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El Lugar Ideal Para Crecer

Fiesta Del Bigham Unit

While some Bigham Unit children were literally ready to dive right into what Cinco de Mayo had to offer, other children could hardly pronounce the day. So, we kicked off the festivities by sharing historical facts about Cinco De Mayo and the Mexican culture and traditions.

The festivities then took a hands-on turn when the children got the opportunity to make an arts and craft project made by the Huichol tribe of Mexico known as "God's eyes", indulge in a well-known chips and salsa tradition and anxiously awaited their turn to hit the piñata and dive into a pile of goodies.

By the end of the night, the children were greeting each other in Spanish, exchanging



goodies and couldn't wait to tell their parents they can't wait to celebrate Cinco de Mayo next year.

Georgetown youth learn "Smart Moves" at Stonehaven

Club members from the Stonehaven Unit recently attended a closing ceremony for their SMART moves program which had been running for 6 weeks. The program was co-facilitated by two local agencies, The Georgetown Project & Lifesteps. The Georgetown Project was founded in 1997 and works to develop new services and programs for children,

youth, and families in Georgetown. The Lifesteps organization provides substance abuse education, assessments, and counseling services to Williamson County residents. Both agencies were very happy to facilitate the activities that were taken straight from the National SMART Moves curriculum. All club members who were present in the club on the days of

the sessions participated in the program. Attendance was tracked and on May 1st, all youth received a certificate and a water bottle. For those who attended 3 or more sessions, a t-shirt was also included. Club staff and the facilitators are already planning for next year and hope to extend the program to a 10-week session in the Spring of 2009.



Brownie Troop 6003's First Patch Ceremony Held at Lampasas Unit

One May 20th, Brownie Troop 6003 held their first patch ceremony at the Boys and Girls Club of Lampasas. Troop 6003 is based at the Club. They currently have 8 members and are continuing to grow. Working together with the Girl Scouts has been great for the girls. It has given those members the chance to be in a Brownie troop who may not otherwise have had the opportunity.

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Upcoming Events:

Gatesville: During the month of June the children at Boys & Girls Club of Gatesville will be participating in numerous field trips including: horseback riding at Camp Hope in McGregor, library, swimming, movies, Bell County Museum, and Jander Farms. The kids will also take part in programs ran at the club such as, Garden Club, Go! Girl! Go! , Nutrition Classes, Reading Club, Scrapbooking Classes, Fine Arts, and Junior Volunteer Classes.

Clements Teen Center: Friday, June 6, the Enlightenment Tour will be coming to the Teen Center. Based in Killeen, they are a Christian based ministering team that travels all over the country.. They will be performing several skits and will mingle with the teens for a couple of hours. Another planned event is an anger management specialist scheduled to visit the club. These are just a few highlights for June among several others things happening this month at the Clements Teen Center.

Youth of the Month

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The Freedom Shrine dedicated at Lampasas

The Freedom Shrine was dedicated at the Boys and Girls Club of Lampasas on May 16th. It was furnished and dedicated by the Exchange Clubs of Copperas Cove. The shrine consists of 19 copies of original gov-

ernment documents including: The Constitution, The Bill of Rights, The Declaration of Independence, Theodore Roosevelt's letter to Cuba, along with others. The Exchange Club partners with organizations to work to-

gether, to strengthen citizen appreciation of our American heritage. The Boys and Girls Club was honored to receive this Freedom Shrine. All of us, especially the children, will benefit greatly from the history these documents provide.

Gatesville Club undergoes damage during storm

A storm passed through Gatesville this month damaging the Gatesville Boys & Girls Club. The storm shattered four of the large windows on the front of the building and

flooded the front of the building. Also damaged was a large garage door on the back of the building. The staff and board, who have been working hard to clean up the damage

and get ready for summer, wish to thank the Sheriff's Department for their quick assistance, volunteers, and Mary Jane Ziegler who graciously offered to pay for any repairs.

Parent Orientation

The Boys & Girls Club of Gatesville held its parent orientation on Thursday, May 15th. During the orientation, the parents were made aware of all the upcoming events for the summer which include many programs and field trips.

Chocolate Chip Cherry Pie

Ingredients:

1 can (21 oz.) cherry pie filling
 1 tablespoon cornstarch
 1 extra serving-size packaged graham cracker crumb crust (9 oz.)
 1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
 1/4 cup sugar
 2 eggs
 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
 1/2 cup HERSHEY'S SPECIAL DARK Chocolate Chips, HERSHEY'S Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chips or HERSHEY'S Mini Chips
 Semi-Sweet Chocolate



Directions:

1. Heat oven to 350°F.
2. Stir together pie filling and cornstarch in medium bowl until blended; pour into crust. Beat cream cheese, sugar, eggs and extracts; pour evenly over pie filling. Sprinkle chocolate chips evenly over top.
3. Bake 35 to 40 minutes or until almost set in center. Cool completely on wire rack. Refrigerate until firm. Cover; refrigerate leftover pie. 8 to 10 servings.

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