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Quigley Inducted Into Agricultural Hall of Fame, Young Farmer of the Year Recognized

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – George Quigley was inducted into the Cumberland County Agricultural Hall of Fame today during the annual Farm City Week program held by the Cumberland County Cooperative Extension and the Kiwanis Club of Fayetteville. James Rollings “J.R.” Dail was recognized as the 2016 Cumberland County Farm Bureau Outstanding Young Farmer of the Year.

Quigley’s official portrait was unveiled and will hang on the wall with those of past inductees in the I.B. Julian Auditorium of the Cooperative Extension office at the Charlie Rose Agri-Expo Center, located at 301 E. Mountain Dr. In addition, N.C. Sen. Wesley Meredith presented Quigley with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, one of the state’s most prestigious awards, during the luncheon.

Quigley is a graduate of the inaugural Extension Master Gardener class in 1996 and has remained a fixture at Cooperative Extension for the past 20 years. Quigley has taught horticulture, landscaping and gardening. He has hosted farm tours and frequently makes visits to lawmakers to ensure legislation is passed to benefit farmers and the agricultural industry.

“Since 1996 when he started with the Master Gardener program, George has not left our office,” said Cooperative Extension Director Lisa Childers. “He has volunteered more than 8,000 hours with the program and contributed so much to our community, not for recognition, but because of his dedication and commitment to Cooperative Extension and Cumberland County.”

Quigley has served on the Cooperative Extension Advisory Council (chairman), N.C. Master Gardener Association (president), Cape Fear Botanical Garden Board of Directors (president), Kiwanis Club of Fayetteville (life member and 2009 club president), Cross Creek Linear Park Committee, Fayetteville Beautiful Board of Directors, N.C. Agriculture Foundation, Second Harvest Food Bank and Catholic Charities Board of Directors. He has also been an instructor of landscaping at Fayetteville Technical Community College and received the Cumberland County Cares Award in 2007.

Quigley, a native of upstate New York, enlisted in the U.S. Army as an infantryman after graduating high school. Quigley joined the elite Army Rangers and was later commissioned as an infantry officer. He served 34 years before retiring in Cumberland County.

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Young Farmer of the Year

James Rollings “J.R.” Dail is the 2016 Cumberland County Farm Bureau Outstanding Young Farmer of the Year. Dail, a fifth-generation farmer in the Wade community, is the son of James and Wanda Dail. He farms cucumbers, tobacco, soybeans and wheat. Dail also helps his father and his brother, Zach Dail, run the family hardware store located on the farm.

Dail graduated from Cape Fear High School in 2004 and earned a bachelor’s degree from N.C. State University in 2008.

Dail’s father was the Outstanding Young Farmer for Cumberland County in 1992. His great-great grandfather, William R. Taylor, helped bring flue-cured tobacco to Cumberland County.



Left to right, Register of Deeds Lee Warren and Cooperative Extension Director Lisa Childers, co-chairs of the Farm City Week Luncheon, with Agricultural Hall of Fame Inductee George Quigley.



J.R. Dail, the 2016 Young Farmer of the Year, and Lisa Childers, Cumberland County Cooperative Extension Director.

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