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President's Pen

It is Remembrance Day as I write this, after attending the University ceremony at the Memorial Gates. It was a small gathering but a nice multi-faith service involving messages from Christian, Muslim, Jewish and Buddhist speakers, all expressing a wish for tolerance, honorable peace and prosperity and thanking those who have served to attain those ends.

We have a lot to be thankful for in this country, much of which we take for granted. We have an abundance of nutritious food which costs a fraction of our income. We have freedoms that most other countries only dream of.

I have been fortunate to have visited many countries around the world and there is absolutely no place better than Canada. There are more people negatively impacted by starvation and malnutrition worldwide than all of the diseases like malaria, HIV, Dengue etc. combined, yet only a fraction of aid and research funding goes to resolve hunger and malnourishment compared to the high-profile diseases.

As professionals in agriculture we need to do a better job of correcting that imbalance. As Canadians we are largely free of hunger and our malnutrition problems are for the most part self-imposed. We take freedom of speech for granted but we have gone through a period where our federal civil servants were severely restricted in what they could say in public. Rarely have I seen such euphoria amongst their ranks at the change in government.

Let's hope that the new government delivers. We do have that right to boot out politicians if we are displeased with their performance as we have just seen. We can do the same to the new government if they displease us. A right and responsibility.

This has been a rather strange year weather-wise. No snow well into November for most of us. I still have begonias and geraniums in bloom outside.

Remarkable. **Les Henry '64 C** tells me that he grew a very good crop on only stored moisture, enough for him to buy a new car and a new truck. **Blair Cummins '77 S** tells me that it was the longest harvest that he can remember, starting in early August and finishing in late October. **Bill Copeland '60 C** tells me they got the crop off in good time and yields were decent despite very limited rainfall during most of the growing season. He managed to pay off his and Alma's trip to Ireland with enough left over to visit relatives in Scotland.

For some folks in the northeast it was the best crops they have ever had; for others it was not so great. That is agriculture in Saskatchewan. I look forward to seeing many of you at the reunion in January and remind you of the new event we are holding at the Agriculture building on the evening of January 8. Come and hang out amongst friends.

Bryan Harvey '60 C, SAGA President

SAGA Friday Event

Join fellow grads Friday evening, Jan. 8, for some reminiscing and networking; all at no charge. The atmosphere will be relaxed and informal; the stories told will all be true. The ag atrium and the agro lounge are open to us from 4 to 9 pm. For those who have something planned later that night, come early. Find your grad picture and see just how good you looked back then.

Gary Storey '63 C will tour us through the artwork we have in the building and can arrange other tours if there is interest. Coffee and cookies will be available, courtesy of Dean Buhr. For those who just want to meet other grads and hang out come later in the evening, when we will have some memorabilia assembled for the college anniversary. Paid parking is available under the Agriculture Building. Watch for the signs. Contact Tanya (Tanya.napper@usask.ca) if you have any questions.

2016 Saga Reunion Chairs

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2011	School	Require a volunteer to Chair		

For questions, contact: **Louis Bossaer** (SAGA VP) - louis.bossaer@kochind.com
 OR **Ewald Lammerding** - thesaga@sasktel.net

81st SAGA Reunion Banquet

January 9th, 2016

Festivities will be held at TCU Place – The Grand Gallery (downstairs)
 Cocktails at 4:30 p.m.
 Banquet & Program begin at 5:30 p.m.

Welcome: Bryan Harvey '60 C

Recognition of Reunion Years – 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1976, 1986, 1996, 2006, 2011

Honourary Life Member Awards Presentation

Annual General Meeting at 8:30 p.m.

The Mixer will officially start at 9 p.m.

Purchase your tickets early for the best deal. Prices as follows:

	<u>Early Bird Price</u> until Dec. 23rd/15	<u>Regular Price</u> Dec. 23 - Jan 6/16	<u>Ticket at the door</u>
Banquet & Mixer	\$73.50	\$85.00	N/A
Mixer	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$20.00

Banquet Ticket purchase deadline is **January 6th, 2016.**

SAGA will be using a central registration office, so reunion chairs ARE NOT selling tickets.

