

CAN SPRING BE FAR BEHIND?



Anren Nelson displays his entry in the paper-sack art contest.

Spring break is an eagerly anticipated vacation from the rigors of the classroom, but it should not also be an escape from safety and learning.

The Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center fills the breach each year with Spring Break Fun, a week of games, arts, crafts and music for children of the Marvell-Elaine schools. They were organized this year by Diamacious Sims, a VISTA volunteer who works with BGACDC's Youth and Family Development component.

"Everybody looks forward to spring break, but parents often work, so we're always concerned about the risks for children who are unsupervised and have nothing safe, fun and educational to do," said Beatrice Shelby, executive director of BGACDC. "We try to organize activities that fill all those needs and give the children a real positive experience instead of empty days of idleness."

About 40 youngsters ages 4 to 14 participated in the games, arts and crafts. It ended with a dance Friday night for high school students.



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