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## Air Rifle and Air Pistol Results from County Fair Shoots

Twenty-six Morgan County 4-H shooters gathered for their County Fair air rifle and air pistol shoot on July 16, at the Morgan County Fairgrounds Multi-purpose Building. Individual champions and place finishers were determined in all air rifle and air pistol shooting disciplines. The shoot also determined who the county representatives would be at the Colorado State 4-H Shooting Championships in August in Pueblo.

Shooters were grouped as juniors (ages 8-13) and seniors (ages 14-18). A total of four different air rifle shooting classes were available at both the junior and senior levels. A single contest was held in air pistol shooting. The top six shooters in each class will comprise the Morgan County team in that class at the state shoot. Should a shooter elect to not participate in the state event, the next highest scoring shooter will be asked to join the team in that discipline.

Top finishers in junior 3 Position were; 1) Saxson Keller, 2) Kaine Eicher, 3) Arisa Eicher, 4) Seth Whitney, 5) Fowler Farnam, and 6) Bentley Larrick. Gavyn Larrick also competed for the juniors. Senior 3 Position International finishers were; 1) Danielle Moon, 2) Ethan Bohl, 3) Sateen Keller, 4) Jasmine Brindisi, 5) Soul Keller, and 6) Chad Schilling.

Junior 4 Position Sporter winners were; 1) Saxson Keller, 2) Tate Oliver, 3) Kaine Eicher, 4) Shylynn Larrick, 5) Arisa Eicher, and 6) Cora Paris. Also competing for the juniors was Gabriel Higgins, Liam Higgins, Katelynn Jones, Bentley Larrick, Kash Meyer, Seth Whitney, and Jackson Zink. Senior 4 Position Sporter finishers were; 1) Danielle Moon, 2) Ethan Bohl, 3) Sateen Keller, 4) Kayla Garcia, 5) Soul Keller, and 6) Katelynn Johnson. Also competing for the seniors was Jasmine Brindisi, Chad Schilling, and Elizabeth Whitney.

Olympic Offhand junior champions were; 1) Saxson Keller, 2) Kaine Eicher, 3) Arisa Eicher, 4) Shylynn Larrick, and 5) Bentley Larrick. Olympic Offhand senior champions were; 1) Ethan Bohl, 2) Danielle Moon, 3) Sateen Keller, 4) Chad Schilling, 5) Soul Keller, and 6) Katelynn Johnson. Jasmine Brindisi, Wyatt Gorrell, Rylan Schreiner, and Elizabeth Whitney also competed in the Olympic offhand class.

Air Rifle Utility Class junior winners were; 1) Saxson Keller, 2) Kaine Eicher, 3) Shylynn Larrick, 4) Maddex Reynolds, 5) Arisa Eicher, and 6) Wyatt Johnson. Fowler Farnam, Gabriel Higgins, Liam Higgins, Katelynn Jones, Aubrey Kauffman, Bentley Larrick, Gavyn Larrick, Kash Meyer, Cora Paris, Cason Tow, Seth Whitney, and Jackson Zink also shot at the junior level. Senior Air Rifle Utility champions were; 1) Danielle Moon, 2) Chad Schilling, 3) Ethan Bohl, 4) Soul Keller, 5) Wyatt Gorrell, and 6) Jasmine Brindisi. Katelynn Johnson and Elizabeth Whitney also competed in utility for the seniors.

An air pistol shoot was also held in conjunction with the air rifle contest, junior winners were; 1) Kaine Eicher, 2) Wyatt Johnson, 3) Arisa Eicher, 4) Raylan Neal, 5) Brooklyn Eggleston, and 6)

Shylynn Larrick. Fowler Farnam, Katelynn Jones, Bentley Larrick, Gavyn Larrick, and Seth Whitney also competed with the juniors. Senior air pistol champions were 1) Talan Hall, 2) Wiley Eicher, 3) Chad Schilling, 4) Rylan Schreiner, and 5) Shariyah Grotzky.

4-H Air Rifle coaches are David Bohl, Ryan Eggleston, DJ Eicher, Alison Gorrell, Justin Lowe, and Kortney Venzke. Owen and Danielle Eggleston, and Alison Gorrekk coach the air pistol shooters. Andy and Janet Larrick are the scoring superintendents.

More information regarding involvement of youth in air rifle and air pistol may be obtained by contacting the Morgan County Extension Office at (970)542-3540.

Equipment and supplies for the 4-H shooting sports program have been provided through a NRA grant given in 2023, through fundraising, and donations.

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## Cutline for pictures:

Air Rifle and Air Pistol Members: Morgan County junior and Senior 4-H Air Rifle and Air Pistol shooting sports members and coaches prior to beginning the 2023 Morgan County Fair Shoot.

Air Rifle Member 1: Member competing during the 2023 Morgan County Fair Shoot.

Air Rifle Member 2: Member checking his targets during the 2023 Morgan County Fair Shoot.

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