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Left, Madison Barker, vice-president, Emma Pate, valedictorian, and Shelby Horton, salutatorian gave their addresses to their fellow graduates and audience members. Right, McKenzie High School graduates were seated as floor level in the high school graduation.

McKenzie Graduates 83 In Sunday Afternoon Ceremony

By Joel Washburn
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McKENZIE — McKenzie High School graduated 83 students on Sunday, May 14, 2017 during commencement exercises. This was the 93rd graduating class from McKenzie Special School District.

Graduating with distinction were: Madison Glyn Barker, Olivia Brooke Bowden, Ignatius James Colotta, Anna Carol Comer, Shelby Elaine Horton, William Bransen McCaleb, Joshua Eron McCutcheon, Aluria Kelsey Parks, Emma Kathryn Pate, Stuart Taylor Spring, Mason Roark Wallace, Paul Eason Watkins.

The Top Ten included: Madison Glyn Barker, Anna Carol Comer, Shelby Elaine Horton, William Bransen McCaleb, Joshua Eron McCutcheon, Aluria Kelsey Parks, Emma Kathryn Pate, Stuart Taylor Spring, Mason Roark Wallace, Paul Eason Watkins.

Madison Barker, vice-president of the class, said the students first arrived at MSSD with Barbie and Ninja Turtle backpacks and cartoon lunchboxes. Some entered school crying on that first day. They emerge as lifelong friends.

Barker said, “Opportunities are not always what we think they will be; they are often times born out of what we might consider disappointment. We must use our strength to see the good in everything. While we reflect upon yesterday, appreciate today, and anticipate tomorrow, it’s also important to recognize that for those who are given much, much is expected.”

She thanked the “administrators, teachers, security officers, lunchroom workers, maintenance and custodial workers, and everyone who contributes to make this high school the best in the state.”

Salutatorian Shelby Horton said the class of 2017 has “been waiting for this day the moment we walked through the doors of McKenzie High School four years ago.”

Horton added that often times the seniors have heard that high school is the best years of one’s life.

“How horrible would it be if that was actually true? I hope that we look back and say that everything only went up from high school. Many of us have let our fear get the best of us. Some of us have not put our best foot forward yet. Not only in school, but in life as well. This applies to me as much as it does to each of you. I am not here to tell you



Greg Barker, school board member, had the privilege of presenting the diploma to his daughter, Madison.

everything will be easy after we walk out these doors for the last time today. But I am going to be honest with all of you. Each of us must be able to handle rejection. Get used to it, Class of 2017. We may fail many times. Life is not fair. I am not the first to notice...So, I encourage each of you not to let high school be the best years of your life or your ‘glory days.’ You can only start the next chapter of your life when you stop reading the last one...

“I leave you with this thought: Make this ending into the beginning of anything you want.”

Valedictorian Emma Pate offered sage advice to live life as an adventure looking for new growth opportunities daily.

“McKenzie is the perfect example of what ‘Small Town, USA’ looks like. The kids I went to preschool with are sitting right here in front of me as we all graduate high school...As of today, we will no longer see these familiar faces Monday through Friday from 8 to 3. We won’t see each other making touchdowns under those Friday night lights or making the game-winning basket against our rival. These things have ended for us. But, the cycle of life continues. Change is inevitable, and in our case, we had plenty of time to prepare. Sy why does it feel so sudden?” Why do we feel rushed about making college and career decisions? In all honesty, I think it is because we are scared. Change is something we all see coming yet never feel prepared for...

“Great revelations don’t occur in comfort zones. Most of us will

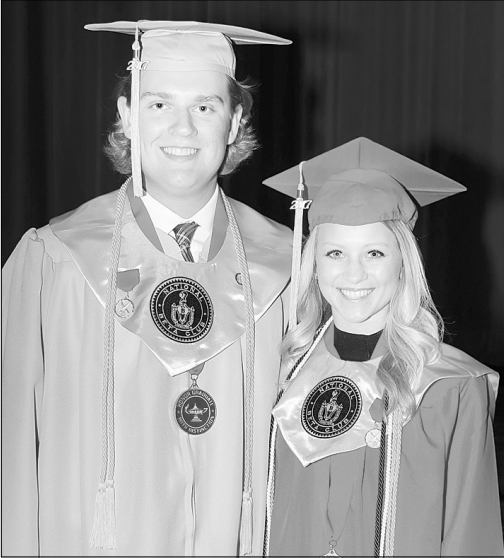
leave McKenzie and never look back, and guess what...that’s a good thing. Some of us will stay in McKenzie for the rest of our lives and that’s okay too. It might be a hard pill to swallow, but we don’t know everything. We must live life as an adventure looking for new growth opportunities daily. This means furthering our education in some way, shape, form, or fashion, and doesn’t necessarily mean college. Learning happens in all environments, not just a classroom setting. Sitting here in this gym with the people we grew up with since birth, we are comfortable. We often complain about living in such a small town, but there is comfort in consistency. Whether we like it or not, that is changing. We will have to meet new people at college or at new jobs in different cities. We will go into territory we’ve never been before, and that can be a frightening thing. Class of 2017, I encourage you despite that, go. Go with boldness and conviction. Go live life creatively. Go into the wilderness of your intuition. Go passionately change the world one step at a time, but let us never forget where we came from.”

Following the speeches, Principal Tim Watkins announced recipients of scholarships and their future plans.

Sheila Ridley, announced each graduate name as he or she crossed the stage and were greeted by Lynn Watkins, director of schools, Tim Watkins, principal, and presented their diploma by John Austin, chairman of the school board.



Top, McKenzie graduates celebrate by tossing their mortarboards into the air. Above, Graduates of Distinction — Madison Barker, Mason Wallace, Joshua McCutcheon, Emma Pate, Shelby Horton, Ignatius (Nate) James Colotta, Anna Comer, Bransen McCaleb, Olivia Bowden, Paul Watkins, Aluria Parks, and Stuart Spring. Below Left, Uncle and niece, Bransen McCaleb and Natalie McCaleb graduate with the class of 2017. Below Right, Twin brothers Zach and Luke Sadler graduate in the class of 2017.



Good Luck Class of 2017!

When you were younger, you would pretend at being anyone you wanted to be, from a firefighter to a president and anything else you could imagine. Now that you’re older, it’s still that you can be whomever you want to be. So on your graduation day, dream big dreams and don’t be afraid to go after them.

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The Banner extends our sincere appreciation to all area schools for providing names and photographs of each graduating student.

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Thank you to the parents that helped with homework and school projects. You made late-night runs to the store for school supplies. You attended parent-teacher conferences and took an interest in your child’s dreams and hopes.

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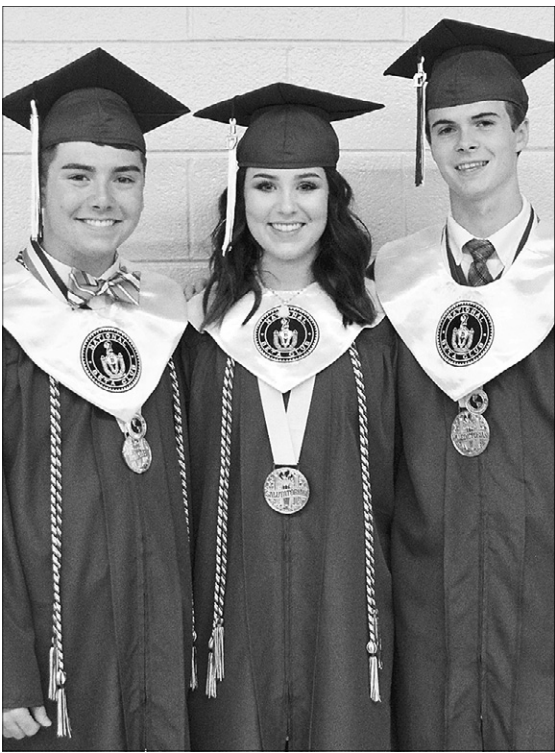
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Left, The Huntington High School Class of 2017 toss their caps in excitement. Right, Commencement speakers (L to R): Class President Wyatt Stokes, Salutatorian Haidyn McLemore and Valedictorian Grant Hilliard. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

Huntingdon Graduates 70 on Sunday

By Libby Dayhuff
McKenzie Banner Intern

A crowd of family, friends, and supporters filled the HHS gymnasium Sunday afternoon to see 70 seniors complete commencement exercises and become proud alumni.

The HHS band performed “Pomp and Circumstance” as the graduates entered the gymnasium. Graduate Robin Parton gave the invocation, and the band played the National Anthem.

Class President Wyatt Stokes welcomed the audience, thanking everyone for attending and congratulating the seniors on their hard work.

Jonathon Kee, HHS principal, then recognized the top ten graduates: Valedictorian Grant Connor Hilliard, Haidyn Banks McLemore, Wyatt Cole Stokes, Erika Jesse Blaine, Katie Elizabeth Bennett, Tori Lane Townsend, Jocelyn Aileen Reyes, Elysia Breann Rhodes, Elijah Henry Smith, and Kelsey Renee-Love Watson. Each student in the top ten graduated with either honors or distinction, or both.

Salutatorian Hayden McLemore then delivered her speech, beginning by thanking her classmates for their time together. She emphasized the importance of relationships that the graduates had with each other. McLemore said, “We have built some strong relationships over these past 18 years and we didn’t even realize it at the time. We have laughed and cried together, only making the bonds between us stronger.”

In addition to relationships, McLemore explained that individual identity is important. “Imagine your own life as a wheel with six spokes—one for spiritual wellness, one for social wellness, one for physical wellness, one for intellectual wellness, one for financial wellness, and one for emotional wellness. Find time every day to nurture each one of these spokes,” she said.

She concluded her speech by saying the members of the Class of 2017 have helped her to develop important relationships and her own individual identity, and she wished each graduate luck in their future endeavors.

Valedictorian Grant Hilliard delivered his speech next, thanking his family and God for helping him to achieve this milestone. His speech focused on challenges both during school and in the future.

“We have finally made it. We have faced many challenges during our time in school, and we are now walking away victoriously with our diplomas,”

Hilliard said.

He continued, “However, as we leave our four years behind at Huntington High School, we will face new challenges as we enter the next chapter in our lives.”

Hilliard told his classmates to not let obstacles stop them from reaching their potential.

Lucy Adams, president of the Beta Club, recognized graduating Beta members: Madison Angelos, Anna Kate Arnold, Katie Bennett, Erika Blaine, Mary Glenys Espey, Grant Hilliard, Haidyn McLemore, Robin Parton, Jocelyn Reyes, Elysia Rhodes, Elijah Smith, Wyatt Stokes, Tori Townsend, Kelsey Watson, and LeAnn Webb.

Kee recognized graduates who are Tennessee Scholars, a new statewide honors program that focuses on good attendance, community service, good behavior, and a C average or higher in all classes. The Scholars included Mary Glenys Espey, Grant Hilliard, Wyatt Stokes, and Kelsey Watson.

Kee and other special guests then presented awards to graduates. These included school awards and scholarships from local organizations.

To honor Rocky Bolen, a 2015 graduate who died, a scholarship in his name was awarded to Michael Arnhold.

