

# Youth First

## SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH

June 2011

### upcoming events

*June 4th*  
**14<sup>th</sup> Annual City of Birmingham Park & Recreation Family Fishing Rodeo**  
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
East Lake Park  
All Ages  
For more info: 205-254-2391

*June 11th*  
**United Youth Relief Family Fun Day**  
YMCA Youth Center  
12 NOON - 4 p.m.  
All Ages  
For more info: 205-320-0879

*June 16th*  
**Birmingham City Councilor Maxine Herring Parker's DISTRICT 4 FOCUS ON FAMILY NIGHT**  
5 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
East Lake Park  
All Ages  
For more info: 205-254-2464

*June 23rd*  
**YP Street Fair**  
2nd Ave N, Downtown Birmingham  
5:30 p.m.  
For more Info: 205-241-8107

*June 24th - 26th*  
**Alabama's Summer Olympic Games Alabama Sports Festival**  
BJCC  
Call for times  
All Ages  
For more info: 800-467-0422

#### **William A. Bell, Sr., Mayor**

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### The 2nd Annual E3 Dinner

Educate | Encourage | Empower



Mayor William A. Bell, Sr. E3 Dinner Honoring Birmingham's Student Elite

### Youth First Breakfast Club a Success at Huffman and Martha Gaskin Middle Schools



Youth First Breakfast Club at Martha Gaskin Middle School

The City of Birmingham Mayor's Office Division of Youth Services (DYS) partnered with A.M. Moore Ministries to launch its first series of the *Youth First Breakfast Club (YFBC)* with participating schools: Huffman and Martha Gaskins Middle Schools. YFBC is a mentoring program for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students in Birmingham

City Schools. Students participated in interactive sessions focused on their personal development.

A total of 25 students engaged in a life skills series which included: how to tie bowties and

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# Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge



The **Scholastic Summer Challenge** is a free reading program dedicated to stopping the “Summer Slide” and encouraging kids to read more books this summer. Now in its fifth year, the Summer Challenge invites kids to log the minutes they spend reading as they Read for the World Record. The 20 schools with the most minutes logged will receive recognition in the 2012 *Scholastic Book of World Records*. Kids can participate in weekly challenges, earn digital rewards, enter sweepstakes to win fabulous prizes, find great books to read, and more. Register your students today for the Scholastic Summer Challenge at [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com)!

## DISTRICT 4 FOCUS ON FAMILY NIGHTS

The pleasant scent of popcorn, chicken-on-a-stick and other carnival treats will soon fill the air at East Lake Park. Birmingham City Councilor Maxine Herring Parker will host the District 4 Focus on Family Night Thursday, June 16, 2011, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., at East Lake Park on the football field.

In the open air theatre, the blockbuster hit *The Green Hornet* will air. Seth Rogen stars as *The Green Hornet*, a masked vigilante who fights crime with the help of martial arts expert and faithful sidekick, Kato. Please bring your own lawn chair to enjoy the movie. Free food, Zumba classes and other family fun activities are also planned.

Next month, Councilor Parker will host the District 4 Focus on Family Night on July 21, 2011, 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., at W.C. Patton Park. For more information, call 254.2464.



## Breakfast Club

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ties, creative writing through poetry, self-marketing, and developing positive self-esteem. Excited to continue along their journey of personal development, YFBC participants decided to create a peer mentoring program at their school. School officials were happy to grant their requests.

DYS would like to thank the Birmingham City Schools Partners in Education and A.M. Moore Ministries for supporting this program. Also, special thanks to the counselors, coaches, teachers, and principals of both schools: Dr. Sherene Carpenter (Principal), Ms. Cherie May (Counselor), Coach Gregory Scott, Mr. Oscar Henderson (Teachers) all of Martha Gaskins Middle School; Mr. Milton J. Hopkins (Principal) and Dr. Kathy R. Farley-Cook (Counselor) of Huffman Middle School.



Youth First Breakfast Club at Huffman Middle School

Breakfast was provided by Wings and Waffles; a special thank you goes to their staff for sponsoring this series.

The Youth First Breakfast Club will begin its next session in the fall semester of this year. If your school is interested in having a YFBC, contact Division of Youth Services at (205) 320-0879 for more information.



Girls Inc. of Central Alabama will host a Dove Cool and Confident Workshop for moms and daughters (ages 9-11) on June 25th at the Crestwood Center. The workshop will focus on developing self-esteem and positive body image. Space is limited. Contact Julean Kirkpatrick at 599-5554 to register.

# 8th Annual SWAC Youth Football Clinic

**When:** Monday, July 18, 2011  
 Registration begins at 8:00am. Clinic runs from 9:00am to NOON.

**Arrive Early:** The first 300 participants receive a FREE clinic t-shirt . Lunch served by Full Moon BBQ to all participants.

