

2006 Leg-Up Award Winner

Charles Tribble of Highland County

(as written on nomination form by his mother)

Describe the Type of horse project and level of involvement for this 4-Her: 2 Horses

- 1) a yearling who he has raised and worked with from birth – 100% of care
- 2) a 15 yr old Gray mare who he rides and competes when able – she is on a neighbor's farm so he is only responsible for after school care.

What leadership roles associated with the horse project have been held by this individual:

2005-2006	President	High Riders 4-H Club
2000-2005	Treasurer	High Riders 4-H Club
2000-2005	Treasurer	High Riders Horse Show

What equine service activities has this youth been involved with:

During the 2005-2006 year as president, the High Riders picked up trash at the Highland County Fair, served pancakes during the Highland County Maple Festival, held a district qualifying clinic, and held the 10th Annual High Riders All Youth Show. In addition, they picked up rocks at the fairgrounds ring.

Describe any special circumstances or efforts that demonstrate the worthiness of this individual for the Leg-Up Award:

After his mother's diagnosis of breast cancer, Charles willingly took on new and often exhausting responsibilities on the farm. Due to numerous early morning trips to Charlottesville, Charles got his younger brother up and ready for school. In addition to packing lunches and making sure he caught the bus he completely took over all responsibility for the morning and evening farm chores on our 130 acre livestock farm. He became the sole shepherd of our sheep flock during the spring lambing season. He took over 100% of the care of our yearling and broodmare. Inside the home, he willingly vacuumed, folded mountains of laundry, and cleaned when mom wasn't able. When mom was kept away in the evening or unable to keep up he saw that his brother was fed, homework completed, showered and tucked in by 8:30. During hay season, he mowed, raked, picked up bales from the field and stacked them in the barn (Mom was unable to help). Throughout this time, he played 8th grade basketball, coached PeeWee basketball, upheld his grades and still made the honor roll. With all the added responsibilities he kept up his goal to raise a respectful yearling and ride his mare as often as possible. Charles took everything in stride leading by example – prioritizing what needed to be done and working through his mental list. He managed to get everything done and still find time to help his little brother with his project horse. Due to a lack of time, he couldn't school as often as he had in the past but his horses never lacked for proper care and love. Few grown men could accomplish in a day what Charles did and without his extreme effort to help and keep things going, our farm and family would have suffered. In spite of everything that has happened, he has a very well mannered yearling and a lovely mare who he loves to a fault. Should any of you be faced with the cancer, I pray God blesses you as he did me – with a child like Charles. He is truly deserving of the Leg-Up Award.