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Roger Flint '60 Returns to Family Farm

Roger Flint '60 grew up near Roscoe, and since his father drove a regular route hauling livestock to the Twin Cities, his grandfather farmed the family acreage. As boys Flint and his brother, Allen, worked alongside their grandfather in the field. At the age of thirteen Flint traveled to Morris to attend the West Central School of Agriculture; he fondly recalls earning a "high school diploma from the University of Minnesota," which he felt "was a unique thing."

After graduating from WCSA, Flint worked at the Roscoe Elevator, Cold Spring Granite, and Franklin in Saint Cloud, which was later purchased by Frigidaire and became Electrolux. Forty years later, his mother asked that he return home after his father moved into an assisted living facility. He was able to help her on the farm during two six-month leaves of absence before finally retiring.

Once he began farming full-time, Flint planted soybeans, corn, oats, and barley, which he managed without chemicals—a lesson he learned from his grandfather. Flint had heard of certified organic farming, heard "that grain and vegetable prices were better that way," and made an effort to align his family farm with industry standards. It took three years, but after attending a Minnesota Organic Conference, he was convinced of the practice's benefits.

"That conference really got me to believe in it—seeing all those healthy people. There is a big difference in taste with organic."

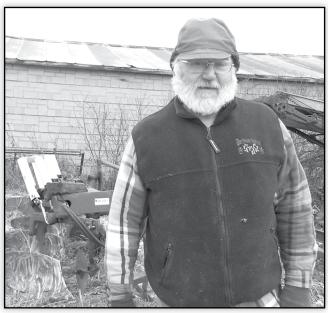


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Flint's farm includes five parcels of land that total 130 acres, which he farms with his brother and grandson, Chandler. Like his grandfather before him, Flint now works alongside his own grandson in the field—it appears his farming career has come fullcircle. Although he may not be a boy any longer, Flint admits that farming keeps him feeling young.

"As I get older, I keep active. Instead of going to the gym, farming is a lot of exercise," he said. "The more work I can do, the better I feel. I wish I'd thought of farming 20 years ago."

All-School Reunion Set for Saturday, July 20, 2013

We invite you to return to Morris for a day full of reminiscing, exploring campus, and catching up with friends. While all WCSA alumni will be gathering, the classes of '63, '58, '52–53, '48, and '43 have special events planned during the reunion. We hope to see members of those classes—and others—on campus!

You'll find a schedule of events on page 10 and a registration form on page 11.



Greetings from the Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving

This summer's West Central School of Agriculture All-School Reunion will be

significant. All of the WCSA all-school reunions are important, but this summer will mark the 50th anniversary of the Class of 1963, the final graduating class of the WCSA. This denotes a poignant moment in time.

An appropriate recognition of the WCSA era will be the dedication of a commissioned sculpture at this summer's reunion. This beautiful piece will be the focus of the welcoming courtyard behind the Welcome Center (Engineering Building) and will be accessible via paver walkways. You can have an inscribed paver in the walkway! See page 4 for more information, or give me a call.

The Student Center will again be the location for the majority of reunion-day activities, but I encourage you to visit other locations on campus as well. One must-see every summer is the beautiful alumni garden. We are fortunate that Carol Pederson Meyer '60, who has served two terms on the WCSA Alumni Board, has agreed to continue serving the WCSA as chair of the Alumni Garden Committee.

At this summer's reunion, we will celebrate the 50th reunion year of the Class of 1963, but we will also lift up other five-year reunion classes as well—1943, 1948, 1952—53, and 1958. Members of those classes are encouraging their classmates to attend the reunion. If you have questions, let me know and I will share your thoughts with these class representatives. All Aggies, of course, are welcome to come back for the all-school summer reunion.

Chancellor Jacqueline Johnson, Vice Chancellor for External Relations Maddy Maxeiner, and I enjoyed visiting with Aggies at the winter reunion in Mesa, Arizona, in February. As always, we were made to feel most welcome. We all look forward to hosting you on campus this summer.

