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Trap & Skeet program honored by Lake County Council

(Crown Point, Sept.11, 2024) Members of Hanover Central's Trap & Skeet program were honored by the Lake County Council Tuesday for their recent achievements at the USA Clay Target National Competition in Mason, Michigan, and the AIM Grand National World Youth Championships in Sparta, Illinois.

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Councilman Randy Niemeyer, R-7th, said skeet has become a growing sport throughout Indiana. Skeet is a trapshooting sport in which clay pigeons are launched in a way to simulate the angles of birds in flight.

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"I've watched it blossom through the years," Niemeyer said of the sport, adding his son was a member of the program in its first year at Hanover seven years ago.

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"The thing I admire so much... is the incredible discipline it takes; not just the discipline to focus on shooting skills, but the discipline as it relates to responsibility. I know one thing about these coaches. They tolerate no horseplay on the gun range. Everything is about responsibility and being professional. Sportsmanship is the key," Niemeyer said.

The Hanover Central Trap and Skeet Competition Yeti team took seven student athletes to the AIM Grand National World Youth Championships in Sparta. The team included Danni Villarreal, Gabby Horon, Bryan Barber, Kayden Porter, Rylan Porter, Jaxson Sossong and Hank Walkowiak.

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Sossong clinched the Sub Junior Class D World Championship in the Doubles Discipline after shooting an 84/100.

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Walkowiak, who shot the team's first 100/100 on day two, was able to secure second place in the Junior AA category for the Singles Discipline. Walkowiak then shot a 99/100 to enter into a seven-way tie shoot off to emerge with a 75/75 to secure the World Trap Junior Champion in the Handicap Discipline.

The team comprised of Rylan Porter, Kayden Porter, Barter, as well as Sossong and

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Walkowiak, were champions in the Junior Gold Class C Division. The team also secured second place for special event in the High Gun Category.

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Team member Villarreal shot her personal best at singles with a 191/200 while member Horon also shot her personal best for singles with 189/200.

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Fifteen Trap & Skeet team students comprising two squads were among the 261 squads who competed in Mason. The team's first squad finished day 1 in 14th place with a 477/500, which advanced them to the championship where they finished with a 470/500, 17 clays away from the winning 487, ranking the team 31st in the nation.

The first squad consisted of Walkowiak, Kayden Porter, Rylan Porter, Villarreal and Bryan Barter with Mitchell Oostman as an alternate.

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Squad two included Sossong, Joshua Williams, Michael Lacina, Brent Sailsberry and Donna Daylantis, with Jillian Sanders as an Alternate. Four athletes advanced to the championship round, Williams, Oostman, Walkowiak and Villareal.

Villareal was the team's only individual female Wildcat representative who went on to finish 25th in the nation in the female division.

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Council President Christine Cid, D-5th, commended the students for their hard work and success. The program began seven years ago but this is the first year they have had a full competition season.

"It's very impressive," Cid said.

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Coaches Brandon Porter and Steve Davalantis thanked the council for supporting the youth. Porter said students have worked very hard this first true, full competition year since the program began. Hanover was one of only a few schools to have two teams qualify to be among the 260 teams to compete in the national tournament, Porter noted.

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Coaches said what was amazing about the effort was the athletes shot only one round below 95 out of 100 in the tournament.

"Everybody who went to the world tournament shot amazing. Thank you for acknowledging the kids," he said.