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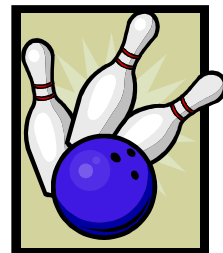
Big Brothers & Sisters
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Bowl For Kids' Sake 2008

Bowl For Kids' Sake a Success! The 26th annual Bowl for Kids' Sake fundraiser to benefit Big Brothers & Sisters of Portage County was held February 23rd at AMF Twin Star Lanes in Kent. Special thanks to AMF Twin Star Lanes manager, Marge Lockhart, and staff for hosting this event.



160 bowlers participated in the event. Bowlers enjoyed free bowling, shoe rental, pizza from Guys Pizza Co. in Kent, pop from Giant Eagle of Streetsboro, potato chips, door prizes, and a Bowl for Kids' Sake commemorative t-shirt. Kathy Schneider from Garrettsville designed pillows for door prizes fashioned from t-shirts distributed in the past.

24 Bigs and Littles were able to bowl free due to sponsorships by Amanda's Garden Learning Center, American Legion Post #331, Buckeye Community Health Plan, Cascade Lighting, Coleman Behavioral Health, Tires & More, Inc., and Ravenna VFW Post #1055.

Duck Man from 88.9 WSTB-FM did a terrific job emceeing both bowling shifts during the event.

Buckley, mascot for Buckeye Community Health Plan, was on hand to welcome bowlers, as well as Trooper Jose Reyes, field recruiter for the State Highway Patrol, with Teddy Trooper, mascot for Portage County Safe Communities.

KSU Teleproductions captured some live footage of the event for future air while teams from the KSU Athletic Department participated.

To support the event, Professional Bowler, Dave D'Entremont, obtained autographed items and photos from professional bowlers which are currently on display at AMF Twin Star Lanes. Autographs up for auction include Walter Ray Williams, Jr., Norm Duke, Chris Barnes, Ryan Shafer, Pete Weber, Danny Wiseman, and more. Stop by AMF Twin Star Lanes, 2245 State Route 59 in Kent for auction details. The silent auction concludes March 15th.

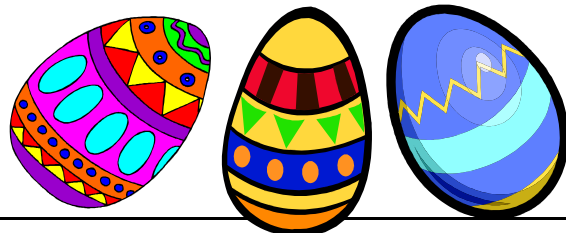
\$3,555.80 was raised in the School Challenge this year. The following schools participated: Maplewood Career Center, \$1,593.95; Aurora High School, \$1,396.85; and Rootstown Middle School \$565.00.

Shirt sponsors included: AMF Twin Star Lanes; Guys Pizza Co.; Akron Aeros; Chad Murdock, Attorney at Law; Charles J. Yowler, M.D.; Hummel Construction; Kent Rotary Foundation; Kiwanis Club of Kent; Kris Skaggs & Pete Sasson; Lintz Collision & Refinish; Midway Auto; Oscar Brugmann Sand & Gravel, Inc.; PARTA; PWP, Chapter #600; Patrick Excavating; Paul E. Huchok, C.P.A.; Portage Community Bank; Ravenna American Legion; Ray & Linda Carlisle; Rick Kuntz Trucking, Inc.; The Board & Staff of Big Brothers & Sisters; The Davey Tree Expert Company; The Rootstown Lions Club; Theodore G. Manfrass, Architects; and Williams, Welsler & Kratcoski, LLC.

Working at the event were staff members Andrea Neidert, Deb Ferrell, Amanda Golz, Allison Jackson, and Linda Carlisle; and board members Paul Huchok and Mike Levicky.

Thank you to...

- ♥ Kathy Schneider for the pillows she made and donated.
- ♥ Dave Scott for donating Cavs tickets to the agency.



Road Trip ~ The National Aviary Pittsburgh, PA

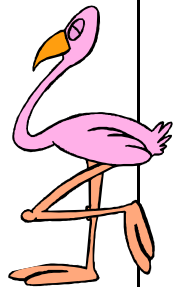
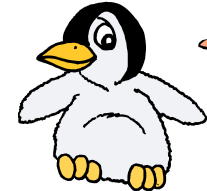


Get nose to beak with a flamingo, talk to a parrot, walk with a penguin and stroll through a tropical rainforest-all at the National Aviary.

