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## Big Bikes for Little Tikes

I am the chairperson this year for the Big Bikes for Little Tikes event on May 21<sup>st</sup> in partnership with 95.7 The Rock. This year, Big Bikes for Little Tikes will be sponsoring Alexis Barton of Onalaska. Alexis has A.L.L. Leukemia and was diagnosed in October of 2010. She has gone through three complete chemotherapy treatments and is currently on her fourth treatment.

We are still looking for several more volunteers to assist with beverage and food distribution from 2-6 p.m. on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested in joining your fellow Jaycees at this volunteer event for Alexis Barton, you may contact me either by phone, email, or sign up at the General Member Meeting. I look forward to hearing from my fellow Jaycees!

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For more information on 95.7 The Rock, The Rock Foundation and Alexis Barton:  
<http://957therock.com/rf/>

## May Calendar

May 3  
General Meeting  
at 7 p.m.  
pizza and social  
to start the meeting



May 11  
Pitch, Hit, and Run at 5  
p.m., Erickson Park

May 21  
Big Bikes for Little Tikes

May 10  
New Member  
Orientation at 7 p.m.  
JavaVino

May 17  
General Meeting at 7  
p.m.

May 24  
Board Meeting 6 p.m.

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## Neighbors Day Wrap Up

Despite the snow on the ground, Neighbors Day 2011 was a success! We had 210 residents signed up for help. A little less than half were completed, but we had a great group of volunteers who made arrangements with the homeowners to come back on another day to complete the work. I know there are a few that didn't get done, so if anyone wants to get a group together to help out, let me know! I can get you the addresses!

I want to thank Dawn Wehling for running the tool shed and all of you who braved the snow and cold to help her out: Kyle, Cody and kids, Cherie, Alex, Rhett, Donella, Laurie and Mark. I also want to thank those of you who helped with registration inside: Becki, Kelly and Ashley. A special thanks goes out to Kyle, who not only helped with two very late nights of assigning projects and organizing the paperwork, but who also was domestic enough to cook Sara and I two nights of awesome dinners! He really CAN cook more than Twizzlers!!! Last but not least, I want to give the biggest thank you to my co-chair, Sara who helped me stay organized and on top of things and who took on the big responsibility of recruiting volunteers!! It sure does make it easier to have two people working together and sharing responsibilities!! Here's to another successful Neighbors Day! Can't wait to do it all again next year!

Heather Suby  
Chair

## Membership Renewals

Membership renewals due for the month of June are: Erin Behlen.

Cheers to warm weather!

Jeff Steidl  
Membership VP

## President's Message

Spring has sprung (well hopefully)... Who would have thought we would still be getting snow in April?? However that is just what happened for our community event Neighbor's Day on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Despite the weather, there were some amazing volunteer groups that came out to help for this event. A Big thank you goes to Heather Suby and Sara Halberg for tackling this project and for this event being such an overwhelming success. For those of us that came and helped that day (some freezing outside in the snow), it seemed like this event went off without a hitch, with very little effort. However, I am well aware of the time, dedication, and energy Heather and Sara put into this project and it certainly showed.

I hope you can make it to at least one of these projects that supports the community and/or our chapter.

May 11<sup>th</sup>- Pitch, Hit, Run  
May 21<sup>st</sup>- Big Bikes for Little Tykes  
June 11<sup>th</sup>- Walkin for Wishes  
June 11<sup>th</sup>- Rock Out Cancer  
June 25-26<sup>th</sup>- Riverfest Set-Up  
June 30-July 4<sup>th</sup>- Riverfest

I hope you can all make it to the May 3<sup>rd</sup> general meeting for pizza. Pizza will arrive at 7pm and all members are welcome to join. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while or would like to catch up with some members you have missed, this would be a great meeting to come to. We will still go through our normal agenda; however the pizza will be an extra little treat.

"Everyone can be great, because everyone can serve"  
Martin Luther King, Jr.

This quote reminds me of why I got involved with this great organization 3 years ago. I was looking for an opportunity to volunteer in the community, but didn't know exactly how to get involved. My first event with the Jaycees was Riverfest, and from that moment I was hooked. I have since been involved with Toys for Tots, Walkin for Wishes, and many other projects our chapter is involved in. Volunteering and donating of our time is one of the most selfless things that we can do. My hope is that each of you can get out to a project this year that you have never been to or agree to chair a project you are interested in or challenge yourself to do something outside of your normal comfort zone. Let's all strive to be unstoppable leaders in our community.

Kelly Goyette  
2011 Jaycee President  
"Building Unstoppable Leaders"

## Pitch, Hit, & Run

Wed., May 11, 2011

We're just a couple of weeks away from our local "Pitch, Hit & Run" competition! We still need about a couple of people to help out, so please see the sign up sheet on the clipboard that goes around at the Tuesday night meetings or you can email me at: [maboehml@gmail.com](mailto:maboehml@gmail.com)

**Who:** Kids ages 7-14 from the La Crosse Area will compete, and the La Crosse Jaycees and the La Crosse Parks & Rec. Dept. will help run the event.

**What:** Basically, what we need to do is help set up, record the scores—how accurate they *pitch* at a target; how far they *hit* the ball off a tee; and how fast they *run* the bases—and take down the equipment and hand out awards. (The event should take a couple of hours of your time.)