In memory of Morgan Fuller, a student who recently died from cancer and was supposed to graduate with the Class of 2017, her parents presented three scholarships to LeAnn Webb, Lucy Adams, and Cheyenne Childress.

Wanda Fuller, Morgan’s mother, said Morgan was close with her classmates. “She wanted them to live and laugh and remember her often. She was strong and faithful.”

Pat Dillahunt, superintendent of schools, and Principal Kee then presented diplomas to the graduates. As the graduates walked across the gym to receive their diplomas, they each placed a yellow rose in two vases on a table in honor of Morgan Fuller.

Next, the tradition of passing the torch continued as Wyatt Stokes presented the torch to Class of 2018 President Kennedy Carter.

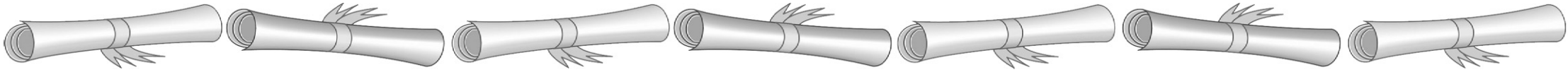
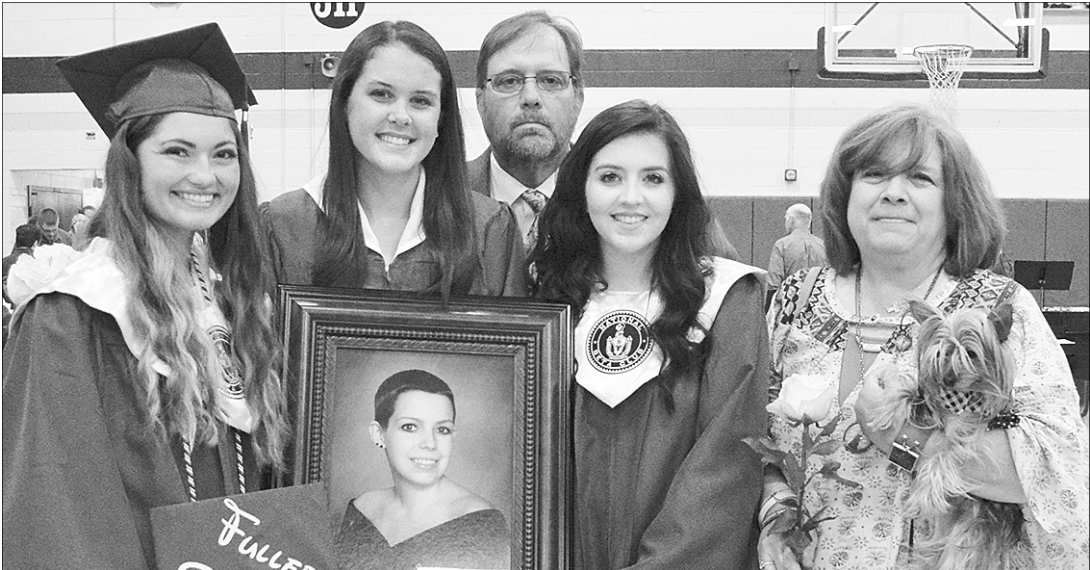
Then, Carl Byars of the Alumni Association congratulated the graduates and encouraged them to become members of the organization.

The band performed the Alma Mater and graduate Grant Hilliard gave the benediction.

Kee gave closing remarks, and the Class of 2017 flung their mortarboards into the air to conclude the ceremony.



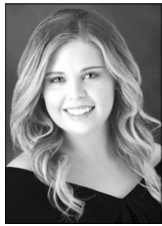
Above, The Huntington High School Band performed “Pomp and Circumstance,” the National Anthem and the Alma Mater. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner. Right, From left, LeAnn Webb, Cheyenne Childress and Lucy Adams received scholarships in memory of the late Morgan Fuller, presented by her parents, Jeff and Wanda Fuller. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner. Below Left, Senior Class President Wyatt Stokes passes the torch to Junior Class President Kennedy Carter. Photo by Libby Dayhuff/The Banner. Below Right, Trenton Cordell McCain receives his diploma from Board of Education member Paul Stokes. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner



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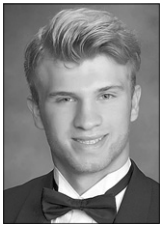
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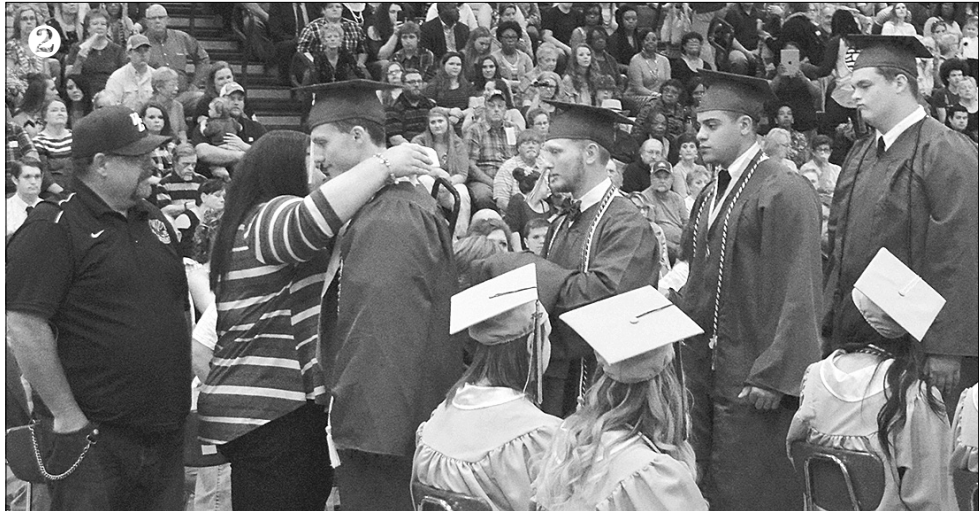


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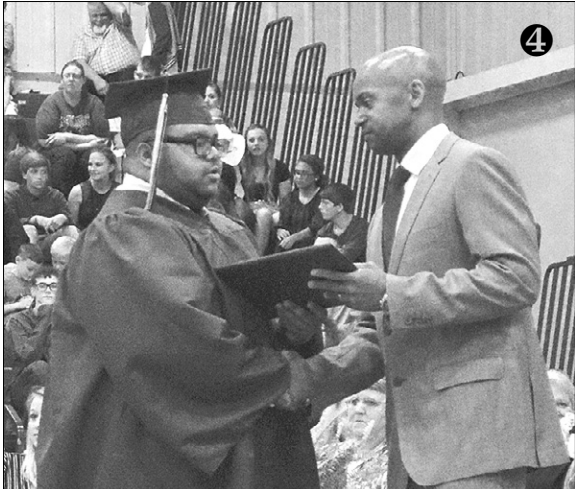


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❶ The West Carroll Class of 2017 tosses its caps into the air joyously. ❷ Senior football captains (L to R) Colin Simmons, Patrick Deer, Tristen Fuller and Chance Townes present a cap, gown, diploma and white roses to Tammy and Eric Davis, mother and stepfather of the late Blake Ray. ❸ Commencement speakers Colin Simmons (Class President and Valedictorian) and Haley Wildridge (Salutatorian). ❹ Chad Hughes receives his diploma with a handshake from Principal Dexter Williams. ❺ Maisey Williams presents a rose to proud parents Lisa and Tim Williams. ❻ Jared Herndon and Katelyn Cherry were awarded the Jay's Warriors Scholarship, a memorial to Jay Rogers, along with a copy of the late cancer warrior's book. *Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner*



West Carroll Graduates 74

By Brad Sam
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ATWOOD (May 11) — Hundreds packed the gymnasium at West Carroll Junior/Senior High Thursday as 74 seniors became graduates. One journey ended and another began for each of the new alumni as those gathered celebrated successes, accomplishments and relationships that will last a lifetime. In a somber and touching moment, a 75th diploma was awarded to the parents of the late Blake Ray.

The high school band performed “Pomp and Circumstance” during the seniors’ processional, and each laid a white rose in a basket en route to his or her seat. The band continued with the National Anthem after members of the Tennessee National Guard

presented colors.

Graduate Chad Hughes delivered the invocation, and Principal Dexter Williams followed with opening remarks.

Williams then instructed senior football captains Patrick Becker, Tristen Fuller, Colin Simmons and Chance Townes to come forward. The four retrieved a cap, gown, diploma and the aforementioned basket of white roses, presenting them with an embrace to Tammy and Eric Davis, mother and stepfather of Blake Ray.

Class President Colin Simmons then delivered the welcome address. He said that “this day seems to have taken a lifetime to get here,” and noted that it really had been most of their lifetimes. He continued, “Now we are here, ready to graduate and to take the first giant step into adulthood...

We worked hard to get here, but we didn’t do it by ourselves.” He first thanked his mom, then on behalf of his class, thanked parents and family, teachers, coaches, sponsors, staff and administrators.

Simmons concluded, “The best way we graduates can show our gratitude is to make the most of the opportunities we’ve been given, and go into the world with the intention of making it a better place.”

Next, salutatorian Haley Wildridge addressed the crowd, echoing many of the thanks of Simmons and reminiscing on fond memories of classmates. In closing, she said, “Although tonight marks the end of our time spent in the hallways of West Carroll High School, it also opens the door for our future. No matter what

our next step in life is, I know we have got this.... It is with honor and so much happiness that I say congratulations, Class of 2017, we made it! And always remember, West Carroll students do great things.”

As valedictorian, Simmons returned to the podium and declared, “Today is the day, Class of 2017, we made it!” He shared some memories from the last 13 years, but noted that “there were also times to learn from.”

He continued, “You see, life is not always going to be how you pictured it would be. Things will go wrong, and you will take L’s in your lifetime. However, we are a class of resiliency. We have been through the loss of a great friend and classmate, losing sports records, and for some, even Mrs. Johns’ dreaded Pre-Cal class. The thing about life is, though, it’s not about the amount of L’s you take, it’s about how many L’s you can take and bounce back.”

In closing, Simmons said,

“Class of 2017, as I stand here before you today, my heart swells with pride and thankfulness to have been a West Carroll War Eagle with the best people I know. You all made my educational experience the best 13 years of my life, and I could not be more thankful.”

Principal Williams then announced special distinctions.