You may purchase tickets two ways:

>>> Online @ ccde.usask.ca/saga after **November 24, 2015** <<<

>>> Phone @ 306-966-5539 after **November 24, 2015** <<<

ATTENTION: Phone registration will not be available from **December 24th – January 2nd.**
 Please use online registration during this time or call back on **January 2nd.**

FAQs contact: **Darcy Jones**, Banquet Organizer - at **306-665-1949** or darcyjones@sasktel.net
 OR
Katelyn Duncan – **306-541-3626** or kod180@mail.usask.ca

SAGA Hockey 2016

The tournament will be a one day event held in Waldheim on Jan. 9th starting at 9 a.m. There will be food and beverages of all choices available. Refs will be supplied. The tournament costs will be \$250-300/team and exected team captains are: Royce Lodoen, Mitch Bond / Jarret Currie, Steve Schmidt, Gerrit Baan, Kelly Baillargeon and a college team. We will once again have the award in memory of **Aaron Bouchard '02 C**, a long-time contributor to the success of the tournament and a friend too many. Rules and other info can be found on the AgGrad website and facebook page. If you have questions or want to enter a team or individually, contact:

Curtis - 306-921-6639 cdgooijer@bourgault.com
or

Luke - 306-867-4110 ringdal855@gmail.com

SAGA Curling 2016

In what may very well be our last gasp at holding a Saga curling bonspiel, we have decided to join with the hockey guys. We stopped by last year, and most definitely those guys were having all the fun. Waldheim has 3 curling sheets, and Blair has all kinds of groovy ideas on how curlers can have more fun. He will post what he has lurking in his mind on our website and facebook page, you can even send him your suggestions on how to keep score. \$15/player. Play as a team, pairs or individually, but do come and join us. We've got the extra brooms and sliders; Waldheim Rec Center has the munchies and bar to last the day. Start time -- 9 am, Saturday, Jan. 9.

Contact: **Blair – 373-4393** bmv@sasktel.net
or

Ewald – 477-1369 eflammerding@sasktel.net

SAGA Reunion Registration

How do we do it?

There are two ways to register for the reunion:

1. Online through the **SAGA website**
or
2. by telephone.

We encourage you to register and pay online as it is easier for us. To register, online simply go to the **SAGA website** at <http://www.saskaggrads.com> and go to the reunion page. Since we are using CCDE at the U of S to handle our registrations there, you will find a direct link to click on that will take you to the CCDE site and registration. Here you can register and pay.

If you opt to register by telephone, you can register for the reunion by calling **CCDE** at **(306) 966-5539** indicating you are registering for a **SAGA** event. Please have ready the necessary information and method of payment. Note: there is an early-bird registration fee of \$73.50 before Dec. 20 and a late fee of \$85 after Dec 20.

If you have trouble registering on-line, call the above number at CCDE. The reunion is a good place to meet and socialize with other agros; think about attending even if it isn't your honour year.

SAGA Social at Agribition



Blair Cummins '77 S, **Mary Buhr**, **AgBio Bigwig**, and **Lloyd Streifel '83 C** enjoying a cuppa [or can] at the **SAGA** get-together held at Agribition Nov. 24.

Lloyd, via **Moody's (Saskatoon) Equipment** was the main sponsor for our event, with Agribition CEO **Marty Seymour '98 C** loaning us **The Swamp** to use.

And the place was packed - around 50 grads put in an appearance, not only to grab a free suds, but to meet and gab with fellow alumni.

Media mogul **Kevin Hursh '80 C** came for a visit, so he's sure to make mention of us. One of the last big parties in **The Swamp**, as the entire building will be demolished this winter.

Be sure to check out our website, saskaggrads.com, for a collection of pictures of attendees.

Dean Speak

It's the middle of November as I write this and still autumn, with nary a snowflake in sight. It's a teeter-totter kind of time, knowing winter is coming but the summer and fall seem not so far away. It's the kind of time that encourages reflection backwards and dreaming forward – so let's do that for the College.

This fall sees 1100 Agros in the College, the highest ever, an increase of 11% over last year, and made AgBio the College with the greatest growth in the University. For perspective, four years ago in our five-year plan we had targeted to reach 850 students by 2016 - - so all-in-all, pretty phenomenal!

It is wonderful because virtually all our graduates get jobs, meaning our industries need and value them, and clearly there is growing awareness of the importance of agriculture's many gifts to the world. The downside is the enormous challenge to our profs and staff and resources to provide courses, classrooms, labs, academic support and to ensure an AgBio welcoming home environment for these many eager young people. AgBio profs have also been knocking the ball out of the park with their research.

Our folks are leading scientists in the \$37.5million national research CFREF grant in food security, one of only five CFREF's nation-wide. AgBio also got two of only 11 Genome Canada grants, and were major participants in 2 others, again for many millions of dollars. These are just the tip of the iceberg, and demonstrate the leading roles our profs play in improving global and national food security, environmental sustainability, and economic wellbeing.

These recent achievements underscore the agro approach to building the future. Building the future, as in, "That's great, but what are you going to do next?" Let me give a couple of examples of what we're building.

