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2012 SAGA Reunion Weekend

The SAGA executive has listened to the membership and has decided to try a new reunion weekend format for 2012.

For a number of years there has been a call to hold the reunion banquet and mixer on the same evening. So in 2012, the reunion banquet and mixer will be held on January 7, 2012 at TCU place.

The evening will commence with the reunion banquet, followed by the mixer in the same venue. Grads attending the Banquet are welcome to stay for the Mixer at no additional cost. Grads are still welcome to attend the Mixer only.

The SAGA executive hopes that this change will encourage more people (other than reunion years) to attend both events. The curling bonspiel and hockey tournament will continue in the same format as previous years.

Another significant event in 2012 is the 100th anniversary of the first graduates from the College of Agriculture. The College has requested that SAGA kick off the celebration on January 7, 2012.

We encourage all of the membership to attend the reunion weekend in 2012 to help mark this important anniversary in the history of our College and the University of Saskatchewan. Details of special activities for the reunion weekend will follow in the next newsletter.

**100th Anniversary of the first AG GRAD!
Saturday, January 7, 2012**

**One BIG day of events at
TCU Place, Saskatoon
(formerly Centennial Auditorium)**

**January 7 4:30 Cocktails
 5:30 Banquet**

**Program and group pictures to follow
8:30 pm Mixer**

Curling and Hockey tournaments

Reunion Years Degree & Diploma:

**1952, 1962, 1972, 1982,
1992, 2002, 2007**

**For reunion details contact:
Jill Turner 80C at**

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Dear SAGA members

March 2011

Thank you for all the support you have given me as Development Officer for the over these past three years. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to work with the SAGA Executive and with many class groups to develop support for the work of the College and the students.

I have been impressed by the commitment and outstanding support many of you have provided. But after almost three years of living apart from my wife Gail except on weekends and holidays, I have tendered my resignation effective May 31.

There are many great things happening around the College. As we move towards the 100th Anniversary of the College, I am hoping that many of you will attend the Super Centennial Reunion in January 2012. It is our intention to set up a Centennial Award Fund to which we hope all of you will make substantial donations. Our Centennial Award fund will be used to provide support through bursaries or scholarships for students in the College.

As the Alumni for this great College you have both an opportunity and a privileged responsibility to promote, encourage and support the work of the College. Over the past few years you have heard about some substantial gifts that alumni and friends have provided. I hope that you are

inspired by these examples and that your commitment and generosity serve to inspire those who follow you.

Again I thank you for the opportunity of working with you it has been a privilege and a joy. I wish you all the best in your Centennial year and the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Mark Wartman, B.A., M.Div.
Development Officer
College of Agriculture and Bioresources
University of Saskatchewan

Note: Dean Mary Buhr has announced that Hamish Tulloch has accepted the position of AgBio Development Officer, effective July 18.

A graduate of the college, Hamish received his BSA in 1991. His professional background includes working as a research project manager, investment advisor and business development consultant. With his experience and the support of Trina Mortson, AgBio Development Co-ordinator, Hamish will be well-positioned to capitalize on funding opportunities.

2011 SAGA Executive

T. Tollefson made the following recommendations:

President:	Terry Tollefson
Honorary President:	Les Henry 64C
Past President:	Jeff Schoenau 84C
Vice President:	Jill Turner 80C
Secretary:	Lynne Schoenau 01S
College Development Officer:	Hamish Tulloch
Treasurer:	Hugh Beckie 86C
Registrar:	Richard Bellamy 66S
Saskatchewan Agriculture Hall of Fame:	Bob McKercher 54C
University Alumni Association:	Bryan Harvey 60C

Newsletter:	Ewald Lammerding 88S & Bernie Sonntag 62C
Membership:	Vern Racz 68C & Dennis Ewanus 70C
Crop Production Week:	Keith Head 67C
Mixer:	Louis Bossaer 95C & Denise Clair 07C
Banquet:	Shelagh Steckler 03C & Errin Siklena
Curling:	Don Mitchell 89S
Hockey:	Neil Booth 02C Gerrit Baan 01C & Aaron Bouchard
Agriculture Student's Association:	Vacant
Members at Large:	Al McDougald 65C & Ken Sapsford 79C

Communication in future

Terry Tollefson
President

Since 1935, a benefit of membership in the Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association has been the receipt of the newsletters. The newsletter was intended to provide regular news to the membership and to be an outlet to assist grads who were looking for employment. This tradition continues to live on, however the newsletter is a more costly venture than in the past.

- In 1936, 4 newsletters /year were printed & distributed for a total reported cost of \$130.
- In 2010, production and distribution of two newsletters/year cost approximately \$4000.

SAGA is a non-profit organization and regrettably the monies collected and invested by the organization will not generate sufficient capital to fund production and mailing of the newsletter into the future.

Clearly, we need to find a more cost-efficient method of reaching the membership. The answer appears to be use of the internet. If the membership would abandon the newsletter delivered via Canada Post and instead view & download the newsletter from the internet, it would cut the organizations communications costs dramatically.

Each SAGA member has received this newsletter via Canada Post, and the SAGA executive urges you to make the switch to receiving the newsletter via the internet. We want to thank the members who have already made that switch. However, we want to make it clear that for those members without internet access or those who truly wish to receive a printed copy, we will continue to honor that wish.

If SAGA could communicate with all 1800 members via email it would:

- allow us to easily notify you that the newsletter was available on the website for viewing,
- would provide a rapid, low cost method of contacting the membership to provide important information such as upcoming reunion activities or the 100th anniversary celebrations planned by the College of Agriculture in 2012.

