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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Becky Fletcher, ARCSE President

It's hard to believe that summer is ending and the ARCSE Aug. 4th annual meeting is over. What a great time we had in Costa Mesa at the Annual SWCS Conference. Although the numbers were down this year, there was a warm comradery among attendees. It was good to reconnect with our friends and colleagues.

The conference theme, "Conservation Coast to Coast" allowed for a wide range of topics about soil health, regenerative agriculture, water supply, quality and management, erosion control, community and outreach efforts, and more. The interesting and informative sessions during the day were followed by time with exhibitors and poster presenters, and evening receptions on the hotel terraces with cool ocean breezes.

Thirty-seven members and guests joined us in person or via Zoom for the annual meeting. We were pleased to have State Conservationist **Carlos Suarez** welcome us and give us an overview of the challenges of managing southern California's water supply, delivery and use for agriculture. New this year was our first-ever symposium. We collaborated with Women in NRCS (WiN) to talk about the importance of senior mentors for NRCS employees. We had a good discussion and gained insights into possible next steps. Special thanks to **Cheryl Simmons, Craig Derickson, Paul Benedict, Jack Carlson and Julie MacSwain** for their help in organizing these events.

Congratulations to our 2024–25 award winners. I don't think we've ever had so many. **Bill Kuentler and Rev. Dr. Clifford Jones** received the community service award. **Melvin Womack, Donna Beggs, and Craig Derickson** received the President's Meritorious Service Award. And **Dick Gooby, Cheryl Simmons, and Don Stettler** received the President's Distinguished Service Award. Please read more about these awards in the newsletter.

We had so much fun working with our interns this year – **Chloe Haymaker and Ismael De Lara**. Under Courtney Allen's leadership, they accomplished their work plan tasks and helped out during the annual meeting. We are grateful to have this opportunity to support interns who in turn plan activities for students at the conference each year and assist with our communications and marketing efforts.

I have to say I felt a bit overwhelmed when Julie bequeathed me the ceremonious gavel (through Cheryl) on August 4th. We have a lot of momentum going thanks to these two leaders, and I want to be sure we stay on task, moving forward.

We have started the year with a new plan of work that follows the strategic plan we developed a couple of years ago. With the success of last year's **membership drive** we plan to do another – starting now! We will also be continuing our work with our partnership MOUs with the NRCS mentoring program and New Solutions Agriculture Conservation Experienced Services program.

In closing, I want to thank **Arnold King, Donna Beggs and Melvin Womack** who are leaving the board after years of dedicated leadership. They have been publicly acknowledged for their service, but I want them to know that they will be greatly missed.

Wherever you are, enjoy the fall season and stay connected.

ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED CONSERVATION SERVICE EMPLOYEES

ARCSE Annual Meeting – August 4th – Costa Mesa, CA



Becky Fletcher, incoming ARCSE President



Carlos Suarez, State Conservationist, California



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ARCSE 2025 Annual Meeting Zoom Participants



ARCSE 2025 Annual Meeting On-site Participants, Aug. 4th, 2025 Costa Mesa, CA

NOTES FROM THE POTOMAC

—Craig Derickson
August 25, 2025

After their month-long August recess, the House and Senate will return after Labor Day, with just four weeks left to come together to approve a budget to avoid a government shutdown. Those of you used to reading about end of fiscal year budget drama are probably already prepared for some kind of “kick-the-can” strategy for this problem.

One Big Beautiful Bill Act Impacts on Agriculture

On July 4th, 2025, **President Trump** signed the multi-billion-dollar reconciliation bill titled the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (“OBBBA”) into law. The new law includes several provisions regularly associated with the Farm Bill, the omnibus spending bill that covers various agricultural, food, and conservation programs in the United States. The OBBBA includes provisions related to agricultural commodity programs, nutrition programs, tax policies, and conservation programs.

The following is an overview by the National Ag Law Center on the conservation measures included in the OBBBA that are relevant to agriculture.

The OBBBA will authorize billions of dollars in funding for several of the USDA voluntary conservation programs. These programs are primarily implemented by the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and serve as an option to help farmers and ranchers address environmental resource concerns on private lands. The programs are voluntary and help participants to improve the condition of the natural resources on their land and provide environmental benefits that benefit the public.

In 2022, Congress passed, and President Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). Under that law, several conservation programs received a funding boost of nearly \$18 billion in federal funding. Four programs received funding through the IRA and were authorized to continue running through fiscal year 2031: Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) and Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP).

It is important to note that conservation program funding through the IRA was supplemental and not part of the Farm Bill baseline. According to the National Ag Law Center: “This means that the conservation funding authorized under the IRA would need to be spent by the end of fiscal year 2031, and leftover funding would not be incorporated into the baseline budget of future Farm Bills. Additionally, much of the money appropriated for conservation programs under the IRA was specifically set aside to fund conservation practices that are aimed at improving soil carbon, reducing nitrogen losses, and sequestering carbon dioxide.”

It is also important to note that the OBBBA also redirected much of the conservation funding authorized by the IRA to the permanent Farm Bill baseline. “By doing so, the OBBBA makes the funding permanent, meaning that unspent funding will not expire at the end of fiscal year 2031. Additionally, the OBBBA removed language from the IRA specifically designating conservation program funding for practices intended to address nitrogen and carbon concerns. In total, the OBBBA authorizes \$18.5 billion for EQIP, \$8.1 billion for CSP, \$4.1 billion for ACEP, and \$2.7 billion for RCPP. The bill also renewed some smaller conservation initiatives that were not funded under the last Farm Bill extension. Those initiatives include the Grassroots Source Water Protection program which is aimed at preventing pollution in rural drinking water, and the Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive program which provides financial incentives to private landowners that make their property open to the public for hunting, fishing, and wildlife observation.” For more information on OBBBA impacts on conservation see <https://nationalaglawcenter.org/one-big-beautiful-bill-act-resource-roundup/>

Additional impacts to agriculture and conservation in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act were summarized by **Dr. Carl Zulauf**, Emeritus Professor, Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics, at Ohio State University. The described impacts are as follow:

Farm safety net enhancements

Increased funding: The act allocates approximately \$65.6 billion over the next decade (fiscal year 2025–2034) to agriculture-focused spending, with \$59 billion directed toward core farm safety net enhancements.

Updated programs: It modernizes programs like Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) by adjusting reference prices and loan rates to better reflect current production costs and market conditions.

Enhanced crop insurance: The act boosts premium support for crop insurance and expands farmers' access to options like the Crop Insurance Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) for additional protection, according to Food Business News.

Financial and tax benefits for farmers

Permanent small business deduction: The act increases the small business deduction to 23 percent for family farmers and ranchers.

Death tax exemption: It permanently expands the death tax exemption, which can help alleviate the need to sell off land or livestock to pay estate taxes when transferring farms to the next generation, says Ohio Ag Connection.

Increased small business expensing: The act allows for 100 percent immediate expensing for new production facilities and increases the small business equipment deduction and phaseout thresholds.

Conservation and sustainable agriculture

Continued funding for conservation programs: The OBBBA authorizes billions in funding for voluntary USDA conservation programs, primarily implemented through the NRCS, as noted by the National Agricultural Law Center.

Support for climate-resilient agriculture: While not directly tied to OBBBA, sustainable harvesting practices, like those for resilient crops like baobab, are increasingly crucial for building resilient food systems in the face of climate change.

Other notable impacts

Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC): The act modifies the DMC program to benefit dairy producers.

Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP): The LFP now offers faster and larger payments during droughts, providing quicker financial support for producers relying on grazing, according to Ohio Ag Connection.

In summary, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) is intended to strengthen the agricultural sector through a combination of enhanced farm safety net programs, tax benefits for farmers, and continued support for conservation initiatives. These measures are expected to have a significant impact on farm decisions, financial management, and the overall sustainability of agricultural practices in the United States.

For more information about commodity programs, nutrition and agriculture programs from the Ohio State University Farm Office see: <https://farmoffice.osu.edu/blog/fri-07112025-907am/2025-reconciliation-farm-bill—summary-overview>.

Economic Impact of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA)

The Congressional Budget Office's (CBO) score of the OBBBA estimates that it would increase primary (non-interest) budget deficits by \$2.4 trillion over the fiscal year (FY) 2025–2034 budget period. According to the American Action Forum, "Including interest costs, the legislation is estimated to increase budget deficits by \$3.0 trillion and boost the national debt to 124 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) by the end of FY 2034, compared to 117 percent of GDP under current law."

Jordan Haring, Director of Fiscal Policy at the American Action Forum, analyzed the impact of the OBBBA and wrote: "The FY 2025 budget resolution adopted by the House and Senate included reconciliation instructions to 11 House committees to allow up to \$3.3 trillion of primary deficit increases over the FY 2025–2034 budget window (the budget resolution instructs the Senate to craft measures that would increase primary deficits by up to \$2.0 trillion). CBO's score of the House-passed OBBBA estimates that the 11 committees' reconciliation measures and the interactions between them would increase primary budget deficits by \$2.4 trillion through FY 2034, which is the net effect of \$4.2 trillion of gross costs that is partially offset by \$1.7 trillion of gross savings.

After including the \$551 billion in higher interest costs that would come from the additional borrowing, the OBBBA would increase budget deficits by \$3.0 trillion through FY 2034. While CBO scores the OBBBA as increasing budget deficits over the next decade, the Administration has argued the revenue from the tariffs its imposed through executive action will effectively offset this cost. In fact, CBO recently estimated that the administration's tariffs will reduce budget deficits by \$2.8 trillion over the next decade." For more analysis and a breakdown of the budget impacts to the 11 committees by Jordan Haring see the American Action Forum website and at: <https://www.americanactionforum.org/insight/cbos-score-of-the-house-passed-one-big-beautiful-bill-act-a-closer-look/>.

USDA Announces Reorganization Plan

On July 24th, 2025, USDA Secretary **Brooke L. Rollins** announced the reorganization of the USDA, refocusing its core operations to better align with its founding mission of supporting American farming, ranching, and forestry. Key aspects of the plan include relocating employees from Washington, DC, to regional hubs, consolidating offices, and eliminating redundancies.

Key Elements of the Plan:

- **Relocation of Employees:** Approximately 2,600 USDA employees in the National Capital Region will be moved to five regional hubs: Raleigh, North Carolina; Kansas City, Missouri; Indianapolis, Indiana; Fort Collins, Colorado; and Salt Lake City, Utah.
- **Office Closures:** The USDA will vacate and return to the General Services Administration the South Building, Braddock Place, and the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC).
- **Consolidation of Regional Offices:** The plan involves reducing the number of regional offices for the Forest Service, the National Agricultural Statistics Service, and the Food and Nutrition Service.
- **Consolidation of Support Functions:** Many support functions, such as civil rights, information technology (IT), and human relations (HR), will be moved to other federal agencies to reduce duplication.
- **Focus on Core Mission:** The reorganization aims to refocus USDA's efforts on its core mission of supporting American farming, ranching, and forestry.
- **Timeline and Public Comment:** A 30-day public comment period is underway, ending on August 26th, 2025, allowing stakeholders to provide feedback on the plan.
- The plan is expected to be implemented over a multi-year period.

Potential Impacts and Concerns:

- **Cost Savings:** The reorganization is projected to save approximately \$4 billion.
- **Impact on Employees:** The move of employees to regional hubs has raised concerns about potential employee attrition and the loss of valuable expertise.
- **Impact on Stakeholders:** Counties are encouraged to monitor the impact of the reorganization on staffing, service delivery, and program access.

- **Congress's Role:** Congress is seeking more information about the plan's details and justification, including any cost-benefit analyses. On August 1st, 2025, USDA announced a 30-day public comment period on the proposed reorganization plan. The comment period will close on August 26th, 2025, and stakeholders were provided an opportunity to submit feedback via email at reorganization@usda.gov.

For more information on the USDA Reorganization Plan see the USDA website at: <https://www.usda.gov/about-usda/news/press-releases/2025/07/24/secretary-rollins-announces-usda-reorganization-restoring-departments-core-mission-supporting>.

NRCS Chief Bettencourt Releases Video Series "Dishin' the Dirt"

"NRCS Chief Dishes the Dirt" is a video series featuring **Aubrey JD Bettencourt**, the Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), showcasing how the NRCS empowers farmers, ranchers, and forestland owners through conservation assistance. The series highlights voluntary, locally led, and science-based conservation practices that benefit both the land and agricultural operations.

The videos feature NRCS Chief Bettencourt showcasing various NRCS conservation practices. The videos focus on diverse practices, like rotational grazing in Missouri, modernizing canals and revitalizing lands in Arizona, and innovations at the Manhattan Plant Materials Center.

The series emphasizes how NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to help producers implement conservation practices. The videos demonstrate how these practices improve soil health, increase productivity, enhance water conservation, and strengthen drought resilience.

During a visit to Maricopa County, Arizona, Chief Bettencourt met with **Jacob Mayfield** of Sunbelt Transplants, who grows onion transplants for producers across the country hoping to get an early start on onion crop production. He spoke with NRCS Chief Aubrey JD Bettencourt about how the local USDA Service Center helped him install a pumping plant equipped with an internal combustion power pump to improve his water-use efficiency by 20% and diesel fuel efficiency by 40% through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

The videos can be found on the NRCS website, as well as on platforms like YouTube and Facebook. For more information see the NRCS website at: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/our-agency/dishin-the-dirt>.

Congress Needs to Pass New Farm Bill by September 30th, 2025

Congress has until September 30th, 2025, to pass a new farm bill, as the current one will expire at the end of the fiscal year on September 30th, 2025. The 2018 Farm Bill has been extended in both 2023 and 2024 due to a lack of agreement by the parties on a new bill. The previous extensions ensured that existing programs, like those supporting farmers and conservation efforts, are able to continue to operate. However, some "orphan programs" lack funding in the extension, highlighting the challenges in reaching a comprehensive agreement. See more from Georgia Farm Bureau Ag News at: <https://www.gfb.org/news/ag-news/post/congress-extends-farm-bill-through-september-2025>.

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

- **Extension:** The American Relief Act of 2025, enacted on December 21st, 2024, extended the 2018 Farm Bill by one year, until September 30th, 2025.
- **Purpose of Extension:** The extension allows existing Farm Bill programs to continue, including those related to safety-nets, price support, and conservation.
- **Challenges:** Despite the extension, some programs within the 2018 Farm Bill were not funded, including some conservation programs and the Feral Swine Eradication and Control Pilot Program.
- **Bipartisan Process:** The Farm Bill typically requires bipartisan support to pass, and reaching an agreement in the current political climate could be challenging.

Potential for 2025: While Congress has until September 2025 to pass a new bill, the focus on budget reconciliation and potential cuts to nutrition programs like SNAP could complicate negotiations.

For more information on the status of Farm Bill see the Farm Aid organization at: <https://www.farmaid.org/issues/farm-policy/the-latest-updates-on-the-2025-farm-bill/#>

and the Center for Agricultural Law at:

<https://www.calt.iastate.edu/post/american-relief-act-2025-provides-ad-hoc-relief-farmers-while-extending-farm-bill>.

Additional information and links can be found at the USDA farmers.gov website at: <https://www.farmers.gov/>.

“Still Growing Strong”

From Julie MacSwain

51 years of ARCSE and 90 years of NRCS!

We may be retired, but we're not done—
Still staying connected, still having fun.
From soil to stream, from farm to tree,
Our legacy lives on in NRCS history.

51 years of ARCSE pride,
Walking together, side by side.
Here's to the folks who came before—
And those who'll keep opening the conservation door.

#ARCSE #NRCS90 #ConservationLegacy
#StillMakingADifference #RetiredNotExpired
#SoilAndWaterProud #USDA #ConservationMatters
#StayingConnected #ARCSEStrong

From our ARCSE Poet Laureat (Julie MacSwain)



Soil — Not Dirt



Soil is not just lifeless ground—
It's where all roots and life are found.
When Dust Bowl winds blew dark and deep,
The land cried out, it couldn't sleep.

From that despair, a cause took root,
With science, heart, and strong pursuit.
The Soil Conservation Service grew,
To help protect what's good and true.

It's not just “dirt,” it's Earth's own skin—
Where all our food and life begin.

