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November 2017

Scholarships Available for 2018

The Alumni Association of the Southern School of Agriculture and the University of Minnesota, Waseca will offer scholarships to be distributed in 2018.

Three \$500 scholarships will be awarded to any child or a grandchild of an alumnus with a GPA above 3.0. Must be a 2018 high school graduate or college freshman.

Deadline is Monday, January 8, 2018

Criteria and information on how to apply, is available on the Web at:

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Southern Research and Outreach Center
35838 120th St.,
Waseca, MN 56093-4521.

Questions can be directed to: Deanne Nelson at (507) 835-3620.

Class of 1958

The class of '58 reunion committee is currently in the planning stages of the 60th reunion.

Tentatively planning for month of September 2018, the venue has not been determined yet. The committee would like to know how many are interested in attending this event.

**If you are interested in attending, please call
Al Schroeder
by December 15th,
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Board of Directors - members needed

We are looking for individuals willing to serve on the UMW / SSA Alumni Association board of directors. The commitment is small, we meet three to four times per year. The opportunity to join the meetings via conference call /Google Hangout is also an option (high speed internet service is necessary). If interested please contact Deanne Nelson (507) 835-3620 / nelso191@umn.edu. You can also contact David Weinand at: dweinand@yahoo.com.

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Calendar of Events

- Monday, January 8, 2018.....
Scholarship Applications Due
Southern Research and Outreach Center
Waseca, MN
- Monday, January 22.....
Board Meeting
Southern Research and Outreach Center
6:30 p.m.
Waseca, MN
- Saturday, February 10.....
68th Annual Sleigh and Cutter Parade
Waseca, MN
- Monday, April 23
Board Meeting
Southern Research and Outreach Center
6:30 p.m.
Waseca, MN
- Labor Day Weekend 2018.....
Waseca All-School Reunion
Sesquicentennial Celebration
Waseca



January 28, 2018 - February 25, 2018

This festival was created in 1950 in Waseca and continues to entertain young and old. Horse owners from around the state bring magnificent horses of every type imaginable to Waseca for the parade down State Street. Only animal powered units and riders are allowed. Sleighs, cutters, bobsleds and many types of wagons and buggies can be seen.
Check sleighandcutterfestival.org for more details.

Borealis Night of Excellence 2017 honors best and brightest of CFANS



The CFANS Alumni Society and CFANS Student Board co-hosted this special annual recognition event on Wednesday, April 19, in the North Star Ballroom of the St. Paul Student Center. The evening honored Alumni Society scholarship recipients, Mentor Program honorees, the recipients of the Student Board Awards and Alumni Society Awards, and the newly inaugurated members of the Borealis Circle. The memorable evening recognized incredible individuals for their service to the college and for their professional achievements.



Borealis Circle Inductees

Val Aarsvold '94
Dale Bachman '72
Frank Bezdicek '70
Jim Boerboom '70 '73
Brian Buhr
Frank Busta '57 '61
Kevin Dahlman '78
Kay Ellingson
Jim Ertl '74 '75

Keith Wolf '79 '98
Kathryn Fernholz '97
John Foss '59
Ed Frederick '54
Robert Freemore '75
Chad Giblin '01 '13
Brad Greiman
Randy Gutzmann '81 '84
Connie Hempstead

Kent Horsager '84
Joel Larsen '77 '93
Bill Manwarren '69
Scott Manwarren '96
Robert Marzolf '78
Phillip Minerich '90 '02
Doris Mold '85 '94
Vance Morey
William Nelson '73

Jodi Nelson, '91
Rusty Nelson '69 '71
Kevin Paap '81
Roland Peterson
David Pfarr '85 '88
Robert Roesler '69 '99
Tom Rothman
Cliff Vrieze '67 '72

The Class of 60 Celebrates Turning 75

By Carolyn P. Glendenning



The teeny boppers from the SSA Class of 1960 got together to celebrate their 75th birthdays this summer. George and Sandy Bolles hosted our party at their farm. We consider ourselves so blessed to be healthy and able to have a party with so many of our classmates. Our class has lost fourteen members already. Dick Anderson was the 1st on June 16, 1960 in a car/train accident and Roger Tiede being the last due to illness on June 2, 2017.

Our class has had a reunion every five years or more often since graduating in 1960. The reunions have gone from coming dressed up formally to very casual. It is so fun to look past over the past 57 years and see the progression of the aging process happening to our dear friends. Several of our

SSA teachers have made our reunions. We look forward to getting together and celebrating friendship with our long-ago classmates again and again.

