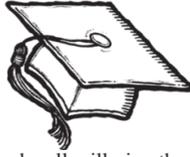


## Eleven seniors graduate on Saturday



Eleven Cheylin seniors will graduate at 11 a.m. on Saturday in the high school gym, Bird City. The seniors chose navy blue and yellow for their colors and the motto was "You only live once, so live life to the fullest."

Graduating seniors are: Stephanie Busse, Heath Churchwell, Austin Cobb, Joshua Keltz, Adam Orten, Ruben Razo, Kenan Reeh, Cassie Rucker, Nakita Schneider, Grant Shrader and Jessica Smith.

Heath Churchwell will give the invocation and Ruben Razo and Nakita Schneider, the welcome. Adam Orten is the salutatorian and Stephanie Busse and Kenan Reeh, valedictorians.

Anita Burton will give the local awards and scholarship. The senior award and Century II awards will also be given.

Presenting the diplomas will be Jan Busse, Eric Churchwell and Don Orten.

## Wheat continues on roller coaster

By Jeanne Falk,  
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It seems that Mother Nature continues to put our wheat through its paces. Temperatures this last week gave the wheat yet another dip on the roller coaster. Across the area, the temperatures dipped below freezing on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and again on Saturday. This is especially concerning because the wheat had experienced a weekend of good growth with the warm temperatures and was looking somewhat recovered from the leaf damaged from the cold weather on April 9 and 10.

So the big question is 'Do we have any injury from these cold temperatures?' The short answer is 'It depends' and 'We don't know yet'. I know as a producer that is pretty hard to hear. It seems that the answers always are 'It depends'. We also really do not know yet if we have damage to the wheat heads because it normally takes at least a week and a half to see the full damage, if there is any. We are going to look at the regrowth and at the developing head for damage.

There are several things working in the wheat's favor. First, the approximate temperature to cause injury to the wheat is around 26 degrees for two hours. When looking at the weather data for Cheyenne, Sherman, and Wallace Counties, the early morning hours of May 3 had temperatures drop below 26 degrees for two or three hours intervals. All other times, the temperature dipped below freezing, but did not get below 26 degrees.

Second, the soil temperature is

fairly warm. If the wheat has some decent top growth, it will help keep the warmth close to the soil surface and help 'insulate' it from the cold temperatures. Third, the wheat is behind in its development. Even though the growing point for nearly all the wheat is above the soil surface, it is still fairly low in the stem. Therefore, it is more protected now than if we had normal wheat development.

When you are checking your fields for freeze damage, you should look at the new growth of all stems. This includes the main stem and the tillers. If the tillers are healthy, green, and actively growing, the heads should be fine. If the leaves coming out of the whorl are chlorotic (yellowish to brown), then the head is dead. You can also split open the stem and look at the growing point. This is right below the developing head. It should be a whitish green color. If the spot is brown, then there is damage to the growing point. Remember, the full extent of freeze damage can take a week and a half to two weeks to show up.

If you have any questions about the wheat, please give me a call at the Extension Offices in St. Francis, Goodland, or Sharon Springs. Also, there is a wheat freeze publication available at those Extension offices or on the website at [www.sunflower.ksu.edu](http://www.sunflower.ksu.edu) and click on the agronomy tab. This publication has good color pictures of freeze damage. Additional information can be found on the K-State Sunflower District Agronomy facebook page. Make sure to add us as a friend!



MOVING ON to the next sand green were Ruben Razo, Ty Carmichael and Derek Vandike in the process of preparing for the home golf meet on Friday.

## School year drawing to a close

It's hard to believe the final days of school are already here, but they are packed with events. On Sunday Dennis Hengen, Ty Carmichael, Casey and Derek Vandike, and Ruben Razo were sprucing up the Bird City Golf Course. Rose Hengen was on the mower driving back and forth cutting the fairways along with a mystery worker.

Friday is Cheylin's home golf meet. Time is to be announced.

Both golf and track have had a tough season as many events have been canceled due to the weather. Monday, May 13, is the regional golf tournament, place and time to be announced. Friday the Liberty League Track meet will be at Logan at 9:30 a.m., and Western Kansas Liberty League Track meet at 3 p.m. May 17 is the regional track meet at Hays.

Monday was the Kindergarten Round-Up, junior high awards and eighth grade recognitions.

Wednesday at 3 p.m. is the retirement reception for Anita Burton in the cafeteria. High school awards banquet follows at

6:30 p.m.

Thursday is open house from 4:30 -6:30 p.m., also ice-cream social in the gym at 6 p.m. The Pre-kindergarten through grade 12 Spring Concert follows at 7 p.m. Due to the expected rain; the concert has been moved from the park to the high school gym.

Saturday is the high school graduation at 11 a.m., in the high school gym.

Monday, May 13, at 7 p.m. is the school board meeting.

Thursday, May 16, during the lunch hour, a farewell party for Bruce Bolen will be held.

Wednesday is the kindergarten through third grade field trip to Hays

Thursday is the last day of school and elementary awards/field day. Parents are invited to have lunch with the children. Play day starts at 12:30 p.m.

Have a fun filled and good summer and come back ready to welcome Shelly Angelos the new superintendent and Brian Miller, Kelly Leach, and Jane Brubaker, the new board members.



ROSE HENGEN is riding in the wind mowing the grass at the Bird City Golf Course getting it ready for Cheylin's home golf meet this Friday.

Times photos by Norma Martinez



TERRY MILLER, COUNTY CLERK, was at the Monday Bird City City Council meeting to swear in the new council members and mayor. Hal Sager, who was recently elected

mayor, signs the necessary papers. Ailysa Blair, the new city clerk, is taking notes. Times staff photo by Norma Martinez

## Fair board talks about cover over small show arena

By Karen Krien  
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Erecting a cover over the show arena on the west side of Jenkins Hall was talked about when the Cheyenne County Fair Board met on Thursday evening.

At the last meeting, Marty Fear, county agent, had the cost of a cloth covering which was around \$900 but there would also be the frame work. The board asked that he find the cost for the entire structure.

At the Thursday meeting, he had brought a pamphlet from Majestic Service. The cost for a permanent structure would be \$37,000. He thought that it would be better to put that money towards a cover that would last for years rather than one that might last for one year or maybe a couple.

The board appeared to be interested in putting a permanent cover over the arena, noting that it would be a "huge benefit."

At different times during the meeting, the arena cover was discussed again. When they discussed having better beef tie

outs, it was suggested that there be an overhang on the roof and beef tied out on the west side of the arena.

Shawna Blanka, representing the 4-H Council, said the council would like to see not only the beef show moved out there but also the goats and lambs.

Again, could the fair board get a loan so the cover would be there this year? Dick Bursch, president, said the commissioners frowned on loans and, grants took time and a lot of paperwork. He said the grandstand was built with a grant, which had to be paid back, from Prairie Land Electric. Drew Flemming, board member, said he would talk to Century II in Bird City to see if there would be any money available for the project.

Mr. Flemming said he thought that, if they were going to put up a permanent structure, it would be best to go with metal tubing and Propanel.

The board asked Agent Fear to draw up a proposal and let the board look at it.