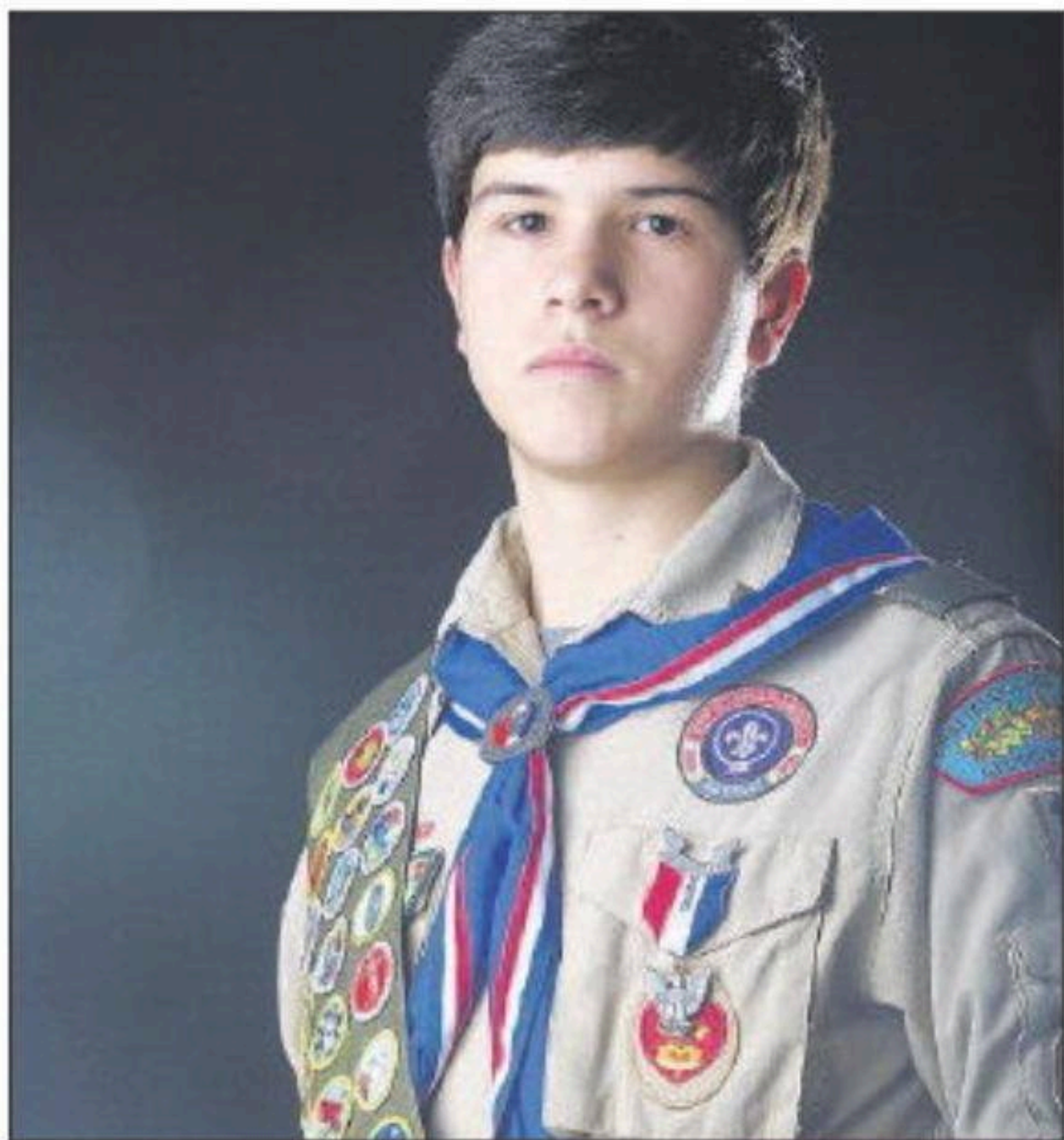


Meet Eagle Scout Jack Talmadge Hicks



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Jack Talmadge Hicks, the son of Kevin and Kathy Hicks of Auburn, is one of 16 Lee County Boy Scouts who earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 2013. Hicks, who is currently a member of Troop 15, chartered by the Auburn Supply Chain Institute, earned 32 merit badges in his effort to achieve Boy Scouting's highest rank — including Rifle Shooting Merit Badge, which he considers his favorite “because I learned about all types of firearms, followed by the shooting portion of the merit badge, which requires a high level of concentration to place shots in a grouping for the required minimum score.” For his Eagle Scout leadership service project, he and volunteers collectively logged 272 service hours to benefit Grace United Methodist Church by revitalizing and landscaping the church's grounds, and building and installing two bluebird houses on the church property.