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Troup ISD
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Superintendent's Report

Sam Kelsey's death reveals true character

Like many parents, I have spent some time reflecting on my habits as a parent. Am I doing the right things when it comes to raising my children? I know I've made many mistakes, yet I hope I've done some things well. What kind of men will they be? Will they be good husbands, fathers, citizens, and friends? Will they be kind, courageous, trustworthy, loyal, faithful and generous? Will they be brave in the face of adversity? Will they choose to do the right thing when those around them are choosing the popular or expedient path? Will they stand up for the weak, the downtrodden and the less capable?

As parents, we ask ourselves these questions knowing the answers will reveal themselves in time. We take pride in the times they behave in all the right ways and often cringe when they make bad decisions. Yet, only time and often dire circumstance reveal the true character of our children.

I never knew Sam Kelsey. He and I never exchanged pleasantries or shared time together. I don't know his family. However, through their grief of having laid this fine young man to rest, these questions have obviously been answered. From what I have been able to learn about this young soldier, I have concluded that he was brave, to the point of making the ultimate sacrifice for a fellow soldier. Wouldn't it have been easier to run in the face of danger? Over the centuries many have done just that. Wouldn't it have been easier to resign himself to the fact that a comrade was lost and make certain that he lived to fight another day? Obviously not for this brave young man.

Some years back I learned that bravery is not the absence of fear, but action in the midst of fear. Occasionally, in my position as superintendent, I witness the poor parenting skill of someone that truly has no business having children. However, I find myself admiring a family that I have never met. Obviously, Sam Kelsey was raised right! May the same be said of all of our children someday?

On behalf of Troup ISD and my family, I want to offer sincere gratitude to the Kelsey family for making the ultimate sacrifice in sending their son to the front lines offering protection for me, my family and our country. It is a sacrifice that deserves our gratitude and admiration. There is no doubt that Sam took his role seriously and faithfully executed his duties. I am proud to live in a town and work in the school that produced a young man with the courage and character of Sam. Hopefully, we will all learn from this young man and emulate his courage and character. God bless the Kelsey family and each of you.

On behalf of Troup ISD I want to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. And, remember you are always welcome at Troup ISD.

Troup finishes 2nd in 19-2A UIL meet

Troup ISD recently hosted the 19-2A Academic UIL meet. Students from Tatum, Arp, Troup, Timpson and West Rusk competed in 21 different academic competitions. Tatum was the winner of the academic meet. Troup placed second in the overall contest.

"We are very pleased with our students' performance and the hard work of the teachers,' said Melanie Johnson, elementary dean of students. "Our students and teachers have been preparing for this meet for over three months. The hard work paid off and we are very proud to announce the following results."

First Place

Third Grade Spelling Team – Dusty Neely, Spencer Lammons, Madilyne Henson, Nathan Smart

Fifth Grade Spelling Team – Dylan Bright, Zach Tollett, Baylee Smith-Driver, Diamond Tubaya

Fifth Grade Art Team – Natalie Decco, Rainey Bonnett, Stephanie Womack, Kyler Erickson

Creative Writing – Cheyenne Henson

Fifth Grade Art – Natalie Decco

Fourth Grade Oral Reading – James Jackson

Fifth Grade Oral Reading – Brianna Wilkie

Fourth Grade Number Sense- Jordan Jackson

Second Grade Story Telling – Will Hunter

Second Place

Maps Graphs, and Charts Team- Josee Ross, Trenton Burke, Zach Hartmann, Lee Ann Lloyd

Fifth Grade Number Sense Team- Paeton Nolan, Josee Ross, Lana Ledford, Miranda Flora

Third Grade Spelling- Dusty Neely

Fifth Grade Spelling – Dylan Bright

Creative Writing – Jansen Reid

Fifth Grade Ready Writing – Lana Ledford

Fourth Grade Oral Reading – Madison Martin

Fifth Grade Oral Reading – MaKayla Krueger

Second Grade Storytelling – Alex Flora

Third Place

Fourth Grade Art Team – Lauren Mekalip, Kelli Hefner, Donshaylese Tilley, Betty Allen

