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Team Horse Power Members

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2025 Pennsylvania State 4-H Horse Show

By Andrea Kocher, Equine Extension Specialist

HARRISBURG, Pa. (October 23-26, 2025) – More than 650 youth from over 50 counties competed in the 65th Annual Pennsylvania State 4-H Horse Show, held October 23–26 at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and Expo Center. Riders qualified through county and district shows to participate in 82 performance classes, representing over 1,400 entries.

The State 4-H Horse Show is the capstone competition for Pennsylvania 4-H horse members enrolled in performance horse projects. Events included showmanship, horsemanship, equitation, pleasure, over-fences classes, driving, reining, western riding, trail, and timed events. The Equestrian with Disabilities division also offered opportunities for riders with special needs.

Congratulations to Lehigh County 4-H member Parker Haydt of Walnutport who placed 1st in Pleasure Horse Driving class with his horse Skipa Star Goer!

Team Horse Power, a statewide youth leadership initiative, provided hands-on educational clinics during the event. Returning and new members were recognized for their service to the 4-H program, including Lehigh County 4-H member Parker Haydt for his second year serving on this team.

Champions received custom Wendell August Forge pewter plates, champion ribbons, and embroidered jackets. Reserve champions were awarded gift certificates generously donated by Perri's Leather. Major sponsors included The Pennsylvania National Horse Show, PW Wood & Son, Inc., Perri's Leather, Tory Leather Company, C&M Pine Products, Penn State Animal Science, and the PA 4-H Horse Program Development Committee.

Pennsylvania 4-H programs develop leadership, horsemanship, sportsmanship, and life skills in thousands of youth statewide. Administered by Penn State Extension in all 67 counties, Pennsylvania 4-H is part of a national network serving more than six million youth across the United States.

To learn more about Pennsylvania 4-H horse programs, visit extension.psu.edu/4-h/projects/horses or contact your local Penn State Extension office at extension.psu.edu/counties.



Northampton County to Celebrate Bauer Preserve Acquisition

By Jessica Berger

Northampton County, PA— Northampton County Executive Lamont G. McClure will join Cindy Adams Dunn, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), to celebrate the County's acquisition of the Bauer Preserve in Stockertown on Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

The event will mark a significant milestone, Northampton County's 23rd park, and the expansion of its Parks and Conservation Areas system to more than 2,400 acres of protected land. The 43.36-acre Bauer Preserve was permanently preserved through the Highlands Conservation Act Program, administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Pennsylvania DCNR, in partnership with Northampton County's Livable Landscapes Grant Program.

The celebration will take place at the Bauer Preserve. Parking will be available at the Stockertown Borough Hall lot, located behind the building at 209 Main Street, Stockertown, PA. Attendees will be shuttled to the event site, as there is no direct access. Participants are advised to wear appropriate footwear for uneven outdoor terrain, and should note that there are no restroom facilities at the site.

Northampton County Council voted 6-1 back in May to buy and preserve 44 acres in Stockertown that has become the Bushkill Creek Greenway at a cost \$1.43 million.

A U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife grant, awarded through the Highlands Conservation Act Program, will cover half the purchase price; Northampton County will pay the other half.

The grant program aims to preserve parts of the Highlands region of Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

The trail offers ample opportunities for walking, biking, birding, wildlife watching and fishing.

The county's land purchase will help close a gap in the Two Rivers Trailway, which will connect Stockertown to the D&L Trail.

It also will protect an important part of the Bushkill Creek watershed, County Executive Lamont McClure said last month.

County officials also intend to lease out the land for agriculture and use it for environmental education, according to their agreement of sale with the property's current owner, the Judith L. Bauer Trust.

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