

Two Lauderdale County teams successful at state 4-H shooting event

Nine Lauderdale County 4-H shooting sports members earned state awards at the State Shotgun Competition Saturday, April 12th. Ten youth traveled with Coach Eric Massey and Lauderdale County Extension 4-H agent assistant Janet Lovelady to Red Eagle Skeet & Trap Club in Childersburg, AL, to shoot in skeet and trap contests. Five shooters competed in the Junior Division for ages 9 – 13: Sam Barnett, a 7th grade homeschooled student in the Lexington community; Scout Hudson, a 7th grader at Brooks High School; Miller Hunt, a 6th grader at Brooks Elementary; William Lovelady, a 7th grader at Central School; and Tanner Matthews, a 7th grader at Lexington School. The Senior team, ages 14 – 19 included Isaac Canerday, a Lexington School 7th grader; Adam Holt and Parker Lovelady, both 9th graders at Central School; Hunter Hudson, a 9th grader at Brooks High School; and William Massey, a 9th grader at Sheffield High School.

The Senior team placed 3rd in skeet, 2nd in trap, and was the 3rd place overall team. The Junior team placed 3rd in both skeet and trap, and was awarded 3rd place overall. “This is a great accomplishment for our teams,” said Mrs. Lovelady. “They have worked hard to practice and I am proud of their hard work.”

For Scout Hudson, this was his second trip this spring to a 4-H State shooting competition. He also competed successfully at the Air Rifle and BB State Competition on March 12th. There he also won 3 medals for both individual and team accomplishments.

The skeet and trap shotgun clubs are part of the Lauderdale County 4-H Shooting Sports program, which is largely sponsored by The Wildlife Division of the Lauderdale County Farmers Federation. Other team sponsors include Hunt’s Auto Restoration and Sales, Centerhill Market & Hardware, Killen Big Star, Brad Tank Allstate Insurance, and Martin’s Family Clothing.

4-H, the state’s oldest and largest youth development organization, is coordinated by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System through its affiliation with land-grant institutions Auburn University and Alabama A&M University. 4-H programs are administered by Extension agents and the many adult volunteers that commit their valuable time to the 4-H programs. For more information about participating in Lauderdale County 4-H, contact the Lauderdale County Extension Office at (256) 766-6223.

Picture (group) L-R

Back row: Isaac Canerday, Hunter Hudson, Parker Lovelady, Adam Holt, Sam Barnett, Coach Eric Massey

Front row: Tanner Matthews, Scout Hudson, Miller Hunt, William Lovelady, William Massey

Individual Picture – Scout Hudson