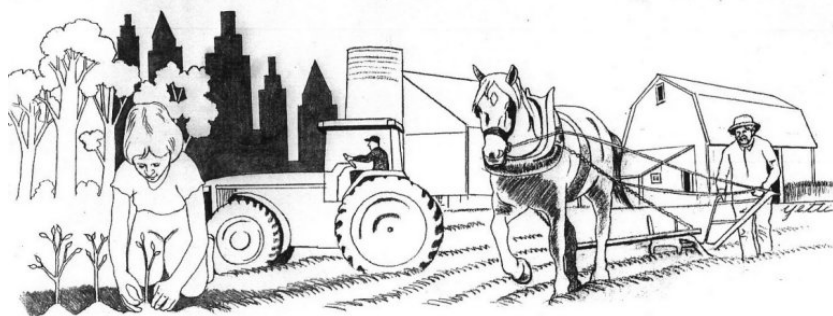


Aggie News



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Alumni Scholarship Awards for 2015

We were able to award four \$1,000.00 scholarships again this year. We averaged 16 applications for each scholarship award.

The Patrick G. Santin Scholarship, which is sponsored by the Patrick Santin Family, was awarded to Sabrina Napoli of Saugus. Sabrina will be attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

The V. Byron Bennett Scholarship winner is Joshua Lowe of Dracut, going to U-Mass Amherst.

The Ellery E. Metcalf Scholarship winner is Holly Brown of Bradford, going to Iowa State University.

The Richard M. Brown Scholarship winner is Beth Arnold of Peabody, going to Paul Smith's College.

We hope that everyone will keep our scholarship program in mind when they fill in their Membership and Donation Forms so that we can continue to support our scholarship program.

From The Editor

The news is not good concerning the need for others to take over the publication of the alumni newsletter.

In the last issue of the Aggie News I explained how I have been publishing the newsletter since 1998 and in addition to publishing the newsletter I have served on the Alumni Board of Directors as Secretary and as Webmaster to maintain the alumni web site. In recent years I have also taken on the position of Secretary/Treasurer.

It was pointed out that with great reluctance, because of some serious health issues, it is now time for me to consider passing the torch on to others. I asked for volunteers to fill the positions that I have been taking care of for the past 17 years.

Unfortunately, there were no replies to my plea. The positions of Secretary, Treasurer, Webmaster and Newsletter Editor are still open. At this time we still have not had a volunteer to serve as Alumni Association President. We also still have openings on the Alumni Board of Directors.

If anyone would be willing to take over any of these open positions now is the time to come forward. Contact Charles Main at: cmain@comcast.net if you are interested.

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

Volunteers Needed

If you've been thinking you would like to become more involved with the Essex Aggie Alumni Association and would like to serve on the alumni board of directors to help guide us into the future, contact Secretary/Treasurer Charles Main cmain@comcast.net or contact any current board member.

We have openings for President, Secretary, Treasurer, and several Decade Directors. If any Decade Director position is already filled, new volunteers can be elected as Director At-Large

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Director At-Large - Michael Gaudette '74

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Newsletter Reporter Needed

We are in need of someone who lives fairly close to the school campus to serve as our Aggie News Reporter. The news reporter could provide a short article and a photo for our News From The School column. Our readers are always interested in hearing about new developments at the Smith Hall side of the campus and also at the new school. In depth information about the various academies that are available at the school would also be a helpful addition to the newsletter. Up until now we have had to rely on the limited published newspaper reports to learn about the goings on at the school and it would be good if we could obtain that information on our own. For instance, our readers would be interested in what the school's new restaurant, The Maple Street Bistro is all about.

Contact Charles Main at: cmain@comcast.net if you are interested in volunteering.

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.

News From The Classes

Class of 1960

The 6 Ft granite bench that was sponsored by the class of 1960 has been completed and was set in place on the campus on June 3rd. Later, a landscaped patio will be constructed at the site. The bench is located next to the athletic field and will be seen by all who attend athletic events.

