

Kiwanis Club presents Farm-City Heritage Awards



Adam McKinney

The Kiwanis Club of Irvine & Ravenna presented 2016 Heritage Awards at its annual banquet held at Michael's Restaurant in Ravenna on Thursday, November 17, 2016.

Two Estill County farmers and one Estill County business were honored. Fred Ginter and Charlie Park each received Heritage Farmer Awards and Hardy Gas Company received the Heritage Business Award.

FFA advisor Lynn Miller and chapter vice-president Adam McKinney each spoke briefly to the group.

Miller said "it means a lot to students to see familiar faces in the community" and added that what "Kiwanis gives to FFA is

priceless."

McKinney said "FFA was the best organization to be involved in," and he added that Ms. Miller had "brought him a long way."

Terry Williams introduced 2016 Heritage Business recipient Hardy Gas Company. "The Hardys are awfully special to me," she said. "They are a special family."

The Hardy family began their business in 1956 in a country store at Winston. They eventually moved to what is known as the "Y" at the intersection of KY-89 and KY-52 near the Kentucky River Bridge.

Hardy Gas was organized in 1970. "Pepper" Hardy attended school full time at Eastern while

managing the gas business. They moved to their present location in 1990 and now serve bottle gas customers in Estill, Lee, Madison, Powell, and parts of Clark and Jackson counties. They employ four service men, operating three 3,000 gallon bulk trucks, and deliver as many as four trucks a day. Pepper and his wife,

Joyce's son, Mark Hardy, works with the business. Joyce and Mark's wife, Leslie, manage the office.

Jeff Hix introduced Fred Ginter, a Millers Creek farmer who started farming with a mule at the age of ten. He eventually got a John Deere tractor. Ginter also worked on the railroad for 35 years.

Charlie Park's farm has been in the family since 1794 where he raised cattle, hay, corn and tobacco. He also worked 26 years in the oil business and was also a logger. He and his wife Carol have a son John who is a veterinarian. Hix said Park done well as a farmer because he "don't care to work."



ABOVE: Mark Hardy accepts the "2016 Heritage Business Award" for Hardy Gas Company, operated by Mark and parents, "Pepper" and Joyce (background) Hardy.



Estill County farmer and one of the winners of the 2016 Heritage Farm Award Charlie Parks, right, with his wife, Carol, in the background.



Jeff Hix, Rick Ginter, 2016 Heritage Farm Award winner Fred Ginter and Kiwanis Club of Irvine-Ravenna president Tom Bonny.

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