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Fall & Winter

THE MATCHMAKER



BY LITTLE SISTER - HAILEY

CAMPOUT NEWS



Big & Little Sisters

What a great time we had, especially LS Allison, Claudia and Jamie who were first time campers, Jamie even developed some new swimming skills by the end of the weekend. At the beach, LS Alison transformed into a sand turtle and LS Keiana was a sand mermaid thanks to creative fellow sand sculptors. Camp songs, s'mores & lots of giggles were shared by the campfire.

Big & Little Brothers

LB Curtis was king of the hula-hoop, he had not one, not two but **four** on the go at once! LB Jayden had some great stories & jokes to share while LB Brett made himself right at home, sporting his housecoat (a.k.a. Heff). LB Justin D., Desmond & Riley M. showed of their flair for cooking. LB Cory spent as much time in the tree as he did on the ground.

WE HOPE TO POST SOME PICUTRES ON OUR WEBSITE SOON... SO CHECK THEM OUT!
www.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/northumberland go to **Newsroom** and then **Kids Program and Events**.



TIM HORTON'S TRAVELLERS

Thanks to Tim Horton's for an exciting plane ride & a unique camping opportunity. Little Brothers & Little Sisters Justin D., Josh B., Toddalyn Justin B. & Kristen have great memories of their camping experience.

One of the happy campers stated, "*It was the best time of my life.*"

MODELLING WITH A TWIST

Big Sister Karli took her Little Sister Briana to her high school where she was a model for Karli's exam on 80's hair designs.

I'm sure it was a
hair-raising
experience.



Stellar Student

LS Ashley B. is off to Queens University taking General Arts & Sciences.

Her BS Pats **IS SO PROUD**, as are all of us.

We wish you all the best!



SPECTACULAR SCHOLARSHIPS



Congratulations! Out of only 30 scholarships awarded across Canada, our very own LS Monique was fortunate enough to receive of one of the CIBC Youth Vision Scholarship. Everyone is thrilled! Monique joins a proud list of Little Sisters and Little Brothers in Northumberland County who have received this fabulous opportunity towards their post secondary education. Thanks to CIBC, YMCA Canada and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada.

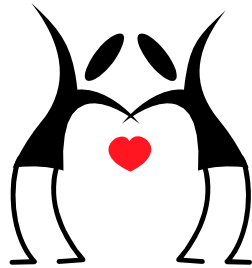
Our agency is also very fortunate to have community support for our various "in-house" educational incentives. LS Ashley B., LB Josh and LS Lateisha were all recipients of some much needed financial assistance for their post-secondary studies. Thanks so much to the Chris Garrett Memorial Golf Tourney and the Birthday Club Ladies for always remembering our kids.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

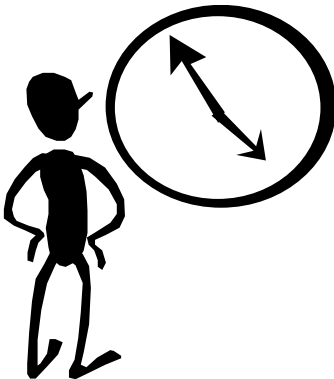


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| Kristen & Vicky | 1yr | Jessica & Jen | 4yrs |
| Curtis & Chuck | 1yr | Karli & Martha | 4yrs |
| Maria & Jane | 1yr | Katrina & Kat | 4yrs |
| Brett & Martin | 1yr | Sarah & Aimee | 5yrs |
| Brandi & Katie | 1yr | Ashley & Pat | 5yrs |
| Faith & | | Mackenzie & Cheryl | 6yrs |
| Tracey & Mike | 1yr | Caitlin & Linda | 7yrs |
| Brittany & Brenda | 2yrs | Mark & Shawn | 7yrs |
| Austin & Adrian | 2yrs | Kayla & Yvonne | 8yrs |
| Megan & Anne | 3yrs | Ainsley & Arlene | 9yrs |
| Spencer & Chris | 3yrs | Robin & Janet | 14yrs |
| Desmond & Wayne | 3yrs | Nikki & Judy | 15yrs |
| Melanie & Kathryn | 3yrs | Karli & Pam | 18yrs |
| Shaenan & Amy | 4yrs | | |



NEW MATCHES

Dayna & Marilyn
Justin & Dwight
Josh & Jon
Jayden & Jason
Claudia & Suzanne



WAITING LIST

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| Jordan | 7 | James | 11 |
| Dawson | 9 | Daniel | 12 |
| Riley | 9 | Keira | 12 |
| Nick | 9 | Toddalyn | 12 |
| Maverick | 9 | Tamara | 12 |
| Jonathon | 9 | Michel | 12 |
| Isaac | 10 | Jacob | 12 |
| Jamie | 10 | Jessica | 12 |
| Allison | 10 | Justin | 12 |
| Tabitha | 11 | Brandon | 14 |
| Justin | 11 | Matthew | 14 |
| | | Austin | 16 |



WHISPERS.... GIGGLES.....GOSSIP!

