



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF CLEVELAND COUNTY**

NEWS ABOUT OUR CLUB FOR YOU

JACK SCHWEPPE SUMMER DAY CAMP A SUCCESS

Over 140 youngsters participated in the Jack Scweppe Summer Day Camp Program. During the nine weeks of camp, youngsters could participate in field trips and programs and activities that included:

- Library Reading Program
- Street Smart anti-gang program
- Shelby Fire Department Field Trip
- Shelby Post Office Field Trip
- Computer Lab at Graham Elementary
- Believe In Abilities Arts and Crafts Program
- Participate in the Camp Pavillon Program in Polk County
- Petting Farm Trip
- Swimming, riding the carousel and train at City Park
- Sport and Cheerleading camps within the Summer Day Camp program



The last week of camp included a fun day when campers were playing in tournaments, games, and enjoying the inflatable castle in the gym.



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A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO NEIGHBORS & FRIENDS

A special **Thank You** to our next door neighbor, **Church of the Redeemer** for allowing us to use their Fellowship Hall every day of the summer day camp for lunch.

Susan Allen, worked with the staff to arrange a trip to a petting farm for the younger children. .

CONGRATULATIONS BETTY KENDRICK – 2011 CAR RAFFLE WINNER

Betty Kendrick, Shelby, won the 2011 Boys & Girls Club Car Raffle with winning ticket #211. She selected the **Ford Fiesta** from **Keeter Ford** for one of her grandchildren.

The real winners were the children at the Club who will benefit from the money raised from this fun event. **We look for your continued support for the drawing in June of 2012.**

WHY NEWS FROM THE CLUB

Over the years, the Club has used different means to share with our parents, donors and supporters what is happening at 412 W. Sumter St. You are receiving the first edition of our newsletter which will be sent every several months to share with you events around the Club and to help you understand why your contribution is an investment in the future of a child. You make a difference!

CLUB MEMBERS SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES

MEET BRITTNEY HOOKER 2011 YOUTH OF THE YEAR



Hi! I am **Brittney Hooker**. I am a senior at **Shelby High School**. My parents are **Takiyah Hooker Burgess** and the late **Donney Lewis**. My hobbies that I cherish the most are working and playing with children,

lauging, singing, and spending spare time with family and friends. My plan after graduation is to go to college at Winston-Salem State University to become physical therapist to work with disabled children.

I am very outgoing, creative, and positive self-motivator. I'm also very passionate and optimistic about my school and community work. During the summer I volunteer at the Boys & Girls Club. Growing up I needed help understanding math. During the Power Hour, I got help with my math and now I am better at it. So I also volunteer at the **Math Academy**. It allows me to share my story with other children that you can get better if you work at your problem.

I am a member of the Black Achievers and my extracurricular activities include being on the Student Council, Women's Chamber Choir, Health Club and the former Shelby High Lad Lion Mascot for basketball season. I am a member of Shiloh Baptist Church where I am part of the Youth Ministry and Ensemble / Youth Choir.

I have some great achievements in my life, but the one that makes me proud was being selected the local **Youth of the Year** for 2011 for the **Boys & Girls Club**. I thank God for the many blessings and gifts He has given me to be the young lady I am today.

Teen Campers Have Great Summer

Being a part of the Summer Camp at the Boys & Girls Club of Cleveland County as a volunteer was a very positive experience. I was able to interact with the children on a personal level, learning basic skills, like cooperation listening and other lifelong lessons.



Seeing the children smile, learn and laugh throughout the day was a great experience. For me it was all about the kids and seeing if I really wanted to go into career with children after graduating.

The way the children looked up to us was a great feeling. Know that we were examples of people who they should be influenced by was important to me.

One of my most memorable moments was when the Pee Wee Group (campers 8 to 10 years of age) went to the Shelby Post Office. They all thought that they were too old to go and actually have fun,

By the end of the trip we had a great time. We enjoyed the scales that weighed packages. We were allowed to take turns and see how much we weighed. The real excitement came when we all got on the scale and had to stand still to get our weight.

