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2017 4-H INTERMEDIATE RABBIT JUDGING CONTEST

St. Paul, MN (8/24/2017) - Every year, Minnesota 4-H'ers gain valuable experience in judging rabbits. Participants need to learn parts of the rabbit, individual breed characteristics, meat qualities, general disqualifications, and reasons to justify placement. The judging experience truly helps 4-H members base their decisions on sound reasons and implement several new life skills. This year 11 teams of 4-H youth participated and were evaluated by 38 Rabbit Judges in the 4-H Rabbit Judging contest.

The intermediate division includes 4-H members who have completed 6th – 8th grade.

Chisago County placed first with a total of 1204 points. **Olmsted County** placed second with 1115 total points.

Sara Penzenstadler of **Chisago County** took home the high individual honors with **Josh Goulet** of **Chisago County** placing second.

Overall Top Five Teams

1. Chisago	1204
2. Olmsted	1115
3. Chisago II	1082
4. Dakota	1077
5. Clay	1059

Overall Top Ten Individuals

1. Sara Penzenstadler, Chisago	408
2. Josh Goulet, Chisago	400
3. Elle Penzenstadler, Chisago	396
4. Laura Robinette, Dakota	392
5. Erica Bird, Olmsted	384
6. Talia Martinson, Chisago	378
7. Rachel Riley, Sr. Team	376
8. Anahle Zwiefel, Washington	375
9. Natalie Bahr, Beltrami	374
10. Layna Hoff, Chisago	369

Top Five Reasons/Questions Teams

1. Chisago	402
2. Chisago II	353
3. Olmsted	339
4. Dakota	335
5. Clay	282

Individual Reasons/Questions

1. Sara Penzenstadler, Chisago	140
2. Josh Goulet, Chisago	132
3. Elle Penzenstadler, Chisago	130
4. Talia Martinson, Chisago	124
5. Anahle Zwiefel, Washington	122

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