

CLASS OF 2017

FALLS CITY HIGH SCHOOL



Falls City High School Class of 2017 line up to get their diplomas on Friday night on the high school football field.



Balloons await one of Falls City's Class of 2017.



A graduate receives a flower and a hug at graduation.



Seniors decorate their caps for the graduation ceremony.



New Falls City graduates toss their caps in the air.

Dodge: Headed to OSU for social science

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The only thing that is missing is the accolades for his noteworthy actions and accomplishments, Spencer said.

"There's no reason why Cooper should've been involved in that, but for some reason hasn't," Spencer said. "He's had his share of obstacles to overcome, just like every other kid, but just meets them with that boyish grin."

Good luck DHS grads

What: Dallas High School Class of 2017 graduation.
When: Saturday, 10 a.m.
Where: 1250 SE. Holman Ave.

Now Dodge is eager to take that drive to help others out into the bigger world. After graduation, he's headed to Oregon State University Cascades campus in Bend to study social sciences. He plans to use the degree

in a career in law. Dodge said he was inspired by his mom, a parole and probation officer.

Dodge said he will miss the close-knit nature of DHS and the Dallas community. But that's something he will

take with him to start the next chapter.

"I've learned a lot about supporting each other, so anyone who needs help, I'm willing to give them a hand. I've been on the receiving end of that and it means so much," Dodge said. "There's so many people out there that you wouldn't realize that have your back. It feels really reassuring to know that people really do care about each other."

Lewis: To appear in 'Spamalot'

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Lewis, who started his high school career playing golf and football, also encourages students to try new things.

"You never know what you're going to love," he said. "All of a sudden, your passion will change. I've seen my passion change. I loved football. Now I love theater."

Lewis has enjoyed the culture at Central, where the transition from a "jock" to a "theater kid" was a smooth one.

"The crossover isn't as bad as it would be somewhere

Wish the graduates well

What: Central High School's Class of 2017 graduation
When: Friday, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Panther Stadium, 1530 Monmouth St., Independence.

else," he said, noting that his friends have a variety of interests, not just the stage.

Lewis doesn't plan to leave Central in the dust, and plans to come back to visit often.

"I'd never disappear," he said. "I love it too much. I have to support my fellow thespians."

Out of all the roles he's played on stage, Lewis said the Genie from "Aladdin Jr." was his favorite.

"I had so much freedom in that show," Lewis said. "So much fun."

Lewis plans to continue his theater career this summer at the Pentacle's production of "Spamalot."

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