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Welcome

Butch Calhoun, Chairman

Special Presentation

Gov. Asa Hutchinson

Invocation

Jim Baker, Class XXVIII, Agriculture Hall of Fame member

11:50 a.m.

Lunch served

12:30 p.m.

Introduction of new Master of Ceremonies, Rex Nelson

Butch Calhoun, Chairman

Introduction of Class XXXI

Rex Nelson, Master of Ceremonies

- *Ford Baldwin*
- *William C. "Bill" Bridgforth*
- *Adam J. McClung*
- *Dr. Lew E. Brinkley*
- *John Reuben Clark*
- *Peggy Clark*

1:30 p.m.

Conclusion

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inductees

Honoring the agricultural leaders of Arkansas

The Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame program is sponsored by Arkansas Farm Bureau and the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce. The program seeks to build public awareness of agriculture; and to honor/recognize past and current leaders who have given selflessly to the farm industry, their communities and to economic development in the state.

Ford Baldwin
Austin

Ford Baldwin is retired from the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture and now operates a consulting business, Practical Weed Consultants, while also writing regularly for the *Delta Farm Press*. His 43 years of assistance to farmers (27 with the Cooperative Extension Service and 16 as a consultant) have resulted in improved weed control and environmental stewardship. While herbicide-resistant weeds continue to challenge farmers, Baldwin is one of the country's top experts on combating this problem.



During his Cooperative Extension Service career, Baldwin became the voice for sound, cutting-edge weed control practices, such as the reduced rate herbicide program initiated in Arkansas that not only allowed producers to save money, but also receive position attention from conservation groups.

Because of his regular writings in the *Delta Farm Press*, Dr. Baldwin remains an effective conduit for transferring technology related to new weed control recommendations and issues.

Baldwin has earned recognition from countless industry groups, including being named *Progressive Farmer's* Man of the Year in Arkansas Agriculture in 1995, induction into the Crop Professionals Hall of Fame in 1999 and earning the Friend of the Farmer Award from Riceland Foods in 2006. Farmers appreciate his practical approach to weed control and rely on his guidance for their livelihoods.

A native of Fayetteville, Baldwin earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Arkansas, and a Ph.D from Oklahoma State University.

William C. "Bill" Bridgforth
Pine Bluff

Bill Bridgforth is senior partner in the law firm of Ramsay, Bridgforth, Robinson and Raley of Pine Bluff, where he represents the legal needs of farmers and ranchers in Arkansas and throughout the United States. He is a frequent speaker across the country on agricultural and regulatory matters. His focus has been on educating and assisting farmers, ranchers, accountants and lawyers, particularly on issues involving federal farm programs.

Bridgforth has worked with agriculture committees of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives in an effort to ensure the nation's farm programs are beneficial to production agriculture. He handled the first payment limitation cases brought against farmers in 1971 by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture.

His contribution to production agriculture in Arkansas and throughout the United States has been significant, with Bridgforth donating untold hours speaking to national commodity groups and their members in an effort to educate and inform farmers and ranchers of the provisions and regulatory requirements of federal farm programs.

Bridgforth received the C.E. Ransick Award for extraordinary service from the Arkansas Bar Foundation in 2005, was inducted into the Arkansas Outdoor Hall of Fame by the Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation in 2012 and was the 1993 recipient of the Harvey W. McGeorge Award for Distinguished Service to Agriculture in Arkansas, presented by the Pine Bluff Rotary Club.

A native of Forrest City, Bridgforth earned an undergraduate degree at the University of Arkansas in 1962, followed by a law degree in 1964.



Adam J. McClung
(deceased)
Vilonia

Adam McClung served as executive vice president of the Arkansas Cattlemen's Association from 2009-17, generating membership growth over that span and creating the Young Cattlemen's Leadership Class, designed to develop leadership skills for tomorrow's agricultural leaders. More than 100 have graduated from the program, positively impacting Arkansas agriculture.

McClung died suddenly Aug. 6, 2017, at the age of 37. His relentless efforts to bring positive change to the beef industry, and all of agriculture, spurred the White House and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to recognize him in 2014 as one of 15 "Champions of Change" from across the country.

He was director of membership at the Arkansas Cattlemen's Association from 2006-08, then moved on to the Oklahoma Beef Council as director of industry relations. He returned to Arkansas in 2009 to lead the Arkansas Cattlemen's Association, focusing his energy on membership and legislative efforts. In 2015, McClung helped promote legislation that would make income from agriculture disaster payments exempt from state taxes. The legislation was passed and signed by Gov. Asa Hutchinson, giving agriculture producers a hand up from disaster.

A native of Conway, McClung attended Eastern Oklahoma State College and Oklahoma State University on livestock judging scholarships, earning a bachelor's degree in animal science, with an emphasis on business and agricultural economics from OSU.



Dr. Lew E. Brinkley
Jonesboro

Dr. Lew Brinkley has taught three generations of students at Arkansas State University, spending his 46-year career there as a professor of agricultural economics, department administrator, student advisor and mentor. Dr. Brinkley taught at least 10 different courses during his tenure (1969-2016), and almost 1,300 A-State agribusiness majors earned degrees during this time. When he retired from full-time service in 2005, the ASU College of Agriculture alumni established the L.E. Brinkley



Endowment for Student Development to provide ongoing support of student activities. Brinkley is an honorary life member of the Memphis Agricultural Club, was named the outstanding Agribusiness Person by the Jonesboro Regional Chamber of Commerce in 2005, earned an honorary State Farmer Degree from Arkansas FFA in 1986 and was named an Honorary Member in recognition of distinguished service by the National Block and Bridle Club in 1979.

