



Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Central Missouri

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Moberly Mentors



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Moberly recently thanked school-based mentors with an evening supper. Among mentors recognized were, from left, Helen Alexander, Donnie Kimbrough, Curt Porter, Chrissy Dignan, Tina Greiner and Chrissandra Porter. This is the initial year for the Moberly Program which has 30 “Bigs” volunteering in Gratz Brown, North Park and South Park Elementary Schools. Since November, 2008, these mentors have volunteered more than 150 hours.

The WOW Factor!

Chrissandra Porter, a Big Sister in the School-Based Program in Moberly, recently commented *“I never thought I'd say this in my life, but I can't wait for school to start so that I can see my Little Sister again. We've written letters this summer, but it just isn't the same!”* Think about becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister, or encourage a friend to join you. It's a well-known fact that time spent together becomes 'Little Moments, Big Magic' for both Bigs and Littles!

Big Brother Update

Big Brother Aaron Senne, featured in the June Newsletter with his Little Brother, Morell, was recently drafted by the Minnesota Twins Baseball Team. Aaron has decided, however, to return to MU to finish his education. Congrats Aaron for being among the elite players drafted to play in the major leagues.

**COUNTDOWN TO KICKOFF,
COUNTDOWN TO FUN!**



Is there anything more fun than taking your “Little” to an MU Football Game at Faurot Field?

The opening kickoff for the MU Football Season is just weeks away and the prediction is another thrilling season with new faces, new challenges, lots of fun – and last but not least, a chance to **TOAST THE TIGERS** at **Countdown To Kickoff!**

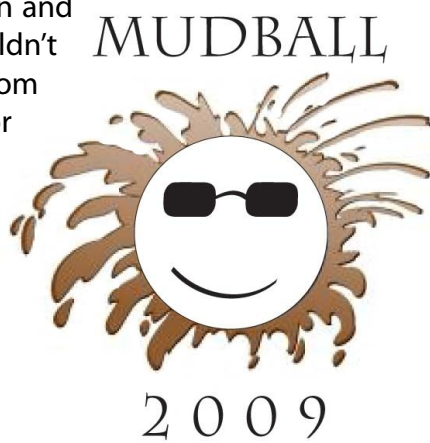
Countdown To Kickoff is Countdown to Fun Tuesday, August 18th, in the Tiger Lounge at Faurot Field. From 4:30 – 7p.m. Tiger fans can enjoy drinks and hors d'oeuvres, bid on many, many interesting items during silent and live auctions, talk Tiger football with friends, and hear the latest about the 2009 Tigers from MU Head Football Coach, Gary Pinkel.

Tickets are a bargain at \$50.00 per person, and you can reserve your tickets today at www.bigsofcentralmo.org

Mudball Kudos

Another dirty deal is over — **Mudball '09** — and **Hearty Thank You's** to all the teams who played and the behind the scenes help. We couldn't have done it without you!

The **Columbia Fire Department** did a first-rate job keeping the pits "muddy" and the MudBallers "clean!" Thanks to our media sponsors, **KOMU-TV8, Mid Missouri CW, Y107 and KTGR** for providing great publicity and fielding a team. Thanks again to **Andy's Frozen Custard** for the cool treats, **Shakespeare's** for the hot pizza and Al Green and **Coca-Cola** for water. And we couldn't have done it without volunteer help from **Kohl's and Columbia Career Center** for providing the great location.



Giving: Making Our Work with Children Possible

Making a gift to support matching at-risk children with positive adult role model mentors here in Central MO by BBBS is easy. Simply select a course of action:

- Write and send a check to BBBS of Central Missouri, 800 N. Providence Rd., Ste.110, Columbia, MO 65203.
- Visit our website and select “Donate.” This will take you to a secure site at which you can make a contribution. If you have registered for an event of ours in the last year on our website, your information has been stored securely and will “auto fill” if you so choose!
- Sponsor or even host a BBBS event (call for various business plans available).
- Designate BBBS of Central Missouri in your estate plan. Similarly, ask others to make a memorial gift to us in your name.
- Transfer gifts of appreciated stock or real estate, using your own financial planner.
- Contribute to us in honor or memory of a loved one.

