

The Bugle

Fall 2008



“I Finally Got a Christmas Present”

by Dave Oyler, Director of Special Projects



It was December 27, 2007. Dave Ransom, one of our staff members, was carrying a box of presents into the meeting room.

We had a wonderful December during 2007 and received tremendous support from our community in providing gifts for our boys. And though our staff tries hard to make sure no needy child is missed, it is impossible to get gifts to everyone

that needs them.

This particular box of gifts was given to us on Christmas Eve and it was too late to try to get them to any of our boys, so we decided we would give them out the week after Christmas as BINGO prizes.

As Dave was taking the box into the meeting room, one of our eight year old members named Michael came up to him and asked Dave what he was doing.

Dave told him that he was getting ready for BINGO and that all of the gifts in the box were the prizes for winners at BINGO.

Michael got really excited and wanted to know when BINGO started. He had his eye on a radio remote control car that was in the box of gifts. Dave told him that it would start at 1 p.m., which was about half an hour away.

Michael stood by the meeting room door for a half hour, until Dave announced that it was BINGO time.

Although Michael was the first one in, the room filled up quickly. Dave explained the rules and then said if you got a BINGO, you got to pick out the prize that you wanted.

The first BINGO game began and Michael was too nervous and excited to sit down. He paced while each number was being called. After about the 20th number, a boy yelled out BINGO! It was Michael. As Dave checked his card to make sure he had a BINGO, Michael kept on saying, I can't believe it, I can't believe it.

Dave finally told him that his BINGO was good and Michael let out a whoop. Dave told Michael that he never saw anyone get so excited about winning at BINGO before. Michael then said, “I am excited. I finally got a Christmas present!”

We may have missed getting a present to this boy for Christmas, but we are convinced someone up above took care of it for us.

Your One Stop Christmas Shop

The Club for Boys elves are ready to help you prepare for the busy holiday season by offering you a one-stop-shop to purchase your Christmas tree, wreaths and cards.

The Club for Boys tree lot, located in front of the Club, opens on Monday, November 24. The Club for Boys Thrift Store will be busy making wreaths of

various sizes for your purchase as well.

The 2008 holiday greeting cards feature the work of local artists. You can choose one of five greetings to be printed in your cards, leave them blank or have them personalized.

Visit www.theclubforboys.com to order cards and wreaths online. For additional information on holiday activities at The Club for Boys call 343-3500.



Foundation Profile: Joe Dobbs

Joe Dobbs has enjoyed a diverse and blessed life. Not only did he earn a purple heart and two bronze stars while in the army, he criss-crossed the country on a motorcycle after the age of 60. The medals were earned while he served in Vietnam. The motorcycle criss-crossing was an adventure with three friends that began in 2006 and ended (at least for now) in June 2008.

Professionally, Joe formed First American Administrators, in partnership with First American Systems, in Rapid City on July 1, 1983. His company sold administrative services to employers who chose to self-fund their medical benefit plan. In 1989, Joe became the sole owner of First American Administrators. Over the next ten years, his company expanded and entered into new partnerships in the managed medical care field. Joe sold the company in 1999 but stayed on to run the organization until his retirement in 2006. At the time of his retirement, the company had approximately 145 employees, 75 of those located in Rapid City.

After graduating from high school in Rutland, S.D., Joe got his Bachelor of Science degree from Dakota State College in Madison in 1968. In college, Joe met his wife, Jolene, who was from Flandreau. As it turned out, their mothers had been high school classmates in Egan, S.D. Joe and Jolene have two children; Chet and Emily. Chet, his wife, Denise, and their son, Trey, live in Fort Collins,

Colo. where Chet has an excavating business. Emily, her husband, Paul Hendry, and their two children, Mya and DeAndre, live in Rapid City where she is in the brokerage department at U.S. Bank.



Joe is a past member of the Rapid City Noon Optimists Club, held all offices during his tenure and was distinguished Club President in the Dakota, Minnesota and Manitoba District. The Optimists were instrumental in the founding of the Club for Boys and Joe served on the Club's own board of directors for 11 years, from 1986-1997. In 2004, Joe joined the board of directors of the Club for Boys Foundation and has been its treasurer since 2007.

In explaining why he enjoys being involved with the Club for Boys, Joe explains, "The boys at the Club are just typical kids many without the opportunities that come from having a stable family atmosphere. The Club provides a place for them to be exposed to some normalcy in their life while learning the value of respect for others and one's self."

For information about The Club for Boys Foundation, contact Sara Gentry at 343-3500.

Let's Go Hunting

South Dakota Youth Hunting Adventures (SDYHA) was established with the goal of matching veteran hunters with youth to provide them with a hunting experience. The program helps teach youth about wildlife management, land owner rights, conservation and even constitutional rights. Along the way, mentored youth gain self-esteem and a positive role model.

From the beginning, SDYHA has worked with local youth organizations to formulate the program and provide youth who are interested. In its first year, SDYHA coordinated HuntSafe education, the donation of clothing, firearms and ammo, and permission to hunt on many private ranches around the area. The mentors went through their own training in addition to accompanying their mentees to the HuntSafe program, practice shooting at the Buffalo Chip firing range, and in the field hunt.

Seth Krick, a Club for Boys member, got to do hunting for the first time this year because of the program. He said the program was really fun and his mentor had a lot of experience teaching people. When asked if he will go hunting again next year, Seth exclaimed, "Yes!"

This program was wildly successful in both the harvest of deer and in the bond created between the hunter pairs. The Club for Boys had eight boys participate this year. Next year the goal is to have 15 to 20 boys participate and also have the 8 boys from this year return and hunt again.

The program is spearheaded by Jim Scull with help from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Pheasants Forever, SD GFP, and several other wildlife and hunting interest groups. Anyone interested in becoming a mentor for the program should contact Mark at the Club for Boys or Nicole at Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

Our Schedule

November

Nov. 24	Christmas Tree Sales Begin
Nov. 26	Family Thanksgiving Supper
Nov. 27	Club Closed for Thanksgiving
Nov. 28	Club Closed for Staff In-Service

December

Dec. 1	Club Open 7:30 am to 5:30 pm
Dec. 22 & 23	Club Open 7:30 am to 5:30 pm

Dec. 24	Club Open 7:30 am to 4:00 pm
Dec. 25	Club Closed - Merry Christmas!
Dec. 26	Club Closed for Staff In-Service
Dec. 27	Club Closed - No Saturday Program
Dec. 29-31	Club Open 7:30 am to 5:30 pm

January

Jan. 1	Club Closed - Happy New Year!
Jan. 2	Club Open 7:30 am to 5:30 pm
Jan. 19	Club Open 7:30 am to 5:30 pm
Jan. 26	Club Open 7:30 am to 5:30 pm

In Appreciation

The Club for Boys would like to thank everyone who donated gifts of time, money or inkind from July through September 2008. The following people gave cash gifts of \$100 or more. Those with an * gave \$500 or more.

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Thanks for a Great Season!

Each Fall the Club's yard turns into a football field full of energetic boys learning how to punt, pass and kick. This year 6 flag football teams and over 70 boys participating.

The Club would like to thank George and Nancy Dunham, Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity, TJ Likens, Trent Jones, Steve Parker, Jesse

Rowlette, all the boys who played, parents, coaches and many others for making this season a success.

A special thank you goes out to photographer, Michael T. Schon, for taking photos of the Club's city league team and two School of Mines teams and for giving each boy a team photo.



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