John Mueller, New South Regional Vice-President

I was asked to include a short bio this month since I'm new to the role of Vice President, South Region, so here goes. I retired in 2018 after 36 years of service with NRCS and SCS as the State Conservation Engineer for Texas. Prior to that, I worked as a field engineer in Texas in two locations; as a project engineer in Beckley, West Virginia; geotechnical engineer in Lincoln, Nebraska; and field engineer in Oklahoma, as well as geotechnical engineer in the Oklahoma state office. During my career, I also had the chance to serve as Acting State Conservationist for Oklahoma, taught NDEC courses, and served on about 10 national details. Along the way, I've had the pleasure of working with lots of wonderful people, and that continues with ARCSE. Now, I enjoy traveling, spending time with our grandsons, trying to get better at golf, and hunting/fishing.

Earlier this summer, **Kate** and I had a chance to vacation at Port Aransas with family, and we had a great time. Most of the time was spent at the beach, but we also found time to visit the Aquarium where the dolphin show was a big hit. Of course, we just had to enjoy the local cuisine and found fresh seafood almost every night.

Our grandsons really enjoyed walking up and down the beach, so I did my best to keep up!

—Best, John Mueller



Becky Ross, New ARCSE Treasurer

Becky Ross will soon be retiring after 31 years of service with SCS/NRCS. She was fortunate to serve at the field, area, state, and national levels. She worked in all four regions during her career and worked alongside some amazing colleagues and friends. Becky and her wife **Julie**, a retired Police Officer, and their two rescue dogs, Molly and Henry, will be relocating to the Houston, Texas area later this year. In the coming months, Becky, Julie and the pups plan to visit with friends and family as they travel across the US exploring National Parks and other sites of interest. Besides traveling, Becky enjoys reading, gardening (flowers and veggies), as well as meeting new people and getting involved in her local community. Becky is a lifelong member of SWCS, Women in NRCS (WiN), and Equality USDA.

Janet Perry, New East Regional Vice-President

Hi Folks,

I'm excited to join ARCSE as your East Region Vice President. Although I spent 25 years at USDA, my direct time with NRCS was shorter, serving as Chief Economist and Director of Resource Economics, Analysis, and Policy (REAP) from 2010–2016. During that period, my team supported NRCS programs by estimating costs and benefits for the 2014/15 Farm Bill, coordinating data processing and analysis of farm-level conservation, and developing a uniform program payments method. I've been a member of ARCSE since 2016, when I retired.

The rest of my career was spent at ERS, where I worked on farm finance statistics—especially for small farms—and provided market outlook for livestock and crops. I also had a brief stint at APHIS, evaluating the impact of agency policies on small farms.

So, what will I do as Vice President? My goal is to make ARCSE membership meaningful and connected. Since we no longer share the same daily communication channels we had while working, I want to create easy, welcoming ways for us to stay in

touch—through our website, newsletters, and virtual meetings. I'd especially like to highlight members' activities in the quarterly newsletter to show that retirement can be full of life and opportunity.

I also welcome your ideas on how ARCSE can use technology to keep our community vibrant and engaged. What topics do you want us to explore? How can we better support each other now that we're retired—but certainly not withdrawn?

As VP, I'll work with State Representatives, help fill vacancies when they arise, and represent our region at national meetings. I'll also ask for your help in reaching out to new NRCS retirees and encouraging them to join our community.

I wish you a healthy and fulfilling year ahead. I look forward to working with you all to make this a rewarding chapter for ARCSE.

Cheers, –Janet

"These Hands Still Work Together"

<https://youtu.be/OMumjpzarZg>

Note: This is an AI (Artificial Intelligence) creation that was contracted for by Julie MacSwain. It is posted on Youtube (see link above) and Facebook.

[Verse 1 – Voice 1]

These hands once held the soil and seed,
They turned the wheel, they met the need.
From dusty roads to flowing streams,
We chased our purpose, lived our dreams.

[Chorus – Both Voices]

This land we worked is still our home,
Though time has flown, we're not alone.
With every laugh and each shared tale,
Our roots run deep, we will not fail.

[Verse 2 – Voice 2]

We gathered here with pride and grace,
A family bound by time and place.
From NRCS to skies so blue,
We gave our best, and still we do.

[Chorus – Both Voices]

This land we worked is still our home,
Though time has flown, we're not alone.
With every laugh and each shared tale,
Our roots run deep, we will not fail.

–Best Regards, Julie MacSwain, ARCSE President

2024–25 ARCSE AWARD RECIPIENTS

ARCSE Meritorious Service Awards 2024–2025

Melvin Womack

Melvin Womack received the President's Meritorious Service Award for his work as the Vice President of the East Region since 2018. The region includes 13 states and the District of Columbia.

Throughout his tenure, Melvin continually assessed each state's activity level and leadership, helped to fill vacancies and worked diligently to improve communications. Under his leadership, the Mid Atlantic Area was formed, consolidating the National Capital Area, Maryland, Delaware, and Virginia. This consolidation has proved very successful. Melvin also recruited a volunteer from New Jersey to represent Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and Vermont.

During the pandemic Melvin encouraged "wellness checks" throughout the region. He asked retirees to do the same. He encouraged them to connect with each other whenever possible for lunch, shopping, walking, etc. and to let others know about their gatherings in emails and with photos.

Melvin has seen the power of communication and connections among retirees. He distributes updates from retirees, such as the PA Bugle, John Peterson's "Pete's Washington Wire," and other news he gleans from members across the region. He also monitors and shares information about farm bill policies, programs and rulemaking, and outreach to underserved, low-income communities, and Socially Disadvantaged Farmers.

He stays busy in retirement with family activities and fishing. He is an active member of SWCS in Virginia and DC, technical advisor to a conservation organization, volunteer for a political action group working for small farmers, member of National Organization of Black NRCS Employees, small group facilitator at his church and an ambassador for Habitat for Humanity.

Melvin is recognized for his outstanding leadership and his dedication to the retirees in the East Region! Congratulations Melvin!

Craig Derickson

Craig was awarded the President's Award for Meritorious Service for his exceptional leadership of the ARCSE mentoring program over the past two and a half years. At the suggestion of Chief Terry Cosby in 2022, Craig volunteered to work with a team of national NRCS staff and ARCSE representatives which led to a memorandum of understanding between our two organizations to address the difficulties the agency was facing in a post-pandemic environment and with hundreds of new employees hired because of the Inflation Reduction Act. Many of these new employees lacked a farm background or agricultural job experience and needed highly skilled mentors and training to accelerate their ability to be effective in their jobs.

A year later the MOU was signed, and work began. Since that time, Craig has led the mentoring team in assessing mentor interests and opportunities and developing online resources, an application process, and a fact sheet for state conservationists. They have published several newsletter articles, presented basic mentoring training sessions at the SWCS annual conference, participated in ARCSE webinars, and provided guidance to ARCSE leadership.

ARCSE is dedicated to continuing to recruit and train retirees who want to be mentors. We have hopes of incorporating ARCSE mentors into the NRCS mentoring program at some time in the future.

Craig's enthusiasm and leadership of this program is commendable, and we recognize and thank him for his outstanding efforts.

Donna Beggs

The ARCSE Board of Directors recognized Donna Beggs with the President's Meritorious Service Award for her outstanding service as a board member and treasurer for the past six years. In her role as treasurer, Donna faithfully and accurately maintained all records related to ARCSE finances, including banking accounts, investments, membership dues, financial statements, budgets, payments and donations.

Donna's position as treasurer required that she work closely with the president, secretary, and membership chair to track the budget and maintain accurate information about members and the business of the organization.

Donna ensured the board understood their fiduciary role and advised them on better ways to manage the organization's money both long term and short term. Her attention to detail and commitment to her job has made ARCSE a better organization.

We congratulate Donna on this well-deserved award. She will be greatly missed but we wish her well in her next endeavors.

Community Service Awards**Rev. Dr. Clifford Jones**

Rev. Dr. Clifford Jones, better known in NRCS circles as Cliff Jones, began his NRCS career in Massachusetts as a soil conservationist and retired in Alabama as state resource conservationist, after 27 years with the agency.

In 1993, Rev. Dr. Jones became the pastor of the Greater Peace Missionary Baptist Church in Opelika, AL. Under his leadership, the church has grown from 300 to over 1,000 members and they have built a Worship Center and a Family Life Center. They have also constructed a Veterans Memorial to honor those who served in each branch of the military.

In addition to his ministerial duties, Rev. Dr. Jones founded the nonprofit Greater Peace Community Development Corporation in 2000. GPCDC provides affordable housing for up to 48 families in 3 to 4-bedroom homes, along with a community clubhouse. As a result of GPCDC's accomplishments, the organization was presented with a national award for their exemplary efforts in affordable housing. GPCDC also operates a pre-kindergarten program as well as several other educational programs, including a youth leadership academy, a STEM program, a Summer Education Enrichment Program and a tutorial after-school program.

Rev. Dr. Jones serves on numerous boards in various leadership capacities. He is a life member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., president of the Southeast Alabama State Missionary Baptist Convention, president of the Alabama Association of Community Development Corporations, president of the Greater Peace Community Development Corporation, president of Lee County Alabama Department of Human Resources Board, and a member of the East Alabama Food Bank Advisory Board, Salvation Army Board, and Mercy Medical Clinic Board.

He is president of the 100 Black Men of Greater Auburn/Opelika and has served on the Boys and Girls Club Advisory Board, the Children's Policy Council, the Owens Center Counseling Board, and the City of Auburn Board of Education, serving as its first president of color.

For his exceptional undertakings as a pastor and community leader, Rev. Dr. Jones was inducted into the Alcorn State University Hall of Honors. He also received the Humanitarian Service Award from the Auburn University School of Agriculture, the Martin Luther King Community Service Award from the Dream Day Foundation, and an Outstanding Leadership Award from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. He attributes his professional success to his family and his faith, which keeps him on the right path. In the coming years, Rev. Dr. Jones plans to retire and dedicate his time to his wonderful wife, writing, and traveling.

It is an honor to recognize Rev. Dr. Jones' dedication and service with the ARCSE Community Service Award.

Bill Kunstler

After moving to Santa Rosa Beach, FL in 2016, Bill decided to put his 35-year agronomy career with NRCS to use by becoming a Master Gardener. But when he found out the training was not going to be held right away, he started looking for something else. That's when he signed up to become a South Walton Turtle Watch volunteer.

Volunteers perform nesting surveys to locate and mark sea turtle nests. They are on the beach before sunrise looking for evidence of sea turtle crawls. Once a nest is located, it is geo located and staked. Near time for hatching, they begin monitoring the nests for survival rates. This year he is also part of a team that responds to reports of stranded sea turtles.

Bill is also a member of Friends of South Walton Sea Turtles. One of their main activities is teaching classes about sea turtles to all fourth-grade students in Walton County. Youth learn everything they need to know about sea turtles. Their mantra is "Keep our beaches clean, dark, and flat!"

As a Master Gardener, Bill educates the public about proper lawn, landscape, and garden management. He puts on workshops and makes presentations to garden clubs and other community organizations on subjects such as growing herbs, vegetable gardening, pruning, invasive plant species, and growing palms. He is also an instructor for the New Master Gardener training class, where he teaches the units for soils, fertilizers and nutrient management and plant identification. Bill also chairs the annual plant sale committee, and they raise from \$4,000 to \$7,000 each year. As recognition for all his efforts, Bill was named 2021 Florida Master Gardener of the Year.

In 2018, Bill took on another volunteer job and became a Florida Master Naturalist where he leads a monthly plant identification walk at Topsail Hill Preserve State Park near his home.

And finally, Bill's other volunteer activity has nothing to do with his agronomy background. Each week he volunteers for six hours at a local hospital working in the kitchen, helping prepare lunch trays for the patients.

Bill has filled his life with meaningful service to others. His efforts to educate others about our natural resources, care for wildlife and serve people are exemplary. It is an honor to recognize Bill's efforts with the Community Service Award.

Distinguished Service Awards 2024–2025

Cheryl Simmons

Cheryl received President's Distinguished Service Award for her leadership of ARCSE as president elect, president and past president and for her service as liaison to both SWCS and Women in Natural Resources.

Cheryl encouraged the board to transition to on-line meetings during the pandemic which resulted in the first ever on-line annual meeting allowing members from around the country to participate. Subsequently, the online meeting platform has become a way of doing business.

Although ARCSE had supported the SWCS Annual Conference for several years by providing a donation to the student program, Cheryl led the effort in 2020 to enter a partnership agreement with SWCS. This successful agreement allows us to enjoy the many benefits of sponsorship of the SWCS conference and hire at least one intern each year to work with both SWCS and ARCSE to plan and support student activities and assist ARCSE with communications and marketing activities. This sponsorship has also led to the extension of the annual meeting to include a local and/or historical conservation presentation.

As part of the 50th Celebration of the ARCSE, Cheryl reached out to our Agricultural Conservation Employees Service partner, the New Solutions organization to join and financially sponsor our special occasion at the 2024 SWCS annual conference.

In 2025, Cheryl strategized with Women in NRCS to organize a 'Coffee with Senior Conservationists' as part of bringing recognition to ARCSE's mentoring capabilities. **Jane Hardisty, Craig Derickson and Cheryl** provided career insights and opportunities to over forty newer and mid-career participants. Also, this year Cheryl worked with **Becky Fletcher, Craig Derickson** and members of WiN to plan our first-ever symposium on mentoring at the SWCS Conference.

From 2017 to 2021 Cheryl pursued the following actions.

- Researched the start of a Facebook page.
- Initiated PayPal membership options for online membership applications.
- Encouraged operating procedures to include a webmaster.
- Managed the webpage until the appointment of our first official webmaster.
- Served as SWCS and WiN liaison.
- Initiated collaborative efforts with new Chief **Terry Cosby** that led to the Memorandum of Understanding with NRCS and the ARCSE mentoring program.

Cheryl's enthusiasm for ARCSE and SWCS is contagious. She regularly recruits members from the current and retired conservation organizations. She has mentored dozens of students and NRCS and partnership employees and has worked to set up mentoring opportunities for mentors and mentees.

On behalf of the entire board, we recognize Cheryl's many contributions and dedicated service to ARCSE.

Dick Gooby

Dick Gooby is recognized for his service as Montana's State Representative from 2007 to 2022. Dick is known throughout the country for his bi-monthly reports of news from retirees in Montana, including entertaining updates on the exceptional conservation and sustainability work by his forbearing wife **Mary Ann**.

For years, Dick has written amusing snippets for the newsletter. Members who have never met Dick, or been to Montana, embrace his writing with sheer enjoyment and pass it along to former co-workers, friends and neighbors. We hope someday that someone will write a book that includes these stories.

Along with all the other outstanding efforts to keep retirees in his state connected, Dick is one of the few 100% newsletter contributors, which is a significant accomplishment in our organization!

Despite his curmudgeon portrayal on the ranch, Dick has always kept his ear to the ground, listening to it. Something we should all try to emulate!

For his outstanding efforts as state representative for 15 years, it is an honor to recognize Dick with the President's Distinguished Service Award.

Don Stettler

Don Stettler is the recipient of the President's Distinguished Service Award for his outstanding work as the Oregon State Representative.

Don has served in this position for almost 20 years. During that time, he has communicated regularly with ARCSE members and other NRCS retirees, keeping them connected to each other and to the agency. He has efficiently handled all the background tasks required, such as maintaining the group's contact list, sharing retiree news items of interest, and organizing quarterly lunches.

He is also a regular contributor to the ARCSE newsletter, sharing news from Oregon nearly 100 percent of the time. His dedication and consistency in providing state reports on a regular basis is a big factor in the popularity of the newsletter and helps encourage ARCSE membership.

Don is a great role model of what a state representative should be. His communication and interaction with his fellow retirees help his fellow retirees stay connected and well informed. In Don's own words, he says "I have always considered it an honor to have kept the Oregon retiree organization going!"

Thank you, Don for all you have done. We congratulate you on this well-deserved award.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Paul Benedict, Membership Chair

New Life Members

William Zacharias – Lancaster, Ohio

Mike Sullivan – North Little Rock, Arkansas

New Members

Bob Price – Little Rock, Arkansas

Robin Foulk – Chadron, Nebraska

Michael Jones – Cottondale, Florida

New Honorary ARCSE Members:

The following 19 ARCSE members celebrate their 91st birthday in 2025 and become Honorary Members for 2026 and thereafter, meaning they no longer need to pay annual dues to remain an ARCSE member in good standing. Honorary members who wish to receive a printed copy of the newsletter still need to pay a \$15 annual fee for that service. If you will have turned age 91 by the end of 2025, have been a paying ARCSE member for at least the last 5 years, and are not on this list, please let me know as I do not have everyone's birthday information.