S.O.S...I think we're going to have to have some help with this column...**SO**, if you have any juicy gossip or silly tidbits about your Big or Little... **Give It Up!** Send your story to barbbsbb@eagle.ca (but only send the truth)

BABY OH BABY!...**Big Brother Dwight** and his fabulous wife **Amy**, a board member for this agency, had a baby girl in July and they called her Layne.

Little Brother Justin was tickled pink!

Our very own **Kerri Dunn**, who has been coordinating the TCS girls' program, also had a baby this summer. Congratulations to her and her husband on the birth of their son!

BB Henry is a Grandpa again and had his 60th Birthday all in the same week. Congratulations Henry!!!

... talking about Henry, we hear that he gave our friend Susanne W. a ride on his new motorbike and she got sooo excited that she went out and bought her very own bike and of course, a black leather jacket to go with it!!

Congratulations also go out to:



BB Shawn who was married this summer to Kari.

Board Member **Karen** Brackenridge was married in style with a ride in an antique fire engine. You guessed it...her new husband is a fire fighter.

The Travel Bug bit this summer...

LS Faith & Tasha went to our capital city, Ottawa, with their family. Do you think that they saw the Prime Minister?

More "down" east trips were LS Dayna who also visited New Brunswick and BB Shawn took his new bride to PEI. So many lobsters to eat, so little time!

ALUMNI Be a Part of Something **BIG** and register today www.bbbsalumni.ca **Please, follow this link, check it out and register.** Our national agency is hoping to attract 10,000 by year-end and is already more than half way there. Our agency needs at least 19 people to sign up...will you be one of them??

A couple of enterprising Little Brothers recruited their very own Big Brothers this past year. Way to go **Riley and Jayden**...you must be very charming! Could you two help us out because we need to find **15** more BB?



The 2 Keenan sisters had a bitter-sweet farewell this summer – both their Little Sisters, Holly & Natasha have graduated from our program, are grown up and starting off on the next part of their lives. Adieu, so long... but

keep in touch girls!

The beautification of campsite #504 happened this summer when **BB & LB, Wayne and Desmond**, planted flowers, built a stone border and generally "spruced up" their tent...boy, were those other B & LB envious. Not to be outdone, **BS Patricia & LS Ashley** had a whole Hawaiian theme happening at their tent site. Not only are we great campers but we're stylish as well.

United Way 2008 Goal: \$845,000

The Mission of Northumberland United Way is to improve lives and build community by engaging individuals and mobilizing collective action. Your gift is used to build our community, making it a better place to live. Your contribution goes a long way with United Way. Big Sisters Big Brothers is a UW member agency.

Go Girls! is back and last year's participants had a blast. We heard that the activities with the rubber chicken were hilarious! We are looking for several more energetic young women to mentor girls ages 12-14 in this 7 week program. If you can spare a couple of hours a week to have fun, contact Sandra at 885-6422.



PORT HOPE STORE



All our valued volunteers are returning from summer holidays, and we welcome them back with open arms – actually our arms are loaded with generous donations.

Over the summer Merle and her daughter Bonnie became a great grandmother and grandmother respectively, to baby Benjamin.

Priscilla and I both have new grandsons. My husband and I can hardly wait to meet him – we are traveling to Taipei to give him the grandparent's stamp of approval!

Denise spent a month down east enjoying her family and visiting tourist sites.

Cindy enjoyed her pool and spent time with her daughter who was home from school for the summer.

Stella has been busy in her garden and bringing in baked goods – YUMMY!!

Kathy's summer was busy preparing for her daughter's wedding. She was a stunning bride and the bride's mother looked beautiful as well.

Wedding bells were also ringing for Vera's granddaughter and Vera looked smashing.

We all continue to enjoy Edith and her sense of humor.

Thanks ladies you do a great job!!!

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If you're looking for a great costume during this spookiest of seasons you can buy or rent fabulous costumes from our store.

If you are interested in helping make costumes or to volunteer at our store please call Ethel – 905- 885-9411.

Ethel, Store Manager



COLBORNE STORE



Summer has flown by! For all the brave souls who worked in no air conditioning on those sweaty, steamy days I applaud you, and your dedication!

Now we can open the door and breathe in the fresh clear air!

