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FALL & WINTER 2008

THE MATCHMAKER



BY LITTLE BROTHER - AJ



WALTON STREET RACE WAY



At our Soap Box Derby, Little Brother Justin was thrilled that he was able to beat his mom Judy down the hill, not once but twice!!

Little Brother Jayden beat his Big Brother Jason two out of three races.

Brother & Sister, Justin & Brooke raced each other but unfortunately for Brooke, a straw bale got in her way.



DYNAMIC DUO



Big Brother Jeff & Little Brother Michel are quite a fundraising pair. Michel helped Jeff sell a lot of raffle tickets for a draw that Northside Grill had during our U.G. L. Y. Server contest in August.

A special thanks to Michel's mom for helping sell tickets as well.



AWARD WINNERS

Little Sister Jamie was excited to win the art award at her school.

Little Sister Dayna was presented the Bishop LeVal award for Christian Living from her school.

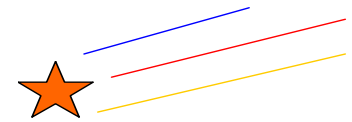
Way to go girls!

WORTHY CAUSE

Little Brother Desmond can no longer be seen around town with his flowing blonde locks.

He grew his hair so he could donate it to be used for wigs for people recovering from cancer.

His Big Brother Wayne is very proud of him.



PICTURE PERFECT

Little Sister Katrina moved a little while ago and is loving her new school. She is taking photography at school and is a member of their year book committee.

I'm sure she will be getting some great shots!



WET BUT WONDERFUL DAY

Once again our fishing derby was a day of fun and many huge raindrops. The weather did not dampen the spirits of any of our Littles and Bigs who came out to enjoy this great day of fishing. Wayne & Desmond caught a whopper for bragging rights. Other matches that bombed around in the Pros boats were - Brooke & Robin, Chuck & Curtis, Scott & Cory, Brian & Justin, Nancy & Faith (+ Tasha).

As always Joe did a fantastic job organizing the day!!



ENCHANTING ELEGANCE



Big Sister Julie was very moved by the dance that her Little

Sister Kelsey choreographed and performed at her wedding reception.

There was not a dry eye in the house.

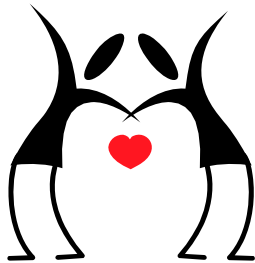




HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Michel & Jeff	1yr	Megan & Anne	4yrs	Mackenzie & Cheryl	7yrs
Claudia & Suzanne	1yr	Melanie & Kathryn	4yrs	Caitlin & Lynda	8yrs
Jessica & Wanda	1yr	Desmond & Wayne	4yrs	Mark & Shawn	8yrs
Hailey & Stephanie	1yr	Spencer & Chris	4yrs		
Brandi & Katie	2yrs	Karli & Martha	5yrs	Kayla & Yvonne	9yrs
Stephanie & Kim	2yrs	Katrina & Kat	5yrs	Nikki & Judy	15yrs
Kristen & Vicky	2yrs	Jessica & Jen	5yrs		
Curtis & Chuck	2yrs	Shaenan & Amy	5yrs	Karli & Pam	18yrs
Austin & Adrian	3yrs	Ashley & Pat	6yrs		
Brittany & Brenda	3yrs	Sarah & Aimee	6yrs		



NEW MATCHES

Brooke & Robin	Netasha & MaryJane
Tamara & Stacey	Kris & Corey
Kiara & Erin	Vincent & Jon
Brian & Justin	Faith & Nancy

You don't have to change your life to change theirs!

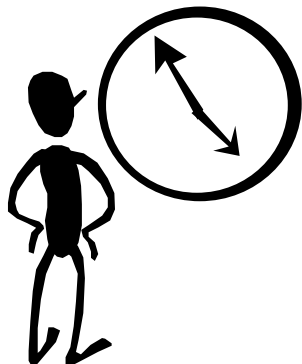
Hey all you Bigs, this is the message that we need you to pass along to friends, co-workers & relatives!

Did you know that our Littles who are waiting live all over Northumberland County?

