



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Missouri

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Play Ball



Little Brother, Morrell, recently threw out the 'First Pitch' to MU Baseball Player and his Big Brother, Aaron Senne, at BBBS Day at the Ballpark, April 26th.



The Tigers played Texas Tech. It was Morell's very first baseball game and what a memorable experience for him and Aaron. On board to watch Morell's "straight down the middle" pitch right into Aaron's glove were his teacher, Mrs. Jessica Patchett and counselor Candace Bricker from Derby Ridge Elementary School. BBBS also gives a special thanks to the MU Athletic Department and Scott Nielson for coordinating the BBBS Day At The Ballpark and tickets to the event.

In Memory of George Parker



George Parker, 86, a longtime friend and supporter of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Missouri died Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at his home. George stopped by the office occasionally to reminisce, catch up, and just see how things were going. George was a member of the first Board of Directors of BBBS when the agency was started in Columbia in 1968. George grew up in the Joplin area and was a "Little Brother" for a short time when he was a boy. George served more than 20 years in the US Air Force. He was stationed at the Pentagon in Washington DC where he also served as Secretary of the BBBS Board, and was a Big Brother from 1950-1954. George and his family moved to Columbia in 1958 where he served as Assistant Commandant of Cadets in Air Force ROTC at MU. He retired in 1961 but continued to be involved in the community and state politics.

George's son, G. W. Parker was also a Big Brother in Columbia mentoring his Little Brother, Luke. G.W. and George often participated in Bowl For Kids' Sake in the early 2,000's.

SIGN UP NOW FOR MUDBALL 2009

How much fun can getting dirty really be? Find out by participating with your own team, or just come and watch the 2009 Mud Volleyball Tournament Saturday, June 20th, at the Columbia Career Center Ag. Field (4203 S. Providence) The fun begins at 9:45a.m.



Register on line at www.bigsofcentralmo.org or call Dave Dietrich at 874-2611, ext. 213. Or email dave.dietrich@bbbs.org

Go-Karts and Golf

22 Bigs and Littles spent a sunny day out at Perche Creek putt-putting and go-karting their way to a good time. The first Little to putt actually hit a hole-in-one on the very first hole, her first time to hit a golf ball! Water, bananas, and granola were doled out to feed the energy of the players. From the looks of some of the score cards, most of our Bigs were upstaged by their younger counterparts. After the golf, the kids took a spin on the go-kart track which was a first for many of them. Even Carl Edwards would be proud of the fancy maneuvers being made on the track and there were certainly a few pile-ups. Through it all, smiles abounded and it seemed like a great day to kick off the summer.



What a Party!

What do you get when you add together one Big Sister, Sherry Hoover, who likes to plan wild and crazy activities for her Little Sister, Angela, and two of her friends? You get an afternoon filled with surprises, fun, games, treats, magic, and adventure!

That's what happened recently in Sherry's Mexico, MO. Home as she was hostess to Angela and her friends, Jillian and Brittney.

After being energized on milk and cookies after school, the fun began. First the girls assumed the role of detectives to solve the "Mystery of the Missing Treasure." Donning detective hats and armed with bags to collect clues the girls embarked on apprehending the culprit and recovering the missing treasure. Suspects were Chuck E. Cheese, Chelsea the Chick, Gary the Gorilla, Brown Bear the Pirate, and Rachel Rabbit. "Witnesses" (area neighbors) had been given the appropriate goods for each clue. After solving the mystery and arresting the culprit—Brown Bear the Pirate—the gals were ready for the next adventure.

Throughout the afternoon the girls enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt, got very wet during the 'Fire Brigade' water game, and were dazzled and mystified by "Madame Zelda" who amazed the three with her magical powers of levitation, mind reading, card tricks and mathematical genius! But, the fun was not over yet. They also enjoyed Mary Kay makeup facials where they learned the necessary steps in skin care and makeup application.

Sherry remarked, "You never know what's up my sleeve next when you have a great Little like Angela. It's fun and easy to think of new, exciting activities for her and her friends. **I love being a Big Sister!**"



From left, Detectives Jillian, Little Sister, Angela; and Brittney celebrate after solving the Mystery of the Missing Treasure.

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
- 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. Call us with any questions. 573-874-3677, ext. 209.

Thank You

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Missouri salutes many people and groups for their generosity.

