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University Park Sporting a New Pavilion

University Park in Waseca received a much needed upgrade thanks to the generosity of Paul and Sue Rosenau and the City of Waseca. University Park is located across from the former UMW/SSA campus. Waseca natives, Paul and Sue Rosenau graciously donated \$20,000 to the Waseca Parks and Trails Department earmarked for improvements and beautification to the city parks. Waseca Parks Director, Mark Bartelt, and his committee allocated those dollars to build a new park pavilion at University Park.

The 73 person capacity pavilion was built in the summer of 2013 and dedicated in August of 2013 with a ribbon cutting ceremony. A big Thank You goes out to Paul and Sue Rosenau, the City of Waseca Parks Department from the University of Minnesota Waseca/Southern School of Agriculture Alumni Association for your generous donation and improvements made at University Park.

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In the News

By Colleen Carlson

Dr. John King received the Outstanding Service Award from the University of Minnesota's College of Veterinary Medicine in April of 2013.

Dr. King was recognized for his dedication to research, teaching and service in the field of Veterinary Medicine. John has been in private practice for over 23 years and had served as the Executive director of the Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine for 11 years. Currently, Dr. King is the owner of Veterinary Ventures an ambulatory veterinary practice focused on equine and food animal production. John resides in Le Sueur, Minnesota with his wife Kay and three children; Molly, Maggie and Evan. John and his family maintain a flock of 35 Sheep and a whole host of other farm animals.

Dr. King received his doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine in 1989. He attended the University of Minnesota Waseca from 1981 to 1983 and received his undergraduate degree from the University of Minnesota, St. Paul.

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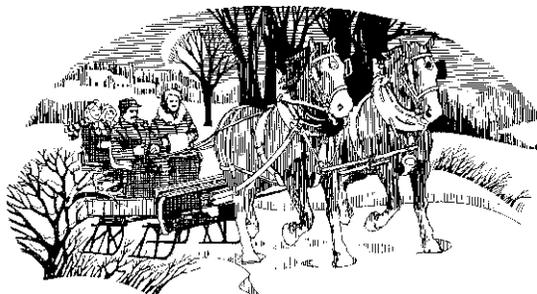
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Calendar of Events

Friday, January 10, 2014.....
Scholarship Applications Due
Southern Research and Outreach Center
Waseca, MN

Monday, January 20.....
Board Meeting
Southern Research and Outreach Center
6:30 p.m.
Waseca, MN

Monday, April 21
Board Meeting
Southern Research and Outreach Center
6:30 p.m.
Waseca, MN



Waseca Sleigh & Cutter Festival Association, Inc.

Sleigh and Cutter Parade 2014

UMW/SSA members are invited to take part in the 64th Annual Sleigh and Cutter Parade Saturday February 8, 2014. Horse owners are invited to participate in the parade with your horses, sleighs and cutters. The UMW/SSA group could arrange to ride together. The parade begins at 12:00 noon starting at the Waseca County Fairgrounds and runs through downtown Waseca and then back to the Fairgrounds. The riders are treated to lunch after the parade. For registration contact Ken Borgmann, coordinator for the Sleigh and Cutter Festival via email ken.borgmann@gmail.com. More information and Sleigh and Cutter events and schedule can be found at www.sleighandcutter.org.

For many years in the late 70's and 80's the UMW Ruff Ryders organized this event. This would be a great time for fellow UMW/SSA alumni to gather for an impromptu reunion. Let Colleen Carlson know if you are planning to attend. Contact Colleen Carlson, UMW/ SSA board member at colleenc@frontiernet.net or 507-521-3640.

Class of 1958 held 55th Reunion

The class of 1958 had a good turnout of classmates and great time to renew old friendships at their class reunion held September 14 at Jonnie Bean's restaurant in Waseca.



Third row L/R: Glenn Hisey, Gary Apenhorst, Lyle Guse, Bob Lewis, Larry Weinberger, Dick Helms, Bob Chard, Dean Morlock

Second row L/R: Arlan Brase, Orlo Krause, Boyd Fuller, Dale Huelsnitz, Marlin Menke, Leslie Gill, Jim Vohs

Front row L/R: Ruth Reiland Staub, Judy Barnhart Hilleshiem, Marilyn Faush Williamson, Al Schroeder

SSA Class of 1963 holds 50th Reunion

Submitted by: Tom Welti, class reunion coordinator

Email address: weltires@embarqmail.com

The class of 1963 held a very well received two day reunion on September 6 & 7, at Treasure Island Resort & Casino, Red Wing, MN with 21 members attending. Those in attendance were: Merlin Adler, Eldean Behrens, Gary Ewert, George Farmer, Carl Guse, Larry Hansen, Larry Knipfer, Howard Luhmann, Fred Nagle, Eugene Neyens, Dave Paukert, Karen Pittman, Don Pogalz, Shirley Reinhart, Karlene Spinler, Charles Stabenow, Roxanna Tonn, Bev Volek, Tom Welti, Dean Wilker, and Susan Splittstoesser, along with former faculty member, Boyd Fuller.

