

2013 State 4-H Horse Bowl, Hippology, and Communications Contests Champions
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The 2013 Tennessee State 4-H Horse Bowl, Hippology, and Communications Contests were held February 15-16 at Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville. This was the 20th year for the event, which has grown annually since its inception.

The Communications Contests (Public Speaking, Individual Presentation, and Team Presentation) allow Senior (9th-12th grade) 4-H members to demonstrate their equine knowledge and skills while also developing public speaking skills. The Horse Bowl contest challenges youth to learn scientific information about horse nutrition, reproduction, genetics, behavior, health, and management. The Hippology contest allows 4-H youth to demonstrate skills they have learned in equine science, horse judging, and identification of horse related tack and equipment.

The top four teams from each division of each regional competition, held earlier in the year, were eligible to compete in the State Championships in Horse Bowl and Hippology. The 1st and 2nd placing finishers in all senior level events will be eligible to represent Tennessee at the Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships in West Monroe, Louisiana later this year. First place senior level winners will also be eligible to compete at the Eastern National 4-H Roundup in Louisville, KY in November.

The event was kicked off on Friday night with the communications contests. In the Public Speaking competition, Catherine Albert of Knox County was named Champion. Reserve Champion in Public Speaking went to Samantha Steger of Putnam County. Sarah Cody of Putnam County was the Individual Presentation Champion. Reserve Champion in Individual Presentation went to Moriah Brothers from Knox County. The Team Presentation Champion went to the team of Rachael Millard and Sarah Millard of Knox County. Reserve Champion went to Jackie Beaty and Kayla Thomas from Cumberland County.

The Senior Hippology teams competed in team stations and team problems on Friday night, followed by a written exam, ID exam and a judging contest on Saturday, alongside the Junior and Junior High teams. In the Hippology contest, the Champion Senior Division team was the Knox County team, with members Catherine Albert, Sophie Antol, Moriah Brothers, and Rachael Millard. Reserve Champion went to the Williamson County A team with members Olivia Cesnik, Julie Rhyne, Allie Robertson, and Savannah Yonge. The Montgomery County A team, consisting of Carly Ford, Hannah Hattendorf, Helena Hattendorf, and Alyssa Kela, placed third. Fourth place went to the Blount County Belles team with team members Cara Coleman, Catherine Crabtree, Aidan Galloway, and Sarah Whitman. Fifth place went to Williamson County B team with team members Jessica Greer, Allison Loftis, Mary Katherine Meacham, and Sarah Wingo. Other senior teams that competed include Wilson, Smith, Cocke, and Bradley counties. The Champion Senior individual and recipient of the Steve McNeil Achievement Award was Rachael Millard of Knox County. Teammate, Moriah Brothers was the Reserve Champion Senior individual in Hippology.

The Champion Junior High Division team in the Hippology contest was the Williamson County B team, consisting of Brooke Cunduff, Amy Chandler, Hannah Gordon, and Cey Johnson. The Reserve Champion Junior High Hippology team was the Sumner County B team with teammates

Ann Marie Brewer, Hanna Grace Steva, Megan Thornton, and Carly White. Third place went to Sumner County A team, the Williamson County A team finished fourth, and fifth place went to the Blount County Cowgirls team. Other teams that competed in Junior High Hippology include Knox, Crockett, Henderson, Blount Filles, Blount Mustangs, Montgomery, and Tipton counties. The Champion Junior High individual was Lily Turaski of Blount County. Reserve Champion Junior High individual went to Carly White of Sumner County.

The Champion Junior Division Hippology team was the Williamson County B team, with team members Abigail Brady, Shelby Mryncza, Macie Reagan, and Grace Olson. The Reserve Champion Junior Hippology team was the Maury County team of Isabel Brickner, Ginger Morrow, Jaliah Rowe, and Aaliyah Simpson. Sumner County finished third, fourth place went to Union County and fifth place went to Madison County. Other teams that competed in Junior Hippology include the counties of Dickson, Loudon, McNairy, Roane, and Knox. The Champion Junior individual was Shelby Mryncza of Williamson County. The Reserve Champion Junior individual was Erin Carver of Sumner County.

The Horse Bowl contest kicked off on Saturday afternoon with excitement in the air. The Senior Division of the Horse Bowl competition was won by the Knox County Team. Team members were Catherine Albert, Sophia Antol, Moriah Brothers and Rachael Millard. Reserve Champion went to the Sumner County team of Chloe Anderson, Kirsten Beasley, Savannah Bitterling, and Haylee Hodges. The Blount County team, consisting of Catherine Crabtree, Dylan Hill, Megan Rogers, and Aidan Galloway finished in third place. Fourth place went to the Montgomery County A team, consisting of Carly Ford, Hannah Hattendorf, Helena Hattendorf, and Alyssa Kela. Other teams that competed in Senior Horse Bowl include the counties of Cocke, Fentress, Hardeman, Henry, Montgomery B, Williamson A and B, and Wilson.