Port Hope	5
Cobourg	6
Cramahe	3
Trent Hills	7

NOW for the incentive!
The next Big who brings us a new recruit just may get tickets to a big league game!! (Leafs, Raptors or Argos!!!)

WAITING LIST



Steven	7	Maverick	11
Jordan	8	James	12
Dawson	9	Allison	12
AJ	9	Tabitha	12
Nick	10	Dustin	12
Jonathon	10	Chase	13
Ryan	10	Tia	14
Riley	10	Brandon	15
Isaac	11	Matthew	15
Karel	11	Austin	17
Jamie	11		



WHISPERS... GIGGLES...GOSSIP!

Our fun girl, Alexis, has left to go to a brand new job. She is the new Marketing Manager of Northumberland Mall. Although we will miss Alexis, she will stay involved on several of our committees and we'll look for her at Northshore Lanes in February because we know she LOVES bowling... and now it's so handy to her new office!

We are thrilled to welcome Sophie Kneisel, as Communications & Resource Development Coordinator, and already she is working the phones to get stews & desserts donated for our Harvest Stew event at Colborne Legion on October 23rd. **All proceeds are going to the United Way.**

You might remember when LS Azaria was named a CIBC scholarship recipient about three years ago. Well, now she is reaping the fruits of her labour as she is enrolled at Fleming College taking Culinary Management. I wonder if she cooks for her family at home?



We hear from a reliable source LB Michel regularly beats his BB Jeff at basketball.

Ouch!

LB Johnny took going to camp to a whole new level — we're willing to bet that he's the only camper who has had to have his appendix removed while he was at a Tim Horton's camp. The Tim Horton's people even paid for his mom to fly to Nova Scotia to be with him while he went "under the knife" AND he gets to go back to camp next year!

Talking about camping....



A lot of wind and rain couldn't dampen the spirits of all those who came to B & LS campout. But the lightning and thunder **did** make us run for... warm and dry beds at Barb's house right around midnight. We returned the next day after breakfast to sunshine and had a great time... ice cream never tasted so good!

This year, boys' campout doubled in numbers again! The weather was fabulous and the waves were gigantic and sooo much fun. The Big Brothers had great breakfast table discussions about wives, pregnancy, babies and kids (and we thought only women had those talks)! Special thanks goes out to BB Jason for making room in his tent for a second LB during campout.



WOW double WOW!!

We received \$20,000 to expand our In-School-Mentoring program to the more rural schools in our county. We thank BBBS of Canada (Ontario) and the Ministry of Education for this terrific opportunity to take our mentoring program out & about.

Wedding bells were ringing for BS Julie and her husband Mitch this summer. It was a lovely ceremony as reported by her LS Kelsey but the only downside to this event was that right after the wedding Julie & her husband moved to Florida so that Mitch could continue his studies. Kelsey is hoping that one day soon they will move back to this area.

Baby...oh...baby...



BS Nicole and her husband welcomed a baby boy this past winter.

BB Adrian is a busy grandpa... he has a new grandchild and has another one on the way.

Congratulations to all our Little Sisters who graduated from our summer *Go Girls* program. Everyone had a great time learning about food, activities and friendships.

Well-deserved time off, our staff were on the move this summer: Malynda & Susan got to see Mickey Mouse at Disney World in Florida with their families. Cindy spent time down east in PEI and Janet & Ethel headed west to BC to visit their kids. Barb had the trip of a lifetime to Africa and Sandra, well, she relaxed in her backyard by the pool whenever it stopped raining!



WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT for this year's United Way campaign. Big Sisters Big Brothers absolutely counts on the UW funds we receive which is approximately 24% of our annual budget. Because of several local company closures and down sizing, we are hoping everyone who has not been affected will dig just a little bit deeper this year to help those who have. Here at NBSBB, we are aiming for 100% participation on a Board and Staff level. There are so many different ways for you to support our UW: come to an event, challenge your colleagues at work for payroll deductions, hold a raffle for something fabulous (how about a paid day off?) or just put aside \$1 each week. Just think if everyone did that how quickly the UW would reach their \$845,000 goal... it would only take 16,250 people... will you be one of them?