We all hope Rose, Ann & Lyn are feeling well & back to their frisky selves again soon.

We had to say a fond farewell to Linda who moved to Oshawa. Her decorating & design skills will be missed. Rosemarie & Janet will especially miss her friendship.

The passing of Marilyn Schell saddens us all. She left this earth too suddenly & too soon. She will be deeply missed.

We are very happy to welcome back after 12 years two former volunteers – Connie & Lin.

Also joining our group is Marilyn O., Mary Jane & Ruth.

Our volunteer picnic was lovely once again. We do have a great time when we all gather together for a feast.

My life has been blessed to know every one of these ladies who all offer different skills and talents to our little store!



Oh, don't forget to brush up your culinary skills & donate a hearty stew or a dessert for our United Way Harvest Stew Luncheon at the **Colborne Legion Thursday, October 11th from 11:30 – 1:30**

See you at the store.
Janet, Store Manager



BOARD BUZZ

Welcome from your Board of Directors! We hope everyone had a fabulous summer and that you are ready for the fall.

It was a beautiful day in June when the riders were out in full force for the Motorcycle Poker Run. We'd like to thank the organizers for a successful event look forward to 2008. Although we were all a bit soggy by the end of the day, there was a good turnout for the Casey's Golf Tournament. Maybe you will get that hole-in-one next year Barb! What can we say that hasn't already been said about our Heart of Northumberland Garden Tour! The event was a huge success and we cannot thank all the committee members, volunteers and gardeners enough for all the hours they put in to benefit our Agency's programs. Rumor has it that planning for 2008 is well under way with gardens already confirmed. Let us not forget our two August events, the 80's Disco Boogie Nights and the U.G.L.Y. server contest.

We would like express our thanks to all our dedicated volunteers for the time they give our agency in order to support all our programs that benefit the kids in Northumberland.

During our Annual General Meeting, it was with sadness that we said good-bye to two of our long-standing board members – Mary Anne Kellar and Kim Quigley. Kim and Mary Anne continue to volunteer with our agency. We are thrilled to welcome Sylvia Poulain, Karen Brackenridge, Linda Lake, Alex Muir and Cindy Stewart to the board. It was also with regret that we accepted the resignations of Martin Foxhall and Anne Mitchell.

September is national Big Brother Big Sister month and we are actively looking for volunteers for the organization.

Have a safe fall and winter and we will see you in the New Year.

Christine Domasik, President

IN SCHOOL MENTORING MOMENT

In School Mentoring is a program that allows people to be matched for **one** hour a week throughout the school year. It works well for people who are able to volunteer over lunchtime once a week to spend time with a child in a school near their workplace. Many of our mentors and co-op students enjoy physical activities with their mentees, as well as baking, board games, working on projects and generally hanging out with each other.

We are excited that we have **3** co-op students going to be matched within local schools and they are anxious to get started!! Each of them will be matched with eight different students at different schools and we are excited to expand into Campbellford this year, and include Hillcrest and Percy Centennial Public Schools, as well as St. Mary's in Campbellford. We welcome Petra, Jenna and Eden to the program!

Jeannette, Mary Jane and Laurel, welcome back to recess!

A **BIG Thank You** to the mentors for all that they do, and the difference they make in their mentees' lives.



Optimistic and positive? Good at listening to others? Flexible and creative? Able to think on your feet and do at least 2 things at once? If this sounds like you, consider being a **WrapAround Facilitator**. It could be just what you're looking for. Give WrapAround a call: (905) 885-2320 or e-mail: wraparound@eagle.ca

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. Servers, participating restaurants, volunteers & public who supported our campaign... you made our contest a *beauty!* Check out the U.G.L.Y. trophies this year at MacGregor's: 1st place, The Mill Restaurant & Pub: 2nd place, The Bullpen: 3rd place, Tish's Country Kitchen: People's Choice Award, The Bullpen: Innovation Award, & Captain George's Fish & Chips: Big Booster Award! Special thanks to all 20 restaurants that participated!

Thanks so much ... to Chris Waller of Casey's Bar & Grill for hosting their 15th Annual Golf Tournament for us and to the Investors Group for co-sponsoring it once again. This year's tournament raised an amazing \$3,625, which meant that both Little Brothers & Little Sisters had a great time at Summer Camp Out... it was a blast!

MANY THANKS... to Northumberland United Way for organizing Back Packs for Kids and to Ganaraska Financial, Northumberland County and Staples Business Depot for making it all possible! Thanks to your generosity many of the kids in our programs went back to school in style!

We sing your praises ... to TADpole music for providing such amazing opportunities to our kids!

