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Four with ties to Division of Agriculture named to Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame

Five new members, four with connections to the Division of Agriculture, were inducted into the Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame on March 1 at a ceremony at the Little Rock Embassy Suites Hotel.

Dr. L.B. “Bernie” Daniels retired in 2001 from the University of Arkansas, having first joined as a faculty member in 1969. He bracketed his tenure as a faculty member with a decade of service as associate director of the Agricultural Experiment Station in Fayetteville.

As a faculty member, he taught more than 5,000 students. He published more than 70 peer-reviewed

research articles and helped advance the understanding of ruminant nutrition for both dairy and beef cattle.

He was instrumental in fund raising for several projects, including the Center of Excellence for Poultry Science, the UA Center for Advanced Spatial Technology, and the Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center. He also aided in the development of the Food Safety Consortium between the UA, Iowa State University and Kansas State University.

Dr. Donna L. Graham has spent almost 50 years with the University of Arkansas System, starting in 1970 with the Cooperative Extension Service in Jefferson County. In 1985, she moved to the Fayetteville campus as a faculty member in the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences and served 10 years as Associate Dean for Academic Programs.

As a faculty member, Dr. Graham created curriculum to effectively train future extension agents
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Former county extension agent and now mentor to many agents, Donna Graham, points out family members in the audience.



Dr. Bernie Daniels and one of many well-wishers at the Arkansas Agricultural Hall of Fame induction in Little Rock.

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**Don't Forget: 2019 Extension Retiree Luncheon, April 10, C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center, Ferndale.
Reception at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch at noon.**

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Sea of green floods rotunda as 700 Arkansas youth attend 4-H Day at the Capitol

A sea of green borne by some 700 youth flooded the seat of Arkansas government at Tuesday's 4-H Day at the Capitol event at which Gov. Asa Hutchinson and other state officials praised the members for their leadership now and potential for the future.



Hundreds of 4-H members from around the state congregate at the Arkansas State Capitol Building in Little Rock to meet with state representatives and elected officials.



Arkansas 4-H state officer David Smith with Rep. Monte Hodges in the Capitol rotunda.



Gov. Asa Hutchinson, surrounded by Arkansas 4-H officers, addresses the 4-H'ers during the opening Tribute to 4-H in Arkansas.

The biennial event is part of the 4-H Citizenship Initiative, giving Arkansas youth face time with lawmakers and helping the 4-H'ers learn how state government works, said Priscella Thomas-Scott, Arkansas 4-H events coordinator for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture.

"The 4-H'ers have an opportunity to meet their legislators face-to-face," Thomas-Scott said. "The kids get to know their legislators and the legislators get to learn about 4-H."



Arkansas 4-H'ers watch proceedings in the state legislature.

Lois Perkins dies

The editorial board has learned of the death of Lois D. Perkins who passed away at the age of 104 on June 26 of 2018 in Wilmot, Arkansas.


Perkins started her career as an Extension home demonstration agent in Jefferson County in 1941. She also worked as an agent in Desha County and retired in Ashley County in 1973.

A graveside service was held on July 3, 2018, in Wilmot. 

New retiree

This Extension employee has joined the rank of the retirees:

Lydia Guffey - Cleburne County

Lydia worked as the Administrative Specialist III in Cleburne County throughout her career with Extension. She retired on March 1, 2019, after seven years of service. 


Scholarship donations

The following gifts were recently received to support professional development opportunities for faculty and staff of the Cooperative Extension Service.

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Dorothy Hall

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Bill Wallace dies


William Thomas "Bill" Wallace, 86, of Conway, died Feb. 22, 2019.

Wallace held a bachelor's degree in animal science and a master's degree in ruminant nutrition from the University of Arkansas.

His first Extension job was managing the feedlot program at the Cotton Branch Experiment Station. In 1960, he became resident director of the U of A Beef Substation where he served until 1976. After a stint managing a cattle ranch, he took a position in 1984 as an Extension agent in Hot Spring County and later in Faulkner County. In 1994, Wallace moved to the state office as a beef cattle specialist where he served until his retirement in 2002.

He is survived by his sons, Tommy Wallace and Jonathan Wallace; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild; brothers, Jack Wallace and Donald Wallace; and a sister, Rosemary Thomas. He is also survived by the mother of his sons, Celia Wallace.

A memorial service was held March 2, 2019, at Woodland Heights Baptist Church in Conway.

Donations in Wallace's memory may be made to Corner Post Cowboy Church, P.O. Box 991, Siloam Springs, AR 72761. 

To our Extension retirees



March is here, and we had our first tornadoes. Fortunately, no lives were lost but the weather continues to be a major pain statewide, with rainy, wet conditions continuing since last August. Row crop and livestock producers are struggling mightily with the continual sogginess. If you were a fungus, it is great, I suppose, but for the rest of us, not so much.

Speaking of fungus, or fungi (plural), I was able to tour the National Fungus Collection recently in Maryland while attending meetings in the Washington, DC area. The collection is more than 150 years old and maintained by the Agricultural Research Service. Quite interesting for those into mycology, millions I bet.