It began Friday afternoon, meeting in a banquet room and socializing, followed by a very good buffet. This was followed by a full evening of conversation; along with everyone enlightening fellow classmates on their livelihood over the last 40 years, emceed by Dean Behrens. Most everyone stayed overnight and

met for breakfast Saturday morning for more socializing, followed by a noon boat cruise and buffet lunch on board the Spirit of the River.

We were fortunate enough to have had a number of classmates make their first reunion appearance in many, many years. We were glad to see them, as we will be in 3 years, when we hope to see some of the others we haven't seen for some time.

A very nice booklet was compiled, by Shirley Reinhardt with help from Karen Pittman and Parlene Johnson, containing the obituaries of our thirteen deceased class members. We are since saddened to learn of the passing of Larry Knipfer on 10/13/13. Our sympathy goes out to his family.

A reunion is planned for three years from now, so we can help Boyd Fuller celebrate his 90th birthday! He has been, and will continue to be, the honored guest at our reunions.

Class of 1968 Celebrates 45th Reunion

Submitted by: Cindy and Dave Blomquist
Creative Confectionaire, 18430 Polk Ave
Hastings, MN 55033

The class of 1968 had a 45-year reunion on September 14th at the Smokin' Oak in Red Wing. We had a good turnout of 30 classmates and guests. The good news was that none had changed. The bad news is that we all have failing eyesight. Everyone was asked to bring an item for an auction to sell to raise funds for our next reunion. After a lot of reminiscing over supper, we had a presentation of pictures set to music looking back at our lives at SSA. Pictures can be viewed on line at:

<https://picasaweb.google.com/101667046056791355462/SSA?authkey=Gv1sRgCK2277aO1fvH6QE&feat=email>

We recognized several classmates that had served our country in the service (15 classmates) and the Peace Corps (2 classmates). We mourned the loss of seven classmates – Ruth Brekke, Bob Kobernus, Lynn Shepherd, Carol Melcher, Don Wilson, Guy Wickersheim and Mark Burfeind.

Alvin Johnson was "elected" auctioneer and coerced his classmates to give generously for the items that were donated. Rest assured, we plan on having another get together in another five years if not before! (There are some videos of the auction on line also).

Obituary



Gertrude "Trudy" Marcelle Strinden, 88, of Roseville, formerly of rural Pelican Rapids, passed away Wednesday, October 16, 2013, at Johanna Shores in Arden Hills, Minnesota.

She was born on March 30, 1925 in rural Pelican Rapids to P. Conrad and Emma (Grefsrud) Strinden. She attended School District #78 in Trondhjem Township and later graduated with the Pelican Rapids Class of 1942. Following High School she went to Concordia College in Moorhead from 1942 to '44 and then earned her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Minnesota in Home Economics and Education in 1946. Later she attended Michigan State in East Lansing, MI where she received her Master's Degree in Vocational Education. While working and teaching at the University of Minnesota, Trudy earned her PhD in Higher Education.

Her teaching career spanned several decades starting in Chatfield, MN where she taught in the High School during '46-47. She then took a position with the University of Minnesota in Morris in food management as well as teaching in the High School from 1947 to '52. Then she moved to the University of Minnesota in Waseca where she taught in the Home Ec. Department until 1970. From 1970 until her retirement in '89 she was with the University of Minnesota Twin Cities Campus where she taught and was an administrator in the College of Home Economics.

She was a life-long member of the South Immanuel Lutheran Church near Rothsay, where she was baptized and confirmed.

Trudy enjoyed nature, reading, and loved animals and traveling. She always had an interest in people, influencing many lives in a positive way.

Preceding her death were her parents, two brothers C. Edmond and Arlington Strinden. Survivors include her sister-in-law, Arlyss Strinden Bjornson of Barnesville, a cousin, Connie Michealson of Fergus Falls and her children, Dale Michealson of Morris and Ruth Johnson of Fergus Falls, several other cousins, special friends Pat and Norm Mofjeld, along with many other friends.