A TRIPLE THANK YOU ... to Cobourg Police Services for donating the proceeds from the Chris Garrett Classic Golf Tournament once again, to our educational fund. This money goes towards supporting our *Littles* who are pursuing post secondary education in law enforcement.

An on going thanks to ... the amazing Garden Tour committee! Your dedication, creativity & energy made this garden tour the most beautiful yet. To all of the sponsors, gardeners, donors, volunteers, Big & Little matches who supported the event – you made the day a blooming success!

FOREVER THANKS ... to Chris Domasik & our wonderful, dedicated & reliable BINGO volunteers – you keep the money comin' in and help make our programs possible!

THANKS ... A+ Variety Store in Port Hope for doing a great job selling Nevada tickets for us.

A very caring thanks ... to Northumberland United Way for their coordination & to local industries for their participation in the Day of Caring. Thanks to you we have new carpets, clean ceilings and freshly painted offices!

A HUGE thanks ... to Big Brother Joe & the fishing Pros. We had a blast driving around in the boats, reeling in those fish & enjoying a BBQ! What a fabulous day!

A BIG, loud thanks... to Big Brother Henry for organizing the 2nd Annual Poker Run and to the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club Ontario 13 for their participation and donations.

Many Thanks... to Marc for coordinating Boogie Night, as well as to the donors & sponsors for contributing to such a *rocking event!* Special thanks to the Oasis Bar & Grill for letting us eat, dance & laugh the night away!

A speedy thanks ... to our many helpers at the 24th annual Soap Box Derby, who hauled bales of straw, clocked the speed, served hot dogs & loaded the carts along the Walton Street Speedway. Special thanks to John McEwen & his Corps of Army Cadets, Roberto Mosole, St. John Ambulance, John Boughen, Morris Stapleton, Wayne Patrick, Port Hope Police.

A VERY TASTY THANKS ... to BB Matt & LB Kody, LB Spencer & his Mom Chris for volunteering at our BBQs throughout the summer and to LS Monique, BS Martha & LS Karli for using your elbow grease at the car wash.

A last but never least thanks ... to our corporate sponsors B & D Liquidation. Your interest and commitment to our kids, our staff and our organization means a lot to us.

Thanks a Million! Dankeschon! Gracias! Merci!

2007 Fishing with the Pro's Tournament

Our 2nd annual "Fishing with the Pros Tournament" organized by Big Brother Joe began when our big yellow school bus left the pick up point with many eager anglers, a load of fishing gear and lots of food of course, as this was a catch and release tournament so food was most important.

We left Port Hope at 8:00 and the Bigs & Littles aboard were expecting to catch the biggest fish ever found on Chemong Lake. We knew that we had some great fishing pros to show us the ropes, and expectations ran high.

Upon arriving in Bridgenorth, Big Brother Joe paired us up with one of the pros that generously donated their time and awesome boats for the day. Once everyone was ready, a dramatic countdown began to blast off the boats for a nine o'clock start.

Spirits ran high and excitement was in the air, as everyone knew that they had only a few hours to try and land the biggest fish (or maybe the smallest) ever!

A BBQ was waiting for all the hungry participants after an exciting day on the lake. With a buzz of anticipation in the air the official weigh in took place and prizes and trophies were given.



Biggest Fish- LB Cory & BB Scott

Medium Fish- LB Austin & BB Adrian

Smallest Fish- LB Brett & BB Martin

A great time was had by all in fact some (really several) were so tired from the excitement of the day that they had to have a little nap on the bus ride home.

Many, many thanks go out to BB Joe and all the fishing Pros; Chad, Tony, Evan, Joe, Patrick and Helen, Dave, Steve, and Andy for *tackling* such a big job! It was a terrific day and to think some of our Bigs thought they were going to be fishing off a dock. Needless to say they won't have to be *lured* to come again.

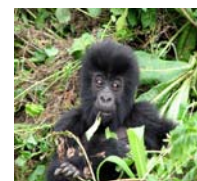
We can't wait to board the boats again next year and hear the fishy tales about the one that got away!!

What a Wild Trip

What I Did for My Summer Vacation!!!

This summer, my life long dream of going to Africa finally came true. I spent a month visiting several African countries, including Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

I saw a lot of different animals, all in their natural habitats, but by far, the biggest thrill was seeing the gorillas. We hiked high up into the mountain, which was very strenuous, but worth it. The gorillas are endangered, because the local people cut down the rain forest they live in to make farms.



