



JAYDEN BOYSON sings "Thank You" as his classmates listen during the elementary concert held in Cheylin on Tuesday, May 10.

Ceremonies combined for Cheylin students

On Saturday the Cheylin graduation class of 2011, and the continuation for the eighth graders class of 2015 was combined with the commencement ceremony in order to make it easier on parents, family, and friends, who have other ceremonies to attend.

The procession began in the high school gym with the nine eighth grade students: Michael Barnett, Jacob Brubaker, Anamarie Crespin, Jaime Davison, Anna-Lura Frisbie, Cheyenne Hewitt, Mary Anne Orten, Shawn Pochop and Kalin Ritchey.

Susan Jensen and Carol Partch are the eighth grade sponsors, and the class motto for the new freshman class was "Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes."

After a short introduction by superintendent Bruce Bolen, each student was escorted up and down the steps by Elizabeth Keltz and Ivan Kemp from the seventh grade class. Diplomas were presented by David Frisbie and Don Orten.

Directly following, the band played the processional for the 2011 graduates, and the gym full of guests were asked to stand as they walked down the aisle and were introduced. When all 13 graduates were standing, everyone's eyes were turned to the flag as the band played the national anthem.

Heath Antholz conducted the invocation and prayer, Steven Pham then extended a welcome to the graduates and their guests. Superintendent Bolen said the class was one of the largest graduating classes he has had the privilege of introducing for Cheylin. He then added, "This is my second year with Cheylin." He introduced Craig Busse as the salutatorian, and Christopher Walden as the valedictorian.

Instead of the usual traditional speeches usually given at graduation, both the speeches of Craig and Christopher were informal and personal, as they shared their special memories of



Walden



Busse

their classmates and faculty.

Anita Burton presented the local awards and scholarships to: David Burns who will be attending Northwest Technical College in Goodland and studying Diesel mechanics next year; Heath Antholz will be attending Colby Community College and received four scholarships in the amount of \$1,850, Craig Busse will be attending Kansas State University in Manhattan and received four scholarships in the amount of \$4,750, Jared Cahoj will be playing football and attending classes at Oklahoma Panhandle State University in Goodwell, Okla., and received seven scholarships in the amount of \$3,850, Teryn Carmichael, will be attending Kansas State University in Manhattan, and received five scholarships in the amount of \$2,300; Whitney Churchwell will be attending Barton County Community College in Great Bend and received three scholarships in the amount of \$1,300; Daniel Frisbie will be attending Digipen Institute of Technology in Redmond, Wash., and received two scholarships in the amount of \$1,750; Adrian Garcia will be attending and playing football at Garden City Community College and received a scholarship in the amount of \$500; Mitchel Jensen will be attending North Central Kansas Technical College in Hays and received three scholarships in the amount of \$1,550; Caleb Keltz will be attending and playing basketball at Colby Community College and received four scholarships in the amount of

\$2,750; Samantha Robertson will be attending Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland and received a scholarship in the amount of \$500; Steven Pham will be attending Colby Community College in Colby and received a scholarship in the amount of \$500; Christopher Walden will be attending Fort Hays State University and received three scholarships in the amount of \$3,200.

Tears started welling during the slide show of photos depicting each graduate from birth to their senior picture. Very few dry eyes were seen during the individual presentation of a white rose to the graduates parents.

Whitney Churchwell pulled herself together for her farewell speech as, Mr. Bolen read his favorite book he has always read to his graduating classes, Dr Seuss' "Oh The Places You'll Go."

Diplomas were presented by Eric Churchwell, Wade Carmichael, Janice Busse, and David Frisbie, board members.



GRADUATION HUG — David Burns gives his mom, Kris Burns a hug after presenting her with a rose.



PRESENTING THE ROSES — Teryn Carmichael and Adrian Garcia pick out a rose to present to their parents.



STEVEN PHAM wipes the tears after presenting his father with a rose.

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