Third Grade Spelling – Spencer Lammons

Fifth Grade Spelling – Zach Tollett

Maps, Graphs, and Charts – Josee Ross

Third Grade Ready Writing – Ethan Houghton

Fourth Grade Ready Writing – Jordan Jackson

Fifth Grade Art – Rainey Bonnet

Fourth Grade Number Sense – Bryce Neel

Fifth Grade Number Sense – Paeton Nolan

Fourth Place

Fourth Grade Art – Lauren Mekalip

Fifth Grade Art – Josee Ross

Fifth Place

Fifth Grade Spelling – Baylee Smith- Driver

Maps Graphs, and Charts – Trenton Burke

Fifth Grade Ready Writing – Tonesha Kincade

Third Grade Storytelling – Autumn LaMotte

Sixth Place

Fourth Grade Oral Reading – Colton Fite

Fifth Grade Oral Reading – McKenzie Hugghins

Dictionary Skills – Lauren Reeder

Second Grade Storytelling – Peyton Hugghins

Whitehouse ISD Second Six Week Honor Rolls

ALL "A"

7th Grade

Savannah Bell
Jacob Bernanrdino
Dylan Cantrell
Caylee Collins
Chelsea Crawford
Kyle Drott
Kelsie Fairbanks
Edwin Fort
Taylor Graham
Anna Hayden
Troy Hayden
Bryce Henning
Payton Hightower
Catherine King
Christopher Kunzman
Taylor Lucas
Cory Lusk
Michael Nuon
Jared Raabe
Tyler Rasco
James Ray
Leah Scott
Whitney Senn
Alejandra Serrano
Jordan Snell
Brianna Sonnamaker
Carlie Sparks
Sophia Wade
Katherine Weathers

8th Grade

Fariba Ahmed
Morgan Bridges
James Cannon
James Coggins
Timothy Cummins
Rachel Garlitz
Lukas Gilbreath
Norma Gonzalez
Alison Hardaway
Jessica Hernandez
Asa Johnson
Sierra Kennedy
Mitchell Litcht
Alisan McNulty
Madison Melrose
Arjun Rawal
Mark Vardeman

9th Grade

Tyler Barker,
Alexander Callaway
Jordan Cantrell
Patrick Cook
Jenna Copeland
Maegan Duphorne
Chase Hood
Sylvia Kennington
Todd Martin
Devin Matthews
Courtney McCartney
Spencer McDonald
Kathryn Mohr
James Moran
Stephen Potter
Edward Rodriguez
Chastity Stewart
Haley Terry
Megan Vinson
Caroline Weathers

10th Grade

John Adams
Pake Allen
Blayne Ballard
Emily Costlow
Connor Crawford
Catherine Drott
Kenneth Fulton
Gabrielle Gesulon
Kristina Heinrich
Nakisha Johnson
Tanner Odom
Shiv Rawal
Christopher Rogers
Sarah Sweeney
Roger West

11th Grade

Elizabeth Anderson
Candace Campsey
Cynthia Estrada
Christine Ford
Caitlin Giddens
Yessika Guerra
Wesley Holt
Danielle Macedo
Jaclyn Martin
James Mayo
Meredith Mohr
Rebecca Stewart
Sarah Stewart
Matthew Struble
Shelly Williams
Brittany Wink

12th Grade

Joseph Birt
Courtnie Bishop
Joanna Blake
Kathryn Bond
Megan Brady
David Brandon
Trent Chudej
Marybeth Cope
Dru Dawkins
Bryon Dunlap
Tanner Fedell
Kyle Ford
Allyson Fulcher
Erica Fuller
Abigail Godinez
Kristin Harris
Kaylie Harrison
Jonathan Harvell
Daniel Herrig
Kelli Hill
Keli ingram
Nicholas Kunzman
Jacob Lormand
Andrew Luce
Kayla Mason
Ryan Maxwell
Leah Pierce
Kirah Pries
Lindsay Pritchard
Brittany Ragsdale
Alyssa Rome
Jessica Romero
Umer Shaukat
Jordan Sulser
Katherine Tomlin
Hannah Tracy
Ramey Tucker
Laura Viergever