Our aboriginal and Métis peoples have participated in discussions and design of an improved Indigenous Peoples Resource Management Program, a 6-course certificate, and from that foundation we are growing a new diploma that will ladder into a degree. AgBio has so much to learn from, and offer, our aboriginal and Métis peoples, and together our teaching and learning will enrich all of our young people and industries. It is also very timely, given the calls to action directed at educational institutions by the Truth and Reconciliation Committee.

A second example is the Livestock and Forage Centre of Excellence, whose plans are advancing rapidly. Not only will this provide a new state-of-the-art teaching and research unit for beef nutrition and feedlot management, but it will be a united unit where the agros, vets, forage and range specialists, industry and government (currently based at the Western Beef Development Centre in Lanigan) will come together and work collaboratively in all aspects of the entire beef and forage sector, incorporating extensive environmental research from the Global Institute for Water Security.

It's an exciting time to be an Agro, so please keep telling us what we need to hear, and have a great winter!

Yours in Agro Spirit, Mary



Sharon Bucsis, '81 C and John Stephen, '84 C, also attended the SAGA social at Agribition.

ASA Report – Winter 2015

The ASA has had a great first term settling into the year with lots of things planned for the coming term! In September we held Big Buddy-Little Buddy, and other welcoming festivities, to introduce ourselves to the first year students in the College. The rest of the month flew by between Agro nights, Fall Mixer, and Budget Pub-where we were happy to host a few SAGA Exec members!

Then we rolled into October with Ag Bag Drag ****GOOSE**** Kickoff activities, where we sold out of 2,600 tickets in around 20 minutes. The drag car survived part of the month without needing repair so we're counting that as a win! Drag week was a success between Stag/Stagette, Agro night on Thursday, Drag on Friday, and then Drag Pubcrawl Saturday! Ag Bag Drag ****GOOSE**** 2015 featured Lisa Moen, an Outlook, SK-born performer; she was awesome to watch and listen to!

This past month we have been busy with a Movember Campaign! We have 10 Agros growing great moustaches to raise money for Prostate Cancer research. We have also been busy fundraising and planning for the Graduation Banquet, to be held on January 22nd.

Our last event of the year is Christmas Formal on December 1st. Then we will be into exams to finish up the term!



Louis Bossaer, SAGA VP, and Shayla Hertz, ASA president, at the ASA Budget Pub, a hilarious evening where high-ranking ASA members presented their needs and costs for the upcoming year. You couldn't present unless you were dressed appropriately.

Coming up for next term includes Winter Mixer January 30th and then Bedpush for Telemiracle in March! We have had an awesome, memorable year so far and everyone is looking forward to finishing up the term with some money and dignity left for next year!

Bayley Blackwell
Agricultural Students Association
Public Relations Officer

Love is a Many-Splendoured Thing

A group of women were at a seminar on how to live in a loving relationship with their husband.

The women were asked, "How many of you love your husband?" All the women raised their hands.

Then they were asked, "When was the last time you told your husband you loved him?"

Some women answered today, a few yesterday, and some couldn't remember.

The women were told to use their cell phones and text their husbands: "I love you, sweetheart." The women then exchanged phones with each other, and read aloud the message that was received in response.

A few of the replies:

1. Who the hell is this?
2. You sick or what?
3. Yeah, love you too. What's up with you?
4. Did you crash the car again?
5. I don't understand what you mean?
6. Just tell me how much you need?
7. I thought we agreed you wouldn't drink during the day.
8. Your mother is coming is coming to stay with us, isn't she?

HLM Members attending the 2015 Banquet



Pictured at the 2015 banquet are Honourary Life Members L to R Front: Bill Copeland [2012] '60 C, Bryan Harvey [2015] '60 C, Marcel Dubois [2014] '61 S & '65 C.

L to R Back: Fred Fulton [1993] '50 C, Bob Dodds [2002] '53 S, Janet Blair for Dale Blair [2015] '61 S, Bill Heenan [2013] '49 S, Irene Ahner [2011] '65 C, Glen Hass [2002] '60 C, Bob McKercher [1988] '54 C.

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Pooped Deck



Three Agros spent a combined 83 years working for Pioneer Grain Company in Winnipeg. **Jens Stangeland '50 C**, **Omar Bilokury '55 C** and **Harvey Goehring '57 C** started in Pioneer's Agricultural Department during the years when 2-4D was introduced for the control of Wild Mustard. Wild Oat herbicides, Avadex and Carbyne, were being promoted. They trav-

elled the Prairie Provinces during the winter holding meetings to inform farmers how to use these new chemicals. After several years, they were moved into other Divisions of Pioneer Grain.

Jens passed away on May 23/15. Omar & Lorna and Harvey & Marion, married one week apart in 1970, recently celebrated their 45th anniversaries. Both couples continue to reside in their homes in Winnipeg but admit to getting help with snow shoveling in the winter. Harvey is looking forward to his 60th Year Grad Reunion in 2017. He still plays golf, but curls with the stick - can't get down in the hack any more.

