

# Garrett Hicks Memorial Foundation continues support of welding students



A group of recent high school graduates, who earned their NCCER welding certification at the Greene County Vo-Tech, is shown (Above) checking out the job boxes awarded to them by the Garrett Hicks Memorial Foundation. Shown (Inset) are Mattox Radcliff and Trevor McLeod taking a close look at one of the boxes after loading it into Radcliff's truck.

Mark and Bobbie Hicks honor memory of son by helping young people starting careers in construction

— From Staff Reports —  
The Garrett Hicks Memorial Foundation proudly presented 11 GCHS graduating seniors with their “Tools for Success” to give them a head start as they begin their careers in the industry.  
This marked the sixth year the family of the late Garrett Hicks has recognized local seniors who have successfully completed the requirement for the NCCER certification through the vocational school.  
The foundation gives these students a ‘scholarship’ with the ‘Tools for Success’, which is a big deal for those that will be going straight into the workforce. This year the students received Kobalt gang

boxes and Pipeliner welding hoods. These needed items in the field can be a great expense for the beginners, and having the right gear gets them going in the right direction for success.  
When the pandemic struck last year, the foundation had to find a new way to hold their annual celebration and presentation of awards. Founders of the Garrett Hicks Memorial Foundation, Mark and Bobbie Hicks, decided to hold the event at their barn in the Brushy Creek community. Enjoying the close fellowship with these students and their parents, the Hicks’ decided to hold future ceremonies at their barn, and that’s just what they did this year.  
The foundation held a raffle for a new grill, built by the students in the welding program at the Vo-Tech Center and sold smoked Boston butts for the event that was held April 17. Seniors, their families and Vo-Tech staff gathered to celebrate these stu-

dents on their hard work and accomplishments. It was a day of camaraderie, remembrance and hope for their futures.  
GCHS 2021 seniors receiving Tools for Success were Jeremy Tyler Lott, Brandon Sumrall, Lyla Jordan, Levi McArn, Dugan McClelland, Trevor McLeod, Mattox Radcliff, Stance Smith, Jonathan Gage Turner, Patrick Turner and Austin Turner. Mark and Bobbie Hicks established the Garrett Hicks Foundation five years ago in honor and memory of their son, Garrett Hicks, a GCHS graduate who became a welder due to his years in the welding program at the Greene County Vo-Tech Center.

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Hats off to the 2021 graduates for a job well done! We wish you all the best as you begin the next chapter and work toward your future goals.

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