Class of '65 celebrates 70th BIRTHDAY BASH

By Jimmy Rock

On Friday, August 18, seven class members went to a local restaurant to eat and visit for the evening. Saturday, twelve class members and mates met at home/shed of Jimmy and Linda Rock at Canton, Illinois which was decorated in a birthday theme. A meal was catered and everyone enjoyed eating and visiting. The Rock's also invited family and close friends. For dessert, the Rock's served birthday cake and homemade ice cream.

The next reunion is in 2020 with place and date to be announced later.

Jimmy and Linda thank all who made the drive from Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin to have a fun weekend and make wonderful memories.



Left side: Donnie Fessel, Linda Fessel, Gloria Fitzner, Jerry Fitzner, John Krause

Right side: Jimmy Rock, Sharon Schmoll, Donnie Schmoll



Left side: Jerry Fitzner, John Krause, Doris Krause, Pat Olsen Moran

Alum Update

Charlotte (Serfling) Stryker, 1962

Retired CNA. We built a new house in 2014. We love to ride our Harley Davidson, I am a passenger only, I don't drive one. We went to Hawaii in January of 2017 and to South Carolina in May for a beach wedding for one of our grandsons. PO Box 86, Prinsburg, MN 56281, charstryker@gmail.com

Nancy (Ladd) Schneider, 1980 horticulture graduate

I have been married to Mark Schneider for 36 years and have 9 children; 5 sons and 4 daughters.

We lived in Hinckley, MN before moving to Carrington, ND 12 years ago. My husband is a heavy equipment mechanic and also does some tree service as well. I raise large gardens and sell baked & canned goods at Farmers' Markets on a small scale. I homeschooled all our children over a period of 28 years, and now enjoying a new chapter in my life with 9 grandchildren so far. :)

I have only been back to Waseca once since graduating, but would love to see the area again sometime. 6040 1st. St. SE, Carrington, ND 58421.

If you are aware of any noteworthy news please share!
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Dr. Curtis Youngs awarded Bouffault International Animal Ag Award

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Science communication

Dr. Curtis Youngs was a UMW graduate with a degree in Livestock Ag Research in 1980.

Dr. Curtis R. Youngs, Iowa State University, is the 2017 recipient of the Bouffault International Animal Agriculture Award, presented to him during the 2017 Annual Meeting, held July 8-12 in Baltimore, Maryland.

Dr. Youngs earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in animal science from the University of Minnesota before he received postdoctoral training at Louisiana State University. After three years at the University of Idaho, he joined the animal science faculty at Iowa State University.

Dr. Youngs has utilized his expertise to train scientists and students in developing countries in the technologies of artificial insemination and embryo transfer. He brought the unique courses he created in embryo transfer and in global food security to countries that greatly needed enhanced production of animal-sourced foods. Dr. Youngs' development work has been performed in nine developing countries across four continents, and his activities have included classroom and laboratory teaching, on-farm consultations, and research.

Dr. Youngs hopes to empower agriculturalists in developing nations with the knowledge and skills needed to increase production of safe and nutritious animal-sourced foods.



Photo: Dr. Curtis Youngs (left) accepts the Bouffault International Animal Agriculture Award from Dr. William Olson with the Center for Regulatory Services, Inc.

The Bouffault International Animal Agriculture Award recognizes distinguished service to animal agriculture in developing areas of the world.

The Bouffault International Animal Agriculture Award is sponsored by the Center for Regulatory Services, Inc., and the ASAS Foundation [Jean Claude Bouffault International Award Fund](#).

ASAS is a professional organization that serves more than 7,000 students, animal scientists, allied industry and producers around the world.



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Obituaries

Connie Jorene Gray, age 74, of Owatonna, MN, while battling cancer passed away suddenly on December 21, 2016 at United Hospital in St. Paul surrounded by her family.

Connie Jorene was born on July 28, 1942, to Birchard and Marie (Schmale) Buss, in Ravenna, NE. She graduated high school from the Southern School of Agriculture in Waseca. Connie went on to receive office training through a secretarial school in Owatonna. She began working as a secretary in Minneapolis. After receiving a Nursing Aid certification, she began to work at the Anoka State Hospital. There she met and married Charles Blumer. They had 3 daughters then divorced. Connie later met and married Jerome (Jerry) Gray and had a son.

Connie's priority was caring for her family. She enjoyed sewing, gardening, canning, and crocheting. She also worked for many Owatonna businesses such as: Heart Central Bakery, CJ Standard Oil, Cedarview Nursing Home, and Bridgeman's. In the late 1980's moved to Monticello, MN, and worked at a local McDonald's. Connie helped care for her grandchildren living with her son's family in Italy, Virginia Beach, Maine, and North Dakota. Connie then moved back to Owatonna. She became a full time caregiver for her father.

