

# Three Cheylin graduates earn doctorates this spring

Three Cheylin graduates, Abe Fisher, Dustin Petz and Amy Banister, went on to earn their doctorates this year. It is unusual for a school which graduates an average of around 20 students a year, should have three of their alumnus receive doctorates in the same year.

Following are brief announcements of their accomplishments. Ms. Banister was listed in the Bird City Times several weeks ago but she has also been featured again in this article for those who might have missed it.

### Abe Fisher

Dr. Abraham B. Fisher graduated from Marquette University on May 19. He was awarded a Doctorate of Philosophy in Religious Studies with a focus in Systematic Theology, for his dissertation entitled "The Church as Symbolic Mediation: Revelation Ecclesiology in the Theology of Avery Dulles, S.J."



Fisher

Abe received his master's in Systematic Theology from St. John's University - School of Theology in Collegeville, Minn.

He is currently an adjunct instructor of theology at Marquette University, and lives with his wife, Janet, and three sons, Caleb, Connor, and Creighton in Brookfield, Wis.

Abe is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Fisher of McDonald.

### Dustin Petz

Former Bird City resident and 1994 graduate of Cheylin High

School, Rev. Dustin Petz was awarded a Doctor of Ministry degree in Church Leadership Excellence from Wesley Theological Seminary of Washington, D.C., on May 13. His final thesis was titled, "All We Need Is Within Us Now: Leading Positive Transformation In The Church Through Our Strengths."



Petz

Dr. Petz currently serves as a pastor of the Goodland United Methodist Church, with his clergy spouse, Rev. Dr. Shelly (Cox) Petz. Prior to this local placement he served as a pastor in Olathe and in rural Miami and Lynn counties of Kansas, as well as in the Philadelphia, Penn., area.

He received a bachelor's degree from Kansas State University in Agribusiness. He went to seminary at Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, Mo., and then later earned a Master of Theology degree from Princeton Theological Seminary.

Dr. Petz's passions include his wife and two young children, photography, and being a private pilot.

He is the son of Sherrie Antholz, Topeka. His grandmother is Nadine Flemming.

### Jamie Banister

On May 18, the degree of doctorate was formally conferred upon Jamie Aislinn Banister, Bachelor of Arts., Master of Arts, from The Catholic University of America; Washington, District of Columbia. Dr. Banister received her Doctor

of Philosophy degree from the School of Theology and Religious Studies. Her dissertation is entitled Theopanic Texts in Micha, Habakkuk, and Zechariah.



Banister

She received her Bachelor of Arts from Bethany College, Lindsborg, and completed her Master's at Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, Mo.

The Catholic University of America was founded on Dec. 2, 1884, by the bishops of the United States and named the University a month later. Pope Leo XIII gave formal approbation to the project on April 10, 1887. Immediately thereafter, civil incorporation in the District of Columbia was obtained. Papal approval of the first constitution was given on March 7, 1889, and the University opened on the following Nov. 13.

The Catholic University of America became the principal channel through which the modern university movement entered the American Catholic community. In 1900, Catholic University was among the fourteen institutions offering instruction for the doctorate that formed the Association of American Universities.

Undergraduate programs were added to the offerings of the University in 1904.

Dr. Banister's parents are George and Kathy Banister of McDonald.



DIANA GARCIA, Kelsey Miller and Danae Magnani are tending the candy at the 'Goofer, a Good Books Readers Awards Table' during the Dan, Dan the Magician dinner.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez



## Cajun boil held at Legion hall

The Cheylin junior high and high school cheerleaders served their seventh annual Cajun boil dinner on June 14 in the American Legion hall, Bird City. They, with the help of many others, served approximately 275 people.

The dumped meal consisted of crawfish, shrimp, smoked sausage, potatoes, onions, carrots, corn on the cob, hushpuppies and bread. The girls later served a homemade raspberry chocolate ice cream dessert. The girls are

coached by Tammi Carmichael and Amy Hendricks.

The fundraiser was held in order to raise money for new uniforms and for purchases throughout the school year.

Cheerleaders are Mary Anne Orten, Kelsey Miller, Diana Garcia, Haleigh Rucker, Gracie Glass, Jesie Frisbie, Kaylynn Hendricks, Kimberly Velasquez, and Guenie Burr. Not able to attend was Destany Clemens.

### Cheer clinic

The cheerleaders also have been attending their own cheer clinic held at Bird City. The first clinic was held Tuesday, June 25, with Ailysa Blair as the clinician. The second clinic was held on Thursday, June 27, with Melissa Ritter as the clinician.

The girls have been going over fundamentals, learning new cheers and chants and working on jumps and kicks. They will continue to have practices throughout the summer.

## Summer Fun — Baseball Team



2013 C-TEAM—Back Row, (1 to r) Head Coach Kale Schields, Assistant Coach Kasey Sabatka, Andrew Schields, Gus Hesse, Miguel Gonzalez, Champ King, Jacob Serrano, Ryan Volk, Colton McCarty, Assistant Coach Mike McCarty; Front row: Grace Sabatka, Alex Dart, Tyler Sabatka, Luis Reynoso, Keigan Taylor, Dylan Ketzner, Mitchell Howard, Kaylynn Hendricks

Coach Pitch teams were unavailable for pictures

## Swim Team



2013 SWIM TEAM—Left to right: Andrew Schields, John Serrano, Soledad Bermudez, Isabelle Gabaldon, Coach Mary Anne Orten, Briana Vandike, Jacob Serrano.

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