The Junior High Division Champion Horse Bowl team was Sumner County A with team members Kassidy Beasley, Haley Brazel, Cailyn Simonis, and Amber Thornton. The Reserve Champion Junior High Division Horse Bowl team was Sumner County B consisting of Anne Marie Brewer, Hanna Grace Steva, Megan Thornton, and Carly White. The Sumner County D team finished in third place, and the Sumner C County team finished fourth. Other Junior High Horse Bowl teams that competed included Anderson, Blount, Crockett A and B, Dickson, Henderson, and Knox A and B.

The Junior Division Champion Horse Bowl team was the Sumner County team of Destiny Austin, Zachary Bitterling, and Erin Carver. The Reserve Champion Junior Division Horse Bowl team was the Williamson County team including Abigail Brady, Shelby Mryncza, Luke Mryncza, and Macie Reagan. Third place went to Coffee County, and Montgomery County finished in fourth place. Other Junior Horse Bowl Teams that competed include Carroll, Dickson, Knox, Loudon, Madison, Sullivan, and Union counties.

A total of 284 youth from 30 counties competed in the 2013 contests. This event would not be possible without the support of the many Extension Agents, volunteer leaders, and parents from throughout the state who coach 4-H members and assist with running of both Regional and State level contests. Students from the University of Tennessee and Middle Tennessee State University were among the dedicated volunteers that helped run the contests this year. Thank you to everyone who made this year's event possible and congratulations to all of our competitors and winners!

2013 Tennessee 4-H Horse Championships State Judging Contest Results

Halter Individuals

1. Delaney Rostad, Blount County
2. Amy Morgan, Putnam County
3. Savannah York, Sumner County

Performance Individuals

1. Allie Broadway, Sumner County
2. Alyssa Kela, Montgomery County
3. Stephen McNeil, Sumner County

Reasons Individuals

1. Stephen McNeil, Sumner County
2. Amy Morgan, Putnam County
3. Delaney Rostad, Blount County

Overall High Individuals

1. Delaney Rostad, Blount County
2. Stephen McNeil, Sumner County
3. Allie Broadway, Sumner County

Halter Teams

1. Wilson County: Jessie Joyce, Avie Joyce, Amberly McFarlane, Whitney Ross
2. Sumner County: Allie Broadway, Savannah York, Wes McGowan, Stephen McNeil
3. Putnam County: Kelsey Bussell, Savannah Holloway, Amy Morgan, Sarah Cody

Performance Teams

1. Sumner County: Allie Broadway, Savannah York, Wes McGowan, Stephen McNeil
2. Montgomery County: Alyssa Kela, Helena Hattendorf, Ashlynn Nell, Hannah Hattendorf
3. Putnam County: Kelsey Bussell, Savannah Holloway, Amy Morgan, Sarah Cody

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Open Judging Contest Results

Junior Individuals

1. Aubrey Malone, Lincoln County
2. Taylor Butcher, Lincoln County
3. Hannah Wilson, Sumner County
4. Sarah Carlton, Madison County
5. Erin Carver, Sumner County

Junior High Individuals

1. Cailyn Simonis, Sumner County
2. Delaney Simonis, Sumner County
3. Ann Marie Brewer, Sumner County
4. Abby McCalmon, Madison County
5. Baylee Parton, Lincoln County

Senior Individuals

1. Melissa Bachman, Wilson County
2. Morgan Fetzner, Bradley County
3. Haylee Hodges, Sumner County
4. Ryan May, Bradley County
5. Sallie Harris, Wilson County

Junior Teams

1. Lincoln County Team: Madelyn Koop, Aubrey Malone, Taylor Butcher
2. Madison County Team: Claire Piercey, Elena Warren, Sarah Carlton
3. Moore County Team: Jordan Lund, Andrew Cashion, Laney Cashion

Junior High Teams

1. Sumner County Team A: Georgia Ann Smith, Delaney Simonis, Cailyn Simonis
2. Sumner County Team B: Carly White, Ann Marie Brewer, Haley Brazel
3. Madison County Team: Mollie Hines, Alyssa Simons, Abby MaCalmon

Senior Teams

1. Wilson County Team: Bailey Forester, Sallie Harris, Melissa Bachman
2. TQHA Team: Emily Holder, Savannah Lovell, Kamiah McGrath
3. Bradley County Team: Morgan Fetzner, Jessica Starling, Ryan May