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Brown Family Recognized as Maryland 4-H Family of the Year

The Brown Family - parents, Ruth and Wayne Brown; their daughter, Ellen Larrimore and her husband, Richard and children, Ashley, Katie and Matthew; their son, Sam Brown and his wife, Vickie and children, Holly and Rhandi; and daughter, Mary Lester and her husband, Michael and children, Abigail, William, and Jamie - was recognized at the Maryland 4-H Awards Gala on Sunday, October 4, 2009 at the Riggs Alumni Center at the University of Maryland, College Park as the Maryland 4-H Family of the Year.

As children, Ruth was a 4-Her, while Wayne was active in the Boy Scouts. Ellen, Sam and Mary were active 4-Hers on the club, county, state and national level as children. Grandchildren Ashley, Katie, Holly, Matthew and Rhandi are all current 4-Hers in the Calvert Boys and Girls club where they are very active in all aspects of the program.

For over 25 years, The Brown Family have been active volunteers in the Cecil County 4-H Program and have influenced many young lives because of their dedication, including hundreds of 4-Hers in the Calvert Boys and Girls 4-H club with which the Brown family volunteers. Ruth and Wayne are both 28-year volunteers and were former club co-leaders. Ellen is a 10-year volunteer and is the current club leader. Her husband Richard lends a helping hand when he can. Sam has been a volunteer for 7 years and wife Vickie is a 6-year volunteer. Wayne, Sam, Ruth and Ellen all have assisted with the Cecil County horticulture judging team for many years. Wayne was a former county and assistant state coach for poultry judging. They have coached 16 Cecil 4-Hers for horticulture judging and 11 Cecil 4-Hers for poultry judging who have represented Maryland nationally. Also, under their leadership, 12 club members were selected to attend National 4-H Congress, and the club received a National Colgate financial award for environmental conservation and stewardship. Ruth has coordinated the countywide 4-H Eggstravaganza event for the past 5 years, and she and daughter Ellen are active members of the State Volunteer Leaders Association. Ashley and Katie are members of the State Teen Council. Sam recently became certified through 4-H to teach shooting sports in the air rifle discipline. Wayne, Ruth, Ellen and Sam are all active with the Cecil County chapter of the Maryland 4-H All-Stars.

Besides their 4-H involvement, the Browns are active in the Calvert-area community. They are members of the Farm Bureau and Rosebank United Methodist Church. Wayne is a member of the Harmony Masonic Lodge, Ellen is active in the Calvert Grange, and Sam is active with the Rising Sun American Legion youth air rifle group.

The Cecil County 4-H program has many great volunteers who give their time and support to the program. Volunteers are the heart of the 4-H program: without volunteer assistance, the Maryland 4-H program would not be able to outreach to as many youth as it does. The Cecil County 4-H Program offers a variety of opportunities for youth ages 5-18. For information about joining or volunteering with the University of Maryland Extension, Cecil County 4-H Program please contact our office at 410-996-5280 or visit our website at www.cecil.umd.edu.

The Brown Larrimore Family

Front: Rhandi, Holly, Katie, Matthew, Ruth, Ellen, Dr. Cheng-i Wei, Dean of the University of Maryland College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Back: Dr. Jeff Howard, State 4-H Program Leader, Sam, Vickie, Ashley, Wayne, Dr. Nick Place, University of Maryland Extension Director.



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