Please be assured that use of, and access to, your email address would be totally restricted to SAGA business.

Please be clear, the organization is not in any imminent financial danger, however the increasing costs of the newsletter must be addressed to ensure future financial stability.

If you accept my assertion that SAGA can better serve its membership by employing the internet more widely, then please select one of the following delivery options.

Delivery options for the SAGA are:

1. If you want to keep getting the SAGA in the mail, you don't have to do anything for this to continue.
2. If you already get the SAGA via email – Thanks and there is nothing more for you to do.
3. If you only received a paper copy of this newsletter, and you wish to receive the SAGA via email, please send us your email address to switch to electronic delivery.

Send us an email at:
saga.uofs@usask.ca

We need the following information if you are going to receive the SAGA via email::

Full Name: _____

Grad Year: _____

BSA _____ or Diploma _____

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PLEASE also add the SAGA website and email address to your address book (contacts). This will ensure messages from SAGA are not blocked by your spam filter.

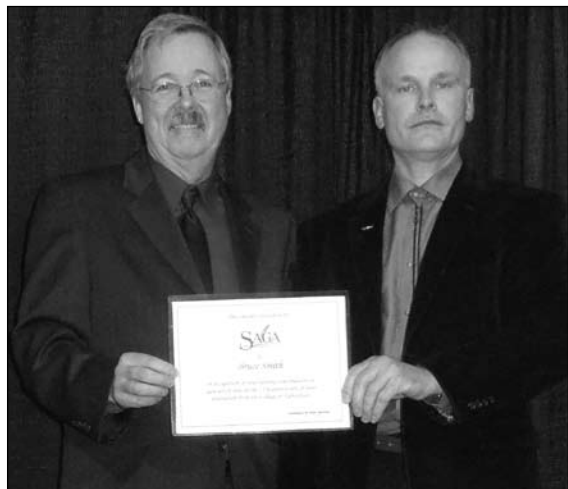
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Please return this information at your earliest convenience or before July 31, so that we can compile all the responses for the fall newsletter.



Bruce McLean Smith's achievements recognized by SAGA

Bruce McLean Smith



Charlie Smith (right) accepts the award from Terry Tollefson on his father's behalf.

Bruce McLean Smith 36S was recognized at the 2010 SAGA reunion banquet for his lifelong contributions to agriculture and on the occasion of his 75th anniversary of graduation from the College. Bruce grew up on the family homestead south of Allan, SK. Bruce entered university at the tender age of 16 and graduated from the School of Agriculture in 1936.

During WWII he was stationed in England and worked as an electrician on Halifax and Lancaster bombers. After the war Bruce returned to the Allan district, married Wilma Plyley, and together they commenced their farming careers. Bruce was a great business person. In addition to farming he sold and delivered propane, small and large electrical appliances and later owned multiple backhoes which were active installing water and sewer in many farm homes. Bruce is probably best known for establishing Smith's Tractor Wrecking.

During the 1960's it was one of the first businesses of its kind in North America and served customers from England to Australia. Bruce retired in 1985. The business he started is now operated by two of his sons. Regrettably Bruce was not well enough to attend the banquet and receive his recognition in person. His son Charlie accepted the award on his father's behalf.

Irene Ahner receives SAGA's honorary life citation

Irene (Keay) Ahner 65C

Irene was born to a farm family in Unity. She completed high school in Unity and then enrolled in Arts and Science at the U of S, but switched to College of Agriculture in second year to pursue her interest in animal science. She participated in a variety of extramural activities.

Irene completed her BSA in 1965 and married **Derald Ahner 65C** and **MSc 67**. She worked for Milt Bell as a research technician until they moved to Brandon in 1967 where Derald took up a position as a Livestock Specialist. Their two daughters arrived in 1969 and 1972. In 1974 the family moved to Maple Creek to take over the Ahner family cattle farm.

Over the years Irene served on the local Wheat Pool committee, the band parents association and on the District 10 Agricultural Board in various executive roles. She is an active member of the United Church (trustee and choir member), Hospital Auxiliary, the NDP and the Music Festival Committee.

She has helped nearby 4-H clubs in their competitions, worked as a relief librarian for the Chinook Regional Library and contributed to the Golden Prairie history book



Irene Ahner 65C (left), receives her award from Carman Berg 68C and Diane Berg

and served on committees for Piapot and Maple Creek history books. And she has been a faithful contributor to the SAGA newsletter as the "Prairie Chicken".

Further from home, Irene served as the SAGA rep to the Advisory Council to the Faculty of Agriculture (76-81) and as a member of a national CBC Advisory Committee on Agriculture and Food (87-90). She served two terms on the University Senate. And she is an avid Roughriders fan.

81C Reunion



The College 81 class met during the 2011 reunion weekend for a Saturday social and supper, and a Sunday morning brunch. From the class of 81 students, 24 met to share stories and tall tales from the last 30 years about careers, family, travels and growing old.

Photo shows the participants: standing L-R, Adrian Johnston, Gaston Gareau, Jack Comeau, Gordon Wallace, Francis Kolla, Owen Myhr, Pat Beaujot, Greg Fedusiak, Brian Gross, Frank Bond, Randy Pistawka and Bill Strautman.