"A/B"

7th Grade

Marci Anderson
Samantha Anderson
Rebecca Bailey
Olivia Baker
Kyle Battles
Brannon Beaton
Reed Bedard
Samantha Blevins
Reanna Boone
Amanda Braun
James Brown
Samantha Bussell
William Butler
Savanna Caddell
Colby Campbell
Katelyn Carey
Rheagan Carroll
Hartley Cavett
Aaron Clemons
Derek Clemons
Ashleigh Crone
Alexa Crosby
Keri Davis
Samuel Davis
Katelyn Devuyst
Kenslie Dews
Joshua Dowdy
Tyler Dudley
Emily Eeds
Amy Enlow
Samantha Fedell
Megan Fox
Andrew Fulsom
Skyelar Gaddis
Jennifer George
Areli Gonzalez
Veronica Grable
Khali Grandison
Diedre Grider-Atkins
Emily Hargis
Michaela Harris
Braden Haskell
Molly Henderson
Seth Hilburn
Shelton Hilburn
Andrew Hill
Ashleigh Ivy
Ishmael Jackson
Brady Johnson
Siera Johnson
Tara Johnson
Jacob Jones
Jesse Kahn
Samah Khan
Angela Knight
Leif LaPerriere
Jayme Lawrence
Eric Le
Kelsey Lea
Torrie Maae
Bailey McKown
Aaron McMichael
Destiny Miles
Kiley Miles
Seth Mitchell
Julie Moore
Victoria Moore
Malinda Moorman
Holly Moran
Kai Moulton
Hunter Murphree
Jacob Murphy
Taylor Navarro
Chance Nelson
Mindy Neuendorff
Joshua Noble
Hayley Phelps
Austin Raney
Destiny Reed
Zane Reeder
Bailey Riddle
Sarah Robertson
Braden Robey
Brooks Robey
Irene Rosa
Ashley Rowland
Braylon Russell
Lillian Salinas
Megan Schreiner
Alexander Smith
Brittany Smith
William Smith
Jordan Spaude
Hunter Stainback
Kaylee Stephens
Andrew Stevenson
Elijah Stevenson
Bethany Stone
Brian Tate
Chase Taylor
Victoria Taylor
Nicholas Thomas
Chelsea Thompson
Maria Villela
Michael Watson
Sarah Watson
William Weathers
Roy White

8th Grade

Nathan Adams
Khaliah Al Noimi
Alma Alcantar
Ciara Andrews
Leena Asad
Johnathan Baldwin
Heather Barr
Cody Barton
Scarlett Bell
Sarah Bessonett
Kelli Beu
Callie Birdsong
Justin Bloom
Jacob Bobbitt
Mellisa Brady
Dathan Brubaker
Jamikell Burns
Kimberly Carpio
Courtney Carter
Emily Carter
Travis Carter
Ashley Cole
Brandon Cottrell
Erica Crane
Jennifer Crank
Alex Crouch
Waylon Cunningham
Larkin Davis
Dalton Dickerson
Haley Dowthitt
Jackson Driggs
Jordan Ellis
Kayla Farley
Sarah Farmer
Hunter Galbraith
Shelby Galloway
Alexis Gentry
Hunter George
Kaylah Gonzalez
Cameron Gorbett
Shea Graul
Shelby Green
Audrey Hendrix
Cody Henson
Perry Hill
Mary Hipp
Erica Hoffman
Dylan Horinek
Carson Humphrey
Dylan Humphrey
Aubrey Jacquez
Shelby Jeter
Carolyn Johnson
Erica Jordan
Ryan Keller
Kameron Koeffler
Dylan Koster
Logan Liptak
Matthew Malcolm
Cody Malone
Brooke Marcum
Christopher McHugh
Emily Melius
Alex Minter
Kirsti Molloy
Williams Monteagudo
Kelsey Mundt
Steven Murry
Sarah Nicholson
Audra Oliver
Kayla Parker
Taylor Parker
Tanner Partin
Mackenzie Patterson
Jordan Peoples
Connor Pittinger
Johnnie Ponder
Tyler Post
Kyleigh Primo
William Quackenbush
Kailey Reaves
Colton Roberts
Jessica Robers
Brittany Root
Dara Russell
Darian Russell
Shelby Russell
Megan Sayers
Cory Schmoker
Jessa Segaya
Clayton Sims
De'Metria Smith,
Kaytlynn Stalcup
Zane Starr
Emily Stephenson
Michelle Stewart
Andrew Struble
Olivia Sweeney
Seth Swinney
Trenton Tatom
Vernon Taylor
Kasey Todd
Dillon Treichler
Aaron Uribe
Jessica Vanschuyver
Donald Viergever
Andrew Warren
Spencer Warren
Katelyn Wells
Brian Western
Jessica White
Celeste Willis
Nathan Wood
Spencer Wright

