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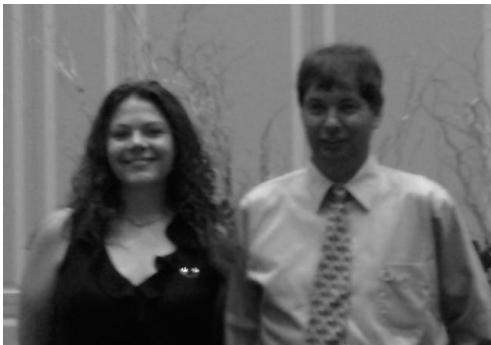
Two Cecil County Volunteers Recognized at Maryland 4-H Awards Gala

Two Cecil County 4-H volunteers were 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, for their outstanding volunteer service to the Maryland 4-H program.

Sierra Bouchelle was recognized with the Dean's Salute to Excellence Maryland 4-H Volunteer of the Year Award. Sierra has provided exceptional leadership to Cecil County 4-H by serving as a club co-leader, camp director assistant, chairing several countywide events, and helping with numerous countywide 4-H activities. Sierra, a 3-year volunteer, has offered her time and endless efforts to 4-H since graduating from the program. In addition to volunteering with the 4-H program, she serves as a director on the Cecil County Fair Board and is a Cecil County 4-H All-Star.

Stephen Sprout was recognized with the Maryland 4-H Volunteer Alumni Award. Stephen is an 8-year 4-H volunteer who helps with many countywide and club activities and events. Stephen is a behind-the-scenes volunteer who is always willing to help in any way that he can. He has allowed the use of his family farm for many youth to house and work with their animal projects who otherwise would not be able to become involved with the 4-H livestock projects. A successful 4-H alumnus, Stephen enjoys helping "To Make the Best Better" for Cecil County 4-H youth. Stephen, a Cecil County 4-H All-Star, also serves as a Cecil County Fair Board director.

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, because without their 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 4-H 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.



Sierra Bouchelle and Stephen Sprout