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HAVILAND GRAD ACCEPTS ELLIS SCHOLARSHIP

Chase Hardinger of Greensburg is the recipient of the 2009 Howard and Eva Ellis Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a senior who provides an example of good character for future graduates, is in good academic standing, and is involved in at least one extra-curricular activity such as forensics, athletics, or music.

Hardinger, the son of Dave and Kaye Hardinger, will receive \$700 for the 2009-2010 academic year. He plans to attend a vocational-technical college to study welding. When asked about his professional aspirations, Harding commented, "Welding is in high demand and is a promising career. I have always been fascinated by the joining of two separate pieces of steel." Denise Unruh, Executive Director of the South Central Community Foundation, said, "Chase exhibits a passion for the welding profession and quality workmanship. It is a pleasure to award him the Ellis Scholarship."

Howard and Eva Ellis were long-term residents of Haviland and graduates of Haviland High School. In 1929, Eva graduated from Friends University. Howard and Eva were married in 1930 and purchased the Haviland Telephone Company in 1949. They are known for their hard work to modernize rural telephone service.

The Haviland High School Ellis Scholarship is awarded to Chase Hardinger through the South Central Community Foundation, a regional foundation managing charitable funds for seven south-central counties. For more information about the foundation, please call 620-672-7929.