



Baker Youth Club Sign Project



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Introduction

Baker Youth Club (BYC) is an after school program serving the youth of Kosciusko County.

BYC provides a safe, fun place for children to study, engage in physical fitness activities, arts, crafts and socialization in a new state-of-the-art facility. They also provide free homework help, after school snacks, and dinners.

BYC's organization mission statement is "To work with the youth of Kosciusko County to shape a healthy, educated, physical and social identity based on Christian values."

As a local youth development agency, BYC's emphasis on education, health, physical fitness and social skills not only helps children now, but provides lessons in discipline, respect, relationship building, and other essential components that will help the children they serve be successful in life.

History of BYC

The history of BYC begins with a banker from Boston, Bramwell Baker, a member of the local Rotary Club who spent his summers in Winona Lake. He wanted to provide structured and disciplined activities for delinquent boys in the community similar to a program they had on the east coast. In 1926, he encouraged the City of Warsaw to match his \$1,000 donation to begin a club for boys. He pitched his idea to the Kiwanis Friday lunch meeting group with a promise to continue to support the club through an additional pledge of \$1,000 per year. A local schoolteacher and coach, Pete Thorn, served as the first club director when it opened in 1926. Mr. Thorn served as the club's director for 37 years through 1963. This first club met on the second story of the former Sharp's Hardware building located on the south side of the courthouse square. This building sold in 1971 to First National Bank who razed it to construct a parking lot.

After Mr. Thorn's tenure as director of the club, Robert Lichtenwalter, or "Coach" as he's so affectionately known in the community, became the club's second director. He served in this role for 29 years through 1992 and can still be seen around the club as a staff member. Coach has been a member, director, or staff person for 70 years.

The club's third director was Scott Wiley. During his time as director, he expanded BYC's services by creating BYC locations throughout the county. BYC added locations in Leesburg, North Webster, Pierceton, Silver Lake and Claypool. Also during this time Baker Youth Club began accepting girls into this one-time, boys only club.

Up until 2003, all of the BYC directors had been part-time. In 2003, the club made a big step towards insuring its lasting impact on the community by hiring its first full-time director Tracy Furnivall.

Even with the club's long-standing history and substantial role in the community, it never had a facility to call its own. In January 2004, the club's board of directors made the decision to construct a new facility and in 2006, with the help of the state, board, and community of Kosciusko County, they broke ground on their \$2 million facility which was completed in 2007 and is debt-free. The new facility named the "Lichtenwalter Center" after Robert "Coach" Lichtenwalter serves as the permanent home for the club which now serves more than 80 kids per night.

The Decision

When deciding on a white paper project our group wanted to work on something tangible that would have a near immediate measurable benefit. Tracy Furnival, Executive Director of BYC made an announcement about the need for a new sign for BYC. The club had a beautiful new facility constructed in 2007 with a large game room, full court gymnasium, kitchen facilities, and several other multi-purpose rooms. The main sign of the club was constructed of wood and after weathering several northern Indiana winters has become faded. The corners of the frame are beginning to come apart, and wood rot is beginning. The club's board of directors wanted to construct a new sign that would blend better with the club's architectural design and local residential neighborhood as well as provide announcements to club members and the public.

When our group was thinking of possible projects, we remembered Tracy's proposal to help with their new sign project. We decided it was a project we could get excited about and also one that would provide value for the community and children served by BYC.

The Project

The project involves three main components. The first is designing the sign, which includes deciding on the type, size, and features. The second component is financing the sign. The third component is construction of the sign.

When we contacted Tracy, BYC director, he and the board already had ideas on the design and type of sign they wanted. The front façade of the facility is designed to blend in with the row of residential homes found next to and across the road from the club. The club wanted a sign, which would reflect this same type of architecture. The club also wanted a sign with an electronic reader message board so it could advertise upcoming events and inform the public about hours of operation. We met on-site with Tracy and Ryan Kring of US Signcrafters out of Osceola to put together architectural drawings of the sign and provide a quote for construction. We requested an itemized cost quote so we could contact local contractors and businesses about providing supplies and labor. The original sign idea involved a six foot high by eight foot wide illuminated sign which included an LED reader board with brick surrounds. We took the original sign plans and contacted three other local sign companies. We asked them to provide quotes for the sign construction and also a smaller less expensive version based on their professional experiences.

