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4-H Horse Field Day

Members from four Cheshire County 4-H horse clubs recently participated in the 2017 Cheshire County 4-H Horse Field Day held at Cheshire Fairgrounds. Members had a chance to showcase the skills they have learned over the past year by participating in a general knowledge quiz, evaluating horses in a judging contest, and participating in a showmanship as well as three performance classes, with their horses.



Margaret Thomas, of Spofford, was the high scoring exhibitor of the event. Margaret was also the recipient of the Dorothy Plante Award which is given to the highest scoring rider over 12 years old. Margaret is a member of the Bits and Bridles 4-H Club. Alyvia Davis, of Swanzey, was the winner of the Bea Griswold Award. This award is given to the high scoring exhibitor who is under age 12. Alyvia is a member of the Swanzey Saddles 4-H Club.

Members who received high Individual Awards in the Judging Competition included: Margaret Thomas, in the senior age division, Mia DeCamp, junior division, Hannah Goodwin, beginner division, and Maddie Powers grooms division.

Margaret Thomas was the winner of the Senior General Knowledge contest, Mia DeCamp won the Junior General Knowledge, Daniella Rathke, won the beginner division. And Elena Boylan won the groom General Knowledge.

Elena Boylan, of Bits and Bridles, was the recipient of the Mary and Christie Hewitt Award which is given to the groom who accumulates the most points in general knowledge, judging, and showmanship contests.

Brycelynn Lewis was the winner of the Gertrude Putnam Award which is given to the 4-H member with the Overall high score in Fitting and Showing.

4-H members who qualified to participate at the State 4-H Horse Show included: Margaret Thomas, Mia DeCamp, Serena Rathke, Erica Page, Emma Greenwood, Katie Hagar, Marissa Stetson, and Brycelynn Lewis. The State Horse Show will be held at the Deerfield Fairgrounds on July 14-16. Cheshire County members, along with 4-H members from other New Hampshire counties will be trying out for a spot on the State team which will represent New Hampshire at Eastern States Exposition in the fall.

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