



Class of **2023**

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GRADUATING IN THE TOP 10 FROM BELLE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2023 ARE

Front row, (from left): Ryleigh Long, Tayler Bock, Bailee Stewart, Alexandra Woolley and Raelyn Walters;
back row, Rance Horstman, Douglas Walters, Mackenzie Garner, Bryce Heidbreder and Kameron Newton

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THE CHERRI Marquart Memorial Nursing/Healthcare scholarship was awarded to Mackenzie Garner, Margaret Taylor, Phoebe Tibbetts and Ryleigh Long. The Maries R-II Scholarship Foundation awarded a new scholarship this year in honor of Dalton Newton. The Dalton Newton Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Kayli Lansford (photo above right).

Belle Class of 2023 awarded scholarships *Over \$111,000 awarded*

Shelter Insurance Scholarship
Mason Thomas - \$1500

Koch-Lange Family Scholarship
MacKenzie Garner - \$700

The Agricultural Experience Scholarship
Molly Busch - \$1000

Cherri Marquart Memorial Nursing/Healthcare Scholarship
Mackenzie Garner - \$1000
Margaret Taylor - \$1000
Phoebe Tibbetts - \$1000
Ryleigh Long - \$1000

Tri County Youth Association Scholarship
Mason Thomas - \$250
Ryleigh Long - \$250

CTA Scholarship
Olivia Koch - \$1000

Doris Abel Memorial Scholarship
Raelyn Walters - \$250
Cheyenne Talbot - \$250
Alexander Woolley - \$250
Bailee Stewart - \$250

MFA Scholarship
Rachel Baretich - \$2,000

Maries Co. R-II School Board Advisor Scholarship
Rachel Baretich - \$1000

Belle Lions Club Memorial Scholarship In Memory of David R. Sassmann
Madisun Bailey - \$650

Maries Co. R-II PTO Scholarship
Rachel Baretich - \$700

The Ruth and Gene Ridenhour MD Scholarship (Linn State)
Shelby Lockard - \$500

The Ruth and Gene Ridenhour

MD Scholarship II
Molly Busch - \$1000

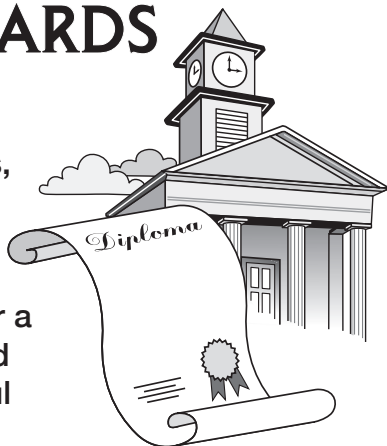
Kaeding Winter Scholarship
Hali Naber - \$3000
Alexandra Woolley - \$1000
Olivia Koch - \$1000

Theodore E. and Edna R. Leffler Scholarship
Phoebe Tibbetts - \$4000
Mackenzie Garner - \$3000
Bailee Stewart - \$2000

See Belle scholarships page 5B

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To all our area graduates, our sincere best wishes for a happy and successful future.



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THE MARIES COUNTY R-II FOUNDATION gave out 22 scholarships to 17 different students of the 2023 Belle graduating class equaling more than \$33,000. Madisun Bailey was awarded the Belle Lions Club Memorial Scholarship in Memory of David R. Sassmann. The Ruth and Gene Ridenhour MD Scholarship was awarded to Shelby Lockard and Molly Busch. The Kaeding-Winter Scholarships were awarded to Hali Naber, Alexandra Woolley and Olivia Koch. The Theodore E. and Edna R. Leffler Scholarship was awarded to Phoebe Tibbetts, Mackenzie Garner and Bailee Stewart. Derrick Pippert and Ryleigh Long accepted the Schierloh Family Scholarship. The Party-Butler Family Scholarship was awarded to Riley Cooper, Rachel Baretich, Raelyn Walters, Alexandra Woolley and Olivia Koch. The Alan D. and Yvone L. Skouby Scholarship was accepted by Samantha Kottwitz. Camryn Lacy accepted the Mae, Grace and George Bacon Scholarship. The Maries County R-2 Foundation Scholarship was awarded to Molly Busch and Bryce Heidbreider. The Maries County R-II PTO scholarship was accepted by Rachel Baretich.

