

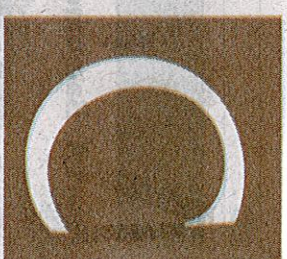
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Today's web poll

Do you think Missouri Rep. Todd Akin should step down for his "legitimate rape" comment?

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1. Report: HersheyPark lists one of its roller coasters for sale
2. Shrewsbury fire caused by electrical malfunction
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Making a bold choice



York Technical Institute graduates descend stairs from the staging area to line up outside the Strand-Capitol Performing Arts Center auditorium for Wednesday's ceremony. About 130 students graduated from YTI's York Campus and its Motorcycle Technology Center.

YTI grads celebrate decision to return

Nearly 130 students graduated from the York campus and Motorcycle Technology Center.

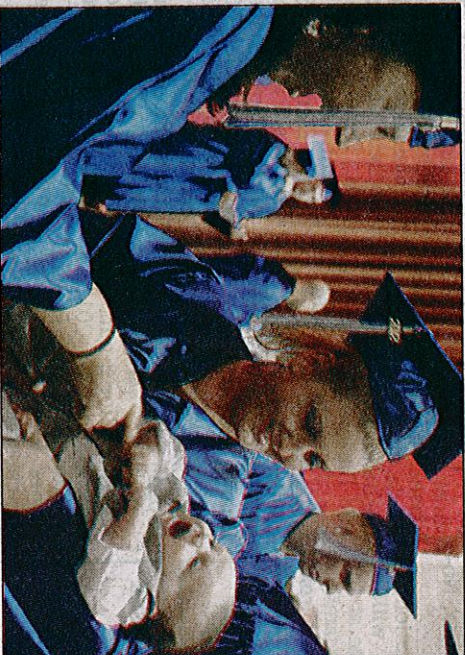
By DAVID BLYMIRE
For the Daily Record/Sunday News

Any Kripp of Richfield lost her job, and facing a difficult job market made a bold decision.

Ever since she was a child, she's loved motorcycles. She told her fiance, Jeremiah Campbell, that she was going back to school to become a motorcycle mechanic.

"He might have fallen over if he hadn't already been sitting in a chair," she told the nearly 130 fellow graduates of the York Technical Institute during Wednesday's commencement at the Strand-Capitol Performing Arts Center in York.

But Campbell and others around her supported her through 90-minute commutes to classes in York. Their patience eventually led to her being hired at Appalachian Harley-Davidson in Silver Spring Township, Cumberland County. "Historically, motorsport



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York Technical Institute graduate Rani Goldsborough, left, tickles her 2-month-old son, Zachary, as fellow medical assistant program graduate Kelly Hake holds him before Wednesday's graduation ceremony at the Strand-Capitol Performing Arts Center. Goldsborough said she would walk across the stage with her son in her arms.

has been a male-dominated industry," said Michael Marino, campus president of the school's Motorcycle Technology Center, when he introduced Kripp. "However, there are a growing number of women who don't believe in the status quo."

After the ceremonies, Campbell admitted, "I thought she was crazy. I really did," when Kripp decided to return to school. He said he worried during the first semester. But

he's "amazed" at what she accomplished and quickly added, "I knew she possessed the skills to do it."

Other graduates told similar stories of careers that ended abruptly in the economic downturn.

Carla Horn, president of the York campus, said the average age of the graduating class was about 25, and only 28 of the graduates were younger than 21. The oldest was 39.

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A full list of York Technical Institute graduates, 5A

Kenneth Caudill said he worked about 10 years for a company in Baltimore that makes aircraft parts before he lost his job. He decided to come north to York to get an associate's degree in computer aided drafting and design. Now, he works for a company in Frederick, Md.

"If you're willing to put the time and effort into it, you're going to get something out of it," he said of his decision to go back to school.

Keynote speaker Louis Castriola Jr., president and chief executive officer of Leg Up Farm in Mount Wolf, described his own experience overcoming hardship. His daughter, Brooke, was diagnosed with cognitive and motor function delays in the late 1990s, launching Castriola and his family on a journey that would culminate with the opening of Leg Up, a farm that provides services to kids with special needs.

"We all have a choice in life," he told the graduates. "We can look only at our obstacles, or we can look at our gifts."

York Technical Institute graduates

YTI Career Institute York Campus and the Motorcycle Technology Center graduated nearly 130 graduates Wednesday at the Strand-Capitol Performing Arts Center in York. Local graduates include the following:

Motorcycle Technology Center's motorsports technology graduates: Arturo Angeles, New Oxford; George R. Day, Dover; Aaron G. Mummett, Oranma; Dan E. Prebble, Gettysburg and Cordin Schwartz, Hanover.