When the rain forests are gone, the gorillas have nothing to eat and eventually they will die off. We got to spend one hour with a family of five gorillas. There was one male, three females and a baby. We were so close to them that we could have touched them (if we had been allowed)! They just laid around or climbed the trees while we took pictures of them. They were not bothered by us being there and seemed very comfortable around humans. What a thrill!

In Tanzania, we went to Serengeti National Park and saw all kinds of animals (from the safety of our safari trucks!!), including lions, cheetahs, leopards, elephants, zebras, giraffes, hyenas, gazelles and wildebeests!! In Nakuru National Park we saw so many flamingos that the lake was totally pink!!!

On the island of Zanzibar, I got to swim with giant sea turtles. They were so gentle. They would swim up and take food right out of our hands. The sea turtles lived with other tropical fish that was so pretty it looked like a giant aquarium!

The only hard part of the trip was how much I missed my little sister!! Kristen now wants to visit Africa when she is older!!

Big Sister, *Vicky*

BRAIN TWISTERS



SPORTS SCRAMBLE

Can you unscramble these words?

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HTMEEL _____

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TTNENUMROA _____

OROAWBNSD _____

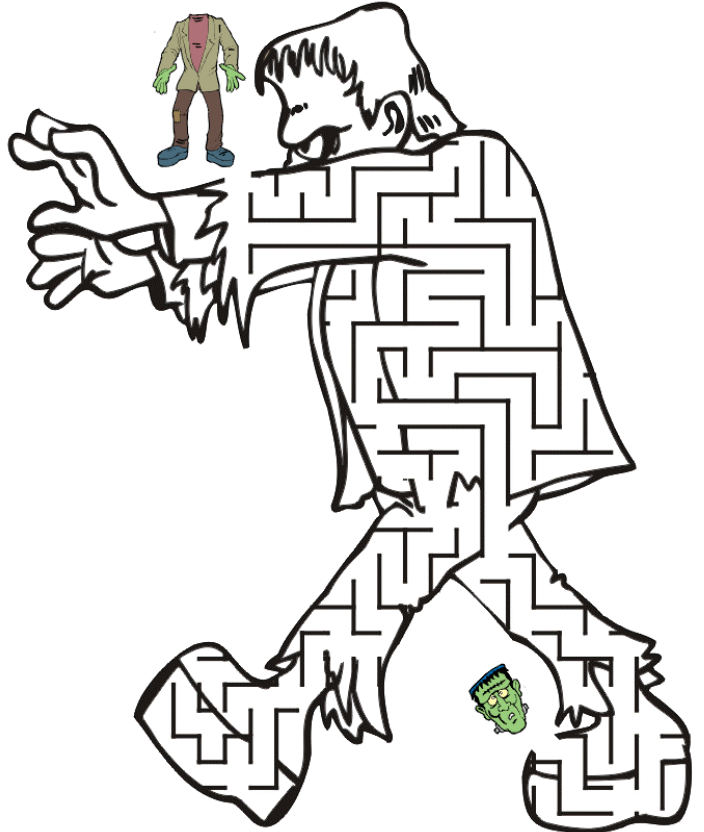
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Help Frankentein's body through the Frankenstein maze to find his head.



POTTER PUZZLE

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 CENTAUR
 CHAMBER OF SECRETS
 DARK FORCES
 DEMENTORS
 DRACO
 DUMBLEDORES ARMY
 HOGWARTS
 LUNA LOVEGOOD
 MAD EYE MOODY
 MUGGLS
 PHOENIX
 PROFESSOR
 SEVERUS SNAPE
 SIRIUS BLACK
 THESTRAL

UMBRIDGE
 VOLDERMORT
 WEASLEY
 WIZARDS



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 11
11:30 – 1:30pm

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 25
7 – 8:30 p.m.



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 new **creepy** ones. Be sure to contact the office & let us know if you are coming.

DECEMBER 1
9-12pm

YOGA - Prepare to stretch & bend for 3 relaxing but challenging hours of yoga hosted by local instructors. Call 905-885-6422 & we'll reserve you a mat.

DECEMBER 1st

SCRAPBOOKING – Do you have a pile of photos that you have been meaning to put in some albums...why not make them look great with that extra special touch at our scrap-booking event? For more information contact our office.

DECEMBER 3
6 p.m.



CHRISTMAS PARTY – Take your love of turkey and great desserts, combine that with fabulous company and join us at the Pentecostal Church in Cobourg for our annual potluck dinner (across from the mall and just west of BlockBuster). Remember to phone us to and 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 1-24

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 24, 25 & 26
9:30-5:00



"MY BIG SISTER'S CLOSET SALE" Upscale clothing for every season at great prices can be found at Susan Dewhurst's annual sale once again. 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 2008



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, bowl! 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!