An ole classmate of Omar's is keeping himself busy too. **Roy Crawford '55 C** recently attended a 65-year reunion of his 1950 high school class of City Park Collegiate in Saskatoon. Attending with him was Liz Delahey, wife of **Art Delahey '52 C**, and mama of **Rod Delahey '80 C**. Both have been SAGA presidents.

Brian O'Keefe '65 C - '69 BEd spent his years teaching people. An Ag Rep in various areas of SK and AB, then 4-H specialist in Red Deer, Brian returned to the U of S to attain his second degree in '69. He taught in the Saskatoon school system from 1969 - '91, then took his teaching skills to the NWT till retirement in 1998. Now he has joined the SAGA Exec. as an MAL, trying to get us to learn something new.

A Correction??

We have been informed that we had erred in the June 2015 issue. As inconceivable as that may be to some, irrefutable evidence indicates that **John Hemstad '63 C** did not go on a trip to Swift Current to get himself into the Sask Hockey Hall of Fame. Apparently, he got lost, going north on #4 highway instead of south, ending up in Battleford, where somebody then inducted John into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame on Aug. 15th. Of course, had John not mentioned his mistake, he could have been in both.



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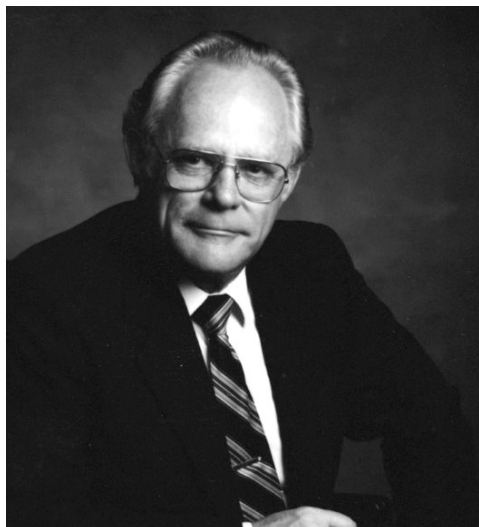
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New Award Notice

The C.M. (Red) Williams Post-Graduate Scholarship



C.M. (Red) Williams

This scholarship award is expected to be of great interest to many SAGA members. It is initiated by the Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce in recognition of Red's enormous contribution to the Canadian agriculture sector. Red taught at the U of S for almost four decades and was active in the industry for close to 60 years. From his prolific writing and radio work to his support of aboriginal and international development, there are few that haven't felt Red's influence, mentorship and creative approach to problem solving.

As alumni, most of us have directly benefited from Red's teaching, mentorship and leadership. Stay tuned for further announcements about how to contribute to this Post-Graduate Scholarship in early 2016.

For more information contact Hamish Tulloch, Development Officer - College of Agriculture and Bioresources by phone at (306) 966-8893 or by email at hamish.tulloch@usask.ca

1960 College takes a trip

The College class of 1960 celebrated its 50th consecutive summer get together in June 2015, spending two weeks in Ireland.

The time was spent travelling on a hosted bus tour that circled the entire country. The beautiful green countryside, the historic cities with castles, towers and cobblestone streets were very enjoyable and interesting.

The trip also provided the opportunity to become bilingual adding words such as Jameson, Bushmills, Guinness, Bulmers Cider, Tullamore Dew and Black Bush. Of course no trip to Ireland would be complete unless one kissed the Barney Stone. A great time was had by all!



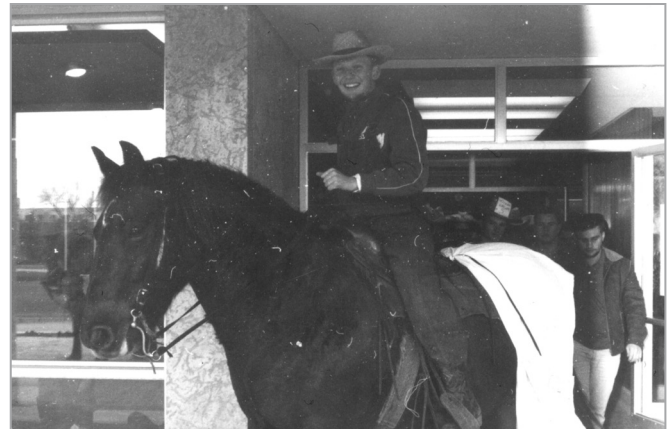
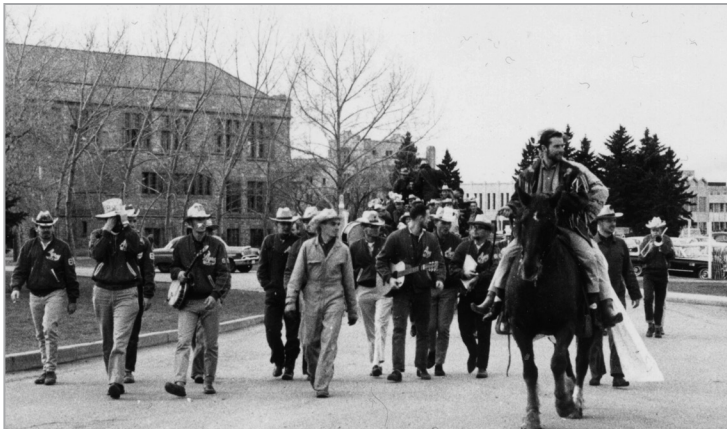
Back row - left to right; Ken Turner, Don Horkoff, Bill Copeland, Stewart White, Bill Robertson, Howard Barnsley, Laurie Rubbert (BEd '87) Marv Luther, Glen Hass