The second component of the project included financing. For this, we began by writing letters to past club supporters outlining the sign project and asking for financial support of the project. We then contacted Jay Tate with Cardinal Services who introduced us to his employees who assisted us with stuffing, printing and mailing the letters (which we would highly recommend due to the fine job they did). We also designed an informative flyer,

which explained the project for distribution to local businesses asking for financial support of the project. We then took a couple of days and made visits to local businesses dropping off the flyer and speaking with the owners and/or marketing personnel. We first visited businesses along the US 30 corridor from Pierceton to the west side of Warsaw. The second day we visited businesses along the SR 15 corridor from Claypool to north of Warsaw. In all, more than fifty local business visits were made. As of the time of the paper writing, more than thirteen thousand dollars have been raised towards the sign project. While the club has additional funds available to spend towards the new sign, we plan on continuing to work with them into the summer to secure additional funds until they are ready to begin work on the sign. When that decision is made, we will work with the club and contractors we have contacted to provide materials and services on project management of razing the existing sign and constructing the new sign.

FUNDRAISING LETTER TO INDIVIDUALS



Dear ,

As we enter the New Year, everyone involved with the Baker Youth Club would like to thank you for your support over the years. It has been four years since the new facility has been completed. It provides a safe place for youth to spend time after school and on the weekends to do homework and socialize.

While the facility provides a wonderful, spacious, and beautiful atmosphere for more than eighty youth nightly, the sign is in disrepair. When installed, it was meant to be a temporary structure made simply of plywood. Over the past couple of years, this wooden structure has been susceptible to the harsh Northern Indiana elements and is beginning to fall apart.

BYC is in the process of erecting a new 10ft wide by 8ft tall masonry sign with an LED reader board to notify the youth and community of upcoming events and activities. The budget for this project is approximately \$25,000. Our hope is to have secured enough funds to begin the project by early February.

The staff, volunteers and youth of BYC would greatly appreciate your monetary donation in support of this project. Donations can be sent to:

Baker Youth Club
ATTN: Sign Project
765 W. Market St.
Warsaw, IN 46580

Thank you,

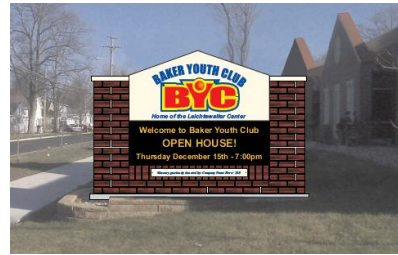
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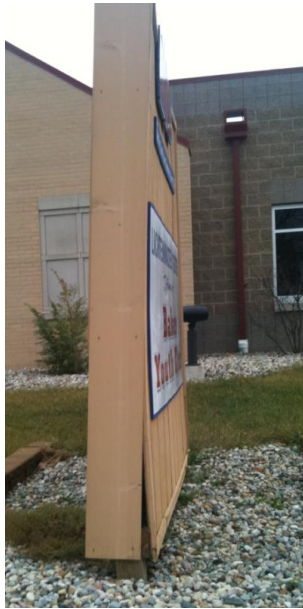
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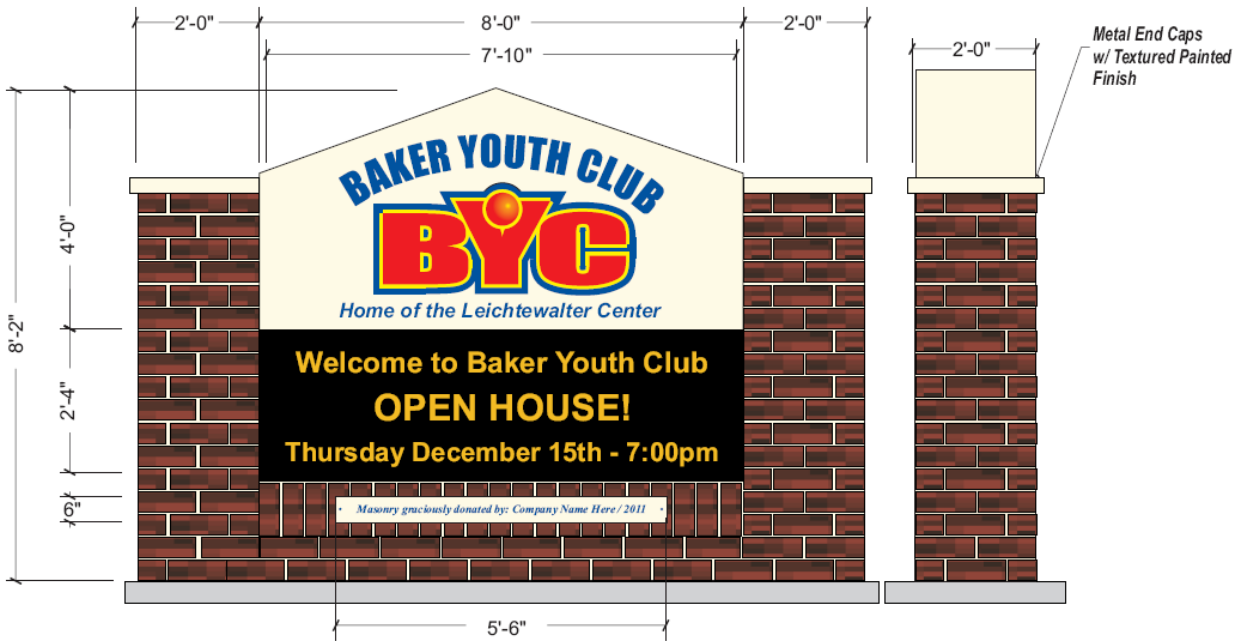
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THE BEGINNING

