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Connections

Connecting You with the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Permian Basin



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Midland Club Honoree Lilly Lujan



Odessa Club Honoree Kobe Robinson, second from right, with Executive Director David Chancellor.



Odessa Club President Bobby Bland

Club Recognizes Regional Youth of the Year

Youth from eight communities in this region gathered in Midland for the annual West Texas Regional Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year Banquet. This was the first time Midland has hosted the event, which was held at the Hilton Inn.

Honored were youth from Amarillo, Lubbock, San Angelo, Midland, Abilene, Lamesa, El Paso and Odessa. Selected as the Youth of the Year from the Odessa club was Kobe Robinson. The Midland club chose Lilly Lujan as its Youth of the Year. Speaker for the evening was Bobby Bland, president of the Odessa Boys & Girls Clubs.

The local and regional events are part of the National Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year program. On the local side, this program cultivates leadership ability in youth ages 14-18 and prepares them for the National Youth of the Year process.

Youth of the Year incorporates the philosophy of Lead, Succeed and Inspire. The goal of this program is to “empower members to develop a personal philosophy of leadership, and identify experiences, relationships and resources they will need to achieve their own academic, life and career goals,” according to the National Boys & Girls Club publication “Connections.”

An example is Jocelyn W., who joined the Boys & Girls Club of Silicon Valley in San Jose, Calif., when she was 5 years old. She was surrounded by drugs, crime and gangs in her

environment, and she struggled with school. For the next 13 years, the Club provided Jocelyn with the security, encouragement and academic assistance to become a successful young leader in her community. She is currently attending University of Southern California and plans to become a journalist, lawyer and entrepreneur, according to the national publication. She was selected as the National Youth of the Year.

Among the career goals listed by the semi-finalists were pediatrician, nurse practitioner, U.S. Supreme Court justice, physician for low-income people, and intelligence officer.

The eight honored at the West Texas Regional event have overcome obstacles in their lives and are walking that road toward a successful life and career.

“These young people honored as Youth of the Year represent our future in West Texas,” said David Chancellor, executive director for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Permian Basin.

“They already have demonstrated outstanding progress and development toward their goals.”



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David Chancellor

applauding our **VOLUNTEERS**

Great Futures Gala to Honor Volunteers

When you walk into any one of the four Boys & Girls Club facilities in the Permian Basin, you may notice a few things, one of which is a large sign that reads, "Great Futures Start Here." The Club believes in a nurturing and safe environment for kids with quality programming, amazing staff, and the best volunteers an organization could possibly have. Working off that theme the Boys & Girls Club is proud to announce its inaugural Great Futures Benefit that will honor the organization's Volunteers of the Year from Midland and Odessa.

The Gala, which will start at 6:30 p.m. April 6 at Midland Country Club, will honor Jane Hext of Odessa and Paul Davis III of Midland as Philanthropists of the Year. The program also will feature kids from the Midland and Odessa Clubs telling their story as well as offer an opportunity to hear from the honorees.

Special guest speaker will be Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott. He began the season as a fourth round draft pick and third string quarterback. Dak will share his inspirational story and how positive mentors, such as the ones provided at the Boys & Girls Club, shaped his life and taught him how to succeed through adversity. The lessons he learned about character and determination allowed him to become the starting quarterback and earn numerous accolades along the way, including Rookie of the Year and his first Pro Bowl appearance.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Permian Basin currently



serve more than 4,000 children ages six to 18. While at the clubs, these members participate in academic support, arts, sports and more.

Our mission is to help young people, especially those who need us most, become productive, caring and responsible citizens. We are changing the odds every day.

We appreciate your support of this event to remember and a chance to honor and thank people in the community who truly make a difference in the lives of Permian Basin children by allowing them to have great futures.

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More than 450 people volunteer their time and talents to the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Permian Basin.

This is where article on two honorees at Benefit will go.

DONATIONS add life to clubs



Midland Club kids celebrate Christmas gifts donated by Pioneer Natural Resources, photo above.



People of all ages look forward to Miracle on Murphy Street each year on Christmas Eve. The Odessa Club hosts the neighborhood for a luncheon and gift-giving.

Holiday Smiles

Christmas is a time of joy and giving at the Permian Basin Clubs. Pioneer Natural Resources ensured each child at the Midland clubs received a gift. Odessa Woodson Club hosted the annual Miracle on Murphy Street in which neighborhood families are invited for a lunch and gifts on Christmas Eve. It's a time for the families to gather, laugh, have fun and enjoy the sweet spirit of the holidays.

Stocking the Shelves



H-E-B donated \$25,000 to the Boys & Girls Club to help with youth programs.

83,000

Free meals are served at the Permian Basin Clubs throughout the year.



