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Brett Barth-Fagan
Executive Director

Boys & Girls Club Day with the Bombers

The Sedalia Bombers, a M.I.N.K. League collegiate summer baseball team, came to the Boys & Girls Club summer program on Friday, July 9th to teach the group of more than 150 Club members the importance of education, teamwork, sportsmanship and leadership. Friday evening, the Sedalia Bombers hosted "Boys & Girls Club Night" and all Club members 6 to 18 years old received free entrance to the Liberty Park Stadium for the Bombers' game versus league rival Mac-N-Sietz. As part of the "field of dreams" night, Club members enjoyed a free meal, provided for by a Club sponsor, and participated in other fun games for a chance to win Bombers' apparel.

2010 MINK League Champs take time to interact with Boys & Girls Club members making them Champs on and off the field in our book!



The Sedalia Bombers' Jose Behar and teammates sign autographs for Boys & Girls Club members. Behar won the "Just Block It Best Catcher" and "Mizuno Leading Batter" awards at this year's NBC World Series in Wichita, Kansas. Behar, who was also named to the All-American team, hit .600 with four doubles, two homers and eight RBIs for the Bombers, who finished seventh in the tournament.

Welcome to the new **2010-11 academic year** and what is gearing up to be the best year of after school programming in our 50 year Club history! We've come a long way from the first days of the Boys Club of Sedalia back in the early 60's. During these past five decades, we have seen many changes, but many things have also stayed the same. Holding strong as the cornerstone of our foundation is providing all youth with the opportunity for life excellence. Also remaining is the strong support we have received from the community, from our civic groups and leaders, our tireless volunteers and from the United Way.

September 1st marked the first day of the new United Way campaign. We hope you will support this very important community and county campaign through your place of employment and/or by considering an individual gift. The money is vital to the agencies served by the United Way -- all 24 of them! For more info on how you can show your support, log on to the Sedalia-Pettis County United Way's website at www.spcuw.org. And on behalf of the Club and each of the other United Way organizations, "Thank you for helping us LIVE UNITED!"

~Brett



"This is a great opportunity for our Club members to meet strong male role models who understand the importance of education and sportsmanship," said Boys & Girls Club executive director, Brett Barth-Fagan. "Who knows, our kids may be meeting the next Albert Pujols."

Club members from the K-1 group pose for a photo with ACE, the Bomber's mascot. Each member had an individual photo taken with ACE to have as a souvenir of the fun day with the team of champions and also had autograph books signed by players.



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Walmart Grant Launches Literacy Program

\$10,000 Grant from the Walmart Foundation Offers Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri a "Bright Spot" Reading Room

The Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri received a \$10,000 grant to launch a new reading initiative that promotes educational and leisure reading for adolescents. The Walmart Foundation's Bright Spot for Reading initiative for adolescent readers will help create a reading center, provide training for staff and encourage relationships to ensure the success of young members.

Nationally, the Walmart Foundation awarded Boys & Girls Clubs of America with \$1.5 million to help establish reading Bright Spots at 100 Clubs across the U.S.

Beginning in late June, the Bright Spot Reading Center, located at the Club's downtown location, features books geared at youth ages 11-15 and included summer programming to encourage adolescents to read more and develop a more positive attitude toward reading. Boys & Girls Club programming will include activities in drama, art and technology, field trips to the local library and service learning projects in order to create reading opportunities in every area of the Club.

The Club expects to have more than 50 youth involved in the program that are actively participating and excited about reading. During the ten-week summer program, the Club hosted weekly book discussions through a "Novel Ideas Club" and provided weekly opportunities for



tweens to read age-appropriate books to younger Club members at the elementary program.

"The Walmart Foundation's Bright Spot for Reading Initiative is essential in preparing youth for academic and real life success," continued Brett Barth-Fagan, Club Executive Director. "We are grateful to The Walmart Foundation for the opportunity to create an environment that will encourage and allow our youth to enjoy and develop an affinity for reading."

In addition to the Club's new Bright Spot Reading Center, BGCA's teen Web site www.myclubmylife.com will serve as a resource for the Club to promote the reading initiative, highlight age-appropriate books and book reviews and encourage teens and tweens to read more and



Teens are encouraged to share their reading experiences with others and practiced by reading to younger members during the 10-week summer program.

share their reading experiences with others. The Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri

is also working to strengthen existing and develop new relationships with local libraries to enhance its programs and services.