Feel free to contact me anytime with comments or concerns. I can be reached at 320-589-6394 or rileycj@morris.umn.edu.

Carla Riley '85

University of Minnesota, Morris News Briefs

Campus Accolades

About.com

Morris has been ranked among About.com's top ten public liberal arts colleges. The list includes public colleges that place an emphasis on quality teaching and undergraduate education. Morris is the only Minnesota school to be included.

Kiplinger's Personal Finance

Morris has been named to the Kiplinger's Personal Finance list of 100 best values in public colleges for 2012-13. The ranking cites four-year schools that combine outstanding education with economic value. Morris was one of only two Minnesota schools included on this year's Best Values list—the other being the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.



AISES Chapter of the Year

The Morris American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) Chapter was named Stelvio J. Zanin Distinguished Chapter of the Year at the 2012 AISES National Conference, held November 1-3 in Anchorage, Alaska. This honor recognizes overall excellence and is reserved for the premier chapter in the nation. The Morris chapter also received the 2012 Outreach & Community Service Award.

"We are very proud of our talented students and their dedicated faculty and staff mentors in the sciences," says Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Sandy Olson-Loy. "This national recognition speaks highly of Morris's contributions to local communities and our support of American Indian and Alaskan Native students."

A national non-profit organization, AISES is dedicated to increasing the number of American Indian representatives in the physical sciences.



Construction Underway on the Green Prairie Living and Learning Community

Construction of the new Green Prairie Living and Learning Community is now underway. This new facility complements Morris's focus on environmental sustainability and marks the first residence hall construction on campus since 1971.

The two-story residence hall will provide suitestyle housing for 72 students during the academic year. During the summer months it will provide living and learning spaces for research, workshops, and programs linked to the campus's communitybased renewable energy platforms. The facility is designed to meet Minnesota B3 sustainability guidelines and Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold standards. The Green Prairie Community is scheduled to be open for student housing in the fall.

A live view of the construction site is available at morris.umn.edu/campuscam.

Greetings from the Alumni Association President

I'd like to invite everyone to come to our All-School Reunion on July 20, 2013, whether or not it is your



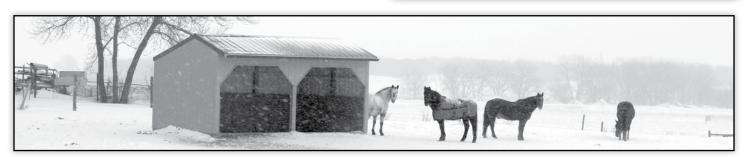
five-year class. The years in which we will hold these reunions are numbered, so come this year and visit with friends and classmates. The north courtyard behind what we know as the Engineering Building will also be dedicated during this reunion.

We will be planting the Alumni Garden again this year on Thursday, May 23, starting at 9 a.m. If you are near Morris, stop by and help; it is always a lot of fun, and the garden is the highlight of campus each summer.

The winter reunions in Arizona and Texas were well-attended, and everyone seemed to have a great time. I hope you all had a good winter; I know it was a tough winter for those of you who stayed in Minnesota, and even Arizona had four days of below-freezing temps. I know: you felt sorry for us having to don long pants and stow our shorts for a few days.

See you at the reunion!

Ted Storck '54, president



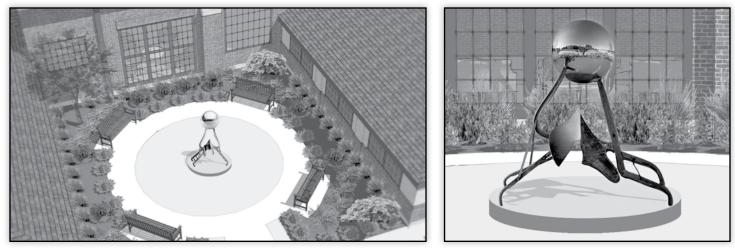
Construction Complete on New Saddle Club Horse Shelter

Morris recently completed construction of a new horse shelter. Initiated by members of the Morris Saddle Club, the project began in January 2012 and concluded in December. The new facility enables the club to simultaneously shelter both of the horse herds that make their home on campus.

