

## Cheylin students graduate Saturday

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Another year has passed and those little kindergartners 13 years ago are now ready to graduate from high school. Cheylin's graduating seniors will receive their diplomas at 11 a.m. on Saturday. The ceremony will be held in the high

school gym in Bird City.

Cheylin seniors include Clint Burns, Forrest Burr, Noah Jones, Dalton Magnani, Austin Manners, Wil Orten, Roberto Ponce, Cory Rucker, Kayla Stately, Jessica Turner, Jeremiah White and Ethan Young.

The class motto is "Life isn't about finding

yourself. Life is about creating yourself."

Giving the invocation on Saturday will be Noah Jones; Clint Burns and Jessica Turner will give the welcome. Bruce Bolen, principal/superintendent, will introduce Jessica Turner as the salutatorian, and Wilhelm Orten as the valedictorian. Ethan Young will give the farewell.

Scholarships will be awarded and a slide show will be presented.

Presenting the diplomas will be board members, Dale Hazuka, Nick Ketzner, Rod Young and Don Orten.



## National Day of Prayer held in Bird City

By Norma Martinez

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Last Thursday's 61st National Day of Prayer was well attended at the Wesleyan Community Church. Cheylin's second grade class began the program by leading the Pledge of Allegiance, and Rose Hengen directed the class in signing the National Anthem as they proudly waved their flags.

Pastor Dan Carson gave a brief history of "What is the National Day of Prayer?" In 1954 President Dwight D. Roosevelt was inspired by Reverend Docherty's Gettysburg Address titled, "A Birth of Freedom," and challenged the citizens of America to remember the God of our fathers by authorizing the addition of, "Under God," in the Pledge of Allegiance. For more than two century's America had declared to be "One Nation Under God." Godly people who know the value of prayer and earnestly pray are the backbone of our nation. With this is mind Pastor Dan Carson made this statement, "Do we truly believe God can intervene for our nation today?" adding, "If we don't believe this, we had better not pray."

**Government leaders**

Sherry Charmichael prayed for our local, state, and federal leaders to let God give them wisdom and discerning and open hearts, also to let God give them the right direction as leaders, and that the citizens would lift them up, so biblical principals will prevail in the public square and halls of our government.

**Media**

Pastor Mark Adams prayed for God to honor the actors and artist's who represent and take a stand for Christian morals and family values by producing godly films and initiatives. He also prayed for the younger generation to be shielded from the immortality pervasive in our present culture. He said, "As believers of Christ, we should be able to sensor the type of media

we get involved in."

**Military**

Edward Carson prayed for the brave men and women in the armed forces to be protected and strengthened for a safe return home from the war zones, as well as their families.

**Education**

Nick Ketzner prayed for God's presence in the schools, colleges, and universities, for the selection of teachers and administrators who honor Gods statutes, and that students will be protected and discover their God given callings.

**Youth**

Phyllis Carson prayed that God would protect our youth from violence and worldly temptations.

**Business**

Marcia Hickert prayed that God would intervene in our economy, provide work and raise up business leaders who honor Christ and exemplify God's principles.

**Churches**

Ken Beougher prayed for God to inspire and empower his children to reach the lost for His Glory and encourage each other in Christ.

**Persecuted and Imprisoned**

Pastor Tom Bailey made the statement, "Word wide, in the last 12 years millions of Christians have been murdered for their stand for Christ, and we need to continue to pray for the persecuted warriors for Christ, as well as all our prisoners conversion to stand for Him.

**Family**

Eleanor Swihart asked God to pray for families in our community and across the nation, that he might strengthen and heal their marriages and parental relationships allowing their potential to impact America's culture mightily as husbands, wives, parents, and children embodying the love, grace, and truth in Christ.

It was reported in the news that this year's Day of Prayer had the largest number of participants of previous years past.



LEADING the Pledge of Allegiance during the day of prayer are Michelle Caro, Mitchell Howard and Audrey Moore



SINGING during the National Day of Prayer were Velda Wright, Sherry Carmichael, Tina Clemans, Vernetta Haack, and Bonnie Burr.

Times staff photos by Norma Martinez

## Visitors ride thru McDonald

By Jerry Binning

Four horses and a covered wagon arrived at the McDonald 36 Park Friday evening. Frank Burkdoll and Frank Nettleton both of Lyndon, and Larry Forsythe of St. Francis, were taking turns at the reins of the chestnuts (haflinger horses) Maggie, Doc, Queenie and Lana. Dogs, Happy and Smokey, were keeping them company.

Frank Nettleton had driven a team of mules across Kansas in 1998. They are all trying to complete the "X" across Kansas by traveling from the three corners, Colorado, and Nebraska to the three corners, Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri.

In the homemade covered wagon they are trying to make 20 miles a day. They hope to reach Atwood by Saturday evening.

On Monday morning they were seen in transit 5 miles out of Atwood at 11:00 A.M. and resting 7 miles from Oberlin at 4:00 P.M. so they are on schedule with their 20 miles a day.



DRIVING their team to complete an "X" across the state were Frank Nettleton and Frank Burkdoll.

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## Entertainment needed for fair Thursday night

When the Cheyenne County Fair Board met on Thursday, one of the board's main concerns was the lack of grandstand entertainment on Thursday night of the fair.

The board was open to having any club or group of individuals organize some sort of entertainment. Jennie Cravens, board member, suggested the Sweet Adeline's singing group might be interested in coming but on Tuesday, they said they were unable to come.

At prior meetings, the board had discussed having motorcycle races but they had not been able to get a set of Kansas rules. It was also noted that most rules state that the participants needed two hours for practice. If the event was set for 7

p.m., it wouldn't give time for the practice. Also, many of the participants would be coming from Colorado and the time change could pose even more problems.

The board agreed that they needed to find another entertainment.

Because of the unavailability of sheep, there could be no Mutton Bustin' which has been a fun entertainment in the past. They talked about barrel racing, lawnmower races, cattle sorting and the Ranch Rodeo activities but no decision was made.

Anyone wanting to help organize a Thursday night event should contact board president, Dick Bursch, 785-332-2737 or 785-821-0492, or any fair board member.