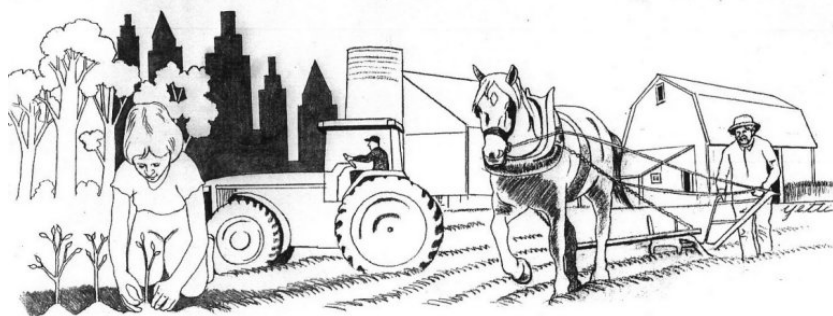


Aggie News



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Alumni Campus Photo & Calendar Project Volunteers Needed

Next year a large portion of the Aggie campus as we know it will be demolished and replaced with the new Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School complex. We would like to gather a photographic record of the entire campus as it looks in 2010. The photos will be a valuable historic record and will be placed in the alumni archives. We need pictures of everything, buildings, areas, roads, paths & walkways so that we have a complete record of what the campus looked like in 2010.

In conjunction with the collection of campus photos we would like to publish a calendar that could be used as a keepsake and an alumni fund raiser. While our volunteer photographers are going about photographing the various areas and buildings on the campus and come across a calendar worthy composition they should record it. The best 12 photos will be used for the calendar with full recognition given in the calendar to whoever took the photo.

Volunteer photographers can concentrate on either historic or calendar photos, or both.

Non students and staff should keep their photo sessions to summer sessions when the majority of students are not there.

To begin a photo session volunteer photographers should call 978-774-0050 ext. 213 before they arrive on campus just to be sure there is nothing else going on that day. Visiting volunteer photographers are asked to check in and check out at the superintendent's office in Smith Hall.

Digital or hard copy photos can be sent to alumni Secretary Charles Main
643 Main Road, Phippsburg, ME 04562
cmain@suscom-maine.net

If possible, photos should be accompanied with a short descriptive caption so that we know what the picture represents.

We invite any teacher, school staff, student, or alumnus and any member of their family to participate in this campus photo & calendar project. Please consider helping us out. The bulldozers will be arriving on campus soon so now is the time to get this job done.

Larkin Cottage

Getting Our Ducks In A Row



As most of our readers know, the alumni association has a vision where we would someday be able to move into the Catherine Larkin Practice Cottage. We would like to take the presently unused and deteriorating building and turn it into a vital portion of the Essex Aggie campus.

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 Home-making School was in operation there.

The name (and function) would change from Catherine Larkin Memorial Practice 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

To support start-up funding for the facility a donor brick sale would 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. We believe 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.

When and if our vision is recognized we would like to have our "Ducks In A Row" so that an orderly program could be managed. We are gathering our ducks now.



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Scholarships

Alumni Association Scholarships for 2010

This year the alumni association awarded four graduating students a total of \$3,750.

The Alden W. Sanford Scholarship for \$1,000 was awarded to Wyatt Zagrani. He is from Amsbury and will be going to U-Mass to study Biochemistry and molecular biology.

The Alden W. Sanford Scholarship Runner-up award for \$750 went to Marissa Lanouette. She is from Groveland and is going to Becker College to study Pre-Vet.

The Essex Aggie Alumni Association Richard M. Brown Scholarship for \$1,000 was awarded to Alyssa Nelson of Gloucester. Alyssa will be going to Becker College to study Animal Science and Pre-vet.

The Essex Aggie Alumni Association Business Start-up Scholarship for \$1,000 was awarded to Paul Taylor of Gloucester. Paul is going right to work in his tree and landscape company.



Scholarship winners from left to right:
Wyatt Zagrani
Alyssa Nelson
Tom Blair, alumni President
Marissa Lanouette
Paul Taylor

Congratulations to our scholarship award winners. The alumni association is proud to be able to contribute to the future success of these deserving students.

Alumni Board Meets

Last March the alumni board of directors met with Director, Roger Bourgeois and Director of Community Relations, Ron Vercellone in Smith Hall to discuss the alumni association's plans for 2010 and beyond.



Alex Vannett '81, George Jones '58, Charlie Main '56, Bob Gaudet '56, Roger Bourgeois, Ron Vercellone, Tom Blair '81 (Ken Elwell '75 not in photo)

School Staff Retirements

Key staff retirements this year are Principal Gene Demsey and Technology Manager Ted Novakowski. Mr. Demsey began teaching at the school in 1979, while Mr. Novakowski has been there for 34 years. Before becoming principal in July 2007, Mr. Demsey served as interim principal for two years. Before that, he served as head of the plant-science department, and before that he taught horticulture. Mr. Novakowski started at the Aggie as an audio-visual technician and librarian and then served as information technology manager for the last 15 years.