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Congratulations, Class of 2023

Graduating in the top 10 from the Belle High School Class of 2023 are:
front row, (from left): Ryleigh Long, Tayler Bock, Bailee Stewart,
Alexandra Woolley and Raelyn Walters; back row Rance Horstman,
Douglas Walters, Mackenzie Garner, Bryce Heidbreider and Kameron Newton
Congratulations and may you succeed in your future endeavors.

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Good luck and congratulations!

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RACHEL BARETICH (photo top left) was awarded the Donald 'Eno' W. Zumwalt Memorial Agricultural Scholarship. Molly Busch (photo above right) accepted the Agricultural Experience Scholarship. Rachel Baretich (right) accepts the MFA Scholarship. The CTA Scholarship was awarded to Olivia Koch.



Belle scholarships • from page 2B

Dalton Newton Memorial Scholarship

Kayli Lansford - \$1000

Schierloh Family Scholarship

Derrick Pippert - \$3000
Ryleigh Long - \$3000

Party-Butler Family Scholarship

Riley Cooper - \$4000
Rachel Baretich - \$2000
Raelyn Walters - \$2000
Alexandra Woolley - \$1000
Olivia Koch - \$1000

The Alan D. and Yvonne L. Skouby Scholarship

Samantha Kottwitz - \$600

Mae, Grace, & George Bacon Scholarship


Camryn Lacy - \$500

Maries County R-2 Foundation Scholarship


Molly Busch - \$2500

See Belle scholarships page 6B


Congratulations



Class of 2023



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THE HAWKEYE 4-H club awarded three scholarships to Olivia Koch, Douglas Walters, Samantha Nivens, Kayli Lansford and Mackenzie Garner. The Belle High School NHS Scholarship was awarded to Molly Busch.



Scholarships • from page 5

Bryce Heidbreider - \$1500

Delsa Foundation Scholarship

Kameron Newton - \$2000

renewable for 1 year

Bryce Heidbrieder - \$2000

renewable for 3 years

Shelby Lockard - \$2000 renewable

for 1 year

Raelyn Walters - \$2000 renewable

for 3 years

Maries County R-II Belle/ Bland Booster Club Scholarship

Kameron Newton - \$1000

Hali Naber - \$1000

Ryleigh Long - \$500

Madisun Bailey - \$250

Olivia Koch - \$250

Maries Co. Bank Scholarship

Will Koch - \$4,000, \$500 per semester

Maries County Bank Vocational Scholarship

Ryleigh Long - \$1,000, \$250 per semester

Belle Livestock Committee Scholarship

Mackenzie Garner - \$250

Rachel Baritech - \$250

Donald "Eno" W. Zumwalt Memorial Agricultural Scholarship

Rachel Baretich - \$1000

Leo Thompson Memorial Scholarship

Alyssa Donehue - \$1000

Bland Alumni Scholarship

Ryleigh Long - \$750

Nancy Janes Memorial Scholarship

Madisun Bailey - \$500

See **Belle scholarships** page 6B

Congratulations Class of 2023!

We would like to congratulate all of the 2023 graduates for their hard work and dedication.

We would also like to celebrate the life of **DALTON NEWTON**, son of our employee Sonja Newton.

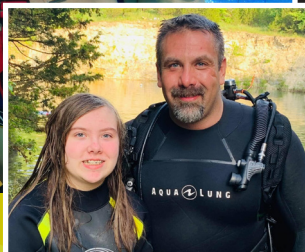
Dalton would have graduated from Belle High School this year.



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Thanks for making us proud.

CONGRATULATIONS!

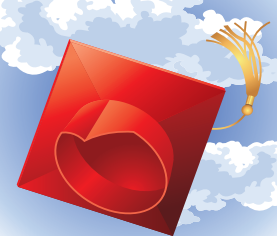
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KAMERON NEWTON and Bryce Heidbrieder (above left) left accepted the Delsa Foundation Scholarship. After the award ceremony two more Delsa Foundation Scholarships were awarded to Belle seniors Shelby Lockard and Raelyn Walters. Alissa Miller and Breanna Miller (above middle) received RTI/RTC awards given by Dr. Stephanie Broyles. Hali Naber (photo right) accepts the Continuing Athletic Scholarship and Riley Cooper accepts the Last Chance Scholarship.



