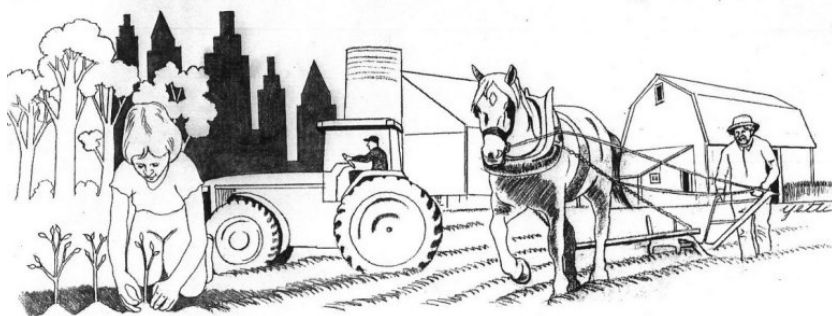


Aggie News



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From the Editor: 2008 Matching Fund Scholarship Drive

We are pleased to report that the 2008 scholarship drive resulted in donations totaling \$3,360 with the anonymous matching funds donor adding another \$5,000 to the fund. We will now be allowed to expand our scholarship program by increasing both the dollar amount of the scholarships and the number & type of scholarships awarded. Your donations will certainly be going to a good cause, helping young Aggie grads to get a start with the next step in their lives.

Charlie Main '56

A big Thank You goes out to all who contributed to this scholarship drive.

Essex Aggie Alumni BBQ

Everyone is invited + All years + All classes + Aggie Teachers

On the Aggie campus - Next to Berry Hall

Sunday, August 30, 2009 Rain or Shine

Hours: 12:00 to 5:00pm

BBQ will be served around 2:00pm

Menu:

Hickory Smoked Pulled Pork, BBQ Boneless Chicken Breasts, Beans w/ Smoked Brisket,

Potato Salad, Garden Salad, Bulkie Rolls, Chocolate Brownies, Soda or Water

This is a catered affair and all attendees must have prior reservations

Tickets: \$18.00 per person

Reservations must be made by July 31st

Please send in your reservation early so we can establish a guest count

Reservations can be submitted by using the Alumni Membership Form on page 7 of this newsletter.

Newsletter graphic by Yetti Frenkel '78 <http://yeti.com/>

Essex Aggie Alumni Association Scholarship Program

This year the alumni association will be expanding its scholarship program by increasing both the number and size of scholarships awarded. As available funds allow, we will also be increasing the types of scholarships offered.

Another future goal of the scholarship committee is to establish the Essex Aggie Alumni Association Scholarship Endowment Fund wherein money will be set aside and the interest earned on the account will provide scholarships year after year. This will provide “more bang for the buck” for our scholarship fund donors because their donations will not be spent but will be invested in the foundation. The fund will be managed by the Alumni Association Board of Directors as a permanently endowed account.

The purpose of the fund will be to provide support for Essex Aggie graduating students with certain named scholarships to be awarded each year. As additional scholarship fund donations come in the fund will grow and therefore provide for even more scholarship awards from the interest earned.

Help us to help the kids!
Use the Membership / Donation Form on page 7
to record your donation and help the fund grow.



Donations



Scholarship Fund



Grads

2008 Alumni Scholarship Awards

The \$500 Alumni Essay Contest Scholarship was awarded to Anna Doten of Wilmington.

The \$500 Alden W. Sanford Scholarship was awarded to Alexandra Chipman of North Reading.

Anna plans to attend Westfield State College where she will be majoring in Art Education or Art Therapy.

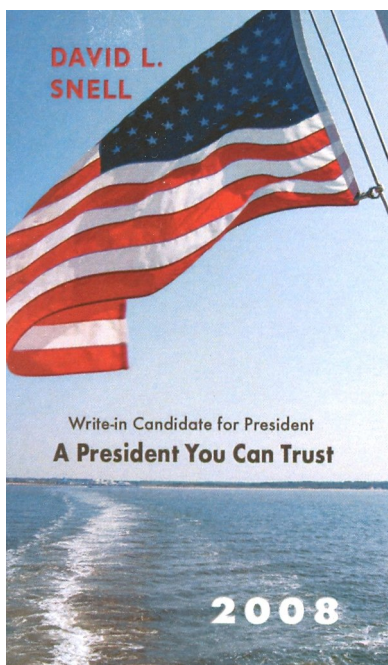
Alexandra plans to attend the University of New Hampshire and will be majoring in Pre-Veterinary studies.



