

Thomas County Speedway starts up

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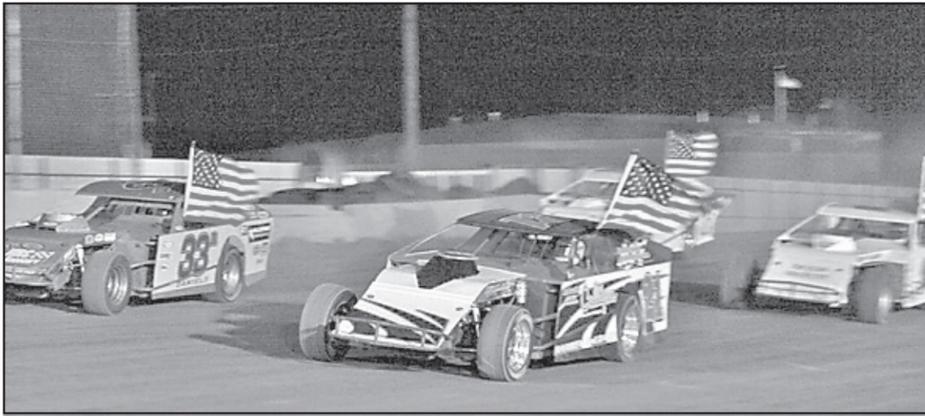
The season opened for the Thomas County Speedway May 6. The BST Modified series rolled into town and 25 modifieds came to battle for the win with Oberlin's David Murray Jr. coming out on top. Modifieds

David Murray Jr. started on the outside pole and fought off restart charges from Nick Tubbs and Dustin Daniels to win the 25 lap shootout. Daniels finished second and Darren Deloach finished third after several laps of hard running side by side for the position.

Tubbs finished fourth with Will Brack rounding out the top five. Jason Schoenberger finished sixth, Ronnie Hill was seventh, Jeff Tubbs eighth, and Angel Munoz was ninth and he was the only driver to run in two classes.

Stock Cars
Lloyd Meeske used a pole position starting spot to take the lead and get the win in the Stock class. It was a great race for second with Angel Munoz, Mike Meyer and Ryan Wark fighting it out for second, third and fourth. Travis Towns took fifth and Jason Rogers finished sixth. Eleven stocks started the main.

Bombers
The Bomber class had a great battle for the win between the top



Race car drivers circle the track May 6 during the pre-race flag salute before the first races of the season at the Thomas County Speedway in Colby.

five all race. Raymond Decant got the win after battling side by side for most of the race with Travis Branum, second, Matt Morris, third, Ron Haremza, fourth, and Mike Giesenhagen, fifth. Allen Kurth took sixth and Joey Snethen, seventh. There were 10 bombers on-hand.

Econos
Dusty Knox got a great start and went on to win the Econo main. Alex West and Richard Pummer finished second and third. Tyrel Smith grabbed fourth and JR. Wolfrum finished in the top 5. Lee Hagaman got into the turn 4 wall

and the tire barrier twice and was not able to finish the main.

Chris Hildebrand finished second but was found to have a carburetor spacer and was disqualified.

Results

Modifieds
1- #97m David Murray Jr, 2- #33m Dustin Daniels, 3- #21 Darren Deloach, 4- #737 Nick Tubbs, 5- #15w Will Brack, 6- #6 Jason Schoenberger, 7- #41 Ronnie Hill, 8- #37 Jeff Tubbs, 9- #2m Angel Munoz, 10- #17j Jeremy Frenier, 11- #9 Cliff Lawson, 12- #16m Matt Brack, 13- #21z Mark Zorn, 14- #331 Chris Lueck, 15- #10 Chris Remetes, 16- #25k Mike Keiter, 17- #21b Jason Brees, 18- #17 Marty Clark, 19- #62 Matt Fabrizius, 20- #8 Kevin Wark, 21- #7s David Solberg, 22- #16z Jeremy Zorn, 23- #42 John Fabrizius, 24- #4 David Garman,

25- #18 Dick Brack

Stocks
1- #32 Lloyd Meeske, 2- #95w Angel Munoz, 3- #01 Mike Meyer, 4- #8 Ryan Wark, 5- #3 Travis Towns, 6- #37 Jason Rogers, 7- #77 Jason Stevens, 8- #44 Derrick Braudaway, 9- #05 Jesse Taylor, 10- #55 Wheat Lippelmann, 11- #34n Tom Nelson

Bombers
1- #00 Raymond Dechant, 2- #3rt Travis Branum, 3- #21m Matt Morris, 4- #11x Ron Haremza, 5- #111 Mike Giesenhagen, 6- #38 Allen Kurth, 7- #s98 Joey Snethen, 8- #53 Don Strecker, 9- #3d Jeff Doty, 10- #8 Brian Morris

Econos
#99 Dusty Knox, 2- #31 Alex West, 3- #13 Richard Pummer, 4- #12 Tyrel Smith, 5- 11 JR Wolfrum, 6- #79 Hoss Jones, 7- #4 Lee Hagman, 8- #10f Chad Fields, 9- #16 Travis Glassman 10- c8 Chris Hildebrand

Colby native on academic team

From University of Iowa

IOWA CITY, IA — University of Iowa senior Eric Luedke has been named to the 2006-07 National Wrestling Coaches Association all-academic wrestling team.

The Colby native is a two-time all-American and two-time academic all-Big Ten selection. He wrestled at 165 pounds in 2005-06 and at 174 in 2006-07.

In 2006-07, Luedke placed third at the National Wrestling Coaches Association and Big Ten Championships. He posted a 33-4 season record in collegiate matches, going 16-1 in duals and 7-1 in Big Ten duals.