PORT HOPE STORE



Even though this summer's weather didn't co-operate, our store did well, and our volunteers were as cheerful as ever.

We miss former Little Sister Ainsley, who was a great help. If you miss her happy face you can see her on cash at the Davis Independent.

We welcome two new volunteers, Nola & Carol, we are glad to have you as part of our team of dedicated ladies.

Denise went east this summer to visit her youngest grandson. My husband & I were happy to go out west to visit our grandchildren again.

Merle was busy with her granddaughter's wedding this summer, plus she had lots of visitors from overseas.

Lots of great new merchandise comes into our store daily, so drop by and check them out. You never know what great items you will find to spice up your fall & winter wardrobe at some of the best prices in town.

It's that spooky time of year again and the goblins are busy putting together costumes.

We have lots of unique costumes for sale, children and adult sizes. Why not dress up as a pirate, gypsy, witch or Viking. You could even transform yourself into royalty, by dressing as a princess or even a king.



Even if you already have a costume, come in and add some fun accessories to complete your look. We have adult costumes and accessories for rent as well.

Ethel, Store Manager



COLBORNE STORE



Another summer is winding down...our store has been reasonably busy, with Loonie Sales & 2 for 1 Sales...let's keep pushing forward!

We welcome on board a few new volunteers, Christine, Helen & Georgianne.

BIG NEWS... Janet Taft will be a grandmother for the first time, in early 2009...seems a little boy is coming.

Pauline spent a couple of enviable weeks in France! Sandra and her wonderful, gigantic family have done their usual busy, busy summer with the grandchildren & the rest. One of our newest volunteers, Marilyn, is leaving Colborne to take on another venture near Bobcaygeon, we wish her well. In October we welcome Connie back from Atikokan, she loves to fill in at the store where needed.

Kudos go out to our Ruth Ann. for losing an incredible 30 lbs at Weight Watchers....She is dedicated & I am sure will reach her goal...Good stuff.

Cynthia Angus received her 20 year volunteer pin earlier in the summer. What an accomplishment. Good for you, Cynthia!

Our summer picnic at Janet's was super as usual...a lovely day with lots of good chat and delicious food.

Georgianne's son, Alex has opened the 4Here or 2Go Coffee Shop in Colborne. We wish him success.

Here is one of his tasty recipes you must try:

3 Bean Salad

1 Tin each of – green beans, yellow beans, Kidney beans & Chick peas.

Sliced – 1 lg. onion & 1 green pepper, mix together.

Add marinade: 1 c. vinegar, 1 c. white sugar, ½ c. oil, 1 ½ tsp.

Salt & ½ tsp. pepper.

Refrigerate overnight, stirring a few times. Enjoy!

CALLING ALL COOKS. . . Enter your prize winning stew or provide a dessert for our annual Harvest Stew competition, October 23, 2008 at the Colborne Legion, with proceeds going to the United Way.

Well, that's it for now.



Shauna Borgal, Store Volunteer



BOARD BUZZ

Greetings from your Board of Directors! We hope everyone enjoyed the summer even though the weather was a little cooler than normal. It has been a busy spring and summer for the Agency this year with fundraising and preparation for the Accreditation by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada which will be taking place this November. We held our Annual General Meeting in April and the board members remained the same. In late September, however, we accepted the resignation of our Board Member, Linda Lake, with regret. We wish her all the best.

June was a busy month, with the Motorcycle Scavenger Hunt and the Heart of Northumberland Garden Tour. Both events were enjoyed by many and we would like to thank the organizers for their success. We appreciate the efforts these groups put forward year after year. A special thanks to Henry, a long time Big Brother for the motorcycle event and to all the gardeners for letting their gardens be on the tour. We added a new spin to our golf tournament with the Golf for Kids Sake name and a new venue. The event was a huge success and we would like to thank our three corporate sponsors for all their support and assistance.

“An Afternoon in the Vineyard” was a new fundraiser this year and it was held in August. The event started off with a bit of a hitch due to the wet weather, but then the sun came out and everyone had a marvelous time at Oak Heights Estate Winery. There was wine tasting, wonderful foods of French rustic flavours, music by Fred Cory and Deborah Henderson and a silent auction. Thank you to everyone who made this a success and special thanks to our board member Karen for putting the wheels in motion.

