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## **MUZZLELOADER SHOOT HELD, PRE-COUNTY FAIR EVENTS CONTINUE**

Kaine Eicher and Saxson Keller captured the first-place awards in the junior and senior divisions at the 2025 Morgan County Fair 4-H Muzzleloader Shoot. Nine youth competed in the contest that was held on Friday, July 11th. 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 junior division were 1) Kaine Eicher, 2) Wyatt Johnson, 3) Gavyn Larrick, and 4) Danica Bledsoe.

Placings in the senior division were 1) Saxson Keller, 2) Shylynn Larrick, 3) Chad Schilling, 4) Arisa Eicher, and 5) Ben Werner.

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. All muzzleloader practices and contest are held at Muir Springs.

All members who participated in the Muzzleloader contest qualified for the Colorado State 4-H Muzzleloader shoot which will be held in Pueblo in August.

Shooting Sports awards were presented at an awards dinner on Tuesday, July 15 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 2025 Morgan County Fair 4-H Muzzleloader Shoot.

Gavyn Larrick – Junior during the 2025 Morgan County Fair 4-H Muzzleloader Shoot.

Muzzleloading Participants

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