### Bradford grads begin next journey

### By Logan Watson

Forty-one graduates of Bradford High School walked out of the gymnasium Sunday afternoon and immediately arising from COVID-19 embarked on a brand to the ordinary growing new adventure. Year after year, students leave adult, the young men

the comfort and

Through the many changes that the BHS Class of 2022 experienced, from the unprecedented complications pains of becoming an



VALEDICTORIAN REBECCA WALTER speaks to her classmates at Sunday's graduation ceremony. Photo by Logan Watson.



and women persevered, and now stand on the precipice of their most daunting challenge yet: Life.

Emily Warren, Bradford Scholar and Salutatorian of the Class of 2022, congratulated her classmates on the momentous achievement of the day and thanked their teachers and parents for helping them reach this point in their young lives.

"The people around us are the ones who have molded us from toddlers to adults," Warren said. "For 13 years, we've discovered who we are, who our friends are and maybe even who we want to be once we walk through those doors for what may be the final time. In the grand scheme of things, 13 years isn't a lot. But the past 13 years have been our entire lives."

Warren also recognized one student who



MISSING A FRIEND - The Bradford High School Class of 2022 reserved a seat for classmate John Cavaness, who passed away before he could celebrate the milestone with his friends. Photo by Logan Watson.

was unable to celebrate that he didn't go here the occasion with his friends and family.

"John Cavaness did not join us here at Bradford until he was a freshman, but he fit in so well it was hard to image

his entire life. Mitch Album said, 'Fairness does not govern life or death. If it did, no good person would ever die.' He may not be here with us today, but he will forever be with our entire class and every other person his kind smile reached." The Class of 2022

was undoubtedly one of a kind and it will be long before we are forgotten," Warren said. "We faced adversity in stride and never failed to impress all those who would take the time to watch. The many different talents and personalities in this class combined to create a wonderful whole."

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LEXI GEARIN receives her diploma from BSSD Director of Schools Dan Black. Photo by Logan Watson.





SALUTATORIAN EMILY WARREN gives her farewell speech to the rest of the Class of 2022.



ASHTON WHEELER receives his diploma during Sunday's BHS commencement ceremony. Photo by Logan Watson.

PROUD MOM - BHS graduate Koen Knott gets a big hug from his mom, Kelly Langston. Photo by Logan Watson



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