Thank you also to all our UGLY servers and restaurants who participated in this event, and congratulations to MacGregor’s for their fourth year as the UGLY-est restaurant.

We are looking forward to some special upcoming events including the Harvest Stew luncheon for the United Way in Colborne on Thursday, October 23, Halloween and yes, even though it is hard to believe, our annual Christmas Party in December.

We thank all the volunteers who have helped us throughout the year — your efforts allow the Agency to help many boys and girls in our communities. We are actively looking for volunteers for the organization – mentors, committee members, board members, thrift store or bingo helpers and individuals to assist with fundraisers. Don’t forget that volunteers are also needed to help with Gift Wrapping for the month of December.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the board members: Alex, Amy, Cindy, Karen, Linda, Marc, Martha and Wilf for their commitment and hard work this year.

We send warm wishes for wonderful fall and winter seasons. Enjoy, and we will see you in the new year.

Helping a LITTLE (BROTHER or SISTER) helps a lot!

Christine Domasik, President



Be a Part of Something **BIG** and register today

www.bbbsalumni.ca

Please, follow this link, check it out and register.

Go BIG and Go Anywhere with WestJet is back on!

During the month of October, register with Big Brothers Big Sisters Alumni and you will instantly be entered to win a trip for two to any of WestJet’s scheduled destinations! Already registered with Alumni? Refer a friend and you will also be entered to win. Contest closes October 31, 2008.

Visit www.bbbsalumni.ca for the rules and regulations or e-mail Monika at alumni@bbbsc.ca.

The Big Brothers Big Sisters Alumni program has reconnected with over 11,110 members!

Hedley supports Bigs and Littles

Two of our Big and Little matches, from Campbellford and Colborne, won Alumni tickets to see Hedley this past June. How cool is that? For their fall concert tour, Hedley has given Alumni 34 pairs of tickets — two for each show across the country — as well as backstage passes to meet the band. To score the tickets, Alumni were asked why they wanted a chance to take their Little to a concert. Thank you Hedley!

Keep an eye on the Alumni web site for more great contests and opportunities!

Thank you ... Thank you ... Thank you ... Thank you...

A Very U.G.L.Y. thanks... goes out to all of Northumberland's U.G.L.Y. Severs, participating restaurants, volunteers & the public who supported our campaign... you made our contest a beauty!

A Very Tasty Thank ... to Oak Heights Estate Winery in Warkworth for our first wine tasting event. The food was sensational and the silent auction was exciting with many donations from local merchants and artisans.

Thanks so much ... Chris Waller of Casey's Bar & Grill for coordinating the 16th Annual Golf Tournament for us and inviting Investors Group and Cobourg Audio Video to come aboard as corporate sponsors. The monies raised that day meant that Little Sisters & Littler Brothers were able to have a blast at Summer Camp-Out!

A Very Heartfelt thanks The Cobourg Police Services for remembering us again this year and donating some of the proceeds from the Chris Garrett Classic Golf Tournament to our agency. Some of these proceeds go to our educational incentive fund, which is then allocated towards supporting our *Littles* who are pursuing post secondary education.

MANY THANKS... to Northumberland United Way & local industries for their coordination and participation in the **Day of Caring**. Thanks to you, we have a bright cheery front office & hall, a screen door for some fresh air and a wooden door for some privacy for Cindy's office.

BIG Thanks... to Henry and his gang of Red Knights for organizing a motorbike Scavenger Hunt. He's also looking at some of our soap box cars over the winter and getting them back into great shape...thanks in advance!

Thank you again... to the amazing members of the Garden Tour Committee! We had a fantastic tour with outstanding gardens... again. Thanks to all the sponsors, gardeners, donors & volunteers and supporters who help make this a signature event for the agency... again.

Thanks from the *Littles*... to the United Way and all the backpack contributors. There were 65 very happy kids starting out their new school year in style and loaded with the tools they need to succeed.

