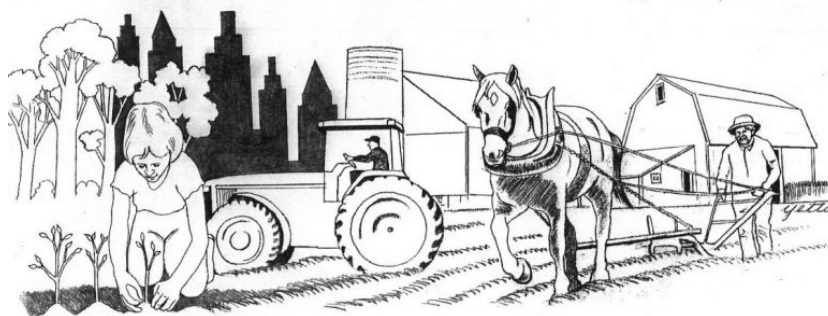


Aggie News



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Scholarship Fund Challenge Grant

The Essex Aggie Alumni Association Scholarship Fund Challenge Grant for 2014 has come to a close. From January to October we received \$3,080.00 from 46 donors. We failed to reach our goal of \$5,000 but it all counts.

Every dollar that was donated to our Scholarship Fund last year was matched to give us a total of \$6,160. In addition, our generous donor has agreed to donate the full amount of our \$5,000 goal. as a matching grant!

We wish to thank each and every one of our donors for their generosity in supporting the 2014 Challenge Grant campaign. The donations received last year provided another tremendous boost to our effort to build a healthy scholarship fund. We hope to be able to offer five scholarships for 2015.

We received a large number of scholarship applications from many deserving students last year and expect even more this year. We hope that everyone will keep our scholarship program in mind again this year when they fill in their Membership and Donation Forms.

From The Editor

It has been my pleasure to publish this newsletter for the last several years. Issue 1 Volume 1 was published in January, 1998 and we have published two issues each year for the last 17 years. I really enjoyed doing my part to keep our readers informed about all the current news concerning the alumnus, alumni sponsored events, the school, class reunions and a sprinkling of history about our great school..

In addition to publishing the newsletter I have served on the Alumni Board of Directors as Secretary and and as Webmaster to maintain the alumni web site. In recent years I have also taken on the position of Secretary/Treasurer.

With great reluctance it is now time for me to seriously consider passing the torch on to others. After enjoying 75 years of excellent health, at age 76 things are starting to catch up. With some serious health issues now showing up I must now ask for volunteers to fill the positions that I have been taking care of for the past 17 years.

The alumni board of directors was at one time a vibrant group of interested volunteers who held meetings, made plans, organized reunions and sponsored

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the popular annual alumni barbeque on the school campus. One of the most important achievements of the alumni board of directors was to establish our excellent and growing Alumni Scholarship Program. In recent years there has been a drastic reduction of volunteers to serve on the board and if the Essex Aggie Alumni Association is to continue operating there must be a renewal of the board with new people stepping up to fill all the open board positions.

The alumni association was very active in the early years of the Aggie. Interest in maintaining an alumni association lessened in the 1970s and 1980s and the association was dissolved in the 1980s due to lack of interest.

In 1997 a small group of girls from the class of '56 consisting of Alice (Coleman) Henning, Lillian (Demers) Smith and Marjorie Maynard declared an interest in re-organizing the alumni. I volunteered my services soon thereafter as sort of a keeper of the records. More volunteers soon joined in to help and the rest is history. A By-Laws document was drawn up and the association became a 501 (c) 3 tax exempt organization and we began to maintain a web site. The web site has proved to be a valuable resource and helped to maintain our motto of "Getting old friends and classmates together" The renewed alumni association has been operating ever since and we would like to see it continue into the future.

Charles Main '56

Volunteers Needed

At this time, volunteers are needed to serve on the alumni board of directors. If anyone is interested in serving on the board they can contact any current board member.

Vice President - Robert Gaudet

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Secretary/Treasurer - Charles Main

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Decade Director 1960s - Henry Zawadzki

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Director At-Large - Michael Gaudette

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Essex Aggie Alumni Association Board of Directors Duties and Responsibilities

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

President: The President shall preside at all meetings and shall be a member of all committees, ex-officio. The President shall be a third authorized signature on all financial accounts of the Association. The President shall ensure that any necessary alumni business is carried out in a timely manner. The President shall appoint any standing or special committees.

