

Cheylin students graduate

Twelve seniors graduated from Cheylin High School on Saturday. The commencement service was held in the Cheylin gym.

The seniors entered the gym as the band played the processional. Senior Noah Jones gave the invocation. Jessica Turner and Clinton Burns gave the welcome.

Jessica was also the salutatorian. Valedictorian was Wil Orten.

Among the local awards and scholarships, the Kansas State High School Activities Association Citizenship Award was

awarded to Jessica Turner and Ethan Young. Ethan also received the School Spirit Award.

The class selected the motto: "Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself."

Dale Hazuka, Nick Ketzner, Rod Young and Don Orten presented diplomas to Clint Burns, Forrest Burr, Noah Jones, Dalton Magnani, Austin Manners, Wilhelm Orten, Roberto Ponce, Cory Rucker, Kayle Statley, Jessica Turner, Jeremiah White and Ethan Young.



ETHAN YOUNG peeks around the corner waiting for the graduation ceremony to begin.

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GRADUATION — FORREST BURR (above) gets a hug in the reception line. Right: Getting their diplomas were Ethan Young, Clint Burns, Forrest Burr, Noah Jones, Dalton Magnani, Austin Manners.

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Group celebrates with Mexican dinner

On May 5, residents from Bird City and surrounding areas sat down to an authentic Mexican dinner. The event was to commemorate Cinco de Mayo and was held in the Cheylin cafeteria.

This was the third year a Cinco de Mayo dinner had been organized by Letie Estrada and Linda Schneider, both of Bird City.

While the crowd had not been as large as past dinners, just over 100 persons were served, it was still a fun time for kids and adults to get out and get together over great food.

The food preparation was orchestrated by Mrs. Estrada and included Mayra Beltrá, Lily Gutierrez, Maria Garcia, Celia Bermudez, Vianey Gonzalez, Arselia Flores, and Sonia Chaparro. The women began cooking on Friday and finished just before the doors opened on Saturday.

The meal consisted of spicy pork with cilantro and onions on a soft shelled corn tortilla called taquitos. With rice and refried beans, guacamole tostada, and for dessert-sweet tamale made with raisins, coconut, pecans and a touch of sugar. And a special fruit drink made out of cantaloupe.

Some of the first guests to walk in were Larry and Marlene Kramer, Bird City; and

Philip and Maxine Crawford, St. Francis.

"Phil is more of the Mexican food eater than I am," said Mrs. Crawford, "But, this is very good food."

Also attending the dinner were Rob and Susan Jensen, Brad Schneider, all of Bird City.

"I have been to every Cinco de Mayo dinner and these women always do a great job of cooking," said Mr. Schneider.

There were many first-time attendees such as Tom and Debby Bailey, Bird City. When asked if she would attend next year's dinner, Mrs. Bailey said that she would if they were in town.

Helping with the set-up and clean-up were a crew from the Bird City Dairy, owned by Mike McCarty. The helpers were Jose Chaparro and Ivan Muñoz. Also helping were Cheylin students Ruben Razo, Alex Chaparro, Ivan Kemp, Joseph Augusta, Erwin Lara, Stephanie Alvarado, Janet Granados, Kevin Estrada, Jayden Boyson, Haleigh Rucker, Zayra Lara, Miguel Gonzalez, and many others.

The event was sponsored by the Cheylin Recreation Commission and made possible by a grant from the Century II Development Foundation and a donation from Midwest Energy.



IT ALL STARTS HERE — Maria Garcia (r) and Celia Bermudez cook the taquito meat for the Cinco de Mayo celebration.