Austin graduation set

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Commencement exercises for the 100th class of seniors to graduate from Austin High School will begin at 8 p.m. on Friday, May 28, in the Lady Eagles' Gym.

The actual number of graduates for the Class of 2010 is not yet available from administrators, but estimates are around 80 will walk into the gym that evening garbed in black and white gowns to receive their diplomas.

Class officers include President Jeremiah J. Kearns; Vice President Lisann Renee Goodin; secretary Michelle Ann Goodin; and treasurer Clifton Cole Rice.

Following the processional performed by the AHS band, senior Shelby Ryann Turner will provide opening remarks. The AHS choir will then perform "If You're Out There."

Michelle Goodin will present a "History of Austin High School: Celebrating 100 Years" as her speech to seniors and the audience.

Lisann Goodin's speech is entitled "Follow Your Dreams." Erin Elizabeth Lapp will talk about "Your Masterpiece."

Students' addresses will be followed by a performance of songs from the musical "Wicked," the Broadway show seen by AHS seniors on their senior trip.

AHS Principal Sherman Smith will introduce the senior class of 2010, with Superintendent Berley Goodin awarding diplomas.

Class President Kearns will perform the traditional ring and tassel switch ceremonies and also give closing remarks.

The evening will conclude with seniors lining up on the outside of the floor seating area as recessional music is played by the band.

Once the music stops, hats are expected to fly through the air, tossed by happy graduates, who can then be hugged and congratulated by family members and friends.

The entire program will be aired on Insight Community Channel 25 by the crew of Scottcounty.tv.

2010 class sponsors are Teresa Barrett, Joyce Bush and David Deaton.

The class motto is "I will not follow where my path may lead, but I will go where there is not a path and leave a trail." Its song is "The Time of My Life" by David Cook. Class colors are back, silver and maroon, and its class flower is a white rose tipped in maroon.

Those planning to go to graduation are asked to arrive early.

Doors at the high school/middle school will be open at the east and west entrances, with parking available on both sides of the school complex as well as at the nearby elementary and upper elementary schools and Rigel Gym, all to the north.

Officers and reserves with the Austin Police Department will provide traffic control following the ceremony.

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