Seated L-R, Monte Kesslering, Darryl Reynolds, Lee Moats, Brad Hansen, Kathy Singbeil, Jackie Frovarp, Brian Perkins, Reg Hinz, Judy Wooff, Irwin Blank, Shelley Thompson and Gord Gale

Agro Families I Have Known

by Les Henry '64C

1. The Flatens of Weyburn

By my count, 11 Flatens have passed through the hal-
lowed walls at U of S to study agriculture - a record number
from one family group. The Flatens had Scandinavian heri-
tage. Nels came to the Weyburn area directly from Norway
and Svea's family came from Sweden, after a short stay in
South Dakota. They married in 1925 and established the
original Flaten farm in the Rockfield community, west of
Weyburn in 1930. The Flaten clan of Ag Grads come from
three offspring of Nels & Svea and they went in three direc-
tions - (i) Soils (ii) Economics and last and most important
iii) Practical - i.e real farmers.

Norm Flaten must be considered a bit of an interloper as
he graduated from Agricultural Engineering in 1950 but he
begat 3 legitimate Agros so he has always been one of ours.
Norm's gang were the Soils group - maybe it had something
to do with the challenging Solonetzic soils that made up a
significant part of his Trossachs area farm.

In addition to the farm, Norm spent 17 winters instructing
in Ag Eng at U of S, was Reeve of RM of Brokenshell for many
years, and had significant involvement with Weyburn Inland
Terminal and Ag Societies. Norm and Vie's Soils gang were:
Don 78C, who went on to a PhD in Manitoba and is now
Prof of Soil Science at U of M.

Brent 80C, who has been in the crop inputs industry,
Alberta Ag as a Regional Soil Specialist and is now at the

Sask Ag Knowledge Centre as Integrated Pest Management
specialist in Moose Jaw.

Patricia 82S, 86C, MSc'02 has served in several posts
including SSCA, the Conservation Learning Centre, SIAST
ag programs and is now Research Manager at SaskCanola.

Glenn 50S, 56C led the charge in the Economics area.
In addition to the pig and poultry farm near Regina he served
as leader for a variety of agricultural organizations, includ-
ing the President of the Agriculture Institute of Canada, Ca-
nadian Federation of Agriculture and the International Fed-
eration of Agricultural Producers.

Glenn and Shirley's gang of money men included: **Wayne
84S**, who carried on the family farm at Regina, **Murray 83C**
Ag banking in SK and BC, then ag policy in MB and **Gord
89C** went on to an MSc - Ag Econ in Manitoba and is VP
(Marketing and Sales) at the Canadian Wheat Board

Delbert 57S - last and most important- the practical gang
who produce the goods so the rest of us can survive.

Delbert and Doris' group were **Gary 80S**, who went on to
a Commerce degree and served at Westco Fertilizers and is
now with BC AG in the Okanagan. **Raymond 81S** is on the
original Weyburn home farm and is on the Board of Wey-
burn Inland Terminal.

So, there you have it - the Flaten name rings strong and
true through the Ag industry in Canada and we thank them
for choosing the U of S and for their contribution to the Ag
industry.

Vice President's Report

Reunion celebrations are underway for 2012. I want to thank the people who have agreed to take on the role of reunion chairperson for their respective year. I know that some reunion years are already planning their class events and to attend the banquet and mixer. As you will notice, I am still in need of reunion chairs for several years. Please consider taking on this role for your class, or at least volunteer one of your classmates!

You can expect to hear from your reunion chair as plans for the weekend develop. In the meantime please mark January 7th, 2012 on your calendar. Feel free to contact me or your reunion chair if you have questions or if your contact information has changed. I also encourage you to book accommodation in Saskatoon as soon as possible. We look forward to a great weekend of camaraderie and reminiscing.

Jill Turner 80C
jmturner@yourlink.ca
306.283.4626

Reunion Chairpersons

Year	College	School
1952	Art Delahey Saskatoon, SK delahey@shaw.ca	Grant Plewes Saskatoon, SK 306.934.2906
1962	Bernie Sonntag Saskatoon, SK bsonntag@shaw.ca 306.653.7215	Art Belanger Saskatoon, SK 306.664.3683
	Ellwood Fleming Saskatoon, SK 306.374.1415	
1972	Bill Laing St. Albert, AB 780.460.2616 b.laing@shaw.ca	Lyle Findlay Semans, SK lylefindlay@aski.ca
1982	Eric Johnson Battleford, SK pejohn@sasktel.net 937-3447	Vacant
	Jim Ferrie Saskatoon, SK 306.955.4730	
1992	Jon Greuel 306.584.9674 greuel2@sasktel.net	Vacant
2002	Vacant	Vacant
2007	Vacant	Vacant

Volunteers needed for all of the 'Vacant' spots. Contact Jill Turner at address above,

Dean Speak

Dear Friends,

Another summer is upon us, and certainly we must rejoice for the long days and warm temperatures. That joy is deeply tempered by our concern for our many friends, neighbours and colleagues who are facing some of the most challenging weather-related conditions experienced in the west in many years. Fires in the north, floods in the south, and instability all around make us count the blessings we have and recognise how very much we do not know and cannot control. Life provides never-ending opportunities to keep us humble!

Many wonderful things have happened around the College in the last few months. We have been able to finalise the funding for renewal of the 20-year-old phytotron, a facility critical to much plant science research which was showing its age system-wide. New energy-efficient lighting and the most modern computer controls are being installed as I write, and the installation of the new thermal control units, a massive undertaking, will be complete within a year. In addition, we expect to open a new state-of-the-art Dairy Teaching and Research Facility, complete with a public viewing gallery, in 2012.. Unique for today's universities, our dairy facility will remain right here on campus, allowing teaching, research and public access so everyone can see how effective innovative management of plants, animals and humans improve health and environmental stewardship.

