

Seniors receive local funds

Many Cheylin seniors not only received their diplomas but pleasant surprises as the local scholarship recipients were announced. The graduates had no knowledge of receiving these monies prior to the graduation ceremony. School counselor Anita Burton has the honor of announcing the following awards:

- Zaiba Ahmed; Lynnette Dapron Memorial Scholarship \$500, Norman and Marguerite Magley Memorial Scholarship \$1,100, Mabel and Edgar Robertson Memorial Scholarship \$2,500,

- Samantha Beeson; Dee Elijah Memorial Scholarship,

- Terry Jensen; Kansas Curriculum Completer, Gage Roesener Memorial Scholarship \$250, Lynnette Dapron Memorial Scholarship \$500, Garnette and Ethlyne Greene Scholarship \$1,500, Edgar and Mabel Robertson Memorial Scholarship \$4000,

- Joshua Johnson; McDonald Lions Club Scholarship \$100, James Hickert Memorial Scholarship \$200, Garnette and Ethlyne Greene Scholarship \$1,500, Mabel and Edgar Robertson Memorial Scholarship \$4,500,

- Aubrey Kehlbeck; McDonald Lions Club Scholarship \$100, Kevin Wright Memorial Scholarship \$250, Robert Sweazy/CNEA Memorial Scholarship \$300, Penny and Kody Krien Scholarship \$500, Garnette and Ethlyne Greene Scholarship \$3,000, Mabel and Edgar Robertson Memorial Scholarship \$4,500,

- Jessica Marshall; McDonald Lions Club Scholarship \$100, Gage Roesener Memorial Scholarship \$250, Mabel and Edgar Robertson Memorial Scholarship \$3,500,

- Tony Pham; Lynnette Dapron Memorial Scholarship \$500, Mabel and Edgar Robertson Memorial Scholarship \$3,000,

- Lucius White; Bird City Auxiliary Scholarship \$300, Gaylord Wright Memorial Scholarship \$350, Gage Roesener Memorial Scholarship \$250, Mabel and Edgar Robertson Memorial Scholarship \$3,500.



GRADUATES PAULA TURNER and Natasha Gordon head back up the aisle with smiles that they are done. The girls graduated along with 13 classmates on Saturday.

Times Staff photo by Melinda Basnett

Schedule for services set

Memorial Day services are being attended by fewer people every year when in fact it should be drawing larger crowds because our nation is at war.

Remember their sacrifices! They defended our nation, they liberated the oppressed, they served with honor the cause of peace, and all Americans who have known the loss and sadness of war, whether recently or long ago can know this: they are missed, honored, and remembered by their country on Memorial Day.

Monday, at 10 a.m., a memorial service will be conducted to memorialize the men and women who have served their country. The local Bird City American Legion Post will remember these veterans in a special way by flying their flags as a way of saying thanks for a job well

done. Flags flying for the first time will be for Martin Busse, Marvin Dowdy and Otto Lillich.

Due to lack of help to raise, lower and fold the 130 flags now in the care of the Legion, an additional 29 will fly as the rest are rotated. Flying in addition to those mentioned this year are for: Ralph Weaver, Murlin Carpenter, George Theye, Arthur Ham, Richard Hopp, James Ridgeway, Gene Anstey, Carl Peters, Roy Churchwell, Robert Boersma, Machael Young, Arthur Foe, Sydney Hooper, Monroe Erickson, Harold Overturt, Claude Lanham, Edwin Powell, Joseph Tapp, Danald Vallin, "Ole" Leonard Patterson, George Guinn, Edwin Byers, Alvin Wamhoff, Olif Kristian Jensen, Claude McDaniel, Harold Shull, Clarence Gibbons, Merle Howk and Warren Shrader.

Historical Society grant received for courthouse steps

By Karen Krien

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Terry Miller, county clerk, reported Monday that the Kansas State Historical Society has awarded Cheyenne County a Heritage Trust Fund Grant of \$78,384 to replace the steps on the courthouse. The steps will be replaced with limestone, the same material which was originally used when the courthouse was built in 1924.

The estimated cost of the project is \$97,000. The county will pay the remaining \$18,616. The cost for the county will be less than it would have been to run concrete steps.

Greg Kite, former St. Francis resident and the person who was responsible for trying to restore the steps back to their original state, said there were 68 grants submitted and only 19 were funded.

