paul	Welle	West Chester	PA
Donald E	McCandless, Jr.	West Sunbury	PA
Curtis	Sharp	York	PA
Juan	Martinez	Gurabo	PR
Richard G	Hutchins	Charlestown	RI
Richard (Phou)	Vongkhamdy	Conventry	RI
Everett A	Stuart	North Kingstown	RI
Arthur B	Holland	Bluffton	SC
John H	Miner	Blythewood	SC
Walter W	Douglas	Chapin	SC
Wm Burton	Wells	Chapin	SC
James N	Krider	Clemson	SC
H Grady	Adkins, Jr.	Columbia	SC
Niles	Glasgow	Columbia	SC
Ellis D.	Morrow	Columbia	SC
Larry H	Robinson	Columbia	SC
Dennis	Bauknight	Easley	SC
Johnny M	Eubanks	Gilbert	SC
James C	Sanders	Greenwood	SC
Ann	Christie	Heath Springs	SC
Gene E.	Hardee	Jonesville	SC
Russell F	Patrick	Lancaster	SC
Jacob W	Black	Laurens	SC
Hugh	Caldwell	Lexington	SC
Dave	Demarest	Moore	SC
George H	Comer	Murrells Inlet	SC
George and Nancy	Stevens	N Myrtle Beach	SC
James	Williams	Orangeburg	SC
Daniel	Guy	Saluda	SC
Ned	McGill	Starr	SC
Bunyan W	Anderson	Timmonsville	SC
Mike	Kuck	Brookings	SD
Ron E	Hendricks	Gann Valley	SD
James C	Hunt	Mitchell	SD
Yvonne	Haefner	Mobridge	SD
Verle R.	Smith	Spearfish	SD
Rod	Baumberger	Sturgis	SD
Julian L.	Meuer	Webster	SD
Darwin	Newton	Ashland City	TN
Harold D.	Jones	Bean Station	TN

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Jim	Lansford	Cookeville	TN
Donald L	Dotson	Franklin	TN
Hardy	Cloutier	Germantown	TN
Robin	Heard	Hohenwald	TN
Doris Marie	Blackwell	Jackson	TN
Dwight E	Allman	Johnson City	TN
Dana	York	Jonesborough	TN
James F	Brasfield	McEwen	TN
Robert	Sanders	Nashville	TN
Raymond P	Sims	Nashville	TN
Glenn	Headen	Union City	TN
Benjamin C.	Doerge	Arlington	TX
Stephen B	Owen	Arlington	TX
Marie	Wallace	Belton	TX
Rafael J.	Guerrero	Benbrook	TX
Ed	Thomas	Bryan	TX
Martin E	Vavra	Bryan	TX
Rosendo	Trevino III	Bulverde	TX
Johnny	Green	Burleson	TX
Richard M	Matthews	Cibola	TX
Mark	Boysen	Crowley	TX
David V.	Buland	Crowley	TX
William	Erion	Crowley	TX
Harry L	Smith	Early	TX
Clyde L.	Goodman	Fort Worth	TX
Earl R	Blakley	Ft Worth	TX
Thomas C G	Hodges	Ft Worth	TX
Calvin M	Jackson	Ft Worth	TX
Frank	Richardson	Ft Worth	TX
W Ken	Twitty	Ft. Worth	TX
Barbara C	Perritte	Garland	TX
Michael H	Bogard	Gatesville	TX
William J	Gradle	Georgetown	TX
Arnold D.	King	Granbury	TX
David A	Stockbridge	Granbury	TX
Earl D.	Archer	Grandbury	TX
Ronald L	Hilliard	Haskell	TX
Wilson	Scaling	Henrietta	TX
Patricia	Cecil	Jasper	TX
Hector	Gonzalez	McAllen	TX
O Dale	Fischgrabe	Moody	TX
John D	O'Connor	Mt Pleasant	TX
Carl F	Englerth	New Braunfels	TX
Wayburn D	Mitchell	Paducah	TX
Larry D	Miles	Round Rock	TX
Paul F	Larson	Sherman	TX
Jimmy	Apel	Sweetwater	TX
James D	Abbott	Temple	TX
Robert C	Brown	Temple	TX
John P	Burt	Temple	TX
Ronnie G.	Skala	Temple	TX
Charles M	Thompson	Temple	TX
Alfred	VanderStucken	Victoria	TX
Karen	Garner	Weatherford	TX