We were delighted to welcome our funding partners, the federal and provincial Ministers of Agriculture and many industry leaders to the atrium of our beautiful building to

celebrate everyone's multi-million dollar commitment to the future of agriculture and bioresources. .

Then at the June convocation we celebrated the success of our many graduates from our diploma, degree and certificate programs. Watching those capable happy young people enjoy the recognition of their richly-deserved success, reminded us all how truly blessed we are to be able to entrust our world to them. And this spring applications to enter our programs are up over 10% compared to last year, encouraging us that our relevance, importance, and future job prospects continue to be valued by today's young people!

Next year will be the College's 100th anniversary of providing Agro grads to the province. We will be hosting several celebratory events, and trying to get lots of stories out there about Agros past, present and future. I know there's lots of stories – when I recently chatted with the Class of '43 and the Class of '51, there were a number of tales I begged them not to tell today's students! - but the jobs you hold and the lives you lead and the fun you've had along the way are exactly what makes Agros such a wonderful part of life. We hope that you all will be able to join us and swap tales and wish ourselves Happy Century next year.

Have a wonderful summer, and please drop by for a visit if you can.

**Yours in Agro Spirit,
Mary Buhr
Dean and Professor**

Home Grown

Carter Kenneth Forden was born on Monday, December 27, 2010 at 1:52 PM (on his due date). His parents are **Lyle Forden 00C** and Leanne Lomax-Forden. He arrived with 10 toes, 10 fingers, 53 cm (21 inches) in height, 2.96 kg (6 lbs 8 oz) and of course very handsome! He wishes his parents all the best since they will have to take care of him for the next 20 years ... at least!

Brandt Terence Martinka was born April 24, 2011 at 1:50 AM at RUH. He was 6 lbs 14 oz, 21 inches long. He lives in St. Benedict with his parents **Lane 08C** and **Tiffany 08C Martinka**. He already cheers for the Montreal Canadiens and the Saskatchewan Roughriders. Mom is doing well, but is generally more tired than Dad.

The Hilton Garden Inn is across the street
from TCU Place,
site of the 2012 Ag Grad reunion.

If you wish to reserve rooms
there for yourself or your class group,
contact David Kielo

Sales Manager

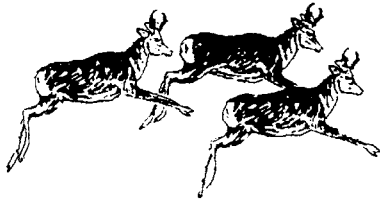
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Thundering Herd



After 20 years toiling for the SSCA, **Blair McClinton 85C** has joined Viterra as the manager of their carbon credit program. SIA presented Blair with the Distinguished

Agrologist award at their 2011 AGM in April.

After another strategic planning session, the last one lead to 2 years of renting out the farm and living in Mexico and Chile, **John Cote 86C** and **Barb Stefanyshyn-Cote 87C** decided to sell their farm in Leask and move south once again. Still very interested in agriculture, John and Barb bought a new farm outside of Saskatoon on Valley Road. Foregoing all common sense the two have decided to try their hand at market vegetables and orchards. It's been a little tough downsizing from a 60' seed drill to a 6' one but they'll see what this new adventure brings. Being closer to the city has allowed Barb to introduce and teach a new class at the College of Agriculture called International Agriculture. John has had the chance to help out friends at the restaurant Souleio downtown, dabbling in the production of fruit liqueurs such as sour cherry Carmincello, lemon Citroncello and some, as yet unnamed, delicious haskap liqueur. The two are also involved on a few ag related boards - John is chair of the Canadian Farm Business Management Council and Barb is a director with Ag West Bio, vice chair of Nuffield Canada and chair of the Saskatchewan Outstanding Young Farmers. The kids are settling in to their new surroundings; in a recent family poll the acceptance rate is now up to 90% from a meagre 30% last fall. However consensus is that we should have moved farther south - somewhere with no snow and more Spanish. Hasta luego.

Kevin Boldt 89S and Melanie own and operate Pine View Farms near Osler. They are practicing 'natural food production' since shifting from their cattle and grain operation in 1998. In 2003, they got out of grain farming entirely and leased their land to neighbors. They were busy building Pine View Farms into a viable farm gate operation - producing and selling high quality, all-natural poultry, beef, pork and lamb to retail food outlets and restaurants. They are convinced that locally grown food can be a parallel option to the larger global food system. Pine View Farms continues to evolve - partnership in a restaurant and retail outlet in Saskatoon, community supported agriculture that allows customers to purchase a stake in a seasonal garden and liqueur production from local sour cherries.

Garry Meier 76C of Ridgedale was named Pulse Promoter

of the year by BASF Canada and the Sask. Pulse Growers

Michael Cey 91C has been appointed vice-President, Corporate and Business Development for Ag-West Bio

Brian Rugg 97C of Colonsay earned his professional designation as a CGA

**Remember,
we
can't
print it
if you
don't
send it!**

SAGA Hockey Tournament

The 2011 SAGA tournament was made up of three graduate teams and three undergrad teams. The undergrad teams were 3/4th years, a vet med team and also a 2nd year team. The three student teams were very competitive and took the top three spots in the tournament.

The Beaver Busters put in by Neil Booth, Grad 2000/2001 put in by Steve Schmidt and a mixed team put in by Aaron Bouchard made up the other 3 teams in the tournament. The tournament turned a profit of \$299 plus \$400 in membership sales and mixer tickets.

A SAGA members only draw was held on the day of the

tournament. Existing members entered the draw for free while others had to purchase a membership to enter the draw. The draw prize was \$50 in gift certificates along with a putter donated by Neil Booth. Twenty annual memberships were purchased along with two life time memberships. Jean Lundquist was the proud winner of the putter and \$50 gift certificates.