First Name	Last Name	State
Mark	Boysen	TX
Joseph	Branco	LA
William	Conner	WI
Jimmie W	Frie	OK
Richard W	Hall	IA
Joseph S	Haugh	VA
Stanley	Hobson	ID
Francis T	Holt	NC
Ralph	Mashburn	AR
M Bruce	McCullough	AR
J Michael	Nethery	UT
Walter J	Ochs	VA
Barbara	Osgood	VA
Frank F	Reckendorf	OR
Willis J	Ridenour	FL
Dean F	Sherman	NH
Stanley R	Simmons	IA
Burns (Ed)	Smith	MO
Charline A	Woodside	NE

ARCSE MEMBERSHIP DUES Due by January 1st, 2026

Member	\$25 per year
Affiliate	\$25 per year
Life (One-time payment)	
Age 64 or younger	\$325
Age 65 thru 74	\$275
Age 75 or older	\$175

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 \$15.00 per year. Please submit Dues to ARCSE at P.O. Box 8965 Moscow, ID 83843

2026 Membership Contest

The ARCSE Board has once again approved a Membership Contest for 2026. The person who recruits the most new members in each ARCSE Region will be awarded. So, make sure to encourage your former colleagues and new retirees to join, and remind them to mention on the application that you were the one that encouraged them to join. You can also encourage current NRCS employees to become Affiliate Members. Affiliate members count for the contest, too. More information will be upcoming in the November/December newsletter.

Media Manager Report

—Julie MacSwain

Several updates have been made to the ARCSE Facebook website. We have removed several personal email addresses from the site. If you require contact with ARCSE members, you can access the ARCSE Directory in the email sent by Jerry Bernard in April 2025.

This change was implemented due to an increase in spam emails received. We appreciate your understanding.



Editor's note: For those receiving the ARCSE Newsletter via email (over 800 members), you may detect that the file may have been placed into your Spam folder. Many email servers are "trained" to capture mass emailings there, especially emails with attachments. One way to help assure accurate delivery is to include me in your contacts list (jbernard.nrcsret@gmail.com). —Thank you!

Think Before You Click: Staying Safe with Email

—Submitted by Julie MacSwain

As ARCSE members, many of us enjoy staying connected online with friends, family, and fellow NRCS colleagues. But with that convenience comes a challenge: email scams and suspicious messages are on the rise, and they're getting trickier to spot.

Here are some tips to help protect yourself and your finances:

1. Pause Before Responding

If an email catches you off guard—whether it's asking for personal information, urging immediate action, or offering something "too good to be true"—stop and think before replying or clicking anything. Scammers rely on creating a sense of urgency to push people into quick action.

2. Check the Sender's Address

A message may look like it's from a known organization or even someone you know, but the actual email address may be slightly different (for example: @nrcs-gov.com instead of @usda.gov). Hover over the sender's name to see the real address.

3. Watch for Red Flags

Poor grammar, odd wording, or generic greetings like "Dear Customer."

Requests for personal information (Social Security number, passwords, bank account numbers).

Links or attachments you weren't expecting.

4. When in Doubt—Verify

If you get an email from someone you know that seems unusual, call them or send a fresh message (don't just hit "reply") to confirm it's real. For organizations, visit their official website or call their published phone number rather than clicking any links in the message.

5. Trust Your Instincts

If something feels "off," it probably is. It's better to delete a suspicious email than to take a chance.

Bottom Line:

Cybercriminals target everyone—including retirees—because we are often active online and may have financial accounts they can exploit. A few extra seconds of caution can save a lot of trouble later. Remember: no legitimate agency, including NRCS or ARCSE, will ask you to verify personal information through email.

Stay safe, stay connected, and keep enjoying the benefits of email—without falling into the traps. You should also change your passwords regularly.

Black Sunday 90th Commemoration

See the Oklahoma section report for details on the commemoration of the Black Sunday dust storm and the creation of the Soil Conservation Service.



ALABAMA

Earl Norton, ARCSE Representative

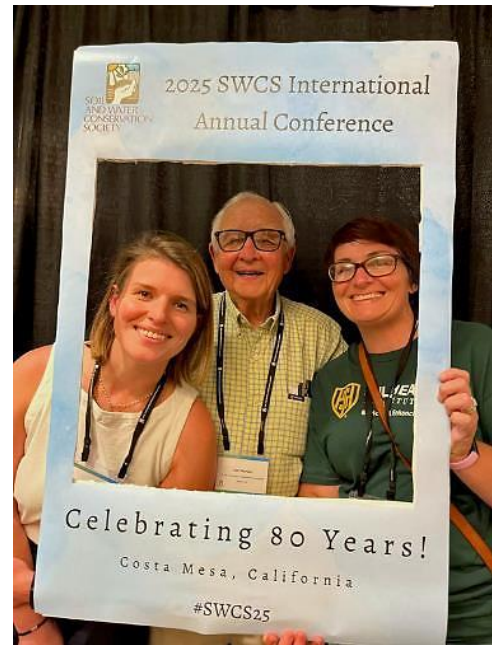
Email: earl_norton@yahoo.com



Rev. Dr. Clifford Jones, better known in Alabama circles as Rev. Cliff Jones and former SRC in Alabama, received the Community Service Award from the ARCSE at its annual meeting in Costa Mesa, CA on August 4th, 2025. He has pastored the Greater Peace Missionary Baptist Church in Opelika, AL since 1993, and the church has grown from a membership of 300 to over 1,000 members. In addition, the Construction of a Worship Center and a Family Life Center were completed at a cost of over \$6 million and a Veterans Memorial has been constructed on the campus to honor Veterans who served in each branch of the military. In 2000, Rev. Cliff Jones founded the Greater Peace Community Development Corporation (GPCDC) a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity and through GPCDC, an Affordable Housing Development consisting of 48 homes with three and four bedrooms and a clubhouse, have been constructed. There are many more accomplishments and recognitions than space permits – you can read about these at several internet sites linked to Rev. Dr. Clifford E. Jones.



Meeting at Chappy's in Auburn on August 4th, 2025 to enjoy breakfast, fellowship and solve local and national problems were retirees: (L-R): Steve Musser, Charles Bush, Rev. Cliff Jones, Ken Rogers, George Martin.



Three SWCS members from Alabama attended the SWCS National Conference at Costa Mesa, CA on August 4–6, 2025 (L–R): Chellie Maples, American Farmland Trust; Earl Norton, SWCS Alabama Chapter President; and Jessica Kelton, the Soil Health Institute.

CALIFORNIA

Bill Ward, ARCSE Representative

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First timers to join our July 9th Zoom meeting were **Rob Roy**, recent retiree, Area Agronomist Fresno, CA; and **Lorrie Bundy**, recently "retired," Area Engineer at Yreka. Lorrie "retired" earlier than she intended, choosing to take one of the early retirement buyout options, due in large part to a very uncertain future working for NRCS. It was clear from all the recent retirees, including **Pam Hertzler**, that these uncertain times for the future of our agency are difficult times for all NRCS staff still working.



**Rob Roy
Lorrie Bundy
Walt Sykes**

**Bill Ward
Ron Schultz
Jerry Reiouz**

**Dave Sanden
Ed Schmit
Pam Hertzler**

Following is a YouTube link to a story and original song, "Our Golden land" written over 10 years ago to celebrate our agency's 75th Anniversary. At that time our agency had a much brighter future. Sadly, our agency's future now is very uncertain. With the passing of the "Big, Beautiful Bill," significant reductions in funding for NRCS are expected for FY 2025 and beyond.

I decided I needed to revise my original "YouTube story." No matter what the future holds for our agency, let's celebrate the legacy of SCS/NRCS Conservation Work over 85 plus years.

<https://youtu.be/puE9-2f7pNI>

***Our Golden Land, Celebrating the Legacy
SCS/NRCS Conservation work over 85 years***

And just for good measure, here is another example of our agency's work with local sponsors on important flood control work we can also take great pride in.

<https://youtu.be/fUhG6fzhpvE>

***The Success story of the
Santa Monica Debris Basin, Twice!***

No doubt we have lots of great work we have done over our agency's history, working with private landowners, farmers and local flood control districts we can take great pride in!

California retirees continue to enjoy connecting on our monthly retiree Zoom meeting I host the first Wednesday of every month. The Group shown below enjoyed our most recent Zoom meeting August 6th.



**Bill Gradle
Ed Schmit**

**Bill Ward
Walt Sykes
Rob Roy**

**Chester Bush
Jenny Johnson**

Bill Gradle shared with everyone that he and his wife just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Alaska. We all congratulated Bill on this very special anniversary, and we wish you both many more happy years together.

Chester Bush, a Vietnam War Veteran, shared some very exciting news about an upcoming trip to fly to Washington, DC to honor him along with other selected veterans for their service to our country. Chester shared with us there is an application process to be selected and he had applied 2 years ago. World War II Veterans have priority, then Korean War Veterans than Vietnam War Veterans.

Chester's flight will take off from "Fresno Yosemite International Airport" September 8th. He will be one of 70 veterans making this trip, including 6 Korean War veterans and 64 Vietnam War Veterans. Chester understands that the itinerary includes going to the Vietnam Memorial Wall, the next Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and the Army Museum.

Chester told me he was really looking forward to this trip. Congratulations Chester! Enjoy your well-deserved Honor and thank you again for your Service to our Country.

"Following is a link to the website for this organization that makes trips like this to honor veterans like Chester possible: [Welcome to Central Valley Honor Flight! - Central Valley Honor Flight](#)"

Chester also shared with me a wonderful photo of himself, a very proud Veteran, taken following a Military Retirement Ceremony at Fort McPherson, GA held in September 2000.



Chester Bush, Proud Vietnam War Veteran, Fort McPherson, GA, September 2000.

I shared with our zoom group that my Western Lights Band recently played music for a local community event and promised to share our recording of our final closing song. I feel very blessed to be able to sing and play music with my daughter!

<https://youtu.be/lf3HS3GclrY>

Western Lights Trio Closing Gospel Medley
Amazing Grace, I'll Fly Away

Our SCS/NRCS Musician team is still looking for interested musicians from SCS/NRCS to work with and write Biographies that can be shared on the ARCSE website. Please check out our existing musician "Biographies" and "How to join" <https://arcse.org/musicians/> Please contact me directly for more information.

Until next time, Best Wishes to all!

Bill Ward
CA ARCSE State Rep
ARCSE West Region VP

COLORADO

Jack Carlson, ARCSE Representative

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Frank Geter and Jack Carlson continued to work with the CSU Object Modeling System Laboratory and Texas A&M AgriLife and ARS-Temple on SWAT+ model service and data support to metrics in the Fieldprint Platform of the Field-to-Market (FtM) Alliance for Sustainable Agriculture. FtM rolls out version 5 of the Platform at the end of September. The work will be featured in a workshop at the upcoming SWAT+ Conference in Fort Collins in late October.

CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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[Agriculture Robots video:](#)

CT

[Sustainable CT Training and Events](#)

September 6th, 2025 (10:00 AM) - Urban Forestry Workshop: Seed Collection, Pollinators, & Native Trees at 45 Burton St, Waterbury, CT. This free workshop, partnered with Bent of the River Audubon Center, focuses on the importance of trees and includes hands-on activities.

September 16th, 2025 (9:30 AM) - Conservation Corps: Invasive Plant Training Series at Ansonia Nature & Recreation Center, 10 Deerfield Road, Ansonia, CT. This 4-week training series focuses on addressing invasive plant spread in Connecticut.

October 5th, 2025 (9:00 AM) - First Sunday Bird Walk at Greenwich Point at Greenwich Point Park, 11 Tods Driftway, Old Greenwich, CT. A casual walk to observe wild birds in diverse habitats. Held year-round on the first Sunday of every month.

NH

Plan New Hampshire, The Foundation for Shaping The Built Environment –<https://plannh.org>

Piscataqua Regional Estuaries Partnership (PREP): Awarded over \$86,000 in funding for projects in five towns in the Piscataqua Region Environmental area.

Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (GBNERR): Held a virtual 5K event from October 1 – October 26, 2024. Also completed its 2024 vegetation monitoring with the help of volunteers.

7 Rivers to the Coast: Continued its Changemaker program which educates residents about watershed health and empowers them to become advocates. The program offered summer watershed walks and a second Bootcamp in the Fall of 2024.

NH Shellfish Farmers Initiative: Hosted the Fourth Annual Oyster Week NH from September 15 – September 22, 2024, featuring a beer release at Stoneface Brewery in Newington, NH on Wednesday, September 18th.

The White Mountains in New Hampshire offer various events and attractions during September and October, including scenic drives, hiking, and fall foliage viewing opportunities. The Kancamagus Highway, a scenic byway, is a popular destination, as is the Mount Washington Cog Railway. Additionally, the area hosts the White Mountains Motorsports Park with racing events and LGBTQIA+ gatherings at Abenaki Trail Restaurant in North Conway. [White Mountains Events](#).

RI

Dept. of Environmental Mgt. – <https://dem.ri.gov/events?page=1>

In Rhode Island during September and October 2025, several notable events include the Rhode Island Seafood Festival, the Ocean State XC Invitational, and the Ocean State Rhode Races marathon, half marathon, and 5k. The Seafood Festival is a two-day event in early September, while the XC Invitational takes place in late September, and the Rhode Races marathon is on October 26th.

– <https://www.visitri.com/state/events/events>

September 13, 2025 (Saturday):

*NWSC - Bimonthly Beach Clean Ups 2025: The Norman Bird Sanctuary hosts bimonthly beach cleanups, with this installment taking place at Second Beach in Middletown.

September 20, 2025 (Saturday):

NESS's 14th Annual Catch a Curl Youth Surf Classic & Beach Cleanup: The New England Science & Sailing Foundation (NESS) hosts its annual youth surf classic and beach cleanup at Westerly Town Beach.

September 30, 2025 (Tuesday):

Bear Necessities: Learn about black bears in Rhode Island and how to coexist safely with them. This free event, led by RIDEM Division of Fish and Wildlife staff, requires registration and will be held at the North Kingstown Free Library.

October 23, 2025 (Thursday):

Coexisting with Coyotes: Another opportunity to learn about coyote behavior and coexistence strategies, hosted by the Willett Free Library in Saunterstown and led by the RIDEM Division of Fish and Wildlife.

A Blue Wave of Ocean Action, Part II – https://oursharedseas.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/A-Blue-Wave-of-Ocean-Action-2025-Guide-pt2_Final.pdf

VT

Scenic and Sublime: Vermont's Champlain Valley – <https://decorativeartstrust.org/vermont-2025>

Vermont Cheese Week is a statewide, weeklong celebration designed to feed the fanaticisms of all you cheese lovers out there. (We see you!) Enjoy unique, authentic Vermont experiences that celebrate our beloved cheesemakers, and the land and animals that make cheese possible. Vermont Cheese Week features lodging and dining specials, educational experiences, tastings and pairings, cheese dinners, farm and facility visits, and more! Visit <https://vtcheese.com/cheeseweek> for more information and check back frequently for updates. - <https://lccvermont.org/event/vermont-cheese-week-2025>

Lake Champlain Etchells Regatta - Saturday, September 6, 2025 – 10:00 to Sunday, September 7, 2025 - 16:55 - https://lcyf.info/events/etchells-sportboat_8

IOWA

Mark Jensen, ARCSE Representative

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Eldon Weber celebrated his 90th birthday in July. He had 47 family members from four states help him celebrate. Eldon said that he has been meeting with friends at a Panera Restaurant for 23 years. The employees at Panera's surprised him with a table and decorations set up for his birthday. Another special event occurred at Panera's. Eldon and **Jeannie** saw their first great granddaughter, who was 11 months old, for the first time.



Eldon Weber's birthday party at Panera's



Eldon and Jeannie Weber with their great granddaughter

Here's another big birthday to talk about. **Dick Hall** celebrated his 91st birthday in August. Dick is still living in his home in Sioux City and said he is "basically in good health." He still drives some but not long distances anymore. Dick has 17 grandchildren and just recently welcomed his 33rd great grandchild.