Steve	Garner	Weatherford	TX
Richard B	Heizer	Weatherford	TX
Jon G	Werner	Eden	UT
Phillip J	Nelson	Farmington	UT
Wm 'Bill'	Goddard	Fillmore	UT
Warren	Lytton	Herriman	UT
Richard	Baird	North Ogden	UT
Ross S.	Lahren	North Ogden	UT
Phillip D	Coombs	Salt Lake City	UT
J Michael	Nethery	Smithfield	UT
Eileen	Begovich	Alexandria	VA
Lawrence	Clark	Alexandria	VA
R Neil	Sampson	Alexandria	VA
Robert K	Reaves	Arlington	VA
Jerry	Seinwill	Arlington	VA
Joseph S	Haugh	Ashburn	VA
Gerald W	Root	Bumpass	VA
John W	Peterson	Burke	VA
Edgar H	Nelson	Cross Junction	VA

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James H	Spitz	Daleville	VA
Ronald W.	Gilkeson	Dayton	VA
Cindy	Lauster	Dumfries	VA
Barbara	Osgood	Fairfax	VA
Keith O	Schmude	Fairfax	VA
Ronald L.	Marlow	Fairfax Sta	VA
Ron	Page	Fairfax Sta	VA
Diane	Gelburd	Falls Church	VA
Gary R	Gross	Fredericksburg	VA
Kenneth E.	Carter	Glen Allen	VA
Brenda	Thomas	Herndon	VA
Helen M	Jennings	Kilmamock	VA
Carol	Campbell	King George	VA
Thomas W	Christensen	Leesburg	VA
Warren M	Lee	Locust Grove	VA
Melvin	Womack	Mechanicsville	VA
Barry L.	Kintzer	Mechanicsburg	VA
David L	Faulkner	Midlothian	VA
Janet	Perry	Oak Park	VA
George C	Norris	Richmond	VA
Tom H	Pointer	Ringgold	VA
Bill	Irwin	Springfield	VA
John S.	Moore	Springfield	VA
Paul R	Newcombe	Springfield	VA
Walter J	Ochs	Springfield	VA
Jerry M.	Bernard	Stafford	VA
Gary A	Margheim	Stafford	VA
Paul W	Benedict	Stephens City	VA
Richard L	Duesterhaus	Vienna	VA
Tom	Weber	Warrenton	VA
Ronald W	Tuttle	Winchester	VA
Marc	Safley	Woodbridge	VA
Dave	Thackeray	Woodbridge	VA
Francis M	Keeler	Colchester	VT
David G	Van Houten	Essex Junction	VT
Raymond N.	Brown	South Burlington	VT
Daniel A	Smith	Chelan	WA
Jon	Lea	La Center	WA
Phil	McLoud	Mount Vernon	WA
Russell F	Pringle	Olympia	WA
Gilbert R	Landtiser	Sequim	WA
Thomas L.	Spofford	Soap Lake	WA
A. Stefan	Fechter	Spokane	WA
Kenneth D	Kaul	Spokane	WA
W J "Joe"	Carmack	Spokane Valley	WA
Mark	Parson	Stevenson	WA
Harlan G	Collins	Vancouver	WA
Lowell W.	Kenedy	Vancouver	WA
F Eugene	Liggett	Vancouver	WA
Lamont	Robbins	Vancouver	WA
David L	Omermik	Antigo	WI
Roman A	Statz	Baraboo	WI
Scott	Swanberg	Hudson	WI
William	Conner	Madison	WI
James L	Enlow	Madison	WI
Michael C	Schendel	Menomonie	WI
Carol A	Wettstein	Middleton	WI
Patricia	Leavenworth	Mount Horeb	WI
Emerson P	Christensen	Onalaska	WI
Irwin	Ten Haken	Portage	WI
Julie	MacSwain	River Falls	WI
Julie	McSwain	River Falls	WI
Louis C	Barber	Siren	WI
Steven J	Price	Spring Valley	WI
Norbert E	Wozniak	Stevens Point	WI
Glenn E	Lorenz	Viroqua	WI
Olin C	Fimreite	Whitehall	WI
James R	Michael	Berkeley Springs	WV
Richard L.	Judy	Beverly	WV
Carrie	Wetsch	Elkins	WV
David F	Burns	Fairmont	WV
Gary A	Gwinn	Hambleton	WV
Tom	Noonan	Morgantown	WV