The 2012 SAGA hockey tournament is tentatively booked for Jan 7th at Aberdeen Rec Plex. Again the tournament will be limited to six teams. Look for updates in the newsletter as well as following SAGA on Facebook for 2012 tournament updates!

Reunion Curling Results



"A" event winners: Chelsey Hagerty, Curtis Gerencser, Tyler Russel and Lyle Forden. Curling Exec. Blair Cummins



"C" Event winners: Roy Redding, Fred Meister, Michael Thompson and Bryan Rayner. Curling Exec. Blair Cummins



"B" Event winners: Al Dudley, Bryan Harvey, Ewald Lammerding, Blair Cummins



Hutcheon Event winners: Doug England, Peter Kirychuk, John Hemstad and Phil England. Curling Exec. Blair Cummins

The Pooped Deck



Bill Till 48C had a very nice visit with **Art Strautman 48C** and his spouse Phyllis (Jimmie) in Duncan BC last September. Art and Bill have known each other since high school in Lloydminster in 1942.

Jim Wright 48S and Betty (Marjorie) Wright celebrated

their 65th anniversary. They were married in Lewisham, London, England on November 24th, 1945 and lived in Tisdale, Moosomin and Regina, Saskatchewan before moving to Arbutus Ridge, Cobble Hill, BC in 1989.

Brian Duck 64C bought a life membership for his niece, **Shannon Freeman 90C**. Shannon is a practicing nurse in Sartell, Minn. She often visits her parents, **Les 56S** and **Betty Freeman**, at Fleming, SK.

Don Eley 51S bought a life membership in SAGA for his daughter, **Donna Trottier 84S** and **89C**. Donna and husband **Dan Trottier 89C** reside in Red Deer with their children Ben and Cody. The foursome visited Donna's parents at the family farm at Colonsay during the Christmas break. Donna is self-employed as an agriculture writer and Dan is a self-employed safety consultant.

Eiler 50C and **Jean Humbert** moved in mid-May from their long time house to a condo near Market Mall.

Correction:

Bob 54C and **Leila Olson** moved to Cobourg, ON, not Port Credit as stated in last newsletter.

Bernie 62C and **Mary Sonntag** spent much of April in Germany, Sweden and Denmark as tourists and as babysitters while daughter, Courtney, attended a scientific conference in Sweden. Areas visited included NW Germany wherefrom Bernie and Mary's parents emigrated in the early 1900's.

Lloyd 71C and **Marlene Johnston** were really looking forward to attending the 2011 reunion but were not able to due to Lloyd's passing from pancreatic cancer on December 22, 2010. He was diagnosed on October 14, 2010 and gave it a good fight but it got the best of him. Marlene extended her best wishes to all members of Lloyd's class and other assembled grads.

Bryan Harvey 60C is the current President of the U of S Alumni Association. He reminds all Agros that nominations are invited by that association for accomplishments in their field of endeavour. Nominations of alumni of any graduation year, degree or discipline are welcomed for the Achievement Awards. Information is available at www.usask.ca/alumni/awards

Gordon Stephenson 69C of Calgary was inducted into the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame

Barry Swanson 72C of Prince Albert was appointed as returning officer for the Prince Albert Carlton constituency for the 2011 provincial election



U of S Alumni trip to China - About 22 U of S Alumni and a similar number of U of Alberta Alumni participated. Their tour included Beijing, the Great Wall, Xian Terra Cotta Warriors, Chongqing, a Yangtze River cruise through the Three Gorges Dam locks and Shanghai. The picture of the gang of 8 on Tiananmen Square with Mao looking over their shoulders are all friends travelling as part of the U of S group. Left to right, are Barb Werner, **Cec Werner 66C**, Linda Chinn, Dick Chinn, Sue Duncan, **Howard Duncan 65C**, Lynne Pearson and **George Pearson 66C**. The Werners and Duncans live in Regina while the Pearsons live in Parksville, BC

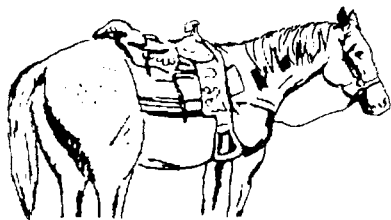
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Empty Saddles



Stuart Norman McKenzie 51S (January 25, 1932 - July 6, 2010) died peacefully at the Abbotsford Regional Hospital in British Columbia. Growing up on the family farm in the Colonsay District, Stuart was active in 4H from an early age. Graduating from the U of S in 1951, his first job was in 4H judging with the U of S Extension Department. In 1957 Stuart joined Federated Co-operatives (FCL), enjoying a 30 year career with progressive responsibilities in FCL's Feed Department, culminating in the position of Feed Marketing Director.

His assignments included postings in Saskatoon (2), Regina, Edmonton, Toronto (Interprovincial Coop-IPCO) and Abbotsford (Surrey Co-op). Stu concluded his professional career with Lilydale in Abbotsford, before retiring from full time employment in 1990. Stuart and Doris enjoyed many years of travel and trailering. Stuart and Doris enjoyed thirteen winters as Snowbirds in Mesa Arizona where Stu was an avid golfer and citrus grower. Stuart was laid to rest alongside his parents at Christ Church Cathedral in Victoria, British Columbia.

Shebeski Dr. Leonard Hylary O.C., Dr.Sc., F.R.S.C., F.A.I.C. August 5th, 1914, to August 3rd, 2010 Dr. Len Shebeski passed away at Broadmead Lodge in Victoria, BC on August 3rd, 2010. He was born in Aubigny, MB. At the age of three his family moved to a farm just outside of Arborg MB, where he grew up.

