



York County 4-H Hippology (HP) and Horse Bowl (HB) teams placed first and second at State 4-H Achievement Days. Both teams will compete at Quarter Horse Congress in October and the hippology team will represent Pennsylvania at Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Louisville, KY. Pictured from left, coaches Deb Jeffrey and Gwen Spencer. From back, left, Danielle Spencer (HB); Marie Getz (HB); Laura Wirth (HP); Jenna Moore (HP); April Nabholz (HP); Caitlin Newcomer (HB); Carrie Firman (HB); and Jarek Shank (HP).

York Horse Teams Galloping To National Competition

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YORK (York Co.) — Two horse-related teams from York County stamped their way through statewide competition in late August, earning team members the opportunity to compete at upcoming national equine youth events.

Hippology team members placed first at State 4-H Achievement Days and are finalizing plans to compete nationally at the Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, Ohio during October. Team members are Jenna Moore, York; April Nabholz, Felton; Jarek Shank, Mechanicsburg; and Laura Wirth, Camp Hill.

Jenna Moore rides hunt seat and is a student at York's Central High School. April Nabholz is a home-schooled student, and also rides hunt seat. Jarek Shank attends Cumberland Valley High School, and competes in saddle seat and pleasure pony driving. Laura Wirth, also a Cumberland Valley High School student,

rides hunt seat.

Hippology competition — based on the study of horses — includes a written test, identification of horse-related items, performance of horsemanship skills, judging classes of horses and team problems. All members of a team need to be well-versed in a broad variety of horsemanship aspects and knowledge.

Member of the hippology team will compete a second time at the national level at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup to be held in November in Louisville, Kentucky.

York County's Horse Bowl team, which placed second at the state competition, qualified to compete as well at the Quarter Horse Congress. Team members are Carrie Firman, York; Marie Getz, Airville; Danielle Spencer, Mechanicsburg; and Caitlin Newcomer, York.

As with most "bowl" type team contests, Horse Bowl is based on knowledge of and speed in responding to equine and horsemanship-related questions.

Coaches for both the hippology and horse bowl teams are Deborah Jeffrey, Wrightsville; and Gwen Spencer, Mechanicsburg. In preparation for the upcoming national competitions, the teams are practicing weekly, as well as engaging in fund raising efforts toward travel costs to take part in the Ohio event.

Contributions in support of the York County Hippology and Horse Bowl teams' participation in national competition may be sent to "York County 4-H Horse Clubs," Penn State Agriculture Extension Service, Attn: Michele Grove, 112 Pleasant Acres Road, York, PA 17402.

For further information on the horse teams and competition, contact Michele Grove at (717) 840-7408.



Carol Schurman, center, co-chairperson of the 1999 NAE4-HA Annual Conference, presents a \$5,000 donation on behalf of the conference committee to the Pennsylvania 4-H Leadership Endowment Fund. Also pictured left to right are Ellen Brubaker, Dauphin County 4-H volunteer, Kitty Eget, Indiana County 4-H volunteer and representative of the Southwest 4-H Leaders' Symposium committee; Dr. Blannie Bowen, head of the Penn State Department of Agricultural and Extension Education; and Dr. Marilyn Corbin, state program leader for children, youth and families.

Fund Receives \$5,000 Gift

INDIANA (Indiana Co.) — The Pennsylvania 4-H Leadership Endowment Fund was recently awarded a \$5,000 gift from the planning committee for the 1999 Annual Conference of the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents.

The presentation was made during State 4-H Achievement Days at Penn State University.

In October 1999, more than 1,000 4-H professionals from across the nation gathered in Pittsburgh for the NAE4-HA con-

ference. A committee of extension staff from across the Northeast had planned the meeting during a five-year process.

Part of the conference included volunteer leader and member involvement. More than 100 volunteers provided many hours of support as seminar coordinators, tour guides, 4-H talent, and conference helpers. In addition, many local 4-H clubs, county advisory committees, and regional program planning committees contributed nearly \$8,000 in donations to the meeting.

The conference committee voted to acknowledge the state volunteer involvement in the conference with the grant to the leadership endowment. It is hoped that income from this donation will help to support future regional and state leader forums.

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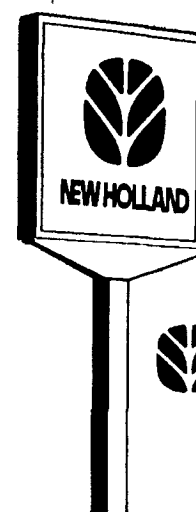
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