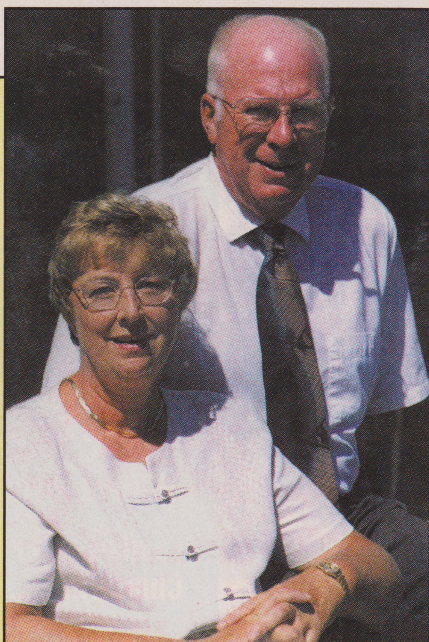


Couple Inducted into Farm Science Review Hall of Fame

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Two long-time supporters of the Farm Science Review will be inducted into the Farm Science Review Hall of Fame on Tuesday, Sept. 21. Kelso and Judy Wessel will be honored for their participation, leadership and contributions to the Review.

The husband and wife team have been involved with the Farm Science Review for more than 25 years. Judy participated in her first Farm Science Review in 1971 as a presenter. She had just begun working for Ohio State University Extension for the College of Human Ecology.

Kelso's first experience with the Review was as a faculty advisor for the Agricultural Economics Club. Student groups were not faring very well at the Review selling food items. So, with Kelso's leadership, the club took the food to the crowd by using a mobile food stand. And it worked! Profits generated three scholarships for agricultural economics majors. And for several years before his retirement, Kelso's involvement with the Innovative Rural Enterprise tent attracted thousands of viewers to the northwest corner of the Review site.

Kelso taught agricultural economics at Ohio State for 28 years. During his last 10 years, he was also an Extension specialist in direct marketing and innovative agriculture. Judy and Kelso retired from Ohio State in 1995.

The Wessels were key players in that evolution. The couple was instrumental in the development of the educational format of the college's programming in the McCormick Building. Judy played a large role in the development of OSU Central, a grouping of Ohio State experts and displays at the center of the grounds. She also promoted educational programs at the McCormick Building, where information on food safety, health and family finance can be found. The Wessels also initiated the establishment of the Utzinger Garden at the Review.

Each year, Judy and Kelso spent countless hours and weekends constructing displays, kitchens and an office setting for the educational programs they supported at the Review, said Craig Fendrick, Farm Science Review manager.

After their retirement, the Wessels have stayed involved in the Review by donating their time as volunteers.