Front row - left to right; Pat Turner, Audrey Horkoff, Alma Copeland, Irene White, Bev Robertson, Wallie Barnsley, Jeanette Stevenson, Elaine Hass

Agro Spirit, 1964 Style

The College of Agriculture was full of spirit in the 60s! To rouse interest on campus for the Ag Bag Drag in November, several “Pep Rallies” were held in the Bowl. Cheering Agros, musical instruments, and even the University farm stock were involved. On one occasion in the fall of 1964, a team of heavy horses was hitched to a hayrack so that twenty or more Agros could circle the Bowl shouting their cheer—“Give me an A. Give me a G. Give me an R. Give me an O. Give me an S. AGROS!” Then a banner-draped horse was led by Ronald Plunz through Marquis Hall. The rider, **Doug MacArthur '65 C**, was careful to guide the mare around the tables filled with gaping diners. Of course, a few Agros carrying shovels followed behind the horse in case the inevitable happened.

Ron Plunz '66 C



Left: Ron Plunz 66C and unidentified rider lead the pep rally back to the College of Agriculture. Musicians were Lawrence McNabb 65C on banjo, Marcel Dubois 65C on guitar, Don Dowdswell 65C on trombone and Cec Werner 66C on trumpet; other agros in the photo include Rod Altwasser (66C) (in coveralls) and Larry Grouvum 66C (behind horse). Right: Doug MacArthur on the horse he rode through Marquis Hall.

SAGA Website

Our new website is up and running for well over 6 months and continues to be added to, increasing its value as a focal point for SAGA news. We have posted all the recent newsletters and the website can serve as a quick way to access the most recent newsletter or back issues.

The front page allows access to Twitter and Facebook to give an idea of other agro thinking on certain topics. There are links to allow direct access to others such as the College or Farm Production Show. Upcoming events are listed and if registrations are required a portal by which you can do this.

You will find the link to CCDE for our Jan. 9, 2016 Reunion. To circumvent ID and passwords we took a more simplified approach and in our Members section you will find the capability to contact other grads that are members by doing a search on first or last name or grad year. All you will have access to is the name and grad year, but you can send them an email privately through the website and whoever receives the email

has the option of responding or not, so be patient for a reply. This is a good means to securely and privately connect.

Other sections contain the History of SAGA, our book “Forever Young”, our bylaws and other articles about SAGA. There is a section which contains the history of Plant Sciences (Crop Science) written by **Bryan Harvey '60C**. Animal and Poultry Science by **Dave Christensen '58C**, and **Les Henry '64C**, writing the Soil Sc. story, will be posted as they come available.

The SAGA executive was behind this website development, Our Website committee is **Keith Head '67 C**, **Dennis Ewanus '70C** and **Vern Racz '68C**. The pictures that scroll across the screen put our website miles ahead of others. Please visit the site and spend an hour or two. Happy exploring.

Designed for Sask. Ag Grads.

www.saskaggrads.com

Vern Racz ' 68 C, Membership /Registrar

Working Alumni

Outstanding Young Farmers of 2015 Named

A couple from Rose Valley, **Jeff '05 S** and **Ebony Prosko** were named the winners of the 2015 Saskatchewan Outstanding Young Farmers (OYF) Program, presented during Canada's Farm Progress Show in Regina. The couple farm 4500 acres with the main crops being canola and oats. Although they operate their own farm, they also work with Jeff's parents (Rick and Donna) as well as Jeff's two siblings (Joel and Giselle) and their spouses.

Jeff and Ebony started an ag retail business a couple of years ago. ProSoils delivers anhydrous ammonia, liquid and dry fertilizer, as well as all types of crop input products. Jeff is also involved with two farm organizations. He is the Chair of the Sask Young Ag-Entrepreneur and is on the WCWGA Board of Directors. The couple have two young daughters.

