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Family and Friends of Duke VanLue pose for a photo during the inaugural Duke VanLue Memorial Clay Shoot last month at the Blackwood Gun Club in Conroe. Photos courtesy of Duke VanLue Memorial Scholarship

## HONORING A FATHER

Teen launches foundation to help students in dad's memory

By Melanie Feuk  
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Duke Tyler VanLue watched in amazement as more and more people arrived at the Blackwood Gun Club in Conroe. The turnout came as a welcome surprise to the Tomball teen and first-time event coordinator.

“I didn’t think we’d have that many people at all,” he said. “Just watching everybody come in right at 7:30, it was crazy to see how many people were showing up.”

In total, the inaugural Duke VanLue Memorial Clay Shoot fundraiser saw 150 guests.

“It kind of took my breath away,” recalled the 13-year-old.

Duke Tyler had approached his mother with the idea to host an annual event in honor of his father who passed away in 2020.



Duke Tyler VanLue competes for team Boss Hog during the inaugural Duke VanLue Memorial Clay Shoot.

He envisioned the event combining two of his father’s passions.

“My dad really enjoyed helping others and he really enjoyed skeet shooting as well so we thought we might as well put it together and make a foundation,” he said.

The Duke VanLue Memorial Scholarship Foundation received the determination letter confirming its nonprofit status in April.

Just a couple months later on June 25, the Blackwood Gun Club was bustling with guests enjoying food, drinks, an auction and skeet shoot — eager to support Duke Tyler and the foundation’s mission.

His father, Duke VanLue, was a graduate of Tomball High School. He entered the oil and gas field at BJ Services and went on to create his own company after Duke Tyler was born. On June 27, 2020, the 40-year-old

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