He won a title at the Midlands Championships and led Iowa in collegiate wins (33), duals wins (16), collegiate winning percentage (.892) and dual winning percentage (.941).

Luedke finished his Hawkeye career with a 56-19 record, going 23-8 in dual matches.

Luedke was also named to the association's all-academic team in 2005-06, making him the first Hawkeye to gain the honor in consecutive seasons.

Former Hawkeye Jeff McGinness was named to the team

in 1995 and 1998.

In total, eight Hawkeyes have earned a spot on the squad.

Luedke is a health and sports studies major with a 3.49 grade-point average.

To be selected to the NWCA all-academic team, wrestlers must have at least a 3.2 cumulative grade point average, have been an National Collegiate Athletic Association qualifier or won 60 percent of his total matches - and must have competed in at least 60 percent of his team's schedule.

The other way to qualify is to have a 3.0 cumulative grade point average and been a National Collegiate Athletic Association all-American.

Overall, 57 wrestlers representing 38 different schools were named to the all-academic team.

Luedke is a graduate of Colby High School and Colby Community College.



Luedke

HEARTLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

The History Of Heartland Christian School

Two farmers leaned against the tailgates of their pickups and talked of the coming school year when their children would enter those magic years. They wished they had the choice to send their kids to a Christian school. But, you see, this is northwest Kansas. The population is sparse. How could there be a Christian school in northwest Kansas? Would there ever be enough families committed to Christian education to make it work? They talked to a few more guys and a committee was formed to pursue the idea. After much prayer and seeking the Lord's will, a meeting was announced in February 1995. This meeting would give the committee an idea of how much interest was actually out there, and if they should pursue this idea at all. To their amazement, 17 families were represented at that first meeting. The answer was definitely a "YES." Yes, there were enough families committed to Christian education in northwest Kansas to have a Christian school education choice.

By the summer of 1995, there were three teachers and 28 students on board. The Mingo Bible Church building was suitable for classroom space, a lunchroom, parent meetings, and school programs. The generosity of that congregation allowed for an agreement to use their facilities. Heartland Christian School officially began September of 1995.

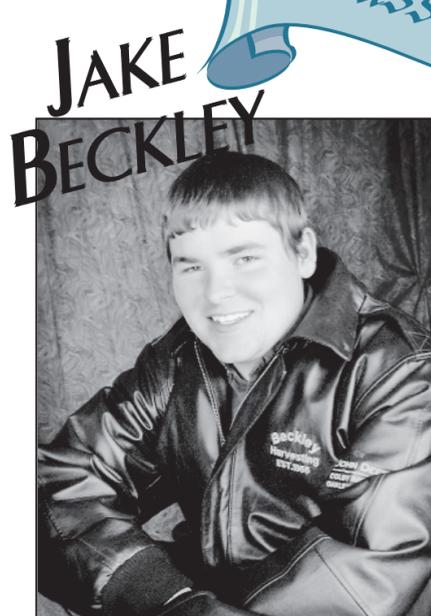
By 1996 there were nearly 60 students enrolled and the church building was outgrown. We had to have one class in the basement of a nearby home. Something had to be done. We were able to purchase three modular classroom buildings from the Colby Public Schools. The modulars were moved to Mingo by tractors in February of 1997. Two modulars were classrooms and one was an office/classroom.

By 1998 it was apparent that Heartland Christian School needed the leadership of a fulltime administrator. God graciously provided. The Board also began to pray about a permanent location for the school. On June 4, 1999, an anonymous gift of \$250,000 was given to the school. It was then decided that the gift would be earmarked for a permanent location for Heartland. After months of research and prayer, a bid of \$120,000 was made on the old Colby Plaza, an abandoned 78,000 square foot shopping center and seven acres of land on West Highway 24 in Colby, which was in bankruptcy. This property had last sold for \$800,000! The bid was rejected. After more prayer and believing firmly that they were following God's lead, in June of 2001 the board resubmitted a bid of \$125,000 which was miraculously accepted. That means each square foot of the initial HCS building cost \$1.61. However the work was just beginning. One generous day, a former electrician felt led to take a sabbatical year from his current job as a spray pilot to give his time and attention fully to the renovation project. Another dad with a construction business brought in his construction crew and worked between his other jobs. Between these two men and numerous other volunteers, remodeling was completed and HCS began its first day of school at its new site in Colby on August 27, 2002. What a delight to see 56 children walking through the doors on their first day of school! New families were added during the school year, and by the second semester there were 61 students enrolled at Heartland Christian School.

The 2003-2004 school years brought another exciting change as a high school program began with the addition of ninth grade. Another high school grade was added each new school year until the high school program was complete. As of September 2003, 68 students were enrolled from preschool through ninth grade. Another exciting addition this school year was the newly formed basketball program. One of the board members became the acting athletic director, and volleyball was added to the HCS athletic program in the fall of 2004.

As of the fall semester of 2006, 85 students fill the preschool through senior classrooms. The first two graduates of Heartland Christian School will receive their diplomas on May 18, 2007. Starting in the fall of 2007 the extracurricular activities will also include junior high football and scholars bowl.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY HONORING OUR GRADUATES FRIDAY, MAY 18TH, 2007 7:00 PM AT THE HEARTLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



JAKE BECKLEY
Sports/Activities: Basketball, Soccer, and web page design
My future plans are to help my family with our custom cutting operation.
Parents: Chet & Jody Beckley



Class Verse: In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps. Proverbs 16:9
Class Colors: Blue, Gold and White



SHAWNA GOOSSEN
Sports/Activities: Basketball, Volleyball, and 4-H
My future plans are to attend Colby Community College.
Parents: Lynn & Tami Goossen

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Wishing You Success In Leaps and Bounds