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Margaret (Peg)	Reese	Morgantown	WV
Delores "Dee" R	Weston	Morgantown	WV
John S.	Weller	Philippi	WV
Orland C.	Parks	Scherr	WV
Betty A	Ball	Williamstown	WV
Jim W	Doughty	Buffalo	WY
Ted	Gilbert	Casper	WY
David O	Taylor	Casper	WY



OBITUARY INFORMATION

Paul Benedict, Membership Chair

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Surname	Year	<i>In-Memoriam</i> (Note: These are recent notices. For a complete list, please see www.arcse.org)
Carter	2019	Lifetime ARCSE Member Walker Grady Carter Jr. (91) of Statesboro, Georgia, passed away on December 18, 2019, after a long battle with cancer, surrounded by family in Statesboro. Walker was born on May 1, 1928, to Walker Grady Carter Sr. and Esther Stuart Carter in Americus, Georgia, and raised on the family farm in Sumter County. He was always at home in the agricultural fields, and as a boy was proud of his mule, Uncle Sam. Walker attended Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Georgia, where he worked his way through school butchering meat at the college farm. He received his Bachelor of Science in agricultural engineering in 1951 from the University of Georgia. He then served in the United States Air Force from 1951-1955 during the Korean War working as a radio mechanic and rising to the rank of staff sergeant while stationed in Japan. After returning from Japan, Walker began a 34-year career as an agricultural and civil engineer for the USDA Soil Conservation Service (SCS). He provided his engineering expertise throughout Georgia. He transferred to his last SCS post in 1973 and served as Statesboro area agricultural engineer until 1989. He was a member of the Soil Conservation Society of America and the National Association of Conservation Districts. Walker met his wife of 49 years, Sara Joanne Holt , when they both worked for the SCS in Athens, Georgia. They worked together on the Lake Tobesofkee Dam project, where Walker's engineering of the dam sluice was visualized by Joanne's drafting of the design. They married in July 1959, and he treated her son Gary as his own. Walker was an active member of Pittman Park United Methodist Church. He enjoyed traveling the world with his Joanne and their family as much as he did tending his Statesboro home garden and square dancing in the living room with lifelong friends. His wife Joanne passed away in 2009. Surviving are children, Gary Gerrard (Karen Green) of Lexington, Georgia; Walker Grady Carter III (Rossana) of Macon, Georgia; and Gregory Holt Carter (Patricia) of Statesboro, Georgia; grandchildren, Ashton Kiesner, Elijah and Emma Carter, Olivia Carter and Dylan Carter; and two great-grandchildren.