Farmers Help Fund Wheat Genome Research

Nearly \$3.6 million will be invested over the next four years into the continuing global effort to map the complicated wheat genome.

The money comes from the Western Grains Research Foundation, the Saskatchewan Wheat Development Commission and the Alberta Wheat Development Commission.

The Canadian part of the project is being led by **Dr. Curtis Pozniak '99 C, '03 PhD** of the University of Saskatchewan's Crop Development Centre and **Dr. Andrew Sharpe** of the National Research Council Canada.

The funding will help the two men and their research teams continue work in mapping a portion of the wheat genome as part of the International Wheat Genome Sequencing Consortium. [Dec. '14 issue]

Other co-funders of the Canadian project include the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture, Manitoba Agriculture, Genome Canada, Viterra, SeCan, University of Guelph, DuPont Pioneer and Bayer CropScience.

The long-term goal is to give wheat breeders the tools/information required to develop higher yielding varieties with increased resistance to disease, insect and weather damage.

*Courtesy of Neil Billinger
Agriculture News*

New CEO Named

Canpotex, the marketing arm of three Saskatchewan potash producers, just got a new CEO. Taking over on Nov. 1, 2015, was **Ken Seitz, '91 C**, who was the senior VP and CCO of Saskatoon-based Cameco. Ken holds three degrees from the U of S and is a professional engineer.

Successful Spring Sale

Tom Blacklock '80 C had another successful spring sale of his purebred Angus herd. Tom and his family operate their farm and business near Grandora, SK, and also have a booth at the Farmers Market in S'toon selling meat products.

Former 4-H Members Invited to Get in Touch

Are you a 4-H alumni interested in keeping up to date with 4-H news and events?

4-H Saskatchewan will celebrate 100 years in 2017!

Do you want to attend the celebrations?

4-H is seeking willing volunteers to help plan their 100th anniversary celebrations!

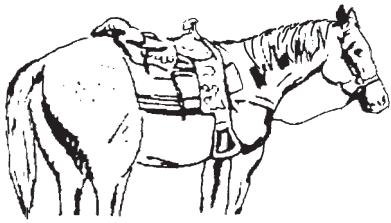
If you are interested in staying in touch with 4-H Saskatchewan or learning more about the Centennial celebrations, contact us at **306-933-7727** or by email at **info@4-h.sk.ca**.



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Empty Saddles



John 'Jack' Douglas Rennie '49 C 1920(?) - Aug. 31, 2015. Jack was born and raised near Abbey SK. Survived POW camp in WWII, and upon graduating became a long-time dairy specialist for Sask Ag. In '78 he transitioned to Production Manager at Dairy Producers Co-op till retirement in '87. Always active in his community, Jack was involved with the Masons, Eastern Star, and the RCAF Assoc. Also 10 years. with the War Memorial Project. Survived by wife Joyce, five children and nine grandchildren.

Jens Stangeland '50 C Jan. 23, 1927-May 23, 2015. Born in Sola, Norway, Jens came to Canada with his parents and four siblings {**Ole, '49 S**} in 1929, settled on a farm at Bracepeth, Sask. Attended PA Collegiate. Jens worked for Ag Canada, Sask Dept of Ag and Imperial Oil. In '57, he joined the Ag Dept of Pioneer Grain Company in Winnipeg. He retired in '88 as VP, Country Operations. An avid curler and golfer, he and his wife spent winters in Hawaii and Arizona. Predeceased by wife, Gladys, in 1980 and one daughter. Survived by his wife, Elizabeth, one son, six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Dell Reginald Clarence Henderson '54 S Nov.18, 1933 – Apr.17, 2015. Born in the Horse Lake District, attended Fire Fly school, then high school in Foam Lake. Operated the family farm near Kelliher, SK until retiring in '12. Dell loved his hockey, could be found at the rink seven days a week, but always attended any activities his grandchildren participated in. He enjoyed fishing, his boat, puzzles, card games and his many friends. Remembered for his kind nature. Survived by wife Eileen, four sons, two daughters and 10 grandchildren.

Donald James Pearson '55 S May 1, 1935 – Aug. 24, 2015. Lived and farmed his entire life in the Ravenscrag/Eastend SK area. Don was a very active participant, serving on numerous community, agricultural and political boards and committees. He was the Reeve of the RM of White Valley for 10 years Loved to watch his grandchildren, just as much as he loved his sports. Survived by wife Darlene, one son, one daughter, four grandkids, a brother and two sisters.