Scholarships Available

The Alumni Association of the Southern School of Agriculture and the University of Minnesota, Waseca is offering scholarships for 2014. One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to any former graduate or former student that completed a minimum of 45 credits while at SSA or UMW and is pursuing a two-year, four-year, or graduate degree. One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to any child or a grandchild of an alumnus with a GPA above 3.0. Applicant must be a 2014 high school graduate or college freshman. Scholarship application deadline is January 10, 2014.

To receive criteria and information on how to apply, write to Alumni Scholarship Committee, Southern Research and Outreach Center, 35838 120th St., Waseca, MN 56093-4521. Questions can be directed to Deanne Nelson at (507) 835-3620.

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Personal Updates

Margaret (Guyer) Hasslen

I worked in the office of SSA/UMW for 18 years. Met Harland Hasslen of UMW staff and we were married in 1973. We moved from our home to Realife Co-op in 1995. It was a good move and I am still there. After retirement, we spent many winters in Tucson, AZ. Harland passed away October 1, 2004. 1212 3rd Street NE, Apt 120, Waseca, MN 56093.

Charley & Nancy (Shorty Evers) Mathiowetz 1975

We were married in September 1979 and reside in Hector MN. We have two children: Andrew 29 married to Rhea and they are also farming. Sarah Mathiowetz is 26 years old and is a registered nurse in Fargo.

Charley farms his dad's 240 acres, plants corn, soybeans, and peas. He also works full-time for an area farmer. Charlie recently retired after 23+ years on the Hector Fire Department.

Nancy works at the Renville County Hospital & Clinics as an insurance technician and part-time as a Pampered Chef Senior Consultant.

We enjoy camping, traveling and getting together with family and friends. If you ever find yourself at the corner of HWY 4 and 212, stop in!! 520 4th St East, Hector MN 55342. mathiowetz@mchsi.com

Chuck Nelson 1983

I graduated spring of 1983 in diversified ag. production. I went back to Hancock, MN to farm with my parents. I married Lisa Jaeck in August 1988. We have three children. Josh is 21, and is an apprentice electrician, working toward his journeyman's license, and working his way into the farm operation. Evan is a senior in high school, his wrestling has taken up our winters. He is enrolled at Argosy College in Eagan, MN where he will study radiation therapy. Our third child is daughter Morgan, 15, who is big into horses; roping, barrel racing, horse knowledge bowl, and general livestock team judging. Her goal is to go to veterinary school. UFF-DA. We try to take a trip somewhere warm for a week in the winters. My brother Barry's family and us farm together. We run 4600 acres with 31 irrigators, and raise corn, soybeans, and kidney beans. The kids show cattle, hogs, and horses in 4-H so there goes our spare time. Look us up at the state fair, in the cattle barn with the Stevens County bunch, next August. 29001 395th Ave. Hancock, MN. 56244 candln@fedtel.net

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Melanie Bruce 1986

My son, Levi, is now 17 and a junior at iLead Charter School. He is still active in cross country, and we are getting him prepared for his senior year and getting the college things together. My daughter, Lexi, is now an 8th grader and 13 years old and active in whatever she can be; vocal, musicals, cheerleading, 4H, and tried babysitting this summer. Outside of working fulltime at Spa del Sol in the Dells, I keep busy chasing my kids around. Would love to get in contact with some more of the alumni that I graduated with please let me know and I would love to get together. I have been trying to locate Peggy Kerr. If anyone can help locate her, that would be great. She was at UMW the same time I was and I lost contact with her. 512 McEvoy St. Apt 6 Mauston, WI 53948.

We would love to hear from you! Please forward your personal update to:

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THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ROY LUKKEN

Comments from Ed Frederick

It is truly an honor and privilege for me to comment on the Life and Legacy of Roy Lukken. It is impossible for me to talk about Roy without comment on his wife of 59 years, Marcie.

Roy Lukken passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at his home in Big River, California at 95 years and 10 months old. Marcie passed away on January 28, 2004 at the age of 80 years.

Roy and Marcie have been very special people to all of us associated with the Minnesota Agricultural Interpretive Center (Farmamerica). Roy and Marcie are the founders and benefactors of Farmamerica. They are responsible for the creation of Farmamerica.

I visited with Roy by telephone a few days before he passed away. He indicated he was weak, but his mind was still sharp. He was interested in what was going on in agriculture and Farmamerica.

Roy and Marcie lived together, dreamed together, planned together, worked together, played together, and developed a passion for agriculture together.

It is difficult for me to put to words how I feel, but let me try.

The Farmamerica Visitors Center is a fitting place to hold Roy's Memorial Service. Marcie's memorial service was also held at Farmamerica.