A smelly, fishy thanks... (not really smelly, just fishy) a big thanks to BB Joe and his fellow fishing Pros for once again coordinating a fun day — in the rain — fishing, boating, eating and winning trophies. We also want to thank Tina who volunteered her time to drive the Bigs & Littles' bus to the lake.

An ongoing thanks to ... B&D Liquidation and Mexico Plus Furniture & Accessories for sponsoring Golf for Kids' Sake, Bowl For Kids' Sake, providing supplies for Gift Wrap, donating gifts for silent auctions and selling Nevada tickets on our behalf... could they do any more? We are so thankful for their constant support and generosity!

A HUGE thanks... to all our Soap Box Derby helpers: John & Morris for hauling the straw into town, the Corps 88 Cadets for lining Walton Street with bales, BB Wayne, his wife Jen and Tom Clegg for driving the cars back up the hill, Dave Houston for loaning a truck & trailer, Morrow Transport and St. Lawrence Apartments for storing our cars all year long, all the Big & Littles who screeched down that hill, the Police Dept. & Community Police volunteers who clocked their speeds and the St. John's Ambulance, who were on standby for any mishaps.

A STANDING OVATION... to all our loyal & dedicated Bingo volunteers. You too could be one of these invaluable and much celebrated volunteers for just a few hours each month. Think about being a Bingo volunteer.

Last but not Least thanks... to the Campbellford/Seymour Community Foundation for renting us some much needed office space. You can find us most Wednesdays at **39 Doxsee St. N**, sharing the building with the Foundation. Come and check it out!

Thanks a Million! Danke schön! Gracias! Merci!

***BSBB hires
Communications Co-ordinator
with broad experience!***

I'm really looking forward to working for Northumberland Big Sisters Big Brothers, which helps so many people, in so many thoughtful, practical ways.

My husband and three kids are excited too. . . for a variety of reasons I won't go into here!

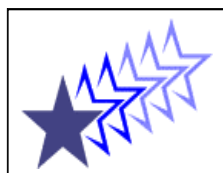
In my previous life, I have been a newspaper reporter, letter-writer for a not-very-popular Prime Minister of Canada, magazine editor, and administrator of a theatre company, not to mention mother, volunteer daycare worker, school councillor, karate student, and last but not least....chicken farmer (with aspirations to graduate to goats sometime soon — we have lots of poison ivy that needs to be eaten).

I hope to meet many Bigs, Littles and volunteers in the coming months as I help to organize events and spread the word about the great work done by BSBB in Northumberland County.



A happy hen relaxing after her bath on chicken spa day at The Corkery in August.

**Good friends are like stars.
You don't always see them,
but you know they are
always there.**



My Best Trip Ever

My (real) best big sister [ever](#) and her husband took me on Safari with them to Kenya, Africa this September! When I was travelling through the national parks, perched on the roof of our jeep, looking at all the zebras, elephants and giraffes, I had to pinch myself to believe that this was really happening. It was so exciting to see all these animals in their own habitat eating, playing, looking after their babies and just moseying along without paying much attention to us. Mind you, we had to be very quiet and sit still so as to not scare them or upset them... believe me, you wouldn't want a Rhino upset with you because their horn could pierce anything.

Probably, my favourite animal was the warthog. He's just a little guy but he's got a huge attitude with his tusks sticking out and his little tail standing straight up as he runs around all the other, much bigger animals without a care in the world. My sister called him a little bully!



I really want to tell you about our campsites: we had staff put up our tents and in them was a bed with a duvet cover and white sheets, at night we had lights in our tents which had been powered by solar panels during the day. I had a hanging closet, a carpet, a shower (hot) and believe it or not, a flush toilet!

Our cook made fresh bread every day to go along with at least a 3-course gourmet meal, from soup to yummy desserts, all on his outdoor kitchen stove... Camping at Presqu'ile will never be quite the same again!

B A I N T W O S T E R S

SCREAMING BALLOON

What would Halloween be without spooky sounds?

Here's an easy-to-do experiment using only a balloon and a hex nut from the hardware store.

Materials

You'll need good quality latex balloon (9" to 11" in size) and a 1/4" hex nut.



