



COMMUNITY PROJECT - Clayton Weidinger (left) and David Weidinger stand beside their community project, a landscaped entrance to the Vienna City Park. Clayton received the Maries R-I Volunteer of the Year award through the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards for his involvement in the project. David received a certificate of merit for his involvement.

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Local students honored for community service

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Two students at Maries R-I High School were recently honored for their community service. Clayton Weidinger, a senior, has been named the Maries R-I Volunteer of the Year in the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program. In addition, David Weidinger, a junior, received a Certificate of Merit for his volunteer community service.

Sponsored by Prudential and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the awards recognize outstanding community service.

As our local winner, Clayton is now eligible for the Missouri and National Youth Volunteer of the Year award to be announced later this year.

"We are delighted to recognize youth people who make contributions of their time and talents to their communities," said Prudential Chairman Art Ryan. "They are role models for their peers and deserve to have the spotlight focused on them."

Clayton was recognized for his landscaping work on the entrance to the Vienna City Park and David was also recognized for his efforts on this joint

project.

"These honorees practice a lesson we hope all young people, as well as adults, will emulate -- that volunteering within the community is an essential part of one's life," said NASSP Executive Director Gerald Tirozzi.

Maries R-I Principal Don Fields praised the students for their volunteer service.

"I am always pleased to see our students, time and time again, doing fantastic things in school or in the community," said Field. "I am delighted and very proud of Clayton and David."