James George Ellis '57 MSc (Soils) Apr. 19, 1925 - June 13, 2014. Predeceased by wife Alice in 1985 and wife Ruth in 2013. A MB man, Jim served in the RCAF from 1942-45. His education and work revolved around the field of Pedology - soil science. He was a pioneer in this field and spent his working years at the U of S, from where he retired in '88 after an impressive and accomplished 38 year career. Some of his fondest memories were of the people he met, taught and worked with at the U of S. He and Ruth spent retirement in BC. Survived by three children, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Lorne Fred John Hehn '58 C 1936 – Sept. 16, 2015. From Markinch SK, was a farmer at heart but kept getting more involved in off-farm Ag business. On the UGG board of Directors '70-'81, he was elected president in '81. He held that position until 1990, at which time he switched jobs to become the Chief Commissioner of the Canadian Wheat Board, where he advocated for reform on behalf of farmers. Always remembered by his wife Beth, two children and three grandchildren, Lorne enjoyed many outdoor activities with them all. But he most liked to curl; he and Beth traveled the world to watch Canadian teams in action.

George Warren Rotzien '60 C Aug. 30, 1937 – Nov. 18, 2014. Born and raised near Rose Valley, SK George, is remembered by his wife Elizabeth, two daughters, one son and six grandchildren. He also attained his BEd [Biology & Chemistry]. Most of his career was spent teaching in North Battleford, while also farming in the RM of Round Hill for 20+ years. During those years, George umped baseball, refereed foot-

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ball, but was best known as an elite baseball pitcher. He and Liz traveled the roads, following their kids and grandkids exploits, while cramming in as much wilderness trekking as was possible.

The preceding notices are written from the only notices we have been sent over the last six months. Trying to locate an obituary for a grad that had passed away in early 2014, the only reference I found turned out to be the In Memoriam section of The Green & White, the U of S Alumni magazine. That turned out, unfortunately for us, to have the names of many, many grads who have passed on, but have not been mentioned in these pages. The Green & White can be found on the internet. Peruse back issues of In Memoriam for information of previous years. The following is of 2015 [to date] only. {Ed.}

Darrell Mark Alberts '84 S - Aug. 21, 2015
Edward Wesley Banford '51 C - Oct. 11, 2015
Arthur Lawrence Coldwell '49 C - June 14, 2015
Herbert Paul Douglas '66 C Apr. 22, 2015
Douglas Mark England '63 C Jan. 5, 2015
Theodore Bernard Freitag '63 S - Apr. 28, 2015
Ivar Oswald Harilstad '50 S - Mar. 9, 2015
Charles Avenor James '52 C - Aug. 18, 2015
Otto Carl Kjorven '50 S - June 16, 2015
Duncan Stuart McBean '38 C - Aug. 6, 2015
Eric John Middlemiss '39 S - June 6, 2015
Hewitt James Murch '48 S - Feb. 19, 2015
Harold Alva Riddell '41 S - Apr. 19, 2015
Enos Stewart Sproat '40 S - Nov. 1, 2015
John Henry Trawin '47 S - Jan. 10, 2015
Harry Ukrainetz '51 C - June 24, 2015

Gerald Allen Arnot '51 C - Sept. 25, 2015
James Frederick Charnetski '76 S - Nov. 14, 2015
John McFarlane Day '39 S - June 8, 2015
Darrol Dean Driver '55 C - Feb. 25, 2015
Amanda Farries (Mason) '95 C - May 15, 2015
Philip Arthur Goll '55 C - Oct. 2015
Stewart George Hilderman '57 S - Feb. 12, 2015
James Ralph Jowsey '47 C - Nov. 17, 2015
Jonathan E. Larson '08 C - Aug. 20, 2015
Ronald I McKenzie '54 MSc - Jan. 9, 2015
James Edgar Miller '49 C - Jan. 23, 2015
George William Parker '49 C - May 11, 2015
John T Slykhuis '43 MSc - Feb. 9, 2015
Stacey Smith Charles Stein '46 S - Jan. 9, 2015
Blair Andrew Tremere '66 S - Feb. 25, 2015
Meryl Ernest Warren '48 S - Sept. 9, 2015

Dairy and Moody's

To support research at the Rayner Dairy Facility, New Holland Agriculture and Moody's Equipment donated the use of several pieces of ag machinery. New Holland Lane was named in recognition of this contribution. **Lloyd Streifel '83 C** is CEO of Moody's (Saskatoon).

Pictured from left to right at the unveiling ceremony are Douglas Mann, District Sales Manager for Western Canada - New Holland, Mary M. Buhr, Dean and Professor of Agriculture and Bioresources at the U of S, and Lloyd Streifel of Moody's Equipment



The New Holland Lane unveiling ceremony.

