

Jaycee Journal

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Planning starts to pay off

The beginning of spring means a lot to the Ames Jaycees. Plans start being put into action for many of our projects — Bowling Challenge, Sandbox Fill, Ames on the Half Shell and the Haunted House.

be easy, but I have every confidence that co-chairs Jennie Smith and Todd Hugen will find a way! To join their committee, contact Jennie at jsmith@gisiowa.com or Todd at todd@toddhugenphotography.com.

The whole day is going to be jam-packed with events for the whole family! From free pancakes in the morning to a craft fair, farmer's market, the Bill Riley Talent Search, and Ames on the Half Shell it's going to be awesome.

our new members, this project is a great community event that sends us all over town delivering sand to little kids. Read more about this project on the back page.

Ames on the Half Shell

Planning is full steam ahead for Ames on the Half Shell. The liquor license is applied for and we'll be going before the parks and rec commission and the city council soon to get permission to use the park again. We're well on our way to finalized plans!

A special thanks to those who have stepped up to be on the AOTHS committee. Our last meeting was great. If you're interested in joining the committee, it's not too late! Contact Shannon Bardole (imabassplayer@hotmail.com) as soon as possible.

July 4 — Fireworks

For the past 56 years, the Ames Jaycees has fired off the city's annual fireworks display. This year is no different. We had an awesome group of first-time shooters last year and it sounds like most of those will be back for a second year. If you're interested in shooting off fireworks or helping set-up during the day, contact Charby at charby@iastate.edu

Bowling Challenge

For many of you, this is a project that hits the heart. The annual Bowling Challenge is a day of bowling for individuals with disabilities. This year's project will be held May 17. Project chairs are still needed!! Please contact Amber or Damien at cdvp@amesjaycees.com. Any help is greatly appreciated!

Haunted House

We need a new home! If you have connections to any empty space, please pass on the suggestions. If we don't have a location secured by the end of May, we most likely won't run the project.

It's a great time of year to get out of the house and into the community. I hope to see you at our membership meetings and at events soon! Don't forget — we meet the first and third Thursdays of the every month at Buford's at the Quality Inn and Suites, 2601 E 13th.



Peggy Nitchals

*Better yourself.
Better your community.*

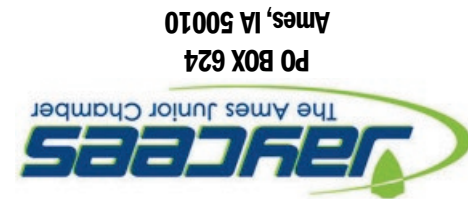
Peggy Nitchals
77th President
Ames Jaycees

Trashbags

Before we can kick off Ames on the Half Shell and July 4 fireworks, we will need to run our annual trashbag program. Joe Leisz will be chairing the project, but is looking for a co-chair to handle the transportation side of the planning. This is a very important fundraiser for our summer projects — namely fireworks.

Sandbox Fill

The annual Sandbox Fill will take place April 26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For



SANDBOX FILL

GOT SAND?
The Ames Jaycees Sandbox Fill
April 26, 2008
Rain date: May 3
\$10 for the first wheelbarrow and \$5 for any additional wheelbarrows
Contact Todd Hugen at
sandboxfill@amesjaycees.com
(515) 450-5935
Last day to order is 4/24/08

the chance to visit with those in the community and show them what the Jaycees are all about.

This year the Sandbox Fill is on April 26. We will fill boxes between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. and then have a barbeque for the volunteers afterwards. We need 8 to 10 able-bodied men and women and two pick-ups.

The rain date is May 3.
If you'd like to sign up, please contact me at sandboxfill@amesjaycees.com.

Todd Hugen
Sandbox Fill co-chair
sandboxfill@amesjaycees.com

It's getting warmer and spring is coming. You know what that means — it's time to have some fun in the sun.

But what do you do when you're a kid, you live in the middle of a cornfield and you want to go to the beach? Answer: You play in a sand box.

For those of you who don't know the look on a child's face when they see that cement truck full of sand pull up — it's priceless. It's like Christmas rolled into the Discovery Channel. They run around all excited. They watch in awe as the truck fills up the wheelbarrows with sand. They break out their shovels, pails, and Tonka trucks in anticipation for their time to play in the sand. It's not the beach but for a kid with a vivid imagination it can be the beach, a desert, a construction site, or anything else.

The annual Sandbox Fill is approaching. This project helps the community in a variety of ways. The kids get fresh clean sand to play in and the parents don't have to break their backs or empty their wallets for bag after bag of sand. It also gives us

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FROM THE AMES ON THE HALF SHELL CHAIR

The committee has met, and we've begun planning for the 2008 season of Ames on the Half Shell.

Half Shell will be running May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 27 and July 4, 11, 18, and 25. July 4 will be a special afternoon event due to our annual fireworks display. We only have one more band to sign, and we'll have our line-up complete!

Be looking for more updates at Membership Meetings and in the newsletters as planning for the project progresses.