Lyle Asell tells us that "After 54 years of caring for a cow herd, Lyle and **Charlotte** have determined that calves are a lot stronger, and cows are much faster than they used to be. After a lot of down years, and a few up years, and now that cows are actually making money, the time has come to call it quits. It was not an easy decision, as anyone who has cared for livestock all their life knows; but there comes a time when you know it is time to quit, even though it will be missed. Fighting mud, snow, floods, drought, water gaps, fences, prolapse, contrary animals, etc. won't be missed quite as much!"

Lyle volunteers with Counting Sheep, a non-profit that builds beds for kids that do not have one. In the last 1½ years they have built, delivered, and set up 100 beds in 5 south central Iowa counties. He works with 4 or 5 other guys to construct and deliver the beds. A group of quilters make a quilt for each bed. Volunteers and donations make it possible, but he admits "the need is a surprise to most involved."



Lee White with 26½ inch walleye

Thank you to **Lee White** for the following: "June 20th found Lee White heading North on his annual fishing trip to Gullrock Lake in Ontario, Canada near the small town of Red Lake. This location is about five hours north of International Falls, MN or about fifteen hours from Ankeny, Iowa. Our group, which varies year to year from 12 to 15 fishermen, has been doing this trip for over 30 years (I've only missed the two years my daughters were married). The picture shows my best effort for the week – a 26½" walleye (we can only eat those under 18" in size). I'm bundled up because it was 42 degrees that morning. As usual, there was plenty of rain and even one real windy day on the lake. We had so much rain that, as fry cook, I only cooked three meals outside (normally six) as the rain and hot oil do not mix very well. Fortunately, we had an excellent chef who was able to improvise and prepared wonderfully baked walleye. The group secured our limit of fish to take back home. Members of the group caught a 30" walleye and a 42" northern pike for top honors during this fun-filled week. All the big fish were caught and released, so only memories and no mounted trophy."

Thank you to **Jody Christiansen** for the following: "In June, **Linda DiPietro** came to visit me in the Des Moines area for a few days. We took a short trip to visit former co-workers in Nebraska. We first stopped to visit **Al Bartek** and his wife **Beverly** for a small Midwest Regional Office reunion. We visited their house in Valparaiso then drove to Lincoln for dinner. Linda and I stayed overnight then visited another former co-worker, **Linda Greene** (not pictured). She worked in the Regional Office there in Lincoln, but she and I worked on many joint projects. We went to breakfast then back to her home for a nice long visit, reminisced about

who we worked with and had some funny stories to share. Before we left, Linda asked "So, when do we get together with others that we know, like **Brad Anseth, Lynn Betts**, and others?" Well, I will look into it."



Jody Christiansen, Linda DiPietro, and Beverly and Al Bartek



Tim Dodge (Jessie's husband), Barb Stewart, Jessie Dodge, and Hailey Dodge (Barb's granddaughter)

Barb Stewart and her daughter **Jenny** just got back home from a trip to Texas. They were there to attend and celebrate daughter **Jessie's** commencement ceremony. Jessie received her doctorate degree in Nurse Practitioner in Adult Gerontology Acute Care from Baylor University. Jenny is currently the Team Leader for NRCS for the 4-county unit stationed in Newton.

The Wednesday morning breakfast group in the Des Moines area met at iHop on August 6th. The picture shows who attended. It includes most of the "regular" attendees. This group meets every Wednesday morning, so if you are in the area and would like to attend, you are certainly invited!



iHop Breakfast Group (L-R): Dale Faulkner, Dennis Miller, Lee White, Duane Miller, Dave Beck, Roger Link, Dale Bruce, Richard Rogers, and Don Peterson. Not in Picture: Mark Jensen.

Here's a little flashback about terraces, one of the most predominant soil conservation practices used in Iowa from the mid 1960s to the mid 1990s. Thanks to **Greg Mathis** who sent me some numbers from the West Pottawattamie SWCD from 1990. During that year, the following six employees designed, laid out, and checked out 476,199 feet or 90.18 miles of terraces in the West Pottawattamie SWCD: **Greg Hollins, John Krieger, Dale DuVal, Sharon Chamberlain, Ed Marshall, and Greg Mathis**. Sometime during that timeframe the East Pottawattamie SWCD built over 100 miles of terraces in one year. Some staff involved in that effort included **Chuck Shirley, Walt Kabish, Rick Clipsen, Rick Hay, and Anne Tackett**. Here are some statewide terrace statistics from records that I have been able to locate for that timeframe.

1964–1977, 18,226 miles (average of 1,302 miles per year)
 1979–1988, 20,829 miles (average of 2,082 miles per year)
 1989–1995, 14,462 miles (average of 2,066 miles per year)

For some reason, I can't find the numbers for 1978. From the numbers that I found, 1988 was the banner year with 2,932 miles. Those are really amazing numbers. The field office staffs did some incredible work to reach those levels of accomplishments.

Approximately 2/3^{ds} of the terraces built in Iowa were constructed in the western counties in the deep loess soils that parallel the Missouri River. A lot of contour terraces were being built in southwest Iowa at that time. This type of construction was faster, and it is quite probable that a couple of other counties hit that 100 miles in a year milestone as well. Along with the Harrison SWCD, the East and West Pottawattamie SWCD's were three of the early Districts to utilize contractor checkout. That helped them achieve their large numbers. John Smith, a SCT in Harrison County, did a cost comparison of terrace construction in that county from 1974

and 1975. His analysis showed the average cost per ft. was \$0.60 in 1974 (\$0.21/cy) and \$0.66/ft. (\$0.235/cy) in 1975. Not very many counties computed yardage; most of them preferred to do cost-share by the foot.

One final statistic that is interesting was provided by **Dale DuVal**. The total amount of terraces constructed in Pottawattamie County (that includes both the East and West Pottawattamie SWCDs) through 2024 is 43,535,587 feet or 8,245 miles. As a point of reference, the circumference of the earth is 24,901 miles. That's a lot of terraces!

During the past couple of months we have been saddened by the passing of **Roger Greenough**, a long time employee at the soils/cartographic unit in Ames.

MAINE

Mary Thompson, ARCSE Representative [NEW]

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As it is summer, those attending our monthly breakfasts has diminished greatly from other times of the year. We had six gather together at the breakfast on July 8th: **Susan Arrants, Chris Jones, Patty Clark, Dave Musselman, Brian Stuart, and myself**. Discussion was about what we are doing, and then we began trying to remember past State Conservationists way before me. Dave told us that he met the Secretary of Agriculture in DC when they both pulled under an Interstate bridge on their motorcycles during a deluge. Patty mentioned that she has not heard the peepers like she has in the past. We had no answers for her. The wild blueberry crop is progressing—may start harvest July 16th—I think that is too early. **Susan** is still trying to get her sister, **Carol**, to retire as the MACD Executive Director. As I remember, **Chris** was trying to keep ahead of the grass, and **Brian** is still working as an ACES employee, but wonders how long that will last.

If any of you were wondering if **Weston**, our 3 year old grandson, came with me to get his BIG waffle—he did not. He was with his siblings and mother visiting their grandparents in Bakersfield, CA. They are due back this Thursday. He enjoys coming to see everyone, but I really think it is because of the big waffle. Never too early to recruit future stewards of the land!

On August 3rd many of us ventured to Minot to celebrate the retirement of **Candi Gilpatric**, an engineer whose work most of her career was as a field engineer for several counties in Maine. Community members, farmers, coworkers and family members were present. As a retiree who worked in the field office setting, we don't realize the impact we made on those, who many times became lifelong friends while helping them implement conservation practices. This was apparent at this gathering. Congratulations Candi!

The August breakfast had 4 attendees, but that did not stop the good conversation and enjoyment of a Dysart's breakfast.



July breakfast picture caption: Left and around the photo: Mary Thompson, Susan Arrants, Patty Clarke, David Musselman and Brian Stuart. Chris Jones took the photo.



August breakfast picture: Left and around the photo: Bruce Champeon, Art Taylor, Susan Arrants and Karen Champeon.

—Mary Thompson for those in Maine

MIDATLANTIC STATES

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The Virginia ARCSE breakfast group meets in Woodbridge, VA, at the Bob Evans restaurant the first Tuesday of each month.



L–R: Jerry Bernard, Bill Irwin, John Peterson, Ron Marlow, and Dave Thackeray.

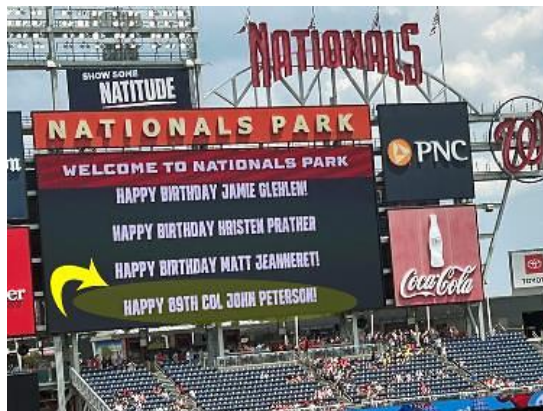
From **John Peterson**: **Ron and Mary Hendricks** sent me a 65th Wedding Anniversary picture. Ron was the STC in ME, NE, and SD before retiring – another SDSU grad. Their ranch is near Pierre, SD. Congratulations to them. Why do I think Mary worked most of the cattle on the ranch? **Blanche** and I miss seeing them. Wonderful people.



Mary and Ron Hendricks

DEADLINE FOR THE NOV/DEC 2025 NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS IS OCTOBER 25TH, 2025.

From **John Peterson**: Many of you know we have had Nats partial season baseball tickets since the team came from Montreal 20 years ago. Today at the Nats v. Reds game our account manager, who knew it was my 89th birthday on Friday, put a birthday greeting on the scoreboard. The Nats mascot Screech also came to our seats. **Blanche** took these 2 pictures. Our account manager is **Aidan Trizna**, the grandson of a good friend of Blanche's who taught with her at Sydenstricker School. The Nats lost 5-0 but did win the series by winning the first 2 games. A fun day with superb weather. Our Nats could use some pitching. Been a tough year for them.



MISSOURI

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Mike Blaine: Boy, we have been getting a lot of rain. Memphis had 6 inches the weekend of July 26th. It flooded part of our church. I finally got my yard mowed the next week. Some of it was 6 inches tall and heavy. My garden is a loss. We went on vacation for 10 days, and the grass and weeds literally took over. We took down three huge Ash trees around the house that the Emerald Borer got. Now I am splitting a lot of firewood. I'll have at least two years of wood. Hope all is well for everyone.

We are sad to learn of the death of **Judith Smith**, wife of retiree **Ed Smith**. Our sympathies go out to Ed and his family.

We also mourn the loss of **Chris Elbert**, long-time Area Clerk at Washington, MO.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/emissourian/name/christine-elbert-obituary?id=58938617>

Bill Pauls: Everything at the Lake of the Ozarks is going well. Busy indeed, boating, fishing, hot tub parties, river canoeing, card playing; ALAS, someone must do it! Actually, we are busy with all our family and lake activities, but our volunteer work keeps us very busy as well. As a retired soil scientist, I have a part-time (almost full time, at times) job of operating our church cemetery, a quite never-ending job; but also, a rewarding one. Good volunteer work. Got two grandkids going to college, and two others that will be juniors in high school. I will be driving a tram tractor at the state fair again this year, starting next week and running the entire fair. Look me up if you're at the fair. **Kris** is doing well, loves all the family activities and says hi to everyone. I'm still running, but 1/2 marathons now. Trying to finish running all the 50 states for the third time around. About 18 states to go. Just back from Erie, PA and heading to Cheyenne, WY for the next one in September. Then have a 3-race series in the SW (UT, NV, NM) in November. Hope to finish up the 3rd time around before I turn 80; so that gives me 4 more years. ***80***?! Gosh, how do we get this old? I sure don't feel that old. It's just a # right?! God willin' and the criks don't rise, see ya next time around. God Bless You All!

Alton Taylor: Things are changing around this house as I am waiting for a heart valve replacement. The VA is taking care of it, and that is south of Dallas a few miles. Got to get it done before September as we are going to N/E Canada for September. If not done by then it will just have to wait. It's nice to get old and picky.

Paula Price: In June I celebrated having been the president of the Andrew County Rotary in Savannah for a year. Our project this year was a pavilion in Duncan Park that provides a stage for *Concerts in the Park* enjoyed each summer. On July 2nd we celebrated with a great concert performance, fireworks, and a crowd of nearly 2,000. The presidential run was very rewarding. It was my honor to hand the gavel to a great incoming president **Jeanne Rost**. A friend and I are getting serious about a trip to the Black Hills and Mount Rushmore. I'll report how it went.

The Columbia area retirees met for the quarterly breakfast on August 13th at JJKs restaurant. Those in attendance were **Jerry Edwards, Ed Smith, Jean Herman, Gail Sallee, Gena Michalson, Dennis Hoffman, Robert Hummel, Frank Gordon and Dave Rastorfer**. The next quarterly breakfast will be on November 12th at JJs in Columbia. *All retirees* are welcome, not just those in the Columbia area.

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From Julie MacSwain: **Dick Gooby's** son-in-law, **Gary Steinman** called to provide me with an update regarding Dick. I was told Dick is in a small 5 bed hospital in Montana and will be transitioning to a long-term health facility soon.

Gary and his Mom **MaryAnn** told me Dick has been talking a lot about getting the ARCSE award. He's thrilled about getting this recognition.

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First Friday of the Month NRCS/SCS Retirees Breakfast Club

Participating in the July 4th, 2025 First Friday of the Month Retirees breakfast were **Dave Griffith, Jim Culver, Steve Scheinost, Harold Klaege, Doug Christensen, and Jim Harder**. As this was the Fourth of July our attendance was a bit lower than normal. Discussion was quite relaxed and a good time was had by all in attendance.

Participating in the August 1st, 2025 First Friday of the Month Retirees breakfast were **Ken Noonan, Doug Christensen, Harold Klaege, Steve Chick, Ed Chmelka, Jim Harder, Craig Derickson, Bill Best, Steve Scheinost, Dave Griffith, Jim Culver and Rob Lawson**. Our August meeting was excellent. We started out with our normal discussion about weather, prospects for some outstanding corn and soybean yields this year, highlights of our Nebraska volleyball team and Nebraska football team expectations this season.

Rob Lawson, Nebraska State Conservationist was the highlight of our meeting and discussion thanks to an invite by **Jim Harder** – our coordinator. Rob presented an outstanding overview of the many different current NRCS activities in Nebraska. He discussed the current staffing and the challenges that lay ahead in meeting and severing the NRCS farmers, ranchers and other Nebraska customers in looking ahead. There were a number of good pointed questions by several members present. Rob did a nice job of responding to some difficult questions. It was a good briefing, and all went away with a better feeling on current NRCS activities in the state.



First Friday Retirees 7-4-2025 breakfast. This Friday was special to many people - 4th of July. As there were many different activities going on our attendance was not as usual. Left to right - Steve Scheinost, Dave Griffith, Harold Klaege, Doug Christensen and Jim Harder.



Rob Lawson, Nebraska State Conservationist briefing our group on current USDA – NRCS activities in the State.



NRCS/SCS RETIREES MINUTES

June 18, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson **Doug Christensen**. Attending were **Steve Scheinost, Dave Camper, Larry Brown, Norman Kempf, Jim Culver, Norm Helzer, Doug Christensen, Gerald Montgomery, Gary Muckel, Harold Klaege, Steve Stover, and Donna Dornbusch**.

Harold Klaege gave an update on NARFE. Last week he and Greg Reisdorff met with **Mike Flood and Deb Fischer** via Zoom to talk about proposed changes in this year's congressional budget. Harold also met with representatives from Wisconsin, senators **Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin** and representative **Bryan Steil** on proposed budget cuts for 2026 which would affect Federal employees.

He also announced that Representative Mike Flood will be coming to Lincoln for a town hall meeting with constituents in August. There will be a NARFE meeting on June 23rd via Zoom. Changes to enhance Social Security benefits are 90 percent complete. Doug received a NARFE renewal letter last week and encouraged all to renew their subscription to the newsletter.

Craig Derickson said that the proposed cut to CTA is 90 percent. A new farm bill is being worked on, and he wonders if the agency will have the necessary funds to carry out its goals and programs with the proposed agency cuts.