Squeeze the hex nut through the mouth of the balloon. Make sure that the hex nut goes all the way into the balloon so that there is no danger of it being sucked out while blowing up the balloon. Blow up the balloon, but be careful not to over inflate the balloon as it will easily burst. Tie off the balloon and you're ready to go. Grip the balloon at the stem end as you would a bowling ball. The neck of the balloon will be in your palm and your fingers and thumb will extend down the sides of the balloon. While holding the balloon, palm down, swirl it in a circular motion. The hex nut may bounce around at first, but it will soon begin to roll around the inside of the balloon. What is that sound? Could the balloon be screaming?

Once the hex nut begins to spin, use your other hand to stabilize the balloon.

Your hex nut should continue to spin for 10 seconds or more.

EGG IN A BOTTLE ??

You can show how air expands when heated and contracts when cooled by trying this experiment.

(ONLY TRY THIS WHEN AN ADULT IS WITH YOU!!)

You will need: a hard-boiled egg, a glass juice bottle, a piece of paper & matches.



- Shell a hard-boiled egg.
- Light a folded piece of paper with a match and drop it into the bottle.
- Put the egg on the opening at the neck of the bottle.

When the air contracts the egg is pulled into the bottle.

The air expands and the air molecules move apart when the lighted paper is dropped into the bottle. When the air cools, it contracts and the egg is pulled into the bottle.

How to get it out??

Wash the burned paper from the inside of the bottle. Turn the bottle upside down and blow very hard. As soon as you have blown enough air into the bottle, the egg will fly out.

Get ready to move your face quickly.

WINTER WARMERS

Can you unscramble these words?

TWONSUS _ _ _ _ _

QUOTE _ _ _ _

FRACS _ _ _ _

NETSMIT _ _ _ _ _

OVLEGS - - - - -

SOTOB _ _ _ _



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

***October 23**
11:30– 2:00

HARVEST STEW- for Northumberland United Way. Join us at the Colborne Legion to sample many different varieties of delicious stews & desserts. \$7 per person includes stew, dessert, drinks & door prizes! All proceeds to the United Way.

October 30
7-8:30



HALLOWEEN PARTY at Trinity College School. For this **GHOSTLY** night, come dressed in costume or create a one-of-a-kind costume while you are there. Come enjoy **terrifying** games, **slimy** snacks and lots of fun with old friends and **creepy** new ones. Be sure to contact the office & let us know if you are coming.

December 1
6 p.m.

CHRISTMAS PARTY – Take your love of turkey and great desserts, combine that with fabulous company and join us at the Church On the Hill in Cobourg (across from the mall and just west of Blockbuster) for our annual pot-luck dinner. Remember to phone to let us know if you are coming and what you are bringing. We're looking for chefs to cook our turkeys, as well as lots of potatoes!

December 11
7 pm

**Happy
Holidays!**

WHAT A GEM OF AN IDEA - Bubbles and Gems in Port Hope have generously offered to do a night of creating bath salts (*what a great homemade gift for your mom or grandma*). Little Sisters & Little Brothers will need to call our office to let us know if you are interested in participating...space is limited.

***December 1-24th**

GIFT WRAPPING at Northumberland Mall: if you like all the bows, ribbons and yards of wrapping paper at Christmas time, then we have a volunteer opportunity for you and your friends! Get in the Christmas spirit by creating festive gifts. If you would like to participate, please call the office, 885-6422.

*** January 22,23 & 24**



“MY BIG SISTER’S CLOSET SALE” Upscale clothing for every season at great prices can be found at Susan Dewhurst’s annual sale. Donations of high-end, quality clothing (washed or dry cleaned, under 10 years old) for this sale can either go to Susan Dewhurst’s store or our Second Helpings Store – please let them know they are donations for this sale.

***February 2009**



BOWL FOR KIDS SAKE... laugh, smile and have fun. This event brings together families, friends, students and co-workers to share good times and an opportunity to help children in our community. So grab four friends, call our office, 885-6422 to register, collect pledges and bowl, bowl, *bow!!* We are also looking for volunteers on the day of the event. If you would like to volunteer or need community hours for school, give us a call!

***These are
Fundraising events.**



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