Top Ten Graduates: Colin Simmons, Haley Wildridge, Jacob Fullington, Brent Johnson, Teddy Painter, Patrick Deer, Katelyn Cherry, Sierra Van Wetter, Jacquelyn McDonald and Jennings Deer

Honor Graduates: Spencer Chandler, Katelyn Cherry, Patrick Deer, Georgia Emert, Woods Ford, Jacob Fullington, Hailee Hays, Brent Johnson, Teddy Painter, Alessys Shackleford, Colin Simmons, Jerry Tidwell, Sierra Van Wetter, Haley Wildridge

Graduates with Distinction: Katelyn Cherry, Haylee Duncan, Tristen Fuller, Hailee Hays, Brent Johnson, Alessys Shackleford, Colin Simmons, Jerry Tidwell, Haley

Wildridge and Abi Wood

West Carroll Scholars: Colin Simmons, Haley Wildridge, Jacob Fullington, Brent Johnson, Teddy Painter, Patrick Deer

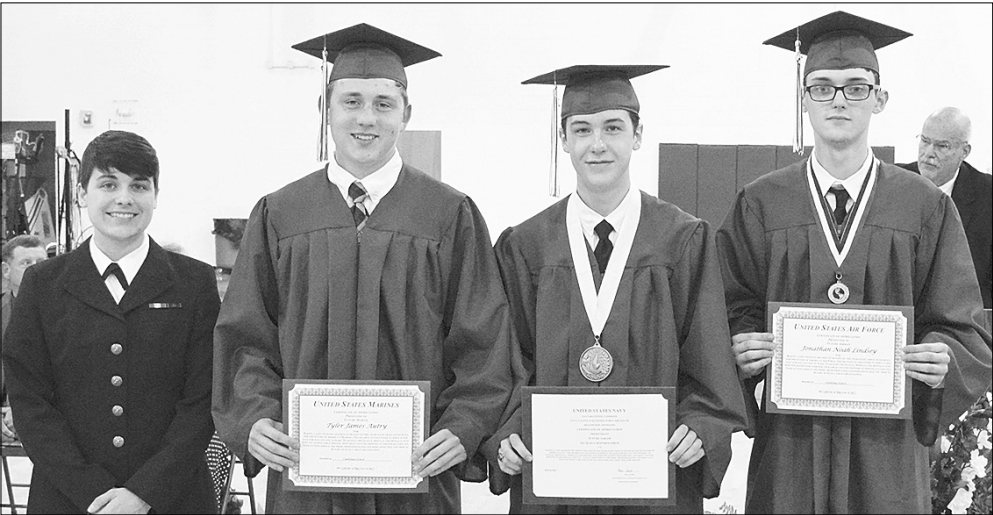
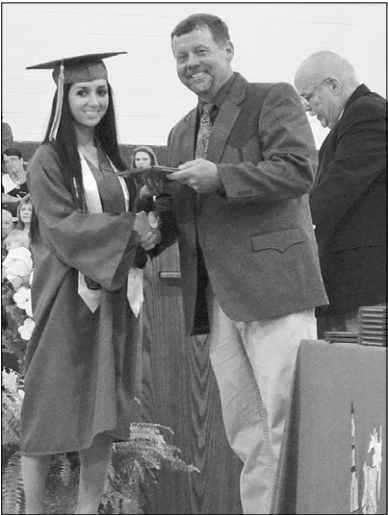
Special recognition was given to Dakota Langston, who has enlisted in the United States Navy.

The Jay’s Warriors Scholarship, a memorial to Jay Rogers, was awarded to Katelyn Cherry and Jared Herndon.

Director of Schools Betty Wallace then addressed the Class of 2017, offering sage advice for their venture into adulthood.

Williams, Wallace, Assistant Principal Regina Allred and members of the school board then presented each graduate with a diploma and a single red rose. After each had taken the walk, the young adults presented the roses to their parents and guardians seated nearby.

Graduate Tristen Fuller then delivered the benediction, and the Class of 2017 proudly tossed their caps into the air:



Left, Clarksburg graduates toss their caps proudly into the air. Center, Skyler Kirkland receives her diploma from Board of Education Chairman Phillip Moore. Right, From left, Ariel Doyle, Second Class Petty Officer, U.S. Navy and CHS alum, presents certificates to enlistees Tyler James Autry (Marine Corps), Nicolas Bartholomew (Navy) and Jon Noah Lindsey (Air Force). *Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner*

Clarksburg Awards 26 Diplomas Friday Evening

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CLARKSBURG (May 12) — Hundreds gathered in the gymnasium of Clarksburg High School as 26 seniors became alumni Friday night at the school’s unique and intimate commencement.

Those assembled stood as the graduates entered to “Pomp and Circumstance,” and Principal Angela Bartholomew welcomed all.

The senior tribute, a slideshow of photos, was then shown, and the appearance of each student’s face brought cheers and applause.

The senior song, “Drivin’ Around Song” by Colt Ford and Jason Aldean, was also played.

Class Historian Jon Noah Lindsey then delivered the first commencement address. He brought to the podium a few meaningful items. Name tags from the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce Youth Leadership and Boys State symbolize the leadership he learned from

those experiences.

Another name tag he brought was from his former job at McDonald’s. He learned about work from the experience, but had another reason to keep the memento. “I had the honor to work at the same place as a young man by the name of Dalton Prater.” The Clarksburg student, who would have graduated next year, had died one year ago to the day. Lindsey stated that Prater’s passing had “made me realize what a person is and how they can identify with themselves... I realized that I wasn’t sad that Dalton had left us. I was sad because of all the things that he could have done for the world and what is missing without him. His death made me realize something about myself. I know now that what I do is who I am, so I must make the most of it.”

Next, Salutatorian Angely Perdomo addressed the gathering. She began with a quote by Sheryl Sandberg, including the advice, “Life is not a ladder. Don’t just move up and down, don’t just

look up, look backwards, sideways and around corners.”

To her classmates, Perdomo said, “When we leave here today, we are going to divide. But, no matter the places we live, the direction we go and the journeys we take, we will always have one thing in common: We are the Class of 2017 and we will not be held back from the world. We will make a difference.”

She closed with another quote, “I cannot say goodbye to those whom I have grown to love, for the memories we have made will last a lifetime and never know a goodbye.”

Valedictorian Cody Maness spoke last, beginning, “It is an inevitable truth that all things come to an end. That, in our lives, we may say hundreds of goodbyes and be left with only lasting yet fading memories of times past.”

He continued, “But no passage of time nor lofty forgetfulness will ever erase the fact that this event, this grand spectacle, this path that we all, by circum-

stance, entered and will exit together, happened in our lives.... Even though we are entering this new world as explorers, as dreamers always reaching, as singular individuals rather than a class, we will always have been and be the Clarksburg Class of 2017. But being victims of circumstance, we have come to a crossroads that will lead us down different winding paths that may or may never again intersect, but always remember: Even though life is never certain, every moment, every connection and every happy smile or teary glance we shared will follow us even after the goodbye.”

Next, numerous awards and scholarships were announced:

Honor Graduates – Nicolas Bartholomew, Madison Haywood, Cody Maness

Graduates with Distinction – Cody Maness, Angely Perdomo

Tennessee Scholars – Jonathan Noah Lindsey, Cody Maness, Angely Perdomo

Three graduates were honored for their commitment to serve



Commencement speakers (L to R): Class Historian Jon Noah Lindsey, Salutatorian Angely Perdomo and Valedictorian Cody Maness. *Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner*

in the military. Tyler James Autry has enlisted in the Marine Corps, Nicolas Bartholomew in the Navy and Jon Noah Lindsey in the Air Force. Each was presented a certificate by 2011 Clarksburg alum Ariel Doyle, Second Class Petty Officer, U.S. Navy.

Graduates then took the walk

to receive diplomas.

Next, the new alumni retrieved roses to deliver to parents, teachers and other supporters in the audience.

The alma mater was played, and the graduates flung their caps triumphantly toward the ceiling.

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Above, Graduating students listen as Trish Price issues a challenge to students to remember their foundation and to pursue their dreams. Below, Valedictorian Lillian Claire Nichols, Salutatorian Savanna Blair Scarbrough, and Class President Maycie Michelle Rollins.



Gleason Graduates 44 in Friday Commencement

GLEASON (May 12) — Gleason High School graduated 44 seniors during commencement exercises on Friday, May 12 in the gymnasium of the school.

As parents, friends, and other loved ones watched, the students marched into the gymnasium and took their respective seats at the floor level.

Mrs. Trice Price, principal, said the students were completing a long journey, but in many ways, it seems like it all began just yesterday. She challenged the students to remember “who you are and where you came from.” She asked them to look away and see those who supported them through their journey and their investment in them.

Price said “right is right” and for students to trust their inter-compass to avoid heading in the wrong direction. “If you search for good, you will find it. Be kind, help others, and make our world a better world.”

Class President Maycie Michelle Rollins addressed her fellow graduates and the audience by saying that the students started 13 years ago and graduation was the resolution of the journey. The graduates will now start a new chapter in their lives. Each student had played a part in their fellow graduates life’s story. She challenged her fellow graduates to not forget from where they came.

Salutatorian Savanna Blair Scarbrough said “together we did it.” She encouraged them to trust in the Lord, be present in everything they do, and celebrate the end of the high school career.

Valedictorian Lillian Claire Nichols said the Gleason community truly cares. When she moved to Gleason as a sixth grader, she was welcomed and found teachers and administrators who believe in their students. They pushed students to be the best academically and



Jordyn Ashley Greene receives her diploma from Trish Price, principal.

personally.

Sometimes in life, one’s biggest disappointments can be their biggest accomplishments, said Nichols. She encouraged fellow graduates to follow their dreams.

Mrs. Price said the Gleason graduates had an average score of 21.6 on their ACT, which represents the highest of any graduating class in Weakley County for 2017. Students, enrolled in dual credit classes, also accumulated 289 college credit hours.

Participating in the presentation of diplomas was Mrs. Price, principal; Lee Lawrence, assistant principal; Mr. Lindell Roney, school board member; and Jake Bynum, mayor, Weakley County.

The top 10 graduates were: Lillian Claire Nichols, Savanna Blair Scarbrough, Khali Ann O’Connor, Maycie Michelle Rollins, Rachel Elizabeth Paige Hughey, Murrie Alyse Blassingame, Kelsey Dawn Borneman, Frazier Evans Wilson, Mitchell Lee Moore, and Daniel Stout Morris.

Students graduating with distinction were: Clayton Lawrence Cook, Lucas Anthony Gatewood, Steven Anthony Gray, Michael Wayne Hicks, Rachel Elizabeth Paige Hughey, Mitchell Lee Moore, Daniel Stout Morris, Lillian Claire Nichols, Khali Ann O’Connor, Maycie Michelle Rollins, Savanna Blair Scarbrough, and Frazier Evans Wilson.