Scholarships • from page 6

Carolyn Holt Educational Scholarship

Mackenzie Garner - \$1000

Maries Co. R-2 Archery Club Scholarship

Alexander Woolley - \$500
Mason Thomas - \$150
Olivia Koch - \$150

Belle Fair Scholarship

Olivia Koch - \$500
Mackenzie Garner - \$500

The FBLA Amanda Bradford Thompson Memorial Scholarship

Mackenzie Garner - \$1000

Hawkeye 4-H Scholarship

Olivia Koch - \$500
Douglas Walters - \$500
Samantha Nivens - \$500
Kayli Lansford - \$500
Mackenzie Garner - \$500

Dalton Newton Memorial Scholarship

Kameron Newton - \$375
Kayli Lansford - \$375
Riley Cooper - \$375

Highgate 4-H

Rachel Baretich - \$250
Molly Busch - \$250

Belle High School NHS Scholarship

Molly Busch - \$500

VFW Post 3410 Scholarship

Olivia Koch - \$500

Belle/Bland Volleyball League Scholarship

Morgan Willis - \$500

Continuing Athletic Scholarship

Hali Naber - \$250

The Last Chance Scholarship

Riley Cooper - \$300



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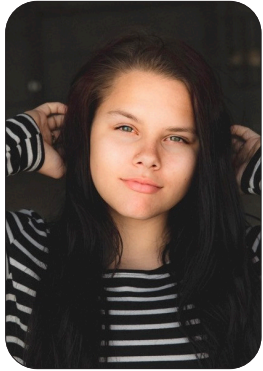
You've passed the test with flying colors! Congratulations to the entire graduating class of 2023 on a stellar achievement. *Thanks for making us proud!*

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Madisun Bailey



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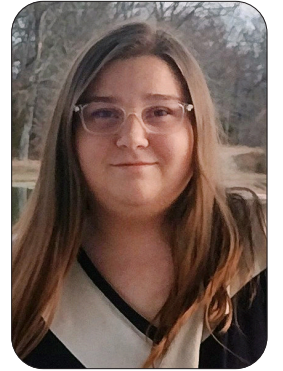
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Tayler Bock



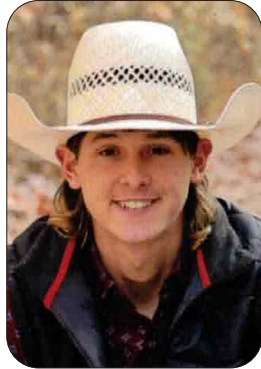
Molly Busch



Trinity Chambers



Riley Cooper



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Alyssa Donehue



Sam Fleenor



Anna Gallagher



Mackenzie Garner



Brett Gromowski



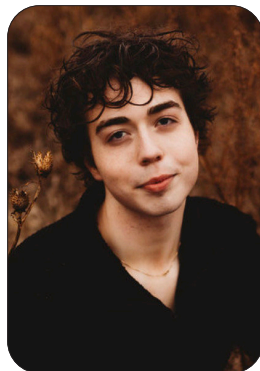
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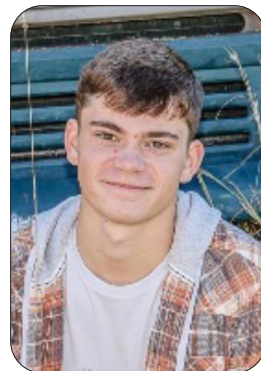
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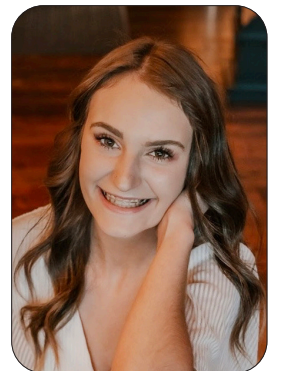
Bryce Heidbreder



Rance Horstman



Lacie Keeling



Heaven Kelly

CONGRATULATIONS

As you turn the page to the next chapter, the future is yours to write. Fill it with new experiences, good people and rewarding choices that help make the world a better place.