And did you know that we offer Youth Opportunities Program tax credits at the 50% level? That’s how you get half of your gift returned to you. When you give, for example, \$5,000, you complete a form that we send to the Dept. of Economic Development. You then receive, in this example, \$2,500 of your gift back on your taxes. Plus, you still get to take the charitable tax deduction on your gift – in addition to this 50% refund. It’s true. Call us with any questions you may have about this: 573-874-3677, ext. 209.

Business of the Month

Big Brothers Big Sisters and our partner, Andy’s Frozen Custard, are proud to recognize the July Business of the Month — KOMU-TV/MID-MISSOURI CW. The hard working TV staffs have been a long-time supporter and promoter of all the Big Brothers Big Sisters events. As a way to thank them, Andy’s recently delivered delicious frozen custard on a hot afternoon to their employees.



Thank You

Big Brothers Big Sisters recognizes and says “THANKS” to the many businesses and organizations who help us throughout the year including the **Northwest Rotary Foundation** and the **3M Community Giving Program** for their generous donations which help make “MAGIC” for the children of Central Missouri.



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July/August Events for Bigs & Littles



Events at Hazel Kinder's Lighthouse Theater

I-70 @ Millersburg Exit 137
Admission: Free for Bigs and Littles

- August 8, 22** — Hazel Kinder and the Beacon Band,
Country Classics
August 15 — Missouri Mountain Gang Bluegrass & Gospel

Events at Daniel Boone Regional Library

August 1 — Saturday — TRYPS Theater — 11am — Program Room, Children's Area This month's theme: Splish, Splash. TRYPS is Columbia's professional theater group for young audiences. At this free workshop, ages 12 and younger will participate in original plays, improvisation, sing-alongs, puppetry and poetry.

August 1 — Saturday — Reading to Rover — 2-4pm & Monday, August 10, 5:30-7:30pm, Program Room, Children's Area. This is a fun and unique way to help improve children's literacy skills. All dogs are certified Therapy Dogs.

August 13 — Thursday — Creative Cartooning — 7-8pm — Program Room, Children's Area Grab your pencils, crayons and markers and get ready to draw unknown animals, spooky critters and wacky people. "Uncle" James Mouser from KOMU-TV's "Pepper & Friends" will teach you how to create cartoons using simple, easy-to-follow steps. Ages 8 and older, but teens and adults are welcome. **Registration begins Tuesday, August 4.**

Mark Your Calendar

July 31 — Friday — Summer Session
Closes at MU

August 20 — Thursday — First Day of School
[Mexico Public Schools](#)

August 24 — Monday — First Day of School
[Columbia Public Schools](#)

August 25 — Tuesday — First Day of School
[Moberly Public Schools](#)

Events Around Columbia

Kids Summer Movies — Forum 8 Theater — Mon-Fri — 10:30am — All Seats \$1.00

- July 27-31** — Shrek the Third
August 3-7 — Surf's Up
August 10-14 — Bee Movie
August 17-21 — The Spiderwick Chronicles

Show Me State Games — Columbia — Friday - Sunday through August 2

Family Fun Fest — Flat Branch Park — August 19 — 6-8pm — enjoy clowns, performing dogs, the Big Top Circus Band, face painting, magic and a clown parade.

Events Around Mexico

Tuesday Concerts In The Park July 28 — 7pm — Hardin Park Gazebo
August 4, 11 — 7pm — Hardin Park Gazebo

Performances include Michael's Country Classic and a Blue Grass Jam.

Family Backyard Games August 15 — Saturday—1pm-dark— Fairgrounds Park Events include horseshow pitching, washer tossing, volleyball, badminton, croquet, tennis, basketball, kickball. Bring sporting equipment if you have it.

BBBS Events

July 25 — Saturday — Swimming Party — 6:15-8:15pm — Oakland Aquatic Center, Columbia, \$1.00 per person.

August 18 — Tuesday — Countdown To Kickoff — 4:30pm — Tiger Lounge Faurot Field. For information visit www.bigsocentralmo.org

Check This Out

"Equipment for 2". If you're looking for fun things to do with you Little Brother or Sister this summer stop by the BBBs office and check out the Game Packs. Each pack contains active and fun games to play like "Smash Volleyball" (no net") Frisbee, Horseshoes and Fling Toss. To reserve call or email Karen.Scott@bbbs.org or call 874-3677 ext. 200

For Outdoor Fun we also have fishing rods, tents and caving lights available for checkout.