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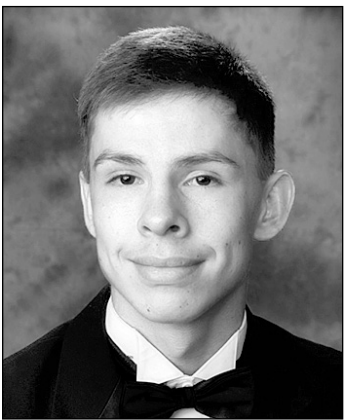
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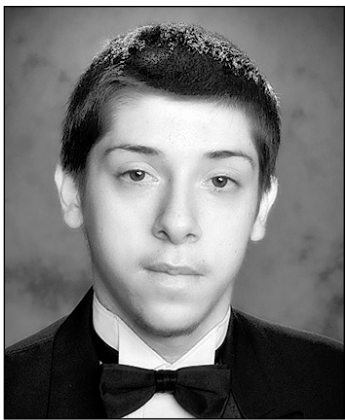
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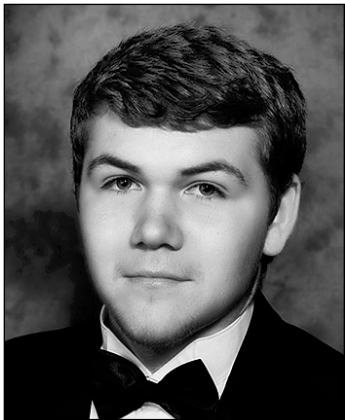
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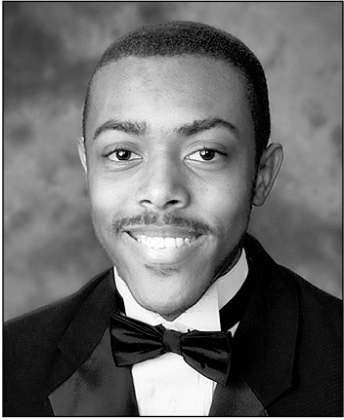
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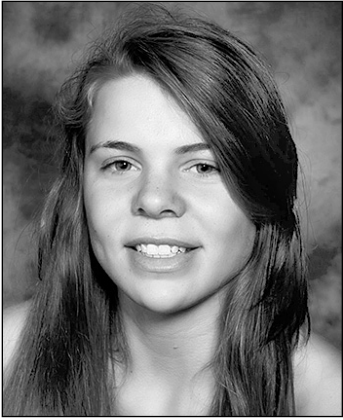
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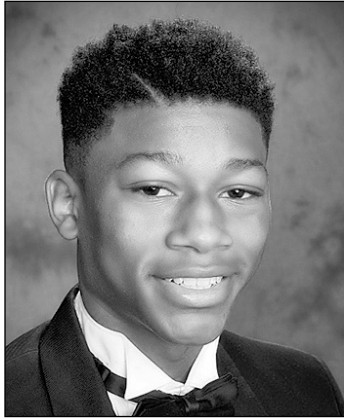
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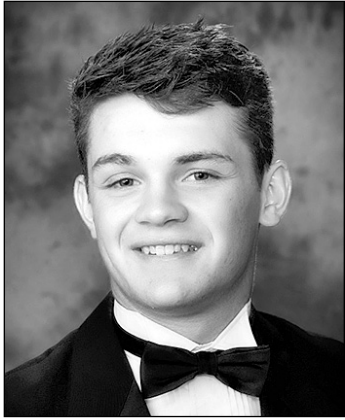
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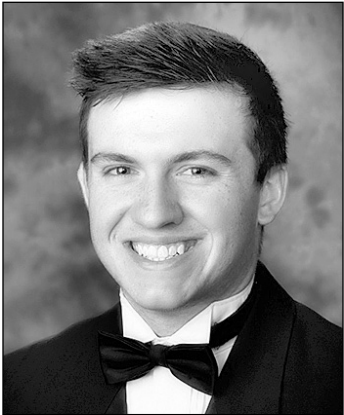
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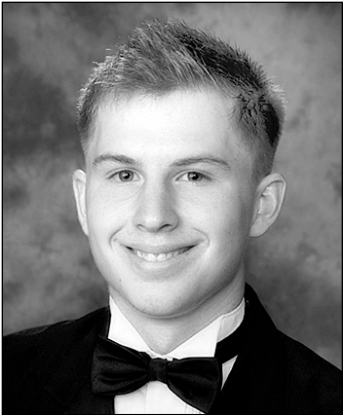
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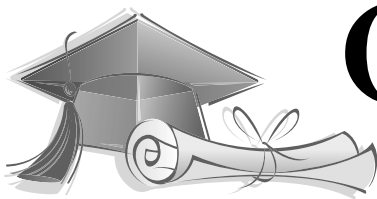
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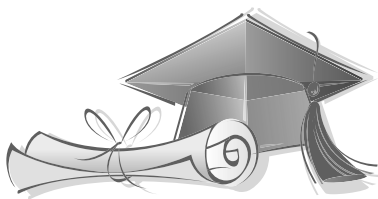
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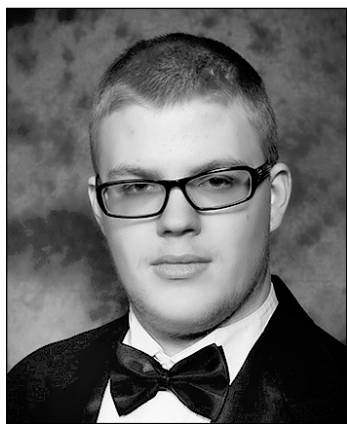
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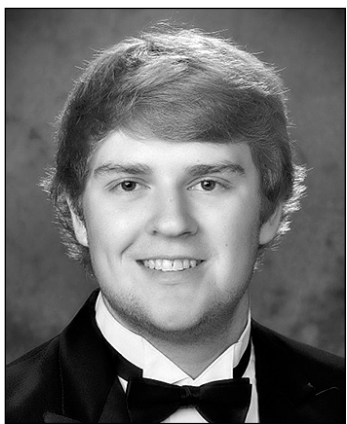
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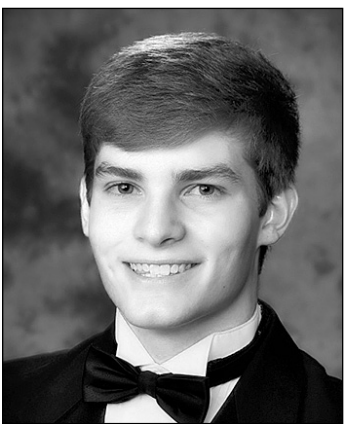
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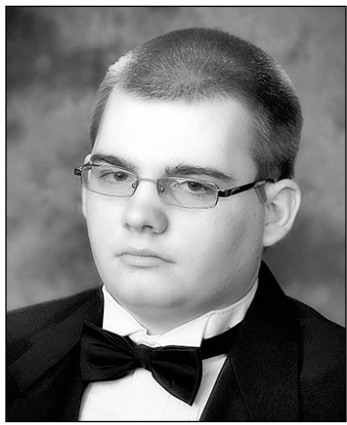
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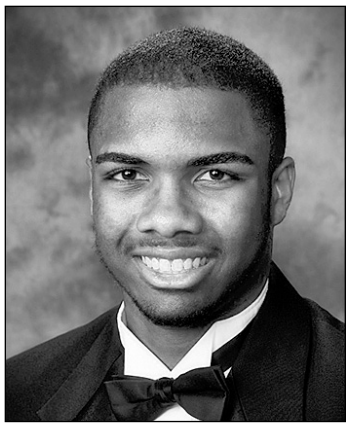
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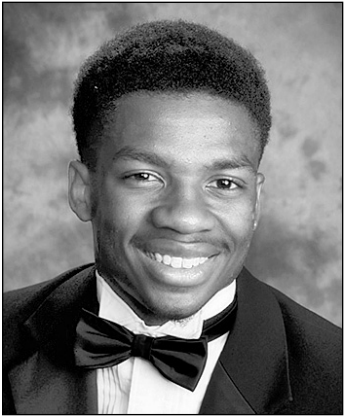
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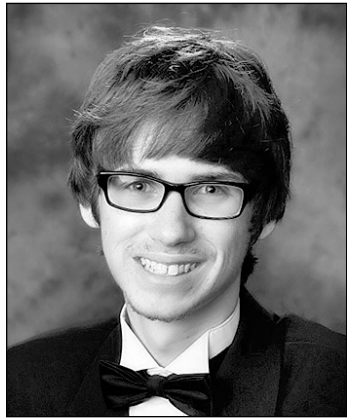
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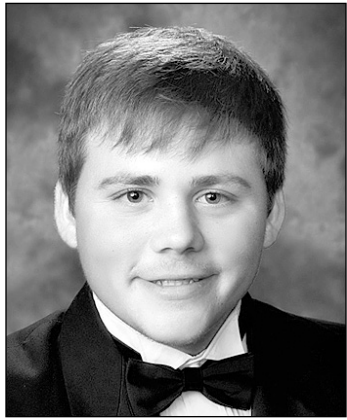
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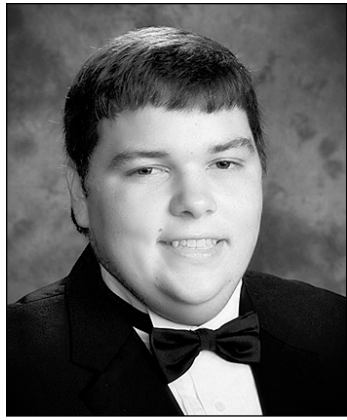
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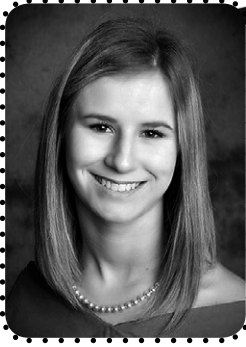
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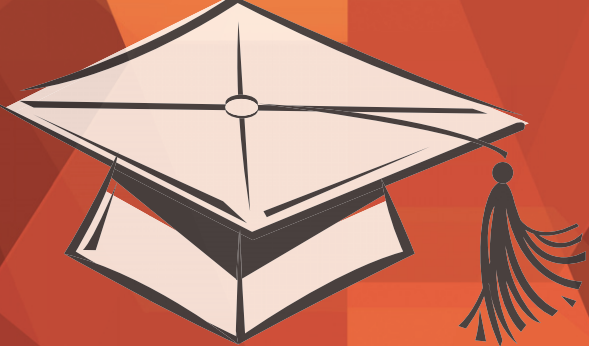
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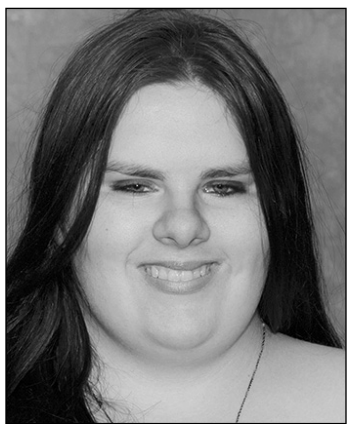
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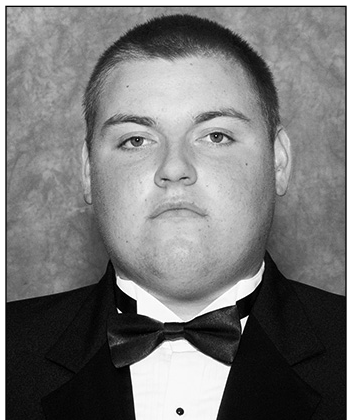
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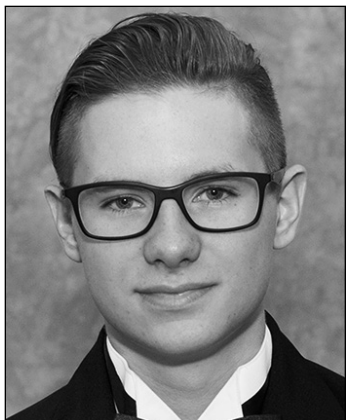
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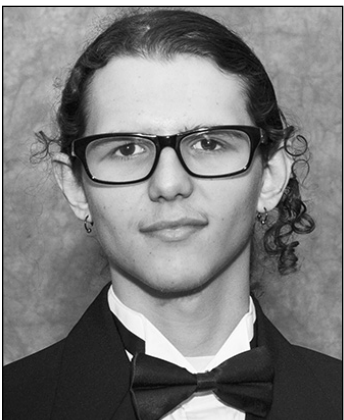
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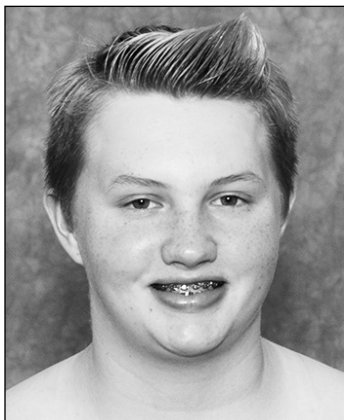
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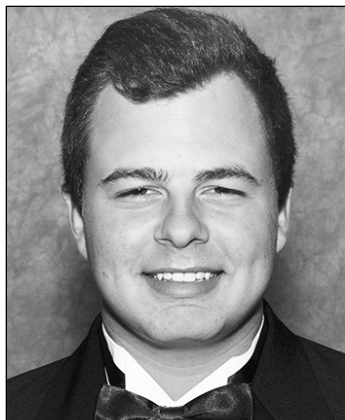
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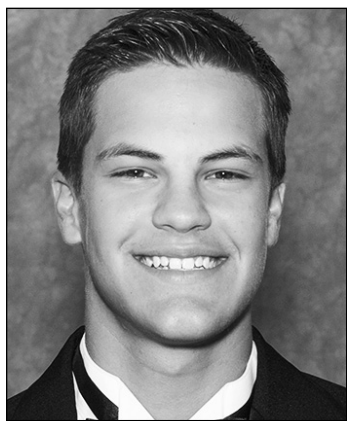
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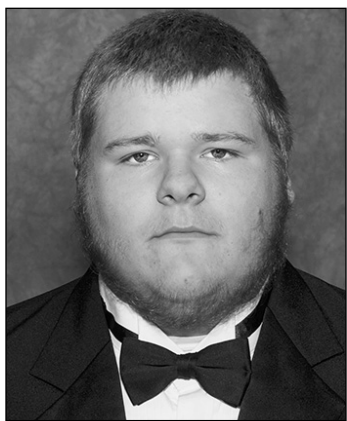
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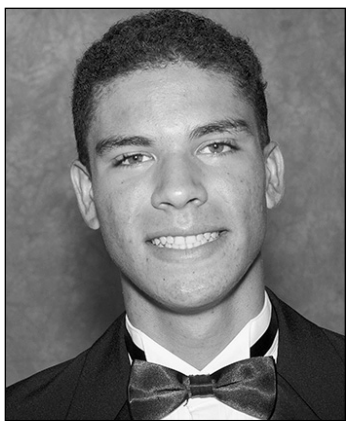
