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4-H Shooting Sports Multi-County Shoot held at Brittany Shooting Park

On Sunday, August 27, 4-H Shooting Sports members participated in the ninth annual 4-H Fall Classic at Brittany Shooting Park in Bunker Hill. 4-H members from the Jersey, Macoupin, and Montgomery Counties competed in the shooting disciplines of archery, air rifle, .22 rifle, and shotgun. This shooting sports competition hit the mark for great weather, family fun, friends, and marksmanship. The Fall Classic provided the opportunity for youth to enhance their shooting skills and build self-confidence. At the conclusion of each discipline a recognition ceremony was held where top members were awarded based on their scores.

4-H Members from Macoupin County who participated in the 2023 4-H Shooting Sports Fall Classic were Katelyn Clagg and Nathan St. Clair (Brighton), Ben Schuette, Josiah Schuette, Ethan Schuette, Madalyn Dugan, and Casey Dugan (Shipman); Anna Cloninger, Caleb Cloninger, Ethan Cloninger, Bethany Cloninger, Jaxson Strader (Plainview); Alex Behme, Oliver Saffell, Ellie Behme, Greta Dickison, Lillian Dickison, Charlee Dugger, Ashlyn Killam, Payton Harding, Makenna Harding, Claire Wills (Carlinville); Maris Brill (Gillespie); Isaac Hudson, Owen Hudson, and Ella Hudson (Mt. Olive); Cooper Kahl, Abbigail Jarden, and Hunter Haworth (Bunker Hill); Lane Gowin, Aubree Cunningham, Malia Bowker and Braden Bowker (Medora); Carly Rhodes (Chesterfield); and Bella Gilbreth, Shepard Gilbreth, Jonathan Royer and Natalie Royer (Virden); Aaron Mayfield and Abigail Mayfield (Livingston), and David Girardin and Colton Mayfield (Staunton).

Results from the 2023 4-H Fall Classic were as follows:

ARCHERY Ages 8-10 (Non-Sighted)

1. Isaac Hudson (Macoupin) 41 (1X)
2. Oliver Saffell (Macoupin) 39 (1X)
3. Bethany Cloninger (Macoupin) 24

4. Owen Hudson (Macoupin) 18 (1X)
5. Lillian Dickison (Macoupin) 7
6. Nathan StClair (Macoupin) 3

ARCHERY Ages 11-14 (Non-Sighted)

1. Anna Cloninger (Macoupin) 46
2. Ben Schuette (Macoupin) 44
3. Ethan Schuette (Macoupin) 41
4. Braden Bowker (Macoupin) 33
5. Ella Hudson (Macoupin) 22

ARCHERY Ages 8-10 (Sighted)

1. Katelyn Clagg (Macoupin) 47 (2X)
2. Hunter Haworth (Macoupin) 46 (2X)
3. Claire Wills (Macoupin) 45 (1X)
4. Greta Dickison (Macoupin) 31 (1X)

ARCHERY Ages 11-13 (Sighted)

1. Payton Harding (Macoupin) 60 (8X)
2. Jaxson Strader (Macoupin) 60 (5X) & Zoe Tilton (Montgomery) 60 (5X)
3. Charlee Dugger (Macoupin) 59
4. Makenna Harding (Macoupin) 57
5. Carly Rhodes (Macoupin) 56
6. Ashlyn Killam (Macoupin) 53 (5X)
7. Katelyn Marley (Montgomery) 53 (2X)
8. Malia Bowker (Macoupin) 40
9. Ellie Behme (Macoupin) 36

ARCHERY Ages 14-18 (Sighted)

1. Caleb Cloninger (Macoupin) 60 (6X)
2. Esther Tilton (Montgomery) 58 (3X)
3. Natalie Royer (Macoupin) 57 (3X)
4. Maris Brill (Montgomery) 52 (1X)
5. Travis Broers (Montgomery) 50 (2X)
6. Isabella Gilbreth (Macoupin) 49 (1X)
7. Jonah Prumm (Montgomery) 37 (2X)

AIR RIFLE

Ages 8-13

1. Abigail Mayfield (Macoupin) 206
2. Colton Mayfield (Macoupin) 170
3. Aubree Cunningham (Macoupin) 164

Age 14-18

1. Aaron Mayfield (Macoupin) 213

.22 RIFLE

Ages 10-14

1. Ethan Cloninger (Macoupin) 210
2. Cooper Kahl (Macoupin) 195
3. David Girardin (Macoupin) 176
4. Lane Gowin (Macoupin) 121

Ages 15-18

1. Jonathan Royer (Mascoupin) 214
2. Josiah Schuette (Macoupin) 213
3. Alex Behme (Macoupin) 207
4. Shepard Gilbreth (Macoupin) 162

SHOTGUN

Ages 10-14

1. Elizabeth Federle (Jersey) 43
2. Abbigail Jarden (Macoupin) 41
3. Erin Federle (Jersey) 40
4. Evan Niebrand (Macoupin) 27

Ages 15-18

1. Casey Dugan (Macoupin) 40
2. Mady Dugan (Macoupin) 26

Dedicated volunteers who made this event a success were certified instructors and volunteers from **Macoupin County**: Jenny and John Dugan, Tony Wagner, Greg Behme, Chad Dugger, Katie Mayfield, and Mark Koskie. **Montgomery County**: Theola Broers and Tim Tilton.

The event was held at Brittany Shooting Park in Bunker Hill. They have been supporters of Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports since it started in Macoupin County in 2011. They have a great venue where youth can practice their shooting skills in a safe and conducive environment. Top awards were sponsored by Jerry Clevenger.

The Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports program promotes the highest standard of safety, sportsmanship, and ethical behaviors. 4-H shooting sports help young people develop self-confidence, problem-solving skills, teamwork, and decision-making skills. This program also furnishes enjoyable, positive relationships with peers and adult instructors.

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