Warsaw Daily City AND THE NORTHERN INDIANIAN

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WARSAW, INDIANA, FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 1926.

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SCORE PERISH IN TOR N FOR PASSING SPUR

Goes Up



J. Harry Philbin who has just been appointed vice president of the Emergency Fleet corporation, vice G. K. Nichol, resigned. Mr. Philbin, who has been manager of ship sales, will also continue in that position.

OLD SETTLERS WILL GATHER NEXT SUNDAY

Annual Meeting to Be Held

OUR CITIZENS ASKED TO AID MOVEMENT

Boys' Club Proposition to Be Given Attention Within the Next Few Days.

MOST WORTHY OBJECT

Within a few days the people of Warsaw will be asked to assist in the boy movement, a problem that has been receiving nation-wide attention for several years. The outcome of this movement throughout the country has evolved the boys' club in cities and towns as a means of restraining delinquency and putting boys and youths on the right track to become good citizens, instead of allowing them to continue in their wild ways and become inmates of the reformatory, which more often does not reform, but on the other hand has the effect to turn the individual to a more criminal career.

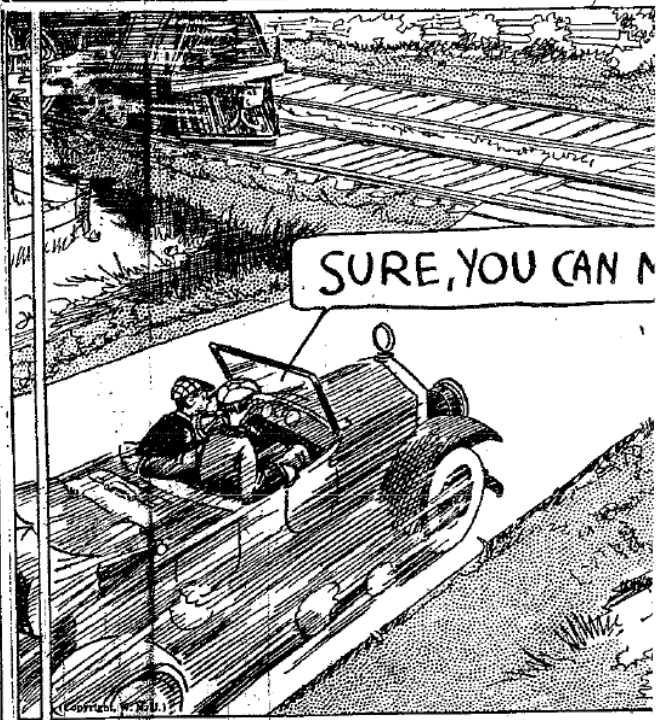
Baker Aids Project.

Bram Baker, of Boston, a native of Warsaw, and the son of the late Joseph S. Baker, for many years has been identified with the boy movement and for a long period has been the moving spirit and head of the Boston Boys' Club, one of the largest and best in the United States. He is deeply interested in this work and at the meeting of the delegates to the

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NATIONAL GUARD RESUMES
DUTY AT CANTON, OHIO, AS

FAMOUS LAST W



FIND STONES CONCEALED IN WHEAT SHEAF

Sheriff Maloy Is Probing

MERCURY DROP IS PROMISED

Indianapolis, Aug. 6.—(U.P.)—A sharp drop in the temperature Saturday will bring relief from the heat wave, the weather bureau predicted.

Although high temperatures were in prospect for this after-

Albert was a

OUR CITIZENS ARE ASKED TO ASSIST

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conference of the Boys' Club Federation (International) held this spring at Winona Lake, expressed a deep desire to establish a boys' club in his old home town. In fact his influence among his old acquaintances here led to the appointment of a committee of Warsaw citizens to move in that direction. Already quarters above the Ritter hardware store in Peashway building have been reconditioned and made adequate for this purpose where boys of every religious creed or those with no religious leaning whatever, can assemble after school hours, be off the streets, and in a clean, moral atmosphere put in their time as best suits each individual's requirements, where the underprivileged boy is as welcome as the boy upon whom parents have bestowed too much privilege—often times to the detriment of the boy.