Why do I say this! In 1976, the State of Minnesota decided to build three interpretive centers to commemorate the bicentennial year as our country and Minnesota's major natural resources - Agriculture, Timber and Iron Ore. Communities needed to develop a proposal and a \$50,000 match to be considered. With the encouragement of Joe Eustice and others, Roy and Marcie agreed to offer 40 acres of land as the match for the Minnesota Agricultural Interpretive Center. The proposal was developed and after careful consideration of all the sites, the Waseca area was selected. Since that time, additional 40 acre parcels have been committed to Farmamerica and the 120 acre site started to develop in 1978. Since then the rest of the farm, an additional 240 acres have been put into a life estate for the development of Farmamerica. What a tremendous legacy to leave for agriculture.

Why did Roy and Marcie do this? My understanding from discussions with them is that when they came into the area and after they got married and after World War II, they had a passion for agriculture and farming - but limited resources. But through records, good farm business practices, profitable enterprises, hard work, team work, and entrepreneurial spirit, they were blessed with success and they wanted to share that success with others for the good of agriculture through Farmamerica.

How did this happen? I may not know the entire story, but I can pick it up from when we came to Waseca in 1964 to serve as Administrator at the Southern School and Experiment Station and later the college - the University of Minnesota-Waseca. Shirley and I got to know Roy and Marcie when we first came to Waseca.

Roy and Marcie were well established farmers in the area by this time. I learned through Larry Christiansen, Farm and Home Management Instructor, that after World War II they started farming in the area with nothing and through records, good management, tiling and good decisions were able to improve the farm, develop an off farm business - Corn Palace and build a successful operation.

I quickly learned that Marcie was part of the team, she kept the books, she told Roy what to do and he did it often enough to be successful.

What are some other things that happened? Instructors like Boyd Fuller took the SSA and college classes out to Roy and Marcie's to learn how to keep books and use good management practices.

Roy and Marcie served as the "Farmer in Residence" at the University of Minnesota-Waseca. We received a grant to fund this project based on the fact that agricultural management was an art - no different than an "Artist in Residence" at a Liberal Arts College.

UMW had a weekly "Farming Today" program on KEYC-TV, Mankato for twenty-five years. Roy was often a guest on the program.

An entrepreneurial spirit with records and good business management appeared to be Roy and Marcie's keys to success. Shirley and I also found this to be true at Big River, California when we visited Roy and Marcie's retirement area with its orchard, fruit stands, homes and church. We also saw the entrepreneurial spirit of service through the "help ministry" called Bible Believers Christian Center. We traveled to homes of people in need in the area and noticed how Roy and Marcie worked with them. It was truly inspirational. Roy and Marcie not only left a legacy for agriculture in Minnesota, but also a legacy of helping people in California.

Roy and Marcie, we will continue to grow your legacy, Farmamerica with your theme "God - Man and Land". As we celebrate your Life and continue your Legacy - Farmamerica, MAY YOU REST IN PEACE.

You can read a complete obituary for Roy Elver Lukken on the UMW/SSA Alumni web site:

<http://sroc.cfans.umn.edu/UMWSSA/index.htm>



On Friday, April 19, 2013 a retirement celebration was held for Dr. Ed Frederick. A memory book of letters was compiled. We were fortunate for the creativity of board member, Colleen (Traxler) Carlson, to draft the following letter.

On behalf of the thousands of students, hundreds of faculty and staff members of the University of Minnesota, Waseca and the Southern School of Agriculture, congratulations on your retirement. You were there every step of the way with us, walking the halls and fields, rooting for the Rams and served as a dedicated leader and visionary to educate generations of progressive agriculturalists. Testaments to your leadership are the thousands who continue to thrive and meet the challenges of today's agriculture in farming, agribusiness, technology and industry.

We admire and appreciate:

Dedication in which you served the University of Minnesota Waseca and the Southern School of Agriculture.

Rural roots and passion for education

Enthusiasm for lifelong learning

Devotion to your wife Shirley, family and friends

Willingness to go the extra mile for the students, faculty and staff

Acceptance of all people

Rigorous work ethic

Determination to succeed in all your endeavors

Champion of Agriculture

Focus on the importance of agriculture

Resourcefulness to bring much needed technology and programs

Eagerness to accept challenges

Development of leaders

Engaging people and ideas

Respectful of colleagues

Insightful perspective

Commitment to your community, college and committees

Kindness shown to all the people you met

It is a tremendous thrill to know you and to work with you. We share a common bond by being part of unique educational experience. We are grateful to have known you as Superintendent, Provost and Chancellor of the Southern School of Agriculture and the University of Minnesota Waseca.

With kind regards and sincere best wishes on your retirement,
The University of Minnesota Waseca and Southern School of Agriculture Alum

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