

All the Awana Clubbers, along with family and friends, met at the Federated Church Sunday night April 27th to receive their awards after a successful year of memorizing verses from Gods Word. Cubbies receiving 1st book awards this year were Landon Hendricks, Halle Antholz, Natalyn Bursch, Kolbie Leach, Ashlyn Shields, and Justine Poore. Justine and Landon were not present to receive their awards. Sparks receiving Hang Glider awards were Alayna Brewer, Kyla Howard, and Emily Serrano. Harley McPherson and Hayden Lennox received their Wing Runner Award. Sky Stormer Awards were

given to Matthew Hendricks, Connor McPherson, and Hayden Lennox. Matthew was not present to receive his award. Truth and Training Clubbers who received Ultimate Adventure (Book 1) Awards were Jazzmin Binning, Kayten Flanagan, Schuyler Lennox, Brook Porubsky, and Mitchell Howard. Ultimate Adventure (Book 2) awards were given to Bianca Binning and Briana Vandike. Porsha Binning received her award for completing the Ultimate Challenge (book 1). Certificates of Participation were given to Joseph Melton, Andrew Shields, John Serrano, and Phoenix Clemans.

After a short program which included songs, recognition of those who contributed to the club by baking cookies and serving as leaders or listeners; and explaining the Clubs theme for the year, "It is better to obey than sacrifice" based on I Samuel 15:7-22. The whole group traveled across the street to the Cheylin gym where supper was eaten and the kids enjoyed Bounce Houses and a variety of games including a jail. Clubbers enjoyed "throwing" family and friends in jail for a short stay until they could answer Bible trivia questions to gain their freedom.



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Students to read written works

The public is invited to the Old Country Church, St. Francis, on Sunday, May 4, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., for readings by students from St. Francis and Bird City. Readers include some of Lisa Holzwarth's junior high and high school students and some Cheylin students who are taking composition I and II classes through Colby Community College. Family and friends of the students and community members are urged to attend and

support these young writers. In addition, several members of the Rough Writers, a local group of writers, will share some of their original works. The Rough Writers have been gathering monthly during the school year since Sept. 2007. Their primary purpose is to encourage each other "to write and to keep on writing." Some also assist with monthly writing workshops at the Good Samaritan Village. They published the book,

Memories & Musings from Residents of the Good Samaritan Village, available through the Cheyenne County Historical Society. This is the tenth of a series of quarterly readings in the old church, located near the Cheyenne County Museum on Highway 36, sponsored by the Cheyenne County Historical Society. Free-will donations help cover the expenses of using the church.

Sign up for summer classes

Spring is in the air and summer is just around the corner. Time to get ready for Cheylin Recreation Commission upcoming programs. Here in April we have Soccer for grades kindergarden through fifth. Ruben Razo is the instructor and the program is held on Saturday mornings April 12, 26, May 3 and 10 at the Bird City Park from 9 a.m. to 10. If interested call Tina at 734-7141.

Swim Lessons: First session in June and second session in July. Water Aerobics will start Monday June 2 and will be held 3 day a week. This will be held till the pool closes in Aug. Fee is \$2.00 per session and must be age 16 and older. Plans are being made for a 3 day volleyball clinic to be held sometime in June. This would be for grades four to eight and will cover rules of the game, hitting, setting

and spikes. If you love volleyball then come join the fun. Co-ed basketball is being played Sunday evenings from 7-9 p.m. in the Bird City gym. No fee for the program just show up with gym shoes ready to have some fun and exercise. If interested give Nick Boyson a call at 332-6031. Later this summer or early fall there will be dance class held once a week for 3 to 4 weeks. This class is for anyone in the community keep watching for more details.

Business celebrates 20 years

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Donna Stevens, owner of Donna's Gift Palace, has been in business at her main street location for 20 years. She will be celebrating by having an anniversary sale on Monday, May 7. She will also host a scarf-tying workshop at Cuppa Joe Espresso, starting at 7:30 p.m. Then, the bargains will begin at her store at 8:30 p.m., with 25 percent off. Bargains will continue through 10:30 p.m., when buyers can receive hourly special discounts up to 45 percent off.

Kansas items, but she said she listened to the customers and began expanding. Today, her store carries hundreds of items, from cards and dishes, to dolls and gift items. At first, she took consignments, but many of the items went out of style and people didn't buy them anymore. Through the years, she said one of the best sellers was the Beanie Babies. People came from all over the tri-state area, because they knew she had a wide line up, and almost always had the latest releases. As with most fads, the Beanies came and went, but during her 20 years in businesses, the most rewarding feelings, she found, were the many people who came through the door. Some knew exactly what they wanted, others bought on the spot, while others just enjoyed looking. There were those who came in who became genuine friends, coming back time after time, if not just to buy, but stop and visit.

giving husbands and others a place to stop in and buy special gifts for their spouses and family. Mrs. Stevens is always involved in community events, including giving Beanies and stuffed animals to the emergency room to be used for children suffering trauma. They were also kept in the ambulances. When Krissy Barnhart was suffering with cancer, she had a silent auction fundraiser, offering the rare Purple Princess Beanie Baby. She gave Beanies for the reading programs in the school. The reading program, she once said, was dear to her heart. She had so much trouble reading as a child she wanted to do something to encourage children to read and enjoy reading. She also donates T-shirts for events during the fair and at Bible schools.

Gardening was held Thursday April 24 after school to sow the seeds for the garden and learn some simple gardening tips. Plants will be transplanted to garden spot on Monday May 19 after school. This is for grades three to eight. Come join the fun so we can enjoy the delicious watermelon and cantaloupe next school term. No fee for class.

Listed below are the regular programs that will be starting in May and June: Baseball: T-ball, Coach Pitch and C-team. Practice starts the last part of May with games starting in June and run through first week in July. Swim Team: practices will start the end of May and meets are held every Saturday, June seven to July

19. This is a fun way to stay in shape for fall sports next fall and stay cool.

Mrs. Stevens purchased the store from Melissa Zwegard. At that time, the name was Kansas Territorial, and the store carried items made in Kansas which were shipped far and wide, as well as purchased locally. Mrs. Stevens, whose husband and family farms north of St. Francis, said she had many allergies connected with the farming operation. I was looking for something to do that would take me away from pollen and wheat dust, with anything else I was allergic to, she said. Having worked for several places around town, including Skogmos, Owens True Value, Stuart's Jewelry and Brazil Drug Store, just to name a few, she knew what it took to go into the business world. When Mrs. Stevens took over the store, she was still selling

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Grant Shrader

I plan to attend Motorcycle Mechanics Institution in Phoenix, Ariz.

Grant, it warms our hearts to see you become a great gentleman. The world awaits such a great soul. You can do anything. We are proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad and Colleen

**Parents:
Roy and Karen Shrader**

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