Special congratulations to Molly Wnuk

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Way to Go!

It's time to throw up your hats and celebrate. **Congratulations, Class of 2023!**

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~ James 1:5a

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Olivia Koch



Wil Koch



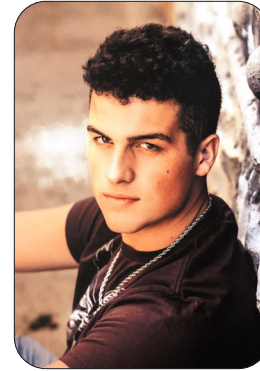
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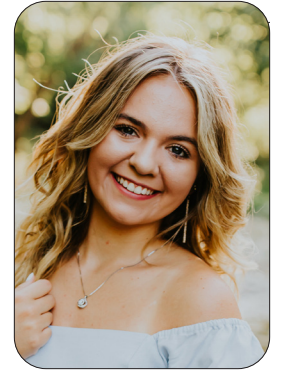
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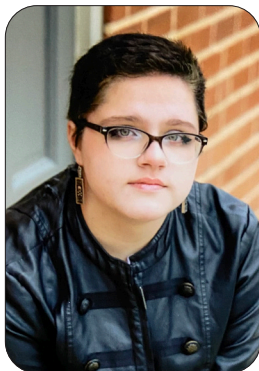
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Dominic McCoy



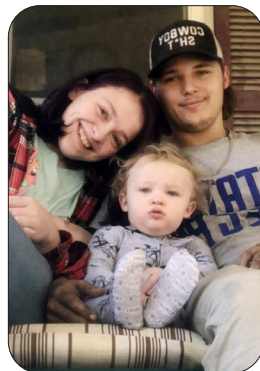
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Breanna Miller



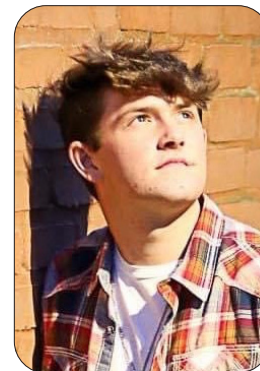
Hali Naber



Lacey Neal



Dalton Newton
(2004-2017)
Honorary degree



Kameron Newton

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Senior
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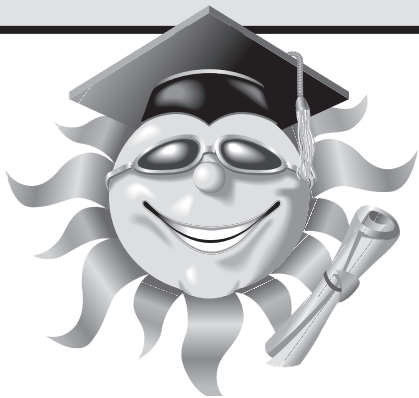
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MASON THOMASE (photo above left) accepted the Shelter Insurance Scholarship from Tonya Price. Madisun Bailey (photo above) accepted the Nancy Janes Memorial Scholarship. Will Koch and Ryleigh Long (photo lower left) accept the Maries County Bank Scholarships. The Carolyn Holt Educational Scholarship was awarded to Mackenzie Garner. The Belle Livestock Committee Scholarships were awarded to Mackenzie Garner and Rachel Baritech.



Shine On Class of 2023



Good wishes to one of the brightest and most promising graduating classes we've ever seen.

