

big news



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Don't Be Left Out! Join The Club! "What Club" You Say?



THE ONE-TO-ONE CLUB!

Time is running out on our annual memberships to the One-To-One Club! A year-long membership is just \$125! The membership term is from September 1, 2006 and runs through August 31, 2007. Did you ever think that such a small amount could help change the future? At Big Brothers Big Sisters of Saginaw Bay Area...IT CAN! We have been doing it for over 100 years!

Join the club that truly makes a life long difference in a child!

LOOK WHAT YOU GET!

Exclusive Club Benefits:

- Free copy of quarterly newsletter for one year
- Invitation to attend Bigs and Littles agency activities
- Two free tickets to our Annual Charity Auction January 26, 2007 at Horizons Conference Center (\$50 value)
- Your name listed as a member of the One-To-One Club on both The Big News and the agency letterhead
- Exclusive invitation to attend annual Members-Only luncheon
- And of course, making the difference in the life of a child!



(SEE MEMBERSHIP FORM ON BACK)

ACT NOW... TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

something from

shelly

Wow! Where did the summer go? It's hard to believe that we will be putting our flip-flops away and getting out our long sleeves soon.

With the summer sunshine fading away, that means that it's time to start focusing on our biggest fundraiser - the Annual Charity Auction. This year we have come up with a really fun theme...The Round Up! Are you hankerin' fer a good time? Because BBBS has a hootin' good time planned for you! This year's auction will take place on Friday, January 26, 2007 at Horizons Conference Center. We are always in need of great volunteers and great auction items. Look for the full page auction form located in this newsletter for all the details.

I would like to invite all of you to become members of the exclusive Big Brothers Big Sisters of Saginaw Bay Area One-To-One Club. This is a club that doesn't require a lot of time, no long meetings to attend and obligations to fulfill....just a desire to make a difference in the life of a child. Our 2006-07 enrollment ends soon, so find the sign up sheet in this newsletter and return it today.

Special thanks to all who volunteered at the Annual Pig Gig in Bay City. Even though we had the rain to contend with, we had a good time and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Saginaw Bay Area benefitted from your involvement.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Shelly

Shelly Greene
Executive Director

looking for a

Big Brother

**Meet Gwen**

Age: 13

School: Ricker Middle School (8th Grade)

Favorite Food: Greens

Favorite Show: That's So Raven

Favorite Color: Pink

Future Plans: To Be An Actor

Hobbies: Coloring

Favorite Cartoon: Spongebob Squarepants

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

One Wish: To Move To Atlanta

**PIG GIG... AN
OINKIN'
GOOD TIME!**

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Pig Gig this year in Bay City. Though it was quite a challenge setting up in the rain, from the feedback we received, everyone enjoyed the event.

Without the help of our many volunteers, we would not have been able to make it happen. Congratulations to our bike winner Steven Courtney!

We need your help! Big Brothers Big Sisters of Saginaw Bay Area is always looking for new adult mentors. Now your valid referral enters you in a drawing for a chance to win a gift certificate to a great local restaurant. For every person you refer who becomes a Big, you will be entered into our quarterly drawing. Just be sure to tell your potential Big to mention your name when contacting our office.

REFER A MENTOR PROGRAM

save the date

ROUND UP THE COWPOKE... IT'S AUCTION TIME!

Are you hankerin' fer a good time? Then round up yer posse and join us for

Big Brothers Big Sisters OF SAGINAW BAY AREA

9th Annual Charity Auction



- ◆ Rowdy Live and Silent Auction Items
 - ◆ Delicious Fixins' Fer Yer Belly
 - ◆ Down-Home Entertainment
- ◆ The Hog-Callin' Talents of Auctioneer Michael Erskine

YOUR PRESENCE IS WANTED BY ORDER OF

HONORARY CHAIR



Sheriff Gary Glaza
Citizens Bank
Honorary Chair

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2007 AT 6:00PM
HORIZONS CONFERENCE CENTER
6200 STATE ST., SAGINAW**

MASTER OF CEREMONY



Deputy Sheriff
David M. Hall
Hall and Associates
Master of Ceremony



Need Tickets? Want To Help? Have An Auction Item?
Call Our Office at 755-6558 for More Information

AMACHI NEWS

THE CHAMPION SPEAKS Life... What Is It?

The bible says, "life is a gift from God" (Genesis 2:7). It also says that life is a target for sin (Luke 22:31). Moreover, it says that life is an object for redemption (Romans 5:8, John 3:12), and that life is also a passage to eternity (John 10:28).



its proper place. Some pieces belong in our life, and some pieces belong in someone else's life. But that God expects us to keep gathering these pieces - and when Jesus comes again, He will put these pieces we have gathered into their rightful place. Then, and only then, the puzzle will be complete."