News From The Classes:

David Snell Class of 1957

Of interest to our alumnus is the fact that one of our own, David Snell of Dillsboro, North Carolina was a write-in candidate for President of the United States in the last election. The information was received too late for inclusion in the June 2008 newsletter but we are giving it a mention here. We have a wide variety of experience and accomplishments within our alumnus but it is safe to assume this is the first time we have had a candidate for President among us.



Keith Hughes Class of 1962

Re: The 2008 Alumni BBQ. What a great event for all the Aggie alumni. I graduated in 1962 from the Aggie, 1964 from Stockbridge, 1966 from Franklin Institute, Boston and from Fitchburg State College in 1992. I just retired from a teaching position at Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School in Wakefield, MA. I was the Auto Tech Dept. Chair for the last 18 years with a total of 30 years in vocational education. I retired in June.

Congratulations on a well organized event. Hope to see you all next year.

Keith Hughes '62

Robert Corthell Class of 1966

I have not attended an alumni function in a long long time. My wife and I had a wonderful time at the alumni BBQ and plan to attend future events. Thank you for all your hard work and interest.

Bob Corthell '66

Kathleen (Travis) Perin Class of 1992C

Here I am, age 36, and living in my new home state of Maine. I was born and raised in Middleton. I have everything I could possibly want here and more in my new home, but yet I found myself perusing the alumni web site today and looking at all the pictures. A huge sense of loss and sadness overwhelmed me out of nowhere. It was quite the mental whallop.

While watching the slideshow on the alumni web site, the memories flooded back and I could almost smell all the different buildings...the cow barn, sheep barn, pesticide barn, building with the cafeteria, and that wonderful smell the fields gave off in the hot summer sun. I remember the wonderful annual open house the school would hold, with those little white signs stuck into the ground that lined route 62, letting locals know of all the upcoming displays and demonstrations. I remember the FFA farm stand that sold the best apples and cider around.

Oh how I wish I could go back home there....sadly there is no more home for me there. My family members are dead and gone, friends have long since moved away and lost touch, and the once rural area I loved so much has been turned into something completely foreign.

It just must be a midlife crisis or something I'm going through and just wanted to share my ramblings.

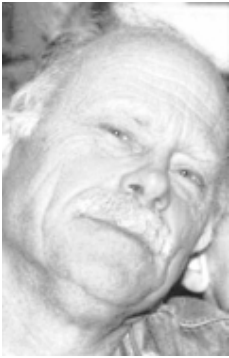
Kathy Perin '92C

NOTICE

Please check your listing in the Class Roster section of the alumni web site. We still have a ton of invalid mailing and e-mail addresses in our records. If your listing is not correct, send us an update.

Deceased Classmates:

Bradford Silsby Class of 1963



Bradford Silsby, 64, of Bradford, went home to be with the Lord after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008 at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston.

He was born in Haverhill June 3, 1944, son of the late Bradford and Lillian (Waldron) Silsby.

Educated in the Haverhill school system, Mr. Silsby graduated from Haverhill High School and attended Essex Agricultural School. For most of his life he operated the family farm, Silsby Farm, Bradford, and was also an over the road truck driver for 15 years.

Winslow Gray Johnson (Staff)

Winslow Gray Johnson, 84, of Hampton Falls, formerly of Peabody, died Friday, June 27, 2008 at the Exeter Hospital.

He was born April 20, 1924 in Stoneham, the son of the late Harold W. and Hazel M. (Gray) Johnson. He was a graduate of Wakefield High School, the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and received his master's degree in education from the University of New Hampshire. He went on to attend Rittners School of Floral Design in Boston. He was a veteran of World War II serving with the U.S. Army.

Mr. Johnson was an educator at Essex Agricultural Institute in Danvers. He was a long time floriculture instructor in the college division.

After his retirement he worked for Churchill's Garden Center, Northeast Nursery and McLay's Garden Center.

He loved gardening, bird watching and spending time in the outdoors. Mr. Johnson lived in Peabody for 40 years before moving to Hampton Falls in 1997.

Reunion News:

Class of 1989

Hi, I have talked to a few of my classmates from 1989 and we would LOVE to put together a 20th class reunion!

Where and when ?

Anyone interested or have any ideas?

We have never had a reunion and it would be great to see everyone!

Please contact Debra (Pike) Provost

Debrajprovost @ tmail.com

or floristdebra @ aol.com

Debra J Provost

Class of 1999

The class of 1999 is beginning to make plans for a 10 year reunion for 2009. They are putting together a "Then and Now book and would like to have new photos of grads & their families and a short bio.

Contact Crystal (Galloway) Arnott for info
aggieclassof99 @ gmail.com

Where Does The Money Go?

Our readers may sometimes wonder where all that money goes when they send in their donations for membership dues, the general fund and the scholarship fund.