About Philanthropy at Walmart

Walmart and the Walmart Foundation are proud to support the charitable causes that are important to customers



Teen Club members personalize the Bright Spot Reading Center to reflect their literary personalities. Three scenes were painted depicting Harry Potter, Twilight and Alice in Wonderland

and associates in their own neighborhoods. The Walmart Foundation funds initiatives focused on education, work force development, economic opportunity, environmental sustainability, and health and wellness. From Feb. 1, 2009 through Jan. 31, 2010, Walmart and the Walmart Foundation gave more than \$512 million in cash and in-kind gifts globally, \$467 million of which was donated in the U.S. To learn more, visit walmartfoundation.org.

"Walmart has really stepped up and become a strong Club partner," Barth-Fagan stated. "The Club also received two \$6,000 summer feeding initiative grants and a \$25,000 stipend to support Healthy Habits through an academic year food grant.

OTHER COMMUNITY BASED PARTNERS OF THE CLUB

JCPenney & Associates

1 in 2 JCPenney's Customers Support the Club!
August's Round Up for Kids netted a 49% participation rate, up from 40% last August, resulting in a direct donation to the Club of \$2,665!

The Cellular Connection

Donated \$500 to the Club in honor of their ribbon cutting and grand opening of their new facility at 1800 W Broadway, Sedalia.

Stage Stores

Hosted a bake sale as part of their Friends & Family Sale over the summer with proceeds benefitting the Club.

Sears

Save & Give event Sept. 18 with 3% of proceeds coming back to Club afterschool programming.

CitiFoundation

Financial education grant in the amount of \$7,500

Staples

Hosted the 3rd Annual Staples/Do Something 101 Supply Drive. The program encourages teens to collect and donate school supplies at the Sedalia Staples store to support kids in need within the Club and community.

Walmart Foundation

Foundation grants totaling \$47,000 in support of literacy education and healthy lifestyles and feeding initiatives.

Thank You!

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Leeton Schools

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Sedalia Schools:

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Horace Mann Elementary

Parkview Elementary

Skyline Elementary

Washington Elementary

Sedalia Middle School

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You are cordially invited to attend the
2011 YOUTH OF THE YEAR Competition

Thursday, January 20th

6:00 p.m.

Fox Theater Event Center

Fifth & Ohio Streets

Sedalia MO

Join us as we select our Club's
2011 Youth of the Year Winners

*The Youth of the Year program is a
National BGCA \$25,000 scholarship
opportunity that is a year-round tool
for fostering the personal growth and
leadership qualities of Club members.*

Sixteen elementary and teen program
candidates will come together to
present why they should be named
the 2011 Club Youth of the Year.

Join us to find out how the Club is
making a difference and enabling great
futures to start here...at the Boys & Girls
Clubs of West Central Missouri!

**Extra! Extra! Read All About It!
Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central
Missouri is in the news!**



Check out a recent great article
that featured our own Skyline site
director Donal Buckner and 2010
Elementary Youth of the Year Alex
Esquivel! It's a great story and tells
a little bit as to why United Way
funding is so important to our
organization. We couldn't have made it 50 years without the
support of the community through the United Way. Our
supporters and our staff make a difference every single day.

You can read the full article in the *Sedalia Democrat* at:

<http://www.sedaliademocrat.com/news/boys-26837--.html>

If you see Donal or Alex, tell them they are an inspiration to
many and are examples of what the Boys & Girls Club is all
about!



Donal Buckner, left
Alex Esquivel, right

**Thank you to our S.A.Y. Yes Scholarship Supporters! Thanks to you, we
had six youth attend the 10-week summer program at no cost to them
or their families! The six elementary members were engaged in arts and
crafts projects, character and leadership development, physical
activities and field trips all summer long! Your scholarship support
generated during the 2010 auction made a difference.**



Traci Cumpton, regional manager for The Cellular Connection (TCC) presents a \$500 check to Brett Barth-Fagan, Club executive director in honor of a ribbon cutting at their newest facility at the corner of Highways 50 and 65. The presentation was made Friday, September 10th. Thanks, TCC, for your support of our Club!