Located in Pittsburgh, we are open from 10:00 to 5:00 every day of the year except Christmas. (Some special programs or classes may begin earlier.) Summer hours (Memorial Day through Labor Day) will be 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Cost is \$9.00 for adults and children 2 - 12 years are \$7.50.

Visit their website for more information: <http://www.aviary.org>



Look Who's Waiting...for You?

This Little Sister is 11 years old and in fifth grade. She lives in Kent with her mom and sister. She enjoys lots of different activities including ice skating and playing on a basketball team. She also enjoys seasonal activities like pumpkin carving. Little Sis is friendly and chatty and looks forward to just hanging out with her new Big Sister.

If you are interested in volunteering for this Little Sister or any of the 100 children on our waiting list please call our office at 330.296.6655 or visit our website at www.bbspportage.org. We look forward to hearing from you!



Be a friend. Be a mentor. Just be there.

Donate Your Vehicle



"Cars for Kids" is a program designed to raise funds for the agency.

Anyone interested in donating a running or non-running car or truck should call the BB&S office (330) 296-6655 or visit our website: www.bbspportage.org.

Vehicles are towed free of charge. Donors need to provide keys & title. Donors may also claim a tax deduction for making a charitable contribution.

Help from the Handbook

Are you a KSU student who will be going home or to an out-of-town job for the summer? If so, remember to talk to your Little & his/her parent or guardian so they know what is happening.

Let the family know when you will be leaving & returning. Talk about how you & your Little can stay in touch over the summer - email, phone calls, letters, etc. Be sure to follow through with whatever plan the two of you decide will work. Call your Little when you are back in town to touch base. Get together as soon as possible.

In addition, remember to call your match support specialist and let her know you will be away for the summer.

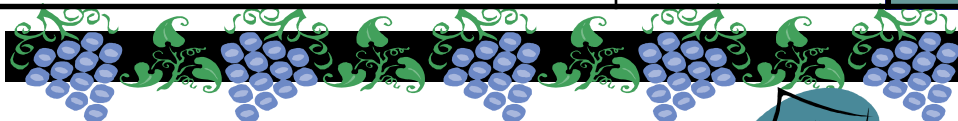


Email Newsletter

If you would like to receive this newsletter by email and help us save money on postage, let us know by emailing bbs.portage@sbcglobal.net. You will receive your newsletter faster and in color!



From The Grapevine



⌘ LS Brittany was on the honor roll. BS Norma Ellis is very proud of her.

⌘ LB Marcus was on the merit roll. His proud mom gave us the good news.



Happy Birthday to...

March

- LS Autumn
- LS Eva
- LS Savannah
- LS Elena
- LS Marilyn
- LS Nicole
- LB Jessie
- LB Corey
- LB Cody
- LB Andrew
- LB CJ
- LB Anthony
- BS Jenna
- BS Maegan
- BS Bonnie

April

- LS Kirsten
- LS Kayla
- LS Baleigh
- LS Ashlynn
- LS Dallas
- LS Michelle
- LB Chad
- LB Chris
- LB Kyle
- LB Eric
- LB Deantione
- BS Andrea
- BS Julie
- BS Mishelle
- BS Gretchen
- BS Jada
- BS Mallory
- BS Samantha
- BS Jillian
- BB Eric
- BB Jeff
- BB Logan



Happy Match Anniversary

March

- BB John Maffitt / LB Rico – 8 years
- BB Aaron Loeffler / LB Chad – 3 years
- BS Jenna Baughman / LS Ashley – 1 year
- BS Michele Bailey / LS Kassidy – 1 year
- BS Dominique Saunders / LS Jada – 1 year
- BB Haydn McLay / LB Philip – 1 year

April

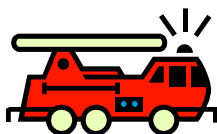
- BS Audrey Olivier / LS Ashley – 2 years
- BS Lara Luchkowsky / LS Saray – 1 year
- BS Norma Ellis / LS Brittany – 1 year
- BS Jada Holley / LS Alexis – 1 year
- BB Bob Taylor / LB Lyvonne – 1 year
- BB Alex Warner / LB Marcus – 1 year

THE BODY & BEYOND



Free Admission
Sat., March 8, 9:30am -2:30pm
NEUCOM-4209 SR 44, Rootstown

- Anatomy Lab
- Relaxation Station
- Kids Corner
- Free Health Screenings
- Explore inside a fire truck & ambulance
- Prizes
- Therapy Dogs
- Free Frozen Yogurt



Please pre-register at :
www.neucom.edu/bodyandbeyond

Questions? 330.325.6733

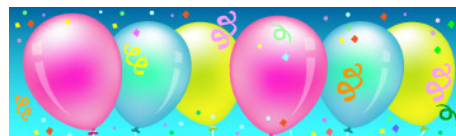
Trail Trek 2008

Big & Littles won't want to miss this exciting match activity! Be sure to see the attached flyer and sign up today!



