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The Cargill Room
Riverside Center S.
332 Front Street

Congratulations to this month's exceptional High School Big Sister, Stephanie!

One year ago, Stephanie was matched with her Little Brother through the Site-Based Mentoring Program at Northside Elementary. She met with her Little Brother weekly, encouraging his writing skills, playing games, and giving him additional opportunities to practice reading aloud. After a few months, Stephanie had already seen improvement in her Little Brother's school work and his classroom behavior. He continued to work on listening and being quiet when others were speaking. His 1st

Big Brothers Big Sisters Reminders

We have a new Executive Director! Chris Schabow comes to BBBS after working for the Gateway Area Council for the Boy Scouts of America for seven years. A Viterbo grad with a criminal justice major, Chris has found his niche working with non-profit organizations and helping to fund raise for great programs like the Boy Scouts and Big Brothers Big Sisters. He loves the outdoors and enjoys spending time with his wife, Nicole, and their 3 year-old daughter, Taylor. Welcome, Chris, we're glad to have you with us!

Also, a very special thank you to UW-L students from Reuter Hall for volunteering their time on January 20th helping the La Crosse office with cutting out Bowl for Kids' Sake flyers, cleaning and painting!



- Bowl for Kids' Sake is March 30th, 31st and April 1st! Get ready to come out to support, fund raise and bowl for the children of Big Brothers Big Sisters!
- Our next match activity is Thursday, February 9th. We will be making Valentine cards and birdfeeders at the La Crosse Office. A light snack will be provided. We will begin our activity at 6pm and clean up all materials by 8pm. Please call 782-2227 or [email Carrie Kolman](mailto:Carrie.Kolman@bbbsla.org) to confirm your attendance.
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grade teacher added that Stephanie had been 'wonderful.'

This fall, Stephanie resumed match visits with her Little Brother at his new school. His classroom teacher told us that Noah really enjoys their visits and looks forward to the time he shares with Stephanie. She has continued to see improvements in math, reading, and spelling, and feels that Stephanie's 'bubbly' personality is a great fit for Noah as he can be quiet.

The match just celebrated their one-year match anniversary in January, and Stephanie shared that it is going great!

Congratulations!

We would like to recognize Stephanie as an outstanding Big Sister, and wish her the best of luck as she finishes her high school career. If an elementary classroom is in your future, Stephanie, we believe that you have exactly what it takes!

Noah would also like to share some pointers so you can win another game of Battleship!

Big Brothers Big Sister Activities

- [Match Activity at the La Crosse Office:](#)
Thursday, February 9th, 6pm, 1707 Main Street in the downstairs conference rooms.
Have you ever wondered how to make a bird feeder? Jeff will show us how...and then you can make your own! Jill will lead Valentine card making and candy bar card BINGO.
Come and go as you please. A small snack will be available, and we will be finished by 8pm.
- [Bowl For Kids' Sake:](#)
Friday, March 30th-Sunday, April 1st, South Lanes, 4107 Mormon Coulee Rd.
Bowl together as a match or talk to friends, family members, and coworkers and recruit a team to raise funds for Big Brothers Big Sisters! Collect \$100 in pledges, and enjoy an afternoon or evening of bowling and prizes.
Shifts will be available on March 30th at 7pm and 9pm; March 31st at 4pm, 6pm and 8pm; and April 1st at 1pm and 3pm.

