

Kiwanis Honors Heritage Business and Two Heritage Farmers for 2019

The Irvine-Ravenna Kiwanis Club held its Heritage Farm-City Banquet on Thursday night, November 21, 2019 at the Estill County Extension Office and for the fifth straight year presented awards to Estill County farmers and business persons.

Farmers chosen for the award this year were Barry Jason Williams and Jack Stickney. The business named was Ravenna Food Mart which is owned by George and Becky Oliver.

Estill County High School agriculture teacher and FFA advisor Lynn Miller presented one of her students at the event. Madison McKinney indicated she liked the leadership training in FFA and said the chapter was 'like her family'.

Estill extension agent Eric Baker presented the guest speaker, Dr. Ric Bessin, an entomologist at the University of Kentucky who enlightened those present with information about Kentucky's present and future invasive insects including the brown marmorated stink bug which is causing problems in households. He explained how some species are traveling into the area including one hitchhiker species which spreads by laying eggs on objects that are moved along railroads.

Former Kiwanis president Jeff Hix introduced one Heritage farmer, Jack Stickney whom he said is "a person that really gets involved in the community."

Stickney was originally from Falls Church Virginia, and he and his wife, Teresa, have been in Estill County for three decades where their 100-acre farm on

the Red River at Lilly Ferry is considered a 'work in progress' by Stickney. He was named 2016 Kentucky Tree Farmer of the Year by the state's tree farm organization. They are currently raising 17 grain fed cattle and have been involved with Shittoke mushrooms for several years.

Kiwanian Richard Snowden introduced Heritage farmer Barry Jason Williams whom Snowden indicated was one of the hardest working young man he had ever known. Williams raises soybeans, corn and cattle along with working on the railroad for 12 years.

Larry Stewart introduced George and Becky Oliver who own Ravenna Food Mart, a convenience store. Stewart once partnered with the couple in the business but later sold his share to them. In addition to gasoline and store products, the store also sells freshly-made sandwiches, and the Olivers got a lot of compliments on the cleanliness of the store and the quality of their foods.

Previous Heritage Award winners were farmers Donnie Arvin and Danny Click, along with Honchell's Men's Store in 2015. Fred Ginter and Charlie Park received farm awards and Hardy Gas Company was named the Heritage business in 2016.

Awards in 2017 went to farmers Phillip Newton and Dan Rose. Melvin Wiseman's service station on River Drive was given the business award. Last year, it was Roy "Dink" Dixon and Jason Smith who got farm awards and Jim Hayes' Irvine Community Television got the business award.



Left to right, former Kiwanis president Jeff Hix presents the Heritage Farmer award to Jack Stickney and wife Teresa.



Left to right, Kiwanis Heritage Business owners Becky and George Oliver are presented their award by Kiwanian Larry Stewart.



Richard Snowden presents a Heritage Farmer award to Barry Jason Williams



Guest speaker Dr. Rick Bessin



Estill FFA member Madison McKinney

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