Animal and Poultry Science Department – College of AgBio

Following the establishment of the University of Saskatchewan in 1907 it was decided in November of 1908 that the College of Agriculture should be integrated into the University. Initially it consisted of Departments of Animal Husbandry, Field Husbandry, Dairy (Processing) and Bacteriology. The Animal Husbandry Department was located on the first floor of the College Building in rooms that now have the numbers 112 to 118.

The first three faculty were W.J. Rutherford, A.M. Shaw and W.H.T. Tisdale. Rutherford, who had been Agriculture Deputy Minister, became Dean as well as Department Head and continued in those positions until 1930. Rutherford insisted on quality undergrad courses, research and graduate studies as well as practical experience. He was instrumental in the design of the university farm and buildings. Rutherford, as Dean, established departments to include animal disease, soils, poultry and farm management. In the degree courses he insisted that the program should not “unfit” a person for farming. He insisted that the sciences of chemistry, biology, bacteriology and physics be applied to agriculture. The Department mandate included introduction of superior breeding stock including Clydesdale horses.

The Poultry Science Department was established in 1913 with Raymond K. Baker appointed Head after several years. Suitable housing and selection of productive hens were priorities. The second Head was W. Rae followed by J.B. O’Neil who was Poultry Department Head when the two Departments were combined in 1976.

By the late 1940’s it was apparent that the agricultural world was changing, horses were no longer the main source of farm power. Horse numbers declined from 1.1 million in 1926 to 0.3 million by 1954. In that period tractor numbers increased from 27,000 to 107,000. New Department direction was indicated as well as new research approaches to improve animal productivity. New faculty were needed to initi-

ate these changes, and with university, provincial and industry support it became possible to develop new facilities by the early 1970s. W.E Howell introduced artificial insemination for cattle, C. M. (Red) Williams promoted beef cattle crossbreeding and feedlot finishing. J.M. Bell evaluated rapeseed and canola meal and established feeding standards for swine based on barley grain. New facilities included a new Animal Science building, a feedlot, bull test station and feedmill. A new swine barn, dairy barn, and feed storage elevator and new poultry layer and broiler facilities were constructed. The Feed Test Lab, Prairie Swine Centre and Termuende Research Farm came on line. In 2000 the Department moved into the new Agriculture building.

At present, new initiatives are underway. A modern feed processing unit has been constructed at North Battleford, the Rayner 100 cow Dairy Research and Teaching Facility are in place and a new feedlot and forage research facility is planned. The Termuende Research Farm is now operated as the Western Beef Centre, with a separate Board and Budget. The Prairie Swine Centre is also under independent management, however, researchers from both have Adjunct appointments in the Dept. and their graduate students are affiliated with the Dept. Research is often in cooperation with WCVN and other Departments. Research and teaching now have a greater emphasis on animal function as well as application. Maintaining animal and poultry facilities on or near campus is of great value in providing hands on teaching.

The Dept. at present has 73 graduate students and the undergrad program now includes an Animal Bioscience option as well as Animal Science. In September 2015 there were 304 students in these two programs and approximately 1000 students in the College. The Dept. of Animal and Poultry Science now includes 17 faculty, 21 research and campus adjunct positions, and 32 support staff. For a more complete description of An. & Pol. Sc. visit the SAGA website - <http://saskaggrads.com>

Crop Production Week

Saturday, January 9 to Saturday, January 16, 2016

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<i>Canaryseed Development Commission of Saskatchewan – Saskatoon Inn</i>	<i>January 11</i>
<i>Saskatchewan Soil Conservation Association - Prairieland Park</i>	<i>January 11</i>
<i>Saskatchewan Winter Cereals Development Commission – Saskatoon Inn</i>	<i>January 11</i>
<i>CropSphere – TCU Place</i>	<i>January 11 to 13</i>
<i>Saskatchewan Barley Development Commission AGM – TCU Place</i>	<i>January 11</i>
<i>Saskatchewan Canola Development Commission AGM – TCU Place</i>	<i>January 11</i>
<i>Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission AGM - TCU Place</i>	<i>January 11</i>
<i>Saskatchewan Pulse Growers AGM – TCU Place</i>	<i>January 11</i>
<i>Saskatchewan Oat Development Commission AGM – TCU Place</i>	<i>January 12</i>
<i>Saskatchewan Wheat Development Commission AGM – TCU Place</i>	<i>January 13</i>
<i>Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association – Saskatoon Inn</i>	<i>January 13 & 14</i>
<i>Saskatchewan Mustard Development Commission – Saskatoon Inn</i>	<i>January 14</i>
<i>Agri-Arm Applied Research – Prairieland Park</i>	<i>January 14</i>
<i>Saskatchewan Fruit Growers Association – Saskatoon Inn</i>	<i>January 15 & 16</i>

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