The Aggie News banner/logo that appears on the front page of every issue of the Aggie News was etched onto the backrest of the granite bench. O'Rourke Brothers Memorials of Salem Mass. did the work and their talented artists did an outstanding job of reproducing the banner. The drawing that was designed by Yetti Frenkel '78 represents our agricultural history and much of what Essex Aggie stood for over its first 100 years. Essex Agricultural and Technical School may have closed last year but its memory is now etched in stone for all those who went there.

The formal dedication of the bench will take place on the weekend of the scheduled 1960 class reunion in September. They will invite The Beverly Times and The Salem News to come and take pictures of the bench, surrounded by the class.



Yetti Frenkel '78, Dave Keating '60, Joe Farrell '60, Dick Mottolo '60, and Don Lavender '59

News From The School

First-Class Graduation at Essex Tech

The first group of students to graduate from Essex Technical High School received their diplomas on June 5th. The 238 students who received their diplomas represented a combination of graduates from both Essex Agricultural and Technical High School and the new Essex Technical High School.

The graduates wore both green and blue graduation gowns representing the colors of the two different schools. Former Essex Aggie students wore green gowns while the former North Shore Tech students wore blue.

Essex Tech opened last fall as a result of a merger of the former Essex Agricultural and Technical high School, North Shore Technical High School and Peabody Vocational High School.

Just as so many former Essex Aggie students have expressed their appreciation for the great experience they had attending the "Aggie" the first graduating class from Essex Tech has already been heard talking about the outstanding teachers, courses, facility and experiences that they had the privilege of being part of at Essex Tech.

The transition from the old to the new is now complete and it can be assured that the first class new Essex Technical High School will take its place among the best high school learning facilities in the nation.

Reunion News

The class of 1960 will be having their 55th class reunion at Angelica's Restaurant, Middleton, MA on Friday September 25, 2015. The classes of 1959 and 1961 have been invited to join them. The reunion event will include a buffet dinner at Angelica's and a clam bake on Saturday at the new Agtech school. Also included in the festivities will be a guided tour of the new school. A formal dedication of the Essex Aggie Class of 1960 Granite Bench will also be included. Hotel rooms are available.

Contact Dave Keating for info.

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Deceased Classmates

Ellen (Willis) Sheppard, Class of 1938

Ellen Sheppard, 95, of Summer, Ipswich, died July 20, 2013, in her home following a long illness. She was the wife of the late Lionel H. Sheppard, who died in 1999. Born in Croydon, England, in 1917, she was the only child of the late John and Ellen May (Brown) Willis. As an infant with her parents, she immigrated, settling in Ipswich where she was raised and attended public school. She was a graduate of Essex Agricultural and Technical School, and went on to study at Boston University. Married in 1940, the Sheppards made their home in Ipswich. In addition to raising her family, she was employed in the food service department at the former Cable Hospital of Ipswich, food service department for the Ipswich Public School System, and for 14 years, as the food service director for the Hamilton-Wenham School System, retiring in 1973. Mrs. Sheppard was a Past Grand Noble of Rebekh Lodge formerly of Ipswich, served as a leader with the Ipswich Girl Scouts, was the chairperson for the Essex County Mass. Food Service Association, and for many years, she served as the secretary for the Essex Agricultural & Technical School Alumni Association. Ellen enjoyed home flower gardening, and with her late husband, square dancing and traveling the States and in England.

Ruth (Colby) Zimmerman, Class of 1960

Ruth Zimmermann, 72, died at her home in Danvers on Saturday, November 8, 2014. She was the wife of the late George S. Zimmermann. Born in Danvers, she was the daughter of the late Raymond and Jeannette (Saulnier) Colby. Raised and educated in Middleton, she was a graduate of the Essex Agricultural School. Ruth spent her life as a caregiver. She was a dedicated nurse's aide at the former Cedar Glen Nursing Home for more than thirty-five years, and then delivered for the meals-on-wheels program through the Danvers Senior Center for several years.