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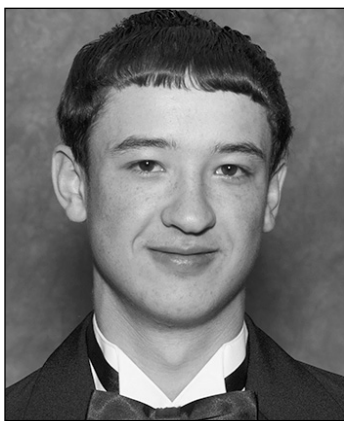
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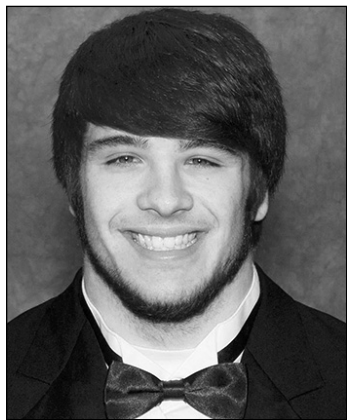
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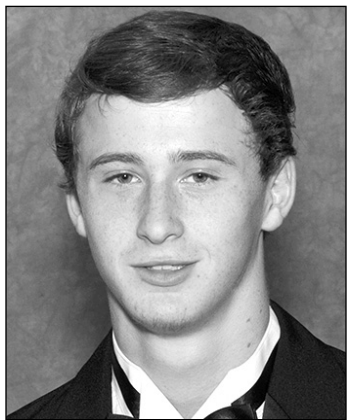
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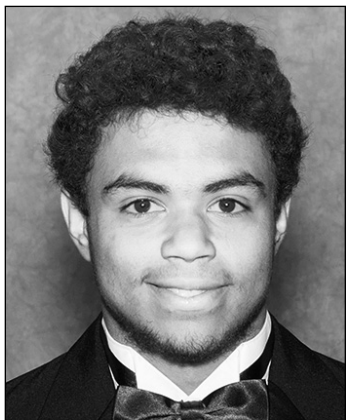
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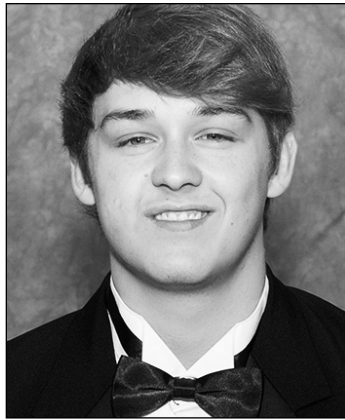
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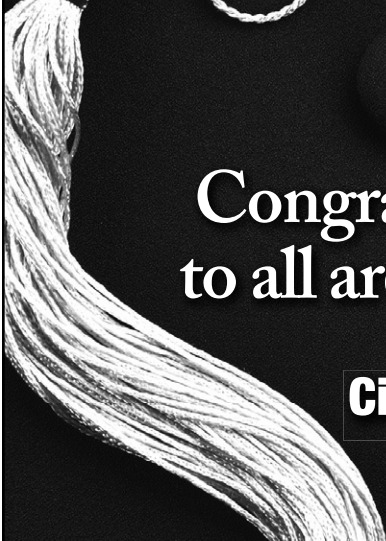
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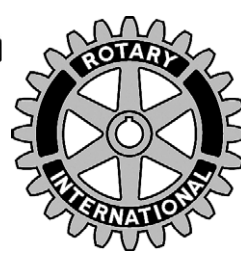
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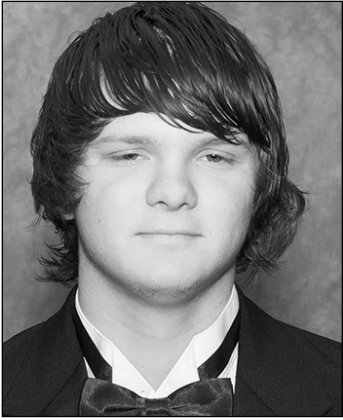
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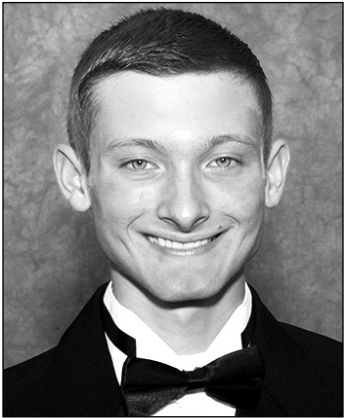
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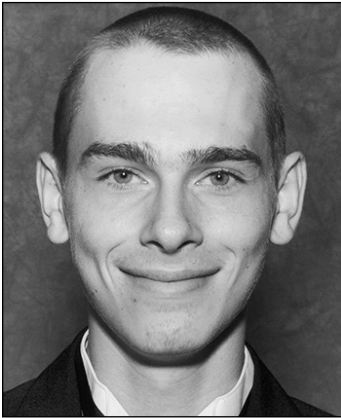
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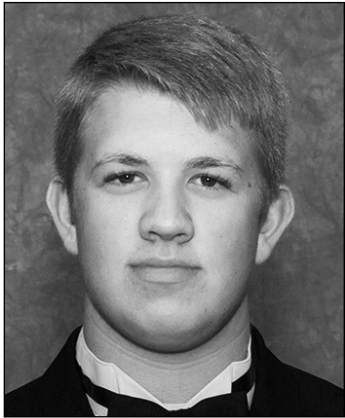
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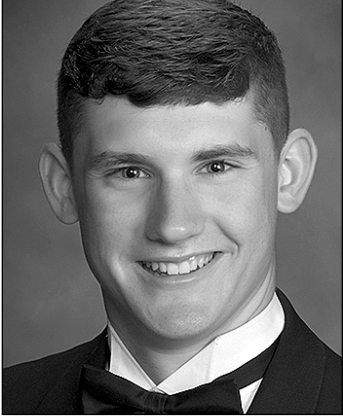
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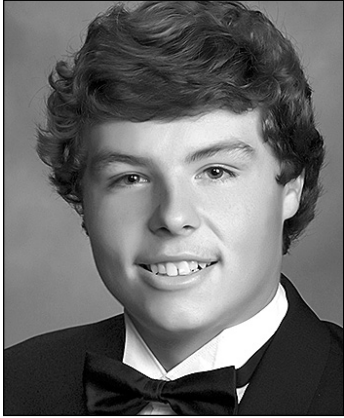
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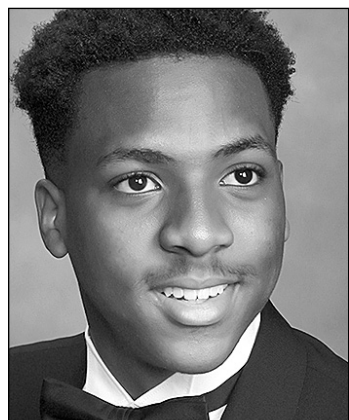
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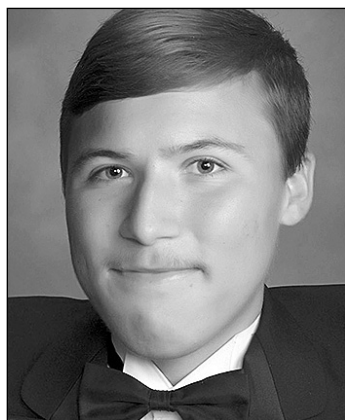
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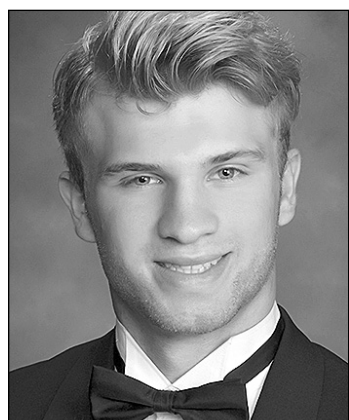
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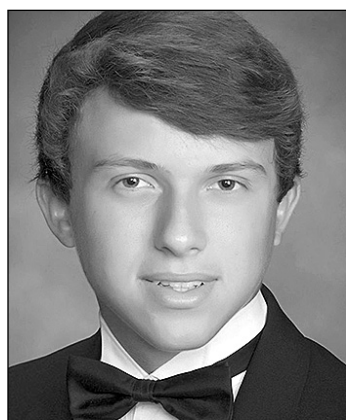
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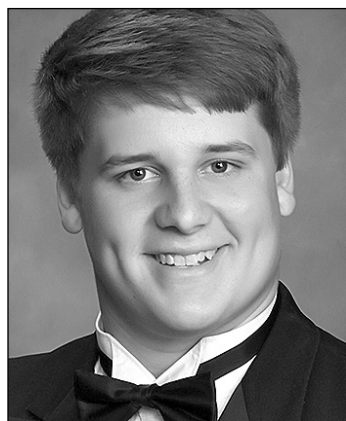
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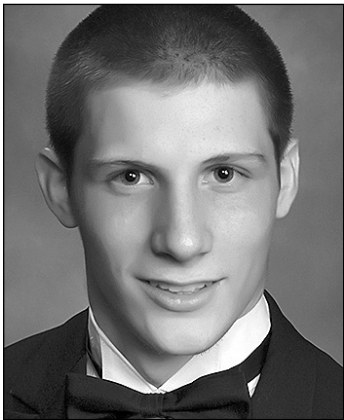
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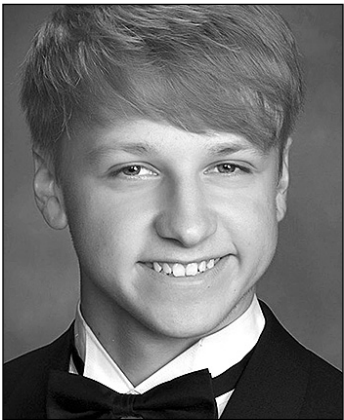
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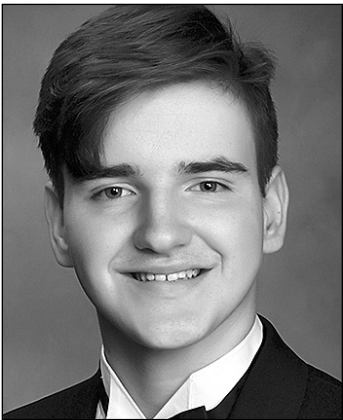
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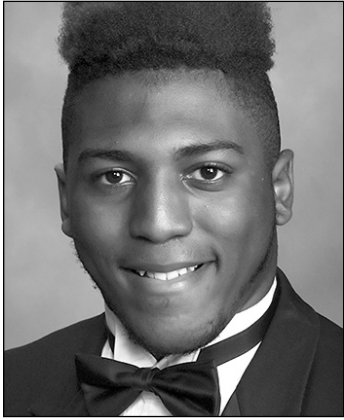
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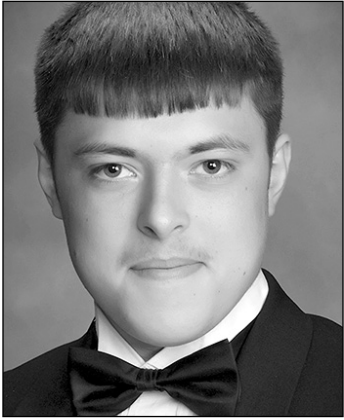
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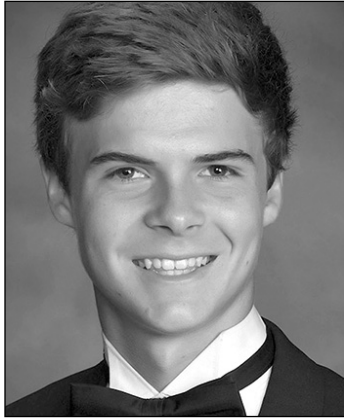
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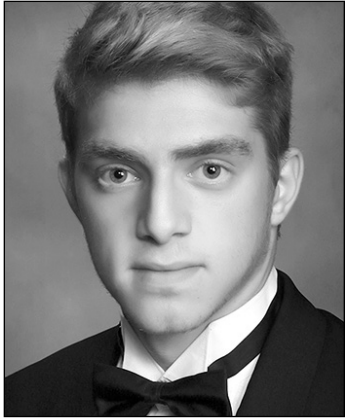
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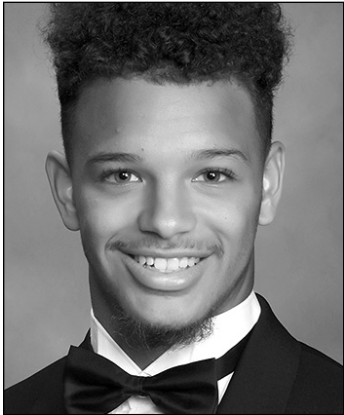
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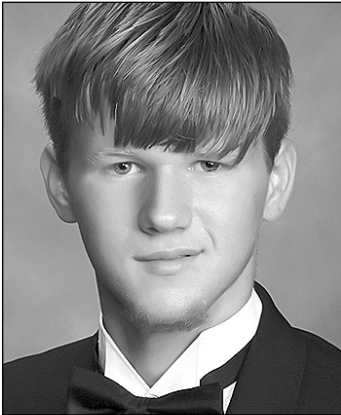
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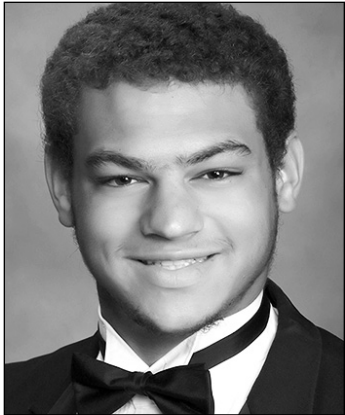
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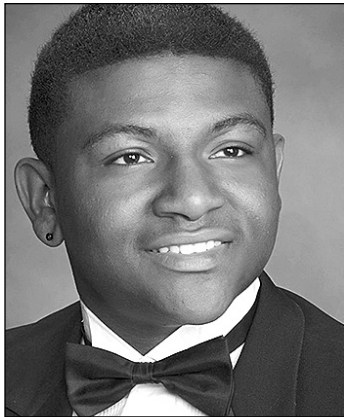
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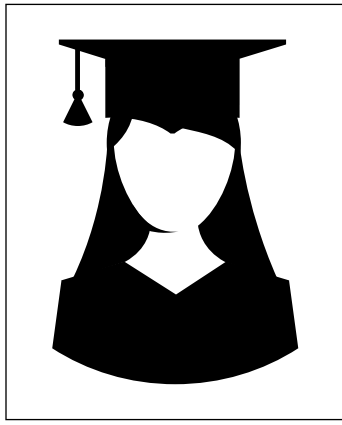
 

