

Fourteen seniors graduate



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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 Heath Antholz, David Burns, Craig Busse, Jared Cahoj, Teryn Carmichael, Whitney Churchwell, Daniel Frisbie, Adrian Garcia, Mitchel Jensen, Caleb Keltz, Steven Pham, Samantha Robertson and Christopher Walden.

The class motto is "And in the

end, it's not the years in your life that counts, it's the life in your years." — Abraham Lincoln.

Giving the invocation on Saturday will be Heath Antholz; Steven Pham will give the welcome. Bruce Bolen, principal/superintendent, will introduce Craig Busse as the salutatorian, and Christopher Walden as the valedictorian. Whitney Churchwell will give the farewell.

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

Presenting the diplomas will be board members, Eric Churchwell, Wade Carmichael, Janice Busse and David Frisbie.

Seniors receive governor's honors

Two Cheyenne County seniors, one from Cheylin High School and one from St. Francis Community High School have been named Governor's Scholars.

Receiving the honors were Mikaela Grace of St. Francis and Christopher Walden of Cheylin. The honor is given to the high school senior with the highest grade point average and who is also involved in school activities.



Walden



Grace

focused on only one thing, but rather have a large spectrum of pleasures and activities to participate in. Without being in any of these, I wouldn't be who I am today. They have shaped my image and made me someone that can handle difficult situations or overcome adversity."

Chris found being selected to be a part of the National Honor Society to be a highlight in his high school career.

"I got this honor when I was a sophomore," he said. "to me, this is the most elite group or organization that any school has. It isn't something that is based only off of grades but, extracurricular activities as well."

Mikaela said she had a wonderful high school experience and picking just one high point was difficult so she picked two. They are achieving All-League First Team Volleyball honor and becoming a National Merit Scholar.

"However," she said, "it's the people at St. Francis Community High School that I cherish most. Certain teachers have had a profound impact on my beliefs and scholastic development, and the friends I've made are truly invaluable to me."

Mikaela's future plans include attending Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif., where she will study chemical engineering. Post-graduation plans include working with Engineers Without Borders or a similar non-profit and eventually own her own business.

Chris plans to head for Fort Hays State University where he will be studying to become an elementary teacher. After graduation, he hopes to move back to Cheyenne County and teach in an area school. While teaching, he wants to continue working on the family farm with his father and grandfather.

Volunteers deliver over 350 meals on wheels

Bird City volunteers have proven they care.

They have delivered over 350 meals since the start of the meals on wheels program. This program is administered by the local ministerial alliance.

Every Tuesday through Saturday the volunteers cheerfully deliver the healthy meals at a reason-

able cost. Meals are prepared by the Bird City Diner.

People who would like to participate in this program should contact the diner at 785-734-2780 for a menu and to begin receiving the meals. Anyone wanting to become a volunteer should contact any Bird City minister.



SECOND GRADERS SING the National Anthem and recite the Pledge of Allegiance during the National Day of Prayer held at the Legion Hall. Pictured left to right are Makenzie Barnett, Gabriela Gutierrez, Mikaela Barnet, Soledad Bermudez, Briana Vandike.

National Day of Prayer held May 5

The 60th National Day of Prayer was held on May 5 at the Bird City American Legion Hall. Attendance was down from last year, but well represented by the different local faiths.

Dan Carson from Wesleyan Community Church gave the welcome, and told the history of the National Day of Prayer.

The National Day of Prayer originated in 1775 when the Continental Congress called for each of the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a new nation.

In 1861 with the internal turmoil that the United States was experiencing, Abraham Lincoln, called for "a day of humiliation, fasting, and prayer"

In 1952, a joint resolution of Congress was drawn up, and signed by President Harry Tru-

man, calling for a National Day of Prayer and thanksgiving to God.

In 1988 the law was amended and signed by President Ronald Reagan to be the first Thursday in May, for the National Day of Prayer.

The theme this year is "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" and the text that was chosen by the national committee was Psalm 91:2 "I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and fortress, my God in whom I trust."

Mr. Carson encouraged each to pray in faith, trusting in Almighty God to forgive our sins, to heal our land, to be our refuge and our fortress. On this day, he said, we were declaring our dependence on Almighty God as our Lord and Savior, and as truly

the only one that can restore our land. Not only were we gathered here this day, so were millions of others across our land in unity and in trust of Almighty God.

Kathy Weber and her second grade class led the Pledge of Allegiance, and sang the national anthem.

Kent Voorhies from Wesleyan Community Church spoke on "What is the National Day of Prayer?"

The following were representatives from the local Bird City churches: Pastor Dan Carson prayed for the Nation, Eleanor Swihart from the McDonald Federated Church prayed for government leaders, Sharon Hendricks from the Methodist Church prayed for the media, Wanda Dowdy from McDonald

Federated Church and also as a representative of the American Legion Auxiliary, prayed for the military, Dennis Wright from the Catholic Church prayed for education and youth, Sherry Carmichael from the Lutheran Church prayed for business, Mark Adams, the pastor from McDonald Federated Church, prayed for the churches, Velda Wright from the Methodist Church prayed for the persecuted and imprisoned, and Pastor David Rossbach from the Lutheran Church prayed for the family.

Everyone closed by singing "Battle Hymn of the Republic" to the accompaniment of Margaret Voorhies on the piano, and Dawn Petty on the banjo. The service was concluded by serving coffee and rolls.

Agency announces June 1 deadline

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is asking producers if they have visited their local office?

The June 1 deadline for enrollment into the 2011 Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program or the traditional Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) is rapidly approaching. This dead-

line is mandatory for all participants and the U.S. Department of Agriculture will not accept any late-file applications.

To date, approximately 75 percent of Cheyenne County producers have enrolled in 2011 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program/Average Crop Revenue Election

Programs. At the current rate of enrollment, a significant number of farms eligible for 2011 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program/Average Crop Revenue Election will not be enrolled by the June 1 deadline. All required signatures must also be received by June 1.

Producers are encouraged to

contact the local Farm Service Agency office at 785-332-2183 and make an appointment. Additional information about Direct and Counter-cyclical Program/Average Crop Revenue Election is available at local county offices or on line at: www.FSA.usda.gov.



RETIREMENT RECEPTION— Above Yordi Gutierrez, Destiny Clemans and Jacob Serrano, gives Kathy Weber (middle) a hug. Right: (l to r) Yordi Gutierrez, Ken Hankins, Josie Frisbie and Kale Schields share a laugh.