Construction of the second shelter was completed by campus Plant Services late last fall. Located in the east "mud pen" pasture, the new structure provides horses the benefit of additional protection in the event of inclement weather. According to Faith Randal, Saddle Club co-chair, it also enables the club to offer prospective members additional enrollment incentives.

"With this addition to Saddle Club, we hope to entice potential members if they are on the fence [about joining]," says Randal.

This project was supported in part by a grant from the Minnesota Horse Council, a non-profit corporation that encourages and supports equine-related activities, concerns, and education.



Commissioned Sculpture to Honor the West Central School of Agriculture

The Morris campus will soon be home to a new outdoor sculpture. After consulting with the WCSA Alumni Association Board of Directors and issuing a call for entries in October 2012, a University-appointed jury selected the winning design, which was submitted by Mike Godell of Stevens Point, Wisconsin. Godell's proposal was chosen for best drawing inspiration from the history and setting of the institution. It will be located in the north courtyard of the Welcome Center.

"This new sculpture speaks to the past, present, and future legacy of the campus," says Chancellor Jacqueline Johnson. "It will energize and beautify the space, honor the West Central School of Agriculture, and support the twenty-first century mission of the University of Minnesota, Morris."

Godell's design features two twentieth-century walking plows that support a mirror-polished stainless steel sphere. According to Godell, these plows symbolize and honor both the West Central School of Agriculture and the history of agriculture throughout the region. The sphere is intended to represent the future while forever reflecting the campus.

In his artist statement, Godell writes that he "intend[s for the piece] to celebrate the roots of agriculture in Minnesota." He adds that, "having been engaged in issues of agriculture and environmental stewardship throughout [his] adult life, [he] want[s] to encourage critical thought about agriculture: the history, the evolution, and most importantly, the future."

Now that his design has been selected for installation, Godell is in the process of working with representatives from the University, architects, and the construction firm to finalize the concept and, ultimately, install it. A dedication will take place during the All-School Reunion.

Contribute to the Morris Legacy Walk

In recognition of your gift to the Morris Legacy Walk fund, a paver will be personalized with your name and graduation year and installed as part of the walkway that connects the North and South courtyard behind the Welcome Center. Your tax deductible gift of \$125 supports the Legacy Walk with remaining funds used to support student scholarships. When you come back to campus, you will enjoy seeing the engraving as a part of the Morris Legacy Walk.



Visit morris.umn.edu/alumni/pavers/ or contact Alumni Relations at 320-589-6066 or alumni@morris.umn.edu to support scholarships with a paver today!

\sim WCSA TEXAS REUNION 2013 \sim

The WCSA Winter Gathering was attended by 14 alumni and a former Experiment Station employee in south Texas on February 20, 2013.



Back Row: Wallace Affield '63, Jim Becker '57, Don Lende '62, Charlie Dupree '54, Russ Erlandson '54. Middle Row: Loren Maahs '56, Shirley Hagen Wendland '56, Mary Anderson '56, Alden Ellingson '56, LaVonne Schmock Dupree '59. Front Row: Lucille Hensch Freitag '55, Carol Dewey Erlandson '55, Duane Kolle '50, Marshall Beebe, former Experiment Station employee, Doug Glesne '56.

Editor's note: Reservations for the 2014 gathering could not be completed before going to press due to remodeling at Gatti's. It is hoped that the reunion will be held on Wednesday, February 19, 2014. Notice will be published in Texas newspapers in early February. For more information, please contact LaVonne Dupree '59 at 701-640-4991.