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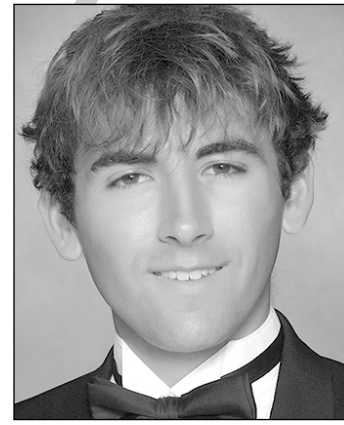
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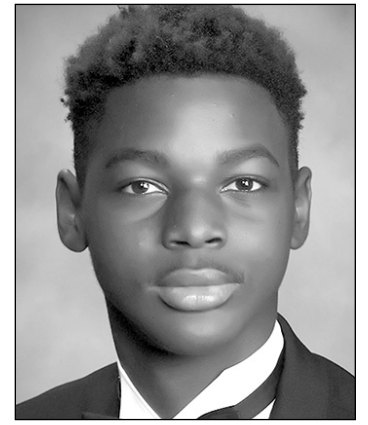
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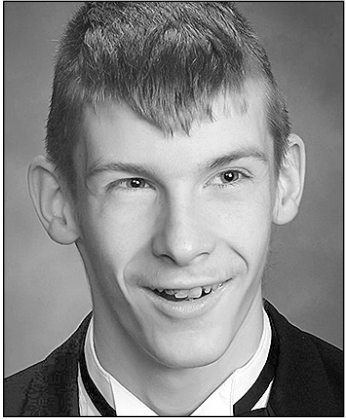
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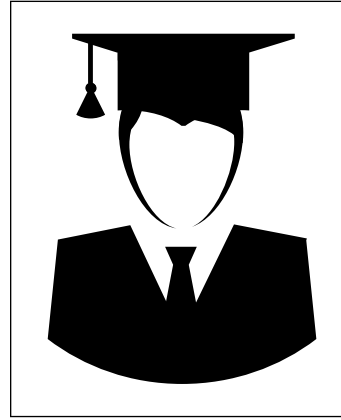
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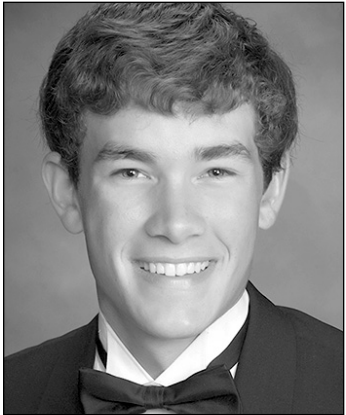
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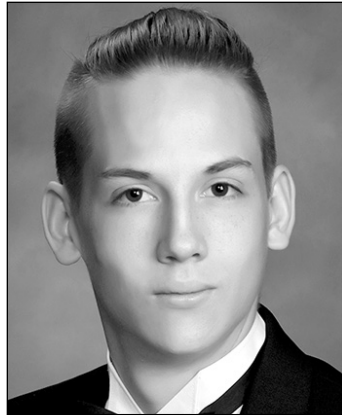
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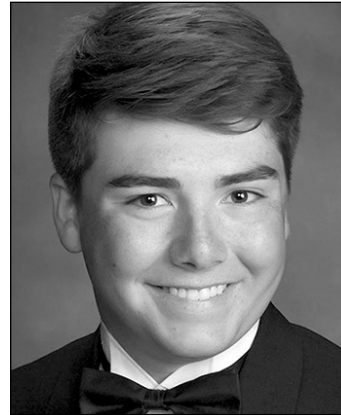
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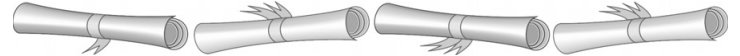
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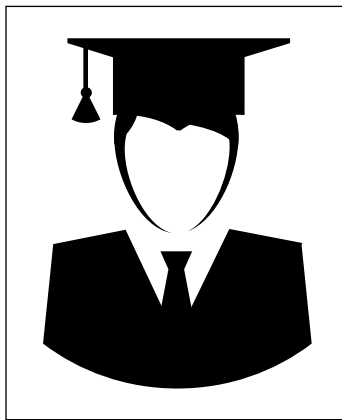
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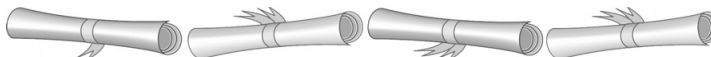
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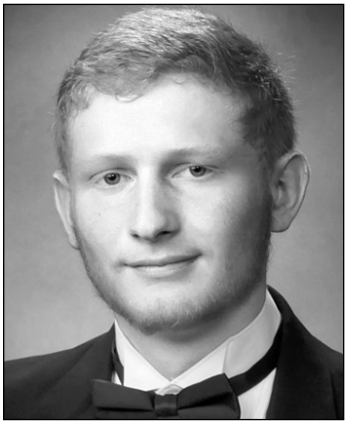
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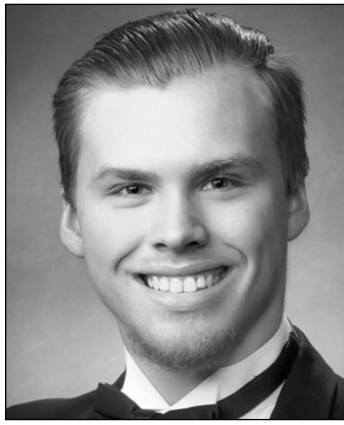
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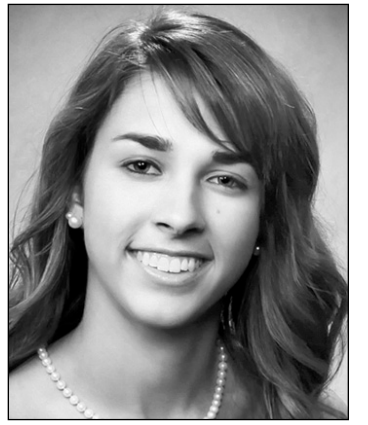
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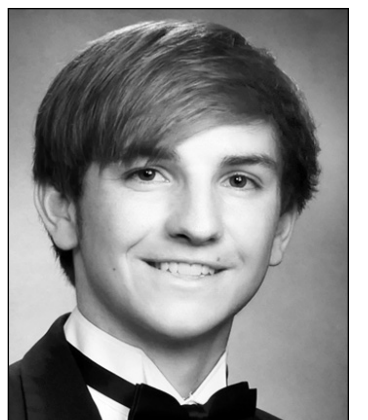
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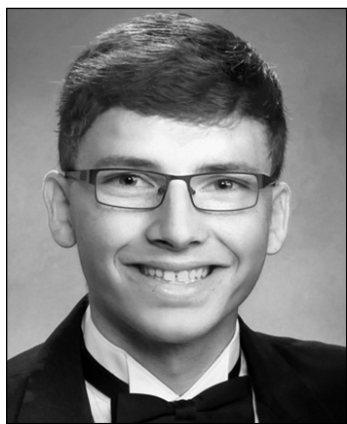
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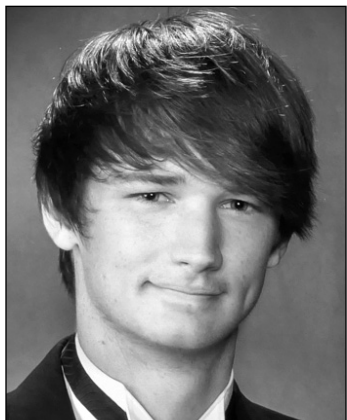
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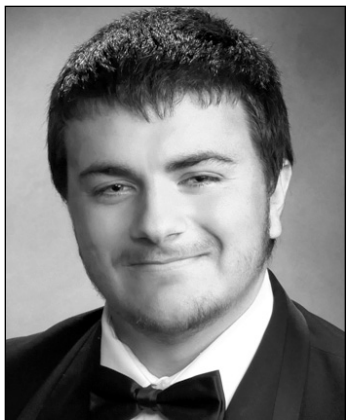
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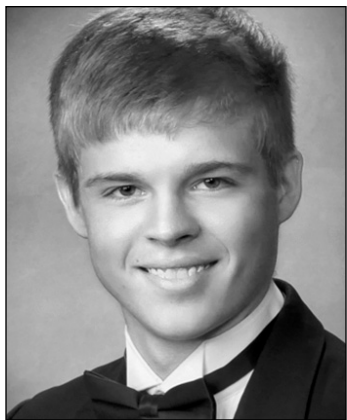
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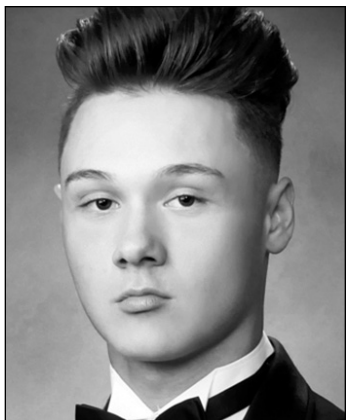
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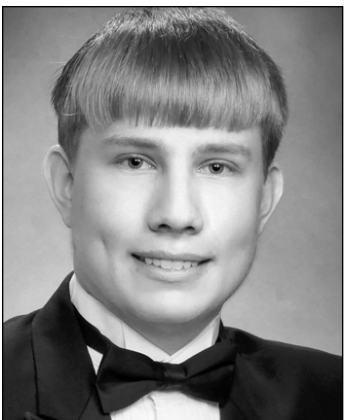
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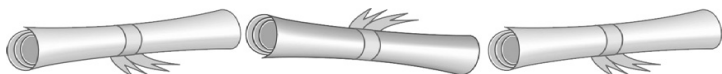
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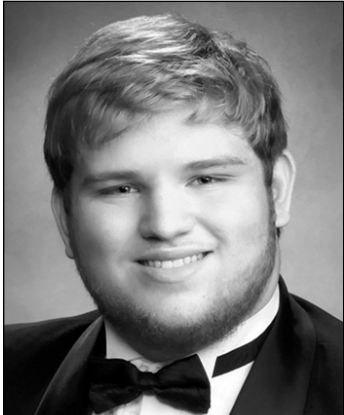
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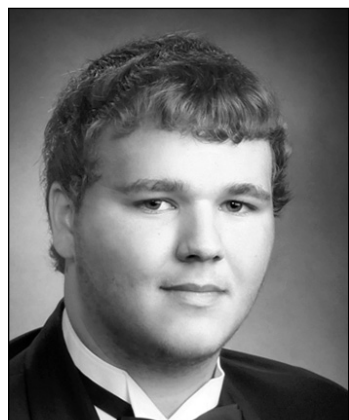
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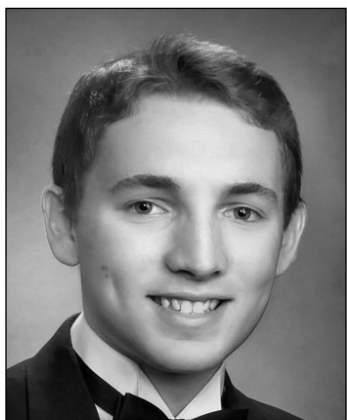