Gilman Whitman, Class of 1945

Gilman Bertrand Whitman, 88, passed on peacefully on Tuesday, March 17, at the Veterans' Home in South Paris. He was attending school at Essex Agricultural Institute, majoring in floriculture and ornamental horticulture when he was drafted on his birthday in 1944, but they deferred him for four

months to finish his coursework. He graduated at the top of his class. He was inducted into the Armed Services at Fort Williams and then shipped to Fort Devens in Massachusetts. He was in the South Pacific during World War II. He was discharged in 1946. Gil returned to Maine in the spring of 1947. He worked in the woods and in a saw mill in Bryant Pond. He bought a house in Bryant Pond in 1948 and built a ski tow in 1949. Gil purchased a store in Locke Mills in 1949 and also married Elizabeth Noyes of Locke Mills that year. They sold the store in 1953. That same year, they purchased some land on Route 26 in Bryant Pond and built the Maine Wildlife Den, filling it with animals, birds and reptiles. He was Deputy Sheriff of Oxford County. He served as state representative in the Legislature in 1958 to 1961. He was majority floor leader for the 100th Legislature. In the 1960s, he was a member of the Balladeers Barbershop Quartet, which performed throughout the state. Gil worked as a carpenter and electrician, and also learned blacksmithing for a few years. In 1964, they bought a house in Edgecomb and relocated there. He did renovations there and opened The Yankee Craftsman and the Lincoln Forge. One of his first commissions was a very large gate for an ancient cemetery in Bristol. His first exposure on the international scene was Expo 67 at the World's Fair in Montreal. He had his first one-man show in Pittsburgh, Pa., at the International Art Gallery in October 1970. He created the wrought-iron handrails in Wiscasset, many weather-vanes and small bronzes of hockey players. He was commissioned by the Philadelphia Flyers Hockey Team for a life-size reenactment of a goalie scoring called "Score." It was installed outside the Spectrum Stadium in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1976. He changed the name of his gallery from Yankee Craftsman to Gil Whitman Gallery in 1977 and displayed his many ornamental sculptures on his lawn. Gil created many line sculptures for area churches, installing chandeliers, lights and 3D relief work. He created a bronze wildflower collection for the blind, complete with earphones for descriptions. He created a tiger swallowtail sculpture, which still stands in front of the Whitman Library in Bryant Pond, and the final big work, the candlestick phone at Remembrance Park in Bryant Pond, which was installed there in 2008. Gil moved back to Bryant Pond in 1998.

Deceased Classmates

Philip J Horgan Jr, Class of 1956

Philip Horgan, Jr., age 76 of Middleton, passed away peacefully at his home with family at his side on February 17, 2015. He was the husband of Mary (Burgess) Horgan. Born in Malden in 1938, he was the son of the late Philip and Martha (Pratt) Horgan, Sr. Philip was a graduate of Essex Agricultural School and later worked for 50 years with the pipefitters' union local #537. He was an avid Red Sox and Patriots fan, a member of the Saugus K. Of C., #1829 and a communicant of St. Agnes Parish in Middleton. He served in the Army Reserve with the combat engineers. Besides his wife, Mary, of 55 years, he leaves his three children, Bonnie Morin and her husband, John of Middleton, Kathleen Terry and her husband, Keith of Belchertown and Sean Horgan and his wife, Patricia of Merrimac. He was the brother of Martha "Sis" Varney and her husband, Charles of Saugus and Patricia Horgan-Harty of Essex.

Joseph Medina, Class of 1974

Joseph A. Medina, Jr., of Peabody, died at the Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers, following a brief illness. He was the husband of Bonnie L. (Leyendecker) Medina. Born in Salem, he was the son of the late Joseph A. Medina, Sr., and Helen (Sullivan) Medina. He was a lifelong resident of Peabody and a graduate of Essex Agricultural and Technical School and later received his Associate degree from North Shore Community College. Joseph was first employed as a VW mechanic for Small Wheels in Salem, and then continued to work several mechanic jobs before he finally became a Facilities Manager at North Shore Community College in Danvers. Joseph enjoyed working on cars, going to concerts and spending time with his family and especially his rescue dog, Zeus.

