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2017 Wisconsin 4-H Quiz Bowl and Skillathon Results

(Madison, WI) The Wisconsin 4-H Quiz Bowl and Skillathon contests were both held on Saturday, March 4 at the University of Wisconsin Madison Animal Sciences Building. Livestock Quiz Bowl is a competition where questions are about beef, sheep, swine and meat goat topics and students use a buzzer in order to answer. Teams compete in a double elimination format by giving oral answers to questions posed by a judge. Each match has both an individual and toss-up question round. A group discussion round is included in the senior division to simulate the national competition.

The senior team winner represents Wisconsin at the National 4-H Quiz Bowl contest at AKSARBEN in Grand Island, NE in September. Winners of the senior division (14 years of age or older) was Marathon County. Members included: Stephanie Witberler, Kailen Smerchek, Cortney Zimmerman and Emilie Pauls. The team was coached by Mark Zimmerman. Second place in Senior Quiz Bowl went to Columbia County: Members were: Justin Taylor, Zach Mickelson and Tyler Cross. The team was coached by Todd Taylor.

Winners of the Junior Quiz Bowl division (under 14 years old) was Iowa County #2. Members included: Joey Robinson, Cameron Patterson and Ty Gaffney. This team was coached by Val Gaffney. Second place went to Iowa County #1. Members included: Skylar Garthwaite, Julia Searls, Nicole Elfering, Kelly Gaffney and Emily Graber. The team was coached by Val Gaffney.

Winners of the Mixed division (must contain at least one youth from each age division) was Iowa County. Members included: Piper Garthwaite, Ellie Robinson, Annie Robinson, Morgan Fitzsimmons and Paige Gaffney. The team was coached by Val Gaffney. Jackson County was second place. Members included: Rachel Moseley, Kaden Moseley and Trent Laufenberg. The team was coached by Jackie Oberlin and Dawn Laufenberg.

In the Skillathon contest, participants complete a 25 question written test, 4 individual skill-a-thon stations where contestants take part in livestock breed identification, feed identification, equipment identification and meat identification. The final portion is the team exercises where each team works together to best solve 4 different scenarios involving live animals/concepts. This phase helps youth learn problem solving, critical thinking and teamwork.

The winning 4-H Skillathon team was from Marathon County and will represent Wisconsin at the National 4-H Quiz and Skillathon Contest in Louisville, KY in November. They were coached by Mark Zimmerman. Members included: Stephanie Witberler, Kailen Smerchek, Cortney Zimmerman and Emilie Pauls. Second place senior team was Iowa County Team #1, which included: Nathan Daniels, Morgan Fitzsimmons, Kauy Fargo, Paige Gaffney. This team was coached by Valerie Gaffney.

Top Ten Overall Senior Skillathon Individuals were: Natalie Siedschlag, Dodge; Morgan Fitzsimmons, Iowa #1; Stephanie Witberler, Marathon; Justin Taylor, Columbia; Dawson Firlus, Juneau; Kailen Smerchek, Marathon; Clayton Walsh, Juneau; Zachary Mickelson, Columbia; Emilie Pauls, Marathon; Daniel Walsh, Juneau.

Sheboygan County topped the junior division. Members included: Alisha Klemme, Brayden Peter, Ethan Kohlman, Alison Gartman. The team was coached by Liz Gartman & Michelle Klemme. Second place was Grant County #1. Team members were: Jessica Patterson, Elliott Thornton, and Alayna Barth. The team was coached by Dennis Patterson.

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Top Ten Overall Junior Skillathon Individuals were: Samantha Rake, Columbia; Alisha Klemme, Sheboygan; Jessica Patterson, Grant #1; Joey Robinson, Iowa #2; Brayden Peter, Sheboygan; Julia Searls, Iowa #1; Kelly Gaffney, Iowa #1; Luke Patterson, Grant #2; Alayna Barth, Grant #1; Macy Cross, Columbia.

