

4-H Horse Enthusiasts Come Out Winning

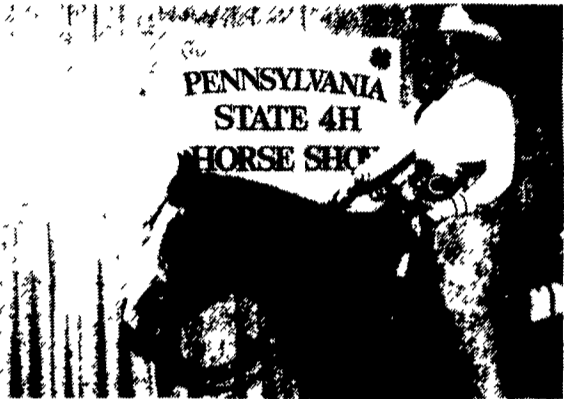
HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — State 4-H horse club members were honored recently at the 37th annual State 4-H Horse Show, Oct. 25-27 at the State Farm Show Complex.

The primary purpose of the state 4-H horse program is to develop life skills in youth and skills in horse management. 4-H'ers develop riding skills, gain self-confidence, and learn proper care of animals.

The state show culminates the year for approximately 7,000 Pennsylvania 4-H members enrolled in horse and pony 4-H clubs. To be eligible for this show, 4-H'ers had to advance through qualifying shows at county, regional, and district levels.

More than 900 winners from the county and district competitions vied for awards. Events tested skills in showmanship, equitation, pleasure, jumping, driving, and timed events.

Following are photos of many of the horse show winners.



State 4-H Horse Show performance winner Crystal Smith of Bloomsburg poses with Tonopah-S after their first place ride at the State 4-H Horse Show.



1996 State 4-H Horse Show performance winner Robble Kile from Millville is joined by his sister Cody Beck after his first place ride in Obstacle Trail and Walk-Trot Equitation at the State 4-H Horse Show.



1996 State 4-H Horse Show production winner Megan George of Bloomsburg poses with JRF Mahrus Kaila after her first place showing at the State 4-H Horse Show.



Wyoming County 4-H'ers, Sharrah Dibble of Meshoppen, is pictured above on her horse Ima Aleo Step as she receives her First Place Award for her outstanding riding performance in the Reining Competition at the recently held Pennsylvania State 4-H Horse Show.



Heather Wright with Wrightview Buzz, placed 1st in production class Percheron Yearling Colt at the State 4-H Horse Show.



Michelle Grata with Shawnee of Her Tribe, placed 1st in production class Hunter Type Pony, Two-Year Old Filly at the State 4-H Horse Show.



Heather Wright with father, Wendell Wright and Suzie, placed 1st in performance class, Driving Draft Horse, at the State 4-H Horse Show.



Alana Minnig, daughter of Alice Hutchins, RR 7 Muncy, first in Pleasure Horse Driving.



The Pennsylvania State 4-H show was recently held in Harrisburg. Riders from all over the state competed in this 3 day event. The local 4-H "Hoof Prints" club had four representatives there competing. Alicia Kearns of Bethlehem won 1st place riding "Believe in Me" in the Hunter Under Saddle class and 3rd place in Hunter Hack Horses. Sandra Orner, of Bangor riding "Golden Promise Cherokee," participated in two classes, Jr. Equitation, and Hunter Hack Pony in which she received 4th place in both of these events. Meredith Frable of Kunkletown riding "Lady Quinn" and Ashley Rutt of Saylorsburg riding "Super Advenger" both competed in the Sr. Equitation class and pinned 3rd and 4th consequently.



Pictured is Anna Ressler of Westmoreland County with her first place stock type horse yearling filly at the State 4-H Horse Show in Harrisburg.



Becky Yale, 19, daughter of Charles and Jane Yale of Hazen, with her horse "Mandy," placed in two events at the 1996 State 4-H Horse Show. Becky and Mandy took first place in "Raised Box Keyhole Horse" and second place in "Pole Bending Horse."



Roann Grassl, Arabian filly of this year, Horse Production Show, 1st place, Somerset.



Renee Trout, raised box keyhole ponies (14.2 hands & under), 1st place, Somerset.



County winners in 4-H performance classes included Devon Lewis, Harveys Lake, 1st in Open Trail Horses; 1st in Western Grooming and Showmanship, Jr. Division; 8th in Stock Seat Equitation, Jr. Division; 6th in Western Riding; and 9th in Reining.