This summer has been a very rewarding experience for me.

Shawanda Mosby

Cleveland Early College High School Class of 2012

IZZI RECOGNIZED FOR 52 YEARS OF SERVICE TO CLUB



Tony Izzi, Jr. was recognized by **Boys & Girls Club of America** during the 2011 Car Raffle for serving the Cleveland County Boys & Girls Club for more than fifty years. **Steve Morris**, Regional Service Director, commented that this is the first 50 year pin that he has ever given in the state.

Tony was instrumental in the fundraising for the original building (1965 to 66) Recognized by National B&G Club with the National Medallion in 1980, Bronze Medallion 1984, Silver Medallion, 1994.

Over the past fifteen years, he continues to be an active fundraiser and works to make the car raffle and auction a success. Tony was Board President from 1975 to 1977. During his tenure he has been chairman of the Car Raffle and Auction for more than 14 years. Since 1992, he has served as the master of ceremonies at the Car Raffle calling the numbers and winner each year.

Tony is active in the Friday Rotary Club and was instrumental in the restoration and reopening of the Rotary Train and Station at the Shelby City Park. Enjoying the moment was

Tony's two children, **Tony, III** and **Anita Grayson** surprised their Dad by being at the car raffle.

A special thank you to **Tracy Stilwell, Victorian Rose**, for taking the pictures at the Car Raffle.

VOLUNTEERS, CHILDREN, AND BOARD MEMBERS RECOGNIZED AT ANNUAL BANQUET

At the Annual Awards Banquet held in April at the Church of the Redeemer, we recognized over fifty volunteers, children, and Board members. A special memorial presentation was given to the wife and family of long time supporter, **Blaine Froneberger**. Blaine was a friend and volunteer with the Boys & Girls Club. **Mabel Froneberger** and her daughters



Rhonda Hamrick and **Kelli Shelor** accepted the tribute from Board President Jack Weller. The memorial presentation named the **2010 Honor Day Camper Award** as the "**Blaine Froneberger Award**"

The youth recipient of the "**Blaine Froneberger Award**" was **Michael Rizo**. Michael is a second grader at Union



Elementary School where he is an "A" Honor student. His favorite subject is spelling. He attends the "Good News Club" after school and he is a member of Union Baptist Church where he is active in the youth activities. He was a camper in The Club's Jack Schweppe Summer day Camp for the first time last year. He is the son of **Natasha and Emilio Rizo** and is the grandson of **Steve and Judy Hudgins**. You can see Michael is very proud of his plaque.

Teen Campers Help Create a Positive Place for Kids

As part of the **Jack Schweppe Summer Day Camp**, fourteen high school students served as junior councilors for the younger children. We had students from four different high schools participate in the program. A special Thank You to these volunteers who helped to make this a great summer for all of the children in the Day Camp. (See Article page 2)

Crest High School

Rex Beam

Burns High School

Claudia Elliott **Cassidy Hendrick**

Hunter Ledbetter **Tatiana Locklear**

Dionesia Robertson

Shelby High School

Sheriah Bonner **Brea Brantley**

Lacey Chambless **Brittney Hooker**

Kwashun Jones **Chalyn Kimble**

Shelby Middle School

Rakeem Sweezy

Cleveland Early College High School

Shawanda Mosby

Supporters Make a Difference We Are Thankful for You

THANK YOU! We do not say this enough to those who make the **Boys & Girls Club** possible. Your contributions to the Club allow children to be safe in the **After School Program** or to have an enjoyable summer in the **Jack Schweppe Summer Day Camp**.

We are thankful for your support over the fifty plus years that our community has had a Boys Club and now a Boys & Girls Club.

As we work through the economic issues that are facing every non-profit organization, please know one thing that we are doing. **No child is turned away from our doors because of not being able to pay fees.**

It is because of your caring and sharing that we are able to do this and to serve more children today than we have last year.

The need for the Club is real. We are helping parents who do not have jobs and those working to provide a safe, positive place for their kids.

Your help and support is making a difference in the life of a child. Thank You!!

Jack Weller President Board of Directors

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