

Morrow County 4-H shooting sports takes off

What started as a handful of youth in 2019 with shotgun and clay shooting only, has grown and diversified in the subsequent two years. Thanks to volunteers Adam and Rachel Archer, Andrea DiSalvo, Ed Rietmann, Donnie Griggs, Erin Heideman and Stan Cutsforth, the shooting sports program has grown to 40 members and now includes rifle, pistol, archery and shotgun. In a typical year, the club shoots at the Lexington Gun Club November through March. With the onset of COVID, the schedule was changed slightly with the bulk of shooting for the club happening this past spring. All youth must provide their own tools and ammunition and follow set shooting guidelines each month. They also have the option of registering to be considered for the State 4-H Shooting event which will occur this year August 30, 31 and September 1 in Shedd, OR.



Liam Heideman, Ione, and Jace Wilson, Heppner, shoot with their rifle 4-H volunteer coach, Adam Archer.

Pistol, Juniors: Jules Archer, Jonathon Ashbeck, Mary Ashbeck, Gage Heideman, Darby Spivey; Intermediates: Riley Archer, Preslie Bowles, Morgan Cutsforth, Liam Heideman, Avree Lathrop, Briar Reeves; Seniors: Calvin Rietmann

Archery, Juniors: Jules Archer, Kayelee Jean Espinola, Brooklyn Hendricks, Keltie Rietmann, Jace Wilson; Intermediates: Preslie Bowles, Morgan Cutsforth, Avree Lathrop

Rifle, Juniors: Jules Archer, Jonathon Ashbeck, Mary Ashbeck, Kord Dick-

son, Gage Heideman, Axton Hendricks, Joe McMasters, Maddex McMasters, Keltie Rietmann, Darby Spivey, Jace Wilson; Intermediates: Riley Archer, Preslie Bowles, Morgan Cutsforth, Radley Griggs, Liam Heideman; Seniors: Calvin Rietmann

The youth who qualified for state in shotgun are juniors Gage Heideman (Ione) and Jace Wilson (Heppner); intermediates Preslie Bowles (Irrigon), Carter Eynetich (Ione), Radley Griggs (Boardman), Aden Lathrop (Heppner) and Chase Lantis (Board-

man); seniors Calvin Rietmann (Ione).

Qualifying in archery are Brooklyn Hendricks (Heppner), Keltie Rietmann (Ione) and Jace Wilson (Heppner); intermediates Preslie Bowles (Irrigon), Morgan Cutsforth (Heppner) and Avree Lathrop (Heppner); senior Alexis Cutsforth (Heppner).

In rifle the qualifiers are juniors Gage Heideman (Ione), Keltie Rietmann (Ione) Darby Spivey (Ione) and Jace Wilson (Heppner); intermediates Preslie Bowles (Irrigon), Morgan Cutsforth (Heppner), Radley Griggs (Boardman), Liam Heideman (Ione), Aden Lathrop (Heppner) and Maddex McMasters (Heppner).

Pistol qualifiers are juniors Gage Heideman (Ione), Avree Lathrop (Heppner) and Darby Spivey (Ione); intermediates Riley Archer (Heppner), Preslie Bowles (Irrigon), Liam Heideman (Ione), seniors; Calvin Rietmann (Ione).

The Lexington Gun Club allowed the use of



Kayelee Jean Espinola and Brayden McNeil, both of Ione, practice their archery skills with MoCo 4-H Shooting Sports.

their facilities, Morrow County Livestock Growers donated restroom facilities during shooting months, John Luciani provided 22 rounds and Correa Ranches donated several large bales to act as archery backstops.



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