



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE GULF COAST

D'Iberville Unit

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January Calendar of Events:

- Report Cards- Monday, January 11
Please make sure we have a copy on file!
- Parent Meeting Thursday, January 14
- 2010 Fees Due Friday, January 15
- MLK Holiday Club Closed Monday, January 18

January Birthdays

- Mrs. Tiffany Ladner
- Ms. Holly Shanklin
- Rachael Babbitt
- Christian Bellais
- Matthew Bird
- Delmas Cox
- Sydney Davis
- Jordan Hartley
- Justin Moran
- Peter Nguyen
- Katelyn Reinhart
- Dionna Samuel
- Raymond Stabler
- Da'Shawn Stallworth
- Monica Stallworth
- Gavin Vassalli
- Austin Walters
- Jason Weil
- Jesse Wheeler



MS Bowl Players Visit D'Iberville

For the second year in a row, players from the Mississippi Bowl visited our unit. This year, nearly 50 members got the chance to play with the Lion's football players, cheerleaders, and mascot from East Mississippi Community College.

The student-athletes arrived via motorcade, which really got the members excited. Buddy Williams, head coach of the Lions, spoke to our members about the importance of doing well in school. The mascot then jumped out and provided several minutes of unique entertainment. Finally the players and cheerleaders entered the gym. All members had the oppor-

tunity to get autographs and pictures made.

The athletes then led a series of clinics on cheerleading, football, kickball, and Frisbee. Members also spent one on one time with the athletes playing on the playground.

This event was coordinated by Mr. Jimmy Mai, an AmeriCorps Vista member at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. The school's photographer, Richard Kopp, took photographs. Fresh fruit and drinks were also provided.

#5 East Mississippi defeated #6 Arizona Western, 27-24 the following day at Biloxi Indian Stadium in the 2nd Annual MS Bowl.



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Kennedy Mount Youth of the Month

Our December Youth of the Month is Kennedy Mount. Kennedy is in the 7th grade at D'Iberville Middle School. She is a straight A student and is involved in many activities including Student Council, Beta Club, Advanced Band, and the soccer team. She hopes to one day attend USM but is unsure of what she wants do study. She hopes to one day "get a good education and job so she can stay active and help others." This past year Kennedy was a Steak and Stake performer as well as our Volunteer of the Year. A member since 2005, Kennedy is also President of the Torch Club.

Local Fine Arts Exhibit Yields 12 Awards for D'Iberville Unit

The D'Iberville Unit accomplished something that it has never done before...had 12 of 15 pieces of art place in our local BGCA National Fine Arts Exhibit. First Place Winners will advance to the regional art exhibit, which will be held later this winter.

First Place winners were: Chase Conway, *The Flower Table*, Monochromatic Drawing 9 and under; Jacqueline Lahaie, *Mine*, Pastel 9 and under; Zachary Goninan, *My Masterpiece*,

Pastel 10-12; Sierra Pittman, *Untitled*, Oil or Acrylic 9 and under; and Raven Moore, *Waterworks*, Mixed Media, 9 and under.

Second Place winners were: Hayden Ventura, *The Flower World*, Pastel 9 and under; Deanna Johnson, *Untitled*, Pastel 10-12; Lexee Bosarge, *Peace*, Oil or Acrylic 9 and under; A'Laura Donaldson, *Untitled*, Oil or Acrylic 10-12; and Jordan Hartley, *"Mixed" Media*, Mixed Media 9 and under.

D'Iberville also placed second for the group category.

Da'Shawn Stallworth's *Primary Colors* placed third on the Oil or Acrylic 9 and under category. Elisha Merkle, Nathan Picard, and Faith Welch also participated in the event.

We would like to give a big thanks to Ms. Denise Janowski, our art instructor, who inspired and enabled our members to reach their full potential!

Other Art Projects

Our Art program has been very busy. In addition to the National Fine Arts Contest, our members were asked to make Christmas decorations for Newk's Express Café in D'Iberville.

During the Christmas Holidays, several of our members embarked on a special art project to show support for our beloved Saints. It reads, "All I want for Christmas is the Saints at the Super Bowl."



In January, members will begin work on BGCA's ImageMakers National Photography Contest. This program encourages members ages 6-18 to learn and practice black-and-white, color, digital, and alternative process photography. The local exhibit will take place later this spring.

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