



# CLUB NEWS



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## Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Texas name Crystal Cox is their 2007 Youth of the Year

Crystal Cox is a true example of an extraordinary young woman. At age 16 she has just been selected as the Youth of the year for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Texas. Cox is among hundreds of local Youth of the Year winners across the country recognized by Boys & Girls of America for her sound character, leadership skills and willingness to give back to the community.

Being named Youth of the Year is the highest honor a Boys & Girls Club member can receive. The title recognizes outstanding contributions to a member's family, school, community and Boys & Girls Club, as well as personal challenges and obstacles overcome. This program was founded over 60 years ago through the generosity of the Reader's Digest Foundation.

Cox is a junior at Ellison High School where she is involved in the

Leadership Academy, Future Farmers of America, Family Career and Community Leaders of America, Student Council, and the National Society of High School Scholars. Her biography has been published twice in the Who's Who Among American High School Students and once in Who's Who Among American High School Honor Society. She is a member of the Youth Advisory Committee in the city of Killeen. Cox tutors her peers in all core subjects and foreign languages. Cox is a member of Marlboro Heights Missionary Baptist Church, Inc., where she participates actively in Youth Ministry and Young Adult and Sanctuary Choirs. Cox is from a single parent family where she is the second child of five. She contributes to her family by helping with her younger brother who has cerebral palsy.

"Crystal is an inspiration to all who comes in contact with her.

She is kind, dedicated, and respectful. Crystal is a jewel (diamond). I know that she will represent the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Texas to highest level of dignity," said Yolanda Potter, Clements Teen Center Unit Director.

This winter, Cox will compete against other Boys & Girls Club members for the Texas Youth of the Year title and a \$1,000 scholarship from Reader's Digest. If Cox wins at the state level, then she will compete for the title of Southwest Region Youth of the Year and an additional \$10,000 scholarship. The five regional winners will advance to Washington, D.C., in September 2008 to compete for the title of Boys & Girls Club of America National Youth of the Year. The National Youth of the Year receives an additional \$15,000 college scholarship and is installed by the President in an Oval Office ceremony.

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### Upcoming Events:

2008 Area Council Meeting in Richardson, Texas on February 8th & 9th

### Youth of the Month

Woodrow Hall Unit  
**Keila J.**

Bigham Unit  
**Hannah E.**

Clements Teen Center  
**Jahleel J.**

Stonehaven Unit  
**Verani G.**

Gatesville Unit  
**Brittany R.**

Lampasas Unit  
**Robyn W.**

Copperas Cove Unit  
**Torissa M.**

### Quote of the Month

"... This is not time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism. Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy; now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice; now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood; now is the time to make justice a reality for all God's children."

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

## Fine Arts Exhibit

Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Texas held its Fine Arts Exhibit on January 7th at the Boys & Girls Club of Gatesville. We had over 175 entries. Special thanks to the judges that so graciously gave their time to judge the exhibit. They were Gary Webb, David McGinnis and Lisa Steward. The artwork that will advance to regional is as follows:

### Copperas Cove

Group Project  
Candice W, Mixed Media 16-18  
Alysia M, Mixed Media 10-12  
Sydney D. Mixed Media 6-9

### Georgetown

Ty S. Monochromatic 13-15  
Samantha H. Watercolor 6-9  
Scout O. Multicolor, 13-15  
Brittany B. Collage 6-9  
Audee B. Acylic, 10-12  
Lindsey D. Printmaking 6-9

### Woodrow Hall

RaShaun Monochromatic 6-9  
Cassidy G Watercolor 10-12



Sabrina W Pastel 6-9  
Sergeo C Pastel 10-12

**Gatesville**  
Jessica D Collage 10-12

Cassidy B Monochromatic 10-12  
Kristen S Multicolor 10-12  
Clint S Multicolor 16-18  
Tres B Multicolor 6-9  
Allysen H Acrylic 6-9

## Angel C named Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Texas 2007 Jr Youth of the Year

Junior Youth of the Year is a program to prepare younger members for competing in the National Youth of the Year competition. They go through the same paperwork and interview as Youth of the Year; however

they are only 11-13 years old. This is to give them insight and teach them the importance of going that extra mile. Angel C from the Stonehaven Unit will accompany Crystal Cox to the North Texas Area Council meet-

ing for the next round of competition. This will give Angel the opportunity to experience first hand the in's and out's of competing for the title of National Youth of the Year when her time comes.