Interesting is the word for articles in this issue, with a feature on the five most recent inductees into the Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame on March 1 in Little Rock, with all having close ties to the UA System Division of Agriculture. Dr. Bernie Daniels was my first professional supervisor when I worked as a research associate at the Livestock and Forestry Station near Batesville in the mid '70s on forages. And most of us knew or worked with Donna, Ed, Terry or Mr. David Walt over the years as well. March 1 was a good day.


As mentioned last time, Feb. 12 was another good day, 4-H Day at the Capitol, with photos and comments in this issue. I honestly have not attended a more impressive event in recent memory, and special kudos to Priscella Thomas-Scott. Many worked together to make this effort a success, but none more so than Priscella.

On a sadder note, I attended the services for Bill Wallace, who passed forward recently and is mentioned in this issue. I knew Bill since about 1974, and he had many remarkable talents, stories and adventures. In many ways and in the best sense, he was "one of a kind." His service was very moving, with a bagpipe player on hand to honor him and the Scottish heritage of Clan Wallace.

We also learned recently of the passing forward of Lois Perkins, long-time FCS agent in southeast Arkansas from the early 1940s until 1973. A remarkable career professional, she passed at 104.

Lastly, it is with sadness that I let you know of the passing forward of Phyllis Keltee McQuany, stellar friend and colleague in Extension. It was an honor to attend her service, and meet family and friends, all who shared the same feelings and similar memories of Phyllis. She always made sure that each day was brighter, and was one of the most positive and encouraging people I have ever met. I surely miss her.

Please have a safe and wonderful March, and hold your family and friends close.

– Rick Cartwright 

Hall of Fame, cont.

and strengthen the college core. A recent effort led to the creation of Ag*Idea, a consortium of 12 universities to share agriculture courses online.

She has secured approximately \$1.5 million in funding to support educational programs.

Dr. Terry Siebenmorgen is an international leader in rice research, particularly in processing and drying of the cereal grain. He serves as distinguished professor and director of the University of Arkansas Rice Processing Program, which he started in 1994. The ARPP is an industry-interactive, multidisciplinary effort focusing on rice processing operations and has sponsors from across the United States, South America, Europe and Japan.

Siebenmorgen began his faculty career at the University of Arkansas in 1984 as a food engineer, working in several areas of food processing. Since the late '80s, he has focused on rice processing in response to the strong need for research from the food industry.

Ed Fryar started Ozark Mountain Poultry in 2000 after working 13 years as a professor of agricultural economics in



A smiling Dr. Terry Siebenmorgen, head of the Division of Ag's rice processing program, addresses the crowd.




Former Bumpers College professor and founder of Ozark Mountain Poultry, Dr. Ed Fryar, said he was grateful to the advice of colleagues and OMP's fantastic employees.

the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness, and its predecessor, the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology. He grew the business to more than 1,800 employees and processed more than 1.2 million chickens per week. OMP focused on antibiotic free and non-GMO chicken products, servicing the retail and foodservice channels with its Forester Farmers Market brand. In just over a decade, OMP experienced significant growth in both customer base and product offerings – with sales reaching more than \$280 million.

Before starting OMP, Fryar was a tenured professor of agricultural economics at the University of Arkansas, focusing his research on grain and poultry marketing and price risk management. He also worked for the United States Department of Agriculture.

The fifth honoree, retired soybean farmer David Walt, is owner of Camp David Farms in Dumas and a longtime leader in row-crop agriculture, raising soybeans, cotton and rice. He is known best as an aggressive and unyielding advocate for the soybean industry. Walt is well known to many in Extension for his support of its programs and his willingness to host demonstrations and verification trials on his farm.

The mission of the Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame is to build public awareness of agriculture and to formally recognize and honor individuals whose efforts have led to the prosperity of local communities and the state. 

April Birthdays

Ms. Yvonne B. Mizell, April 1
 Ms. Linda L. King, April 1
 Ms. Annette Coor, April 1
 Mr. Kenneth R. Williams, April 2
 Mrs. Nancy Winterbauer Olofson, April 3
 Mrs. Susan Sanders, April 4
 Ms. Janice Wadkins, April 5
 Mrs. Easter H. Tucker, April 5
 Ms. Ione B. Daniel, April 6
 Mrs. Kathryn M. Lynch, April 6
 Mrs. Bonnie Wright, April 7
 Mrs. Colleen Owen, April 8
 Ms. Ann E. Gray, April 8

Dr. Stan L. Chapman, April 9
 Mrs. Louise S. Walker, April 10
 Mr. John R. Payne, April 11
 Mr. Rich Maples, April 12
 Mr. Ed Erwin, April 12
 Mrs. Mary Ruth Miner Fallin, April 17
 Mrs. Janet Carson, April 19
 Mrs. Becky L. Reynolds, April 19
 Ms. Mary J. Butler, April 21
 Ms. Tommie J. Wyatt, April 22
 Mr. Phil Tacker Jr., April 22
 Mr. Claude M. Bonner, April 25
 Mrs. Eleanor Walls, April 27
 Dr. Diane F. Jones, April 29

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