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**WEST VIRGINIA AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY HALL OF FAME
TO WELCOME 2017 MEMBERS AT ANNUAL BANQUET**

Charleston, W.Va. – The West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame (WVAFHF) Foundation has selected eight outstanding individuals for induction in 2017. These individuals will be honored at the annual banquet at Jackson's Mill Saturday, July 15, 2017. A reception will begin at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at the Jackson's Mill dining hall at 6 p.m.

Inductees for 2017 are: Robert Arthur Dailey of Morgantown, Green Bank native Kirklyn McNeer Kerr, Carl W. Larew (dec.), Shirley C. Eagan of Charleston, Nora M. MacDonald of Morgantown, Staunton C. Haynes II of Charleston, Charles Russell Lloyd of Sutton and Gilbert A. Martin (dec.).

The Banquet is open to the public. Tickets are \$35 each and the deadline for reservations is Friday, July 7, 2017. Tickets can be purchased from:

- Hope Goff, WV Forestry Association, 304-372-1955
- Tina Payne, WV Division of Forestry, 304-558-2788
- Joan Harman, WV Farm Bureau, 304-472-2080, ext. 306
- Denise Hunnell, WVU Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design, 304-293-2395
- Robin Gothard, WVDA, 304-558-3200
- Erin Gregory, WVU Cooperative Extension Service, 304-293-5694

Enshrinement in the WVAFHOF is reserved for those individuals, businesses, organizations, institutions and foundations that have made outstanding contributions to the establishment, development, advancement and improvement of the agricultural, forestry and family life of West Virginia.

The WVAFHF Foundation was chartered in 1974. In 1976, the Board of Governors voted to include forestry professionals in the Hall of Fame.

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Brief bios of the new members:

Robert Arthur Dailey of Morgantown is a 1967 graduate of WVU and coordinator of the Davis-Michael Scholars Program at WVU's Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design, which helps prepare students for success in veterinary school. He has served as coach of the WVU Dairy Judging Team, has obtained numerous grants, advised hundreds of students at all degree levels and has worked as a reviewer for nine different scientific journals, while authoring 111 research papers of his own. He was the WVU Foundation's "Outstanding Teacher" in 1997, and the recipient of the Ethel and Gerry Heebink Award for Distinguished and Extended State Service, WVU's highest award for service to the state, among many other honors and awards.

Dr. Kirklyn McNeer Kerr, D.V.M., Ph.D., a Green Bank native, graduated from WVU with a degree in Animal Science and later earned his D.V.M. degree from Ohio State University in 1961. He also has a M.S. degree in Medical Microbiology from WVU and a Ph.D. in Veterinary Pathology from Texas A&M University. He has been a certified Diplomate in the American College of Veterinary Pathologists since 1968. He is a former member of the Mountaineer football team, and credits his educational achievements to his early work in 4-H, turning sheep shearing earnings into tuition money. He has taught, or served as an administrator, at five colleges. He is the author or co-author of more than 70 research articles, and holds Distinguished Alumnus awards from both WVU and Ohio State.

Carl W. Larew (dec.) spent 32 years as a Vo-Ag instructor at Preston County High School (PCHS) and a lifetime as a practical farmer. At PCHS he helped develop a 300-acre, 275-animal school "laboratory farm" as well as one of the country's most innovative animal processing programs that eventually grew and processed sausage for the Preston County Buckwheat Festival pancake and sausage dinners. His involvement in building and operating the meat processing facility was cited by the principal as a reason for the school's National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence designation. He is a recipient of the Honorary State FFA Degree and WV Vocational Agriculture Teacher of the Year award. He was Grand Marshal of the 66th Annual Buckwheat Festival Farmer's Day Parade in 2007. Both of his daughters are veterinarians and served as state FFA presidents.