## Brian P 2007 Youth of the Year for Woodrow Hall Unit

Our Youth of the year for 2007 is Brian P. Brian has been an outstanding member. He has demonstrated leadership, dependability, and re-

sponsibility. He participated in all our National and local events. He helps maintain our club by being neat. He also makes sure he reminds his

fellow members of the rules and regulations of maintaining a clean and safe club. Congratulations Bryan! Keep up the good work.

## Christmas at the Club



Christmas Time is very busy at the Boys & Girls Club in Copperas Cove.

There are a lot of volunteer opportunities for the children and adults as well during this special time of year. Members make visits to the elderly to wish them Seasons Greetings, wrap gifts for others in need, carol board members and volunteers houses, and volunteer at Blue Santa. Parents also had a chance to take pictures with their children in front of the Christmas tree.

During our Christmas Party we received a visit from Santa, where the kids had a chance to tell Santa what they wanted for Christmas and receive treats. They also had a blue-elephant gift exchange, cupcakes and hot chocolate, and lots of fun games and contests throughout the day. The kids also received a sports themed lunch box from the Boys & Girls Club.

## Triple play is the name of the game at the Woodrow Hall Unit Gym!

Our members have been working on three challenges for the month of January. The challenges are: Get fit challenge, Invent- a- game challenge, and Jump rope challenge-

Club members are learning to improve their basic skills and learning new ones. They have been practicing with a partner in double dutch, and speed rope jumping. To showoff all our skills we will have a jump rope showcase where they will demonstrate the skills that they have learned in the month of January. On Friday, February 8th at 4pm our members will showcase their hard work and talent. We will have the fastest jump rope jumper, the longest jump rope jumper followed by the jump rope dance routine.

## Christmas at the Bigham Unit

What a wonderful time of the year, Christmas... The kids at the Bigham Unit shared the last day before the holidays together as a family. We sang Christmas carols, shared gifts and nourished our tummies.

Thanks to someone very generous the kids received their very own lunch box. They had a choice of a football, soccer ball or baseball. When opened this gift came with a drinking cup. The looks on the kids' faces were priceless. Although Santa enjoyed giving free gifts the kids at the Bigham Unit actually had to work a little for their presents.

The Bigham Unit elves all got together and devised a plan to involve the members in earning some of the free gifts by answering geography questions. The kids did an awesome job and all were rewarded with books and lunchboxes.

It was a merry good time had by all and to all a goodnight...

## Lady Pirates visit Stonehaven Unit

On a cold wet December morning, Head Basketball Coach Pam Ruder of Southwestern University in Georgetown visited the Stonehaven

Unit. Coach Ruder and her girl's team were gracious enough to give up a Saturday morning to spend time teaching some fundamentals of basketball to club members who were interested. The entire team spent about 2 hours interacting with over twenty-five club kids who braved the cold. The Lady Pirates started with some group activities, and then split the children into three groups. In these small groups, players ran activities that covered post/inside drills and ball handling. Players also shared defense and passing drills. At the end of the session, the team passed out a Southwestern Pirates T-shirt to each club member who participated, and signed autographs for anyone who was interested. Player's cards were also distributed and signed.

We appreciate Coach Ruder and the "Lady Pirates" and look forward to inviting them back soon when the weather is a little warmer!



## Shake 'N Bake® Chicken Nugget Kabobs

### Ingredients:

1 to 1-1/4 lb. boneless skinless chicken breast halves, cut into 1-1/2 to 2-inch pieces  
1 pkt. SHAKE 'N BAKE Crispy Chicken Nuggets Seasoned Coating Mix  
KRAFT Cheese Cubes  
Cherry tomatoes  
Fresh or canned pineapple chunks  
Wooden skewers

### Directions:

MOISTEN chicken pieces with water. Shake off excess. Shake 3 or 4 pieces at a time with coating mix. Discard any remaining coating mix. Place in ungreased or foil-lined 15x10x1-inch baking pan.

BAKE at 400°F for 15 minutes or until cooked through.

ARRANGE cooked chicken nuggets, cheese cubes, tomatoes and pineapple chunks on wooden skewers. Serve with KRAFT Barbecue Sauce or KRAFT Ranch Dressing.



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