Funds Will Be Asked.

Already Mr. Baker has assisted to the extent of more than \$1,000. It will require a considerable sum to put

this proposition on a working basis, and as every parent is vitally interested in this movement, it should receive enthusiastic encouragement and financial aid, for this boy club movement is one of the most worthy objects that has ever been brought to the attention of our citizens.

How It Works Elsewhere.

Just to show how the proposition works out, read this:

"In reviewing the cases in the juvenile court I find that since the organization of the D. A. R. Boys' Club in this city delinquency has decreased 80 per cent."—Judge John W. Stiles, Probate Court, Menominee, Mich.

"The Boys' Club and home work in this city is the greatest factor in the reduction of juvenile delinquency. The establishment of a branch of the Boys' Club in one section of our city brought about a reduction of 50 per cent in boy delinquency."—J. C. Lanier, Probation Officer, Juvenile Court, Jacksonville, Fla.

"I believe that the Boys' Club of Pittsfield is the important factor which has reduced juvenile delinquency in Pittsfield to a negligible quantity."—Judge Charles L. Hibbard, Pittsfield, Mass.

"In my opinion the Boys' Club is the most important agency of the city

in reducing boy delinquency. The chief of police advises me that since the organization of the Boys' Club here juvenile delinquency has decreased fully 50 per cent."—Clarence E. Ridley, City Manager, Bluefield, W. Va.

Delinquency in Warsaw.

Recently a query was put to Sheriff Maloy and Prosecutor Rockhill as to how many delinquents were brought to the attention of the court. Their reply was estimated at a hundred within a year. Of course, they said, not nearly all cases of this character are brought to the judge's attention until they become numerous and flagrant. This in itself is an emphatic argument in favor of the Boys' Club.

Mothers of Warsaw commend with loud acclaim the ten weeks' summer Boys' Club sponsored by the Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs. But this, of course, does not cover the ground. The Boys' Club takes the attention of the boy following the afternoon dismissal of school until bedtime, and this throughout the year instead of during the vacation period.

Encourage the Movement.

Is there a good citizen of the community, who is unselfish, whose conscience will permit himself to turn a

deaf ear when called upon to assist in a movement which means so much in benefits to a community, which means so much to the underprivileged boy? We doubt it.

On the other hand the general committee of Warsaw citizens ask your unqualified encouragement to a worthy movement.

Dr. A. C. McDonald, chairman of the general Boys' Club committee, and his co-workers are formulating plans to lay the matter before our citizens.

Kids Turn in Alarm.

Brazil, Ind., Aug. 6.—Investigation of a false alarm showed heads of the Brazil fire department that two "hell seekers," aged three and five, had turned in the alarm to "see the engine run."

Will Return to Warsaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bayman and daughter, Margaret Ann, who moved to Elkhart from Warsaw several months ago, are returning here to make their home. Mr. Bayman is an employe of the Buick garage.

Mrs. Roger McConnell, who has been seriously ill at the home of her mother, Mrs. Lulu Snellenberger, remains about the same.

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WARSAW, INDIANA, TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 1926.

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ventured into many business world, but A. Possett is said to function of being the her sex at the helio live stock exposition, of the National Swine (ing its eleventh an- Peoria, Ill. Septem- dross Possett shoulders responsibility incident s blue ribbon event of claim a success. Hog out the country agree ss of the show."

BIGLER APED, IS OF MABIE

Webster Girl Is Have Left No d of Plans

WARSAW BOYS' CLUB IS SOON TO BE REALITY

General Committee Met on Monday Night and Canvassed Subscriptions Received.

LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS

The establishing of a Boys' Club for Warsaw is assured. This was ascertained last night when the general committee, of which Dr. A. C. McDonald is chairman, canvassed the subscriptions in the office of J. W. Scott, of the Commercial Telephone Company. The solicitors found our citizens enthusiastic in support of a movement designed to help all of the boys of our city, including the underprivileged boys, in providing for them Boys' Club headquarters with sufficient equipment to keep them thoroughly interested and active after school hours and until bedtime in a clean, moral environment, such as it will be under the direction of Lee N. Thorn, who has been in charge of the activities of the summer boys' club for the last three seasons.

List of Contributors.