Shirley C. Eagan of Morgantown graduated from Marshall University Cum Laude in 1964 with a B.A. in Vocational Home Economics. She went on to earn a M.Ed. degree in Adult Education and Guidance and Counseling from North Carolina State University in 1969, and an Ed.D. from WVU in Higher Education and Adult Education in 1985. During her 32 years with the WVU Cooperative Extension Service, Eagan provided educational opportunities for men, women and local communities. She was liaison between the Extension Service and the Continuing Education Outreach Service (CEOS). Under her leadership, CEOS membership reached over 8,000. She has spent numerous hours in her retirement sorting, filing and preserving the archives of Jackson's Mill 4-H camp. She was inducted into the 4-H All-Stars and presented with the 4-H Distinguished Service Award in 1994. In 2003, she was named a "Special Friend of Jackson's Mill."

Nora M. MacDonald of Morgantown earned B.S. and M.S. degrees in Textiles and Clothing from Iowa State University. In 1971, she was appointed as instructor in Fashion Design and Merchandising at the WVU Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design. She is currently a professor in the School of Design and Community Development. Among her projects are her work researching and designing apparel for individuals with disabilities. She has published 24 scientific articles on the topic. She also served as coordinator for a national exhibit that traveled to six major museums over a four-year period. She has twice served as president of the International Textiles and Apparel Association. At the state level, she has served as president of the WV Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, formerly the WV Home Economics Association. She was named "Outstanding Teacher" in the Division of Family and Consumer Sciences in 1996.

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Staunton Clark Haynes II of Charleston graduated WVU Magna Cum Laude with a B.S. in Forest Research Management in 1972, followed by a M.S. in Plant Pathology in 1976. He spent 34 years at the West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA), 24 as a forest pathologist and 10 years as assistant director of the Forest Health Section. He was involved in detecting and combating several forest pests, including oak wilt, white pine blister rust, beech bark disease, ash yellows, emerald ash borer and hemlock woolly adelgid. As assistant director, Haynes oversaw the Gypsy Moth Suppression and the Slow the Spread gypsy moth mating disruption programs. He organized and hosted the annual Gypsy Moth Review at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service facility at Shepherdstown, a forum for government and industry to discuss gypsy pest control efforts. He also put together the WVDA Forest Health Calendar, 5,000 of which were printed annually.

Charles Russell Lloyd of Sutton was discharged from the U.S. Army Air Force in 1946 after earning the rank of sergeant and helping to train pilots during World War II. He went to work at his father's lumber and stave mill near Flatwoods and took over the business in 1949. The company provided a value-added market for white oak logs in central West Virginia. The business later expanded to manufacture planed hardwood lumber and tongue-and-groove paneling. Over the years, Lloyd opened the plant to numerous tours by forestry, industry and student groups. After closing the lumber and stave business, Lloyd opened a hardware and building supply business serving loggers, farmers and homeowners. He was an early member of the WV Sawmill Operators Association, later the WV Forestry Association, and was a longtime member of the National Associated Cooperaage Industries.

Gilbert A. Martin (dec.) graduated Fairmont State College in 1928 with a degree in Industrial Arts and began teaching at Koon's Run School at a salary of \$150 a month. He continued working in the Marion County School System, eventually retiring as assistant superintendent. But he also was a pioneer in the Christmas tree industry and an inventor of tree farm-related machinery. In 1930, he received 4,000 seedlings as part of a Depression-era program. By the early-1960s, he had more than 25,000 trees for sale. Over the years, he developed an auguring machine that allowed homeowners to easily stand trees straight regardless of trunk form, as well as a tractor-drawn tree-planting machine and a tree-baling machine. None of these designs were patented, but forms of his inventions are still used today. In 1953, Martin helped form and was elected the first president of the West Virginia Christmas Tree Growers Association (WVCTGA). In 2014, Martin's Mt. Zion Nursery hosted the WVCTGA's 60th annual summer farm tour.

Visit <http://www.wvagriculture.org/WVAFHF/index.htm> for complete bios and more information.

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