

Horse Riders

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Other state horse show winners included: Derek Bömberger, second-county team and eighth hunt seat equitation; Philip Eberly, filly of the year; Shawn Eberly, first colt of this year, eighth western pleasure horse and tenth open trail horse; Chris Miller, seventh raised box keyhole; Wayne Stoltzfus, third clover leaf barrel race;

Missy Overbaugh, third hunter under saddle; Jessica Watts, first filly of this year; Kristy Frybarger, second yearling filly; Daniel Mahon, first western pleasure ponies. State award winners who did not receive trophies included: Boots and Saddles, Nicholas Gerhart and Jason Watts; Broken Bit, Michele Harris and Tom Harris; and Sequoia Riders, Whitney

Christian.

Nine-year-old Nathan Buckwalter received an award given in memory of Janell Conley for the member of the therapeutic riding program who "consistently projects a positive attitude, ready smile and willingness to cry." The award was presented by Amos Conley. Nathan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Buckwalter, Leola.

Kim Kettering, Saddle Cinches 4-H Club, received an award for having three or more years of per-



County Extension Director Jay Irwin, left, accepts the "dry umbrella award" from WGAL-TV Meteorologist Rob Dixon, in recognition of 20 years of rain free horse shows.

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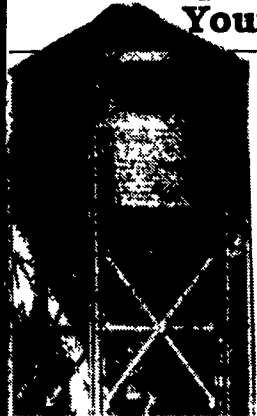
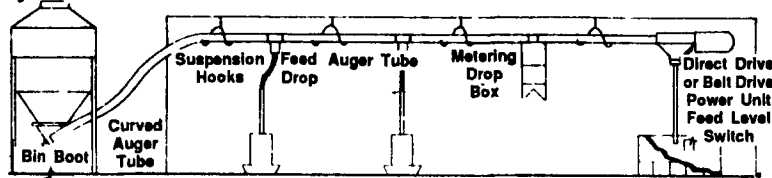
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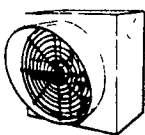
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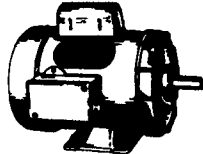
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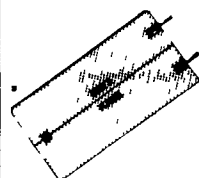
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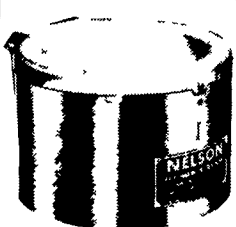
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fect attendance, was named an outstanding teen leader and had the best project book as a senior.

No 4-H club can operate without the support of many parents. The horse clubs each recognized an "outstanding parent," as follows: Boots and Saddles, Lynn Preiss; Broken Bit, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Harnish; Rough Riders, Marie Nickle; Saddle Cinches, Robert Miller, Mick and Darlene Buller, Carl Anthony, and Nelson Dagen; Sequoia Riders, Cathy and Bill Schupert; Silver Shoes, Ellen Turnbull; and Production, Helen Farrington.

Outstanding teen leaders were as follows: Boots and Saddles, Sallie Gregory and Jessica Watts; Broken Bit, Melissa Harris; Saddle Cinches, Vickie Creighton and LaVonne Lehman; Silver Shoes, Linda Perry.

High Sponsorship awards were as follows: Boots and Saddles, Chris Miller; Broken Bit, Kristy Frybarger; Rough Riders, Polly Lentz; Saddle Cinches, Lavonne Lehman and Pamela Lehman; and Silver Shoes, Jim Meashey, J & S Stables and Circle T.

The Most Improved First Year Members included: Boots and Saddles, Jessica Hill; Horsin Around, Sharon Harnish; Broken Bit, Kerri Myers; Rough Riders, Dave Nickle; Saddle Cinches, Kari Moyer; Sequoia Riders, Tammy Engle; Silver Shoes, Billy Davis; and Production, Philip Eberly.

Most Improved Second Year Members were: Boots and Saddles, Billie Jo May; Broken Bit, Danny Mahon; Rough Riders, Adele Nickle; Saddle Cinches,

Michael Dagen; Sequoia Riders, Kirsten Myers; Silver Shoes, Will Turnbull; Production, Shawn Eberly.

Most improved members in their final year were Jessica Watts with Boots and Saddles and Production Club, and Polly Lentz with Rough Riders.

Trail Ride Awards went to the following: Boots and Saddles, Jessica Hill (junior) and Doug Deibler (senior); Broken Bit, Erin Hess and Michele Harris; Rough Riders, Jessica Abel (junior); Saddle Cinches, Jason Anthony; Sequoia Riders, Camille Long and Sheila Kraybill.

Sportsmanship winners included: Boots and Saddles, Tracy Garofalo and Kim Hartzler; Horsin Around, Sheila Kraybill; Broken Bit, Sharon Harnish and Melissa Harris; Rough Riders, Kim Jackson; Saddle Cinches, Duane Anthony; Sequoia Riders, Camille Long and Production, Michael Fahnestock.

The following received best project book awards: Novice-Melissa Marrow, Nicholas Gerhart, Kerri Myers, Nicole Wilfong, Tracy Witmer, Pamela Lehman, Jennifer Murry, and Philip Eberly; Tenderfoot- Claudia Hartzler, Nicole Flickinger, Eileen Holm, and Shawn Eberly; Junior- Becky Preiss, Lori Harnish, Kim Jackson, Duane Anthony, Whitney Christian and Andy Allen; Senior- Jennifer Eckel, Chris Miller, Alison Farrington, and Kim Kettering; Advanced- Jessica Watts, Melissa Harris, Carla Heisey and Tammy Long.

Don't Drown Your Houseplants

Now that the gardening season is over outdoors, it's time to focus some attention on your houseplants. Most homes in winter offer a rather hostile environment for moisture-loving foliage plants. The dry air in rooms heated with human comfort in mind takes its annual toll in the form of brown leaf tips and crisped leaf edges on many plants. At the same time, the roots on many plants are slowly rotting away in soggy soil.

"The most common houseplant problem I see is overwatering," says University of Delaware Extension plant pathologist Bob Mulrooney. "The leaves on overwatered plants usually turn yellow and drop, starting at the bottom of the plant and working their way up."

To confirm that too much water is the culprit, he says to gently remove the plant from its pot and examine the roots. A very small root mass with no small white feeder roots or one with brown, obviously rotting roots is a sign of overwatering.

"To avoid this problem," Mulrooney says, "it's important to realize that plants in cool rooms

with low light levels don't need much water. Under these conditions plants in large pots could conceivably go several weeks between waterings."

When you do water, he says, water thoroughly. Wet the entire soil ball and allow 10 percent drainage. This is where the type of pot is important.

"I prefer unglazed clay pots," Mulrooney says, "especially for folks who tend to overwater. Clay pots allow for evaporation through the sides of the pot as well as from the soil surface. Roots can get needed oxygen by growing against the inside wall of the porous pot, and this reduces the chance of root death from too much water. With plastic pots, the bottom of the pot can be soggy even if the soil surface is dry."

As for knowing how often to water a houseplant, bear in mind that soilless peat/perlite potting media tend to dry out faster than media with soil, the plant pathologist says. And hanging baskets, since they're nearer the ceiling where temperatures are warmer, will dry out faster than other plants in the same room.