She is survived by her four children, Eydie (Greg) Hauer of Owatonna, Janet Polley of Muscatine, Iowa, Teresa (Charles) Crooks of Owatonna, and Andrew (Jeri) Gray of Jamestown, ND; 20 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by husband Jerome Gray; parents, Birchard and Marie Buss; grandson, Matthew Crooks; and great granddaughter, Ava Liverseed.

Gary Lee Hagan died peacefully surrounded by loving family Sunday, April 16, 2017 at Mayo Clinic Health Systems – Albert Lea.

Gary was born October 28, 1942 in Missouri, the son of Raymond and Martha (Warner) Hagan. He grew up in Missouri and attended school in Cainsville, MO and Waseca, MN. Gary served for 2 years in the U.S. Airforce. On July 21, 1962, Gary was united in marriage to Judith Fay Hamilton in Eagleville, Missouri. Gary spent many years as an over the road trucker. He was a member of AARP and the Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association. Gary enjoyed fishing, watching westerns – John Wayne was his favorite – Vikings Football, camping, and boating. He loved being around and picking on his family and friends.

Gary is survived by his wife, Judith; children, Vicky (Tom) Hamersma, Janell (Mike) Arnt, and Ruth Ann Hunecke (fiancé W. E. Chambers "Wink"); siblings: Paul (Rosalie) Hagan, Karen (Walt) Zimara, Kenny

(Wendy) Hagan, Susan Hagan, Diane (Doug) Eisenmann; 7 unofficial adopted daughters who called him Dad, Deann, Jodi, Rose, Colleen, Sherry, Jill, Becky; 13 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, and an abundance of friends.

Gary was preceded in death by his son Gary L. Hagan, Jr., his parents, older brother in infancy, younger brother Charles Thomas Hagan, and brother-in-law Donald Barrows.

Roger Willmar Tiede, 74, died peacefully on June 1, 2017, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in New Prague, Minnesota, on June 10, 1942. Roger is survived by his wife of 54 years, Rita Tiede; his son, Travis Tiede and daughter-in-law Larissa Tiede; and grandsons, Jackson and Riley Tiede. He was preceded in death by his son, Erik Tiede; parents, Willmar and Delores Tiede; and his siblings, Oren Tiede, Marion (Tiede) Anderson and Jennie (Tiede) Richgels.

Roger will be deeply missed by his many friends and his family. He had a generous spirit, love for life and strong commitment to his family and faith. Roger loved traveling, playing the guitar, woodworking and spending time with his two cats, Rocky and Muffy. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy from 1960-64. Roger was an engineer and business owner until his retirement.

Roger was a member of the Southern School of Agriculture, Waseca class of 1960.

Private interment will be at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Marlin Gehring age 89 of Waseca passed away peacefully on Thursday, September 7, 2017 at the Mayo Clinic Health System in Waseca. He had a full and happy life.

Born on May 30, 1928 in Waseca, Minnesota, he was the 5th of 13 children born to Arthur and Emilie (Bahr) Gehring. He graduated from New Richland High School in 1947. He started work at the Southern Experiment Station that same year. On December 4, 1950, he was drafted into the US Army. He completed basic training at Fort Riley and joined the airborne division. He made 13 successful jumps from airplanes. On one of his lift moves from the chair to his bed at the Waseca Hospital, he declared another PLF. When questioned, he stated that was a Parachute Landing Fall. After his discharge, he returned to the Experiment Station for the next 24 years and then worked for MN Crop Improvement until 1993 when he retired. He was a long time member of the Bluejay Booster Club and Sportsman's Club. He was a fan of every Bluejay team that ever took the field, court or mat. Marly loved to hunt

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and work on small engines. He was a Master Gardener with a love for fresh tomatoes.

On February 4, 1954, he married Beverly Helms. They had 3 daughters and a son, all who will miss him dearly, rivaled only by his 8 grandchildren and 8 (and one on the way) great grandchildren. He was Gump to all of them.

He is survived by four children, Nancy (Kent) Huntington, Julie (Ed) Jesse, Vicki (Doug) Miller, and Gary (Cheryl) Gehring; eight grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren. He is also survived by brothers, Ronald, Gerald, and Kenneth; sisters, Velma Lohman and Norma Stone; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Beverly; brothers, Emery, Orville, Virgil, and Lyle; sisters, Luverne Krueger, Edna Korman, and Shirley Thiessen.

