A BLOCK PARTY FOR THE FUTURE

The last thrills before school at the BGACDC block party.

What better way to mark the beginning of school than a final fling of summer fun, especially when it involves some educational enrichment for the whole community?

From the moment when the Air E-Vac helicopter hovered over Main Street in Marvell and then dropped to the street amid throngs of cheering children, the Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center's second annual vacation-ending Block Party was a roaring success. The children, many of whom had never seen a helicopter, go to examine the rescue chopper and hear how it worked.

Two blocks of Main Street were blocked off for the party, attended by some 250 children and adults. Small children screamed with delight as they plunged down the waterslides and older youngsters braved the fury of a gushing water hydrant. Games and prizes involving water balloons, face painting, cake walks, Frisbee-throwing and bingo consumed the four hours. A disc jockey played music, surrounded by Zumba-dancing children.

But it was also educational for everyone from toddlers to the elderly. Entergy Corp. demonstrated its weatherization program and took applications. Tri-County Rural Health was there to demonstrate its health and social services and Suddenlink its communication services. BGACDC of course, could show off its educational programs that raise the achievement in Marvell-Elaine schools.

Phillips County businesses supported the project with prizes, food and gift cards.

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