

Kirsten Kauffman, left, is this year's 4-H Superior Achievement Award winner. At right is last year's winner, Kandi Mullen.

Enjoying Competition Makes This 4-H'er Superior

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"I don't consider myself competitive, but . . ."

Kirsten Kauffman shrugged, moving some of her long, blond hair from her eyes, moments after winning the top 4-H honor last week at 4-H Achievement Night at the Farm and Home Center.

Kirsten, 17, daughter of Ken and Margaret Kauffman, Elizabethtown, was honored as 4-H Superior Achievement Award winner during ceremonies in front of her 4-H friends and family. Kirsten, a senior this year at Elizabethtown High School, was already thinking about her next competition — scheduled the very next day at the District 6 Horse Show at the Lebanon Fairgrounds.

Kirsten was honored for her involvement as president of the Saddle Stitches Club. She recently competed in the Solid Gold Futurity competition, working with Chincoteague ponies.

Kirsten also works with her weanling colt and a 6-year-old.

But she said she derives special satisfaction in working with the younger members of 4-H.

"Working with the new kids and seeing them achieve is really great," she said.

Kirsten enjoys the challenge with "all aspects of 4-H."

"You have to work for something in the program. 4-H is not like school assignments. You have to set goals for yourself."

The 4-H'er became involved in the county 4-H program through a friend, Heather Oberholtzer, and the Saddle Stitches 4-H Club.

Kirsten said that she enjoys competition at the state level. Last year, she won a national award for public speaking. She plans to show sheep at the Elizabethtown Fair.

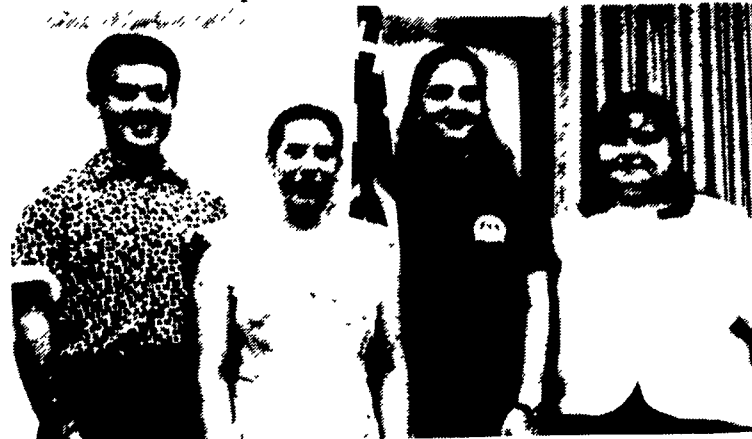
Kirsten, a four-year member of 4-H, wants to attend college to major in English. She is a copy editor on the school's yearbook staff.

Also honored at the event were the senior honor roll members, Maggie Strausbaugh, Tracy Bollinger, Kirsten Kauffman, and Durelle Leaman. Junior honor roll members include Sarah Boyd, James Mullen, and Janine Leaman. Scholarship winners were Eric Wenger, Kandi Mullen, Tracy Bollinger, and Kim LeFevre.

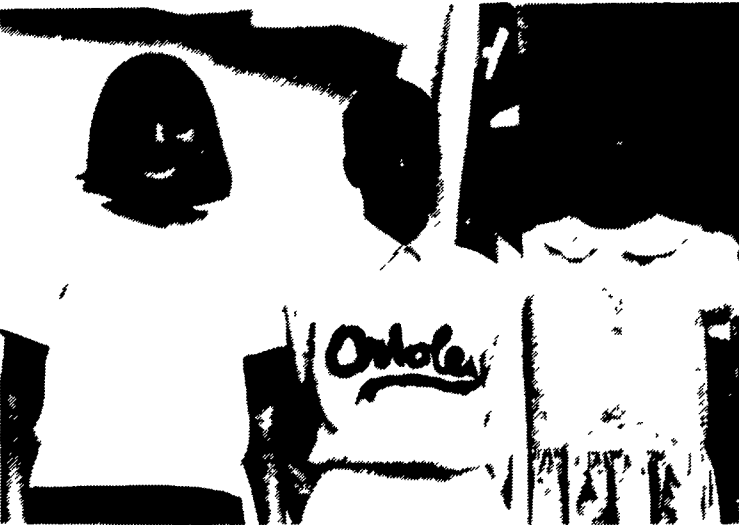
4-H'ers were honored for their

work at this summer's 4-H Achievement Days. First place senior archery members were Derek Stoner, Chris Reeder, Kandi Mullen, and Mike Hartman. First place junior air rifle winner was Ken Cramer. The first place senior

livestock judging team members were Gerald Boyd, Regina Landis, Dale Livengood, and Lisa Reiff. First place in public speaking was James Mullen. A first place award in club scrapbook went to Boots and Saddles.



Scholarship winners were, from left, Eric Wenger, Kandi Mullen, Tracy Bollinger, and Kim LeFevre.



Junior honor roll members, from left, were Sarah Boyd, James Mullen, and Janine Leaman.



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