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# 2017 SENIOR 4-H 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 15 teams of 4-H youth participated and were evaluated by 58 Rabbit Judges in the 4-H Rabbit Judging contest.

**Olmsted County** placed first with a total of 1153 points. **Sr. Team** placed second with 1133 total points. **Amarah Parks** of **Carlton County** took home the high individual honors with 405 points. **Kristina Gerard** of **Isanti County** placing second with 403 points.

Top Five Teams	
1. Olmsted	1153
2. Sr. Team	1133
3. Sr. Team II	1132
4. Freeborn	1128
5. Beltrami	1128

Top Ten Individuals	
1. Amarah Parks, Carlton	405
2. Kristina Gerard, Isanti	403
3. Heather Weller, E. OtterTail	398
4. Hannah Eichstadt, Beltrami	397
5. Jazlyn Meyer, Martin	390
6. Vanessa Madline, Olmsted	388
7. Malarie Boone, Olmsted	387
8. Olivia Bernard, Sr. Team	386
9. Megan Maxa, Freeborn	384
10. Anne Breimhurst, Dakota	381

Top Five Reasons/Questions Teams	
1. Isanti	384
2. Olmsted	374
3. Dakota	363
4. Washington	357
5. Sr. Team	346

Individual Reasons/Questions	
1. Amarah Parks, Carlton	142
2. Malarie Boone, Olmsted	139
3. Samantha Pearson, Isanti	137
4. Anne Breimhurst, Dakota	132
5. Heather Weller, E. OtterTail	130

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