Len received an undergraduate degree in Agriculture from the University of Manitoba in 1941, and then served in the R.C.A.F. ~ first as an Observer ~ and then as a Pilot-Instructor. After the war, he completed a Masters degree in Plant Science at the University of Manitoba. He taught at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon until 1953, when he became Department Head of Plant Science at the University of Manitoba. In 1965, he was appointed Dean of Agriculture at the University of Manitoba, where he continued as Dean until his retirement in 1979.

After retirement he continued to enjoy working on projects for CIDA and the World Bank, including a one-year stay in Ibadan, Nigeria as Director of Research at the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture. Leonard held honorary degrees from the University of Saskatchewan,

the University of Manitoba, Queen's University, and the Warsaw Agricultural University of Poland.

He was a Fellow of the Agricultural Institute of Canada, the Royal Society of Canada and a foreign member of the Lenin All-Union Academy of Agricultural Sciences in Moscow. In 2004, Len was inducted into The Manitoba Agriculture Hall of Fame. In 1977, he became an Officer of the Order of Canada.

Bill Small 48S - Born November 18 1927 died November 18 2010. Bill was born and raised in the Craven District where after graduating from the UofS in 1948 he farmed and ranched. Bill kept in touch with many of his classmates until the time of his death. Bill had an outstanding herd of Shorthorn cattle until 1972 when he switched to Simmental and developed an equally impressive herd.

Bill grew up as a 4Her and later was a leader. He was a sought after cattle judge at shows in Canada and also judged in Argentine and in Ireland. Bill was one of the founding Directors of Canadian Western Agribition and also served as its President and was a strong advocate of making Agribition truly international. As well he was a perennial director of the Regina Exhibition Association and served as President there as well. Bill was quite possibly the most respected livestock man in Saskatchewan.

Bill had a keen sense of humor and was a conciliatory person; he got along with everyone and inspired many to be better farmers and stockmen. Bill received Saskatchewan's highest award, the Saskatchewan Order of Merit in 2002

He received many livestock awards and also was given the highest award granted by the International Simmental Association. Bill was always proud of being an Ag Grad from the University of Saskatchewan. Saskatchewan has lost an outstanding citizen and agriculture a truly dedicated farmer/rancher

Dale Norheim 72C, a longtime Charolais breeder and purebred sales manager, was killed in a farm accident Oct. 16/10. Born and raised in the White Bear area of Saskatchewan, he and his wife, Lesley, started a farm near Saskatoon in 1976 and raised purebred and commercial Charolais cattle. The operation became D Bar L Livestock, a sales management business. Norheim became involved in the breed in 1960 and struck up a long relationship with Calgary breeder John Rudiger, who hired him to show Charolais at fairs and exhibitions.

After earning an agriculture degree, he worked as a record of performance technician and later ran the daily operations of the ROP bull test station at the university. He had an interest in breeding records and pedigrees and was hired as fieldman and sales representative for the *Canadian Charolais Banner* in 1973.

After leaving the magazine in 1981, he started his own sales management business and also ran the annual Norheim and

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Guests female sale with the Sterling Collection, which became the longest-running annual Charolais female sale in Canada.

Norheim was a board member of the Canadian Charolais Association and chaired the breed improvement committee. The Saskatchewan Charolais Association recognized the Norheims for their dedication and service to the industry in 2004.

Harapiak, John Theodore 63C February 20, 1937 - January 14, 2011 John Harapiak, beloved husband of Deanna, passed away peacefully on January 14, 2011 at the age of 73 years. John will be lovingly remembered by his family and many friends. A Celebration of John's Life was held at Southview Alliance Church (1436 James McKeivitt Road S.W.) on Friday, January 21, 2011.

John helped bring about extensive change in how Canadian farmers work the land. He was key in the development of nutrient and soil management strategies prairie farmers have come to depend on. As the chief agronomist for Western Co-operative Fertilizer, Westco, John has been described by his agronomy colleagues as visionary when it came to leading the way in the evolution of crop production in Western Canada. John is credited with researching areas that directly benefit producers and also ensuring that those messages reached into the countryside. He conducted extension work with producers and encouraged graduate students to pursue research that would benefit agriculture as a whole. John's research led farmers to move away from broadcast fertilizing methods to banding, which improved yields and efficiency. He also helped set up guidelines for rates of application, showed the effects of tillage and fertilizer in western Canadian soils and crops, developed top dressing rates for prairie crops, created a fertilizer research checkoff and championed the creation of the regional Certified Crop Advisor program.

Jock John Robert Blacklock 43C Jock (John Robert) Blacklock was born October 13, 1921 in Maymont, Saskatchewan and passed away peacefully on January 23rd, 2011 in Prince Albert Saskatchewan. After growing up in Maymont during the Thirties, Jock attended the University of Saskatchewan and graduated from the College of Agriculture in 1943. During a short illness at Saskatoon City Hospital, Jock met Mabel Barry, a nurse, and they married in June, 1946. After a brief time with the federal government's Agriculture Department, Mabel and Jock decided to pursue an opportunity they saw for a new, young livestock auctioneer based in Western Canada.