YTI Career Institute York Campus graduates: Elle J. Bair, Hanover, medical assistant; Whitney A. Bell, York, medical assistant; Renee M. Boothe, Delta, medical assistant; Aisha N. Bowie, York, medical assistant; Robert C. Castro, New Freedom, electrical technology; Tyler M. Clopper, York Springs, heating, air conditioning and refrigeration technology; Jeremy Condon, York, heating, air conditioning and refrigeration technology; Dane M. Cramer, York, electrical technology; Kayla N. Crone, Hanover, business administration-management; William Denton, York Springs, electrical technology; Wayde R. Dubbs, Gettysburg, heating, air conditioning and refrigeration technology; Steven M. Eisesser, York, heating, air conditioning and refrigeration technology; Michael A. Ernst, Hellam, computer systems specialist; Robert A. Farmer Jr., Peach Bottom Township, computer aided drafting and design; Andrew J. Farr, York, medical assistant; Jessica M. Fisher, Gettysburg, medical assistant; Blaine M. Fissel, York, computer aided drafting and design; Melvin L. Flosser, Dover, heating, air conditioning and refrigeration technology; Jenessa P. Geesey, Dover, medical assis-

tant; Emily J. Gladden, Red Lion, business administration-management; Casey L. Glattfelder, Manchester, medical assistant; Rani J. Goldsborough, York, medical assistant; Cole Gooding, Thomasville, computer systems specialist; Christina J. Grubb, York, medical assistant; Kelly M. Hake, Dallastown, medical assistant; Michael T. Heighes, Red Lion, electronics engineering technology; Stanley C. Hill, New Oxford, electronics engineering technology; Glenn W. Jackson Jr., York, heating, air conditioning and refrigeration technology; Dennis Janiszewski, York, heating, air conditioning and refrigeration technology; Megan A. Jennings, Hellam, medical assistant; Christian Johnson, York, computer systems specialist; Lucas C. Johnston, Red Lion, heating, air conditioning and refrigeration technology; Phillip T. Keeney, York, electronics engineering technology; Chad A. King, East Berlin, business administration-management; Kathryn R. Love, Dover, medical assistant; Juan F. Morlaeagre, York, heating, air conditioning and refrigeration technology; Britany L. Morton, York, medical assistant; Stephanie L. Murren, Hanover, medical assistant; Kerrl A. Myers, Wrightsville, medical assistant; Blain N. Nelson, York, computer systems specialist; Michael J. Nicholas, Dover, computer systems specialist; Courtney Nolan, New Park, computer aided drafting and design; Brent W. Panebaker, Hanover, heating, air conditioning and refrigeration technology; Roy D. Pearson, York, business administration-management; Harry L. Porter III, Dover, computer systems specialist; Donald R. Reading, Wrightsville, computer systems specialist; James B. Redden, York, heating, air conditioning and refrigeration technology; Tyler R. Reigart, Dover, heating, air conditioning and refrigeration technology; Jordan M. Rinsholt, Dover, computer aided drafting and design; William G. Rivera, York, computer systems specialist; Tyra C. Robinson, Seven Valleys, medical assistant; Jennifer L. Roper, Hanover, medical assistant; Justin A. Seager, Dover, heating, air conditioning and refrigeration technology; Kyle Seiple, Windsor, heating, air conditioning and refrigeration technology; Soanlis Semidey, York, medical assistant; Brian M. Simmons, New Freedom, heating, air conditioning and refrigeration technology; Michael M. Simron, York, heating, air conditioning and refrigeration technology; David W. Sisk, McSherrystown, electronics engineering technology; Heather D. Sites, York, business administration-management; Bradley R. Smith Jr., Dover, business administration-management; Tia J. Smith, Spring Grove, medical assistant; Holly J. Snelbaker, Manchester, medical assistant; Zackary R. Snyder, York, computer aided drafting and design; Curtis T. Sowers, Gardeners, heating, air conditioning and refrigeration technology; Jordan M. Stern, Fairfield, electronics engineering technology; Stephanie Stillwagner, Stewartstown, medical assistant; Stephen W. Strauss, York, computer systems specialist; Traci A. Tilton, York, computer aided drafting and design; Arlene R. Vieira, York, medical assistant; Joshua L. Walton, Hanover, computer aided drafting and design; Mark E. Wolfe, York, computer systems specialist; Steven D. Yinger, Ebers, electrical technology; Jeremiah R. Yone, York, electronics engineering technology; and Lindsay A. Yone, Dover, medical assistant.