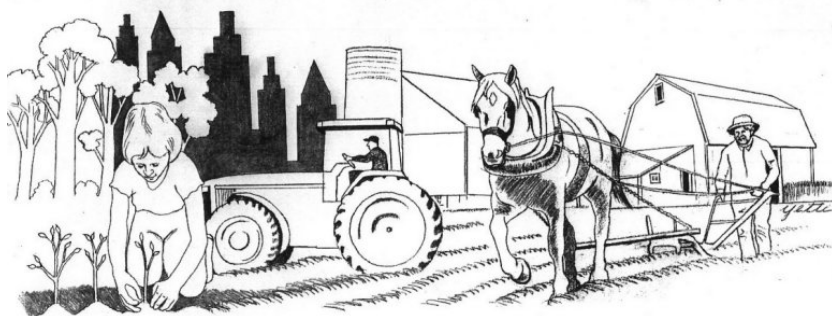


Aggie News



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From the Editor:

This year the alumni association expanded its scholarship program by increasing both the number and size of scholarships awarded. As available funds allow, we hope to continue the expansion of the program. (Pg 5) This issue of the Aggie News features an expanded "History Corner" capturing a glimpse of the now extinct Essex Aggie Poultry Department. (Pg 2) The "In The Spotlight" article for this issue features Monique Chretien '89. If you would like to have your business featured in a future issue just let us know. (Pg 6) A new column appearing in this issue is the "I Remember" column. Everyone has memories of their days at the Aggie. Send us your memories so we can publish them here for all to enjoy. (Pg 6)

Charlie Main '56

Last call for Essex Aggie Alumni BBQ Reservations

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://yetti.com/>

History Corner

Poultry Department

Once an important part of the Essex Aggie field of study, any trace of the Poultry Department can no longer be found on the Aggie campus.



Construction Class (1919)



New Brooder House (1930)



Chick Brooder

All phases of the poultry industry were taught so that when a student reached graduation he/she was prepared to own or manage a poultry farm or to go on to further study at the college level. The Aggie teachers and staff were first class as indicated below in the Poultry Judging Class photo with Richard M. Brown who later became Dean after the Poultry Department was phased out.



Young Pullets



Egg Grading



Poultry Judging Class (1950s)

News From The Classes:

Thomas Mikulis Class of 1965

I graduated from Essex Aggie's in 1965, then from Northeast Institute of Industrial Technology in 1967. I was employed by Sanders Associates working on destruct buttons for sensitive electronic systems. I then put in six years with the U.S. Navy touring the Far East returning to Sanders Associates for a 35 year career in electronics. I retired as a Senior Electrical Engineer in December of 2007.

While my day to day job was designing and repairing electronic equipment both domestically and in Japan, I always maintained my love of agriculture. During over ten trips to Japan I was privileged to be able to tour numerous formal gardens, meet one-on-one with a Zen Buddhist Priest, and sample various local fruit and vegetables.

My home (3/4 acre) has benefited from the planting of Blueberries, Peaches, Apples, Cherries, Pears, Kiwi, Nectarine, Plum, & Apricot trees. I currently also have Lemon, Lime, Naval Orange, Tangerine & five Banana Trees in my sun room. In the spring when I bury the pots containing these tropical trees in the ground around my vegetable garden, numerous neighbors stop by to enjoy the view.

I am a life member of the New Hampshire Orchid Society and have won numerous first Prizes along with Grower Commendations for both my tropical and my hardy orchids. In my sun room are also over forty-five different types of tropical Orchids. A small corner of my yard has been devoted to hardy Orchids. Currently there are over 15 different types of hardy Orchids growing in my outdoor Orchid beds.

In February I will be starting to lecture on growing various hardy Orchids. Now that multiple nurseries have started propagating hardy Orchids numerous people have expressed interest in creating miniature micro-climates within their yards to grow everything from *Cypripedium acaule* (Pink Lady's Slipper) to *Tipularia discolor* (Cranefly orchid).

Thomas Mikulis

News From The School

Essex Aggie hires a new resource officer on campus

Danvers police officer Ashley Berube has been hired to help students cope with the many complex issues that they face today such as drugs, drinking, cyber bullying and sexting. Officer Berube will also be tasked with the safety issues associated with the busy traffic on Route 62.

As resource officer she will be working with students, gaining their trust and helping them to understand and deal with any problems that may come up in their school experience. She hopes to be someone the students can turn to.

Essex Aggie's Horse Farm

The barn and paddock area on the Aggie campus has been named a 2009 Horse Farm of Distinction by the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation. The 12 stall barn and paddock was one of only three horse farms in Essex County to qualify.

The Animal Science department at the Aggie has a top-notch facility for students enrolled in the Veterinary Technology, Equine Science, and Technology & Research Animal Management Programs.