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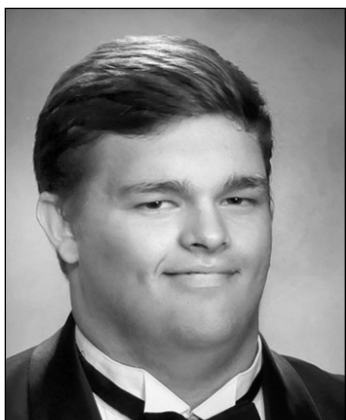
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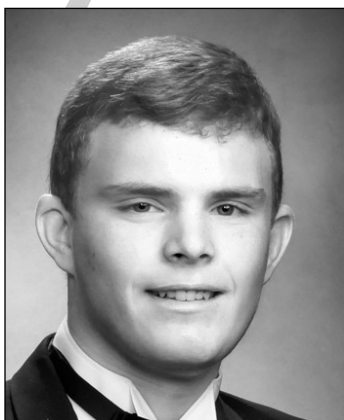
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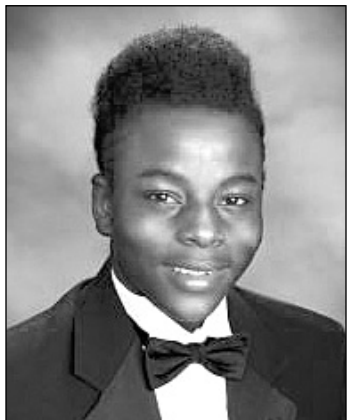
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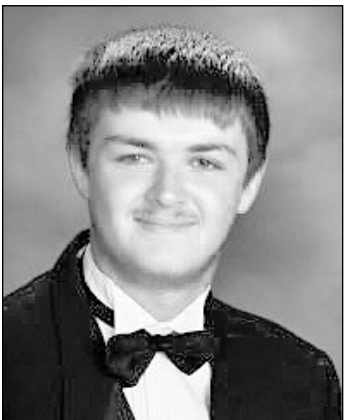
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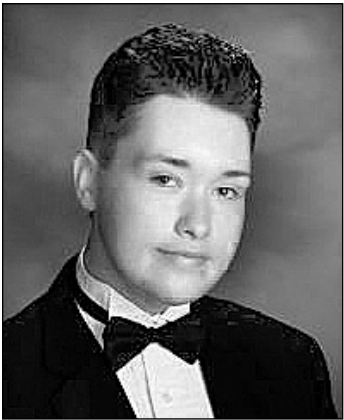
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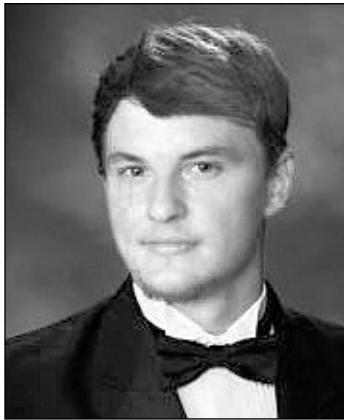
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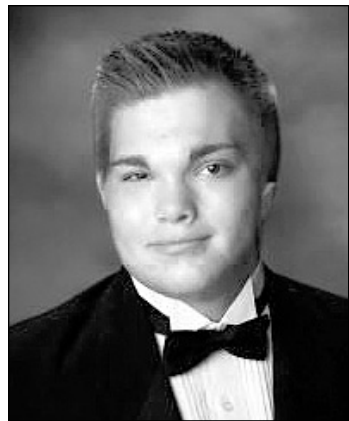
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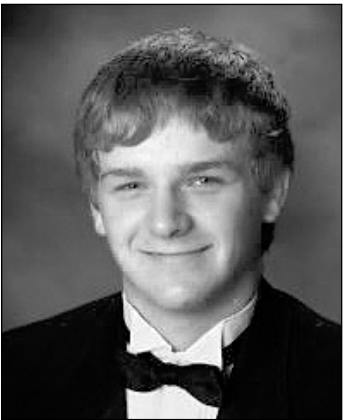
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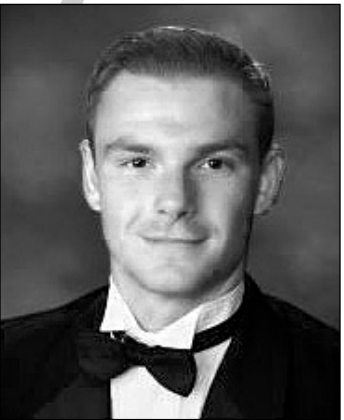
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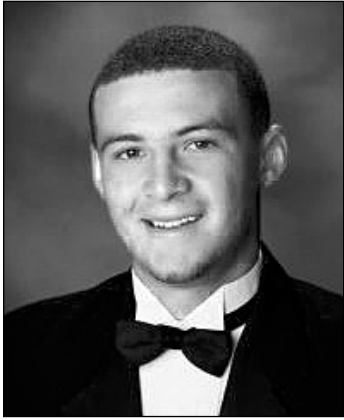
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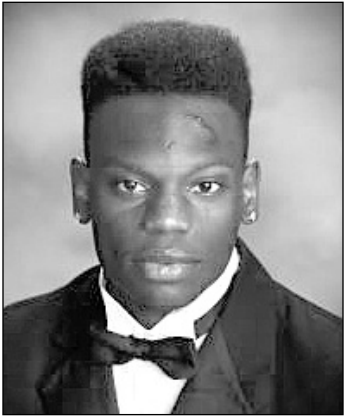
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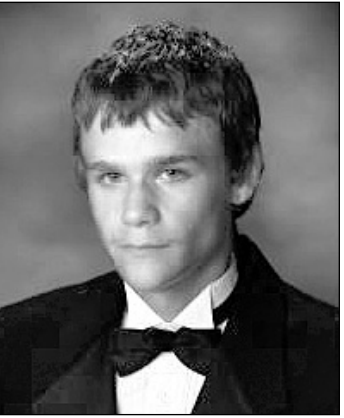
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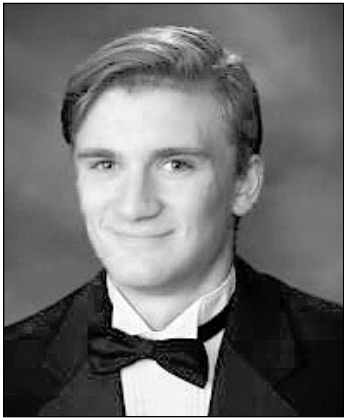
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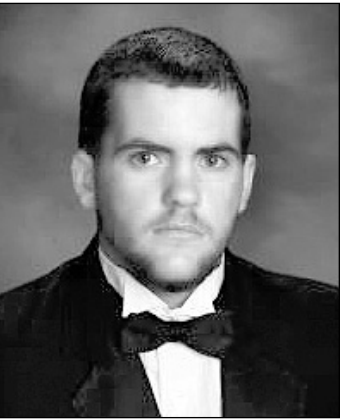
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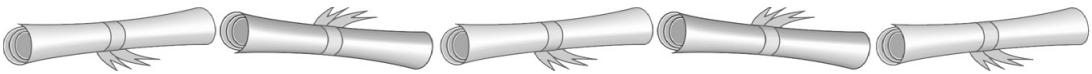
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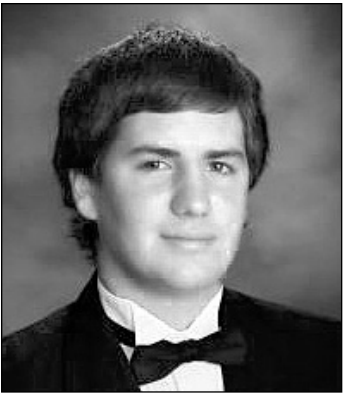
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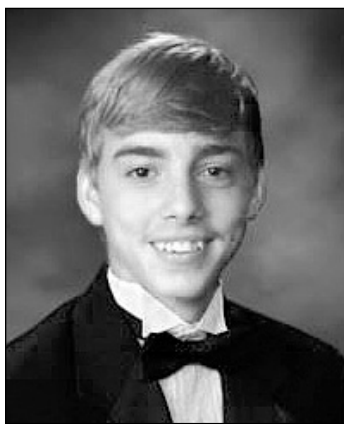
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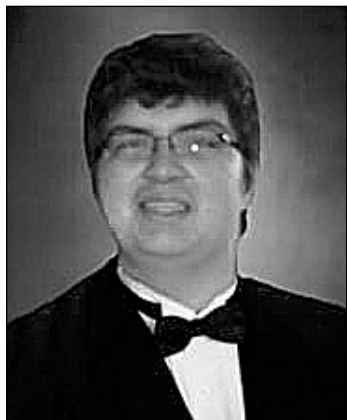
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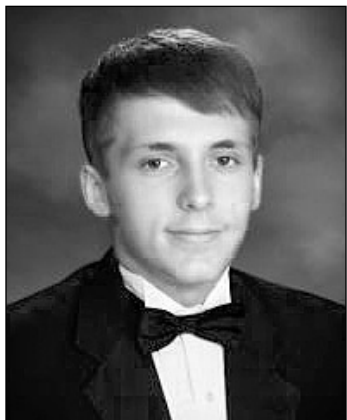
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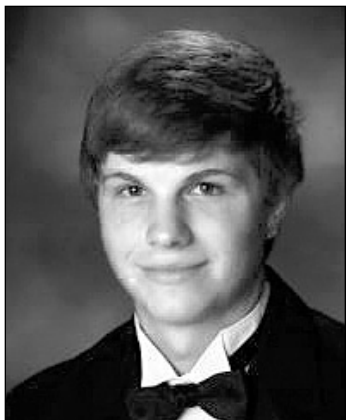
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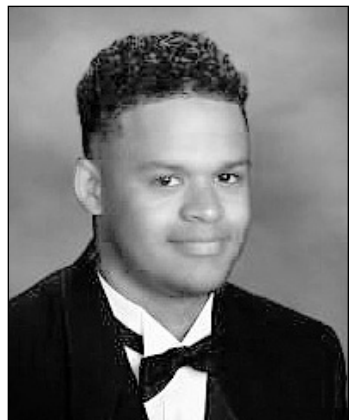
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Above, Left, (L to R): Central Class of 2017 Salutatorian Frank Paul McGinnis III and Valedictorian Autumn Hope Blankenship. Above Right, Central Director of Schools David Duncan congratulates Class of 2017 graduate John Stephen Cole. Below, Class of 2017 graduate Grant Davis celebrates with his mom, Amy.