When we study our bible, we will find that all of these definitions for life are true; and yet, let me share with you another definition. The Reverend Dr. Desmon Daniel, Superintendent of Bridgeport Public Schools, says "life is like a puzzle, made up of many pieces and that we keep picking up these pieces and trying to put each piece in

This puzzle of life will then become "A Beautiful Mosaic"... thanks to God! So, come, join us and help pick-up these pieces of Amachi's Children. So that our Lord might say to us "Well Done!"

Pastor Austin

The BIG NEWS is created with Bigs and Littles in mind. In an effort to provide innovated and inexpensive ways to make mentoring fun and exciting, we are adding a recipe corner to the BIG NEWS. Each recipe is easy, delicious and nutritious... great for Bigs and Littles to create together - Enjoy...



Cooking With Kids' SWAMP LAND JELLO®



Keep this recipe to make for a delicious and "slimy" Halloween Treat!

Ingredients: 2 Packages Lime Jello (4 serving size), Gummy Worms, Plastic Party Favors (snakes, bugs, spiders), Leafy Lettuce, Parsley

Preparation:

Place Jello in mixing bowl, prepare as directed on package. Place jello in round cake pan and put in refrigerator until cooled completely but not set. Take Jello out and place gummy worms, plastic frogs, snakes in Jello, top jello with a few sprigs of parsley. Return Jello to refrigerator and let chill until completely set and firm. When Jello has set remove from refrigerator. Take a knife and cut around the edge of the pan. Place lettuce leaves on a serving plate and carefully place serving plate on top of Jello pan, invert serving plate. Let Jello set upside down until it comes away from the pan. Whip cream may be served on the side. (after presentation remove plastic party favors, not for consumption)



Brittney Anspauth

William Becker

Mark Bodrie

Stephanie Bowker

Andrew Buckley

Heather Campbell

Richard Carlton Jr

James Gaertner

Nina Heath

Jason Jaime

Anne Marks

Larry Rodriguez

Michael & Pam Salem

Kristina Schnepf

Rev Kathryn Snedeker

Martin Thompson

FOND

Farewell

We would like to extend a fond farwell to Rebecca McMillan who left us recently. Rebecca was a valuable employee who went above and beyond her duties many times. Thank you Rebecca for your efforts. We wish her well in her future endeavors.

BBBS TEAMS UP WITH BARNES AND NOBLE BOOKSELLERS



On Saturday, September 9th, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Saginaw Bay Area is teaming up with Barnes and Noble, Accent Publishing and children's book Author Marilyn Bobic for the first annual Grandparent Weekend. Local "grandparents" have volunteered to be mentors to some of our Littles to spend a day bonding with a special child. Some of the activities that the participants will be able to enjoy are: face painting, grandparent/grandchild photos (\$15) , arts & crafts, clown

ballooners, treats, story time with the author — special guest Spot, from the Dick and Jane series and much more.

About Our Author...Marilyn Bobic loves children and thoroughly enjoys being a grandma. She is involved in the Kinship Care Program in Saginaw where she works one on one with the kids."It is the highlight of my week," says Bobic. Bobic worked for Blue Care Network for many years and now works as a freelance marketing specialist for Accent Publications. "My Nana - My Special Friend" is her first book. Marilyn lives in Saginaw with her husband Michael.

To find out more check out Marilyn's author page at www.accent-publications.com or call Marilyn at 797-1756.

Littles are encouraged to attend this fun-filled event.... there's still time to join! If you know of a child interested in attending, please call our office at (989) 755-6558.

★ ★ Happy Birthday ★ ★ to Amachi Champion Pastor Austin

*Pastor Austin Celebrated His 80th Birthday on August 17th.
We would like to wish him a very happy birthday
and thank him for all the wonderful contributions he makes
to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Saginaw Bay Area!
Blessing For A Wonderful Year, Pastor Austin!*

BBBS Kids' Page

Jokers Corner BACK TO SCHOOL VERSION!

How did the Vikings send secret messages?
By norse code!

Why did the knight run about shouting for a tin opener?
He had a bee in his suit of armour!

Why were the early days of history called the dark ages?
Because there were so many knights!

Teacher: Why does the statue of liberty stand in New York harbour?
Pupil: Because it can't sit down!

