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2017 State 4-H Meats Judging Contest Results

Marathon, Grant Counties Top Senior and Junior Divisions

(Madison) The team from Marathon County took top honors in the senior division of the State 4-H meats Contest held Feb 18 at University of Wisconsin Madison Meat Laboratory. Team members were: Stephanie Witberler, Emilie Pauls, Kailen Smerchek and Cortney Zimmerman. They were coached by Mark Zimmerman. These 4-H members will represent Wisconsin at either the National 4-H Meats Judging Contest to be held this fall in Kansas City, MO or the National Western held in January 2018 in Denver, CO.

The second place senior team, was from Dodge County. Team members included Natalie Siedschlag, Morgan Wollin, Riley Kappell and Kaytlynn Meyer. The team was coached by Christine Siedschlag.

The State 4-H Meats Judging Contest consists of evaluating and ranking classes of hams, beef, pork and lamb carcasses, and 2 retail cut classes. Contestants also identified 30 retail cuts of beef, pork or lamb and 10 cuts of processed meats products, quality and yield graded 5 beef carcasses and completed a 10 question meat label reading exercise. Seniors had to give 1 set of oral reasons on a carcass class.

New awards were given this year for the top individual in retail identification and carcass evaluation: Top individual in retail identification went to Zach Mickelson, Columbia County and carcass evaluation went to Stephanie Witberler, Marathon County.

The top ten senior individual's judges, in order, were: Stephanie Witberler, Marathon, Justin Taylor, Columbia, Zach Mickelson, Columbia, Paul Connolly, Grant, Natalie Siedschlag, Dodge, Emilie Pauls, Marathon, Daniel Walsh, Juneau, Kailen Smerchek, Marathon, Cortney Zimmerman, Marathon, Danielle Chwala, Jefferson.

The top junior team was from Grant County. Team members were: Jessica Patterson, Avery Crooks, Luke Patterson, Abby Meier and Alayna Barth. The team is coached by Dennis Patterson. The second place junior team was from Jefferson County. Team members were: Hanna Brattlie, Drew Dettmann, Mackenzie Thom, Rylee Brattlie. The team is coached by Lindsey Knoebel.

New awards were given this year for the top individual in retail identification and carcass evaluation: Top Junior in Retail Identification went to Cora Kleist, Richland County, and top individual in carcass evaluation went to Jessica Patterson, Grant County.

The top ten junior individual judges, in order, were: Cora Kleist, Richland, Jessica Patterson, Grant, Avery Crooks, Grant, Hanna Brattlie, Jefferson, Mae Sann, Marathon, Drew Dettmann, Jefferson, Samantha Rake, Columbia, Luke Patterson, Grant, Abby Meier, Grant and Talena Sprecher, Richland. **Results and photos are available at:** <http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/4hmeatscontest/>

Sponsors for the State 4-H Meats contest include: The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation, UW-Extension and UW Madison Department of Animal Sciences and Muscle Biology Laboratory.

The contest is organized annually by Extension Meats Specialist, Jeff Sindelar, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist, Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Outreach Specialist, Alissa Grenawalt and 4-H Youth Development Specialist Pam Hobson.

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Photos and captions are available here:

<https://plus.google.com/109852629348876173407/posts/ZehxJ3dKwyP>

Photos:

Jr. Top 10

Front Row: L to R: Cora Kleist, Richland County, Jessica Patterson, Grant County, Avery Crooks, Grant County, Mae Sann, Marathon County, Hanna Brattlie, Jefferson County

Back Row: L to R: Drew Dettmann, Jefferson County, Samantha Rake, Columbia County, Luke Patterson, Grant County, Abby Meier, Grant County and Talena Sprecher, Richland County

On left: Top Jr. Individual in Retail Identification: Cora Kleist, Richland County, **On Right: Top Jr. Individual in Evaluation:** Jessica Patterson, Grant County

Jr. Team 1st place (Grant County):

Front Row: L to R: Alayna Barth, Avery Crooks, Jessica Patterson, Luke Patterson, Abby Meier

Jr. Team 2nd place (Jefferson County):

Front Row: L to R: Hanna Brattlie, Drew Dettmann, Mackenzie Thom, Rylee Brattlie

Sr. Top 10,

Front Row: L to R: Stephanie Witberler, Marathon County, Justin Taylor, Columbia County, Zach Mickelson, Columbia County, Paul Connolly, Grant County, Natalie Siedschlag Dodge County

Back Row: L to R: Emilie, Pauls, Marathon County, Daniel Walsh, Juneau County, Kailen Smerchek, Marathon County, Cortney Zimmerman, Marathon County, Danielle Chwala, Jefferson County

On Left: Top Sr. Individual in Retail Identification: Zach Mickelson, Columbia County, **On Right: Top Sr. Individual in Placings:** Stephanie Witberler, Marathon County

Sr. Team 1st place (Marathon County.):

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

Sr. Team 2nd place (Dodge County)

L to R: Kaytlynn Meier, Morgan Wollin, Riley Kappell, Natalie Siedschlag