Thank you to Columbia Downtown Rotary for designating BBBS as a beneficiary for their wonderfully entertaining Acapella Concert. Thank you to the Society of Government Meeting Professionals for their generous check.

Thank you to Columbia College, the Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, and the Optimist Club for their assistance with the recent Mentor/Mentee luncheon.

Business of the Month

Big Brothers Big Sisters and our partner, Andy's Frozen Custard, are excited to recognize the June Business of The Month—Joe Machens Automotive. Gary Drawing and Joe Machens Automotive have been a long-time supporter of Bowl For Kid's Sake and many other events. As a way to thank them Andy's recently delivered their delicious frozen custard to their employees.



A salute to the Business of the Month, Joe Machens Automotive: from left Mary Jo Henry, Marketing Director; Lisa Eimers, BBBS; Gary Drawing, owner, Joe Machens Automotive; Amy Nelson, Andy's.



Ed Meldrum and Don Racinowski enjoyed Andy's Custard



June Events for Bigs & Littles



Events at Hazel Kinder's Lighthouse Theater

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

June 27 — Hazel Kinder and the Beacon Band Country Classics

June 20 — Blue Grass Brigade

Events at Daniel Boone Regional Library

June 15 — Monday — A Clown Is a Poet Who Is Also an Orangutan — 7-7:45pm Program Room, Children's Area Find the clown inside you. Professional clown, actor and playwright Craig Sjogerman (aka Dr. Gesundheit) will help you let your inner clown come out and fall down. This class will include clown character work, trips, falls, slapstick, juggling, schtick and classic outines. Bring a red nose if you have one. Ages 6-13. **Registration begins Tuesday, June 9.**

Friday — June 19 — Party With the Stars — 7:30-9pm — Gene Martin Secret Garden

Summer's almost here, officially, but why does summer start on June 21 anyway? We'll answer that (it has to do with how the sun travels across the sky) and lots of other seasonal questions tonight. If it's clear, we'll also go outside and view Saturn and the moon with a computer-controlled telescope. If you've ever wondered what a cross-quarter day is or would like to see Saturn's rings, then you simply must "party with the stars" in June. Hosted by Val Germann and cosponsored by the Central Missouri Astronomical Association. Enter through the Gene Martin Secret Garden, west end of main parking lot.

Saturday — June 20 — Family Fables with Dr. Gesundheit — 10-11am — Program Room, Children's Area In this storytelling and performance workshop for kids and parents, Dr. Gesundheit will share family legends, grandparents' tales and stories of "the old days." Have fun acting out these stories with your family using many theatrical styles and tricks. Ages 5 and older. **Registration begins Tuesday, June 9.**

June 23 — Tuesday — Doggy Drill Team Musical Show — 7-8pm — South Parking Lot The dogs and trainers of Ann Gafke's Teacher's Pet Drill Team will put on their dancing shoes and perform a freestyle musical show. Handlers will also share tips for children about dog safety. All ages.

Events Around Columbia

June 17 — Wednesday — Family Fun Fest: Stream Extravaganza Monthly family recreation event at Flat Branch Park! An evening of fun, frogs, fishing poles, nature tattoos, learning and more for the whole family. Over 20 fun activities for all ages.

Events Around Mexico

June 20 — Saturday — Family Backyard Games — 1pm-dark — Fairgrounds Park Events include horseshow pitching, washer tossing, volleyball, badminton, croquet, tennis, basketball, kickball. Bring sporting equipment if you have it.

June 23, 30 — Tuesday Concerts In The Park — 6:30 or 7pm — Hardin Park Gazebo Performances include a Blue Grass Jam, Weber & Staley, The Echoes, and The Mexico Community Band.

Mark Your Calendar

June 15 — Monday — Summer School Begins for Columbia Public Schools

Kids Bowl Free!

AMF Town & Country Lanes in Columbia is participating in the first ever "Kids Bowl Free" program. This program is designed to give back to the community and provide a safe, secure, and fun way for kids to spend time this summer. Children whose age does not exceed a limit are eligible to register for 2 free games a day, all summer long, courtesy AMF Town & Country Lanes.

Here's how to register.... Go to:

https://www.kidsbowlfree.com/center.php?alley_id=5426

Bigs can sign up where it asks for parent information. Put your Littles information in the kid's section.

You will receive an email with coupons.

Every two weeks you'll receive another email with coupons for the following two weeks.

You will have to pay for shoe rental.