

2014 State 4-H Horse Bowl, Hippology, and Communications Contests Champions Claudia Baney, 4-H Extension Specialist

The 2014 Tennessee State 4-H Horse Bowl, Hippology, and Communications Contests were held February 14-15 at Brehm Animal Science Building on the campus of the University of Tennessee. The 2014 contest marked the 21st year for the event, in which 272 Tennessee 4-H youth participated.

The Communications Contests (Public Speaking, Individual Presentation, and Team Presentation) allows senior (9th-12th grade) 4-H members to demonstrate their equine knowledge 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 Raleigh, NC July 29 - August 2, 2014. 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 kicked off on Friday night with the communications contests. In the Public Speaking competition, Rachael Millard of Knox County was named Champion with her speech "Merits of the Mules". Reserve Champion in Public Speaking went to Allison Parker, Sumner County, with her speech about internal parasites. Erin Thomas from Williamson County was the Individual Presentation Champion with a presentation on colic. Reserve Champion in Individual Presentation went to Shaelynn Baggett, Jefferson County, for her presentation on Arabian Sport Horses. The Team Presentation Champion went to the team of Megan Aiosa and Haily Goldman from Henry County for their presentation on vaulting. Each contest winner will receive a \$200 scholarship sponsored by the Tennessee 4-H Horse Program.

The Senior Hippology teams competed in team stations and team problems on Friday night, followed by a judging contest, ID exam and a written exam on Saturday, alongside the Junior and Junior High teams. In the Hippology contest, the Champion Senior Division team was the Williamson County team, with members Sarah Wingo, Julia Rhyne, Allie Robertson, and Savannah Yonge. Reserve Champion honors went to the Cocke County team with members Sarah Hopkins, Amelia Hurst, Jennifer Poe, and Morgan Rowland. The Blount County team of Jenna Delozier, Aidan Galloway and Lily Turaski placed third. Other senior teams that competed include Sumner County, Williamson B, Hamilton County, Henderson County, Henry County, Lauderdale County, Sullivan County, Sumner B, and Tipton County. The Champion Senior high individual, recipient of the Steve McNeil Achievement Award and a \$200 scholarship sponsored by the Tennessee 4-H Horse Program was Amelia Hurst of Cocke County. Reserve Champion Senior individual in Hippology was Carly White from Sumner County.

The Champion Junior High Division team in the Hippology contest was the Sumner County team, consisting of Amber Thornton, Megan Thornton, Kassidy Beasley, and Delaney Simonis. The Reserve Champion Junior High Hippology team was the Williamson County team with teammates Brooke Cunduff, Anna Cesnik, Amy Chandler, and Hallie McKinnie. Third place went to the Madison County team of Sarah Carlton, Zach McCarver, Taylor Perry, and Elena Warren. Other teams that competed in Junior High Hippology include Sullivan County,

Rutherford County, Blount County, Chester County, Cocke County, Dickson County, Henry County, Loudon County, and Williamson B. The Champion Junior High individual was Amber Thornton, Sumner County. Reserve Champion Junior High individual went to Taylor Perry, Madison County.

The Champion Junior Division Hippology team was the Madison County team, with team members Mackenzie Johnson, Hannah Mallard, Allie Maxwell, and Rylee Thomas. The Reserve Champion Junior Hippology team was the Jefferson County team of Hannah Brooks, Delanie Clifton, Madelyn Graf, and Bryanna Hutchinson. The Sumner County consisting of Kellin Ferrell, Hunter-Nicole Jolley, Elizabeth Morgan, and Garrison Ward finished third. Other teams that competed include Blount County, Williamson County, Blount B, Rutherford County, Crockett County, Carroll County, Anderson County, Lincoln County, and McNairy County. The Champion Junior individual was Madelyn Graf of Jefferson County. The Reserve Champion Junior individual was Owen Gibson from Crockett 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 Williamson County Team of Julia Rhyne, Allie Robertson, Sarah Wingo, and Savannah Yonge. Reserve Champion went to the Sumner County team of Cailyn Simonis, Haley Brazel, and Carly White. The Sumner County team A, consisting of Stephen McNeil, Chloe Anderson, and Haylee Hodges finished in third place. Other teams that competed in Senior Horse Bowl include the counties of Anderson, Blount, Cocke, Henderson, Knox, Lauderdale, Madison, Tipton, and Williamson.

The Junior High Division Champion Horse Bowl team was Sumner County A with team members Kassidy Beasley, Amber Thornton, Megan Thornton, and Delaney Simonis. The Reserve Champion Junior High Division Horse Bowl team was Sumner County B consisting of Erin Carver, Ann Marie Brewer, Tony Lynn Cline, and Casey Jansch. The Williamson County B team finished in third place with team members Shelby Mrynca, Macie Reagan, Emily Gordon, and Abby Brady. Other Junior High Horse Bowl teams that competed include Cocke County, Dickson County, Henderson County, Knox County, Madison County, and Williamson A.

The Junior Division Champion Horse Bowl team was the Sumner County team of Hunter-Nicole Jolley, Elizabeth Morgan, Kellin Ferrell, and Garrison Ward. The Reserve Champion Junior Division Horse Bowl team was the Blount County team including Eden Carnes, Claire Horton, and Allison Moorehouse. Third place went to Madison County team of Hannah Mallard, Mackenzie Johnson, Allie Maxwell, and Rylee Thomas. Other Junior Horse Bowl Teams that competed include Blount, Carroll, Coffee, Crockett, Jefferson, Lincoln, McNairy, and Williamson counties.

A total of 272 youth from 24 counties competed in the 2014 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 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!