**WHO:** The clinic is **FREE** to all City of Birmingham and Jefferson County 5th thru 8th grade football players and coaches. **CLINIC PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE A GENERAL RELEASE FORM SIGNED BY HIS/HER PARENT OR GUARDIAN -- NO EXCEPTIONS!** General Release Forms are available at DYS located at 808 18th Street North, Birmingham 35203

**SWAC HEAD FOOTBALL COACHES**

- Anthony Jones - Alabama A&M
- Reggie Barlow - Alabama State
- Melvin Spears - Alcorn State
- Monte Coleman - Arkansas-Pine Bluff
- Doug Williams - Grambling State
- Rick Comegy - Jackson State
- Karl Morgan - Mississippi Valley State
- Heishma Northern - Prairie View A&M
- Stump Mitchell - Southern
- Kevin Ramsey - Texas Southern

**Program:** Drills on fundamentals, technique, finer points of the game, offense and defense.

For more information about the 8th Annual SWAC Youth Football Clinic, contact DYS at 205-320-0879.

**Where:** The clinic will take place at Legion Field. Parking is available in parking lot J

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## KAMERON DICKERSON



Kwani Dickerson (mother), Kameron Dickerson, and Mayor William A. Bell, Sr.

Kameron Dickerson is a 2011 Graduate of the Alabama School of Fine Arts. He was recently honored by Mayor William A. Bell, Sr. for his outstanding achievements in both academics and music. Kameron will enter the University of Alabama at Birmingham as a freshman this fall.

Congratulations Kameron!

**THE EDGE**  
 7001Crestwood Blvd  
 205-795-3500

**Edge Free Family Film Festival**  
**Tues. and Wed. @ 10 AM**

- May 31-June 1 - The Polar Express , Shrek 2
- June 7-8 - Horton Hears A Who , ET
- June 14-15 - Chicken Run , Shrek The Third
- June 21-22 - The Rugrats Movie, Home Alone
- June 28-29 - Anastasia, Shrek
- July 5-6 - Pokemon, How The Grinch Stole Christmas
- July 12-13 - Charlotte's Web , Despicable Me
- July 19-20 - Jimmy Neutron, Boy Genius , Night At The Museum
- July 26-27 - Rugrats In Paris , Shrek Forever After
- August 2-3 - Spirit: Stallion Of The Cimarron , Alvin And The Chipmunks: The Squeakquel



**Sweet Rides benefiting Kid One**

Don't miss Confederate Motorcycles at Sweet Bones on July 8th as we host DJ Bob and Kid One Transport in one of the hippest events of the year. Come check out the coolest motorcycle on the planet, have some of the best food on the planet and listen to some of the best music this side of the galaxy.

Visit the link below to purchase tickets:  
<http://www.eventbrite.com/event/1750143727?ref=eweb>

## Councilor Steven W. Hoyt's "Party with A Purpose" wins FIRST PLACE at National Neighborhoods Convention



Initiated by Councilor Hoyt in 2006, *Party with a Purpose*, the annual Ensley Park outdoor Festival now draws thousands of people from all over the city to the event. In 2008 attendance topped 6,000 and increased to reached almost 10,000 in 2010. "The Festival started as a vigil in response to a rash of homicides but now is meant to inspire a sense of family in the city while offering its participants a chance to take advantage of free services offered by vendors." (*Bham News*, 10/2/10)

Special thanks to Mayor William A. Bell, Sr. for his continued support. Thank you for the support and participation of city leaders: Chief A. C. Roper, *Birmingham Police Department*; Chief Ivor Brooks, *Birmingham Fire & Rescue*; Melvin Miller, *Executive Director, Parks & Recreation*; Cedric Sparks, *Executive Director, Division of Youth Services*; and many others.

Congratulations to Councilor Hoyt for his vision to launch such a worthy effort; and to all the volunteers that make the event possible.

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(*Bham News*, 10/2/10)

## Student Poll Official Program Gives Birmingham Youth An Active Role in Electoral Process



The City of Birmingham Office of the City Clerk in collaboration with The City of Birmingham Mayor's Office Division of Youth Services (DYS) is making it possible for high school and college students to take an active role in the City of Birmingham's electoral process with the **Student Poll Official**

**program**. This program is designed to educate and motivate many of our local students to become active voters in the future.

Participants will have the opportunity to serve their community and obtain behind the scenes access to the municipal electoral process. Individuals selected to serve as a Student Poll Official will be compensated \$150.00 per election. The goal of this program is to place at least one student at each of the City's polling locations. We are excited about the outlook of this program in providing a greater awareness of the democratic process to our youth as well as the possibility of sparking an interest of a career path for many of them.

Interested persons must complete the application and adhere to the following guidelines:

- Reside in the City of Birmingham
- Be at least 18 years of age at the time of the election
- Must be a registered voter (*please provide your voter registration number*)
- Be a United States Citizen
- Must be computer literate and possess the ability to type at least 35-50 words a minute
- Obtain Parental/Guardian consent
- Must be able to attend a training session (*Details will be provided at a later date*)

**Applications must be submitted to DYS by Friday, July 29, 2011.** DYS is located at:

City of Birmingham Mayor's Office Division of Youth Services  
808 North 18<sup>th</sup> Street  
Birmingham, AL 35203

For more information about the **Student Poll Official Program**, contact The City Clerk's Office at (205) 254-2290 or DYS at (205) 320-0879.

# SUMMER in the CITY



14th Annual Fishing Rodeo @ East Lake Park



Deuce McAllister speaks at YMCA Youth Center



Inside Gamini Ride @ United Youth Relief Family Fun Day



Legion Field Lockers @ DYS All-Star Football Camps



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