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Halter Center Hosts Halloween Clay Shoot and Exhibition

HILLSDALE, Mich. — Hillsdale College’s John Anthony Halter Shooting Sports Education Center hosted the Halter Pumpkin Smash on Oct. 31. The two-hour event featured an opportunity for shooters of all ages to participate in clay shooting and watch a Halloween-themed shooting exhibition by members of the US national team and the Hillsdale College Shotgun team. For the exhibition, these professional and collegiate shooters took aim at nothing other than catapulted pumpkins.

“The exhibition was a smash hit,” said Caitlin Royer, assistant program development and competition manager. “I think that I can speak for my fellow shooters when I say that we’ve gone hunting before but never for pumpkins.”

Hillsdale College has been the official home of the USA Shooting National Team since 2019. In 2022, the Halter Center hosted the USA Shooting Junior Olympic Trap and Skeet development camps and championships.

The event provided an opportunity for local residents to enjoy the Halter Center and to get to know members of the US national and Hillsdale shooting teams. “Everyone — amateur, collegiate, and professional shooter alike — had a blast,” said Royer. “We look forward to hosting the Smash again next year.”

For a high-resolution copy of the Hillsdale College clocktower logo, click [here](#).

About the John Anthony Halter Shooting Sports Education Center

The Halter Center is a state-of-the-art shooting facility located five miles from the Hillsdale College campus. Opened in 2008, the Center aims to introduce individuals to shooting sports and encourage interest across all levels of experience. The Halter Center also serves an educational purpose by promoting the principles of the Constitution and teaching beginner and experienced shooters in various classes. Home to Hillsdale College’s collegiate shooting teams and the USA

national team, the Halter Center is also a resource for the public through camps, conferences, and other programming. For more information, visit shootingsports.hillsdale.edu.

Hillsdale College has been the home of the USA Shooting National Team since 2019 and has hosted USA Shooting Junior Olympic Trap and Skeet development camps and championships. The Center boasts 113 range acres, four international skeet fields, a 22-station sporting clays course, five international bunkers, a small arms range, an action shooting range, a five-stand range, an international archery range, nine American Trap fields, and an AcuSport lodge and grill.

About Hillsdale College

Hillsdale College is an independent, nonsectarian, Christian liberal arts college located in southern Michigan. Founded in 1844, the College has built a national reputation through its classical liberal arts core curriculum and its principled refusal to accept federal or state taxpayer subsidies, even indirectly in the form of student grants or loans. It also conducts an outreach effort promoting civil and religious liberty, including a free monthly speech digest, *Imprimis*, with a circulation of more than 6.4 million. For more information, visit hillsdale.edu.

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