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*Pictured: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Beginner Team East Coast Riding Club from Sussex County  
L-R: Ashley Wilkerson, Rebecca Arpie, Katelyn Records, Mikayla Ockles*

### **Delaware 4-H'ers Compete at State 4-H Horse Bowl Competition**

Fifty-five Delaware 4-H members competed recently in the State 4-H Horse Bowl Competition held at Lake Forest North Elementary in Felton, Delaware. The Horse Bowl event is a knowledge based, quiz bowl competition. The Delaware 4-H Horse Advisory Committee, a group composed of 4-H volunteers from all three Delaware counties that are dedicated to providing quality 4-H horse programs to members, sponsors this annual event. Members compete on teams of up to four individuals and teams are divided into brackets based on age. 4-H volunteer adult leaders coach young people to prepare them in the months leading up to the competition.

The top three teams in each age division were:

Beginner (8-10 year olds)

**1<sup>st</sup> Place-** East Coast Riding Club- Sussex County

*Team Members:* Mikayla Ockles, Ashley Wilkerson, Rebecca Arpie, Katelyn Records

*Coaches:* Jodie Gravenor, Shelly Wilkerson

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place-** The Outlaws- Kent County

*Team Members:* Morgan Cook, Ashley Hurd, Peyton Ridgely

*Coach:* Jennifer Ridgely

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place-** Little Trotters- Kent County

*Team Members:* Madison Messick, Nicole Cannavo, Emma Plump

*Coaches:* Heather Crouse, Amy Reed

Junior (11-13 year olds)

**1<sup>st</sup> Place-** The Renegades- Kent County

*Team Members:* Zach Davis, Chad Dempsey, Allison Wheatley

*Coach:* Jennifer Ridgely

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place-** East Coast Riding Club- Sussex County

*Team Members:* Angela Lagano, Whitney Records, Emily Messick

*Coaches:* Tiffany Gravenor, Heather Records

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place-** International Harvesters-Kent County

*Team Members:* Jessican Sullivan, Hannah Zicarelli

*Coaches:* Heather Crouse, Amy Reed

Senior (14-19 year olds)

**1<sup>st</sup> Place-** Barn Babes- Kent County

*Team Members:* Mandi Plump, Rachel Bakley

*Coach:* Carole Fleming

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place-** New Horizons Cowgirls-Kent County

*Team Members:* Carissa Lilly, Molly Johnson

*Coach:* Jennifer Ridgely

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place-** East Coast Riding Club- Sussex County

*Team Members:* Mary Catherine Lagano, Jackie Arpie, Dyllan Hawley

*Coaches:* Debbie Lagano, Angela Arpie

4-H is a community of young people across Delaware learning leadership, citizenship and lifeskills. For more information on becoming a 4-H member or volunteer in Delaware please contact your county extension office:

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