WCSA Arizona Gathering 2013 🖞



Joan Baumann Bruer '51 and Arlene Yochem Ulstad '50



Celebrating their 51st Wedding Anniversary, Jerry '55 and Wanda Berger!



Don Roberts '46, Chancellor Jacqueline Ted Storck '54, and Marlys



Adrienne Akerson Horning '54, Thorstad Charles '54



Carl Larson '59, Sharon Skrove Lacey '51, Jack Lacey, and Jerry Berger '55



Members of the class of 1942 gathered at the 2012 All-School Reunion for the 70th anniversary of their graduation from WCSA. Shown from left to right: Les Jorschumb, Mignon Aamot Randall, Nathan Guerts, Hildur Stomberg Dyer, Betty Kennel Peterson, Everett Holly.

Class Notes

Iola Maanum Stark '32, Alexandria, writes, "I'm now IOI years and doing well." She enjoys hearing about the college and former classmates through the WCSA AlumNews. Lester Dehlin '46, Alexandria, resides in an assisted living facility. He misses his late wife, Ellen Ann, very much and finds it hard to adjust to the new place. Otherwise, he is doing all right.

Fondly Remembered...

Esther Wahl Jones '36, passed away in 2012.

Ardith Cawelti Sheldon '39, Billings, Montana, passed away December 9, 2012. She was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin, and two brothers, Leon Cawelti '45 and Orval Cawelti '51. She is survived by two children, grandchildren, and a sister-in-law, Arabelle Akerson Cawelti '46.

Wallace Aswege '40, Mesa, Arizona, passed away August 2012. He is survived by his wife, Elaine, five children, cousin Arnold Aswege '57, and many other family members and friends. Warren Maus '40, Maynard, passed away July 2012. For many years, he farmed with his wife in Havelock Township. He is survived by his wife, Rose, seven children, and a number of grandchildren and greatgrandchildren.

Vivian Suzell Stark Strand '40, Toddville, Iowa, passed away March 2013. After graduating from WCSA she married Edisteen Strand, and they lived and worked on a dairy farm together for 22 years, along with Edisteen's brother, Milton, and his wife, Virginia Strand. She is survived by four children and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband. Mildred Stomberg Toso '40, Alexandria, passed away November 18, 2012. She married Orin Toso '41 in 1943. They lived in Traverse County, where they raised their seven children and farmed. After retirement, they moved to Alexandria. Orin passed away in July 1996. Mildred is survived by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and her sister, Hildur Stomberg Dyer '42.

Eloise Vig Olson '41, Sisseton, South Dakota, passed away November 15, 2012. Eloise and her husband, Warren Olson '41, met at WCSA and were married in 1946, after his service in WWII. In 1954, they moved from Cyrus to Sisseton. There, they settled and opened a Red Owl store, which they operated until 1989. Eloise's many hobbies included golfing, bowling, bridge club, various church activities, and music. When she was in high school, she sang in ensembles and played the trumpet in the marching band. Eloise also played the piano and organ throughout her life. She is survived by four children and preceded in death by her husband.

Bernice Anderson Sanders '42, Lake Havasu City, Arizona, passed away July 2011.

Bert Wille '47, Morris, passed away December 2012. He is survived by his wife, **Joyce Braaten Wille '46**.

Wayne W. Rohloff, husband of Ardelle Norman Rohloff '47, passed away August 14, 2010.

Lester Staples '48, Morris, passed away February 2012. He had been an active and dedicated member of his church, serving on the church council for 18 years in addition to being part of the church Men's Club. He was also involved in the Morris Lions Club, where he had been the deputy district governor and a Guiding Lion. He enjoyed reading, pheasant and deer hunting, trap shooting, fishing, playing cards, and shooting pool. He is survived by his wife, **Rosella Hoffman Staples '54**, one daughter, two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Doyle Copeland '53, Blaine, passed away August 2012.