The family of **Gene Smetana** is sad to share that Gene passed away on Friday, September 22, 2017. at the age of 84.

Gene was a life long resident of Pine City. He was born to Emil and Bessie (Pubuda) Smetana and was the oldest of four children: Gene, Robert (Bob), Shirley, and Tom. He grew up on the family farm west of Pine City.

Gene was a 1951 graduate of Pine City High School and shortly thereafter served in the Korean Conflict. He enjoyed high school friends all his life. Gene was gifted as a mechanic and could fix about anything. He worked for his whole career for United Power Association serving as the plant operator in Pine City. His kids were proud of him as he was responsible for generating peak need electricity and would start the big turbine engines to support the Christmas tree lights and air conditioning seasons.

Gene married Ginny Flor of Hinckley in 1957 and together they raised four children in a home built by Gene. Cheryl, Gary, Debbie and Deanne all cherish their wonderful childhoods filled with innocence, time with family every night at 6:00 for dinner, Sunday afternoon drives, visits to the DQ, snowmobiling and wiener roasts in the snow, camping and vacations. Gene and Ginny were married for 49 years.

Gene routinely worked more than one job. He was very dedicated and served UPA fully and then would plow snow, mow roadsides, plow gardens, do car repairs from his home garage and later bought the Polaris dealership and started Pine Towne Sports. He helped start the Flames Snowmobile Club and enjoyed that involvement for many years.

Gene was deeply loved by his family and is survived by children: Cheryl (Chris) McHugh, Gary (Jill) Smetana, Debbie (Randy) Brant of Pine City and Deanne (Blair) Nelson of Waseca; sister Shirley (Joe) Basta of Cambridge and his very special friend Ella Caroon of Pine City; grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Ryan (Deanna) Brant and their children Bronson, Hunter and Brooklyn, Corey Brant (Christina) and their daughters:

Sydney and Rio; Allie Brant, Colton Brant; Molly McHugh, Ross (Karen) McHugh; Nikki (Chas) Benson and their children Madalyn and Annabelle; Tenille Nelson, Taylor (Chad) Ziemke; and Boden Smetana.

Verna Virginia (Eissinger) Fog was born on September 23, 1929, the only child of Benjamin and Christine (Lang) Eissinger in Wishek, North Dakota on a farm homesteaded by her grandfather, Adam Eissinger, an immigrant from Ukraine, Russia.

Verna Graduated from Wishek High School in 1947 and went on to college at North Dakota State University in Fargo, Majoring in home economics with minors in english, music and science.

Upon Graduation in 1951, she married Peter Andreas Fog, also a graduate of NDSU. They taught in Ulen High School the first years – she in home economics – he in vocational agriculture. In 1952, they moved to Halstad, MN with similar positions where she opened a new home economics department. When their children began to arrive, she put her career on "hold" and became a full-time mother and homemaker. While teaching she organized a FHA (Future Homemakers of America) Chapter and an adult Home Extension Club called Modern Trends. Both she and Peter were very active in their community, church and school activities.

In 1968, Peter accepted a position at the University of Minnesota College of Agriculture at Crookston and the family moved there. In 1971, Peter was offered a job with the newly organized U of M Technical College of Agriculture in Waseca. Verna did some teaching at the college with Home & Family Services. Later she became a bookmobile librarian with the LeSueur – Waseca Regional Library System where she worked until Peter's retirement in 1990.

While teaching, Peter was granted a sabbatical to study 2 – year technical agricultural colleges in England and Denmark. They were gone for four months and were able to renew acquaintances with many of Peter's relatives in Denmark.

Verna enjoyed being a homemaker – liked to read – enjoyed camping and traveling, singing in the church choir, cooking and entertaining. She was devoted to family and enjoyed the privilege of having a "big" family with Peter's six siblings.

She leaves behind her husband of 66 years, Peter; three children: David (Kelley) Fog of Emmetsburg, IA; Kristi (Adler) Brennan of Issaquah, WA; Kathryn Meisel of Winona; eight Grandchildren: Dan Fog, Becky Fog, Laura (Brandon) Grimm, Joshua Fog, Sarah Adler, Robbie Adler, Matthew (Jill) Meisel, Mark Meisel; three great grandchildren: Tyler, Dakota and Scarlet; two brothers-in-law: Gunnar (Ruth) Fog of Sawyer, MI, Jorgen (Patsy) Fog of Shoreview, MN and one sister-in-law, Anna Isakson of LaMoure, ND; numerous nieces, nephews other relatives and friends. Verna is preceded in death by her parents.

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