



CLUB NEWS



The *Positive Place For Kids*

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Soxs, The Easter Bunny Hops By Bigham

As the Bigham Unit children anxiously awaited the search for over two hundred goodie-filled Easter eggs, they were surprised when a special guest, "Soxs" the Easter Bunny arrived. Soxs handed out Easter prizes to the children allowing each member to put their thinking caps on by answering questions relating to famous inventors, states, animals and many more historical facts. Only then did the Easter Bunny supply them with what was in his basket of treats. He also went out on the egg hunt, answered many questions about how the Easter Bunny does his job and took pictures with the children. The children had an eventful day filled with games, brain buster activities, arts & crafts and a very busy bunny.

As the day went on, it was time for Soxs to hop on to



greener pastures, much to the disappointment of the Bigham Unit kids who are still asking, "When will we see Soxs again?". The staff always answers with a smile, "same time next year".

Georgetown Chamber Comes to Stonehaven

Stonehaven Torch Club Members were once again able to make a good impression to the local community when they recently played host to a Chamber of Commerce After Hours event. They facilitated the first Chamber "Game Room Olympics" at the club which reversed usual roles, and let adults play the games while the kids were in charge! Each chamber member was greeted upon arrival and given a list of games available along with a temporary membership card. The events made available were Basketball Spot Shot, Speed Ball Pool, Bobcat Pool, Cup Stacking, Lego

Tower Building, and Shuffleboard. At the end of the evening, club members presented the winners in each event with a framed certificate that was signed by Torch Members. Door prizes were also given out in to contestants in a business card raffle.

Club Members were also present in a leadership role at First Texas Bank's Annual Shred Day. Community members were able to have personal documents shredded for free in return for a donation to the Boys & Girls Club. The kids did a great job unloading tons of paper, breaking up boxes, and collecting



money. At day's end the tally was \$1400! Thanks go out to all who helped and to Bill Stanley from First Texas Bank whose idea it was to have the club benefit from this event.



National Boys and Girls Club Week Kicked Off in Lampasas

National Boys and Girls Club Week kicked off with a bang in Lampasas. Members of the W4CW wrestling organization came out to sign autographs and take pictures with the kids. The W4CW, along with AMVETS organized a local wrestling fundraiser with part of the proceeds benefiting the Boys and Girls Club of Lampasas.

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Upcoming Events:

May 17th

The Central Texas Professional Association Summer Staff Training @ Clements Teen Center

May 22nd

End of School Bash! FREE KID'S CONCERT sponsored by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Copperas Cove to be held at Ogletree Gap Park @ 6:00 PM

Youth of the Month

Bigham Unit
Joann H.

Clements Teen Center
Maurice W.

Copperas Cove Unit
Lamont P.

Gatesville Unit
Raymond D.

Stonehaven Unit
Mokeysha S.

Lampasas Unit
Emily C.

Woody Hall Unit
Essence W.

Quote of the Month

"Education...is a painful, continual and difficult work to be done in kindness, by watching, by warning,... by praise, but above all -- by example."

- John Ruskin

Two Boys Qualify for National Contest

Congratulations go out to Zachary H., 14, of Gatesville and Raul T., 11, of Copperas Cove. These two young men competed in the Graphic Design segment of the Digital Arts Festival and have both won their respective age groups Regional Contest. So it is on to national for their entries. National judging will take place between April 21st and 23rd.

For those who do not know, if you win your age group at the National Contest you receive a FREE trip to Minneapolis! So our hats off to Zachary and Raul, congratulations and good luck with your entry at National!

We also would like to con-

Amoxicilan, Azithromicin, Carbamezaphine, Diclofinac, Prednisone, Tetracycline, Estrone, Naproxine, Meprobramate, Phenytoin, Estradiol, Naprofen, Acetaminophen, Caffeine, Cotinine, Tylosin, Virginiamycin, Codeine, Clofibrac Acid, Dihydrochloride, Sulfamethoxazole

WATER?

Zachary H of Gatesville

gratulate all of our local winners: Gatesville's Zachary H 14 and Jessica D 12, Lampa-



Raul T of Copperas Cove

sas' Cynthia D 13 and Megan R 10, and Copperas Cove's Raul T 11 and Michelle M 13.

REESE'S Haystacks

Ingredients:

1-2/3 cups (10-oz. pkg.) REESE'S Peanut Butter Chips
1 tablespoon shortening (do not use butter, margarine, spread or oil)
1-1/2 cups (3-oz. can) chow mein noodles



Directions:

1. Line tray with wax paper.
2. Place peanut butter chips and shortening in medium microwave-safe bowl. Microwave at HIGH (100%) 1 minute; stir. If necessary, microwave at HIGH an additional 15 seconds at a time, stirring after each heating, just until chips are melted and mixture is smooth when stirred. Immediately add chow mein noodles; stir to coat.
3. Drop mixture by heaping teaspoons onto prepared tray or into paper candy cups. Let stand until firm. If necessary, cover and refrigerate several minutes until firm. Store in tightly covered container. About 2 dozen treats.

Woody Hall Unit Easter Egg Hunt and Relays

Club members at the Woody Hall Unit were able to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt and Relays on Friday, March 21st. Mrs. Maria and Ms. Star made up several different relay games; then gave prizes and certificates of participation to all the youth. Everyone had a great time and really put the athletic skills to the test during



the relays. They also were able to make their own Easter



Bunny in the Arts and Crafts area to take home.

9-1-1 Safety Program at the Woody Hall Unit

Mrs. Cindy Bridges from the Central Texas Council of Governments visited the Woody Hall Unit to talk to the members about 9-1-1 Public Education. She brought along a special guest with her to help convey

the messages to the youth. Her special guest was Wolf the 9-1-1 canine. He spoke to them about when to call 9-1-1, how to relay the emergency to the operator on the phone and who is involved in the 9-1-1 process

such as Police, Fire and the Ambulance Dept. After everything was completed, Wolf and Mrs. Bridges gave out goodies to all the members to help remind them of what to do in case of an emergency.

Celebrities Help Raise Funds in Golf Tournament

Boys & Girls Club of Gatesville finished off its Celebrity Golf Tournament on Monday, April 13th with 12 teams participating in the event. This was a great fundraiser for the club,

and everyone involved seemed to have a great time.

Celebrities such as Burton Lawless, Alfred Anderson, Jerry Overton, Jerry Norton, Ira Terrall, Joe Jones, Dave Parks,

Jerry Hopkins, Jim Ray Smith, Mike Connally, Ken Jolly, Al Witcher, and Cotton Davidson were there to share in the event at the Gatesville Country Club.

Gatesville Youngsters Get New Nike Shoes

Gatesville kids were thrilled to receive around 150 pair of new Nike shoes. They received the shoes through a drawing that Boys & Girls Club of America held to help promote their Triple Play program; a program that

encourages young children to stay healthy and fit.

The looks on the kids faces when they realized the shoes were for them was amazing. Many of the kids had never owned a nice pair of shoes,

and the generosity brought tears to many of the mothers' eyes as they picked their kids up that day.

Shipping cost was donated by Scott's Funeral Home in Gatesville.

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