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Judy Moore
Smithton Unit Director
2 Years of Service With the
Boys & Girls Club

GET TO KNOW JUDY

How long have you lived in the West Central Missouri Community?

"I have lived in the Dresden area pretty much my whole life, minus the 10 years I lived in Memphis, Tenn."

What brought you to the Club?

"I saw the ad in the paper. I had heard about the Club before, but had no idea the number of locations served."

What are your hopes and aspirations for the Club?

"I hope to continue to increase the number of members we are serving and the quality of programming we offer. We strive to be creative in how we present programs to the kids."

What keeps you coming to the Club every day?

"My car (laughs)! I worked for a similar organization in Memphis and getting the opportunity to do this again after so many years is an absolute treat."

What is your favorite Club program?

"The art program I run during the summer is based completely on art appreciation and it exposes kids to classical and modern art. The kids love to learn where artists come from and why. They seem to really enjoy and remember this course. I take pride in that."



**THANKS,
JCPENNEY AND
CUSTOMERS FOR
"ROUNDING UP"
TO HELP CLUB
KIDS!**

Successful JCPenney Round-up Event Benefits the Boys & Girls Club

From August 4 through 17, Sedalia JCPenney customers were invited to "round-up" their JCPenney purchases to the nearest whole dollar and donate the difference to the Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri's afterschool program so the Club can continue to provide local children with access to life-enriching activities that inspire them to be smart, strong and socially responsible.

Due to the strong community and staff support,

this year's event saw a 49 percent local participation rate which is up by 9 percent from last year's event and donations increased by nearly \$1,000 to \$2,665.

Front Row (Left to Right): Lacey Hinote, Sarah Martin, Keesha Williford, Connie Dierking, Michelle Sarver, Kiersten Labus. Second Row (Left to Right): Don Lambertz (store manager), Amber Johnson, Beth Rodewald, Judy Tompkins, Kristi Brewer, Tammy Meade, Stephanie Beal, Andrew Beier, Robert Evans, Brett Barth-Fagan. Back Row (Left to Right): Steve McKelvey, Kam Dix, Chuck Leftwich, Annette Owens, Sherry Bellamy, Janet Shelledy, Allen Figgins.

Author of Children's Books to Visit Boys & Girls Club

Growing up in Sedalia has provided author Jessica Swaim with a myriad of stories to share with the readers of her books. On Friday, October 22 at 1:00 p.m., Ms. Swaim will be visiting the Boys & Girls Club downtown Drop-in program to share with them her newest book, Scarum Fair, and talk to them about her life as an author. The following is an excerpt from her website (www.jessicaswaim.com):

For as long as I can remember, I have loved books, animals, and books about animals. In my preschool days, my grandmother read to me at her house across town. "The Owl and the Pussycat," "Chicken Little" and "The Poky Little Puppy" were my favorite Little Golden books. When I was eight years old and Gran came to live with us, it was my turn to read to her, through many a magical afternoon.

I grew up in the small town of Sedalia, Missouri, home of the state fair. My older brother and I had a dog named Pepe Le Pew, after the cartoon skunk, a cat Sunshine, parakeets, and rabbits Princess and Willie who, of course, had baby rabbits.

Our parents were natural storytellers who spiced up our dinner hours with amusing anecdotes. Dad used a lot of witty expressions like:

"You can't run a circus without clowns," "I'm going to take off now, like a great speckled bird," and "On the other hand, I have five fingers."

Supported by such a colorful cast of characters in a childhood filled with love and laughter, is it any wonder that I grew up to be a writer?



Beware of the Scarum Fair!

The Hand leads the way in this collection of silly-spooky poems for mid-grade kids, about an amusement park filled with monsters and creeps of all kinds.

Come ride on the Scary-Go-Round!
How about a visit to Dr. Crunch's chiropractic tent?
Eat a bowl of cat hair stew.
Take a nap in the werewolves' den.
It's a thrilling, chilling adventure, and you can go home any time you like.
Or can you?

Scarum Fair grew from fond memories of both Halloween and the Missouri State Fair. My best friend Cath and I played at the nearby fairgrounds year round, trolling the deserted midway for treasures, patting the horses stabled there, and taking imaginary journeys on the old locomotive. During the fair in August, we never missed a horse show. When I was 25 years old, a gypsy read my palm, which inspired this poem about a fortune-telling rat, Madame Ratowski.