At the Jan. 31 commissioners' meeting, Mr. Kite presented the possible plans which would allow the courthouse steps to be replaced with limestone. He had told the commissioners that, by writing for a grant, it would be a "win-win deal" as the county would pay only what it would

cost to replace the steps with cement. But, the end product would be limestone and would be restoring the historical landmark back to the original materials.

"It (the courthouse) is a beautiful show piece," he said. "The building appears much the same as when constructed in 1924. It has excellent integrity and over all appearance. The commissioners have done a fabulous job (of keeping it up) for years and years and years."

Mr. Kite had applied for the grant and did it for no cost.

"I was thrilled that the grant had been awarded to the county," Mr. Kite said.

The grant application was a major project completed in a limited number of days, he said. People from both Bird City and St. Francis submitted letters of support for the steps.

"I can honestly say that these letters helped push the points for the grant over the top," he said.

"It was truly a county effort." The courthouse steps project will be on the agenda at future commissioner meetings and plans will begin for the construction work.

Library gets new microfilm reader

The Bird City Library has purchased a new Minolta microfilm reader for in house use at the library. Funding for the new reader was provided by a grant from Century II. In the same grant funding was provided for 37 reels of *The Bird City Times* and *The Cheyenne County Rustler*. The newspapers were purchased from the Kansas State Historical Association. The library has three reels of *The Bird City News* dating from the 1885s. The microfilms will be available for in house only. The library board will be determining use policy in the near future. The microfilm reader is connected to the main computer and printing will be done through the connection.

A recent purchase of 18 DVD's dealing with World War II was made with memorial funds from the late Otto Lillich. Otto's family felt this was a fitting way to use memorials since he spent part of World

War II in Italy. Titles are: *Mr. Roberts*, *The Hunters*, *Sgt. Bilko*, *12 O'clock High*, *Wackiest Ship in the Army*, *Paths of Glory*, *Halls of Montezuma*, *The Big Red One*, *Stripes*, *Battle of the Bulge*, *Is Paris Burning*, *Father Goose*, *Stalig 17*, *Kelley's Heroes*, *Desert Fox*, *Sink the Bismarck*, and *Von Ryan's Express*. The library already had a good movie collection of World War II movies and this addition makes for good film watching. Movies may be checked out for one week.

The library has a lot of VHS and DVDs. In addition to entertainment movies the library has a documentaries and biographies that are tagged with a blue dot. The popular children's films are tagged with a yellow dot.

Stop by the library and look at the new microfilm reader. The reader will be available for genealogy research. Reels for this may be obtained through interlibrary loan.



CHEYLINE EIGHTH GRADE graduates were left to right; Chris Walden, Samantha Robertson, Steven Pham, Westleigh Miessner, Lacey Law, Caleb Keltz, Mitchel Jensen, Daniel Frisbie, Lezah Diers, Whitney Churchwell, Teryn Carmichael, Craig Busse, David Burns, and Heath Antholz.

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Red Dirt on the High Plains planned in Burlington June 2

Blue River Promotions, in conjunction with the Burlington Chamber of Commerce, presents "Red Dirt on the High Plains" on Saturday, June 2. The neighbors helping neighbors community-wide effort begins at 5 p.m. mountain daylight time at Old Town, 420 South 14 Street, in Burlington. The pro-

ceeds will go to help the tornado victims in Holly, Colo., and Bird City.

"We are pleased with the response to assist Holly and Bird City," said Melissa Clapper, Burlington Chamber of Commerce president. "This benefit is truly a community wide effort to create a matching fund for

each entity."

For Holly, the repair of its water infrastructure is enormous and, with the support of the event, Ms. Clapper said "it is attainable." In Cheyenne County the fund will be utilized for county emergency services.

Headlining the concert is the "Architect of Red Dirt Music",

Mike McClure, Oklahoma musician, writer, performer and producer. Joining McClure is one of "Red Dirt Music's" young guns, Bo Phillips, who hails from Stillwater, Oklahoma. Kansas "Red Dirt" talent Blaine Younger will showcase his original compositions and The Heartland Band comes to the fundraiser from

Hays, Kansas. Tickets are available at the gate.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a lawn chair, appetite and generous spirit to the fundraiser. The evening includes a beer garden, rocky mountain oyster fry, festival food and beverages. The Burlington Chamber of Commerce is currently accepting monetary donations at its

"Neighbors Fund" at P.O. Box 62 Burlington, CO 80807, for the two communities.

For more information: please contact: Blue River promotions at reddirtonthehighplains@hotmail.com, or www.myspace.com/reddirtonthehighplains, or the Burlington Chamber of Commerce at 719-346-8070.