Gene Demsey & Ted Novakowski

Deceased Classmates:

Robert Anderson - Class of 1942

Robert Henry Anderson, 89, died January 2, 2010. He was born in Winthrop, MA, May 14, 1920, the son of the late Henry and Anna (Peterson) Anderson. He graduated from Gloucester High School, Gloucester, MA and Essex Agricultural School, Danvers, MA before moving to Kingston in 1944 with his wife Marjorie (Jones) Anderson. He was a member of Wingold Grange #308 of East Kingston for over 60 years, Masons, the First Congregational Church, Kingston, NH, the United States Trotting Assoc., and a founder of the Kingston Standardbred Club. He was a past Selectman in Kingston, owned and operated the Anderson School Buses in Kingston for many years, a farmer raising chickens, then cows, then raised, trained and raced harness horses. He owned and operated the Kingston Camping Area. He moved to New York where he farmed dairy cows for a number of years before retiring to Florida where he worked at Pompano Park Racetrack.

Clair (Gillespie) Ratcliffe - Class of 1943



H. Claire (Gillespie) Ratcliffe, 85, of North Andover, died Monday, March 8, 2010 at Mary Immaculate Nursing And Rehabilitation Center in Lawrence.

Claire was born in North Andover on March 29, 1924 to the late Thomas and Gertrude

(Rourke) Gillespie.

She graduated St. Patrick's Grammar School in Lawrence and Essex Agricultural School. Claire was employed as an assembler at Western Electric/Lucent Technologies until her retirement.

She was a member of the Pioneers Club and enjoyed knitting and crocheting for her family. She also enjoyed bingo and spending summers in York Beach, Maine with her family, which was the highlight of her life.

Thomas Creeley - Class of 1968



Thomas Redmond Creeley Jr., 60, of Haverhill, formerly of Lawrence, died Saturday, May 15, 2010, surrounded by his loving family at the Caritas Holy Family Hospital after a lengthy illness. Born in Lawrence, he was the son of the late Thomas R. Creeley Sr. and Elizabeth L. (Manion).

He attended Lawrence public schools and was a 1968 graduate of Essex Agricultural and Technical High School. Soon after graduation, Mr. Creeley was drafted into the United States Navy during the Vietnam War and proudly served on the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt where he served for two years, being honorably discharged.

Mr. Creeley was employed as an oil burner technician in his family business, Thomas R. Creeley and Son Oil Company in Lawrence. He then worked for the Hilton Oil Company, and later, Haffner's Oil Company. He was an avid reader, amateur photographer, enjoyed watching old western movies, and was a lover of all animals.

Percy Curtis, Jr. - Staff

HAMILTON — Percy L. "Pete" Curtis, Jr., 91, husband of the late Gladys M. (Niemi) Curtis, died on Saturday, Jan. 23, 2010 at the Den-Mar Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Rockport.

Mr. Curtis was born in Gloucester, the son of the late Percy L., Sr. and Maude (Shrader) Curtis. Mr. Curtis was raised and educated in Rockport and was a graduate of Rockport High School, Class of 1935. He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Mr. Curtis was a long time resident of Hamilton and was the former estate manager for the Clark Family in Hamilton and a former superintendent at the Essex Agricultural School in Danvers until his retirement in 1979. He and his late wife, Gladys, traveled extensively throughout the United States and Canada.

Reunion News

Class of 1960 50th Year Reunion

The Essex Aggie Class of 1960 50th Year Reunion will be held at Angelica's Restaurant in Middleton, MA on September 24th, 2010 starting with a cocktail and social hour at 5:30PM. Entrees are Broiled Sirloin or Boston Scrod. Please put your choice on the bottom of your check mailed to: Dave Keating, P.O. Box 624, Ellsworth, ME 04605. The cost is \$30/person, checks due by 6/25 please.

The Class is then having an old fashioned Clam Bake in Enidcott Park in Danvers on Saturday September 25th beginning at 10:00AM The get-together is open to the classes of 1959, 1960 and 1961. The Clam-bake entrées are: 1-1/4 lb Lobster or 12 oz grilled Sirloin Steak or marinated Boneless Chicken.

To attend the clam bake please send your check to David Keating, PO Box 624, Ellsworth, ME 04605 made out to Aggie Reunion Clam Bake & write on bottom of check your choice of Entree or enclose a small note with your choice. This will be a complete meal buffet. The cost of the clam bake is \$ 50.00 per person which covers the tent, tables and seating. Checks by 06/25 please.