Norm's youngest son was recently married in Bozeman, Montana. Norm's other three children attended as well as his sister from Australia and his brother from Ohio.

Steve Stover and wife met with their three boys in Cincinnati for a three-day visit. They also celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary this month. Norm Kempf and his wife will celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary later this month.

Norm Helzer and his wife went on a bird safari and recorded sightings of 90 kinds of birds. **Gary Muckel's daughter** came to Lincoln from Nevada to celebrate his granddaughter's high school graduation. The granddaughter will continue her education at UNL next year. Meeting adjourned.

—Donna Dornbusch, Secretary

August 20, 2025

The July meeting was called to order by Chairperson **Doug Christensen**. Attending were **JoAnne Thiele, Steve Stover, Craig Derickson, Larry Brown, Jim Culver, Steve Scheinost, Doug Christensen, Gary Muckel, David Camper, Norm Helzer, Gus Dornbusch, Donna Dornbusch, and Keith Sheets**.

The August meeting was called to order by Chairperson **Doug Christensen**. Attending were **Gary Muckel, Bob Engel, Thomas Reinsch, Harold Klaege, Doug Christensen, Jim Culver, Larry Brown, Richard Bolli, Steve Scheinost, Gus Dornbusch, Dave Camper, JoAnne Thiele, Donna Dornbusch, Norm Helzer, Craig Derickson, and Keith Sheets**. **Rob Lawson**, the Nebraska State Conservationist, was our guest.

Doug presented a copy of the Secretary of Agriculture's Memorandum SM1078-015 outlining the proposed changes to the Natural Resources Conservation Service. According to the memorandum there will be five hubs in the agency: Raleigh, NC; Fort Collins, CO; Kansas City, MO; Salt Lake City, UT; and Indianapolis, IN. This will not affect critical service centers in the agency, i.e., the Soil Mechanics Laboratory and the National Soil Survey Center in Lincoln, NE. The ACES (Agriculture Conservation Experienced Services*) program will hopefully be encouraging more people to apply for jobs, especially nontechnical workers, within the NRCS and the FSA. Employees under ACES are not Federal employees.

*ACES employees are typically 55 and older, are not Federal or state employees, and are paid by nonprofit organizations..

The 29th **David Langemeier** golf tournament will be August 29th at the Highlands golf course. Donations will be accepted and will go to the NE chapter SWCS student scholarship program.

Craig Derickson talked about the Capitol Hill Report, and the numbers quoted are correct. Congress will begin work after Labor Day. The Farm Bill will expire by September 30th if not extended by Congress.

Jim Culver said that **Rob Lawson**, Nebraska State Conservationist, met with the retirees group that meets at HyVee on Mondays. Attendees asked a number of questions.

The USDA Secretary's hiring freeze is in effect until October 15th. The proposed new regulations will only allow hiring of a new employee after four employees have left.

Steve Scheinost and wife will travel to Idaho next week to visit their daughter who is the District Conservationist in Moscow. Jim Culver will be traveling to Alabama for his grand daughter's wedding.

Dave Camper's 88th birthday was last week. He is still riding his motorcycle but no longer doing long trips.

Rob Lawson gave an update on the current activities of the Nebraska NRCS. The state is currently working on the Farm Bill. EQIP funding is at \$36 million. Nebraska had requested another \$10 million to get the job done. The state has also requested an additional \$10 million to complete CSP projects. It has currently taken on 28 watershed projects and is currently getting funds out to farmers and others for conservation projects. CRP is going to be the next big project. Rob also said that 20% of Nebraska staff has taken the Deferred Resignation Program. It is going through critical vacancies due to separations, and there is a Federal government hiring freeze until the middle of October. The staff are doing their best with the current staffing.

Jim Culver and Craig Derickson attended the Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Service (NSWCS) last week in Wahoo. They both encouraged everyone to consider becoming members and making donations to the NSWCS foundation.

Harold Klaege gave an update on NARFE. The proposed congressional bill does not have any reductions in Federal retirement benefits, Social Security supplements, etc. Another item is that there is currently a provision to deduct up to \$1,000 when filing your tax return (or \$2,000 for married couples filing jointly) for a cash donation to a public charity if you take the standard deduction and do not itemize your deductions. This will be effective for your 2026 tax return.

Steve Scheinost and his family spent time in the Black Hills. He said it was the greenest he has ever seen it.

Keith Sheets said that he has moved into the Salt Creek assisted living facility since his wife Mary Alice died on March 6th.

Meeting adjourned, **Donna Dornbusch**, Recording Secretary
Submitted by **Norman Kempf and Jim Culver**.

NEW JERSEY

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PICNIC 9/28/25 – NJ NRCS Retirees and friends will again have an in-person picnic/gathering on Sunday, September 28th, 2025, in Ringoes, NJ. For more details or to RSVP please contact **Nancy Paolini** by Sept. 20th. npaolini@comcast.net. Photo Collage at left is from Sept 2024.





Former New Jersey Plant Materials Center Manager, Don Hamer, Honored with NAACP Lifetime Achievement Award. NJPMC Manager Chris Miller (left) congratulates Don Hamer.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service in New Jersey and DelAtlantic Conservation District invite you Thursday, Sept. 25th to the Cape May Plant Materials Center in celebration of 60 years of conservation excellence. Enjoy on-site exhibits, featured speakers, a provided lunch, and conservation tours highlighting the important natural resource issues that we are addressing. We look forward to seeing you. RSVP here by Sept. 1st!

Date: Thursday, September 25, 2025

Time: 9 am – 4 pm

Location: 1536 US-9, Cape May Court House, N.J. 08210

Google pin: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/bvA5HYsykVaHzYnJ7>

The New Jersey Plant Materials Center (NJPMC) staff would like to share news of the celebration of former NJPMC Manager (1985-1995), Don Hamer, for his honor as recipient of the NAACP Cape May County Lifetime Achievement Award at the March 2025 Freedom Fund Gala. Don's career with NRCS was one of many notable achievements listed in his biography, which were available in a program booklet. Mr. Hamer filled a critical role in furthering the Plant Materials Program mission during his time as Manager at the NJPMC and after his retirement when he returned to serve as an Earth Team volunteer. We salute Mr. Hamer for his contributions to the NJPMC and the NRCS Plant Materials Program as a whole.

OHIO

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Mike Monnin and I organized a luncheon for Ohio NRCS retirees held on August 12th, 2025, at MCL Restaurant, in Whitehall, OH.



OHIO NRCS Retirees

Front row L–R seated: David Berna, Bob Parkinson, Larry Tornes, Jim McCluskey, John Crumrine. In middle row L–R: Bruce Atherton, Jim Stafford, Bill Zacharias, Larry Porter, Jim Forshey, John Wilson (current State Conservationist), Andy Bayham. In back row L–R: John Gerken, John Armentano, John Warner, Scott Jerrome, Mike Elwood, and Art Brate.

A total of 20 attended, including two significant others. All shared some individual stories, travels, and activities. **John Wilson**, State Conservationist, also attended and provided a brief Ohio update. **Mike Monnin** was not able to attend.

OKLAHOMA

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The Oklahoma Conservation Historical Society hosted three events in Oklahoma to commemorate two pivotal moments in American conservation history: the catastrophic Black Sunday dust storm of April 14, 1935, and the subsequent creation of the United States Soil Conservation Service on April 27, 1935.

A series of the following commemorative events were held across Oklahoma throughout April 2025 to honor these significant conservation milestones. They highlighted how the Dust Bowl era dramatically changed how we approach soil conservation in America, the lessons learned during the past



90 years, and how they continue to shape conservation practices that protect our soil, water, and communities today.

April 14, 2025 – Conservation Leadership Reception in Oklahoma City. This was a gathering of approximately 100 conservation leaders, Oklahoma lawmakers, and officials to mark the exact 90th anniversary of Black Sunday. The evening featured remarks from **Ben Pollard**, OCHS President, conservation agency leaders, and several legislators. The Oklahoma Senate passed a resolution “to commemorate the 90th anniversary of Black Sunday to remind Oklahomans of the importance of our soil resources and the continuing need to protect and conserve our soil, water, and other natural resources”. The event was co-hosted the Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts, NRCS, OCC with additional support from BancFirst . Funding for the program has been provided in part by the Oklahoma Historical Society.

April 22, 2025 – Black Sunday commemoration in Guymon, a community in the Oklahoma panhandle that was severely affected by the Dust Bowl. It featured a program of distinguished speakers discussing the historical significance of Black Sunday and 90 years of soil conservation in Oklahoma. Speakers included **Dr. Mathew Pierce** from the Oklahoma Historical society who did research on the history of the dust bowl, Kevin Norton, former NRCS Associate Chief, who discussed the big picture of impacts of the Dust Bowl on soil conservation and the communities impacted by it, **Gayle Brown**, who served his entire 36-year SCS career in that county who chronicled the changes in irrigation technology during the past 90 years. Several local ranchers provided testimonials of the impacts the Dust Bowl had on their families. Local museums and libraries displayed books available. Approximately 80 people were in attendance. **Tom Luca and Ben Pollard**, OCHS board members, were the primary planners of this event. Mr. Lucas arranged for the caterer to prepare and serve several food items that were prevalent in the 1930s as residents had to make do with what was available to eat. This event was co-hosted by the Cimarron, Texas, and Beaver Conservation Districts, the Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts, NRCS, OCC, and additional support provided by the Texas County Farm Bureau. Funding for the program has been provided in part by the Oklahoma Historical Society

April 28, 2025 – Soil Conservation Service 90th Anniversary Celebration in El Reno, Oklahoma. This was a celebration honoring the 90th anniversary of the creation of the Soil Conservation Service. It highlighted nine decades of conservation innovation, partnership, and stewardship in Oklahoma. This event was attended by over 160 people including SCS/NRCS and conservation district retirees, current NRCS and conservation district employees, and others interested in Oklahoma’s conservation history. Jeanne Jasper, current Oklahoma NRCS State Conservationist, Ed Casey Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts president, and **Trey Lam** discussed the importance of Oklahoma’s conservation partnership. **Larry Caldwell**, OCHS board member, highlighted the organization’s mission to “collect, preserve, and share Oklahoma’s rich conservation history”. He highlighted several recent projects that were supported by Oklahoma Historical Society grants, NRCS, and OCHS memberships. The keynote speakers were Mason Mungle, former Oklahoma Conservation Commission Executive Director, who highlighted the history of Oklahoma’s conservation partnership, and **Kevin Norton**, former NRCS Associate Chief, who discussed 90 years of evolution of conservation programs and technology, Jamey Wood was the Master of Ceremonies. More than 100 historic SCS artifacts were displayed including old signs, photos, surveying equipment, soil surveys, aerial photography, and other items used in the early days of SCS and conservation districts. The North Caddo Conservation District provided potted native plants grown in their new greenhouse as table centerpieces. The Oklahoma Senate and House of Representatives passed a joint resolution “to

celebrate April 27, 2025, as the 90th anniversary of the establishment of the USDA Soil Conservation Service (now the Natural Resources Conservation Service) and commends the past and present employees of the Service for their work in conserving the soil and water resources of our state". This event was co-hosted by the Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts, NRCS, and OCC. Funding for the program has been provided in part by the Oklahoma Historical Society

Photos from the NRCS celebration in El Reno can be seen at the following link:

[NRCS 90th Anniversary | El Reno, OK - Oklahoma Assoc. Of Conservation Districts](#)

Photos of the other events can be found on the OCHS website:

<https://www.oklahomaconservationhistory.org/conservation-history-blog/remembering-black-sunday-90-years-of-conservation-in-the-panhandle>

OCHS worked with a local craft brewery to develop a commemorative 90th anniversary beer can that featured a dust bowl scene, a portrait of **Hugh Hammond Bennett**, the father of Soil Conservation in America, an old Soil Conservation Service sign, and the OCHS logo. The beer was named "Bennett's Dusty Ale". It has been a very popular venture as an OCHS fund raiser!

These events not only commemorated Oklahoma's conservation past but also underscored the ongoing importance of soil conservation in an era of climate uncertainty in a large portion of the United States. It is hoped that highlighting this legacy will aid in recommitting sustainable land management practices for future generations.

OREGON

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The Oregon retirees met for the summer quarter lunch on a beautiful sunny July 23rd at Elmer's Restaurant in Northeast Portland. Attending were **Bobbie Hart, Gail Voge, Kay Denfeld, Stefanie Aschmann, Denise Troxell, Lowell Kenedy, Ralph Wadleigh, Joe Sahlfeld, Dick and Kathy Sylvester, Bernie and Colleen Hewes, Jolyne and Jon Lea, Lamont and Karen Robbins, Jim Marron, Leland Saele, Mary Powell**, and yours truly **Don Stettler**.

As usual, attendees shared news of their lives. **Bobbie Hart** told the group that she had been spending time at her beach house and was attempting to stay out of casinos. She went on to tell us she had contacted **Carol Wills**, who is now living in Spokane. **Kay Denfeld** told us that she is still learning to play the dulcimer. She also continues to play the ukulele, and is even planning to make one out of walnut. **Gail Vogue** is planning a trip to Nashville with Kay to attend a Dolly Parton show. She also mentioned that she had a delightful time with family at the beach, that included going to the aquarium. **Dick and Kathy Sylvester** reported that they finally got their car wreck issues resolved in June. They also stay busy in their garden.



*Right side of table – Bobbie Hart, Kay Denfeld, and Gail Voge
Left side of table – Kathy and Dick Sylvester*

Joe Sahlfeld is busy on his farm irrigating his tomatoes, corn, cucumbers, squash, apples, pears, and Marionberries. **Lowell Kenedy** has also been working on his irrigation system along with fixing his weed eater. He is looking forward to an upcoming trip across Canada. **Jim Marron** said he continues to be involved in softball, mainly having to do with tournaments. Jim is enjoying his new Rivian, especially the self-driving feature.



R-L: Joe Sahlfeld, Jim Marron, Lowell Kenedy, Leland Saele, Bernie and Colleen Hewes

Leland Saele attended a family reunion in North Dakota. While there, he and **Margo** stayed in the vicinity of the Enchanted Castle and Enchanted Highway Sculptures. More recently Leland got to enjoy some expensive dental work. Ouch!



Examples of Enchanted Highway Sculptures

Bernie and Colleen Hewes drove 200 miles from their home in Pendleton to attend the lunch. They are now pretty much homebodies. However, they recently celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary at Wallowa Lake. They also keep track of their kids in Bend and Walnut Creek, California.



Colleen and Bernie Hewes along with Colleen's Standard Poodle service dog. Also shown is Leland Saele.

Jon and Jolyne Lea keep busy with their vegetable garden and their raspberries and blueberries. **Jolyne** will soon be driving to New Hampshire to visit family. **Ralph Wadleigh** made a trip to California to spend some quality time with his brother who is in Hospice care.



Jolyne and Jon Lea

Karen Robbins continues to travel to give lectures on autism. Recently she was in Cuba and is making plans to return to Kenya. While Karen is away, husband **Lamont** stays busy cleaning house and getting their home's landscaping back in shape after their long absence. **Lamont and Karen** will be celebrating their 56th wedding anniversary in Hawaii.



Karen and Lamont Robbins

The group welcomed **Mary Powell**, a first-time attendee. She told us that **Jean Trainor** is now planning to spend summers in Tigard and winters in Boise.



Left side – Mary Powell and Ralph Wadleigh
Right side – Denise Troxel, Stef Aschmann, and Don Stettler

Stefanie Aschmann recently took a train trip to California to watch a nephew play basketball in Special Olympics. She also attended a Girl Scouts get together. **Denise Troxel** keeps busy gardening, playing golf and swimming. She has a trip to Maui planned in October.

I told the group about having taken my German immigrant friend to Fort Vancouver as a part of introducing her to Northwest History. Fort Vancouver is where the Hudson's Bay Company established a trading post on the Columbia River in 1824. The National Park Service has reconstructed the fort. Next up is going to Champoege State Park where the Hudson's Bay Company had a warehouse along the Willamette River.



Chief Factor's house at Fort Vancouver as reconstructed within the walls of the fort.

