

Jefferson County Shooting Sports: Successful Summer and Fall

Two Jefferson County 4-H members represented Team Kansas at the 2026 4-H National Shooting Sports Match in Grand Island, Nebraska. Jayden Herrman competed in Smallbore Pistol, where he was crowned National Champion and helped his team earn first place. Aurora Hoffman competed in Smallbore Rifle, placing 12th overall and helping her team earn third place. Both members helped Team Kansas earn co-champion honors at the national match. The Meadowlark District was also represented at the Daisy Nationals BB Match in Arkansas.

The Jefferson County 4-H Shooting Sports project had a very busy and successful summer and fall season. Six youth qualified for the State Archery Match on October 3 at T.H.E. Archery near Wakarusa, with seven entries across the different bow divisions. The archers performed very well at state; see results below.

In small-bore shooting, three youth competed in Smallbore Pistol and four in Smallbore Rifle at the state match on September 26 in Topeka. It was another successful showing for the 4-H members, with Jayden Herrman earning the title of State Smallbore Pistol Champion.

At the State Shotgun Match held October 10–11 near Wichita, three youth competed in Trap, two in Skeet, and three in Sporting Clays. It was a successful and busy season for these 4-H members!

Archery Results

- **Peyton Gooch** – Junior Barebow: Total score 238, 18th place; 5th-place Barebow team.
- **Emmaleen Smith** – Junior Barebow: Total score 293, 7th place; 5th-place Barebow team.
- **Ian Hoffman** – Junior Olympic: Total score 295, 6th place.
- **Ian Hoffman** – Junior Bowhunter: Total score 281, 24th place; 14th-place Bowhunter team.
- **Braxdon Penry** – Senior Bowhunter: Total score 342, 25th place; 14th-place Bowhunter team.
- **Zane Penry** – Senior Bowhunter: Total score 324, 31st place; 14th-place Bowhunter team.
- **Jayden Herrman** – Senior Compound Open: Total score 362, 19th place.

Small-Bore Rifle Results

- **Ian Hoffman** – Junior: Total score 242, 2nd place.
- **Aurora Hoffman** – Senior: Total score 458, 6th place; 2nd-place team.
- **Billy Kabus** – Senior: Total score 317, 25th place; 8th-place team.
- **Jayden Herrman** – Senior: Total score 378, 13th place; 8th-place team.

Small-Bore Pistol Results

- **Ian Hoffman** – Junior: Total score 298, 2nd place.
- **Billy Kabus** – Senior: Total score 234, 19th place; 5th-place team.
- **Jayden Herrman** – Senior: Total score 612, 1st place; 5th-place team.

Shotgun Results

- **Jayden Herrman** – Trap: 89, 38th place; Skeet: 78, 30th place; Sporting Clays: 69, 21st place; overall score 236, 29th place; 6th-place team.
- **Ian Hoffman** – Trap: 66, 110th place; Sporting Clays: 51, 79th place.
- **Mason Baker** – Skeet: 56, 74th place; Sporting Clays: 54, 70th place.
- **Landen Olson** – Trap: 77, 81st place.