Chapman	2021	ARCSE Member Dana C. Chapman (75), of Sennett, New York, passed away peacefully September 26, 2021, in his home, with his family by his side. He had suffered from Parkinson's disease for several years. A native of North Cohocton, New York, born on April 3, 1946, Dana was the son of the late Graham and Blossom Morse Chapman . Dana attended and attained degrees from both the College of Environmental Science and Forestry and Syracuse University, School of Agricultural and Civil Engineering. While at Syracuse, he met and married his wife of 52 years, Jeanne Bramble Chapman . Dana was employed as an Environmental Engineer with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service for 26 years, retiring in 1995. He also worked for the New York City Watershed in Walton, New York and the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service in Rochester, New York. Finally, he owned and operated his own business, Agricultural Engineering Services (AES). He was a member of the Soil and Water Conservation Society and the Sennett Federated Church, where he served on several boards. Dana was a simple man with a huge heart for life, friends, family, and specifically for his caring and cherished wife, Jeanne, and is survived by his slightly goofy and joyful son, Brian Chapman and his wife Kate of Conquest, New York; son-in-law Christopher Jorolemon and his wife Amy of Weedsport, New York; and three fun-loving grandchildren, Alison Jorolemon and Marlie and Connor Chapman , who cheerfully called him "Bubba. Contributions may be made in memory of Dana to the Sennett Federated Church or the Susan G. Komen Foundation.
Davis	2021	Joseph Rex "Joe" Davis, Sr. (84) of Lexington, Kentucky, passed away September 21, 2021, at the Bluegrass Hospice Care Center. He was born December 22, 1936, in Fulton, Mississippi to the Leon Birg "Pop" and Emma Toomer "Mom" Davis . He was a 1958 graduate of Mississippi State University and was an engineer for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service for 33 years, retiring as State Conservation Engineer. Joe was preceded in death by his wife Virginia C. "Ginger" Rodgers in 2005. Joe is survived by his children, Joey Davis, Rodger (Barbara) Davis , and Jane (Chris) Welborne ; and his grandchildren, Taylor (Stephen) Montgomery, Lauren Davis, Lauren Welborne , and Kristen Welborne .
Eckroat	2020	John Arthur (Jack) Eckroat (77) of Edmond, Oklahoma, passed away July 13, 2020. Jack was born On April 2, 1943, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Kathryn E. and William M. Eckroat, Jr. He went to college at Oklahoma State University (OSU), in Stillwater, Oklahoma where he not only earned his Bachelor but his Masters in Agronomy and later went on to get his PhD in geographic information systems. He served his country as a Lieutenant in the Air Force Reserves during the Vietnam War era from 1963 to 1976. He was a successful businessman with his brother Tom Eckroat owning and operating Eckroat Seed Company, in Hennessey, Ok., partner in Aggie Oil Company, member of First Christian Church in Hennessey, and avid OSU football supporter. Jack worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) as a Resource Conservationist on the Ecological Sciences state office staff in Oklahoma from 2003 until he retired on January 2, 2009. Jack's focus during his time working with NRCS was on compiling ecological site descriptions and the eastern red cedar project. He is survived by his daughters Carrie Eckroat-Feuerborn of Edmond, Oklahoma, Meagan (Scott) States of Kingfisher, Oklahoma and Kristen (Greg) Alexander of Keller, Texas; and six grandchildren Kara, Garrett, Brayden, Trevor, Dalton and Austin .
Henningsen	2021	Steven "Steve" Henningsen (70) of Salina, Kansas, passed away October 7, 2021. He was born September 13, 1951, in Salina, the son of Clair and Margaret (Neilson) Henningsen . He married Linda Fry on March 29, 1975, in the Central Christian Church, Belleville, Kansas. Steve was a Soil Conservationist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in Abilene, Kansas. He was a community leader in his church, 4-H and was a volunteer for Access Television and the Rescue Mission. He was a lifelong fan of the Kansas City Royals baseball team. He is survived by his wife, Linda; his daughter, Kristi (Chuck) Hays , and his son, John Henningsen . He has three grandchildren, Stephanie, Cameo and Madison and 3 great grandchildren.
