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## **Cumberland Youth Part of Winning 4-H Horse Bowl Team *Group Wins at World Competition***

FAYETTEVILLE - A Cumberland County 4-H member has helped her team win first place in the Horse Bowl Competition at the 2011 Built Ford Tough American Quarter Horse Youth Association (AQHYA) World Championship Show held Aug. 5-13 in Oklahoma City.

Ruthy Vorder-Bruegge, a 15-year-old member of the Hoofbeats 4-H Club, was part of the award-winning team from North Carolina. The Horse Bowl Contest, which is conducted in similar fashion to an academic quiz bowl, is designed to offer an opportunity for young people interested in horses to display the knowledge they have gained in a competitive and friendly atmosphere.

Vorder-Bruegge was also a winner in the Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships in Tunica, Miss., where she placed first in the Horse Presentation Contest. She chose to present her own experience in dealing with equine disease by talking about her horse, Finesse, who was diagnosed with uveitis, more commonly known as Moon Blindness. She will advance to national Horse Presentation Contests this fall. The Horse Presentation Contest is designed to encourage youths to teach others how to do something related to horses by the correct use of visuals and equipment and to give youth confidence in their ability to present information in a logical and concise manner.

Vorder-Bruegge was also a member of the NC 4-H Hippology Team. Hippology provides participants with the opportunity to blend the knowledge and skills acquired in horse judging, the horse bowl, horse demonstrations and public speaking, into one activity. The NC 4-H Team won first place and Vorder-Bruegge was named fifth place overall in the Hippology competition.

For more information on the 4-H program in Cumberland County, please contact Angela Shaver at 910-321-6867 or via email at [angela\\_shaver@ncsu.edu](mailto:angela_shaver@ncsu.edu).

*The 4-H program is the youth education program of North Carolina Cooperative Extension, based at North Carolina State and North Carolina A&T State universities. More than 218,000 young people between the ages of 5 and 19 participate in North Carolina 4-H activities each year with the help of 21,400 adult and youth volunteers.*

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*2011 NC AQHYA Horse Bowl Team (from left) Allie Riddell, Marla O'Neal, Ruthy Vorder-Bruegge, Sandy Wright (coach) & Eric Wright*