Following a ten-day auctioneering course in Iowa, Jock returned home and Blacklock Auction Service was established, followed by Saskatoon Auction Mart in 1961 and the development of a significant Purebred Hereford herd on their farm east of Saskatoon. Even with their demanding business concerns,

Mabel and Jock were dedicated parents to their large family, active in the community and their church, and frequent hosts of large gatherings of friends and family on the farm. Jock retired in 1986 after selling the 35th Calgary Bull Sale of his career, and from there Mabel and Jock threw themselves into additional volunteer activities, a great interest in birdwatching, and time with their children and grandchildren. Jock was inducted into the Saskatchewan Agriculture Hall of Fame in 1995. Mabel and Jock moved to Prince Albert in October 2007 to Good Shepherd Villas so that they could remain together.

Harold Reid Baker June 29, 1927 March 18, 2011 Harold was born in Merrickville, Ontario, to Milburn and Evelyn Baker (nee Baldwin). The youngest of six children, he was favoured, loved and admired by all his siblings. He was predeceased by his parents, granddaughter Tori Slade, brothers and spouses Mervin and Winnie, Arden and Lillian, sisters and spouses Vera and Arthur Moorhouse, Elsie and Trevor Pelton, and sister Fern Bryan. Left to remember him are his loving wife of 54 years, Phyllis; his son Brian with wife Tracy and their sons Davis, Liam and Seth; daughter Diane with husband Robert Phillips and their sons Alex, Arden, Avery and Aaron; daughter Brenda with husband Arthur Slade and their daughter Tanaya; brother-in-law Carl Bryan; fifteen nieces and nephews and their families; and many friends and colleagues.

Harold studied animal science at the Ontario Agricultural College, University of Toronto, following a two-year program at Kemptville Agricultural School. He was then employed as an Ag Rep advising farmers and promoting 4-H and Junior Farmer programs in Wentworth and Huron counties in Ontario. He soon realized it would be of benefit to better understand group dynamics and how people interact. This led him to a Master of Science degree in Extension Education at the University of Wisconsin. A serendipitous series of events resulted in his attaining a PhD in Rural Education and Sociology at Cornell University in 1958. As his studies were nearing completion, Harold was invited to join the new Centre for Community Studies at the University of Saskatchewan where he participated in groundbreaking research regarding the future of Saskatchewan's rural communities.

From 1963 to 1973 he served as Professor and Director of the university's Extension Division. He continued to work in Extension, maintaining a strong focus on community development, until his retirement in 1994. He was always proud of the university and Saskatoon and couldn't wait to show off the campus and the river view to visitors. Harold's approach to life was based on two things: first, a strong religious faith demonstrated by his dedication to the well-being of his church home, Grosvenor Park United, and second, his lifelong membership in Rotary International. He strove to live by Rotary's Four-Way Test, which reads: Of the things we think, say or do 1. Is it the truth? 2. Is it fair to all

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concerned? 3. Will it build good will and better friendships? 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned? He also lived by the Rotary motto: Service Above Self. From his local home and school association to city-wide organizations, from provincial to national to international boards of directors of all kinds, Harold was always contributing, often as chair. He enjoyed these experiences immensely and made many lifelong friends.

Harold loved the outdoors, and was an avid gardener when living at his cottage at Blackstrap Lake, perhaps his favourite place on the planet. He took great pride in the process and completion of hands-on, physically demanding projects. The few free hours he had were spent woodworking and taking photos.

His last decade was devoted to genealogy. Harold's greatest love of all was his family and this was expressed in some way every day. He lived mindfully, leading by example, and encouraged us to pursue our dreams. We were so blessed when improved health allowed him to spend his final Christmas holiday in Mexico to ring in the New Year with Phyllis, all of his children and grandchildren.

In 2010, after years of research and despite failing health, Harold published *A Baker Family History*, which chronicles the lives of over 700 members of our family. This was to be his final and greatest gift to us, to his extended family, and to the generations to come.

A Celebration of Harold Baker's Life was held at Grosvenor Park United Church (407 Cumberland Ave. S.) on Saturday, March 26, 2011 at 2:00 pm. Condolences may be sent to mail@saskatoonfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Harold's memory to The Saskatchewan Heart and Stroke Foundation, The Saskatchewan Down Syndrome Society, Grosvenor Park United Church Memorial Fund, or a charity of choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to Saskatoon Funeral Home..

Sten, Erland Peter 70S passed away in Saskatoon on March 7, 2011, at the age of 61 after a battle with Hodgkin's lymphoma and leukemia. He is survived by his wife, Debbie, and their 3 sons. Erland was raised on a farm in the Stump Lake area. After graduation he moved to Meadow Lake to work with the Government of Saskatchewan and then with the Meadow Lake Tribal Council. He had a great appreciation for the land and the natural world and took every opportunity to be in the outdoors. He placed the interests of others above all of his personal interests. He was incredibly optimistic and able to see the positive aspects of any situation.

Ronald E. Tebbutt passed away surrounded by the love and care of his family on May 28, 2011, at the Nipawin Hospital, after living a life characterized by faithfulness and generosity. We have lost our beloved pillar. For Dad, love of family and love of the land were his two primary passions,

and he honored both with lifelong dedication, and we are the richer for it. He truly embodied the words: Work is love made visible. Born outside of Broderick, the second son of Albert and Gladys Tebbutt, Ron grew up on a farm outside of Nipawin. As a boy, he was a member of the 4-H Calf Club, and graduated from the School of Agriculture, at the University of Saskatchewan in 1952.

He worked for Ag Canada as a field inspector of pedigreed seed for several years and was a long time member of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association. He started his own seed trading business in 1976 and developed his farm with an emphasis on seed production.

