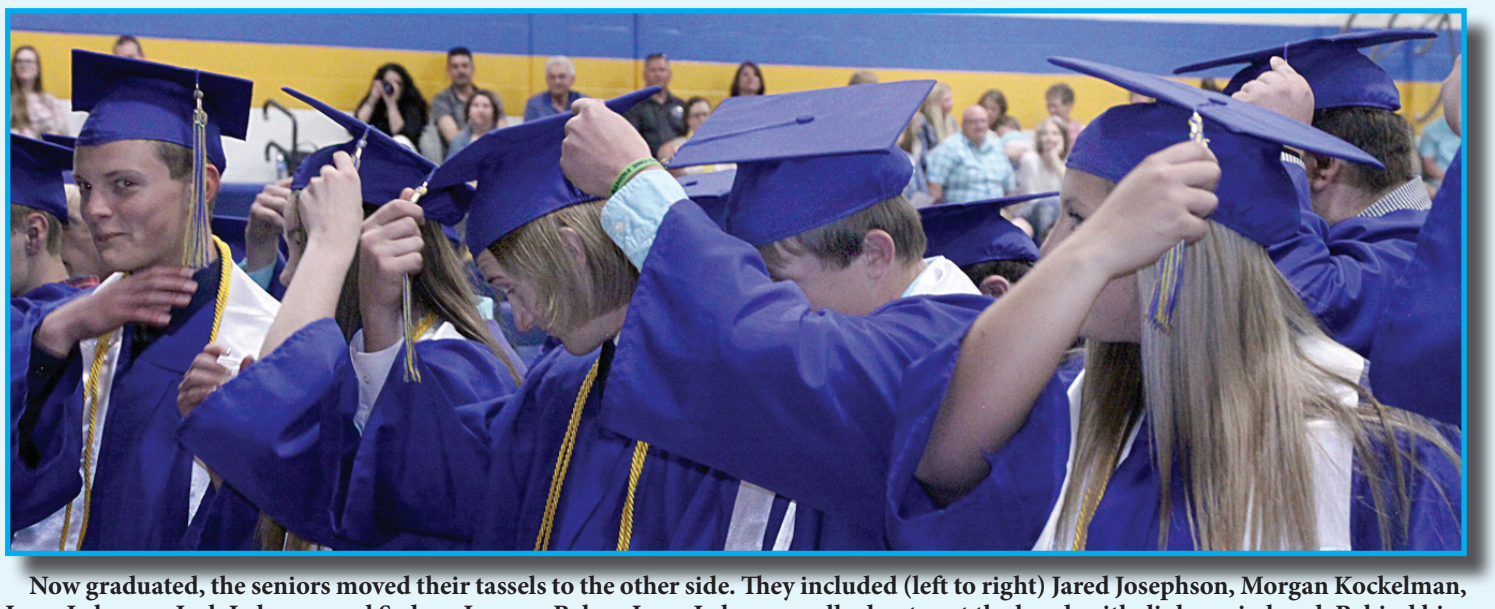
Graduating 101

Valedictorian Lizzy Gillingham got her honor graduate award from Principal Jeremy Frie. *Staff Photos by Byron Higgin.*

Waiting in the hall with a smile to graduate was Isabelle Hennen (above). And Tanner Sterzinger wore shorts to the event (right).



Now graduated, the seniors moved their tassels to the other side. They included (left to right) Jared Josephson, Morgan Kockelman, Isaac Laleman, Josh Laleman and Sydney Larson. Below, Isaac Laleman walked out past the band, with diploma in hand. Behind him was Sydney Larson.

Ty Lipinski helped adjust the cap of Tanner Sterzinger as they waited.

Happily getting his degree was Thomas Hennen. School Board member Terri Myhre smiled and shook his hand.

As he walked into the gym, Tony Starodub's tassel flapped away. Outside, there were plenty of hugs and Emily Pohlen enjoyed one of those (left). John Voit directed the band (far left). And despite a broken leg, and with the use of scooter, Brooklyn Nelson (center) got her diploma from School Board Member Tom Skorczewski.

Rubber Ducky races coming soon

The river hasn't been turned into a community bathtub, but all those floating rubber ducks that will soon be seen bobbing in the Yellow Medicine River are making a big splash toward helping to fund the annual Boxelder Bug Days festivities.

The 14th annual Rubber Duck Race will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 6 at Countryside Golf Club, which is also serving a pulled pork sandwich special that day with either fries or chips for $7.

Contestants can purchase two ducks for $5. The ducks are all then dumped by Boxelder Bug Days royalty and volunteers into the river.

First place is worth $200. Doug Sarazyn won the top prize last year.

The second-place winner is awarded $100, third is $50, and fourth through seventh place each get $25. Winners need not be present to win.

After the seven winners are determined, volunteers then retrieve the remaining ducks using oversized fish-landing nets. The Bug Days logo contest winner will also be revealed during the Duck Race. — ***By Scott Thoma, Staff Writer.***

Tickets for the Rubber Duck Race are available at Gislason's Ace Hardware, Highway 68 Liquors, Brad's Market, Minneota Building Materials, and Prairie Winds Wellness.

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