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STARLIGHT BAND, Oklahoma's only professional concert band, will present a patriotic outdoor concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 27, at Whitaker Park's basketball court. The band includes Pryor High's Assistant Band Director Jeff Lawless. Treeman Family Foundation is presenting this special performance with production assistance from the City of Pryor and Pryor Chamber of Commerce.

83 TYA cadets graduate

The 32nd class of cadets has graduated from Thunderbird Youth Academy. The 83 cadets were saluted by Lt. Gov. Jari Askins and Major General Myles Deering, Oklahoma Adjutant General, during a commencement ceremony at Pryor High School.

Thunderbird Youth Academy in Pryor is a National Guard Youth Challenge Program that utilizes military style discipline, education and leadership training to provide a life changing experience for its cadets.

Successful candidates complete a 22-week residential phase during which time they can obtain a GED, complete high school credits, and attend college courses at the Pryor Campus of OSU Institute of Technology.

There is no cost to cadets or their families.

Academy Director Jack Ritchie praised the graduating cadets and noted they performed more than 11,000 hours of community service, averaging 139 hours per cadet of service to non-profit and state agencies.

Six of the graduating cadets are joining the military, 22 are entering the work force, and 55 are continuing their education