



An Eggciting Adventure

By Maria Calcaben

Programs' Kelly Giesler for all her hard work in providing us with state-of-the-art equipment and a variety of

eggs from various farms. After waiting patiently for 25 days and seeing the candling process (where the eggs are held up to the light to see how healthy the chicks are), fifteen chicks were born over a 3 day period. Some of the kids even got to see one hatch! After being transferred into a brooder box (a clear Rubbermaid container), the kids were able to see the variety of spots, colors, and markings on the chicks. We were able to foster more baby chicks when Kelly brought another



box of chicks to the center since another program was done with their hatching. The PODER computer lab was filled with a total of 30 chickens! The kids not only learned the development cycle of the chicks, but they also learned how to handle them when they were born. The kids were taught how to hold the chicks carefully and some were even skilled enough to have them fall asleep in their hands. To make things even more interactive, we took pictures of the chickens and turned them into "postcards" attached with bios about them and their country. Each day the kids in the after-school program would see the postcard on a Powerpoint, read about the chick that "came from that country," and place their bio

on our world map. We covered 18 different countries throughout this lesson and the kids enjoyed learning about different cultures and countries. After a few weeks of the chicks, they were ready to be rehomed to good homes. An eggcelent way to promote learning about animals and building interests in different cultures and geography to our youth!

Why did the chicken cross the road? To travel across the world and teach the kids at PODER all about geography! Our kids were so grateful to have a chance to hatch chickens again this year. Thanks to TAMU AgriLife Extensions Youth



NOTICE TO RESIDENTS: During the week of August 12—16, most of the Resident Services Department will attend the Texas Housing Association Annual Conference. A skeleton crew will provide limited services. The PODER Learning Center and the KAD Center will be closed most of the week.



ALLEN WOODS HOMES — PODER LEARNING CENTER

Intern Hits One Out of the Park!



The community really came together to support intern Kursten Cutkelvin's project to have a fundraiser yard sale to raise money to help buy school supplies for the kids. Not only did it give the opportunity for residents to donate items they no longer needed, but it was a chance for them to clean out their living space! Others also supported it by purchasing items at the yard sale. Honorary mention to resident Arleen Machado for sewing together a jean blanket to raffle. Tickets sales for the blanket were popular, but there could only be one winner. Congratulations Ralph Mendoza for being the lucky

winner! Gratitude also goes to the Resident Assembly for helping spread the word. Kursten raised over \$530, making it the most successful fundraiser yard sale in PODER history!



Is your child 1st grade and up? Sign them up for the PODER After-School Program!

Monday—Thursday
3:30PM—5:45PM.

Tutoring, meal programs,
teen activities, etc.

For more info, call Maria at
512-396-3367.

It's FREE!

ALL THAT JAZZ



The seniors that attended Game Day were pleasantly surprised to see PODER transform into a Mardi Gras party. Beads and masks decorated the tables along with New Orleans jazz music playing in the background. Intern Gabriella Sanchez took on the project to bring a new twist to Game Day. She printed out Mardi Gras word searches and puzzles and did a themed bingo. Much appreciation also goes to Gabriella's mother, Ruby, who put hard work into the menu: biscuit with red beans and rice, green fizz juice, Cajun dirty rice, and desserts. Everyone left with a smile on their face as they got to try a sweet treat of cupcakes and cookies.

Springtown Villa

Celebrating America's Independence



On July 9, the residents of Springtown Villa gathered together to celebrate Independence Day. Each resident that attended contributed to the event in some way, whether that was cooking or buying food for our event. We ended up with a rather large buffet of very good food. This event was unique because all the residents played a part in making sure it was successful. We noticed that some of our residents who do not regularly attend events came out and played a part in this celebration. This also made for some great

conversations. Those who do not typically talk to each other were sitting together talking, laughing, and having a good time. That's how you build community!