9th Grade

Megan Alexander
Adam Allen
Kelsey Bailey
Kathrena Barnhill
Kaleb Bass
Brandon Beas
Peyton Beasley
Blake Bevill
Joshua Bodenheimer
Jasmine Bowie
Savannah Brashear
Jared Britton
Ashley Brown
Rebekah Bush
Erin Bynum
Stephen Chavez
Garrett Clark
Christina Cobb
Tara Collins
Preston Conder
Joseph Cook
John Craun
Emily Decur
Keerin Dewet
Mallory Dolan
Caleb Downing
Matthew Durst
Aaron Duvall
Ashley Evans
Karina Figueroa
Jessica Fite
April Sleming
Jacob Gardner
Daniel Gill
Brittany Gonzales
Catherine Gore
Zachary Harris
Brittany Hudson
Adrian Idjao
Amber Jones
Emily Karlson
Rachel Keiningham
Rachel Kidwell
Ashlee Lambert
Nicholas Lem
Monica Lewis
Julie Licht
Adam Lindenmuth
Chase Magness
Joseph Martindale
Sarah Mastin
Brent Mathis
Kamryn McMillian
Lana McNeill
Crystal McPherson
Jakayla Moore
Josi Moore
Nelly Morales
Jonathan Parker
John Perez
Christine Phillips
Dana Pierce
Ryan Ralson
Katherine Ray
Matthew Rischard
Nathan Saali
Scott Sanders
Alyssa Smith
Linda Smith
Logan Smith
Caleb Stewart
Lakia Stewart
Kaitlin Sullivan
Kylee Sulser
John Taylor
Emily Thomas
Foster Thompson
Zachary Thompson
William Tracy
Janiece Walker
Daniel Walton
Hayden Welda
Jennifer Wieland
Lindsey Wilson
Jacob Ziegler

10th Grade

Jace Ainsworth
Ashley Alexander
Stephanie Alexander
Jesse Allen
Elizabeth Asbill
Leanna Biddle
Blake Bishop
Jacob Boone
Chelsey Bouware
Britney Bowers
Holly Brown
Ethan Cavett
Lydia Clater
Zachary Cook
Williams Cooke
Abigail Crawford
Brandon Creech
Austin Creel
Christine Davis
Lauren Downey
Ashtyn Duncan
Aubrie Ellis
Chelsea Ethridge
Erik Gentry
Logan Gilbreath
Kali Haskell
Zachery Hatchett
Justin Haynie
Tanner Hays
Emily Helms
Sadie Hilburn
Lindsay Hill
Kevan House
Laura Humphrey
Heather Jackson
Hayley Jacobs
Mollie Jamison
Emily Kitchens
Zachary Lilly
Shelby Mangum
Kaley Martin
Hannah Martindale
Carson McKown
Christi McLarty
Maria Mendoza
Mallory Miner
Jalexia Moore
Vernon Moore
Rachel Motes
Dakota Nelson
William Palmer
Emily Pardoe
Brian Parsons
Jori Patterson
James Peace
Ellen Perry
William Post
David Rodriguez
Hannah Rowden
Bessie Small
Payton Smith
Sarah Stanley
Jovi Starr
Sharla Stone
Logan Taylor
Megan Thomas
Tabitha Thompson
Katherine Weekley
Korbyn Wilson
Holly Wright
Laura Wright
Kayla Zambrano

