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

Twenty-seven Morgan County 4-H members gathered for their County Fair air rifle and air pistol shoot on July 14, 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.

Participants 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 participants in each class will comprise the Morgan County team in that class at the state shoot. Should a participant 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) Kaine Eicher, 2) Erica Hess, 3) Bentley Larrick, 4) Fowler Farnam. Senior 3 Position International finishers were; 1) Saxson Keller, 2) Katelynn Johnson, 3) Arisa Eicher, 4) Soul Keller, and 5) Rylee Stevens. Shylynn Larrick and Elijah Butler also competed.

Junior 4 Position Sporter winners were; 1) Kaine Eicher, 2) Erica Hess, 3) Fowler Farnam, 4) Cassidy Moorhead, and 5) Bentley Larrick. Also competing for the juniors was Natalie Higgins, Jaxson Stevens, and Brody Bristol. Senior 4 Position Sporter finishers were; 1) Saxson Keller, 2) Rylee Stevens, 3) Soul Keller, 4) Katelynn Johnson, and 5) Arisa Eicher. Also competing for the seniors was Elizabeth Whitney, Shylynn Larrick, Tate Oliver, and Elijah Butler.

Olympic Offhand junior champions were; 1) Kaine Eicher, 2) Erica Hess, 3) Bentley Larrick, 4) Fowler Farnam, and 5) Jaxson Stevens. Olympic Offhand senior champions were; 1) Saxson Keller, 2) Chad Schilling, 3) Rylee Stevens, 4) Katelynn Johnson, and 5) Arisa Eicher. Wyatt Gorrell also competed in the Olympic offhand class.

Air Rifle Utility Class junior winners were; 1) Saxson Keller, 2) Kaine Eicher, 3) Jaelyn Olivere, 4) Erica Hess, 5) Bentley Larrick, and 6) Zeke Amen. Danica Bledsoe, Jacob Clark, Fowler Farnam, Hattie Hannan, Gabriel Higgins, Gavyn Larrick, Delaynie Piper, Jaxson Stevens, Seth Whitney, Averie Williams and Eli Williams also shot at the junior level. Senior Air Rifle Utility champions were; 1) Soul Keller, 2) Chad Schilling, 3) Rylee Stevens, 4) Shylynn Larrick, 5) Arisa Eicher. Soul Keller and Shylynn Larrick also competed for the seniors.

An air pistol shoot was held in conjunction with the air rifle contest, junior winners were; 1) Kaine Eicher, 2) Raylan Neal, 3) Eli Williams, 4) Jerod Sandeen, 5) Hattie Hannan, and 6) Gabriel Higgins. Fowler Farnam, Liam Higgins, Bentley Larrick, Gavyn Larrick, and Averie Williams also competed with the juniors. Senior air pistol champions were 1) Wiley Eicher 2) Chad Schilling, 3) Arisa Eicher, 4) Rylan Schreiner, 5) Shylynn Larrick and 6) Rylee Stevens. Tate Oliver also competed in this division.

An exciting new addition to the Air Pistol contest this year was a silhouette class where members aimed at different animal silhouettes from a range of distances. This contest is only open to senior members. The champions in this class were 1) Shylynn Larrick, 2) Chad Schilling, 3) Arisa Eicher, 4) Piper Neal, and 5) Katelynn Johnson.

4-H Air Rifle coaches are DJ Eicher, Stephaine Johnson, Janet Larrick, and Justin Lowe. 4-H Air Pistol Coaches are DJ Eicher, Andy Larrick, and Willie Johnson. These coaches are volunteers through Morgan County 4-H, and dedicate many hours to teaching the youth that are involved in Morgan County 4-H Shooting Sports. 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.

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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 2025 Morgan County Fair Shoot.

Air Pistol: Members competing during the 2025 Morgan County Fair Shoot.

Air Rifle Members: Members competing during the 2025 Morgan County Fair Shoot.

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