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## Area musician performs at hall of fame

**Gene Stewart**, the Rayville singer known as "The Country Rebel," will perform at the 2007 annual Texas Country Music Hall of Fame Showcase this week.

Stewart performed in the recent auditions at the Texas Country Music Hall of Fame and Tex Ritter Museum in Carthage, Texas. He was selected as a finalist from 48 contestants and will perform in the talent showcase on Friday in Carthage.

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Radio personality and Texas Country Music Hall of Fame member **Bill Mack** will emcee the showcase.

On Saturday, the induction ceremony will be held, honoring Johnny Rodriguez, Bob Luman and Red Stegall. Ralph Emery will be the master of ceremonies and Marty Stuart will perform.

Stewart also recently performed on the weekly Country Music Hayride in Carthage with staff band The Hayriders and other guest performers from Texas. The retired postmaster of Rayville and a real estate broker, Stewart has been performing and recording music since the early 1970s. He scored a regional hit with the single "Rub It In" two years before Billy "Crash" Craddock turned the song into a national hit.

Air Force Airman **William R. Faulkner** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.



During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches; and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

His grandmother, **Erma Hudson**, resides in Ruston. Faulkner is a 2005 graduate of Ruston High School.

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