Hollow Rock-Bruceton Graduates 54

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A large assembly of family, friends, teachers, school administrators and media joined Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central High School seniors inside the school gymnasium for the CHS Class of 2017 graduation ceremony.

Following senior processional into the gym to Elgar's Pomp and Circumstances played by the Central High School Band, invocation, and the playing of the National Anthem, Class of 2017 President Kayce Brown welcomed attendees.

She said, "Members of the board of education, faculty members, parents, guests and fellow members of the graduating Class of 2017, it is my honor to welcome you to our graduation. It is a fantastic achievement for each of us to have made it here today."

Thanking parents, teachers, fellow students and friends, she said, "Through their efforts, with the support of each other, and by the grace of God, we have thrived here. Thank you, and welcome to our graduation."

The Class of 2017, under the direction of class sponsor Chris

ty Brasher, sang Estelle's 2014 chart-topper, "Conqueror"

CHS Principal Joe Norval recognized Honor Scholar Graduates, distinguished by the wearing of a gold tassel, who had taken the most rigorous classes offered at CHS and scored an 18 or above on the English section of the A.C.T., a 22 or above on the mathematics section, a 22 or above on the Reading section, and a 23 or above on the Science section average for four years. They were: Hope Blankenship, Kayce Brown, Kaden Corder, Jared Jordan and Matthew Katzmarek.

Continuing, Norval recognized students Graduating with Distinction. They were: Cassandra Holloman, Jared Jordan and Matthew Katzmarek. To earn the honor, a student must maintain an overall B average or above in high school and participate in the at least one of the following: participate in at least one of the Governor's Schools, participate on one of the state's All-State Musical organizations, attain a composite score of 31 or higher on the A.C.T., earn 12 or more semester hours of transcripted postsecondary credit.

Norval announced the following Class of 2017 students that



participated in the Red Cord Program by donating lifesaving blood to Lifeline Blood Services. They were: Hope Blankenship, Kayce Brown, John Cole,

Ryan Cole, Montana Douglas, Brandon McCoy, Cassie Pierce, Amanda Rewis, Colton Williams,

Hunter Williams and Tristan Wynn.

During Salutatorian's Address, United State Air Force enlistee Frank Paul McGinnis said, "Today we reflect with fondness on the past thirteen years of our lives and look forward with excitement and, for most of us, a certain degree of sadness. We are leaving a place that has been home to us for so many years."

He continued, "In the coming months and years, each of us will be presented with more opportunities than we can imagine tonight. Lewis Carroll once said, 'In the end, we only regret the chances we didn't take, the relationships we were afraid to have, and the decisions we waited too long to make.' I challenge you to not live with regrets. Take the chance."

During Valedictorian's Address, Autumn Hope Blankenship said, "We began high school as children, and now are leaving as young adults. It is hard to believe that the next few months will see the Graduating Class of 2017 facing new horizons and challenges. Some of us may stay closer to home, some may move slightly further away, while others may find themselves in a

totally different continent."

She continued, "Wherever you may find yourself and whatever challenge you may have chosen to explore, hold true to what has shaped you. Our thanks must go out to all the staff here at Central. We are privileged to have attended this school. I am sure that the fine education that we received here will stand us in good stead-time and time again. The future is in our hands, so let's make the most of it."

The Class of 2017 then sang Jason Aldean's country hit, "See You When I See You."

Following presentation of awards and special honors, Central Director of Schools David Duncan presented the Class of 2017 to the Board of Education. Duncan and Central School Board Member Joyce Noles, presented diplomas to the following Class of 2017 graduates.

Following the singing of the Alma Mater and closing prayer, Class of 2017 graduates formed two receiving lines and received complimentary silver dollars from Director Duncan before casting their mortar boards skyward in celebration.

Congratulations, Class of 2017!!



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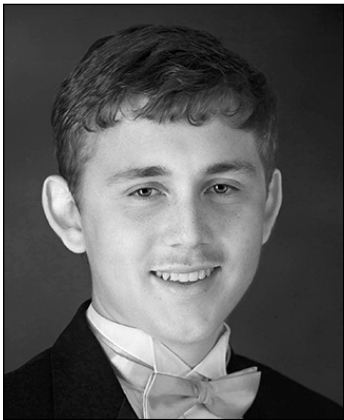
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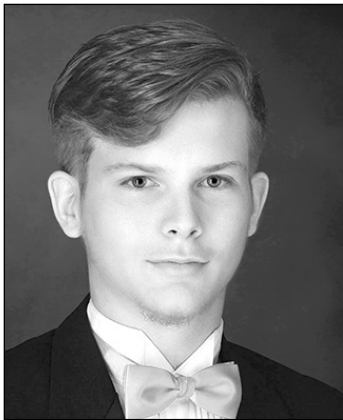
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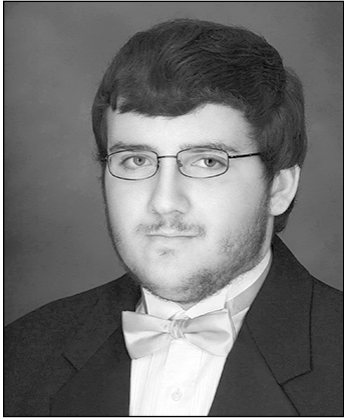
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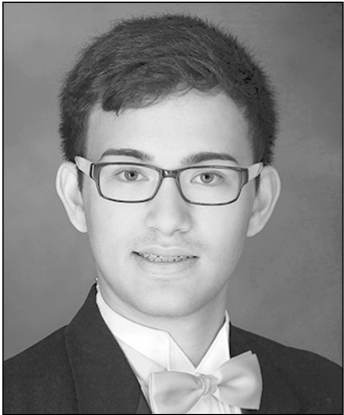
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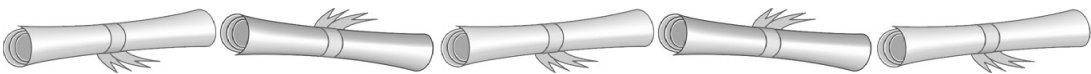
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