4-H youth test skills at State 4-H Horse Judging Contest

LAKE SAINT LOUIS, Mo. – The University of Missouri Extension State 4-H Horse Judging Contest, which was held on February 23rd at the National Equestrian Center in Lake St. Louis, MO, drew 67 competing 4-H members, said Ty Peckman, Missouri 4-H State Agriculture Specialist.

The contest was held in partnership with the Missouri Quarter Horse Association and the Missouri Quarter Horse Youth Association. Through this program 4-H members learn how to think critically and become skilled at defending their decisions through oral reasoning. Youth also develop key skills that will help in their future careers and success, such as organization, self-discipline, accepting criticism, self-confidence, and leadership.

The top 10 junior (ages 8 – 13) competitors were Nikki Ferguson from Buchanan County, 1st; Abigail Eddy from Boone County, 2nd; Hope Miller from Jasper County, 3rd; Mae Acton from Warren County, 4th; Addie McAsey from Buchanan County, 5th; Faith Calvin from Jasper County, 6th; Harley Hook from Callaway County, 7th; Kenlee Maretoli from Buchanan County, 8th; Sydney Kleine from Buchanan County, 9th; and Brooke Brumm from Buchanan County, 10th. The top three junior teams were represented by the following counties: Buchanan, 1st; Jasper, 2nd; and Warren, 3rd.

In the senior (ages 14 – 18) division, the top 10 individuals were Emily Egger from Jasper County, 1st; Belle Hall from Buchanan County, 2nd; Lydia Althoff from Marion County, 3rd; Tannah Grigg-Cassatt from Jasper County, 4th; Tisha Richmond from Lewis County, 5th; Samantha Schenck from Jasper County, 6th; Carlee Long from Monroe County, 7th; Sophia Hall from Buchanan County, 8th; Eden Rominger from Jasper County, 9th; and Laura Thorn from Jasper County, 10th. The top two senior teams represented the following counties: Jasper, 1st; and Buchanan, 2nd.

The members of the championship team from Jasper County will advance to the National 4-H Horse Judging Contest to represent Missouri.

To find out more information or to join 4-H please visit 4h.missouri.edu.

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