

# GRADUATION:

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Grant County High School Principal Terry T. Bentz will present numerous academic honors and scholarships. Superintendent Dr. Sherlock Hirning will provide remarks before diplomas are presented by Elgin/New Leipzig School Board President Randy Fischer.

The Grant County Class of 2026 selected a quote from "The Breakfast Club" as its class motto: "You see us as you want to see us – in the simplest terms, in the most convenient definitions, We're all pretty bizarre. Some of us are just better at hiding it, that's all." Their class flower is the light pink peony and class colors are platinum, teal and black.

Flasher High School will also celebrate graduation on Sunday, May 17, with ceremonies scheduled for 2:30 p.m. CT in the Flasher High School Gymnasium.

Paige Zenker, daughter of Brett and Timbere Zenker of Carson, earned valedictorian honors, while Alyssa Froelich, daughter of Chase Froelich of Selfridge and Sara Froelich

of Bismarck, was named salutatorian.

Honor students include Zach Bonogofsky, Aaron Fitterer, Aaden Murphy, Ayden Schmidt, Chaskee Schmidt, Gentry Schmidt, Ellie Skretteberg, Christian Stewart, Jason Weinberger, Skye Weinberger, and Sydney Weinberger. Additional graduates include Lucas Carrymoccasin, Keiffer Ernst, Angus Fuchs, Layton Redmann, Adison Vetter and Lee Michael Vetter.

The Flasher Class of 2026 selected the motto, "Chase your Dreams, but always know the road that'll lead you home again." Their class flower is the white rose, while class colors are black, silver and lilac.

Selfridge Public School will hold commencement ceremonies for the Class of 2026 on Thursday, May 21 at 1 p.m. CT in the Selfridge Public School Gymnasium.

Graduating seniors include Emily Carry Moccasin, Innocent Goodhouse-Mauai, Zane Iron Shield, Thomas Silk and Aliannah Tree Top. Carry Moccasin and Iron Shield were both recognized as honor students.

The Selfridge Class of 2026 selected the rose as its class flower and black and white as class colors. Their class motto reads, "Like a rose, it takes courage to grow & become who you truly are."

The Solen High School Class of 2026 will celebrate commence-

ment exercises on Friday, May 22, at 7 p.m. at the high school gymnasium as family members, friends and community supporters gather to honor the graduating seniors and their accomplishments.

Members of the graduating class include Jada Black Cloud, Mckenna Plante, Miley Dogskin, Kaylee Harrison, Khali Crow Eagle, Laila Crow Eagle, Kylee Johnson, Lily Howard, Jason Silk Jr., Jaymen Stretches, Rivers Jetty, Leo Himes and Lowdyn McGhee.

The class has selected the motto, "This is not the end, it's the beginning of everything you've been working toward," reflecting both the achievements of the past four years and the opportunities that lie ahead for the graduates as they pursue careers, higher education and new adventures.

Class colors for the ceremony are blue and white, while the white rose has been chosen as the official class flower.

Graduation season is a time of celebration across the region, and the accomplishments of the graduates from Grant County High School, Flasher High School, Selfridge High School and Solen High School deserve recognition and praise. As these young men and women step into the next chapter of life, may they carry with them the lessons learned in their hometown schools, the value of hard work, kindness, perseverance and community. Congratulations to the Class of 2026, and best wishes for success, happiness and purpose in all that lies ahead.



**BACK ROW (l-r):** Dr. Sherlock Hirning, Superintendent Elgin/New Leipzig School; JoAnn Schatz (Elgin Food Pantry), Jen Hauge (Board Member), Carrie Roth (New Leipzig Senior Meals); Sara Hager (Country Community Cupboard, Inc.). **Front row:** Donna VandenBurg (Grant County Fair Association); Kathy Hoff (Board Member); and Ryan Roth (Board Member).

## Community Foundation announces spring grant recipients

The Grant County Community Foundation (GCCF) Advisory Committee awarded \$63,637 in grants during the Spring 2026 Grant Round.

The grant recipients were:

- Grant County Fair Association: \$20,000 Kitchen Remodel and AC Addition to the Fair Building.
- Elgin/New Leipzig School District: \$12,000 High School Gymnasium Lighting Replacement.
- Roosevelt Public School: \$12,000 Tables and Chairs.
- New Leipzig Meals on Wheels: \$9,000 Appliance Replacement and Purchase/Installation of a Wall AC.
- Country Community

Cupboard Inc.: \$3,000 Purchase of Protein.

•Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center: \$2,500 Adolescent Resilience Initiative

•Grant County Community Foundation: \$5,137 Endowment Fund.

The funding for these grants came from the North Plains Connector Community Investment Program (NPC CIP). "A huge thank you to NPC for providing such substantial grant funding to the nonprofits and governmental agencies of Grant County for the fourth year in a row. Our committee is also excited to announce that we have begun building a permanent source of funding in Grant County through the

Grant County Community Endowment Fund," said GCCF Chair Ryan Roth.

Nonprofit organizations and governmental agencies providing services in Grant County are encouraged to apply to the Fall 2026 grant round, there will be an additional \$63,500 available! Learn more and apply online at [www.NDCF.net/GrantCounty](http://www.NDCF.net/GrantCounty).

The GCCF Advisory Committee is made up of local residents who review grant applications and recommend grant awards. Members include Chair Ryan Roth (New Leipzig), Jennifer Hauge (Carson), Kathy Hoff (Leith), Sara Meier (Carson).

You can't "Delete" a newspaper. Websites can crash and social media posts can be edited, but a public notice in print is a permanent, verifiable record of history.

## Carson Women's Club news

Carson Women's Club met on March 16, 2026, at Hammer Down and April 20, 2026, at the home of Brenda Schwing for meetings with seven members present.

Grandparents for the month of April are Art

and Barb Weekes.

Welcome Wagon welcomes Greg Haman to the Carson Community.

The Holiday Bazaar date has been set for November 7, 2026.

Carson Community calendars for 2026-2027 are being updated, so if anyone has any changes that need to be made, please call 622-3319 by May 15.

The 2026 baby quilt went to the son of Jack and Brandy Fuchs. Congratulations to the Fuchs family.

A donation was made to the Grant County Fair Board for the 2026 Awards during the fair.

The door prize winner was Bonnie Mattis.

The meeting adjourned with the next meeting to be held on May 18, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Iola Ruscheinsky.



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