Irving Sperr '54, Herman, passed away February 2013. His friendly personality and lighthearted sense of humor will be missed. He is survived by his wife, Doris, four children, and many grandchildren.

Denis Dueker '58, Osakis, passed away at his home on August 10, 2012, after a long battle with cancer and heart problems. Denis was raised on the family farm and continued to farm all his life. He also made butter at the West Union creamery, owned and drove a can milk truck, and did stainless steel welding for Engle Fabrication. He served on many boards in the West Union township including Farmers Union, Sauk Centre Racing, Association Flying Clubs, and St. Joseph Society of West Union. His hobbies included flying to Canada in the airplane that he owned, hunting, working on cars, and playing tricks on the grandchildren. He is survived by his wife of fifty years, Kathleen, seven daughters and one son, twenty-five grandchildren, four sisters, and one brother. He is preceded in death by two sons, his parents, and one brother-in-law.

Paul Huebner '58, passed away on November 30, 2012. After graduating from WCSA, he worked on the family farm with his father. In addition to his farming, he became a pilot and a downhill skier. In 1990, Paul was married to Sandy Rickmeyer Huebner in Breckenridge, Colorado. Paul is survived by his wife, their four children, three siblings, and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents and two siblings.

Haakon Bruce Lie '60, UMM 67, Laurel, Montana, passed away March 2013. He was the son of the late Leif Lie, who coached wrestling at WCSA. He is survived by his wife and family.

Karen Boerger Hooth-Quade '60, Milbank, South Dakota, passed away February 2013. She worked to improve Grant County, South Dakota, for 45 years. Positions she had held include deputy assessor, director of equalization, and register of deeds. Her other hobbies included cooking, sewing, gardening, and yard work. She is survived by her husband, children, grandchildren, and many other loving relatives.

David Jellum '62, Starbuck, passed away March 2013. He was passionate about environmental conservation and enjoyed many outdoor activities. He was also active in his church. With his wife, Darlene, he worked on his family farm for nearly 30 years. He is survived by his wife, three sons, four grandchildren, and other family members.



2013 WCSA Alumni Garden Planting

Mark your calendars for the 2013 WCSA Alumni Garden Planting: Thursday, May 23, at 9 a.m. You can spend a spring morning in the garden and return in July to see the fruits of your labor. If you'd like to help with this annual tradition, please email alumni@morris.umn.edu or call 320-589-6066 today. Although all are welcome, knowing how many guests to expect helps us plan accordingly. See you in the garden!

Class News

WCSA alumni love reading Class News, so please send us your updates! Mail us a letter, give us a call, or send us an email about your careers, families, travels, hobbies, activities, and WCSA memories. We will include your news in the next *AlumnNEWS* issue. The deadline for submission is **October 1, 2013**.

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WCSA students on campus.

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WCSA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 15, 2013

"Add Flavor to Your Cooking" at the West Central Research and Outreach Center (WCROC), 5:15 p.m.

May 23, 2013

WCSA Alumni Garden Planting, 9 a.m.

June 10, 2013

WCSA Alumni Board of Directors meeting at the LaFave House, 6:30 p.m.

June 21, 2013

"Growing Hardy Shrub Roses" at WCROC, 5:15 p.m.

July 12, 2013

WCROC Summer Center Day, 7:30 a.m.

July 20, 2013 WCSA All-School Summer Reunion

July 25, 2013 WCROC Horticulture Night, 5-9 p.m.

February 10, 2014

Arizona All-School Winter Reunion at 8350 East University Drive in Mesa, noon

To Be Determined

Winter WCSA Gathering at Gatti's in McAllen, Texas

Class announcements for All-School Reunion

Class of 1963—50th Reunion

The Class of 1963 was the last graduating class of the WCSA; members plan to gather at the All-School Reunion this summer to commemorate their 50th reunion on Saturday, July 20. Former WCSA Alumni Board President Darwin Danielson and current WCSA Alumni Board Treasurer Wilbur Grunewald hope you will join them and other classmates for this momentous occasion.

