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...And the Vote Is In

The Boys and Girls Club of Lampasas is proud and honored to announce that Kenny Murray has been selected to receive the 2007 NFL Youth Football Fund Champions Award for his positive impact on the youth of Lampasas.

The LBGC was invited to nominate a candidate for this award, which is sponsored by the NFL, in order to recognize a coach for their extraordinary services that enrich youth football in the Boys and Girls Club Movement. A total of 10 coaches were selected to receive the award out of thousands of coaches that were nominated nationally and internationally.

For his efforts, Kenny will receive an elegant custom award which will be presented at the Youth Action Conference 2008 in Glendale, Arizona March 4th – 7th, an all ex-



pense trip to the conference to receive this award, and national and international recognition which in-

cludes an announcement of the award via www.bgca.net in December.

Cove Unit Receives Early Christmas from JC Penney's



The Boys & Girls Club of Copperas Cove received \$6,000 from the JC Penney Afterschool Fund to cover the expenses of transportation from school to the Boys & Girls Club. The monthly dues of \$40 per

child were paid for 20 children for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year.

Along with this grant came an added bonus, each child that participated in the program received a \$50 gift card from JC Penney to use for school clothing and supplies.

On November 13th the selected participants and parents enjoyed an evening of dining and shopping. The children were treated to an all you can eat buffet at CiCi's Pizza and then went on a shopping spree at JC Penney.

The JC Penney Afterschool Fund is committed to providing children with high-quality, affordable

after-school programs to help them reach their full potential. Support from the JC Penney Afterschool Fund helps provide safe, fun and educational after-school programs and raises awareness of the need for more programs across the country.

This charity is committed to providing America's children with access to programs that keep them safe and constructively engaged when the school day ends. Contributions from the JC Penney Afterschool Fund from 1999 to 2003 to Boys and Girls Clubs of America – for after-school education programs – total more than \$10 million.

GT Club Members Learn Importance of Giving Back

Teen members have recently experienced the importance and value of giving back to the Georgetown community. Not only did the club benefit but a community program reaped the benefits from their hard work as well.

During the summer, teenagers operated a concession stand that sold only to club members attending the Getsemani program. At the end of the session there was a surplus of \$107 which the group decided to donate back to a local



community program. With some assistance from staff member Sarah Wolf, the group decided to give the money to The Ride On

Center for Kids. This local program uses horses as a therapeutic tool in helping children and adults with disabilities such as Autism, Cerebral Palsy, and ADHD. Several of the teens were able to take a trip out to the center and after presenting the check, received a very interesting tour. They also learned that a local community member, upon hearing the story, matched their donation resulting in \$214. What a great lesson for these kid to have learned!

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Upcoming Events:

Adopt a Unit Homecoming
at Trimmier December 1st
11-4pm

Garage Sale @ Clements
Teen Center December 8
8-1pm

"Fine Arts Evening"
December 14th 7pm to
8:15pm @ Stonehaven Unit
in Georgetown

Teen Center Dance
December 20 7-12pm
tickets \$2 Presale \$3 at the
door

Youth of the Month

Bigham Unit
Chloe C.

Clements Teen Center
Maurice W.

Stonehaven Unit
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Trimmier Unit
Angel B.

Gatesville Unit
Jessica D.

Lampasas Unit
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Quote of the Month

"The best way to corner a niche is to create it."

-- Sam Horn

Bigham Unit's Fall Festival Big Blast!

Where were you on Saturday, November 17th, 2007? If you weren't at the Bigham Unit's Annual Fall Festival then you missed a day of community fun! This was truly a celebration to remember. Families were entertained by Shotokhan Karate Academy which demonstrated the very graceful art of Shotokhan, a school of karate that was developed from various martial arts. This powerful performance was just a small amount of what the crowd witnessed. The Eboni Foxx Dance Company of Central Texas wowed the crowd with authentic hip-hop moves. This dance company, from The Central Texas School of Performing Arts was a big hit.

Between a host of activities ranging from face painting, cake walks, air hockey and



"Boo-Cat" tournaments this day was full of wonderful wholesome fun. In the 3 Legged Balloon Walk and Around the World games, adults competed against kids for a number of prizes. Moms and dads alike enjoyed a plethora of creative merriment. Thanks to my staff who pulled this event together in a very short time along with all of the attendants and businesses who were a part of making the Fall Festival so wonderful!

Christmas Cookies

Ingredients:

Shortbread cookies: 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups plain flour, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup almond meal, 125g butter softened, chopped, 1/3 cup icing sugar, 1 egg, 1 tbsp milk
Icing: 1 eggwhite, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups icing sugar, food colouring- green

Steps: To make cookies: process the flour, almond meal, butter, icing sugar, egg and milk until well combined. Then knead the dough into a ball on a lightly floured surface. Refrigerate for 30 minutes.



Roll the dough out between two sheets of baking paper until a 5 mm thickness. Cut Christmas tree shapes from the dough using a cookie cutter and place on a baking tray lined with baking paper, 3 cm apart.

Bake in a moderate oven, 180 degrees Celsius for 8-10 minutes. Leave to cool on wire racks. Spread biscuits with icing when cold.

Halloween in Gatesville

The Boys & Girls Club Halloween Party in Gatesville was a success this year. For the Party, the kids were served Nachos with beef and cheese. They also were able to participate in many activities within the club.



This included face painting; which the children loved. We had many lions, butterflies and spidermen running around. The kids also had a blast doing the "Stuffed Animal" walk where they all had a chance to win a stuffed animal to take home. Mr. Michael was in our club this day, and he held a competition for the kids where they were able to solve a puzzle to win a soda.

Halloween at Trimmier Unit



One hundred twenty members participated in the Safe on Halloween Day project. Our arcade room was converted into a movie theater and our members enjoyed two flicks, Monster House

and The Corpse Bride, two fun animated children's movies. Ten members that were selected for VIP seating, sat on the very front row. The members enjoyed cookies and juice. At the end of the day all members received a bag of goodies.

Christmas Gala

The Boys & Girls Club Board in Gatesville will host their first Christmas Gala on December 1st at 5:30 pm. The gala will be held at the Boys & Girls Club (206 S. 7th, Gatesville). They will be serving a catered dinner followed by an auction. Tickets for the Gala are \$25, and can be purchased at the Boys & Girls Club in Gatesville. For more information please contact Julie Hudson at (254) 865-8347.

Lights on After School



Coryana W recited a poem on what the after school program means to her. 60 members participated in 4 dances. Every day they all worked hard to master each step. They all wanted to prove that their after school program is what helps them keep busy having fun and mastering new moves.

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