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## St. Joseph school marks graduation for 21 seniors

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St. Joseph Central Catholic High School in Fremont held its 129th commencement ceremony for 21 seniors on May 30 in the church building.

Amaree Haralson was valedictorian and Sarah Hohman was salutatorian. Also among the top five seniors were Olivia Rozanski, Ethan Grahl and Riley Naderer. The class Achievement Award was presented to Lorena Galvan. Haralson also had the highest subject averages for English, math, religion, science and social studies.

Hohman was the senior class president and led classmates in the turning of the tassels. After the ceremony, students and guests threw their caps.



**LEFT:** Ethan Grahl received the Robert Smith Outstanding Male Athlete Award, from BHCS head of School Kim Cope, at the SJCC Commencement Ceremony on May 30. **RIGHT:** Olivia Rozanski was recognized as the third in class at the SJCC Commencement Ceremony on May 30.

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**250 graduates make their way to Don Paul Stadium at Harmon Field, for the 2026 Fremont Ross High School Commencement Ceremony on May 31. PHOTOS BY DOUG HISE/SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-MESSENGER**

## Family, friends pack Don Paul Stadium for graduation Sunday

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Fremont Ross High School hosted its 160th Commencement Ceremony on May 31 in Don Paul Stadium at Harmon Field before a packed house on a perfect spring day.

The graduating class entered in mass to "Pomp and Circumstance" played by the Fremont Ross High School Band. Other music during the ceremony included "Landslide" by Fleetwood Mac as performed by the Seniors and Show Choir, the Alma Mater and Fight Song.

Principal Ryan Norris issued a welcome to the crowd who turned out to see the Class of 2026 and its 250 senior graduates. The Commencement Address was given by Senior Class



**The 2026 Ross Commencement Ceremony was held at Don Paul Stadium at Harmon Field on May 31.**

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## Toledo man dies after crashing into row of trees

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**JACKSON TOWNSHIP** – A 69-year-old man was found dead after he drove off Ohio 590 into a field and hit a row of trees.

Around 8:45 a.m. on May 29, the Sandusky County Sheriff's Office received a call about a truck that had hit trees on the side of a farm field.

Ohio Highway Patrol investigators found that James Stevenson, 69, of Toledo, was driving a 2017 Chevrolet Silverado north on State Route 590, near milepost 6 in Jackson Township, when he drove off the west side of the road. Stevenson drove through a farm field before striking a row of trees. He was wearing his seatbelt.

"No one actually saw the car go off the roadway. Witnesses saw that it had hit the tree line," Highway Patrol Sgt. Mike Walter said. "The two witnesses just saw it in the tree line. They were probably going by shortly thereafter."

He said there was no estimate as to how long the truck had been there or what caused the crash. Walter said the coroner's report will include an injury analysis, which should indicate if a medical emergency caused the crash.

Stevenson was transported by Sandusky County EMS to Fremont Pro-Medica Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted on scene by the Sandusky County Sheriff's Office, Helena Fire Department, Sandusky County EMS and Madison Motors.

Contact Roger LaPointe at 419-332-2674.

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