During his 46 years of continuous service to Arkansas State University, Dr. Brinkley helped build the human capital of the state's agricultural economy. His former students went on to serve as leaders in farming, agribusiness, government and academia throughout the state and beyond our borders. Through his students' success and accomplishments, Dr. Brinkley has made a significant and lasting impact on Arkansas agriculture.

A native of west Tennessee, Brinkley earned an undergraduate degree at Lambuth University in 1964, followed by his master's (1966) and Ph.D (1969) in agricultural economics from the University of Tennessee.

John Reuben Clark
Fayetteville

John Clark is one of the country's preeminent experts in the field of fruit crop genetics and breeding, particularly blackberries, grapes, nectarines and peaches. As distinguished professor in the department of horticulture at the University of Arkansas, he has been recognized with many awards, including the National Association of Plant Breeders Impact Award, and served as president of the American Society for Horticultural Science.

Dr. Clark has released 62 fruit cultivars, with more than 21 million plants sold, a wholesale value of more than \$40 million. Dr. Clark's development of the thornless, large-fruited blackberries was just the first of many innovations in the blackberry industry. His most meaningful success might well be the development of new genetics and production practices that will enable the availability of fresh blackberry fruit year-round.

He earned the Impact Award from the National Association of Plant Breeders in 2017, received the Distinguished Service Award from the North American Raspberry and Blackberry Association in 2012 and the Julia C. Miller Outstanding Research Award, Southern Region by the American Society for Horticultural Science in 2007.

A native of Jackson, Miss., Dr. Clark earned undergraduate (1978) and master's (1980) degrees in horticulture from Mississippi State University. He earned a Ph.D in plant science from the University of Arkansas in 1983, when he was named resident director of the Fruit Research Station in Clarksville. His 37-year career at the University of Arkansas includes almost every step in the faculty ladder, including Associate Professor, Professor and, most recently, as Distinguished Professor.



Peggy Clark
Arkadelphia

Peggy Clark is an owner and the managing partner of Clark Timberlands and has been synonymous with sustainable forestry for almost 40 years.

Clark assumed the role of manager of her family businesses in 1987 after the untimely death of her father, Charles Clark. The business then encompassed timberland in eight south-central Arkansas counties and included other real estate investments, a livestock auction, and a working farm and cattle ranch.

In what would become a series of “firsts” in her career, she was the first woman appointed to the Arkansas Forestry Commission in 1979, and remained on the board through 2006. She also was the first female president of the Arkansas Forestry Association, the first woman to serve as president of the national Forest Landowners Association and the first female elected to First Commercial Corporation’s board of directors.

She currently serves on the boards of the Ross Foundation in Arkadelphia, the Wagoner Foundation in Hot Springs, the Old Statehouse Board, the Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce, the Garvan Woodland Gardens Board of Directors and the Reynolds Institute on Aging in Little Rock. In addition, she has served as president of the Conference of Southwest Foundations and eight years on the national board of the U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities. She was named in *Arkansas Business* magazine as one of Arkansas’ Top 100 Women.

A graduate of the University of Arkansas, she received a bachelor’s degree in history in 1971.



ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Class I — Richard S. Barnett Jr., Altheimer; L. Clyde Carter, Stuttgart; Orval A. Childs, Magnolia; Waldo Frasier, Little Rock; Dwight L. Morris, Siloam Springs; Harold E. Ohlendorf, Osceola; Romeo E. Short, Brinkley; C. A. Vines, Little Rock; Marvin Vines, Little Rock; Dr. John W. White, Fayetteville.

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Class VIII — Arnold A. Berner, Little Rock; Dr. Connell J. Brown, Fayetteville; Armstead M. Feland III, Cabot; Jacob Hartz, Sr., Stuttgart; John E. Tull Jr., Washington, D.C.

Class IX — O. Wayne Bennett, Lonoke; Lehman C. Fowler, Brinkley; John R. "Johnnie" Holmes, Little Rock; Mescal Johnston, Little Rock; Dr. Paul Noland, Fayetteville; C. R. Sawrie, Little Rock.

Class X — W. C. "Buddy" Coleman, Little Rock; Dr. Glenn W. Hardy, Fayetteville; U.S. Sen. David Pryor, Little Rock; Vernon W. Scott, Tillar; Howard S. Young, Atkins.

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Class XXV — Dr. Lionel Barton, Fayetteville; Abraham Carpenter Sr., Grady; Jon S. Fitch, Hindsville; Stanley E. Reed, Marianna; Howarth Erwin Taylor, Hickory Ridge.

Class XXVI — Margaret P. Alexander, Little Rock; Dr. Lanny Ashlock, Conway; Jack R. England, Rison; Mathew J. Post, Altus; Leland Tollett, Springdale; Donald (Buddy) Wray, Springdale.

Class XXVII — R. Marion Berry, Gillett; O.H. "Doogie" Darling, Crossett; Leroy Isbell, England; Ruben H. Johnson, Magazine; Dr. Keith Lusby, Fayetteville; J. Keith Smith, Hot Springs.

Class XXVIII — James R. (Jim) Baker, Conway; James Bibler, Russellville; Billie R. Nix, Ash Flat; Bruce Oakley, El Paso; John Ed Regenold, Blytheville.

Class XXIX — William H. Caldwell, Rose Bud; Henry (Hank) Chamberlin, Monticello; Gary C. George, Springdale; Rep. David Hillman, Almyra; Bobby Huey, Newport; John Frank Pendergrass, Charleston.

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