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Photo Caption: Presenting the Kent County Outstanding 4-H Awards are (l to r) Kent County Levy Court Commissioner Terry Pepper, Melanie Jackson, Trevor Maloney, and Levy Court Commissioners Jody Sweeney and Glen Howell.

### **Melanie Jackson and Trevor Maloney Receive Outstanding 4-H Award**

Melanie Jackson of Felton and Trevor Maloney of Houston were chosen as the winners of the Kent County Outstanding 4-H Award. The awards are sponsored by the Chestnut Grove 4-H Club. The Outstanding 4-H Male Award is sponsored in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Huffnal, the founders of the Chestnut Grove 4-H Club, and the Outstanding 4-H Female Award is given in memory of Lisa K. Martin, an active member and President of the Chestnut Grove 4-H Club.

The winners were selected from applications that were submitted to the Kent County 4-H Office. The basis of their selection was the 4-H'ers project work accomplishments, county and local leadership, citizenship, and overall involvement in the 4-H program during their years as a member of Kent County 4-H program.

Melanie Jackson is 16 years old and a 6-year member of the MidState 4-H

Club. She is the daughter of Ed and Jackie Jackson. Melanie has been active in several 4-H project areas including goats, swine, foods, poultry, clothing, photography, citizenship and leadership. She has been active in the Kent County 4-H Junior Council, serving in several officer roles and most recently serving as County President. Melanie is also currently serving as President of the State 4-H Teen Council. In addition to these leadership roles, Melanie has provided leadership to her local club in various officer roles including President. She has been involved with the County 4-H Exchange Program and continues to be active in various 4-H competitions and events at the county and state levels including Favorite Foods, Judging Contests, Demonstrations, and the Clothing Showcase. She has served as a counselor for 4-H summer day camp, Younger Member Weekend, and State Environmental Camp. She has also been an active volunteer in her community by volunteering many hours of community service annually. She was selected as a 2010 delegate to both National 4-H Congress and National 4-H Conference.

A 7-year member of the Harrington Sunshine 4-H Club, 16 year old Trevor Maloney has been an active member of the Kent County 4-H Junior Council and currently serves as Treasurer for this group. He has been an active leader for his local 4-H club while serving in many officer roles, most recently as President for this group. He has participated in various 4-H competitions at both the county and

state level including Public Speaking, Favorite Foods, Demonstration Contests, and Judging Contests, Trevor is also involved with the County 4-H Exchange Group Program and has volunteered many hours of community service to many organizations in Kent County. He was recently selected to attend the 2011 National 4-H Congress. He is active in 4-H project areas of woodworking, shooting sports, goats, computers, clothing, photography, swine, computers, leadership and citizenship.

The 4-H program is open to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, handicap, age or national origin. If you would like to be part of the University of Delaware Cooperative Extension 4-H youth educational program as a member or adult volunteer, call the Kent County Extension Office at 730-4000.