Membership dues are used mostly to support our web site to pay for domain name and hosting charges and to support our office expenses which include general office supplies, postage, computer software and meeting expenses.

General fund donations are used mostly to support the newsletter which includes printing, postage and mailing supply expenses. Any donations made to support the school such as the senior class yearbook also come out of the general fund. If there is any money left over after expenses it is put in our savings account to support future projects.

Every dollar received from scholarship fund donations goes into the alumni scholarship fund.

Human resources to support the the Alumni Association are 100 percent volunteer labor!

2008 Alumni BBQ

Last September we hosted an alumni BBQ on the Aggie campus and it was a great success. We hope to make this an annual event.



The Endicott Pear Tree

Planted by the first governor of Massachusetts, John Endicott, it is very unlikely that any other cultivated fruit tree in North America is as old. The Endicott Pear Tree is approximately 376 years old!

The tree has survived several hurricanes and a run-in with vandals in 1964.

Throughout the long history of the Endicott Pear Tree there were many efforts to save the tree as the land on which it was planted passed through a succession of different owners.

Essex Aggie entered the picture when in a report in the April 18, 1946 issue of the Danvers Herald reported that "Soil stripping and disinterest was threatening the life of the 316 year old pear tree".

Henry Thurlow and George Meigs, who were Grange members and teachers at the Aggie and Harold Kelly of the Pomology Department all pitched in to help save the tree.

Ralph Minicello who, until his death a few years ago, operated a vegetable stand off Maple Street just beyond the school. He was a fruit foreman at Essex Aggie. Arrangements were made for him to obtain some scions from the tree and he mailed them to The Pinnacle Packing Co. in Oregon so that offspring from the historic tree could be preserved.

Today the tree is secured by a chain-link fence, on an inconspicuous plot of land hidden behind the large Osram Sylvania Company building on Endicott Street in Danvers.



News From The School: Status of the Alumni Center

After it was learned that the Alumni Field House was to be demolished, the alumni board of directors began to look for an alternate location for its on campus headquarters.

When it was learned that the Catherine Larkin Cottage was not currently being used by the school the new possibilities began to come to light. If the Larkin Cottage became available for use by the alumni association a new vision for its use would be created. The Larkin Cottage represents an important period in Essex Aggie history when for many years the Homemaking School was in operation there. The building was dedicated as a memorial to Aggie student Lt. Catherine M. Larkin who was killed in a plane crash in 1945. The name (and function) would change from Catherine Larkin Cottage to Larkin Memorial Alumni Center.

The Larkin Memorial Alumni Center would provide:
Alumni Greeting Center - Alumni Office & Meeting Room - Alumni Functions and Reunions - Fund-Raising Activities - Archive Storage & Museum

If funds are needed to support the facility a donor brick sale could be organized. The memorial bricks could be incorporated into an entrance pathway, constructed by Aggie students.

An employment resource program could be developed to benefit both graduating students and alumnus. This on campus location would allow for and encourage a closer relationship between the alumni association and the school staff & students.

The cottage could be preserved and remain as close to the original construction as possible for its historical importance.

The alumni association could apply for National Register of Historic Places recognition.

The building could be used to house an alumni museum where various items from the alumni archives could be preserved and displayed for viewing.



Inspection of the Larkin Cottage



Meeting in Smith Hall with Superintendent/Director Roger Bourgeois, Director of Community Relations Ron Vercellone and members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors

We have not been successful with our proposal to establish an Alumni Center on the Aggie campus but our vision will not be lost.



Director Bourgeois and alumni directors discuss a possible location for an alumni office in Smith Hall

Essex Aggie Alumni Association Membership Registration Form 2009

Membership dues for 2009 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 2009

I am enclosing my check for \$20.00 for 2009 Membership: \$ _____

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

In addition, I would like to donate to the Scholarship Fund: \$ _____

Total amount enclosed for membership & donations: \$ _____

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

Check should be made out to: Essex Aggie Alumni

Mail this form to: Essex Agricultural & Technical High School

Attn: Essex Aggie Alumni Association

562 Maple Street, P.O. Box 362

Hathorne, MA 01937

Essex Aggie Alumni BBQ

Sunday, August 30, 2009

Berry Hall on the Aggie Campus - Hours: 12:00 to 5:00pm - BBQ will be served around 2:00pm

For reservations send this reservation form with payment

Reservations must be made by July 31st

Name of person making the reservation: _____ **Class of:** _____

Name/s of Guest/s: _____

Total enclosed for (____) BBQ reservations - Alumnus & Guests @ (\$18.00 each): \$ _____

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