**2018 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 3 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 Columbia County. Members included: Zach Mickelson, Justin Taylor, Hayden Taylor and Tyler Cross. The team was, coached by Todd Taylor. Second place in Senior Quiz Bowl went to Iowa County: Members were: Noelle Elfering, Bree Gaffney, Morgan Vondra, Nathan Daniels and Skylar Garthwaite. The team was coached by Val Gaffney.

Winners of the Junior Quiz Bowl division (under 14 years old) was Sheboygan County 1. Members included Brayden Peter, Ethan Kohlman, Cora Kohlman and Alison Gartman. This team was coached by Liz Gartman and Michelle Klemme.

Second place went to Iowa County #3. Members included: 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 Jackson County. Members included: Rachel Moseley, Kaden Moseley, Trent Laufenberg and Austin Laufenberg. The team was coached by Jesse Oberlin and Dawn Laufenberg. Marathon County was second place. Members included: Mason Heise, Alison Leonard, Josh Leonard, Katelyn Schmidt and Alexa Leonard. The team was coached by Mark Zimmerman

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 3 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 Columbia County which included: Zach Mickelson, Justin Taylor, Hayden Taylor and Tyler Cross. This team was coached by Todd Taylor.

**Top Ten Overall Senior Skillathon Individuals were:** Natalie Siedschlag, Dodge; Blake Johnson, Trempealeau; Emilie Pauls, Marathon, Stephanie Witberler, Marathon, Kailen Smercheck, Marathon, Reece Theobald, Dane, Cortney Zimmerman, Marathon, Tyler Johnson, Trempealeau, Zachary Mickelson, Columbia, Haley Schulenberg, Dane

Grant County topped the junior division. Members included: Jessica Patterson, Luke Patterson, Leah Patterson, Cameron Patterson and Libby Vogt. The team was coached by Dennis Patterson, Amanda Patterson, Alicia Prill-Adams and Ron Patterson. Second place was Columbia County. Team members were: Samantha Rake, Summer Rake, Macy Cross, Faith Baerwolf, Ryli Theis. The team was coached by Cara Cross and Todd Taylor.

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**Top Ten Overall Junior Skillathon Individuals were:** Jessica Patterson, Grant; Grace Kling, Jackson #1; Samantha Rake, Columbia; Faith Baerworlf, Columbia; Kendyll Theobald, Dane; Luke Patterson, Grant; Joey Robinson, Iowa #1; Luke Fischer, Jackson#1; Ethan Lulich, Juneau #1; Leah Huchthausen, Dane

In the Mixed division Jackson County was 1st place. Members included: Rachel Moseley, Kaden Moseley Austin Laufenberg and Trent Laufenberg. The team was coached by Jesse Oberlin and Dawn Laufenberg. Grant County was second place. Team members were: Kendra Jentz, Hannah Nusbaum, Alayna Barth, Madelyn Thornton and Elliot Thornton. The team was coached by Dennis Patterson, Amanda Patterson, Alicia Prill-Adams and Ron Patterson.

**Top Ten Overall Mixed Skillathon Individuals were:** Rachel Moseley, Jackson; Trent Laufenberg, Jackson; Josh Leonard, Marathon; Hannah Nusbaum, Grant; Kendra Jentz, Grant; Alison Leonard, Marathon; Bailey Abney, Lafayette; Braden Abney, Lafayette; Alayna Barth, Grant; Cody Wick, Lafayette.

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 along with many volunteers from across the state 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***](http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock)

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**1st Junior Quiz Bowl –Sheboygan 1**

L to R: Ethan Kohlman, Brayden Peter, Cora Kohlman and Alison Gartman

**2nd Junior Quiz Bowl – Iowa**

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

**1st Junior Skillathon – Grant**

L to R: Cameron Patterson, Libby Vogt, Jessica Patterson, Leah Patterson, Luke Patterson

**2nd Junior Skillathon – Columbia County**

L to R: Summer Rake, Ryli Theis, Faith Baerwolf, Macy Cross, Samantha Rake

**Junior Individuals:**

**Front Row L to R:** Jessica Patterson, Grant; Grace Kling, Jackson #1; Samantha Rake, Columbia; Faith Baerwolf, Columbia; Kendyll Theobald, Dane.

**Back Row L to R:** Luke Patterson, Grant; Joey Robinson, Iowa #1; Luke Fischer, Jackson #1; Ethan Lulich, Juneau #1; Leah Huchthausen, Dane.

**1st Mixed Quiz Bowl– Jackson County**

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

**2nd Mixed Quiz Bowl– Marathon County**

L to R: Mason Heise, Katelyn Schmitt, Alexa Leonard, Alison Leonard, Josh Leonard

**1st Mixed Skillathon– Jackson County**

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

**2nd Mixed Skillathon – Grant County**

L to R: Alayna Barth, Eliott Thornton, Madelyn Thornton, Kendra Jentz, Hannah Nusbaum

**Mixed Individuals**

**Front Row L to R:** Rachel Moseley Jackson; Trent Laufenberg, Jackson; Josh Leonard, Marathon; Hannah Nusbaum, Grant; Kendra Jentz, Grant.

**Back Row L to R:** Alison Leonard, Marathon, Bailey Abney, Lafayette; (absent), Braden Abney, Lafayette (Absent); Alayna Barth, Grant; Cody Wick, Lafayette (absent).

**1st Senior Quiz Bowl – Columbia County**

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

**2nd Senior Quiz Bowl – Iowa County**

L to R: Noelle Elfering, Bree Gaffney, Nathan Daniels, Morgan Vondra, Skylar Garthwaite

**1st Senior Skillathon – Marathon County**

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

**2nd Senior Skillathon – Columbia County**

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

**Senior Individuals**

**Front Row: L to R:** Natalie Siedschlag, Dodge;   
Blake Johnson, Trempealeau; Emilie Pauls, Marathon, Stephanie Witberler, Marathon; Kailen Smerchek, Marathon

**Back Row L to R:**  Reece Theobald, Dane; Cortney Zimmerman, Marathon; Tyler Johnson, Trempealeau; Zach Mickelson, Columbia; Haley Schulenberg, Dane