Hear ye hear ye

The class prophecy I wrote for our year book in 1961 was way off and 49 years later we are Vegetable Farmers, Dairy Farmers, Forestry Rangers, Social Workers for the handicapped, Insurance Agents, Martial Arts Experts and even a Nurse. What we do have in common is that we all agree that without the education we got at Essex Aggie we would not be the successes we are today. We are spread out from Canada to Texas, up and down the east coast from Maine to Florida and from Massachusetts to California and next year we will unite at the place that molded us into what we are today and where we all left as friends to make our marks in the world, Essex Aggie.

We will be united for our 50th anniversary in 2011 and we invite y'all (I can say that I live in Texas) to come and join us especially graduating classes 1955 through 1964 as we relive old times and discuss our new found aches and pains that we found in our old age. Gone are the many of the things that made the

Aggie what it was back in 1958 to 1961, for me that was the dairy herd as I spent many a day feeding and milking the cows as I worked the farm and lived in the dorm during my stay at Essex Aggie. What remains though is the quality education and the learn by doing philosophy that teaches work ethics and common sense that is needed in today's society even as it was back in our day. The final agenda for our reunion is being worked out but for sure it will include a trip to the Topsfield Fair, The Essex Aggie, and I don't know about the rest of them but I have to make a trip to Richardson's Dairy. So please try to make plans to be there for the reunion of the class that no matter which way we wore our class ring it read 1961.

John Perkins RN, Class of 1961

News From The School

FFA Convention

On March 15th the Alumni Association provided funding for the transportation for 36 FFA members to and from the 2010 FFA State Convention at Sturbridge, Mass. FFA members compete in career development events in public speaking, science fair, nursery landscape and floriculture just to name a few.

There are over 455,000 members nationwide who strive to better themselves in developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

In addition to the alumni association providing the transportation costs for the trip, alumni Treasurer Bob Gaudet volunteered to drive the bus.



History Corner

The First 25 Years (cont): The Horse Barn

The original horse barn on Maplewood Farm lived to be nearly 100 years old before it was torn down.



The new horse barn, designed and built by Instructor Hardy and the Farm Mechanics Division was formally opened by Director Smith on March 12, 1930. In addition to the stalls, grain and harness rooms, this building was used for the storage of farm machinery and hay.



The current horse barn is still being used today to support the school's Animal Science equine programs.

This "First 25 Years" series is based on articles from the Essex County Agricultural School Twenty Fifth Anniversary booklet published by the alumni association in 1938. We were fortunate to receive a copy of the booklet from Pamela Santin who's father was in the class of '37. Now that the booklet is in the alumni archives we will be able to share its contents with our alumni newsletter readers.

Larkin Cottage Getting Our Ducks In A Row

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What we need:

For historical restoration, we need a restoration specialist who can provide advice, procedures and sources for restoring Larkin Cottage to its original 1950's era design.

For general restoration, exterior & interior, we need woodworking & home improvement specialists who could donate time and/or materials to help restore Larkin Cottage to its original condition.

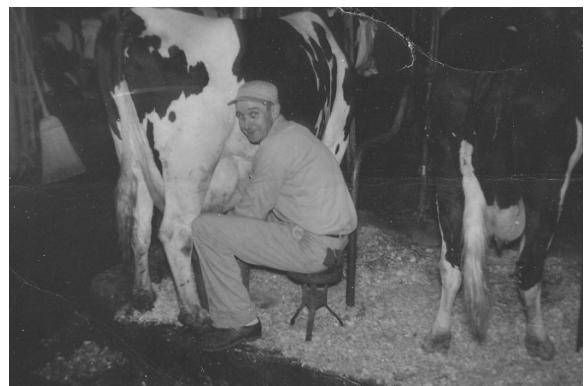
For landscaping, we need landscape specialists who can donate time and/or materials to help restore the Larkin Cottage grounds to their original condition.

For the entrance walkway we need someone who can design and build a new entrance walkway that would incorporate engraved donor bricks generated from our "buy-a-brick" fund raiser.

Please let us know if we can add you to our list of volunteer ducks. Contact alumni Secretary Charlie Main if you are interested.



A blast from the past: Forrest Haynes '35 in 1953



Essex Aggie Alumni Association Membership Registration Form 2010

Membership dues for 2010 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 2010

I am enclosing my check for \$20.00 for 2010 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

Volunteer with Essex Aggie Alumni

Any organization, in order to be successful, must have volunteers to make things happen. With every non profit organization it is a well known truism, "There is always room for one more worker or supporter." An organization such as ours can use a large variety of skills. If you have any skills or interest that you think might be useful please let us know you are out there by checking off one of the categories. We would like to hear from you if you are interested in serving as a volunteer now or in the future.

- ___ Board of Directors
- ___ Membership Committee
- ___ Newsletter Committee
- ___ Website Committee
- ___ Scholarship Committee
- ___ Reunions Committee
- ___ Photo Committee
- ___ School History Committee
- ___ Alumni Functions Committee
- ___ Fundraising Committee
- ___ Professional Committee
- ___ Alumni Office Staff

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