Community Activities (DL denotes a discount vendor)

- [Public Programs at the UW-La Crosse Planetarium:](#) "Journey To The Stars," 1pm, Saturday, February 11th, 18th, and 25th. \$3 adult admission and \$2 for students and children.
- [Family Story Time at the North Community Library:](#) Enjoy pizza and story-telling on February 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th! Stories and food start at 5:45PM. Final evening is March 6th.
- [Introductory Curling Instruction and Open Skate:](#) Curling is Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm. Adult admission is \$5; children (over 60 pounds) get in free. Open Skate is also available. Green Island Ice Arena. \$3 per adult, \$2 per child. Skates can be rented for an additional \$3 fee.
- [Wednesday-ology at the La Crosse Main Library:](#) February 8th, 15th and 22nd, 3:30-4:15pm. Explore the new -ology books!
- [Tech-Free Family Nights at La Crosse Main Library:](#) Come together for board games, conversation starters, reading stations, and more. February 9th, 16th and 23rd, 6:00-7:30 pm.
- [Open Ice Skating :](#) Every Wednesday (6-8PM) and Sunday (5-8PM) night this month at the Onalaska Omni Center. \$4 adult admission, \$3 for children.
- [Cheap Sk8 Night at High Roller Skating Center](#) (DL): Thursdays 3pm to 8pm, \$2 admission, BOGO free with discount list. Skate rental extra (\$1 skates or \$2 blades or quad 'speed' skates).
- [Happy Feet Two \(PG\) and Hugo \(PG\)](#) (DL): currently showing 4:45pm and 5:20pm nightly at the Rivoli Theatre. Littles admitted free with purchase of Big ticket, adults \$4.50 and students with ID \$3.50.

Quick Links...

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[For Bigs and Littles](#)

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Join Our Mailing List!

- [Missoula Children's Theatre - "The Jungle Book"](#): Try to catch a tiger by the tail with the Missoula Children's Theatre when they put on the Disney classic, "The Jungle Book" at the Heider Center, 2pm and 7pm, February 11th. We have one ticket remaining for the 7pm show. Call 608-782-2227 or [email Carrie](#).
- [Make It-Take Valentine's Day Memory Book at Michaels Stores](#): With purchase of paper sack, February 11th, 10am-12pm, while supplies last.
- [Make It-Take It Valentine's Day Gift at Michaels Stores](#): With purchase of Wood Curly-Q Letter or Frame, February 12, 1pm-3pm, while supplies last.
- **NO SCHOOL** in La Crosse and West Salem on Friday, February 17th.
- [High Roller Skating Center \(DL\)](#): Open 12noon to 8pm on non-school days. \$5 admission, BOGO free with discount list. Skate rental extra (\$1 skates or \$2 blades or quad 'speed' skates).
- [Coulee Region Chill Hockey \(DL\)](#): Bring your discount card and your Little can get in for free (with a paid adult admission of \$10)! Onalaska Omni Center, February 17th and 18th, 7pm.
- [Make It-Take It Tote Bag at Michaels Stores](#): With purchase of bandana. February 18th, 10am-12pm, while supplies last.
- [Mississippi Valley Mayhem Roller Derby](#): Friends and Family Scrimmage, High Roller Skating Center, February 19th. \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 3-12.
- [Holmen Business Expo](#) : Enjoy live entertainment, over 60+ local vendor booths, a food court and more! Admission is free. February 19th, Holmen High School, 11am-3:30pm.
- [The Secret Garden \(DL\)](#): Viterbo Fine Arts Center, 7:30pm on February 25th and 2pm on February 26th. Littles get in free (a \$15 value) with the purchase of a paid Big ticket (\$21 for adults and \$18 for students).
- [Children's Museum Anniversary](#): Happy 13th Birthday! Party fun all day + half-price admission and safety fun from 10AM-1PM. Regular admission pricing resumes at 1pm. February 25th.
- [Family Fest 2012](#): Stop by the Big Brothers Big Sisters Booth! Enjoy food, entertainment and more! Admission is free. La Crosse Center, February 26th, 10am-3pm.
- [Shrine Circus at the La Crosse Center](#): February 28th and 29th, shows at 6:30pm nightly. BBBS received 16 pairs of tickets for Bigs and Littles to attend the circus. Please [email Carrie](#) or call 608-782-2227 to reserve your tickets. They are going quickly!
- [Leap Day at the La Crosse Main Library](#): Celebrate Leap Day with science experiments and magic tricks! February 29th, 3:30pm.

Have Fun!

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