Madame Ratowski addresses The Hand.

"I see in your future a gold wedding band.
A fortune will slip through your fingers, I fear,
when you lose a big poker game later this year.
"Your garden will die," Madame says, with a frown.
"You could have a green thumb if you'd just knuckle down."

She closes The Hand and she gives it a squeeze.
"You owe me ten bucks and a slice of swiss cheese."
*The Hand waves good-bye as it exits the booth,
with a fistful of lies and a pinch of the truth.*

Come Meet the Author...

Jessica Swaim
Author of "The Hound from the Pound," "Nate by Night"
and newly released "Scarum Fair"
Friday, October 22, 2010
Downtown Club at 314 S Washington (2nd Floor)
1:00 - 2:00 pm



Drama Team Presents One Act

The Boys & Girls Club's teen BrickHouse Theatre Drama Matters members performed "The Adventures of Mouse Deer" on July 27 during the summer program. The play, which was about the importance of using one's wits and trusting one's self, was intended to introduce elementary members to the performing arts as well as provide the teens with an opportunity to demonstrate newly learned skills and on stage abilities. For some teen members this was their first ever on-stage performance.

"We did it for the little kids to entertain them," said 12-year-old Club member, Sierra Vollmer who has been a member of the Club for the past 5 years. Vollmer, who played the main crocodile in the play, went on to explain what she has learned during the summer TNT Drama Matters program taught by the Club's BrickHouse Theatre Module Coordinator, Chris Clark, who has over 20 years of experience in professional, educational and civic theatre.

Vollmer said Clark showed her how much fun it is to perform on stage and how important it is to be a part of a cast.

According to Clark, the teens spent most of the summer learning how to be part of a team, so for this play the teen Club members not only acted but also operated the lighting and sound equipment.

"It was our goal to make sure each Club member involved in the BrickHouse Theatre got a taste of all aspects of theatre," Clark said. "Some preferred to be on stage while others preferred to stay behind the scenes. It takes everyone working together to produce a wonderful show."



Shannon Harter

Horace Mann Site Director
3 Years of Service With the Boys & Girls Club

GET TO KNOW SHANNON

How long have you lived in the West Central Missouri Community?

"I was born and raised here. I left for college but returned in 2002."

What brought you to the Club?

"I heard about the 21st CCLC grants and called to find out more information. My background is in early childhood education and I have always had a desire to help kids and make an impact."

What are your hopes and aspirations for the Club?

"We always want to reach as many kids as we can. I want to watch a kid grow up and see the difference we have made in his life."

What keeps you coming to the Club every day?

"The kids. I can't wait to see what they are going to say or do next."

What is your favorite program?

"Power Hour is my favorite program to emphasize. I love linking together the regular school day with the after school program and finding new ways to teach kids what they are already learning. One time a member stopped me mid-sentence during a project and said 'you are sneaking in learning on me.' I couldn't help but smile."

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Upcoming Boys & Girls Club Events

SEPTEMBER

Sept 18 Sears Save & Give Event
3117 W Broadway, Sedalia MO

Sept 25 Day of Play & Safety Town
at Katy Park, 9:00 - 11:00 am

Sept 25 Sedalia Sesquicentennial
Founder's Ball, MO State Fairgrounds

Sept 29 S.T.A.N.D. Teens Meet
with Skyline Club Members
Skyline Elementary Cafeteria
4:00 - 5:30 p.m.



OCTOBER

October 2 Hispanic Outreach Festival
11:00 am - 4:00 pm, Liberty Park
Convention Hall

October 19 Sunrise Optimist Meeting
@Boys & Girls Club, 6:30 am

October 21 Lights On Afterschool
Nationwide Rally Day for
Afterschool Programs

October 22 Drop-in Program Open
6:30 am - 6:00 pm
Special Guest, Author Jessica Swaim
"Beware of the Scarum Fair!"

October 31 Halloween -- watch out for
trick-or-treaters on the streets at dusk!



NOVEMBER

Nov 24 Drop-in Program Open
6:30 am - 6:00 pm

Nov 25-26 Thanksgiving Holiday
All Club Sites CLOSED



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Sites established as 21st Century Community Learning Centers through grant funding from the federal Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

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