SMART Girls members shared their voices and holiday spirit at a retirement center during the Christmas season. The girls experienced the joy of sharing with others. SMART Girls is expanding into Odessa from the Midland Club. Learning how to share with others is part of the program objectives.

springing into **SPORTS**



Flag Football: Season Starting

It's spring and that means time to get outside and enjoying the fresh air and spring sports. Flag football registration is going on in both cities until April 2. The season runs from April 18 to May 24. Registration fee is \$75 and can be done at any of the four facilities or online. The fee includes an official junior NFL jersey and flags.

In Midland, youngsters who are 4 years and up through fifth grade are eligible to play. In Odessa the ages range from 4 years up through sixth grade.



Members of the winning All Stars basketball team.

B-Ball Develops Top Players

From dribbling to stealing to shooting, the Boys & Girls Clubs teach the basics of basketball starting at a young age. By the time these members reach high school, they are highly skilled players. This year, enough girls signed up to form four teams which became part of the program.



Judo: Team Brings Home the Gold

Sports Signup



The Odessa Boys & Girls Club Judo Team brought home the gold in February from the Lone Star Classic Judo Championship at Arlington. This is one of the largest tournaments in Texas and attracts competitors from around the country and Mexico. Awards went to: Jose Barrera, first place; Jairo Montes, first place; Julian Barrera, first place; Perla Melendez, second place; Sierra Britton, third place; Yelileen Barrera, first place; Michael Sorrino, first place; Edwin Escantrias, second place; Alexis Gonzales, second place; and J.J. Medrano, third place.



Boxing: More Wins

Midland Boxing won how many belts and where? Very short.



Cheer: Tops in Floats

The cheer team Frogs entered a float in the Odessa Christmas Parade and won first place! The squad was honored during a City Council meeting. Cheer training will start

again in the fall. Last year more than 400 girls participated in the Boys & Girls Club cheer program.



offering **SAFE** environments



Games on Wheels

All-Nighters

The Boys & Girls Clubs offer youngsters a safe place and unusual activities. The mobile Game RX Scape stopped at a club and the youngsters enjoyed playing a variety of video games. The kids had a blast (photos above).

On New Year's Eve, another club hosted a All Night Party to ring in the new year, photo at right. There were games, food, and lots of fun with plenty of supervision.



LENDING A HAND

WHEN H-E-B held its Feast of Sharing in Midland and Odessa, members of the Boys & Girls Club were among the many volunteers who helped serve food and clean up, photo at left.



POWERING UP

ROSS Dress for Less sponsors a yearly fundraiser for the Boys & Girls Clubs to help with Power Hour, the organization's after-school homework assistance program.

4,007

**Permian Basin youngsters with memberships at one of four club locations.
Of that number, 256 are teenagers.**

expanding **LEARNING** opportunities



TUTORS: Rotarians Take Their Skills to Club

Members of the Odessa Rotary Club are known for their volunteer work in the community. This year they added “tutoring” to their list of opportunities by adding the Odessa Boys & Girls Club. Each week, Rotarians visit the Boys & Girls Club after school and work with youngsters one-on-one. For some, it might be math; for others, improving their reading skills. And even others might receive advice on writing reports.

The Odessa Club is part of Rotary International, which goes by the tag of “People of Action.”

“Rotary is where neighbors, friends and problem-solvers share ideas, join leaders and take action to create lasting change.” With 16 million volunteers hours recorded worldwide each year, the organization claims to “transform communities” through its work.

At the Boys & Girls Club, Rotarians are transforming lives of our members. Thanks for all your help!



One-on-one tutoring provided by Rotary Club members helps Club kids be successful in school..

Rise and Shine for Saturday **FUN**



The Saturday Morning Club is seeing excited young kids pouring into the Midland and Odessa Clubs for a fun time with parents on Saturday mornings. Working in cooperation with UTPB's First Five program, Saturday Morning Club teaches parents how to do activities with their children under the age of 5.

Parents interested in participating in this program can get weekly updates on activities by texting their respective clubs.

For weekly updates in Odessa, text to: 313131, the message is BGC Odessa.

For weekly updates in Midland, text to: 313131, the message is BGC Midland.





Club members, with supervision of UTPB students, prepare the beds for spring planting.

P reparing for Spring

Winter was brief and spring arrived much too early. Warm days drew youngsters out of clubhouses in Odessa and Midland to prepare the beds for planting. Cleaning out, adding new dirt and other material was a successful task, thanks to help from UTPB. Now it is time to take a break and give the seeds a chance to break out and poke their heads above the ground.



THE MISSION of the Boys & Girls Club is to help young people become productive, caring and responsible citizens by providing enriching experiences in a positive environment.

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