



SOLON GIRLS TRACK TEAM CAPTURES 2ND STRAIGHT STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

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Graduation Day

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SOLON — 106 diplomas were conferred upon Solon High School's seniors Sunday, May 21 in the annual commencement ceremony held in Spartan Stadium.

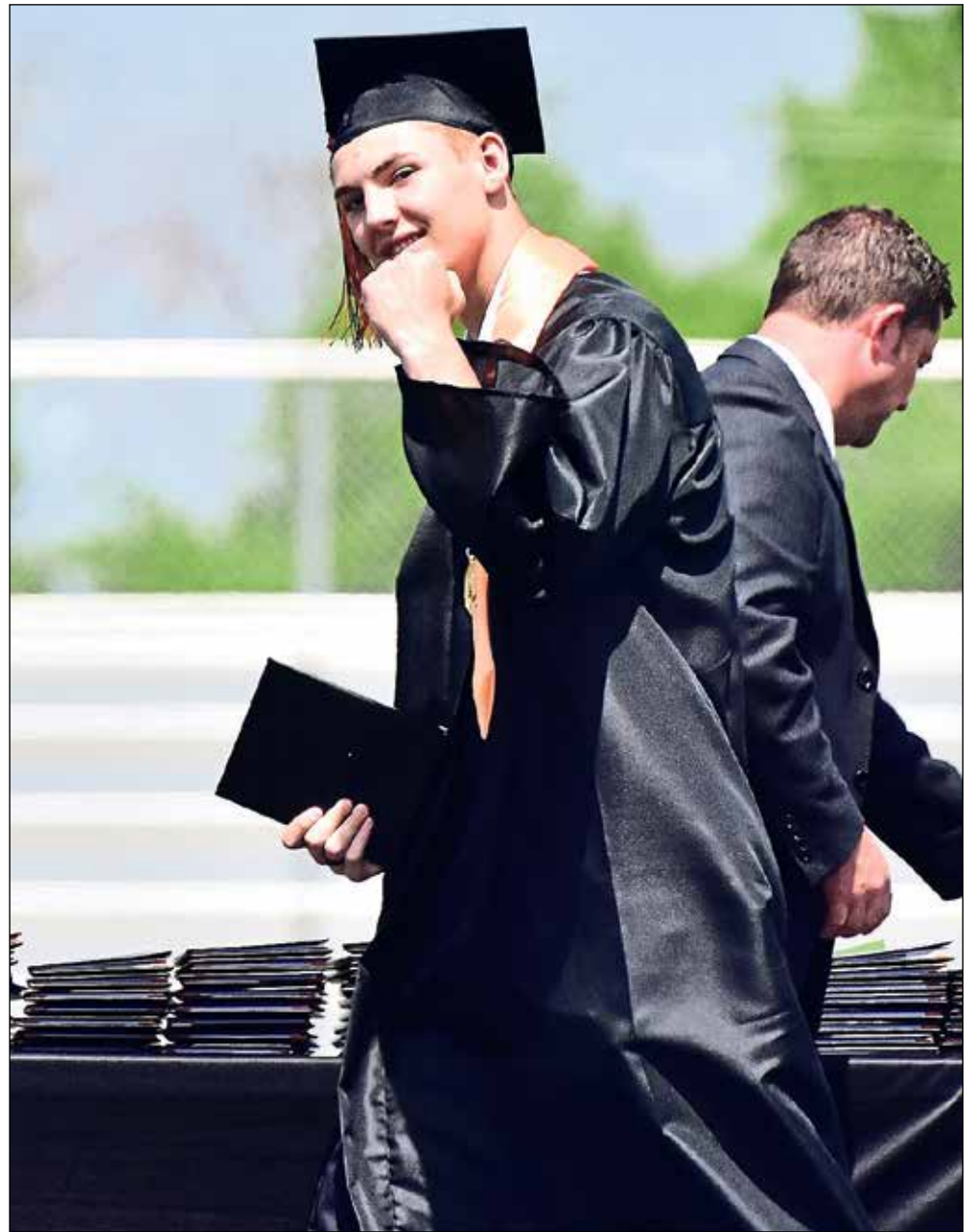
Valedictorians were Addison Burden, Calla Foster, Peyton Knight, Liona Rocca, Sophia Stahle, and Kayla Young.

Salutatorians were Taylor Hogan, Nathan Shafer, and Sydney Swierczewski.

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Sophia Hoepfer and Adelyn Leichtman strike a pose while awaiting the start of the 2023 Commencement Ceremony at Spartan Stadium Sunday, May 21.



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Andrew Baumgartner does a fist pump after receiving his diploma from Solon High School Principal Zach Wigle. For more photos, turn to page 15A.



The future's so bright, he's gotta wear shades. Oaken Foster awaits the start of the 2023 Commencement Ceremony at Spartan Stadium.



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Lisa Petrie wipes a tear from her eye as Solon Intermediate School teacher Sami McAtee presents a check to her daughter Elizabeth, better known as "Biz," Thursday, May 18. 4th grade students raised the money for her ongoing medical expenses through selling blankets they assembled for this year's Project Jack effort.

A very special blanket for 'Biz'

SIS 4th graders help out Solon freshman

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SOLON — Solon Intermediate School (SIS) fourth graders used Project Jack grant money to make life a little more comfortable for Solon High School freshman Elizabeth Petrie, better known to the community as "Biz."

Biz captured the hearts of the community

earlier this year when she was diagnosed with kidney failure. Most people wouldn't know Biz has a serious medical condition just by looking at her. "She's come a long way from two weeks in the hospital, to multiple surgeries, and a lot of trips to the hospital," said Lisa Petrie, her mom. "We continue that journey, we'll be back in the hospital June 1 for a lot of blood work and different labs (testing) to see how her blood cells are doing."

SIS used the grant to buy fabric for the

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