Agricultural Manager Cliff Taylor

Deceased Classmates:

Alfred Plante (Staff)

Alfred S. "Fred" Plante, 99, of Danvers died last January 7 in the Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers.

Fred was born in Salem. He has been a resident of Salem for over 70 years. He moved to Florida for 15 years and later returned to live with his daughter in Danvers.

Mr. Plante had been employed by Essex Aggie for many years before retiring 34 years ago.

Reunion News:

All years - All Classes

The 2009 Essex Aggie Alumni BBQ is scheduled for Sunday, August 30. This is a great opportunity to enjoy some good food and meet & greet old friends and classmates on the school campus. Director of Community Relations, Ron Vercellone, will be conducting tours of the campus.

If you haven't made reservations yet you can use the alumni membership form on page 7 of the newsletter.



NOTICE

If anyone is planning a class reunion be sure to let us know so that we can help to publicize it. We can post reunion notices on the alumni web site and in the newsletter.

Board of Directors Changes

There have been several recent changes within the alumni board of directors. When Vice President Peter Tierney moved to California he resigned from the board and Tom Blair was appointed to fill his position. President Bert Cote has resigned and Tom Blair was appointed to fill his position.

Election Year for Alumni Officers & Directors

This is an election year for all positions on the alumni board of directors. Voting will take place in December for the 2010-2011 term of office. Anyone is welcome to serve on the board. To be eligible to be placed on the ballot and serve on the board you must be a paid member of the alumni association.

Elected positions on the alumni board

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Director 1930s

Director 1940s

Director 1950s

Director 1960s

Director 1970s

Director 1980s

Director 1990s

Director 2000s

Director College Div.

Director School Staff

Director At-Large

Director At-Large

Current Student

For information or to be placed on the ballot for any position contact the alumni secretary Charles Main. cmain@gwi.net

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.

2009 Scholarship Awards Essay Contest

The \$1,000.00 Essay Contest Scholarship was awarded to Lauren Holz of Danvers. Lauren was class valedictorian and will be a Pre-vet student at University of Massachusetts.



The \$500.00 Essay Contest Scholarship was awarded to Nicole Comppen of Melrose. Nicole will be studying Animal Care Science at Becker College.



The \$250.00 Essay Contest Scholarship was awarded to Rebecca Holt of Peabody. Rebecca will be a Pre-vet student at University of New Hampshire.



2009 Scholarship Awards Alden W. Sanford Scholarship

The Alden W. Sanford Scholarship of \$1,000.00 was awarded to Amanda Gioacchini of Beverly. Amanda will be studying Forestry at University of Massachusetts - Stockbridge.



Amanda with alumni president Tom Blair

Business Start-up Scholarship

The Business Start-Up Scholarship of \$1,000.00 was awarded to Breanna Bransfield of Stoneham. Breanna has already started a Grooming business in Malden called "Grooom"



In The Spotlight

Monique Chretien '89

Monique Chretien is a Pet Behavior Consultant. She treats all types of animal behavior problems such as aggression, fear, anxiety, disobedience, etc., as she works with dogs, cats, horses and other animals in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. She teaches public dog obedience classes and is also available for private lessons.

Monique also worked as a veterinary technician for many years and currently spends time volunteering for non-profit animal organizations. She has also been riding horses for pleasure & competition for most of her life.

Another of Monique's activities is the making of stained glass articles for sale. Her usual themes are animal, sea life and nautical but will do other things as well.

Monique is currently collecting stories for a book about people and the special relationships they have with their animal companions. If you have a special story about a human/animal loving relationship, or know someone who does, please contact her for a chance to be in her book.

PetBehaviorConsulting@Gmail.com

www.freewebs.com/petbehaviorconsulting/



I Remember:

I remember the smell of milk in the milk room.

I remember the sweet smell of fruit in Mr. Kelly's classroom in the Fall. They had the cider press going. It was cozy being in Mr. Kelly's class on a cold Fall day.

I remember Mr. Clark. His desk was always so neat. He always fidgeted with his pencils with his fingers as he sat at his desk teaching us. I loved that all wood building as a classroom setting.

They had that beautiful orchard that they destroyed. I wish they didn't take that away. What a shame.

I remember Mr. Fitzpatric castrating about 100 piglets in school one day. He had his butcher's jacket on and a pile of testicles on the floor. He had 'em all done in about 20 minutes!

Anthony Simone '73

I remember the first time I learned to drive a tractor at the school. We had to clean out the poultry brooder house. I learned how to back up a trailer for loading manure and I never forgot the lesson and am still able to back a trailer to within an inch of the target. The experience stuck with me because I found the same tractor, a 52 Ford 8N 50 years later and am still using it.

Charlie Main '56



**Have a "I Remember" to share?
Send it in and we will publish it here.**

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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