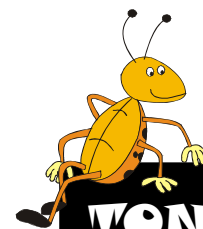
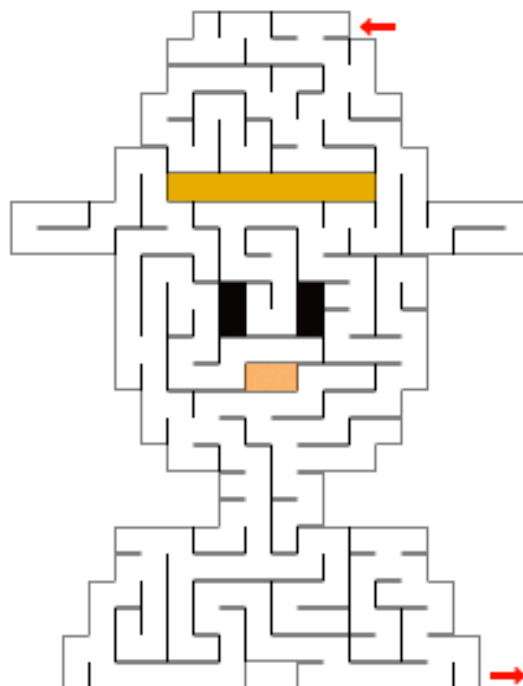
Who gave the Liberty Bell to Philadelphia?
Must have been a duck family
A duck family?
Didn't you say there was a quack in it!

An ideal homework excuse
Teacher: Where is your homework?
Pupil: I lost it fighting this kid who said you weren't the best teacher in the school

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BACK TO SCHOOL!

- TEACHER • HOMEWORK • LUNCH • RECESS
- SPELLING • MATH • HISTORY • FRIENDS
- PRINCIPAL • BOOKS • TEST • PENCIL



TONGUE TWISTER

A flea and a fly flew up in a flue. Said the flea, "Let us fly!" Said the fly, "Let us flee!" So they flew through a flaw in the flue.



Saginaw

community foundation

HELP BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTER THROUGH THE BAY AREA/SAGINAW COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT FUND

Did you know that Big Brothers Big Sisters of Saginaw Bay Area is a participating member of the Bay Area and Saginaw Community Foundation Endowment Fund? What does that mean? In simple terms, it makes BBBS an organization which you can make contributions to and receive a more lucrative tax credit. As an incentive for donors to support their community, Michigan offers special tax credits for gifts to (1) endowment funds of certified community foundations, (2) Michigan colleges and universities, and (3) soup kitchens and shelters. These tax credits allow corporations to reduce their Michigan income tax liability by up to one-half of the amount of their contributions. For corporations, the tax credit equals 50% of the amount of the gift, up to a maximum credit of \$5,000 or 5% of the corporation's Michigan Single Business Tax liability, *per gift*. It is important to note that the three tax credits are separate and distinct from each other and corporations can take advantage of *each* of them. Below is an example of how contributing to BBBS through the Bay Area and Saginaw Community Foundation Endowment Fund offers a better tax advantage to its donors. Please keep in mind, this is only one example. If you are interested in contributing through the Bay Area and Saginaw Community Foundation, please contact our office for more information.

MICHIGAN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TAX CREDIT

Thanks to the Michigan Community Foundation Tax Credit, donors to any permanent endowment fund held by the Bay Area and Saginaw Community Foundation may claim a Michigan income tax *credit* for their contributions. In practical terms, this means *you can reduce your Michigan income tax liability by up to one-half of the amount of your donation*, up to certain limits.

The Michigan Community Foundation Tax Credit provides a:

- **\$200 credit** for a \$400 gift from a couple filing a joint return
- **\$100 credit** for a \$200 gift from a single taxpayer
- **\$5,000 credit** (or 5% of SBT liability, whichever is less) for a \$10,000 corporate gift

Of course, donations also continue to be deductible for federal income tax purposes.

The Michigan Community Foundation Tax Credit is **in addition to** the tax credits which are available for gifts to Michigan colleges and universities and soup kitchens, *so you may take advantage of each*.

The following example demonstrates the tax advantages provided by the tax credit. They are for illustration purposes only. For information on how the credit will impact you personally, please consult with your financial advisor.

1 Jane and John Contributor donate \$400 to the Foundation's Be Kind to Animals Endowment Fund. They file a joint return and are in the 31% tax bracket. As a result of the tax credit, they are able to save \$200 on their Michigan taxes and \$62 on their federal taxes, reducing the out-of-pocket cost of their gift to just \$138.

	Without Tax Credit	With <u>Tax Credit</u>
AMOUNT OF GIFT	\$400	\$400
Less: Michigan Community Foundation Tax Credit	-0-	(200)
Less: Federal charitable deduction	(124)	(62)
ACTUAL COST OF GIFT	\$276	\$138



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Yes! I would like to make a difference in the life of a child by becoming a member of the One-To-One Club! (September 1, 2006 - August 31, 2007)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Enclosed is my one-year \$125 membership fee.

OR Please charge my _____ VISA _____ MasterCard #

Exp. Date: _____ Name on Card: _____

Or Send No Money Now - Bill Me Later.

GIFT MEMBERSHIP I wish to give a membership to the following person(s).

This gift is from : _____

TO: Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____



MEMBERSHIP ENDS SOON!