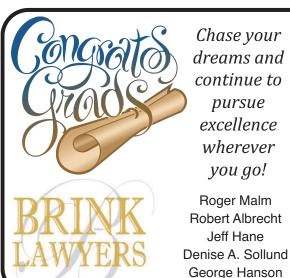


TRI-COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS (I-r) Ethan Klegstad, Hailey Barth and Manda Wollin dressed up for Western Day during the Tri-County Homecoming Spirit Week festivities. BELOW, Stevo Murry and Gunnar Koland also dressed up during the Homecoming week festivities. (Submitted Photos)







TRI-COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020 poses in front of the school sign showing they are home of the Northern Freeze. Seniors include (back on sign I-r) Hailey Barth, Maurice Sele, (back standing) Jada Klegstad, Manda Wollin, Kylie Shetler, Stephen Budziszewski, Stevo Murray, (kneeling) Ethan Klegstad, Christian Boen, Tucker Hanson, Colton Newell, Beau Walz, Chris Bristlin, Gunnar Koland, (front sitting) Hailley Anderson and Agracia Melcher.

Why do grads don caps and gowns?

METRO – Graduation ceremonies are steeped in tradition, the most noticeable of which may be the caps and gowns worn by students on hand to receive their degrees. This attire likely dates back to 12th century Europe, when students would wear hoods and gowns that resembled those worn by their teachers, who were members of the clergy. According to Colorado State University, in 1321 a statute of the University of Coimbra in Portugal declared that all "Doctors, Licentiates, and Bachelors" wear

gowns. That means that the mandatory graduation gown is on the cusp of celebrating its 700th anniversary.

Hoods, caps and gowns not only signified a certain status of the students wearing them, but they also served a more practical purpose,

helping to keep students warm in the unheated buildings where they were being taught. Ironically, many modern graduates, particularly those whose graduation ceremonies are held outdoors, may lament that their caps and gowns make them feel hot.



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