Vice President: It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to assist and support the President and in his/her absence, to take his/her place.

Secretary: The Secretary shall be a second authorized signature on all financial accounts of the Association. The Secretary shall keep records of all class rosters, membership lists, meetings, activities and documents related to the Alumni Association.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be responsible for all money received and shall pay all bills as authorized by the board and shall keep a record of all accounts. The Treasurer shall be responsible for filing all tax related documents. A current membership list of all paid members shall be provided to the Secretary whenever necessary. A quarterly accounting summary shall be presented to the Officers and Directors.

DUTIES OF DECADE DIRECTORS

The Decade Directors of the Association shall consist of one Director from each decade for which there are living alumni. (1930s, 1940s, 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, 2000s, etc.)

A Decade Director takes part in the day to day business decisions of the alumni association by contributing to all discussions and casting a vote when votes are required. A Decade Director acts as a representative for the members of their particular decade.

OTHER DIRECTORS

In addition to the regular Officers and Decade Directors there shall be positions on the board to include one (1) College Division Director and two (2) At-large Directors. Duties and responsibilities of Other Directors shall be the same as for Decade Directors.

A look inside the new school



Entrance Driveway



Animal & Plant Science Hallway



Main Dining Hall



Basketball Court



Gymnasium Running Track

Deceased Classmates

Robert F. Drew Sr., Class of 1955

Robert Frederick Drew Sr., 78, longtime Amesbury resident, passed away on September 2, 2013. He was the husband of 49 years of the late Phyllis T. (Moore) Drew, who died on February 10, 2007. Born on May 20, 1935, he was the son of the late Raymond F. and Winifred (Fitzgerald) Drew. He was a graduate of Amesbury High School. Bob, who was a retired Amesbury firefighter, was also an avid carpenter, and enjoyed fishing, camping and traveling. He was a member of the Polish National Alliance of Amesbury. He was a devoted husband, caring father, proud grandfather, and dear friend to many. Although his journey on earth has ended, he has left behind a legacy of treasured memories that will never be forgotten.

News From The Classes

Class of 1960

The class of 1960 is receiving donations for a 6 Ft granite bench that will be placed on the campus. The Aggie News logo that appears on the front page of every issue of the Aggie News will be etched onto the backrest of our granite bench. The drawing represents our agricultural history and how important this is to feeding our country and the world.

We will invite The Beverly Times and The Salem News to come and take pictures of the bench, surrounded by our class. This will all take place on the weekend of our scheduled class reunion in September.



Deceased Classmates

Dennis E. Thompson, Class of 1971

After a short bout with cancer, Dennis E. Thompson, 59, of Greencastle, IN has moved to his Heavenly home. He considered it his duty and a privilege to serve his country, serving six years in the United States Marine Corps and two years in the Indiana National Guard. Dennis married Wanda Sue Cole on Dec. 29, 1978. In addition to Susie, Dennis is survived by two daughters. Since moving to Indiana in 1987, Dennis has been employed by Sherwin - Williams and Concept Engineering. Presently, "DT" was employed, since 1999, as a maintenance technician at the Crown Equipment facility.

Newsletter Distribution Policy

Our new newsletter distribution policy seems to be working well. The new policy allows for unlimited newsletter mailings to anyone who has signed up for a paid membership in any prior year. This is fair for everyone and rewards those who have contributed towards the publication of the newsletter with a paid membership with a free subscription. By limiting distribution to those who have supported us in the past we have greatly reduced publication costs.

Alumni Association members have the choice of receiving their newsletter via postal mail or via email delivery. Email delivery saves double because we save money on printing and postage.

Another benefit of email delivery is that the PDF files that are sent are in full color and much more enjoyable to read. If our readers need to mail in the Dues & Donations Form that appears in every issue, all they have to do is print that page only and mail it in with their donation.

To insure delivery by either method we must have on file everyone's current mailing address and/or email address. If you change your address please be sure to let us know about the change. Address change notification can be sent by submitting the electronic form provided on the alumni web site: <http://www.essexaggie.org/alumni/register/register.html> or by simply sending an email message to cmmain@comcast.net

Reunion News

The Class of 1960 will be having their 55th Class Reunion at Angelica's Restaurant, Middleton, Mass on Friday Sept 25, 2015. Starting with a no host cocktail & social hour at 5:30 PM. Followed with Buffett Dinner. We are inviting the Classes of 1959 & 1961 to join us at Angelica's Restaurant & at the Clam Bake the next day.