Hickman	2021	Glenn Lamar Hickman (85) of Waverly, Alabama, passed away October 14, 2021. Glen was born November 4, 1935, in Ashland Alabama to parents Daisy and Loye Hickman . He graduated from Auburn University in 1958 with a degree in Agronomy and Soils. He worked for USDA Soil Conservation for 34 years, retiring in 1994 as an Alabama Assistant State Soil Scientist. Glenn moved from Auburn, Alabama to Waverly, Alabama in 1988. He raised cows for several years which was his passion. He was an avid gardener who could grow anything, except carrots and for many years he had a huge

		garden full of vegetables, a strawberry patch, and a few flowers. Glenn had a sharp wit and could make anyone laugh. He also had the gift of making easy conversation with anyone. A memorial service was held at the Waverly cemetery on October 24, 2021. Glenn is survived by his wife of 59 years, Mary Alice Bobo Hickman and their three daughters, Jan Hickman of Waverly, Alabama, Emily Hickman Handley of Tallassee, Alabama, and Beth Hickman (Paul) Cox of Opelika, Alabama; and three cherished grandchildren, Clay Frangipane , Thomas Handley , and Jacob "Jake" Cox .
Laflin	2021	Lewis Eugene "Lew" Laflin (88) of Crab Orchard, Nebraska, passed away at the Good Samaritan Center in Beatrice, Nebraska on October 17, 2021. He was born to Lewis and Maree (Shiek) Laflin on January 3, 1933 at Crab Orchard, Nebraska. Lew grew up in Crab Orchard, Nebraska on the family farm, where the Laflin family homesteaded in 1857. He was a graduate of the University of Nebraska in 1954, a member of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United State Army ROTC program upon graduation. While attending the University of Nebraska, he met the love of his life, Virginia Reavis and the two were joined in marriage on October 3, 1954 at the United Methodist Church in Falls City, Nebraska. Shortly after their marriage, Lew was stationed in Mannheim, Germany, where they lived two years. While in Germany, Lew served in the 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion. After returning to the United States, the couple came back to the family farm where Lew continued with the family's Registered Angus cattle business. Lew also became heavily involved in the Republican Party working with local, state and national candidates for more than 50 years. Lew served in variety of organizations and politics. In his early 50's, Lew began full-time employment off the farm as a District Sales Manager with Northrop King Seed for 11 years. Afterward, he continued in a variety of positions with the National Soil Survey Center and Office of Personnel Management. Lew is survived by his wife, Virginia Laflin , Crab Orchard, children: Mike Laflin , Mark (Kari) Laflin ; Crab Orchard; John (Shirley) Laflin , Lincoln, Nebraska, 9 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.
Lemon	2021	Dennis Ridell Lemon (86) of Salina, Kansas, passed away on Oct. 1, 2021, in Salina with his wife of nearly 60 years at his side. Dennis was born on March 28, 1935 in the tiny country town of Portis, Kansas and He was the only child of the late Clyde Donald Lemon and Mary Revo Payton . He spent his youth helping his father raise racing greyhounds. He attended Ft. Hays Kansas State College and graduated in 1957. Promptly after graduation he and a couple of friends went to Denver to enlist in the Army for 2 years. He was stationed in Germany for the entire duration of his enlistment where he traveled all over Europe in his MG convertible he purchased when he arrived. He settled in Denver, CO after his discharge from the Army in 1959 and began a career in the US Forest Service. In 1961, he met his wife, Ila Faye Lawson , and they were married a short 9 months later on March 17, 1962 in Norton, Kaansas. The family moved to the Washington DC area in 1974 and remained until they moved to Salina in 1980 when Joe transferred to the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, where he was the Assistant State Conservationist (Administration) in the Kansas State Office. He retired in 1995 after 35 years of government service. He was one of the last few living historians of the period of greyhound coursing history – which preceded the greyhound track racing as we know it today. He recently had been a resource of firsthand information for UK historian and author Charles Blanning for a September 2021 article in the "Sporting Press" (Ireland) on the early days of coursing in the United States. Joe loved to play golf and travel with his wife all over the world among many other hobbies. He is survived by his wife Ila, his daughters Michelle of Columbia, Tennessee and Tia of Aurora, Colorado. His two grandsons, Tom (Shannon) Worcester of Grand Forks, North Dakota and Brandon Worcester of Columbia, Tennessee as well as his two great-grandchildren, Grace Helen Worcester and Solomon Thomas Worcester . Memoriums can be made to the Greyhound Hall of Fame Scholarship Fund in Abilene, Kansas.