He was recognized both provincially and nationally in terms of his commitment to seed production, first being presented with the Outstanding Service Award from the Saskatchewan Seed Growers' Association, and then being presented with the Robertson Associate Award from the Canadian Seed Growers' Association for his commitment to the seed industry. He was a proud farmer and seed grower and modeled values that will endure.

Ron will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by his wife, Joy; daughter, Glorie; son, Gregg; daughter-in-law, Lana; grandchildren, Gillian and Blake; brother, Wayne and sister-in-law, Dianne; sister-in-law, Eileen; and numerous cousins, nephews, nieces, and friends. He was predeceased by his parents and his brother, Arling. We will gather to celebrate Ron's life on Friday, June 3rd, at 10 a.m., at the Nipawin Alliance Church, 701 Shults Rd. Arrangements are entrusted to Coventry Funeral Home. Donations can be made to the Nipawin Region Health Foundation or the Parkinson Society.

Kenneth Lloyd Wilkinson 50S Nov. 25, 1929 – April 29, 2011. Ken was born in Aberdeen where he attended school and farmed with his Dad and brother, Doug. He married Eleanor Thiessen in 1950 and together they raised their three children on the farm at Aberdeen. Ken farmed and fixed televisions and furnaces in his repair shop. He remained on the farm until 1997, when they moved to Saskatoon. The family expresses special thanks to the caregivers at St. Paul's and Royal University Hospitals for their concern and kindness. Say not in grief "he is no more" but live in thankfulness that he was. (Hebrew Proverb)

Roy John Wudrick 57S (1937 – 2011) was born in the farm house near Aberdeen on Nov. 15, 1937. In 1954 he went into the purebred polled Hereford cattle business with the help of family members. Cattle from the farm placed or won their classes at purebred shows, some at the reserve or grand championship level. His cattle sold around the province, country and world. He and Mabel married in 1965. He served in various capacities on the Saskatchewan and Canadian Hereford Association Boards, including terms as President. He also served as a delegate with Sask Pool and on other boards and committees. His memorial service was held in Saskatoon on Apr. 30, 2011.

Old Farmer's Advice

"Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong."

"Keep skunks and bankers at a distance."

"Life is simpler when you plow around the stump."

"A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor."

"Words that soak into your ears are whispered.....not yelled."

"Meanness don't just happen overnight."

"Forgive your enemies; it messes up their heads."

"Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you."

"It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge."

"You cannot unsay a cruel word."

"Every path has a few puddles."

"When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty."

"The best sermons are lived, not preached."

"Most of the stuff people worry about, ain't never gonna happen anyway."

"Don't judge folks by their relatives."

"Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer."

"Live a good and honorable life, then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time."

"Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't bothering you none."

"Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance."

"If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'."

"Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got."

"The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every mornin'."

"Always drink upstream from the herd."

"Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment."

"Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in."

"If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around."

"Live simply, love generously, care deeply,
Speak kindly, and leave the rest to God."

2009-2010 Financial Statement Highlights

Name of Corporation SASKATCHEWAN AGRICULTURAL GRADUATES' ASSOCIATION INC.

Operating Statement for the Fiscal Year Ended October 31, 2010
With Comparative Figures for 2008-2009

	<u>2009-2010</u> (Current Year)	<u>2008-09</u> (Prior Year)
Revenue		
(Include revenue for which payment has not yet been received)		
1. Membership Fees	\$ <u>1220.00</u>	\$ <u>2900.00</u>
3. Donations	<u>0</u>	<u>250.00</u>
4. Fundraising		
Social Functions	<u>23684.00</u>	<u>27151.94</u>
Hockey 712.00 (net); Curling 1880.00; Banquet 13272.00; Mixer 7820.00		
5. Other receipts	<u>8305.00</u>	<u>0</u>
Investment cashed-in 5000.00; Mailbox rental-refund 5.00; Prof. Devt-students 2460.00 Newsletter subscription 840.00		
6. Interest	<u>0.59</u>	<u>3050.63</u>
Bank 0.59		
7. Total Revenue for the Year	<u><u>33209.59</u></u>	<u><u>33352.57</u></u>
Expenses		
(Include expenses for which payment has not yet been made)		
14. Office Supplies & Postage	<u>105.01</u>	<u>12.23</u>
15. Bank charges	<u>29.11</u>	<u>104.99</u>
16. Communication to members	<u>7836.84</u>	<u>4803.17</u>
Newsletter (publication & mailing) 5372.84; Website 2464.00		
17. Social Functions	<u>21294.99</u>	<u>28716.82</u>
Hockey (see above); Curling 1798.48; Banquet 10170.12; Mixer 9326.39		
18. Misc.	<u>3286.15</u>	<u>1294.18</u>
ASA 550.00; Prof Devt-students 2376.15; Crop Prodn 250.00; 100.00 (gift card); SK Justice 10.00		
19. Total Expenses for the Year	<u><u>\$ 32552.10</u></u>	<u><u>34973.39</u></u>
Net Surplus (Deficit) for the Year	<u><u>\$ 657.49</u></u>	<u><u>(1620.82)</u></u>
Assets		
1. Total Cash	\$ <u>1963.77</u>	<u>1306.28</u>
Investments (Mutual Fund)	<u>30570.00</u>	<u>32560.00</u>
7. Total Assets <u>Cash & Investments</u>	<u><u>\$ 32533.77</u></u>	<u><u>33866.28</u></u>
Liabilities		
Surplus (Deficit)		
12. Balance forward	\$ 33866.28	
Current Year Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (1332.51)	
Balance end of Year	\$ 32533.77	
13. Total Liabilities and Surplus	<u><u>\$ 32533.77</u></u>	<u><u>33866.28</u></u>

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