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Local News

May 21, 2010
Firefighters raise \$14,118 during boot drive

Dalton Daily Citizen

DALTON — Those dollars that local drivers dropped one by one into firefighters' boots over the weekend added up to \$14,118, Whitfield County officials said.

That's good news for Georgia children who have been severely burned.

The money raised by the Whitfield County firefighters and more than 100 other fire departments across the state during the 21st annual "Give Burns the Boot" drive will help support Camp Oo-U-La, Georgia's only camp held exclusively for burn-injured children.

More than 100 children attended the camp last year.

The camp, paid for entirely by the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation, allows these young campers one week a year in which they can live without society's awkward stares and just be kids with others who have experienced the same trauma.

"We would like to thank the citizens of Whitfield County for making this possible and would also like to thank all the firefighters who gave of their time for such a worthy cause," said Lt. Chris West of the Whitfield County Fire Department. "The Burn Foundation is a great organization and helps so many people. We at Whitfield County Fire Department count it an honor to be a part of such a great cause. We know the children will really appreciate all the donations!"

The firefighters also expressed thanks to Georgia Federal Credit Union employees Crystal Hargraves, Kristi Kelly and Cynthia Brown for counting the donations for them.

The Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation is a nonprofit organization with a threefold mission — to educate the public in burn awareness and prevention, to support medical facilities in the care of burns in Georgia, and to assist burn survivors in their recovery.

The Burn Foundation supports a "Give Burns the Boot" Investment Credit Program through which participating fire departments receive 10 percent of the funds collected to be used towards fire safety/burn prevention programs in their communities.


"Our department hasn't participated in several years," Fire Chief Carl Collins said, "but this year there was a lot of interest from our members to participate. We are glad that we did take part and really appreciate the generosity of our local residents to help us help these children."

Firefighters were stationed around the county at five locations on Saturday, May 15, holding fire boots for people to drop money into, including Cleveland Highway and the North Bypass, Cleveland Highway and Ga. Highway 2, Walnut Avenue and Airport Road, Highway 41 and Connector 3, and Highway 41

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LOCAL NEWS

AP VIDEO

Road closings frustrate motorists



A stretch of double road closings in the Westside community has been an inconvenience for drivers, but local officials say it's a necessary move that will improve the safety of the roads and also save the county money.

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Newspaper ensures homebound will keep reading



The Northwest Regional Library System's shuttered book delivery service is getting a kickstart. Only this time around, the books delivered to homebound residents will be taken by Daily Citizen newspaper carriers instead of the library's van service. Beginning in July, carriers will deliver books to the homebound readers in Gordon, Murray and Whitfield counties every other week. Library staff will assemble the books and place them in containers for carriers to pick up.

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Motocross in Murray



Shane Clampitt, 32, of Clyde, N.C., jumps his bike in the Vet B/C 30 plus race during the Loretta Lynn Southeastern Qualifier at the Lazy River Motocross in southern Murray County on Sunday afternoon.

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Rotary scholarship winners

The Rotary Club of Dalton recently named Avery Hart of Southeast High School as the winner of its Outstanding Area Student award and Katarina Yi of Dalton High School as the first runner-up.

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Area arrests for May 24

Recent arrests from the Whitfield and Murray County jail reports.

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Act Playhouse presents 'Seussical Jr.'

Fifty young actors will bring to life all your favorite Dr. Seuss characters when Artistic Civic Theatre presents the children's musical "Seussical Jr." June 17-19 and June 24-26 at the ACT Playhouse in Dalton. With the largest

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