

Thorndale Ex-Students

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Happy Mother's Day to all the Moms out there. I hope Sunday is a perfect day and families can get together to honor our wonderful Moms. You might even get flowers, candy or something else, but those hugs and kisses are the very best.

Some of this news may be old as I didn't write an article last week. One week's article was duplicated so the one that was skipped was printed this past week. We should be back on track now.

Our condolences go out to the family of John Briones, Class of 1979 who passed away April 25, 2025 at the age of 63, way too young. We know he will be missed by many loved ones.

Many thanks to dear cousin, Shirley Roepke Becker, Class of 1955 for getting address changes for her grand sons, Brandon and Britani Irwin, Class of 2008 and Dillon and Destiny Irwin, Class of 2012. We always appreciate getting these changes early, so let us know if any of you have changed addresses.

Our condolences go out to the family of Margaret Krieg Ponton who passed away April 16, 2025 at the age of 94. She was wife to the late Ray Ponton, Class of 1947 who passed away in 2021. We know she will be lovingly missed by many. Lovely picture of here in the paper.

Congratulations to Roger Kole McCoy, Class of 2015 on his recent marriage to Rachel Lynn Vrael. We send them our best wishes for a very long and happy life.

Our condolences go out to the family of Exes Dad, Les Goerdel who passed away May 5, 2025. We know he will be missed by many loved ones. He was dad to Brent Goerdel, Class of 1985 and the late Ann Goerdel Zuehlke, Class of 1981. Thanks to dear cousin, Shirley Roepke Becker, Class of 1955 for a heads up on this sad news.

Dear nephew and niece, Ted and Glenda Lehman Merz, Class of 1968 did bring the most beautiful and huge Easter Lily in memory of my Leroy. I also got a piece of delicious Twinky cake from one of the grand daughter's birthday. Many thanks to them. So sweet.

Congratulations go out to Coach Kelly Kuhl for reaching 400 wins in baseball, all in Thorndale. What a milestone. Looking forward to 400 more.

I had a great visit from Trey Gilchrist, Class of 1972 this past week. I asked him on Facebook about Eli, son of John and Kristy Gilchrist Simank, both Class of 1992. The state track meet yesterday was postponed until today, due to rain. Eli was competing in the 110 meter hurdles and he came in 3rd in State which is great. So proud of him. He is a Junior at Burton High School. Nice colored pictures on Facebook.

And precious little Ivy has had her tracheotomy removed and is learning to talk. Knows her colors and will start to school this year. She will be 5 years old in October. She is the daughter of Dathan and Jessica Simank Jones, granddaughter of John and Kristy Gilchrist Simank. Ivy has been through so much in her 5 years and we wish her all the best and hope she loves school.

Had a short visit from dear niece, Jennifer Patschke Fisher, Class of 1970. My Champion and a couple more were put in her mail box so she just brought mine by my house. Thanks for the always great visit, no matter how short and the "special" delivery, Jennifer.

Congratulations go out to Coach Logan Fisher, Class of 2018 and his Moody Bearcats for going 10-0 in district football. They are now in the playoffs and we send them our best wishes and hope they keep winning.

The Thorndale School Board honored a whole bunch of students at their April board meeting. Students who excelled in their area of expertise and several were headed to state competition but all are winners in our books. Several nice colored pictures posted on Facebook. Our congratulations to all. Makes us so proud.

Winners at the Milam County Livestock Show from Thorndale 4-H and FFA (in no order):

Reserve Champion Steer - Kenzie Hobbs - 4-H

Grand Champion Swine - Hadley Meadors - FFA, Class of 2025

Grand Champion Broilers - Aiyanna Stevenson - FFA, Class of 2025

Grand Champion Goat - Jacob Jackson - 4-H, Class of 2025

Reserve Champion Commercial Heifer - Taylor Faske - FFA

I sure hope I didn't miss anyone. We congratulate all even those that didn't win as they work hard all year long for this.

Now for a little sports - The Thorndale Bulldogs were in a rain delay in the top of the 2nd inning in game 2 in a scoreless Bi-District game on Friday night. They came back and won 8-0.

The Lady Dogs softball team was undefeated and District Champions - 12-0 in District, 14-4 overall.

The Bulldogs were District Champions - 10-0 in District. Their 4th consecutive district championship.

Bethany Preusse is headed to state competition. She is Regional champion in shot put and placed 2nd in discus.

There were lots of nice colored pictures in the area newspapers.

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