*Shannon Bardole
2008 AOTHS Chair*

MEMBERSHIP 101

On March 20, we held our first Membership 101 of the year. New members came to learn more about our chapter and the Jaycee organization as a whole. Three new members were signed at the event! We'd like to welcome Melissa Angstrom, Kelly Junge and Adam Petersen! Not only did these new members begin to receive valuable training and lots of new things to add toward their first degree, but Charby and I completed our 7th Degrees! So, a big congratulations to the Ames chapter for allowing such great opportunities for its members!

*Shannon Bardole
Membership 101 Co-Chair*

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

At the April 17 General Membership Meeting, we will have a guest speaker from the Ames Farmers' Market, Norine Black, who will speak to us about the upcoming outdoor farmers' market, as well as the year-round indoor farmers' market held at the Main Street Depot. Come discover the produce, bread, soap, and other great locally grown and made products available right here in Ames!

FROM THE SECRETARY

Degrees and Springboard Programs: Be All that You Can Be in the Jaycees

The degrees program is an honorary program within the Jaycees. The highest honor is the 10th degree. The 10th degree recognizes a Jaycee who has completed tasks centered on becoming a well-rounded individual in the areas of community and personal development. The Ames chapter has several Jaycees who have earned this honor, including Dan Benson, Joey Benson, Peg Charbonneaux, Sara Gatchel, Bill Klink, Becky Perkovich, and Molly Redenbaugh. The degrees are progressive, ranging in tasks that are focused on involvement, experience, and then leadership.

Degrees are completed in stages; a Jaycee cannot begin working on the next degree until the prior has been completed. Involvement degrees (1-3) center on tasks that include learning more about the Jaycees, community awareness, and social experiences. The experience degrees (4-6) spotlight tasks that allow a Jaycee to learn skills in activation, action of membership development projects, and recruitment of new members. Finally, the leadership degrees (7-10) allow a Jaycee to promote growth and learning among newer members with focus on training opportunities.

A variation within the degrees program is the springboard program,

which allows a member to earn the equivalent of the first three degrees within one year of having been recruited. The springboard program is a way to immediately activate a new member, which is one key to member retention. To learn more about the degrees requirements, visit the Jaycees Web site <http://www.iowajaycees.org/library/degreesform.pdf>.

If you would like to know which degree you are working on and what tasks need to be completed, please contact me so you can work up to the honor of being a 10th degree Jaycee.

*Jamie Laurson
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Secretary and Degrees/
Springboard Director*

FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CO-VPs

Get involved!

Author Margaret Johnstone said, "Time is a fixed income and, as with any income, the real problem facing most of us is how to live successfully within our daily allotment."

If you are like us, your time is stretched very thinly and in several different directions. While we serve on the Jaycee's board, we also wear a number of other hats. We have two young children, we each work full-time (or more), we serve separately on several other committees in Ames, and we still try very hard to have some sort of a social life.

Whether your time is divided amongst soccer games and board meetings or classes and dog walking, we ask each of you to take a moment to see how much of your time "budget" can be devoted to volunteering in the community.

Whether you have one hour to spare or ten, the Ames Jaycees have plenty of opportunities to that can fit into your monthly time "salary."

This Spring you can be a part of the Sandbox Fill, Bowling Challenge, Ames High School Scholarship Night or the Memorial Day Events.

Each of these activities offers you the opportunity to give a little back to the Ames Community without devoting large amounts of time.

While the Ames Jaycees are by no means the only organization in Ames that thrives off of its members and volunteers, we encourage you to take part in one or more of these fantastic spring events. Each of these community events showcases the Ames Jaycees as an outstanding organization for young people willing to devote time to make Ames a great place to live.

Budgets of all kinds are important. Many companies and households (including ours) couldn't survive without them. Please budget some time this spring and take part in an Ames Jaycees community event. Contact Damien or Amber Corrieri at cdvp@amesjaycees.com and find out more!

*Amber and Damien Corrieri
Community Development co-VPs
cdvp@amesjaycees.com*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 General Meeting. Buford's at the Quality Inn & Suites, 2601 13th St., 7 p.m.	4	5
6	7 Committee meeting. AOTHS, Olde Main, 7 p.m.	8 Visitation to Nevada. Contact Scott Long (scottlongjr@aol.com) if you'd like to attend.)	9	10	11-12 Iowa Jaycees Convention in Urbandale	
13 Board Meeting. Corrieri's home, 5 p.m.	14	15	16	17 General Meeting. Buford's at the Quality Inn & Suites, 2601 13th St., 7 p.m.	18 Friday After Work (FAW). Cafe North- west,	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Sandbox Fill 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with a barbeque to follow.
27 Board Meeting. Corrieri's home, 5 p.m.	28	29	30			

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				1 General Meeting. Buford's at the Quality Inn & Suites, 2601 13th St., 7 p.m.	2 Friday After Work (FAW). Details TBD.	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Visitation. Details TBA soon!	10
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