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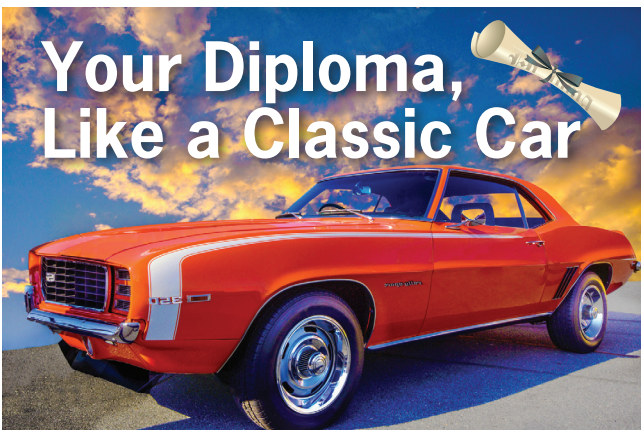
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THE BELLE/BLAND Booster Club gave out five scholarships (top right) to Kameron Newton and Hali Naber and Olivia Koch (top left), Ryleigh Long and Madisun Bailey. The Leo Thompson Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Alyssa Donehue (bottom right). MacKenzie Garner (bottom middle) accepted the Koch-Lange Scholarship. Olivia Koch (above) accepted the VFW Post 3410 Scholarship.



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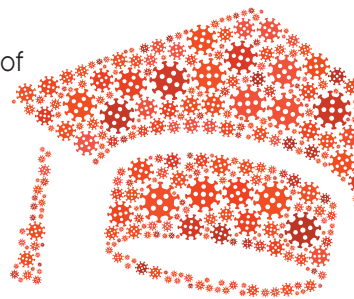
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Hats Off to the Graduates

As we celebrate the Class of 2023 and all of their achievements, we'd like to pause and recognize the unique challenges this year's seniors have faced on the road to graduation.



We are so proud of all our graduates
Special Congratulations to
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MACKENZIE GARNER (top left) and Rachel Baritech accepted scholarships from the Belle Fair. The Tri-County Youth scholarship (top middle) was awarded to Mason Thomas and Ryleigh Long. Morgan Willis (top right) accepted scholarships from the Belle/Bland Volleyball League. The Maries R-II Scholar Board Advisor Scholarship (right) was awarded to Rachel Baritech. The Bland Alumni awarded a scholarship to Madison Rohrer (lower left).

Hats Off to our Grads

Your day has arrived! Congratulations to each and every member of the Graduating Class of 2023.

VIC STRATMAN
Presiding Commissioner of Maries County
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Your hard work has paid off. We hope your graduation day is special in every way, and we wish you much luck as you take the next step.

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Celebrate!

You've earned this day, and we hope you enjoy every moment. Congratulations!

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Hoорay for Our Graduates!

Reach for the stars, Class of 2023. It's a brand new exciting century and anything is possible! We're proud of you, and we wish you all a bright and shining future with much happiness.

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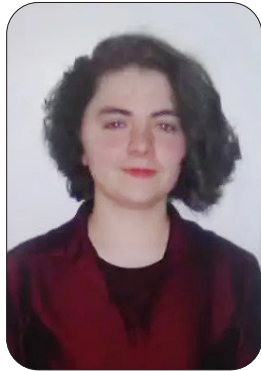
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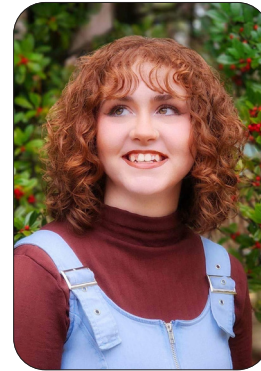
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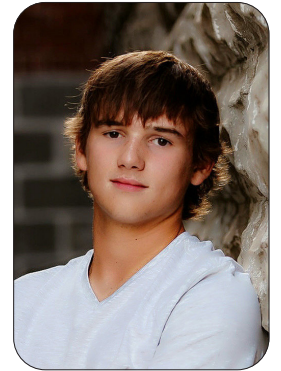
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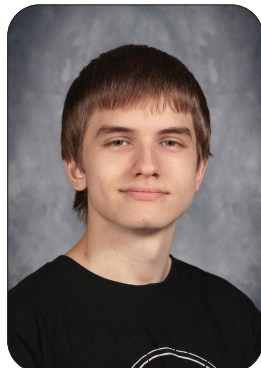
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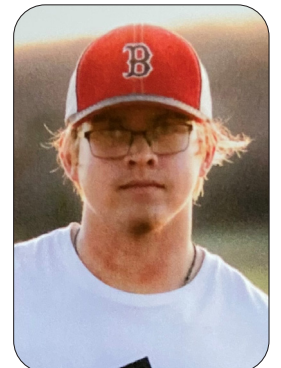
Jeremy Stewart