Following is a list of those who have made liberal donations to the move-

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COLORED PEOPLE OF WARSAW HAVE AUTHORIZED NOBODY TO SOLICIT SUBSCRIPTIONS

The colored people of Warsaw requests The Times to announce that

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Sheriff Maloy Is Notified By Identification Bureau at the

IS DESERTED BY THIRD HUSBAND; DRINKS POISON

Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 31.—Enraged at fate when her third husband deserted her, Mrs. Cassie Martin, 34, swallowed poison and is reported near death. "My first husband was a minister," she moaned to hospital attendants. "He died. Then I married a school teacher and he left me. But I never thought I'd live to be de-

EFFECTS MRS. HYL WILL BE

Large Crowd Is in View of Ru Money Hide

WARSAW BOYS' CLUB SOON TO BE REALITY

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ment for the welfare of the boys of Warsaw:

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- Anglin, Chas. W.
- Bash, F. E.
- Braude, Ed
- Bowser, Mrs. Regina
- Boggs, S. S.
- Bollinger, C. E.
- Bixler, Mrs. Wm.
- Bradway, Roy
- Beyer, J. E.
- Brewer, Fred
- Bodkin, O. R.
- Brubaker, Walter
- Bartol, Ralph
- Butler, Chas.
- Breneman, Clark S.
- Croy, Grant
- Catlin, A. O.
- Coyle, Oral C.
- Chapman, Carl
- Centennial Theater
- Coleman, W. A.
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- Dunkleberger, Lawrence
- DuBois, Dr. C. C.
- Dalton, D. J.
- Dalley Shoe Co.
- Duncan, Dr. James
- Dye, Tom
- Dye, Raymond
- Dillingham, Wallace J.
- Edgington, Harry
- Eschbach, Jesse E.
- Foster, Earl S.
- Frazer, Theo. C.
- Felkner, Wm. S.
- Funk, Elmer B.
- Ford, Chas. M.
- Globe Clothing Co.
- Gast, E. A.
- Gary, Mrs. M. B.
- Gerard, Almon
- Gove, V. G.
- Herscher, Henry C.
- Henderson & Parker
- Hansman, John
- Hansman, Joe
- Hodges, Merl P.
- Hill, Clyde
- Haas, Ed
- Howard, Dr. C. N.
- Harbach, J. G.
- Hibben, E. K.
- Hartman, Albert
- Haymond, Norman
- Indiana Loan & Trust Co.
- Johnson, Lloyd W.
- Johnson, Edgar S.
- Johnson, A. T.
- Kehler, Herbert
- Kratzsch, Carl
- Klingel, Charles
- Ker, Charles H.
- Kutz, Mrs. H. J.
- Kilmer, O. E.
- Light, C. W.
- Lewis, Homer F.
- Leonard, C. L.
- Leonard, Mrs. C. L.

not yet quite sufficient, and the general committee in charge is requesting the support and encouragement of all those who have not yet contributed to the fund for the welfare of the boys. All are asked to identify themselves in this laudable undertaking.

On behalf of the general committee The Times will receive donations from

\$1 up and will publish the names of the additional donors as fast as received.

This is a matter that appeals to our citizenship for a cause much different than any that has come before us. We suggest that all give this prompt consideration and send in their contributions.

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Lewis, Homer F.
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Lambert, George W.
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Lessig, D. H.
Longfellow, Homer
Mock, Victor
McCarter, George W.
Morgan, Earl
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McDonald, Mrs. A. C.
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Maish, W. F., Jr.
Maish, Clarence
Mauzy, Charles
Maloy, Milo
Nye, Tom J.
Nusbaum, R. O.
Olds, F. C.
Oldfather, Mrs. Annie
Overmyer, Gerald
Polk, Geo. W.
Perry, Scott D.
Pierce, W. I.
Phillipson, Ben
Pifer, Geo. W.
Pottenger Bros.
Robinson, H. E.
Ringle, Amos
Ringle, B. F.
Rasor, A. A.
Ruse, Roy
Ruttler, R. C.
Robinson, Alvin
Richardson, Mrs. B. F.
Simons, Miss Mary
Stout, Miss Ina
Stephenson's Shop
Strauss, Simon
State Bank
Smith, Homer B.
Smith, D. E.
Siders, Dr. W. B.
Shoemaker, Ora
Scott, J. W.
Shoup, J. F.
Sloan, John A.
Thomas, W. R.
Ward, Fred S.
Webber, Mrs. Jennie
Wones, Mrs. W. R.
Wagner, Dr. C. R.
Williams, Logan H.

There are a number of citizens who have been solicited who have yet to be heard from who expect to assist in one of the most worthy movements that has been brought to the attention of our citizens.

While the starting of the club for Warsaw boys has been assured, funds for its maintenance and equipment are

WEDNESDAY THURSDAY and FRIDAY

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