Lincoln	2020	Lifetime ARCSE Member Ernest Erdine "Ernie" Lincoln III (81) of Harrisonburg, Virginia, passed away on June 8, 2020 at Page Memorial Hospital. Ernie was born on November 27, 1938 and was the son of the late Ernest Erdine Jr. and Helen Garber Lincoln . He served in the United States Air Force. On January 5, 1962, he was married to the former Carolyn June Carr who survives. He retired from the USDA Soil Conservation (SCS) in 1985, where he worked as an engineering technician. After retiring from SCS he worked as a school bus driver for Rockingham County Schools and the Social Security Office as a security guard. He collected and called in the local weather data to radio station WVA for many years. He was an avid hunter who enjoyed camping and spending time in the outdoors. He was a member of the Church of Christ. In addition to his wife, Carolyn, also surviving are two daughters, Janice (Robert) Burns of Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina, and Sherri (Dennis) Norris of Union Bridge, Maryland; grandchildren, Brandon Rudisill , Lacey Campbell , Nicole Rudisill , Jennifer Thompson , Brian Burns , Joel Norris , Philip Norris ; great-grandchildren, Haley Thompson , Alana Thompson , Aiden Thompson ; and his special fur-baby, "Buttons."
Meyer	2021	Dennis "Denny" Meyer (87) of Mandan, North Dakota, passed away September 15, 2021, in Mandan. After two years at Bismarck Junior College, he completed his degree at North Dakota State University in 1961. He worked as an engineer for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Fargo, Forman, Minot and Bismarck, North Dakota until retiring in 1989. After retirement, he formed Dennis F. Meyer, Inc. and was an engineering consultant. As a professional engineer he rose through the ranks to become president of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES), the organization that oversees licensure for these professions. He is survived by his wife, Bernie of 26 years; daughters, Kora (Ken) Dockter and Janel (Mike) Schmitz ; stepsons, Dan (Karla) Clark and Jay (Michele) Clark ; six grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, and a grandson.
Moebius	2021	Gordon Eugene Moebius (82) of Duncan, Oklahoma passed away at home on September 12, 2021. Gordon was born November 24, 1938, in Payne County, Oklahoma to Henry A. and Laura (Weldon) Moebius . He worked for the USDDA-Soil Conservation Service as a soil scientist and was well respected by his colleagues for his knowledge and cheerful attitude. He was easy to talk to and made lifelong friends. An avid outdoorsman, Gordon loved to hunt, fish, and spend time outdoors. After retiring from the Soil Conservation Service, he rehabbed and sold houses while earning his real estate broker's associate license. Then he created his own business, GEM Services, working as a soil consultant advising on a variety of environmental issues. He was active in Duncan Christian Center, Duncan Gideon's organization and the State Retirees Association for the Soil Conservation Service, where he had served as president. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 61 years, Minnie Carol Rains-Moebius . Gordon is survived by his daughters and sons-in-law Debra Handy of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Susan (Jeff) Henderson of Seminole, Oklahoma, Mark Handy of Oklahoma City; and grandchildren: Evan Mark Handy , Emma Nichole Henderson , and Hayley Moore .
Pollock	2021	Doris Ann Pollock (93) of Lincoln, Nebraska, passed away October 12, 2021. She was born January 26, 1928, in Rising City, Nebraska and passed away in Lincoln, Nebraska on October 12, 2021 at the age of 93. Doris was married to Bob

		Pollock who passed away on March 11, 2018 after 70 years of marriage. Bob worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Nebraska as a soil scientist.