RESIDENT COUNCIL:

8/7 & 8/21

MEET OUR NEW INTERN



Hi, my name is Pablo Torres, I am from Eagle Pass. I am currently a senior at Texas State and I am studying Spanish with a minor in Psychology. My goal is to teach at the high school level or higher. Some of my hobbies include reading for hours on end, spending time with my girlfriend, and also playing with my dogs. I look forward to being able to apply all that I learned out in the real world.

- ◆ BAKE SALE — AUG 1 & 2
- ◆ SEWING & CROCHETING CLASS — AUG 26
- ◆ KNOW YOUR "AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT" RIGHTS — AUG 27

The PODER Summer Program KIDS put on a great talent Show!



C. M. ALLEN HOMES — KAD KORNER STORE



Hello everyone! If we have not met yet, my name is Kaylie Kitchen. I am 21 years old. I am interning here at CM Allen in the summer program. I was born and raised in Houston and moved to San Marcos in 2017. I am a senior at Texas State, majoring in social work. My hope is to help bring new and exciting experiences to the residents here and provide them with services that they need. I have a passion for

helping people and I hope that this internship will provide me with ample opportunities to do that. As for a little bit about me, my favorite color is yellow and I love to sing and listen to music in my free time. I will be graduating in August, and as this is the last part of my degree program, I want to make the best of it! If we have not had the chance to meet, feel free to stop by the KAD building and say hello!



Family Night was a success! We had many families come to spend quality time together and enjoy free food and TONS of games. Congratulations to the winners of all the raffle prizes, and thank you all for coming!



Thanks to our resident, Mr. Matthews, for making our summer program memorable! Our KAD kids had a great time making cardboard bird houses and cool paper airplanes.

The first day of school is August 26

Enrollment for the KAD After-School Program is now open. Stop by today to get your kids signed up!

CHAPULTEPEC HOMES & ADULT LEARNING CENTER



CHANGES ARE COMING TO CHAPULTEPEC

The Housing Authority has begun making some repairs and improvements at Chapultepec. The bushes surrounding the parking areas were removed. New smaller bushes will be planted to replace them. You will notice that the sidewalks have been marked. Sections will be replaced where needed. Also on the list are repairs to the front porch railings and painting the entire complex. We also expect some new signage along with re-striping of the parking areas.

All Good Things Must Come to a End

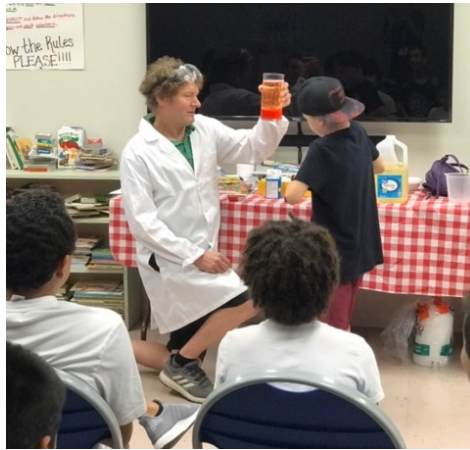
By Kathryn LaPlant-Israel

As summer comes to an end, I want to share some of the fun activities that the kids participated in this summer. Sandy, the mobile librarian, came to visit with the kids. Donna from Cenikor brought activities for the kids every week. Evo's Starplex Theater provided tickets for them to see *The Lion King*. Alex and Sophia were amazing interns. They had many creative activities for the kids each day. They made multiple types of slime, even edible! They had a water day with water balloons and water guns. A herd of monsters (made out of cut up pool noodles) now resides at the Chapultepec Adult Learning Center. Evidently, they are there to protect all of the kids. I would have to say that this summer was a huge success.

A new Adventure begins August 26 when we begin our Fall after-school program. We will need new forms filled out for all participants since it is a new school year. We will have two, new interns to start the school year. Please come out and say hi to them. They are super excited to be working with your children this semester.

Intern Sophia Phillips gets a good soaking from the kids. Fellow intern Alexandra Martin was wondering if she was next.





SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, & MATH V.B.S.

Earlier in the summer, children between the ages of five and twelve participated in a four-day STEM-based (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Vacation Bible School hosted by Sozo Church at the CM Allen Homes. During the camp the children had the opportunity to explore God's creativity through fun hands-on activities.

The theme of the camp was, "God Is Our Source Of All Good Things." The purpose of the camp was to use science, technology, engineering and mathematics to teach the children that God created all good things and that we can see God's creativity in the world around us. Some of the activities the children participated in were science experiments such as creating a lava lamp with water, oil and Alka-Seltzer tablets. They also

practiced mathematics through water games, built molecules with candy and toothpicks and created pendulums with rope and tennis balls. The camp ended with a field trip to The Meadows Center at Aquarena Springs where they rode glass bottom boats, explored The Meadows Center museum and took a nature walk.

Springtown's Helping Hands

By Angelica Moore

Springtown. Edward attends many of Springtown's events, volunteers his time to Springtown, and also volunteers at his local church. Every morning you can find him outside sweeping the walkways and tidying up the front yard. He volunteers his time to make sure Springtown always looks its best. During his free time, Edward also helps clean and garden for his local church, First United Methodist. When he is not cleaning up Springtown or volunteering at his church, you can find him at one of the many events happening here at Springtown. He is very sacrificial with his time and the staff and residents appreciate his hard work.



Edna Gilmore is also very involved in the community. She does her best to attend every event that takes place here. She is always the first one to every event and enjoys spending time with her fellow residents. When a new event is put on the calendar, she is eager to try new things out. We can always count on her to be present and ready.

Both Edward and Edna are well known throughout the Springtown community. They do their best to make everyone feels welcome and to provide support whenever residents need it, whether that is a shoulder to lean on or to borrow a power tool. They truly enjoy the community here and it is evident in the way they serve the residents and take care of the property.

In the short time that they have lived here, they have had a huge effect on the residents. Here is what some residents have to say about the Gilmeres: Ms. Rhonda said, "They were very helpful when I was moving. Mr. Gilmore came and packed up my entire closet for me, which released a lot of my stress." Ms. Julie said, "They are like family to me! They have waited in hospitals with me for hours and are always there for me." Edward and Edna are always there to lend a helping hand in times of need.



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL FAMILY WITH PUBLIC HOUSING ROOTS

Our names are Eva Salazar and Christian Rincon. We have three beautiful children! We grew up living in CM Allen. Both of our mothers were single mothers and did what was needed to make sure we were taken care of even if that meant working a lot. We went to KAD store everyday after school for meals, to do homework, learn and interact with the volunteers. Bonnie was someone we could always count on and was always there making sure we stayed on track as an individual. We will never forget her wise words and her passion when it came to making sure all the kids did well and stayed out of trouble. We have owned our home for 4 years now. Christian started cutting hair while living in CM Allen, he started with giving cuts to the kids in the neighborhood. He is now a certified barber. Eva is an Ophthalmic Technician and plans to further her career to get certified. We will always cherish the great times we had at KAD and in the neighborhood. It's pretty cool that we can take our kids there and show them where we grew up!



[Editor's Note: Eva contacted Bonnie in July and followed up with this story and some pictures. Eva & Christian just welcomed a new baby boy into their family.]



At the July meeting of the SMHA Board of Commissioners, two young residents were awarded a scholarship from the Nelrod Education Fund. On the left, Commissioners Richard Cruz, Rose Brooks, and Gloria Salazar give a new award to Sandra Deleon. Sandra will attend Texas State in the Fall. On the right, Makayla Sayles receives a renewal award. Makayla is a student at Blinn College.

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August was originally named Sextilis in Latin because it was the sixth month in the original ten-month Roman calendar. In 8 BC, it was renamed in honor of Emperor Augustus. He chose this month because it was the time of several of his great triumphs, including the conquest of Egypt.

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