John Courtois, Class of 1974

John Courtois, of Revere, formerly of Lynn, passed away on Jan. 29, 2015. Husband of Kathryn "Kerri" (Nugent) of Revere. He was the son of John B. and Lorraine (Shea) Courtois of Uxbridge. Devoted father of Joseph of Saugus, Renee of Lynn, Jinell of Lynn, Nicole of Wakefield and the late John J. Jr.

Stepfather of Alicia and Erin Ago of Revere. Dear brother of Miriam "Terri" Wolczik and husband John of Uxbridge and Nan Caiazzo and husband Tom of N. Andover. Member of the Hells Angels MC Worcester AFFA Chapter.

Clinton Fox, Class of 1979

Clinton Willis Fox, 53, died on March 30 at his residence. He was born June 20, 1961, in Dracut, Mass., a son of Franklin Pierce Fox and Violet Mae (Dwire) Fox. He received an associate's degree in agriculture from the Essex Agricultural College. Clinton was a self-employed dairy farmer. He and his friend owned a dairy farm in Lisbon, ME before purchasing a dairy farm in Corinna, ME in May 2004. Clinton was a past member of the Young Farmer's Association, the Androscoggin Conservation Board and served on various committees in Agri-Mark. He is survived by his father of Mocksville, N.C.; his friend, Harry Garcia of Corinna; and six sisters, Martha and husband, Richard Whitney, also of Mocksville, NC, Carmen and husband, Glenn Bailey, of Caulfield, Mass., Wanda and husband, Randy Willis, of Bradford, Mass., Edith Fox, Florence Fox and Emeline Greenhalge, all of Lowell, Mass.

Frank Costa, School Staff

Mr. Frank Peter Costa Sr., 89, of Beverly died unexpectedly Sunday, January 11th, 2015 at Essex Park Nursing Home in Beverly. Born in Beverly, he was the son of the late John and Catherine (Serra) Costa. He was raised and educated in Beverly and was a graduate of Beverly High School. He continued his education attending trade school over the years. An honorably discharged veteran, Frank served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps. Mr. Costa had been employed as an Educator at the former Essex Agricultural Institute in Danvers for over 25 years retiring in 1984. He then was employed by Clemenzi Industrial Park in Beverly retiring in 2000. A longtime resident of Beverly, Frank enjoyed spending his time fishing and loved to travel with his wife. He was a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Beverly. Frank is survived by his wife Norma (Scott) Costa of Beverly, his daughter, Beth Ann Costa-Howland and her husband Douglass of Haverhill, his sons, Frank Costa Jr. of Beverly, Richard Costa and his wife Diana of Brunswick, Maine.

History Corner

From Essex Farmer and Homemaker -
January, 1938

THE CAFETERIA

We, the students of Essex Aggie, are very proud of our cafeteria and we feel that we have good reason to be. Not only is it comfortable and attractive but we feel that it serves the best meals at the lowest prices possible.

Every day there is a main dish that is served for ten cents, which is planned to be attractive, nutritive and filling. The Junior students prepare the meals four days and a High School Special one day during the morning and the menus are planned so as to give each class of girls experience in getting dinners with meat, dinners without meat and with soups and chowders.

Following are examples of main dishes that have been served this year. Roast Lamb, Brown Gravy, Boiled Potatoes, Buttered Carrots; or Clam Chowder, Crackers, Fresh Corn, Pickles; or Eggs a la King, Baked Potatoes and Buttered Peas.

Along with each main dish desserts, salads, sandwiches, and milk are served daily a la carte; ice cream and candy are sold two or three times a week.

Another purpose of the cafeteria is to give all the girls experience in preparing and serving large quantities of food. During the year each girl is called upon to work in it for the period of a week. During this

week she serves on the steam table, has charge of the desserts and works on the slide, or in other words takes charge of dishes that are returned.

Don't you agree that we have reason to be proud of our lunch room, and is it any wonder that 200 students out of a total of about 300 buy all or part of their luncheon?

Grace Mann '38, Amesbury



A Reminder

Alumni Association members have the choice of receiving their newsletter via postal mail or via email delivery. Email delivery provides a full color version of the newsletter and saves double because we save money on printing and postage. If you have an email address be sure to check off Deliver via email on your Membership & Donations Form.

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 _____

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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!

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