11th Grade

Danica Abna
Lauren Aldredge
Blake Anglin
Brady Attaway
Jonathan Baker
Brittni Barnett
Caitlyn Bass
Amy Beeler
Maci Black
Leslie Booker
Kalyn Bowie
Scotty Brown
Brittany Burks
Myranda Butler
Payton Calicutt
Kathleen Carpio
Shatika Clark
Justin Click
Lance Collins
Rachel Cook
Jordan Cooke
Thomas Crawford
Jonathan Cummins
Garrett Dostal
Samantha Draper
Andrew Drott
Garrett Ehrmann
Cody Faisst
James Farmer
Alexa Fisher
Katherine Fite
Andrew Flynn
Trennis Franklin
Audriuna Gordon
Brooke Gray
Jordan Hammonds
Regan Hawkins
Logan Henson
Jacob Holmen
Judd Jackson
Brandon Johnson
Shayla Johnson
Kacie Koss
Haley Lawrence
Paige Lemons
Jessica Leonard
Peyton Lilly
Mitch Marquis
Alisha Martin
Brent McClendon
Connor McKown
Christina McQuigg
Summer Mears
Brenna Middleton
Eric Moore
Kristi Nipp
Shelbie Nipp
Carley Page
Casey Parker
Tara Parker
Sandrah Patty
Ivan Perez
Jessica Perez
Morgan Posey
Misty Preast
Chelsea Primo
Whitney Rankin
Joseph Recchia
Klint Robertson
Amber Shipley
Jessica Sibbing
Mallory Smith
Sheridan Smith
Rachel Spaulding
Alyssa Sylvester
Ashley Taylor
Natalie Townsend
Josh Ware
Jessica West
Sara Westfall
Brittney Williams
Jeffrey Wright
Daniel Yates

12th Grade

Allison Adams
Aaron Adamson
Ashley Anderson
Jasmine Azghani
Amanda Barnes
Joshua Battles
Brittany Beck
Alyssa Bennington
Benjamin Bickerstaff
Matthew Bragg
Samantha Brouillette
Nathan Brown
Shantavia Butler
Chelsea Campbell
Cassandra Canova
Sarah Carter
Cade Clark
Chase Collins
Carrie Coon
Richard Corbyn
Andrea Crawford
Brittnee Davis
Miranda Davis
Aaron Decur
Jackie Dickerson
Chelsea Douglas
Jason Downey
Lindsey Durst
Ben Edwards
Chelsye Emmons
Summer English
Ace Estrella
Tyler Evans
Courtney Folmar
Christopher Frater-Mackey
Courtney George
Shanna Gorkmen
Hannah Grounds
Rebecca Hanna
Courtney Harris
Blake Hiler
Chelsea Hilliard
Kennedy Hunter
Ryan Kahn
Kevin Kapka
Megan Kelley
Aubrey Kennedy
Autumn Kitchens
Jordan Knight
Kaylee Kunzman
Eric LaFlure
Maurice Laperriere
Drew Lollar
Rachel Lunsford
Leo Lynch
Rachel Marble
Logan Martin
Tracey Martin
Quentin McAdams
Kody Molloy
Megan Nelms
Erin Newell
Salomon Ortiz
Spencer Penka
Sara Peymon
Matthew Ponce
Codi Potter
Thomas Read
Diana Rodriguez
Rodney Rogers
Jessica Root
Elizabeth Roycroft
Taylor Russell
Jamie Sams
Patrick Sanders
Hollie Schmidt
Jordan Scott
Corbin Seliga
Michael Shockley
Jordan Sims
Hope Smith
Jessica Smith
Krista Snyder
Danny Stanton
Cordney Stewart
Kristin Sullivan
Bruce Tate
Travis Tincher
Emily Tollett
Connor Tucker
Lydia Uribe
John Voohries
Steven White
Ryan Whitehurst
Brittany Wilkens
Mason Wilson
Robert Wood
Mary Wright
Taylor Wright
Fermin Zavala

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