Class of 1958—55th Reunion

Dennis Johnson would like to encourage classmates from the Class of 1958 to return to campus this summer for the All-School Reunion. Come prepared to reminisce and share what you are doing now!

Class of 1952-53— 60th Reunion

Shirley Currey Schultz and Irene Goerke Weeding are planning to attend the All-School Reunion this summer and would like to see many of their classmates that day. Shirley is coming all the way from Oregon, so she doesn't think excuses about distance being a deterrent will hold water! Please plan to join Shirley and Irene at this dual-year reunion celebration.

Class of 1948— 65th Reunion

Ralph Sperr encourages all of his classmates and fellow Aggies to attend the All-School Reunion on the Morris campus Saturday, July 20. Ralph and Bertie Maus Sperr '50 look forward to catching up with former classmates and their spouses.

Class of 1943—70th Reunion

The Class of 1943 will meet for their 70th reunion during the All-School Reunion. Bernice Norenberg Erdahl wishes all her classmates would attend this reunion. She is looking forward to seeing you there!

Note to all reunion attendees:

Areas in which each of the above five-year reunion groups can gather will be marked. Those of you who do not belong to one of these classes are invited to mingle with the one of the five-year groups or to join one another in your own designated area.

2013 All-School Reunion Saturday, July 20

Schedule of Events

10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Registration, Student Center (rooms will be assigned to particular classes)

10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Brunch, Student Center—Oyate Hall

1 and 2:30 p.m.

Bus tour of the West Central Research and Outreach Center, wind turbines, and biomass facility

4 p.m.

Business meeting, Student Center—Edson Auditorium

4:15 p.m.

Dedication of North Courtyard, Welcome Center (Engineering Building)

5 p.m.

Banquet, Student Center—Oyate Hall

At your leisure Visit the WCSA Alumni Garden

Morris Area Lodging Information

Hotels

Morris Motel 320-589-1212 Prairie Inn in Morris 1-800-535-3035 Super 8 Motel in Morris 320-589-8888 Cedar Inn of Starbuck 320-239-4300 Scotwood Motel in Glenwood 320-634-5105

Blocks of rooms have been reserved at the Prairie Inn and at the Super 8 Motel in Morris. Please request "WCSA Reunion" before June 19.

RV Parking

RVs are welcome at Pomme de Terre Park on a firstcome, first-served basis. The cost is \$15 per night without electricity or \$20 per night with electricity. Please register at the registration stand in the park. Both water and bathrooms are available; water hookups are not available. For more information, please call 320-589-3141.

Free parking for self-contained recreational vehicles is available in all of the University of Minnesota, Morris campus parking lots—the East Lot has the most shade and is the largest, quietest area. No water or electrical hookups are available.

On-Campus Apartments

On-campus apartments, which sleep four, are available for \$50 per night. Linens will be provided, although you are welcome to bring your own. It is recommended that you bring a fan. Call 320-589-6066 to make a reservation.

All-School Reunion Parking and Free Shuttle Service



All on-campus parking is free throughout the reunion. Parking around the mall area near the Student Center will be restricted to vehicles with handicapped plates or permits, providing approximately 20 handicapped parking spots around the campus mall.

During the All-School Reunion, complimentary golf cart shuttle service will be provided from the North and West Lots to the Student Center, where the 2013 All-School Reunion will be held.

If you have special transportation needs, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving at alumni@morris.umn.edu or 320-589-6066.

2013 WCSA All-School Reunion Registration Saturday, July 20, 2013

If you plan to attend the reunion, please return this form by Friday, July 12, 2013. Please make checks payable to the University of Minnesota, Morris. If you do not plan to attend the reunion, please use this form to update your address or to send a donation. Return this form with your check(s) and updated address information to:

Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving, Welcome Center, 600 East Fourth Street, Morris, Minnesota 56267

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