





18 RHS Seniors To Receive Diplomas Friday, May 26



It will be one of their last gatherings as a Rothsay High School graduating class. Members of the Rothsay graduating class were together for one more time to discuss the past 13 years of memories and their plans for the future. More details on the graduates is included in a special section in this edition of the Rothsay Regioal Report.

It is the end of a very long and winding road that did not seem like it would ever end. Then suddenly, a 13-year-long journey through the education process comes to a conclusion. For 18 Rothsay High School seniors, that journey will end with graduation ceremonies scheduled for this Friday, May 26 at 7:00 p.m. The ceremonies will be held at the Performance Gym in the District 850 School.

section in this issue of the Rothsay Regional Report. The seniors, along with their parents and plans for the future, are all featured in this special four-page color, souvenir section.

Commencement on Friday will begin with the familiar graduation strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" played by the Rothsay High School Band. The seniors will process into the Performance Gym wearing robes,

The different colored cords addresses will be delivered by RHS

indicate gold for grade point averages of 3.75 to 4.0. A yellow cord indicates a GPA of 3.00 to 3.74. White cords indicate membership in the National Honor Society. A red cord is a "hero" indicator for donating blood during the school year. A blue and gold cord indicates membership in FFA.

When everyone has been seated, graduating senior Kanadai Carlsrud will give the welcoming address. All of the Rothsay High School mortar board hats and colored cords. The two main commencement

Valedictorian Katelyn Reber and Salutatorian Wylie Brenden.

Between the speeches there will be a flower presentation from the graduating seniors to their proud parents in attendance. There will be a special musical selection performed by the Rothsay High School Senior

Then it's on to the main event, the reason for being here for graduation exercises, the awarding of diplomas. That pleasant task will be handled by District 850 School Board President Justin Phillips and Rothsay School Superintendent and High School Principal Wade Johnson.

Following the awarding of

diplomas, the farewell address will be delivered by Jacob Christenson. In their final function as a student body, the seniors will process out of the auditorium as the senior band plays the recessional "Raider's March".

Following the ceremonies, a reception line will be formed by the seniors outside on the sidewalk to greet well wishers. In case of Kenadi Brooke Carlsrud, daughter will be held in the hallway instead of outdoors.

Following the meet and greet with the audience, there will be a parade of cars transporting the graduated seniors through the

familiar downtown, hometown Rothsay. That parade will be led by the Rothsay Fire Department.

Graduates this year include Emma Mae Anderson-Buckingham, daughter of Terri Anderson and Chris Buckingham; Logan Michael Blumer, son of Dan West and Annie Cassman; Wylie John Brenden, son of Kevin and Julie Brenden; inclement weather, the reception line of Jeremy and Kari Carlsrud; Peyton Wayne Christensen, son of Jesse Christensen and Michael and Lisa Dupree; Jacob Alan Christenson, son of Keith Christenson and Darcie Honrud; Hayden Alivia Emery,

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Rothsay Native Schatz Is Memorial Day Speaker

The 2023 Memorial Day Service will be at New Life Lutheran Church in Rothsay on May 29 at 10:00 a.m. Proudly we welcome this year's speaker, Lieutenant Colonel Amber (Balken) Schatz.

Amber is well known around Rothsay, born and raised in the area, she is the daughter of Wes and Elaine Balken, graduating from Rothsay High School in 2001. In 2005, she went on to receive a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mass Communication and received her first commission through the Air Force ROTC program at North Dakota State University in Fargo, N.D. Lt. Col. Schatz is a North Dakota Air National Guard Airmen splitting her time between Bismarck, ND and Washington, D.C.

Currently, Lt. Col. Amber Schatz is dual hatted as the Public Affairs Advisor to the Director of the Air National Guard and Chief and Air Branch National Guard Bureau on Public Affairs in Arlington, Virginia. In addition to advising the Air National Guard Director, the Air National Guard Readiness Center Commander, and the National Guard Bureau on Public Affairs Matters, Lt. Col. Schatz is responsible for developing and executing the national communication program to build understanding and support for the Air National Guard. She provides guidance and support to nearly 1,000 Air National Guard Public Affairs Airmen and civilians across 90 wings located in 54 States, Territories, and

the District of Columbia. Lt. Col. Schatz has served in wing, major command, and joint staff positions. She has three international public affairs experiences including a combat tour in Afghanistan. Among her many assignments, she spent one year as a plans officer in



LT. COL. AMBER (BALKEN) SCHATZ

Amber is married to Brock Schatz and they have two children, Madison and Landon. The family lives in Bismarck, ND.

Further education:

• 2005 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base,

• 2006 Defense Information School, Fort George G. Meade, MD • 2009 Master of Arts degree in international relations, Webster University, St. Louis, MO • 2010 Squadron Officer School,

by correspondence. • 2018 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence.

• 2018 Joint Intermediate Public Affairs Course, Fort George G. Meade, MD • 2020 Joint Contingency Public

Affairs Course, Fort George G.

Farmers Are Seeding The 2023 Crop Into Area Fields



It's getting a little late into the planting season but there is a lot of summer ahead of us to catch up. This farmer northwest of Rothsay was busy raising a little dust and doing his final early season planting in mid-May. That's a little later than everyone would have liked but a lot earlier than last year. Farming happens when conditions are right, not on someone's clock or calendar.

Since May 1, there have been two schools of thought in play about getting this year's crop in the ground. There's the "get'er done now" crowd and there's the more cautious approach favored by many, "get'er

done when the conditions are right". The "now" crowd farms around wet spots and gets the crop in the ground at the earliest possible date. The "wait a bit" crowd maintains there is no reason to dump expensive seed into ground that is too wet or has not yet warmed up. Seed won't germinate anyway.

On any given year, either side or maybe both sides are right. It all depends upon the ground and what is being planted. But both sides are on the same page by now, conditions them out entirely. Progress was are right to start and/or finish spring planting. Tractors are making rounds in area fields. What they are finding out there is surprising to some.

For those that took to their fields early, they found the conditions extraordinarily dry. There was a lot of dust being stirred up as the ground was worked in early May. We picked up anywhere from an inch to nearly two inches of rain, depending upon location, the first weekend of May. That settled the dust but did not stop farming for more than a day or so.

Persistent scattered showers throughout much of the next week were mostly of the nuisance variety but slowed things down or stalled

made where possible, dodging rain showers. Much of the early seeded crops went in the ground.

And what are those early seeded crops? According to Michael Flaten, general manager of Maple River Grain at Barnesville and Rothsay, he expects to see anywhere from 50 to maybe as high as 60% of the acres seeded to corn this year.

For Michael Bjertness, general manager of C-W Coop in Comstock and Wolverton, the ratio might be slightly different. He expects that the acres he services will be from 35 to 50% corn.

Both managers agree that the

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