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MUZZLELOADER SHOOT HELD, PRE-COUNTY FAIR EVENTS CONTINUE

Chad Schilling and Ben Werner captured the first-place awards in the senior and junior divisions at the 2023 Morgan County Fair 4-H Muzzleloader Shoot. Ten youth competed in the contest that was held on Friday July 15. The contest requires 4-H members to shoot a total of 15 shots, five at targets shaped like bottles, five at bullseye targets, and five at a metal gong.

Placings in the senior division were 1) Chad Schilling, 2) Ethan Bohl, 3) Jasmine Brindisi, and 4) Rylan Schreiner.

Placings in the junior division were 1) Ben Werner, 2) Kaine Eicher, 3) Saxson Keller, 4) Arisa Eicher, 5) Bentley Larrick and 6) Danica Bledsoe.

Superintendents for the muzzleloader shoot were DJ Eicher and Andy Larrick. All coaches for 4-H Shooting Sports are volunteers through Morgan County 4-H, are trained by individuals with Colorado 4-H using a nationally approved curriculum. The season runs from around April- August, and the coaches spend an average of four hours a month teaching the youth in this discipline.

The muzzleloader shoot was held at Muir Springs. Equipment and supplies for the 4-H shooting sports program have been provided through a NRA grant given in 2023 as well as through fundraising and sponsorships.

All members who participated in the Muzzleloader qualified for the Colorado State 4-H Muzzleloader shoot which will be held in Pueblo on August 19 and 20, 2023.

Shooting sports awards were presented at an awards dinner on Tuesday, July 18 at the Mark Arndt Event Center at the Morgan County Fairgrounds.

Cutline for the pictures:

Muzzleloader Participants: Junior and Senior Muzzleloader competitors prior to the 2023 Morgan County Fair 4-H Muzzleloader Shoot.

Schilling– Senior Champion Chad Schilling during the 2023 Morgan County Fair 4-H Muzzleloader Shoot.

Werner – Junior Champion Ben Werner during the 2023 Morgan County Fair 4-H

Muzzleloader Shoot.

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