Cumberland Co. 4-H'ers place at State Horse Show

CARLISLE - Cumberland County 4-H members received awards in the State 4-H Horse Show held recently at Harrisburg's State Farm Show Complex.

More than 500 contestants from across the state vied for awards. Members and their horses, all winners in county and district competition, were entered in 68 production classes and 33 performance classes. They represent 7,100 youth enrolled in the 4-H horse and pony program statewide.

County winners and their placings in performance classes were: Justin Foster, Newville, first in the Clover Leaf Barrel Races and third in Pole Bending Competition; Rebecca Spahr, Carlisle, seventh in Hunt Seat Equatation; Jenny Shoope, Enola, eighth in Western Riding.

In 4-H horse production classes, local winners were: Mindy Galbraith, Carlisle, third in the

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two-year-old Quarterhorse Gelding Class; Melany Ginnich, Shippensburg, third in Western Pleasure Futurity Class.

Extension agent Duane Duncan noted that contest classes gave members an opportunity to display their skills in horsemanship and proper grooming of a horse for showing. According to Duncan, the primary purposes of the state 4-H horse program are to develop riding skills, gain self-confidence by competing in shows, receive leadership training, and become more responsible by caring for an animal. The educational youth program is sponsored by The Pennsylvania State University's Cooperative Extension Service.