I announced that **Denise Troxell** has agreed to assume leadership of the Oregon Retirees. She will begin after the Fall quarter lunch. In my view she is perfect for taking this on, having spent time in an Oregon Field Office, the Oregon State Office, and the West National Technology Support Center. With Denise's leadership, it is hoped that younger retirees will become more involved. I trust that those who have supported my efforts over the years will do the same for Denise.

PENNSYLVANIA

ARCSE Representative: Currently vacant

WWII – The Homefront

By Frank E Resides Jr., June 2010

The story of one boy and his family's efforts to help win the war

I was at my grandparents' house on that evening in December of 1941 when word came on the news of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Within a day or two, we were at war with Japan.

I lived just east of State College, PA, where my **Aunt Aileen** and **Uncle Russell Tressler**, my father and mother, **Frank Sr. and Helen**, and my grandparents, **Fred and Laura Resides** lived along the unpaved Whitehall Road. It was a rural area, with the homes being about a hundred yards apart. Aunt Aileen was my favorite aunt and my father's sister. My father's brother, **John**, and my aunt **Nina** also lived nearby. As a boy of 6, and an only child, I spent about equal time among the three places on Whitehall Road.

My father was too old to volunteer for military service. When the construction company for which he worked shut down, Dad took a job at the Philadelphia Navy Yard for the duration of the war. My parents moved to Philadelphia, and my mother worked at the Melrose Diner in south Philly.

I stayed in State College with my grandparents. Granddad was a fur dealer during the trapping seasons. He drove out each day to pick up the furbearers; i.e., raccoons, skunks, opossums, muskrats, minks, foxes, and weasels from Centre County trappers. We then skinned them in the evenings and prepared the hides for a fur dealer who came each week to buy them. Granddad sometimes worked until after midnight, but I had to quit around 8pm, if I had school the next day. My granddad trimmed the fat from the raccoons, skunks and opossums (the other animals I mentioned had no excess fat) and took it to a rendering plant near Lewistown, PA to be used in the war effort as a munitions component. There were several hundred pounds some weeks.

During the rest of the year Granddad worked part-time at the Penn State poultry farm, raised chickens at home and built and sold lawn furniture. We had a wonderful relationship, and I loved to help skin the animals, feed the chickens and do some carpentry work. At one time I could skin a muskrat in about a minute.

My grandmother did not drive or work away from home, but she was a super cook and kept our home in top shape. She saved all the empty food cans for me to flatten and turn in for scrap. The steel cans were heavy and it took only four or five to weigh a pound. She and my Aunt Aileen did a lot of home canning of our garden produce in mason jars, which they boiled in a big copper boiler over an outdoor fireplace. Aunt Aileen also made dozens of small "G. I. Joey" puppy dogs that were sent to the troops through the USO or other Service organizations.

After the war started, everyone got "on board" to do what they could to help us win. My uncle **Russell** closed his Plumbing & Heating business and worked in an ordinance plant at White Deer, PA until the war ended. Mothers and wives went to work in defense plants and took other jobs vacated by those who went off to war, and children helped too.

I sold vegetable seeds for Victory Gardens. Food was expensive, so people grew what they could. Gardening became everybody's hobby during the war. I went to most farms within a few miles of home on my bicycle, and asked for broken plowshares and other worn out farm tools and equipment. Later, Granddad used our truck, and we hauled the scrap metal to a salvage company in Bellefonte, PA. I had the whole family; i.e., aunts, uncles and cousins out on weekends picking milkweed pods for the Navy to make life preservers. There would usually be 8 or 10 of us, and we picked 15 to 20 burlap bags full every week that the pods were in season. Back then there were a lot of pastures and abandoned fields that were full of milkweeds – many more than we see today.

It was a time when everyone pulled together. We listened to the news each evening to learn how the war was going. It was a long three years and nine months and an apprehensive time, since we didn't know if we would win until near the end. A lot of people eagerly anticipated **President Roosevelt's** weekly Fireside Chats; i.e., mini State of the Union messages.

I was nine when the war ended in August of 1945. I remember the prolonged blowing of fire sirens, the parades and other celebrations that followed.

Other things I remember: We had a 1941 Plymouth coupe, which was new, and served us well during the war years. It cost around \$600. We also had a 1937 Chevy pick-up that we used occasionally for the "heavy hauling;" i.e., things like the milkweed pods, scrap metal, and chicken feed. Many people had problems keeping their older cars running until new ones were sold again in 1946. Tires were a perennial problem. You didn't put new tires on your car and take them off 30 or 40 thousand miles later, when the tread wore out. Wartime tires were of inferior quality, to say the least. Punctures, leaks, and blowouts were common.

My grandfather's part-time occupation as a fur dealer entitled him to extra stamps for gasoline, which was strictly rationed, to collect the animals; and when he worked at the poultry farm he only had two miles to drive there. These facts, in combination with the relatively economical Plymouth coupe, meant that we had no problem getting enough fuel for the car. Sometimes we went for a Sunday afternoon ride to see friends and family in the Milesburg, Howard, and Beech Creek areas about 25 miles from home.

Many food items were rationed, especially meat, butter, sugar, and shortening. Margarine came in white blocks with a packet of orange colored powder. I always helped my grandmother mix the powder with the margarine by hand in a large bowl, to make it look yellow like butter. Spam, considered an "alternative" meat, made from the cheaper cuts of pork and scraps, I guess, came on the market. Some people liked it, many did not. However, it must be OK for it is still sold today.

One day I was in the Acme store helping my grandfather do the grocery shopping. He usually sat on the windowsill at the front of the store, while I collected the items on our list. That day they opened a case of 1 lb. cans of Crisco. There were no 3 lb cans during the war. Each family could have one can. When the box was opened, there was a mad rush and free-for-all of shoppers trying to get one of those cans. Granddad said, "Get one for your Grandma," so I dove into the mob of mostly older women and did come out with a can. I hope I didn't take it out of some lady's hand, but I don't know just how I got it.

Butter was really scarce and expensive, so we used only the colored margarine, a practice we continued for many years after the war. We did have lots of buttermilk, which was given to us each week by a neighboring farmer's wife. She made butter often, had no young children, and gave us the real buttermilk with specks of butter in it. I usually drank a pint or so everyday after school.

I bought savings stamps at school each week. My book held 188 10-cent stamps. When the book was filled, I could turn it in for a \$25 war bond, and get 5 cents back. These bonds were printed on 1/2 of a sheet of white paper, rather than the cards that came later.

My father left the Navy Yard after the war. He and my mother stayed in Philadelphia until 1952, when they moved to Clayton, NJ. I completed grades 1 thru 8 at the College Township Elementary School in Lemont, and graduated from High School in State College in 1953.

In October of 1954 I enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. As fate would have it, my unit (the Second Marine Air Support Squadron, MASS-2) made an amphibious landing on Iwo Jima in 1956. There, I had the opportunity to visit the site of the flag raising on Mt. Suribachi, inspect some abandon gun emplacements, and to see where so many American casualties occurred during WWII.

TEXAS

Mike Bogard, ARCSE Representative

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Mary Beth and I love to drive through the country and visit all the national and state parks. Early in the year we started making plans to drive to California, work our way up through Oregon and Washington into Canada. From there we were planning on going east to Branff National Park and head home, winding our way through the Rockies.

Our plans got side-tracked. It took us until late June to get her house sold. In early July we found out that she had some health issues.

Mary Beth had open heart surgery on July 18th. She was complaining about some pain in her mid section, and we went to urgent care here in Gatesville. They sent her over to the ER where they did a CT scan, which showed the lower part of an aneurysm of the aorta, the large artery coming out of her heart.

After our primary care doc saw the CT scan of her upper body, he sent us to a cardiovascular doc in Waco. He told us that when an aneurysm got to 4 cm they started watching it; when it got to 5 cm they got concerned; and hers was at 6 cm so she needed surgery PDQ.

They did a bunch of testing to determine everything that needed fixing while they had her chest open. They found she needed one bypass and a heart valve repair in addition to replacing a section of her aorta near the heart.

She spent six days in Providence Hospital in Waco and fifteen days in the rehab section of a nursing home in Gatesville. I brought her home last Friday. She will be getting therapy in our home by our local hospital home health care program as long as needed.

We feel very blessed that Mary Beth had some pain (as a warning). We still don't know what caused the pain. They told us that most people don't have anything that would indicate they have an aneurysm. The surgeon told us that 50% of people that have a ruptured aneurysm don't live until they get to hospital and 50% of those that make it to the hospital alive don't survive.

Needless to say, our vacation plans will have to wait until next summer.

From **Douglas Seibel**: This is a reminder that the next retirees get together is scheduled at Prima's Pasta, 6108 S. Hulen St, Ft Worth at 12 noon on Tuesday, September 9th. Hope to see you there!

WEST VIRGINIA

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James Michael of Berkeley Springs died on June 19, 2025. While Jim was contributing his time and effort to many local and state organizations, his son **Brad** joined him in managing their mult-generational farm. Brad shares his father's passion for conserving our natural resources. In the mid 1980s, Brad was selected as the WV Earth Team Volunteer of the year for his project protecting the stream that flowed past his high school. Today, Brad is an NRCS soil conservationist in Hagerstown, MD.

You can read more about Jim's life in the "In-Memoriam" section of this newsletter.

WISCONSIN

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Retirees, mark your calendars for the next luncheon, on Wednesday September 17, 2025. Location: Pizza Ranch, 100 Keenan Court, Verona, WI. We will be meeting at 11:30am. The menu is a buffet that includes pizza, chicken, vegetables, soup and salad bar.

Please email **Jim Enlow** if you are planning on attending: email: Ljenlow@att.net

Submitted by: **Tim Meyer**, Eau Claire Wisconsin – Retired Soil Scientist

Memory of Mapping in Monroe and Juneau Counties – It was always interesting mapping near Fort McCoy in Monroe County, Volk Field near Camp Douglas and Hardwood Range near Finley in Juneau County. I was lucky enough to have mapped in all three. "As a world-class Total Force Training Center, Fort McCoy's primary responsibility is providing quality training facilities for reserve- and active-component military forces. Fort McCoy also fulfills the role of one of 15 Army Power-Projection Platforms. Fort McCoy is a ready and capable mobilization site, equipped to prepare and deploy U.S. Army Reserve and Army National Guard units for any contingency. Volk Field Air National Guard Base (ANGB) is a joint facility with the Wisconsin Air National Guard supporting the Combat Readiness Training Center and the 128th Air Control Squadron. Additionally, Volk Field CRTC personnel manage the nearby Hardwood Gunnery Range. Hardwood Air-to-Ground Weapons Range (R-6904), near Finley, WI, is one of fifteen Air National Guard (ANG) ranges located throughout the United States." A mapping day in or near these facilities always involved getting clearance for entry, knowing the days of active range activities, and being prepared for explosions, jets screaming overhead, or helicopters suddenly appearing over the ridgetop and roaring down the valley at treetop level. Inspecting artifacts was of course, verboten, but I would guess that most soil scientists that worked in these areas have souvenirs from the 20mm and 40mm wing cannons. It was a little unnerving to realize you were working several miles away and in a "safe" down range area of Hardwood even though all the trees around you were shredded from the cannons.

Submitted by: **Deb LeGear**, ARCSE State Representative, Eau Claire, Wisconsin

13 Retirees met at the Springville Sports Barn on August 14th, 2025 for lunch. This luncheon was in the central part of the state in Plover, Wisconsin.

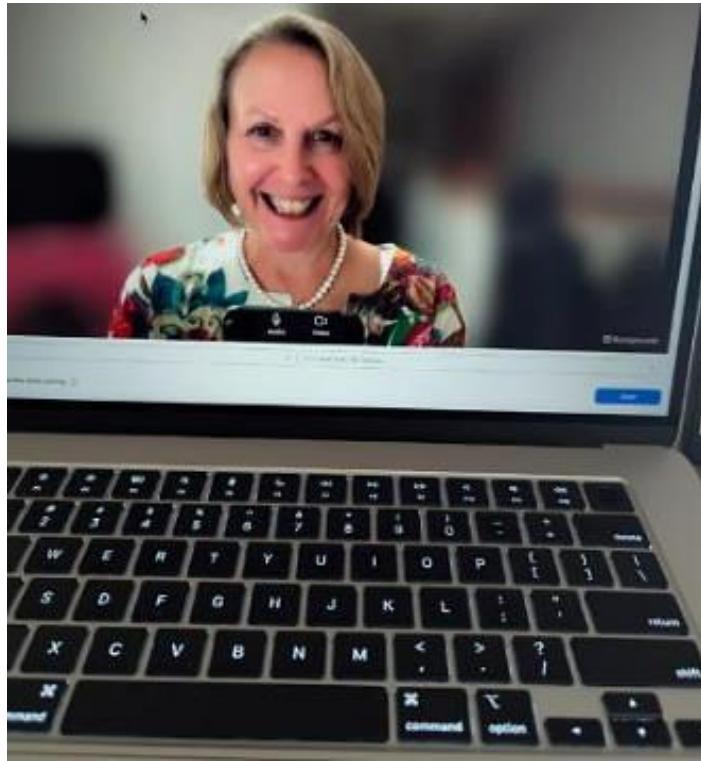


(L-R) Keith Widdel, Steve Rake, John Campbell, Jim Johnson



Pictured (L-R) Howard Gundlach, Dave Omernik, Susan Gundlach, John Campbell, Jean Omernik, Kim Georg, Susan Georg

From **Julie MacSwain**: Working with the ACES program has been one of the most rewarding parts of my retirement journey. These days, I get to serve as a Public Affairs Specialist for Ohio NRCS—right from my home office in Hudson, Wisconsin. It's a privilege to stay connected with the NRCS mission and the incredible employees who make it happen every day.



(L-R) Steve Prissel, Deb LeGear, Kim Georg, Mary Evitch

WYOMING

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Greetings to my fellow retirees across the Country from Wyoming! The following Wyoming retirees gathered for a reunion on June 19th. All attending had a great time visiting and reconnecting with each other.



Back Row: Dick Keller, John Richards, Cheryl Grapes, Ray Gullion, Doug Gasseling, Phil Gonzales, Don Taranis, and Terry Everard. Front Row: Cindy Gullion, Fran K Neil, Jerry Forster, Don Viktorin, Jerry Hattan, Ted Gilbert, Traudi Gilbert, Mrs. Dave Hovland, and Dave Hovland.



SENIOR CONSERVATIONISTS – Paul Benedict.

Senior Conservationists have reached the minimum age of 83 years and have completed the Senior Conservationist Questionnaire (download at <https://arcsecommunications.wordpress.com/senior-conservationists/>). 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.

The following is a repost of Norman's writeup due to a misspelling in the last edition.

SENIOR CONSERVATIONIST CHRONICLE

Senior Conservationist

Norman Koester

Norman Koester was born 10/24/1938 in Ponca, NE. He earned his BS in Agricultural Engineering at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1963. He married Barbara in 1989. He has 4 sons, one daughter, 12 grandchildren, and 14 great grandchildren. He also has one great great-granddaughter.

He grew up on a farm in Dixon County, NE and was in the US Army 1958–1960. He was a student trainee in Tyndall, SD, and Lincoln, NE, and an engineer in training (EIT) in Lincoln at the EWPU (1960–1963). He was project engineer (1963–1965) for the Big Carey Watershed in Cedar Vale, KS (1965–1970); field engineer at Council Bluffs, IA (1970–1989); and Assistant State Conservation Engineer in Lincoln, NE (1989–1997).

After retirement he became the sole proprietor at Koester Engineering, Plattsmouth, NE (1998–2016): approximately 200 projects. 75 of them resulted in actual construction for conservation-sized contractors (it wasn't just paperwork jobs). At different times used eight former co-workers to assist with survey, design, inspection, and geology.

His hobbies include travel, fishing, photography, history, and family. He plans to travel to Washington State with his 90-yr-old sister in July to spend a week with their 94-yr-old sister there.

He lives at Beaver Lake near Plattsmouth. The lake is formed by a dam built in 1974. The dam is 50-yr-old and got an unfavorable rating last year by state inspection. The state has only "favorable" and "unfavorable" ratings. "Unfavorable" is not as bad as it sounds. An Infra-structure Task Force Committee was appointed by the Home Owners Association to hire an engineer and help guide investigation and recommend rehabilitation work. Norman is a volunteer member of the task force.

Norman's contact information is 8891 Verdon Circle, Plattsmouth, NE 68048. (402) 578-2766, NKByLake@gmail.com.

