Two Honored in 25th Hall of Fame Class

The 25th class of honorees will be inducted into the Farm Science Review Hall of Fame during the Vice President’s Luncheon on Sept. 16. Mike Haubner and the late DeLynn Kale will join past honorees for their contributions and support of the Farm Science Review.

Mike Haubner

Mike served as the Ohio State University Extension Educator in Clark County for 27 years, after beginning his career with Extension as a 4-H Agent in the same county. In his role, Mike collaborated on many projects at the Farm Science Review and Molly Caren Agricultural Center, including a farming systems project that utilized the grounds beyond just the three days of the show. This particular project demonstrated to farmers what changes they could make in their own operations to be more efficient and profitable. Today, Mike continues to go above and beyond the call of duty as a Farm Science Review volunteer. He can be found in one of the Farm Science Review information booths during the show, and is known for personally meeting and greeting farmers with a friendly smile as they walk through the gates while passing out show programs. His work is a true reflection of the core values of OSU Extension.

DeLynn Kale (posthumous)

DeLynn was a long-time exhibitor at the Farm Science Review and instrumental in bringing the fields of the Molly Caren Agricultural Center up to par after the official show site was moved from Don Scott Field in 1982. Facing a serious weed control problem, DeLynn gifted the Farm Science Review access to self-propelled spray equipment and helped with what is still referred to as “the great weed clean-up,” ensuring the show’s renowned field demonstrations had a professional image. To this day, the Farm Science Review’s field demos are revered by many as world-class. DeLynn also organized a custom applicator show, modeled after the Midwest Ag Industries Exposition (MAGIE), on the grounds. While the show only ran one year, DeLynn’s passion and drive helped to heighten agriculture and custom application in the Eastern Corn Belt. DeLynn was also well-known on the tractor pull circuit in Ohio. His legacy lives on through his Union County-based company, which still exhibits at the Farm Science Review today.