

## James E. Ash

**J**ames E. Ash of Alma – Raised on a family farm at Wilbur, Ash is a 1948 graduate of Tyler County High School. He received an associate's degree in Agriculture from Potomac State College in 1951, then followed that with a BS and an MS in Agriculture and Agriculture Education from WVU in 1953 and 1963, respectively. From 1958-



1989, he was an agriculture teacher and FFA advisor for the Tyler County Board of Education. During his tenure, he supervised student teachers and taught numerous state and national FFA Degree recipients and other award-winners. Following his retirement, he remained involved with FFA activities, the WVU Alumni Association and with fairs and festivals

throughout the state, where he is frequently called upon to judge student agricultural contests. He currently sits on the West Virginia FFA Advisory Committee, the State Conservation Committee and the state Envirothon Committee. He is a former president of the Tyler County Fair Board. He has received the Distinguished Service Award from the West Virginia FFA Association, the VIP Award from the national FFA organization, and the Distinguished Alumni Award from WVU's Davis College of Agriculture, Forestry and Consumer Sciences.