On Saturday Sept 26, 2015 starting at 10:30 AM we will be having a old fashioned Clam Bake at the New Agtech School. We have met with Superintendent Dan O'Connell & Vice Principal Ron Vercellone. They informed us the school will supply the room and culinary students & staff could help with the clam bake.

Also, Mr Vercellone said that they would give us a tour of the school inside and supply tractors and hay wagons for an outside tour of the campus.

This is one class reunion that you do not want to miss! The new school is amazing and you will be impressed with what they have added to the school. The football and track field looks like the Patriot's field. They have a new indoor equestrian riding building, indoor hockey rink, large greenhouses, buildings for carpentry, auto shop, plumbing, electrical, masonry, metalworking and have classes on veterinary studies.

Hotels rooms available : Comfort Inn Danvers, MA 50 Dayton St. Rt 1 Danvers Ma 01923 978 777-1700

Friday 09/25/15 & Sat 09/26/15

10 rooms have been saved for each night. Cost will be \$99.00 + tax. You make reservations & you pay.

We will send out information on menu choices for both events after the new year.

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Thanks,
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Trudy (Sworobowicz) Morse, Vice President
Dennis O'Neill, Treasurer
Karen (Knowlton) Sullivan, Secretary

News From The School

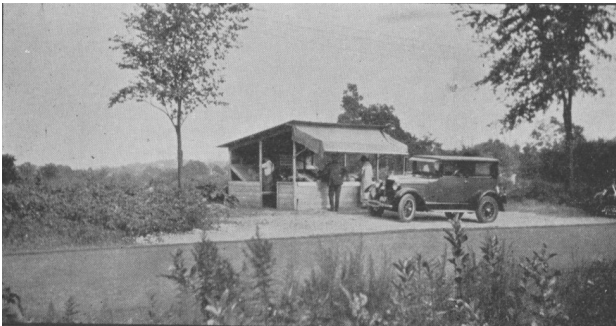
The new Essex Technical High School is now fully operating. 1,150 students attended the school for the first time on September 2, 2014. The consensus of comments from new students are "Big", "Beautiful" and "Huge"! First impressions from those visiting the school are giving the facility high praise.



History Corner

The School Farm Stand

The Essex Aggie Roadside Stand, also commonly known as the Farm Stand, has undergone several changes over the years. This series of photos illustrates the beginning to the end under Essex Agricultural High School management and then its new beginning under the Essex Technical High School banner.



Roadside Stand (1925)



Roadside Stand (1937)



Farm Stand (1988)

From the 1950s to the 1990s the Farm Stand was heavily used and was a popular place on the Aggie campus.



Farm Stand (2011)

In recent years the Farm Stand had seen little use and was used mostly for student plant sales. (Note: the sign over the door has changed from Essex Chapter Future Farmers of America to Essex Agricultural and Technical High School)



Farm Stand Demolition (2014)

The end of an era was reached in 2014 when the old Farm Stand was demolished. The countless numbers of students who worked at the stand will always remember the experiences they had working there.



Farm Stand Under Construction (2014)

Soon after the demolition of the old Farm Stand was accomplished, a new modern facility was built. The new building will include a restroom, accordion exterior walls and heat.

Essex Aggie Alumni Association Membership Registration Form 2015

Membership dues for 2015 will be \$20.00

(Term of membership is Jan 1 to Dec 31)

Please fill out the form below

We need your support



Member Name and Address: (Please Print)

Class of _____ High School Division (____) College Division (____) School Staff (____)

First Name _____ Maiden Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

E-Mail _____

Please register my membership and/or donation for 2015

I am enclosing my check for \$20.00 for 2015 Membership: \$ _____

I would like to donate to the General Fund: \$ _____

I would like to donate to the General Scholarship Fund: \$ _____

I would like to donate to the Richard M. Brown Scholarship Fund: \$ _____

I would like to donate to the V. Byron Bennett Scholarship Fund: \$ _____

I would like to donate to the Ellery E. Metcalf Scholarship Fund: \$ _____

Total amount enclosed for membership & donations: \$ _____

(Essex Aggie Alumni Association is a 501(c)3 organization and donations are tax deductible)

Your membership is important and we hope you will send your dues today!

Check should be made out to: Essex Aggie Alumni

Mail this form to:

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