Koda Struempf



Zane Strunk



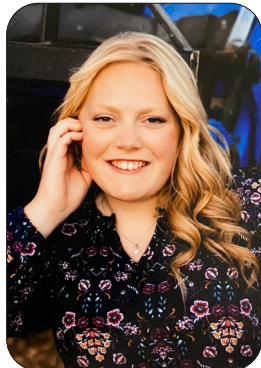
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Cheyenne Talbott



Megan Taylor



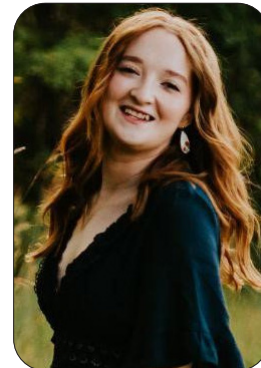
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Phoebe Tibbetts



Douglas Walters



Raelyn Walters

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HATS OFF, GRADUATES!



*May your graduation be the first of many great achievements to come.
Congratulations!*

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Congratulations & Good Luck

We know you'll go far and we wish you all the best on Graduation Day and always!

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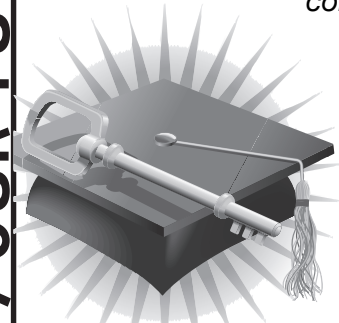
THE NEWTON family (top) awarded three scholarship in honor of Dalton to Kameron Newton, Kayli Lansford and Riley Cooper. Mackenzie Garner (top right) accepted the FBLA Amanda Bradford Thompson Memorial Scholarship. Alexander Woolley, Mason Thomas and Olivia Koch (bottom) were awarded the Maries County R-II Archery Club Scholarship.



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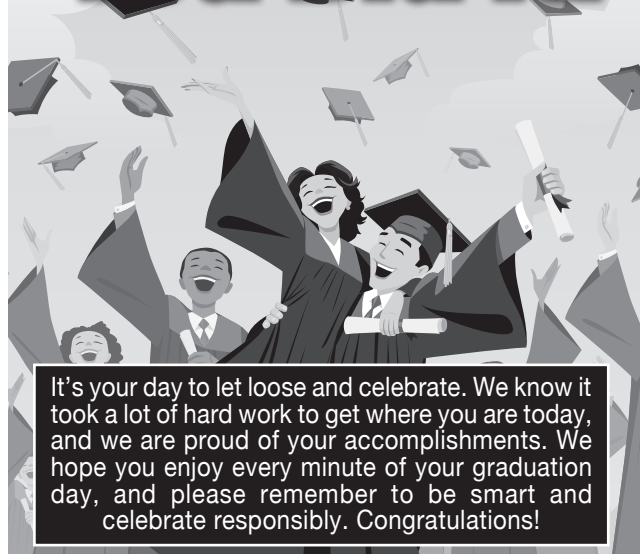
Your hard work has paid off, and now you are really on your way. We wish you all the best as you embark on exciting new challenges and adventures. The best is yet to come!

Congratulations graduates!



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You Did It!



It's your day to let loose and celebrate. We know it took a lot of hard work to get where you are today, and we are proud of your accomplishments. We hope you enjoy every minute of your graduation day, and please remember to be smart and celebrate responsibly. Congratulations!



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THE 2023 Belle Prom Queen Raelyn Walters and Prom King Jordon Heck.



THE DORIS Able Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Raelyn Walters (left), Bailee Stewart (lower left), Cheyenne Talbot (bottom left) and Alexander Woolley (not photoed)

GRAD!

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THE KINSEY family (above) also awarded scholarships to future nursing students included; Mackenzie Garner, Ryleigh Long, Margaret Taylor, Kayli Lansford and Phoebe Tibbetts. Highgate 4-H club (right) awarded three scholarships to Rachel Baretich, Anna Gallagher and Molly Busch.



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To the graduates of 2023, go our very best wishes for health, happiness and success both today and in the future.

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