Ramsey	2021	Janus Don Ramsey (86) of Stephenville, Texas, passed away September 18, 2021. Don was born in Cleburne, Texas, on January 9, 1935, to Charley John and Bessie Olena (Hankins) Ramsey . He married Patsy Jeanene White on November 26, 1953, in Cleburne, Texas. Don was a retired Construction Inspector for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, the Lake Pat Sams RV club where he served as President for several years, and the Studebaker Driving Club. Survivors include his wife, Pat Ramsey of Stephenville, Texas; sons, Michael Don Ramsey (Denise) of Quinlan, Texas, Cris Alan Ramsey (Donna) , of Allen, Texas, and Bret Eugene Ramsey of Dallas, Texas; 8 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren.
Schauble	2021	Philip Oscar Joe Schauble (93) of Spokane, Washington, passed away September 21, 2021. He was born April 1, 1928 in Fayette, North Dakota, to Robert and Mary Krautchuk Schauble . His love of trees and plants led him to a career as a soil conservationist with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, where he became a district conservationist in eastern Washington. He married Maureen Doyle on July 9, 1960. Both Phil and Maureen were born on April Fool's Day. He struggled with memory loss for the past year but was lucid and engaged when it came to his newest great-grandson, Tristen, who he referred to as "the little guy". Phil was preceded in death by his grandson Tristen Jordan and his son-in-law M. Michael Bishop ; He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Maureen, daughters Julie (Andy) Schauble-Nguyen , Lorretta Schauble , Brenda (Michael) Coles , Sheila (Rodney) Molett , Anita (John) Willis , and Teresa Bishop ; 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.
Spears	2021	Senior Conservationist and Life and Honorary ARCSE member Maurice "Whitey" James Spears (96) of Little Rock, Arkansas, passed away January 05, 2021, in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Whitey was born in Grand Saline, Texas on March 31, 1924. After high school graduation, he was accepted to Texas A & M College. He was expected to graduate with the class of 1946 but when World War II started, Whitey hesitated, he quit A & M and joined the Army. "Chub", Whitey's younger brother said that was the only time he saw their father "MJ" cry in the fields. Whitey wanted to go overseas as soon as possible so he was sent to Fort Chaffee, Arkansas for deployment. He was assigned to Battery B672d Field Artillery Battalion. He was on a 155 Howitzer crew. They spent two weeks going to Africa and till his last days he hated the thought of taking a "BOAT" ride. He said that was the sickest he had ever been. He never bragged about his service, like most of the Greatest Generation. His reply was, "They all had to do their duty for the country." He served till the end of the war, he then returned to A & M and graduated in the class of 1949. His first job was back to his love of the land. He became a soil scientist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS) based in different cities in the Rio Grande Valley. He met his biggest supporter, "Hank" Henrietta Waters, in Harlingen Texas. They were married in 1951. Whitey worked his way through the ranks with SCS. He spent time in South Dakota as an Assistant State Conservationist. From there, he went back to Texas as a Deputy State Conservationist. He was promoted to State Conservationist of Arkansas in 1973. In May of 1979 Whitey was awarded the Superior Service award "For outstanding direction of Soil Conservation Service programs leading to enhanced environment and improved standards of living for rural residents of Arkansas." Whitey believed in family, friends, and fairness. He also believed "No beer will be consumed on the golf course till a Par was made". He also believed in declaring a Par on the #3 (Third Hole) if no Par was made. He became an ICON at Hindman Golf Course. Whitey had three kids with "Hank" Henrietta Waters who preceded him in death in 1998. In 2000, Whitey got married to his second wife, Amy Jones who preceded him in death in 2018. He is survived by three children, Michele (Pierre) Richer , Melissa (Tony) Casteel , Myles (Lisa) Spears , six grandchildren, four great grandchildren.