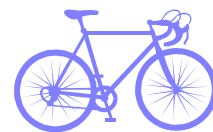
Welcome New Matches

- LS Marilyn / BS Bonnie Jones
- LS Holly / BS Kim Eustache
- LS Chelsey / BS Megan McElroy
- LB Clayton / BB Joe Hunt
- LS Kimberly / BS Abby Jones
- LS Aelyssa / BS Desiree Morgan
- LS Autumn / BS Courtney Douglas
- LS Angelina / BS Amanda Ulbricht



To Do...

- ← Check out the cool free activities at "The Body & Beyond"
- Start your list of summer activities
- Make gifts for Mothers Day (May 11)
- Go on a March hike
- Color Easter eggs
- Take an April bike ride
- Shoot hoops at the park
- Bake some brownies



Freebies for Bigs & Littles

Any current Big or Little who has not received a lunch bag/cooler (Bigs) or backpack (Littles) can stop in the office to pick one up. They will be given out on a first come basis.

Support Big Brothers & Sisters!

Shop at

Fabulous Finds Thrift Superstore

9058 SR 14, Streetsboro

330-422-0039

Monday-Saturday 10am-8pm

Sunday 11am-6pm

**Big Brothers & Sisters of Portage County
receives money from every purchase you make
at Fabulous Finds**

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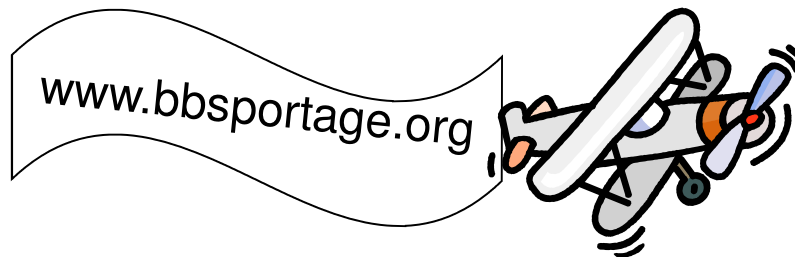
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TRAIL TREK 2008

Sponsored by Tiretown 4 Wheelers and Southington Hunt Club in conjunction with Big Brothers and Sisters of Portage County.

What is Trail Trek 2008? It's an opportunity for a Big and Little to spend two hours riding in a modified off road truck, bouncing over rough trails, slipping and sliding through mud, and shaking and rocking over rocks. *Rain or Shine!*



Where and when will Trail Trek 2008 be held? It will be held at the Southington Hunt Club property, just North of the Ravenna Arsenal, on June 21, 2008. There will be a 10:00 AM run and a 2:00 PM run which will last approximately two hours. Arrive ½ hour early for orientation and vehicle assignments.

What do I need to do to participate? Contact your case worker or a staff member at Big Brothers & Sisters of Portage County to sign up (safety waivers required). Let them know if you want to participate in the morning or afternoon ride. ([See BBS Agency for registration, directions, additional information or questions](#))

What happens when I get there? There will be a group orientation starting ½ hour prior to the trail rides. As much as possible, each Big and Little will be assigned to a vehicle as a pair. Some vehicles can only seat one passenger so you may be riding in different vehicles. Beverages and a ride memento will be available for each participant at the meeting area.

What do I need to bring? If it looks like rain, bring rain gear, otherwise wear clothing suitable for outdoors and that you don't mind getting dirty or muddy (shoes or boots only). If you want something to drink while on the trail, you may bring a canteen or small cooler with beverages. Bring your camera with extra batteries and film.



Big Brothers Big Sisters
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Presents . . .



An Evening at the Game



Join us at Canal Park when the Akron Aeros host the Bowie Baysox

Friday, May 30, 2008

\$10 per Ticket Includes:

Pre-game all you can eat buffet (6:05 pm)

Chili, Hotdogs, Chips, Pop

Game (7:05 pm)

Fireworks after the Game!

Everyone is invited, so spread the word to family, friends, and co-workers!

Top 3 ticket sellers will receive a certificate for free membership to
Orbit's Baseball Buddies to gift to a friend 12 or younger!

Ticket payment must be received prior to April 15. Pay by check (payable to Big Brothers & Sisters) or charge. Mail payment to BB&S, 220 W. Main St., Ravenna, OH 44266, or stop by the office during regular business hours. Questions? Call 330.296.6655.