In the Mixed division Jackson County was 1st place. Members included: Rachel Moseley, Kaden Moseley and Trent Laufenberg. The team was coached by Jesse Oberlin and Dawn Laufenberg. Dane County was second place. Team members were: Reece Theobald, Hailey Schulenberg, Kendyll Theobald, and Hailey Weisensel. Coached by: Sheryl Theobald

Top Ten Overall Mixed Skillathon Individuals were: Tyler Giddings, Marathon; Rachel Moseley, Jackson; Reece Theobald, Dane; Talena Sprecher, Richland; Trent Laufenberg, Jackson; Sterling Kleist, Richland; Isaac Kohlman, Sheboygan; Trey Honnold, Juneau; Hailey Schulenberg, Dane; Dravan Robinson.

These events was organized and facilitated by Bernie O'Rourke, UW Extension Youth Livestock Specialist, Alissa Grenawalt, Outreach Specialist, and partially funded by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. Numerous judges and helpers from University of Wisconsin – Extension, University of Wisconsin – Madison, Platteville and River Falls assisted in the success of these contests.

For upcoming events and programs in the animal sciences, contact your county UW-Extension office or the Wisconsin Livestock Youth Web Site: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock>

2017 Quiz Bowl & Skillathon Photos for Publicity

<https://plus.google.com/+WisconsinYouthLivestockProgram/posts/ZMbd329Y6B9>

1st Junior Quiz Bowl – Iowa County #2

L to R: Joey Robinson, Cameron Patterson, Ty Gaffney

2nd Junior Quiz Bowl – Iowa #1

L to R: Emily Graber, Skyler Garthwaite, Julia Searls, Kelly Gaffney, Nicole Elfering

1st Junior Skillathon – Sheboygan

L to R: Alisha Klemme, Ethan Kohlman, Brayden Peter, Alison Gartman

2nd Junior Skillathon – Grant County #1

L to R: Jessica Patterson, Elliott Thornton, Alayna Barth

Junior Individuals:

Front Row L to R: Samantha Rake, Columbia; Alisha Klemme, Sheboygan; Jessica Patterson, Grant; Joey Robinson, Iowa; Brayden Peter, Sheboygan

Back Row L to R: Julia Searls, Iowa; Kelly Gaffney, Iowa; Luke Patterson Grant; Alayna Barth, Grant; Macy Cross, Columbia

1st Mixed Quiz Bowl– Iowa County

L to R: Morgan Fitzsimmons, Ellie Robinson, Piper Garthwaite, Annie Robinson and Paige Gaffney

2nd Mixed Quiz Bowl– Jackson County

L to R: Kaden Moseley, Trent Laufenberg, Rachel Moseley

1st Mixed Skillathon– Jackson County

L to R: Rachel Moseley, Trent Laufenberg, Kaden Moseley

2nd Mixed Skillathon – Dane

L to R: Hailey Weisensel, Reece Theobald, Kendyll Theobald, Hailey Schulenberg

Mixed Individuals

Front Row L to R: Tyler Giddings, Marathon; Rachel Moseley Jackson; Reece Theobald, Dane; Talena Sprecher, Richland; Trent Laufenberg, Jackson

Back Row L to R: Sterling Kleist, Richland; Isaac Kohlman, Sheboygan; Trey Honnold, Juneau; Hailey Schulenberg, Dane; Dravan Robinson, Juneau

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1st Senior Quiz Bowl – Marathon County #1

L to R: Kailen Smerchek, Stephanie Witberler, Cortney Zimmerman, Emilie Pauls

2nd Senior Quiz Bowl – Columbia

L to R: Justin Taylor, Zach Mickelson, Tyler Cross

1st Senior Skillathon – Marathon County #1

L to R: Kailen Smerchek, Stephanie Witberler, Cortney Zimmerman, Emilie Pauls

2nd Senior Skillathon – Iowa

L to R: Morgan Fitzsimmons, Nathan Daniels, (missing: Kaury Fargo and Paige Gaffney)

Senior Individuals

Front Row: L to R: Natalie Siedschlag, Dodge; Morgan Fitzsimmons, Iowa; Stephanie Witberler, Marathon; Justin Taylor, Columbia; Dawson Firlus, Juneau

Back Row L to R: Kailen Smerchek, Marathon; Clayton Walsh, Juneau; Zach Mickelson, Columbia; Emilie Pauls, Marathon; Daniel Walsh, Juneau