OBITUARY INFORMATION

Paul Benedict, Membership Chair

When you receive word of someone passing, with little other information provided to you, obituaries can often be found by doing an advanced search using Google, using the full name of the deceased. If you do not have access to the internet, Paul Benedict will be glad to do the search. PLEASE SEND DEATH NOTICES AND OBITUARY INFORMATION DIRECTLY TO PAUL BENEDICT AT soilwarden@verizon.net. Always include the position or the spouse's position with SCS/NRCS.

Surname	Year	<i>In-Memoriam</i> (Note: These are recent notices. For a complete list, please see www.arcse.org)
Angel	2025	Darlene Angel (85) of Woodleaf, North Carolina, passed away July 24, 2025. Darlene was born April 20, 1940, to her parents Henderson and Annie Penninger. She married her loving husband William (Bill) Angel on April 17, 1960, and together they had one son. Darlene was a graduate of Woodleaf High School and employed at USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service for 22 years and retired in 2000. But what Darlene will be most remembered for is her lifelong dedication to Christ. An active member of The Arbor Church she was always willing to lend her help wherever it was needed. A Sunday school teacher for over 60 years, an active member of the women's group, serving as treasurer and trustee as well as all of the many committees. Darlene was preceded in death by her devoted husband of 62 years William. Survivors include her son William Scott Angel (Sandra "Dee"); granddaughter Jessica Mowry (Derek) and grandson Timothy Ryan Angel; great grandchildren Annabella Grace and Jackson Mowry, Caylee and Cayden Beaver, and Aida Hopkins.
Banks	2025	Eric Banks (55) of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, passed away on August 4, 2025. Eric was born February 5, 1970. He received a degree in Agricultural Economics at Alcorn State University in Mississippi. He worked for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, beginning his career as a student trainee in Wilber, Nebraska. He later worked as a resource conservationist and district conservationist in Indiana. He then was an Area Conservationist in northeast Missouri. Then he served as Assistant State Conservationist of Financial Programs in Arizona. In 2008 he became the State Conservationist of Kansas for several years before serving as the Director of the East National Technology Center in Greensboro, North Carolina.
Bogner	2025	Senior Conservationist and ARCSE Member Eleanor Victoria Bogner (100) of Catonsville, Maryland, passed away peacefully on July 28, 2025. Her late husband, Senior Conservationist and Life ARCSE Member Neil Bogner , former Associate Deputy Chief for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service (SCS), passed away in September 2015. Eleanor was born on October 8, 1924, the daughter of E. David and E. Victoria Johnson, on the family farm southwest of Loda, Illinois. She graduated from Holmes School, Loda Township High School, and the Barry Castle Business School in Champaign, Illinois. She worked in clerical positions in Champaign Urbana including working as the Area Clerk for the SCS. She married Neil Bogner on November 25, 1954. Eleanor is survived by two of her three sons, Douglas (Kathy) of Catonsville, Maryland, and Paul of Hollywood, Maryland; her two granddaughters, Emma, and Sarah, also of Catonsville; her sister-in-law Judy Bogner, and many nieces and nephews. In addition to Neil, she was preceded in death by her youngest son,

		Carl, who died in December 2024. A funeral mass was held August 8, at her parish, Lady of the Angels on the Charlestown Retirement Community in Catonsville.
Crouch	2025	Dr. Carol Vallee Crouch (74) of Tecumseh, Oklahoma, passed away July 10, 2025 in Norman, Oklahoma surrounded by her beloved children. Carol was born to John Vallee and Ada Ruth Tolbert Vallee on December 23, 1950, in Yakima, Washington. After high school, she spent 20 years as a dental consultant before earning an Indian Health Scholarship to study Environmental Management at East Central University. She continued her education and earned a Master of Public Health in Occupational Environmental Health from Oklahoma State University, then a second master's degree in environmental management from the University of Oklahoma. In 2004 she received her Ph.D. in Environmental Science and Management from Oklahoma State University and during this time her dedication was recognized with the National Presidential Fellowship for Water, Energy, and the Environment. She was a member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation in Pablo, Montana, Carol held her Native American heritage close to her heart. It shaped her values, guided her work, and was a source of strength and pride throughout her life. At the time of her passing, Carol had devoted 40 years of service to the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, the past 18 years, she served with distinction as the State Tribal Liaison for Oklahoma. She was the recipient of national awards including the National Workforce Diversity Civil Rights Award which recognizes individuals who have made the most significant contributions to work force diversity by the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Carol worked with American Indian youth illuminating educational opportunities and environmental issues. She often gave advice to young professionals and shared the elder's belief that all people are connected to earth's resources. Carol loved sports, especially cheering on the University of Oklahoma! She was a familiar and beloved presence at her children's and grandchildren's school functions and athletic events. She was a constant supporter, an encouraging voice from the sidelines, and a deeply loving "grandmommie" who celebrated every moment with pride and joy. Carol is survived by her children: Kase Mathis (Genda) of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma; Misty Williams (Brad) of Davis, Oklahoma; Joe Crouch (Kari) of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma; grandchildren Karsten, Spencer, Addison, Morgan, Kasey Jo, Tyler, Haily, Avri, Gavin and her great grandchildren.
Elbert	2025	Christine Holly Elbert (nee Hufnagel) (73) of Washington, Missouri, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family after a long battle with leukemia on July 15, 2025. Christine was born Feb. 16, 1952, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to the late Carol Allen (nee Frank) and Ervin Hufnagel. Christine was united in marriage to the love of her life, Donald Elbert on June 8, 1974. She was employed by the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service for over 25 years, serving with dedication and integrity until her retirement in 2009, much of that time as Area Clerk in Washington. In her free time, Christine found joy in the simple things: gardening, reading, and decorating her home. She is survived by her husband, Donald Elbert; sons: Allen Elbert of Washington, and Ryan Elbert (Connor) of Kansas City, Missouri; daughters: Jennifer Reames (Dakota) of Warrenton, Missouri and Theresa Koelling (Mathew) of Kansas City, Missouri; eight grandchildren: Blake and Adam Elbert, Jagger, Colt, and Knox Reames, Landon and Noelle Koelling, and Henry Elbert.
Ernst	2025	Dana Clare Ernst (60) of Culpeper, Virginia, formerly of Port Allegany, Pennsylvania, passed away May 14, 2025, in Culpeper Medical Center. Dana was born January 30, 1965, in Norristown, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Fred Wilson and Claire Marie McBurney Ernst, Jr. On July 3, 2004, in Culpeper, she married James "Jim" Sawyer, who survives. She earned a degree in agriculture from Pennsylvania State University. She was employed by USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) as a Soil Conservationist. Dana started her career with NRCS in the Coudersport, Pennsylvania Field Office. After that she worked in southeast Pennsylvania, the Virgin Islands, and finally Culpeper, Virginia. She resigned from the agency in 2014 for health reasons. Dana was a member of Virginia Draft Horse and Mule Association and Virginia Forage and Grassland Council. Surviving besides her husband, Jim, are her mother, Claire Ernst of Port Allegany, Pennsylvania; two brothers, Fred (Ginger) Ernst, III of Port Allegany, and David Clifford (Myra) Ernst of Littleport, Cambridgeshire, United Kingdom; nieces and nephews; and two step-children, Zachary Sawyer and Eleanor Sawyer.
Goforth	2025	Gayle Deon Goforth (91) of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, passed away peacefully on July 4, 2025. He was born January 23, 1934, in Okeene, Oklahoma, to Henry and Bertie (Walker) Goforth. He graduated from Homestead High School in 1952 and served in the United States Army for two years. Gayle married his high school sweetheart, Mary Ellen Carver, on May 2, 1954. He then worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service as a Watershed Construction Inspector until his retirement in 1993. He enjoyed farming, playing cards, and dominoes, and was an avid sports enthusiast. He was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Perry until he moved to an assisted living facility. Gayle was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Ellen Goforth, in 2017. He is survived by his children Michael Goforth (Sharla), Mindy Goforth, and Alex Goforth, and his grandchildren, Donovan Brown, JaLeesa Brown, Jameson Brown, and Hannah Mullins, and great grandchildren Donovan Brown, Ruby Brown, and Kyngston Hobby
Greenough	2025	Roger Allen Greenough (86) of Slater, Iowa, passed away peacefully in Ames, Iowa on July 8, 2025. Roger was born on a farm near Soldier, Iowa on June 18, 1939, to Charles and Neola (Jensen) Greenough. He graduated from Mapleton High School. Roger married Arlene Jensen in 1960 in Battle Creek, Iowa. He began working for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Sioux City, Iowa. He was transferred to Ames in 1971, which led to his family settling in Slater. Upon his retirement, he took up seasonal work as a gardener for Hyperion Golf Course. Roger was preceded in death by his parents Charles and Neola Greenough, two sons, Guy Greenough and Richard Greenough. Roger is survived by his wife Arlene Greenough, daughters Linda (Adrian) Mueller and Leslie Stephens, son Quentin Greenough, 16 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren. A funeral was held on July 15, 2025, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Slater.
Hutchins	2023	Life Member Richard G. Hutchins (89) of Marlton, New Jersey, formerly of Charlestown, Rhode Island, passed away on August 13, 2023, at Artis Senior Living, in Marlton, surrounded by his loving family. Richard was born on May 29, 1934, in Foster, Rhode Island, to the late Vernon and Emma Hutchins. He graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a Bachelor of Science (Agriculture) degree in 1957. He worked as a soil scientist with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service for over 38 years. He was Head of the Information Resource Management staff when he retired in 1995. Richard enjoyed gardening, ornithology, woodworking, and baking bread. Richard was a former member of St. Andrews Lutheran Church in Charlestown, Rhode Island, where he served in the Men's Group and sang in the church choir. Richard was also a longstanding contributor to the Friends of the Quonochontaug Grange, a local grassroots group dedicated to the preservation and maintenance of this historic community resource and meeting place for which the community room is dedicated in his family's honor. Richard is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Glenda Hutchins, nee Hall; his children, Marianne Torosian (James), David Hutchins, and Suzanne Hauswald (Richard); his grandchildren, Alyssa Mattinson,

		Jacob White (Crystal), and Timothy White (Judy); and his great-grandchildren, Greyson Mattinson, Micah White, and Ember White.
Kral	2025	Willia Faris Kral (94) of Corsicana, Texas, passed away in Dallas, Texas, on August 3, 2025, after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. Willa was the wife of the late Robert "Bob" Marden Kral , retired Soil Scientist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Bob passed away 8 months earlier in December 2024. Willa was born Willae Mae Faris in Weatherford, Texas on September 14, 1930, to Reuben Faris and Elsie Faris (nee King). She enrolled at Texas Tech in 1947, graduating in 1951. At Tech she met the love of her life, Bob Kral, whom she married in 1954. She was a devout, lifelong member of the Methodist Church. Willa began her teaching career when the family moved to Lamesa, Texas in 1969. She worked as a Reading Specialist and taught at Fannin Elementary in Corsicana for many years until her retirement. She is survived by her children Robin Kral (Rachel) and Jeanette Gordon, her grandchildren Katie Worthington (Dalton), Andrew Gordon, Kyle Dawson Crittenden, Graham Kral, and Thomas Kral, her great-grandson Gabriel Worthington.
McDonald	2025	Danny Wayne McDonald (81) of Hayesville, Kansas, passed away February 19, 2025, at Robert J. Dole Veterans Administration Hospice Unit in Wichita, Kansas. Danny was born July 15, 1943 to Clarence and Edna (Greer) McDonald in Neodesha, Kansas. He served in the United States Air Force from 1961 to 1965. He later received degrees from both Texas A&M University and Kansas State University. Danny worked for the USDA- Soil Conservation Service where he served as the assistant director of the Manhattan, Kansas Plant Materials Center. He later worked as the IT director at the Presidents College in Wichita, Kansas. He loved the outdoors and travel. This was highlighted by a recent trip to India. Danny is survived by his three daughters, Meghan, Morgan, and Moira, his brother David McDonald, and several nephews and nieces. He will be interred at the Greenwood Cemetery in Newton, Kansas at a date to be determined.
McGriff	2025	Darrel Lee McGriff (86) of Marion, Indiana passed away on June 29, 2025, at Rolling Meadows Health & Rehabilitation Center in LaFontaine. Darrel was born in Plymouth, Indiana, on January 2, 1939, to Lester and Mary (Garl) McGriff. Darrel earned his bachelor's degree in agriculture from Purdue University. He was honorably discharged from the National Guard and worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service. Most of his career was spent in the Northeast part of Indiana as soil conservationist, district conservationist, area agronomist and resource conservationist. He was the Area Earth Team Coordinator for many years. He also worked for the Farm Bureau as a crop adjuster. He cherished family vacations, enjoyed bowling and softball, and was passionate about mission trips to Oklahoma, South Dakota, and many other places. He attended Christland United Methodist Church, where he served on several committees. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Betty (Peer) McGriff; children, Robert (Kay) McGriff, Pam Dillon, and Paul (Becky) McGriff; and grandchildren, Anna McGriff, Tyler Dillon, Alex Dillon, Owen McGriff, and Cooper McGriff.
Meredith	2025	John B. Meredith (75) of Jackson, Ohio, passed away at his home on July 13, 2025. An obituary was not available. According to friends and colleagues, John was born December 12, 1949, in Meigs County, Ohio. John started work with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in the mid-1970s, starting in Fairfield County, Ohio. He then worked in Shelby County, Ohio, where he met his wife, Sara (Sally). Sally passed away in 2016. John moved to Jackson County where he was the District Conservationist there. He then became the District Conservationist in Vinton County, Ohio, where he stayed until his retirement in 2005.
Michael	2025	Member James Romine Michael (89) of Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, passed away on June 19, 2025, at his home surrounded by his family and while under the care of Hospice of the Panhandle. Jim was born October 10, 1935 in Martinsburg, West Virginia, the son of the late Gladstone Michael and Reba Unger Michael Myers. He was a 1957 graduate of West Virginia University (WVU) with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Education. After graduating from WVU he joined the Air National Guard in Martinsburg. After his service at the Air Guard, he started working at the USDA-Soil Conservation Service where he held several positions across the state of West Virginia and finally retired in the state of Virginia after 36 years of service. After retirement Jim returned to Berkeley Springs where he took over his family's multi-generational farm. He was actively involved with the Eastern Panhandle Conservation District serving as District Supervisor. Jim was also the President of Cacapon State Park Foundation and the West Virginia State Parks Foundation for approximately 30 years. He was also a member of Sleepy Creek Watershed Association, People's Mutual Insurance Board, Morgan County Farmland Protection Board and West Virginia Farm Bureau. Jim was an active member of Mount Olivet United Methodist Church where he served on numerous committees and leadership roles. Jim is survived by his wife of 66 years, Jacqueline Lee Hewett Michael, at home, three children, Christopher Paul Michael of Beaverdam, Virginia, Romey Michael McGraw (Gary) of Berryville, Virginia and Brad Allen Michael (Beth) of Berkeley Springs, one sister, Judith Baisden (Ernest) of Shanks, West Virginia; five grandchildren, Brianna (Matthew), Odessa, Grant, Ava and Lily; and two great grandchildren, Iulieana and Lydeon Romine.
Nass	2025	Fred Drue Nass (62) of Rhame, North Dakota, passed away March 12, 2025. Fred was born to Melvin and Mavis Nass in Cando, North Dakota on June 12, 1962. After graduating from high school in Cando, he attended college in Bottineau, North Dakota. This gave him the skills to begin his career with USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in Jamestown, North Dakota, as an engineering technician. Most of his 30-year plus career was spent in Bowman, North Dakota, but he had worked in much of the state throughout his tenure. Fred spent a lot of time helping friends on farms and ranches, traveling, making wooden bowls, riding his motorcycle, and being on the Bowman County Fair board. Fred was pre-deceased by his parents and leaves behind his brother Ray (Donna) Nass.
Skidmore	2025	John Robert Skidmore, Jr (Rob) (71) of Centerville, Ohio, passed away on July 5, 2025. He was born to the late John and Georgene Skidmore on January 9, 1954. Rob met his wife, Judy (Schein) Skidmore during high school as members of the All-Ohio State Fair Youth Choir and as performing choir members in Europe. They were married just one month short of 49 years. Rob graduated from Miami University with dual majors of History and Geography. He worked for USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service as an Engineering Technician at the Circleville Field Office, for his entire career, covering Pickaway, Fairfield, Franklin, and Delaware Counties in Ohio. His greatest joy was spending time with his family and he loved attending his children and grandchildren's activities. He enjoyed singing in choirs and ensembles, and as a soloist at church, Roundtown Players, and community groups. He was preceded in death by his son John Robert Skidmore III. In addition to his wife Judy, he is survived by daughter Kelly (Duce) Black, daughter-in-law Katie Skidmore, grandchildren Lillian and Jackson Skidmore and Ruby and Finley Black

