

BGACDC FAMILY PUMPKIN CARVING DAY



Pumpkin carving dates back to medieval Ireland, where Irish folks carved demonic faces in turnips and potatoes to scare away the ghost of Stingy Jack, a meddlesome trickster and sometime adversary of the Devil, at least according to an Irish myth. The Irish invented the name “Jack-O Lanterns.” Now, Americans celebrate the Halloween activity, but with pumpkins!

On October 30, the Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center (BGACDC) had four children carve and paint pumpkins for Halloween. Volunteers who helped were LaPearl Shelby, Dedrick Collins and Anita Mayo. The pumpkin carvers were Kason Collins, Carter Cohen, Kaleel Shelby and Kingston Shelby. The children and adults had a marvelous time with the chore.

Carving pumpkins was not new for all the children, but they all found it a little gruesome. They all laughed and joked and got messy, which is what energetic children do best.

The BGACDC’s youth-activity component hopes to do something special with the community for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Be on the lookout.

BGACDC’s Youth Activity Volunteer of the Month is Mrs. Anita Mayo.

