

Our award recipient tonight of the 2018 Renville County Distinguished Award grew up on a dairy farm south of Cannon Falls, Minnesota.

He graduated from the University of Minnesota in June 1974.

His first employment began with Trojan Seed Company in June of '74; working with Don Houghton in the production department and became an Agronomist during this time for part of Minnesota and South Dakota. Jim met his wife, Jayne, at Trojan Seed in the late fall of 1974 where Jayne worked in the Customer Service Department. They were married in October 1976.

Jim was very active in the Jaycees and softball for many years during this time. He was known for his ability to hit home runs and how far he could throw that ball!!!

When DeKalb-Pfizer was starting to phase out, Jim went to work for USS STEEL FERTILIZER in Olivia in late 1979 or early '80.

On January 1, 1982 he was hired by Pioneer Hybrid International by Ivan Wickner, as a Sales Agronomist. He worked in this position until his retirement in July 2015. Jim pretty much covered Minnesota, Eastern South Dakota and part of Western Wisconsin during his 34 year career at Pioneer. Also during this time it became DuPont-Pioneer.

Jim received "The Sale Agronomist of the Year" recognition in 1993-94. Jim told people he was "Outstanding In His Field", and his wife, Jayne, fully agrees to this statement!

Jim and Jayne have 2 sons, Jeff and Jake.

Jeff is employed by BECK'S SEEDS as a Seed Sales Advisor and Jake is employed by AMERICAN CRYSTAL SUGAR-BEET as a Regional Sales Marketing manager. Jeff is married to Krista Harazin and Jake is married to Stephanie Stumvoll. Both couples blessed Jim & Jayne with a set of twins: Carson & Cora and Lucas & Avery.

Jim continues to be very active in the Olivia community. He is on the Renville County Board of Variance and Appeals, sings in the Woodbury Chorus, very active in St. Aloysius Catholic church as lector, on the finance council, choir, acolyte, usher and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Jim also enjoys restoring antique cars and tractors, golfing, gardening, woodworking, traveling and enjoying their TWIN PAKS!!!

Let's welcome the 2018 Renville County Distinguished Award Recipient, Jim Boersma!