Studer	2021	Louis L. Studer (84) of Columbia, Missouri, passed away July 14, 2021, at his farm north of Columbia. Louis was born in St. Joseph, Missouri, to Joseph and Evadell (Smith) Studer . He graduated from Kansas State University (KSU) in 1959 with a degree in Civil-Agricultural Engineering. While at KSU, he was a member of the Delta Sigma Phi social fraternity, AFROTC, and engineering organizations. Louis married Janice "Jan" Groh in 1957, in Manhattan, Kansas, where they both graduated from Kansas State University. After graduation, Louis was employed by the Missouri State Highway Department in St. Joseph, Missouri, as an engineer, construction inspector. In 1956, Louis accepted employment with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. During his career, Louis worked in Water Resources as a Planning and Project Engineer. After a 30-year career, Louis retired in 1996. After retirement, Louis and his wife, Jan, traveled throughout Europe, Asia, and Canada, and the United States. He also enjoyed woodworking, gardening, fishing, and hunting. Louis is survived by his wife, Jan, of Columbia; son Bruce (Elizabeth) Studer of Germantown, Wisconsin; son Craig Studer of Shanghai, China; and son Kent (Melanie) Studer of Columbia; seven grandsons; and one great-grandson.
Tingey	2021	Joylene R. Tingey (91) of Vancouver, Washington, passed away peacefully on September 19, 2021, in Salt Lake City, Utah, surrounded by her beloved husband, Senior Conservationist K Marsal Tingey , and other family members after battling Alzheimer's, diminishing sight and other health issues. Joylene was born on 09/14/1930. She graduated from Brigham Young University and received her baccalaureate degree in physical education, recreation and health with a minor in modern dance in 1952. Her husband Marsal retired from the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in 1990 after serving many years as the State Resource Conservationist in the Oregon State Office.
Wade	2021	Arthur Wade (74) of Whittier, North Carolina, passed away September 16, 2021. He was the son of the Anderson and Ina Tubby Wade . He was a US Army veteran having served in Vietnam and received three Purple Hearts. Arthur worked a soil conservation technician for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service and was liaison to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians when he retired. Arthur was a member of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church for over 40 years and loved mission work. He was preceded in death by his son, Chris Jenkins and brother, Chester Wade . He is survived by his wife, Judy Wade ; three daughters, Dusty (Shawn) Husky , Melissa (Joe) Setzer , Jennifer (Mike) York and Taelyn Hunt ; grandchildren, Dagon McClure , Geoffrey Wade , Courtney Brashear , Jesse Jenkins , Chelsea Ball , Chaise Setzer , Alyssa Huskey , Drew Huskey , Madison York , Daniel York , Brady Jenkins , Wyatt Delozier and Brianna Nash ; and 15 great grandchildren. A memorial service was held September 25, 2021 at the Cherokee Indian Ceremonial Grounds. Military honors were conducted by The Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post #143.
Whitworth	2021	Mariann Whitworth, "Blondie" (73) of Boise, Idaho passed away August 22, 2021. Mariann was born on September 5, 1947 in Pocatello, Idaho to Robert and Jeraldine Whitworth . Mariann was raised in May, Idaho in the beautiful Pahsimeroi valley. Upon high school graduation, Mariann followed her sister Maureen to Pocatello and attended Idaho State University. Mariann enrolled in the secretarial program and upon completion moved to Twin Falls, Idaho. Eventually settling in Boise a few years later. In Boise, her career began with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Her career brought her great joy

	<p>and pride. She worked in administrative services. One of her favorite titles in life was that of being an Aunt. Mariann was truly a wonderful Aunt (and Great Aunt!) and was at her happiest when loved ones were near. Mariann cherished hosting large thanksgiving dinners each year where the family would gather where she was able to share her gift of cooking and baking. The simple pleasures of life brought her so much happiness, you could often find her baking or enjoying a good book. Mariann was such a warrior and beat cancer twice in her lifetime and through it all she never lost her joy and was a shining example of bravery and perseverance. Mariann had the most important qualities of a beautiful soul, bravery and love. Mariann is survived by her loving sisters Maureen Betscher and Kami Corrigan, six nieces and nephews and their children.</p>
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