**Where:** Erickson Park on La Crosse's South Side:  
Chase St. & Losey Blvd.  
La Crosse, WI 54601

**When:** Wednesday, May 11, 2011  
5 p.m. for registration, set up  
6 p.m. competition begins

**Why:** Kids will have the opportunity to compete for a chance to go to Miller Park in Milwaukee, WI, and show off their baseball/softball skills this summer.

Just a head's up, we'll also need about 10 people for the sectional competition on Sunday, June 5th starting at 1 p.m. for registration.

If you have any questions, feel free to email me! Thanks in advance for your help!

Martha Boehm  
Chair/Community Director



# Register to Walk!

[http://www.lacrossejaycees.com/uploads/newsletter/WFW\\_Reg\\_Form2011.pdf](http://www.lacrossejaycees.com/uploads/newsletter/WFW_Reg_Form2011.pdf)

## Community Update

We have five Community events in the next six weeks and we need YOUR help!! Whether you can give a few hours at one event or the whole day at every event, your volunteer time is appreciated! So check out these events throughout the newsletter and find out how you can contribute your time and talent:

Pitch, Hit, Run  
Big Bikes for Little Tikes  
Pitch, Hit, Run Sectional  
Walkin' for Wishes  
Rock Out Cancer

Hope to see you at an upcoming Community event!

Sara Halberg  
Community VP

## Walkin' for Wishes

Walkin' for Wishes is a 5K Walk where participants raise the money needed to grant 'wishes' to local breast cancer patients. A wish could be help with the grocery or utility bill, a new bed, or a weekend trip - whatever it is that helps our recipients relieve their burden for a few days. We need a few volunteers to help with registration, water/food station, along the route, and running errands. I also encourage you to participate in the event! We are hoping to raise \$5000 to grant wishes this year at the 4th Annual Walkin' for Wishes! Join us Saturday, June 11th at Weigent Park; registration begins at 9am and the walk starts at 10am. See you there!



Rock Out Cancer is also on Saturday, June 11th - a busy day for the Jaycees! Join us at Howies for our headliner 'Abbey Lane and the Backbone', silent auction, 50/50 raffle, and some good quality fun! Walkin' for Wishes participants receive \$2 off

admission. A few volunteers are needed to help with setup/takedown, the silent auction, assisting the band, and being gophers. Doors open at 7pm!

Sara Halberg  
Chair

## Individual Development Updates

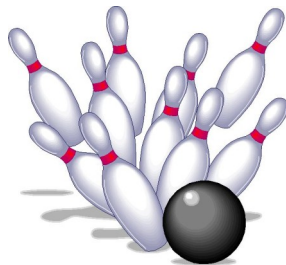
We finally made it to May and all those April rain/snow showers should be in the past! This month I hope to bring many ID opportunities to you. I recently have been asked to do a number of ID's that sound like a lot of fun, one of those being a gardening ID. If anyone has a specific gardening area they would like to learn how to tackle (landscaping, annuals, perennials, vegetable gardens) let me know soon so I can arrange that with our speaker. Another tentative ID in May is possibly May 20th holding a disc golf (or frisbee golf) ID at President Kelly's house. Let me know if any of you have any disc golf skills or knowledge that you can share with us. I will know more at our next general meeting. Again, if you have any other ideas or suggestions for an idea please let me know.

Tanya Molitor  
Individual Development Director  
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## Bowl for Kid's Sake Update

I would like to thank everyone who bowled or cheered us on at Bowl for Kids' Sake. Together we raised \$1401.52!

A special thank you to Kyle, Pt, Laurie, Judy, Billie Jo, Sara, Suzie G., Kelly, Laura, Scott, Alex, Ashley, Russ, Kelsey, Suzy S., Peter and Brewster the dog!



## Chairman's Corner

Sorry that I took a hiatus from last month's riddle! But here is May's stumper! Email the answer before the May 17th general meeting. [heather.suby@gmail.com](mailto:heather.suby@gmail.com)

I dig out tiny caves in which  
I store gold and silver  
I build bridges of silver  
I make crowns of gold,  
The smallest you can imagine,  
Sooner or later you will need me,  
Yet you're afraid of me.  
Who Am I?

## Riverfest



Riverfest is coming up faster than the spring floods; there are less than two months separating us from the opening of the beer tent! As our chapters largest Management project, I will need all of the volunteers I can get. Below is a list of event dates to mark on your calendar. I hope to see you at many of them!

**Family Picnic:** June 7, 6:00 pm – 10:30pm. A fun event for the family and friends, bring a dish to pass! Current and past members are welcome.

**Riverfest Setup:** June 25 & 26. We need ten (10) people for each day. Lunch is provided.

**Riverfest:** June 30 – July 4<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am – 1:00am. Bartenders needed! Sign up or call me to be a chair of the day or night. Some of the many incentives include a paid bartender license, a special shirt, Jaycee Bucks, and a button.

### Special Events:

Friday, July 1 is Past Members Night. We welcome our past members to participate with Rivefest bartending. This is your chance to experience all the fun, and see the changes we have made to the beer tent! Saturday, July 2 is Past President Night. All past Jaycees Presidents in attendance will receive a special recognition pin. Thanks for your support!

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