

# Horse Riders Earn Recognition

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**LANCASTER** — Saturday night was recognition time for members of the Lancaster County 4-H Horse Clubs when the eight county clubs gathered for their annual banquet.

County Extension Director Jay Irwin was probably the most surprised award winner when he was recognized twice for his 20 years of leadership to the horse program. It was WGAL-TV meteorologist Rob Dixon who brought the first surprise, in the form of the "dry umbrella award," as recognition for 20 years of perfect weather at the annual horse round-ups. Along with the certificate, Dixon presented Irwin with a happy face helium balloon to which an umbrella was attached, and a WGAL-TV windbreaker, since "no one can predict perfectly all the time."

Later, leaders Kendy Allen and Rose Fellenbaum gave Irwin framed pictures of the horse show and a magazine rack fashioned to look like a horse which was created by member Chris Miller. While making the presentation, Allen said, "For 20 years, Jay was the rock we all leaned on, and all stood against. We couldn't have gotten anyone better."

Tammy Long, 19, who is completing her last year as a member of the Boots and Saddles Club, received an "Award of Excellence" for the highest points ever received at the state show by some-

one from Lancaster County. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Long, Landisville, Tammy was first in pleasure pair, first in grooming and showing for 16 years and older, second with the county team, ninth in stock seat equitation and 10th in western riding.

Her ride to the top was not an easy one, Tammy's father recalled that her interest in horses began riding a hobby horse.

After that Tammy created a make believe horse which she curried and rode until she went to a Girl Scout Camp for horseback

riding. She was hooked, and joined 4-H, and the "wonderful world of horsemanship."

Although Tammy joined 4-H, riding was not always smooth. She began with a borrowed 22-year-old Morgan, proceeded to a leased one, then went on to a thoroughbred with whom she couldn't get along.

Along the way, Tammy set her goal to become state champion, and she switched from English to Western riding. "Work, work, work," was the only way her father described her attitude, and it was the hard work which paid off and



Kendy Allen, left and Rose Fellenbaum, right, present County Extension Director Jay Irwin with a "horse" for his magazines in recognition of his 20 years of service to the 4-H horse program.



Tammy Long, left, and Allison Farrington were recognized for their outstanding 4-H year, along with nine-year-old Nathan Buckwalter, a member of the Silver Shoes 4-H Therapeutic Riding program. Tammy received the "Award of Excellence" and Allison received high points for participation in county, district and state horse events.

helped her be selected for the Award of Excellence. In addition, Tammy was recognized as outstanding member in her final year in both Boots and Saddles and the Production Club, and she was named an outstanding teen leader. She now trains horses full time.

Alison Farrington was recognized for accumulating the highest point total in county, district and state shows. She is a member of the Broken Bit Club, and placed first in pleasure pair at states, second on the county team, sixth in pleasure driving, seventh in open trail, and ninth in hunter hack-horse. Alison also received an award for having

three or more years of perfect attendance, and for the best project book for a senior.

To let people know that being a horse club member is more than just participating in shows, Kendy Allen's Saddle Cinches 4-H Club established the Ride and Tie Award. This event, open to anyone, gives teams the opportunity to ride and walk a designated course in a timed sequence. Eight teams participated, and first place in the junior division went to Jason Anthony and Mike Davey. In the senior division, first place went to Duane Anthony and Andy Allen.

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