Smith	2025	Judith Marie Smith (88) of Columbia, Missouri passed away on July 19, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. Judith was born June 4, 1937, in Salem, Missouri to the late Vernon and Marie (Bryson) Whitaker. On December 26, 1955, she married Senior Conservationist and ARCSE Life Member Ed Smith in Salem, Missouri. She was a member of Memorial Baptist Church and served the church in many capacities over her 63 years-plus as a member there. In addition to wonderful wife and mother, she was Librarian at Benton Elementary School for 29 years. Judith enjoyed traveling, especially in Colorado, and after retirement spent winters in Florida for many years. She is survived by her husband, Ed; daughter, Cindy (Steve); brother, Joe (Ruth); five grandchildren, Mallory, Joel, Justin, Kalie, Aaron; seven great grandchildren; and many other extended family members. She is loved and will be missed by many. Judith was preceded in death by her daughter, Christa Schilb. Memorial contributions are suggested to Caring Hearts and Hands, c/o Bach-Yager Funeral Chapel, 1610 N. Garth Ave., Columbia, MO 65202.
Williams	2025	Robert Earl Williams (60) of Roanoke, Virginia, passed away on July 1, 2025. He was an employee of the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service and was currently serving as the Assistant State Conservationist (Field Operations) in Christiansburg, Virginia Area Office. He was born March 18, 1965, in Merigold, Mississippi, son of the late JB Williams, Sr. and Ollie Mae Williams. He attended Alcorn State University, where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy. Robert was a man deeply devoted to his faith. Each morning, he and his beloved wife Tammy faithfully began their day in prayer and Scripture, grounding their lives in spiritual discipline. A sports enthusiast, Robert was a devoted fan of the San Francisco 49ers and the Los Angeles Lakers. He also looked forward to the annual Virginia State Homecomings. Robert is survived by his devoted wife Tammy Miller-Williams; brothers Lawrence (Beverly) Williams, Ronald (Linda) Williams Sr., Venson (Jennifer) Williams Sr. and Bruce Williams Sr.; sisters Beatrice (Eddie) Harris, Mayola McClain, Patricia Williams, Rhonda Williams and Shantele (Calvin) Rose; sisters-in-love Dorothy Spinner, Harriett (George, Sr.) Hurt, Robin (Alvin) Payne and Crystal Miller; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.
Youngquist	2025	Herbert John Youngquist (97) of Wahpeton, North Dakota, passed away on Friday April 25, 2025, at Benedictine St. Catherine's Living Center. Herbert was born March 16, 1928, to Herbert C. and Ann E. (Lehman) Youngquist in Breckenridge, Minnesota. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in April 1946 with the 568th Air Engineering Squadron, 358th Air Service Group overseas at Clark Air Force Base, Republic of the Philippines. He received his honorable discharge on September 17, 1947. Returning to Wahpeton, he attended North Dakota State College of Science. On June 11, 1951, he married the love of his life, Rosemarie Salness, of Fergus Falls, Minnesota at St. John's Church in Wahpeton. Herb was employed by the USDA-Soil Conservation Service, where he continued working until his retirement on March 18, 1983. He continued to reside in Wahpeton after retirement, where he enjoyed being with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, along with fishing, gardening, reading, and all NDSU sports. In 2021, Rose and Herb moved from their family home to Benedictine St. Catherine's. He was a member of St. John's Catholic Church, Hafner-Miller-Ross American Legion Post in Wahpeton, and a proud charter member of the Wahpeton Buffalo Club. He is survived by a son, David (Gloria), of San Benito, Texas; two daughters, Nancy Diederich of Wahpeton, and Connie Vagts of Wahpeton; five grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Rose Youngquist in 2023.

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Perry	Oakes	Auburn	AL
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Larry	McCray	Moundville	AL
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Dale	Pekar	Little Rock	AR
Bob	Price	Little Rock	AR
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Galen S	Bridge	Tucson	AZ
Christopher	Cochran	Tucson	AZ
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Jennifer	Foster	Merced	CA
Leonard	Jolley	Napa	CA
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Mary	Andreuccetti	Sacramento	CA
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John	Andrews	Foxfield	CO
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Jazelle	Jusino	Lake City	FL
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Marc	Crouch	Leesburg	FL
Mona	Peterson	Melbourne	FL
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William	Kuentler	Beach	FL
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Charlie	Godley	The Villages	FL
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William E	Frederick	Winter Haven	FL
Carolyn C	Adams	Athens	GA
Linda R	DiPietro	Athens	GA
Leonard	Jordan	Douglasville	GA
Curt	Hobbs	Fayetteville	GA
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Kevin	McCall	Ames	IA
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Jeff	Godwin	Cumberland	IA
Dennis L	Hurtz	Decorah	IA
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Jay	Ford	Denison	IA
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Jerry	Misek	Elizabeth	IL
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Ross	Braun	Macomb	IL
Jim E	McQuilkin	Magnolia	IL
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Ivan	Dozier	Mill Shoals	IL
Neil	Pellmann	Mokena	IL
Rich	Stewart	Moline	IL
Nancy	Phalen	Monticello	IL
Arthur A	Bryant	Peotone	IL
Bryon	Kirwan	Seymour	IL
Loran E. (Gene)	Davis	Shelbyville	IL
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James L	Evans	Urbana	IL
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Roger	Cronshey	Huntington	MD
Noller	Herbert	Huntingtown	MD
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Tim	Bohnhoff	Auburn	MI
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John	Brach	Stillwater	MN
Michael	Blaine	Baring	MO
Lyle	Noblitt	Carrollton	MO
J.R.	Flores	Columbia	MO
Roger A.	Hansen	Columbia	MO
Jean C	Herman	Columbia	MO
Gary	Moreau	Columbia	MO
Dave	Rastorfer	Columbia	MO
Burns (Ed)	Smith	Columbia	MO
Rita Marie	Williams	Fair Grove	MO
Francis F	Miller	Hartsburg	MO
Robert L	Hummel	Jefferson City	MO
Kenneth E	Benham	Joplin	MO
David	Lightle	Labadie	MO
Marvin L	Knabach	Lee's Summit	MO
Hugh	Curry	Overland Park	MO
James E	Sturm	Princeton	MO
John F	Rice	Rolla	MO
David	Williams	Salem	MO
F. Tyler	Smith	Springfield	MO
Ellis	Benham	Stockton	MO
Kristin	Smith	Biloxi	MS
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James S	Johnson	Bozeman	MT
Lori	Valadez	Bozeman	MT
Joseph	Van Mullem	Bozeman	MT
Doreen	Peters	Townsend	MT
Dick	Gooby	Twin Bridges	MT
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Angela	Gragg	Boone	NC
Albert "Hank"	Henry, Jr.	Burlington	NC
James H	Canterberry	Cary	NC
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Duncan C	McGregor	Cary	NC
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Rodney W.	Johnson	Elizabeth City	NC
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Dean K.	Bingham	Goldsboro	NC
Christopher W	Smith	Goldsboro	NC
Jeff	Porter	Greensboro	NC
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Larry	Hendrix	Salisbury	NC
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Frank	Clearfield	Southport	NC
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Robin	Fouk	Chadron	NE
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Doug	Christensen	Lincoln	NE
James	Culver	Lincoln	NE
Craig	Derickson	Lincoln	NE
Gus & Donna	Dornbusch	Lincoln	NE
Norman	Helzer	Lincoln	NE
David	Hoover	Lincoln	NE
Norman & Sylvia	Kempf	Lincoln	NE
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Gerald L	Montgomery	Lincoln	NE
Henry R	Mount	Lincoln	NE
Gary B	Muckel	Lincoln	NE
Kenneth E	Noonan	Lincoln	NE
Steve	Scheinost	Lincoln	NE
Steven C	Stover	Lincoln	NE
JoAnne	Thiele	Lincoln	NE
Charline A	Woodside	Lincoln	NE
Claudia	Stevenson	Ogallala	NE
Steve	Chick	Papillion	NE
Dana	Snyder	Seward	NE
Dean F	Sherman	Plymouth	NH
Gregory J	Westfall	Allentown	NJ
Thornton	Hole	Egg Harbor City	NJ
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Tom	Drewes	Flemington	NJ
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Maria E	Iannuzzelli	Maria	NJ
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Paul	Ray	Chittenango	NY
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Mike	Monnin	Pickerington	OH
Joseph	Branco	Port Clinton	OH
D Rex	Mapes	Powell	OH
Mark	DeBrock	Reynoldsburg	OH
John S.	Weller	Seville	OH
Karl H	Reinhardt	Sidney	OH
Thomas	Sewell	Strasburg	OH
Larry	Tomes	Sunbury	OH
Stephen S.	Davis	Toledo	OH
Lennie	Losh	Westerville	OH
Ralph E	Gray	Willoughby	OH
Suzanne C	Schenkel	Willoughby	OH
Barry	Cavanna	Wooster	OH
Joseph R	Steiger	Zanesville	OH
John R "Dick"	Bogard	Durant	OK
Jamey	Wood	Edmond	OK
Wade D "Dan"	Runnels	Kellyville	OK
Wes	Oneth	McAlester	OK
Nickey J	Lambeth	Okemah	OK
Jimmy D	Thomas	Okmulgee	OK
Joe	Freeland	Pauls Valley	OK
Larry	Caldwell	Stillwater	OK
Fred J	Fortney	Stillwater	OK
Randy	Freeland	Stillwater	OK
Jimmie W	Frie	Stillwater	OK
Becky	Ross	Stillwater	OK
John E	Witty	Adrian	OR
Donald E	Greiner	Albany	OR
Ralph S	Wadleigh	Aloha	OR
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Roy S	Mann	Clackamas	OR
Terry	Mitchell	Fairview	OR
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Clifton E	Deal	Gresham	OR
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Wendell A	Styner	Hillsboro	OR
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Bruce	Newton	Portland	OR
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Frank F	Reckendorf	Salem	OR
Duane K	Setness	Salem	OR
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Coleen	Churchill	Easton	PA
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Carl A	Du Poldt	Edgemont	PA

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Warren M	Lee	Glen Mills	PA
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Timothy J.	Murphy	Harrisburg	PA
Gary P.	Smith	Harrisburg	PA
Jana L.	Mellott	Harrisonville	PA
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Walter Hosea	Latshaw	Lebanon	PA
Larry	Schardt	Lewistown	PA
Harvey	Pinkerton	Marble	PA
Jeff	Mahood	Mechanicsburg	PA
Wayne F	Maresch	Millersville	PA
Mike W.	Anderson	New Oxford	PA
Edward	Sokoloski	Scott Township	PA
Donald E	McCandless, Jr.	State College	PA
Wayne M.	Bogovich	Sugar Run	PA
Frederick H	Schuetz	Trappe	PA
Frank E	Resides	West Chester	PA
Paul	Welle	West Chester	PA
Michael	Kolman	York	PA
Curtis	Sharp	York	PA
Juan	Martinez	Gurabo	PR
Richard (Phou)	Vongkhamdy	Coventry	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	Clemson	SC
Douglas W.	Deaderick	Columbia	SC
Niles	Glasgow	Columbia	SC
Ellis D.	Morrow	Columbia	SC
Larry H	Robinson	Columbia	SC
Dennis	Bauknight	Easley	SC
James C	Sanders, Jr	Greenwood	SC
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Jacob W	Black	Laurens	SC
Hugh	Caldwell	Lexington	SC
George H	Comer	Murrells Inlet	SC
George & Nancy	Stevens	N Myrtle Beach	SC
Daniel	Guy	Saluda	SC
Ned	McGill	Starr	SC
Bunyan W	Anderson	Timmonsville	SC
Ron E	Hendricks	Gann Valley	SD
Rod	Baumberger	McIntosh	SD
James C	Hunt	Mitchell	SD
Yvonne	Haefner	Mobridge	SD
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Hardy	Cloutier	Germantown	TN
Gary J	Reckner	Gordonsville	TN
Doris Marie	Blackwell	Jackson	TN
Dana	Ensore	Jonesborough	TN
James F	Brasfield	McEwen	TN
Raymond P	Sims	Nashville	TN
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Mark	Boysen	Crowley	TX
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William	Erion	Crowley	TX
Beverly	Moseley	Fischer	TX
Clyde L.	Goodman	Fort Worth	TX
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Calvin M	Jackson	Ft Worth	TX
Frank	Richardson	Ft Worth	TX
Michael H	Bogard	Gatesville	TX
William J	Gradle	Georgetown	TX
Larry D	Miles	Georgetown	TX
Arnold D.	King	Granbury	TX
David A	Stockbridge	Granbury	TX
Earl D.	Archer	Grandbury	TX
Lynn D	Gray	Grapeland	TX
Ronald L	Hilliard	Haskell	TX
Wilson	Scaling	Henrietta	TX
Patricia	Cecil	Jasper	TX
Mark P	Bushman	Katy	TX
Hector	Gonzalez	McAllen	TX
John D	O'Connor	Mt Pleasant	TX
Carl F	Englerth	New Braunfels	TX
John	Mueller	New Braunfels	TX
Wayburn D	Mitchell	Paducah	TX
James D	Abbott	Temple	TX
Charles T	Melton	Temple	TX
James O	Neighbors	Temple	TX
Wesley L	Miller	Victoria	TX
Steve	Garner	Weatherford	TX
Richard B	Heizer	Weatherford	TX
Jon G	Werner	Eden	UT
Phillip J	Nelson	Farmington	UT
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Richard	Baird	North Ogden	UT
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Lawrence	Clark	Alexandria	VA
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Jerry	Seinwill	Arlington	VA
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Janet	Perry	Barboursville	VA
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James H	Spitz	Daleville	VA
Ronald W.	Gilkeson	Dayton	VA
Barbara	Osgood	Fairfax	VA
Ronald L.	Marlow	Fairfax Sta	VA
Diane	Gelburd	Falls Church	VA
Gary R	Gross	Fredericksburg	VA
Ron	Page	Gainesville	VA
Kenneth E.	Carter	Glen Allen	VA
Brenda M	Thomas	Herndon	VA
Carol	Campbell	King George	VA
Claudia C	Hoelt	Manassas	VA
Melvin	Womack	Mechanicsville	VA
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Barbara B	Fletcher	Winchester	VA
Ronald W	Tuttle	Winchester	VA
Dave	Thackeray	Woodbridge	VA
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Lynn	Knight	Milton	VT
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Jon	Lea	La Center	WA
Phil	McCloud	Mount Vernon	WA
David	Dishman	Olympia	WA
Gilbert R	Landtiser	Sequim	WA
Harold	Croese	Soap Lake	WA
Thomas L.	Spofford	Soap Lake	WA
Roylene	Comes At Night	Spokane	WA
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Shelly R	Lassiter	Spokane	WA
W J "Joe"	Carmack	Spokane Valley	WA
Mark	Parson	Stevenson	WA
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Lamont	Robbins	Vancouver	WA
Denise	Troxell	Vancouver	WA
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Roman A	Statz	Baraboo	WI
Michael	Koehler	Bloomer	WI
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Theron	Meyer	Eau Claire	WI
Mary	King	Eleva	WI
Larry	Natzke	Eleva	WI
Dean	Sylla	Green Bay	WI
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Julie	MacSwain	Hudson	WI
William	Conner	Madison	WI
Larry J	Dawson	Madison	WI
James L	Enlow	Madison	WI
Howard	Gundlach	Madison	WI
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Emeron P	Christensen	Onalaska	WI
Dan	Cotter	Platteville	WI
Irwin	Ten Haken	Portage	WI
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Steven J	Price	Spring Valley	WI
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Carrie	Wetsch	Elkins	WV
David F	Burns	Fairmont	WV
Gary A	Gwinn	Hambleton	WV
Tom	Noonan	Morgantown	WV
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