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Dedication of Memory Walls and Sculptures

Final three sculptures in a series of six
in the WYBSL 60th Anniversary
"Memory Walls and Sculptures Project"

Family and Fan Appreciation Day

Huber Village Park

Saturday, October 15, 2011 • 12:00 Noon



A Westerville Tradition

For sixty years, recreational baseball and softball has been a part of the cultural fabric of Westerville. Tens of thousands of boys and girls have played in the JBBL, JGSL and JTBL – now a part of the WYBSL.

Remembering the Past, the Present – and Times to Come

As a part of the WYBSL 60th Anniversary Year, the League and City are dedicating six sculptures, symbolizing the rich history of recreational ball in Westerville, in three locations – the three main youth baseball and softball complexes at Metzger, Towers and Huber Village Parks. The first (*Fast Pitch*) was installed in Metzger Park in June. The second (*Sandlot*) and third (*League of Their Own*) were installed in Towers Park in August. The final three (*Pitcher*, *Catcher*, and *Slugger*) are being dedicated in Huber Village Park today.



The Memory Walls at Huber Village

In addition to the sculptures, today at Huber Village Park we are dedicating two Memory Walls representing the history and tens of thousands of players during the past sixty years – with five plaques on stones (highlighting the history of youth baseball and softball in Westerville) and one stone for history still to be written – and the first forty-two of a growing number of engraved, adopted “balls” dedicated to previous or current players and families.

Become Part of this Permanent Historical Exhibit

Please consider donating to this project and having the name of your player or family added to this permanent part of the history of baseball and softball in Westerville.

60th Anniversary Family and Fan Appreciation Day Huber Village Park – Saturday, October 15, 2011

Closing Day – Fall Ball Baseball Games – 9:30 AM

Free Hot Dogs and Soft Drinks – 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

DEDICATION OF MEMORY WALLS AND SCULPTURES

“Pitcher”, “Catcher” and “Slugger” – Noon

Welcome

Bob Crain, WYBSL Vice President and 60th Anniversary Chair

Speakers

Ken Sahlin, President

Westerville Youth Baseball and Softball League

Brent Hendricks, John Hesson, Scott Wells, Andy Wilson, Heidi Wilson
Members – 60th Anniversary Steering Committee

Doug Vineyard, Parks and Facilities Superintendent
Westerville Parks and Recreation Department

Kathy Cocuzzi, Mayor
City of Westerville

Take Me Out To The Ball Game

Led by Westerville and WYBSL Leaders

Closing Day – Fall Ball Baseball Games – 12:45 PM

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!

***Take me out to the ball game,
Take me out with the crowd.
Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack,
I don't care if I never get back,
Let me root, root, root for the home team,
If they don't win it's a shame.
For it's one, two, three strikes, you're out,
At the old ball game.***

Lyrics by Jack Norworth

Music by Albert Von Tilzer

© 1908, 1927

The Memory Wall Plaques

JBBL 1951

Alden Bennett led several volunteer coaches in forming the Junior Boys Baseball League of Westerville with four teams and 64 young men. Incorporated in 1966 with the Westerville Jaycees as its initial sponsor, JBBL has grown to be one of the largest recreational baseball organizations in Ohio.

Boys' Baseball

JGSL 1975

To serve the growing need for recreational opportunities for young ladies, JBBL added girls' softball to its program and formed the Junior Girls Softball League. A few years earlier, Westerville had offered neighborhood softball teams as a part of the City's summer Fun Centers. The first JGSL Commissioner was Frank Dustman.

Girls' Softball

JTBL 1986

As Westerville grew, so did the number of children. The Junior Tee-Ball League was added to provide activities for the youngest baseball and softball players, and quickly grew to be one of the largest groups in JBBL. Tee-Ball in Westerville had begun as a part of the City's summer Fun Centers.

Boys' and Girls' Tee- Ball

WYBSL 1992

To show unity of purpose and provide common leadership, all programs were consolidated into a renamed organization, the Westerville Youth Baseball and Softball League. By this time, League programs had grown to serve almost 2,000 boys and girls from ages 5 through 18. JBBL and JGSL became divisions of the overall program.

Consolidated League

FALL BALL 1996

In order to allow more area young people to play and to utilize facilities more fully, WYBSL began a Fall Ball program – in 1996 for girls and in 1997 for boys. Fall leagues grew swiftly and in nine short years, more than 1,000 boys and girls from ages 4 through 17 were playing baseball, softball and tee-ball in the Fall.

Fall Ball

First Forty-Two Adopted "Balls"

Jay, Stacy, Andrew and Alex Adkins
Coach Billy, Matt & Tim Barriat
In Honor of R Dad – Love, Matt & Jason Boller
Alaina & Stephanie Carson
The Cocuzzi Family
The Corson Family
Bob and Dorothy Crain
The Crowe Family
Buy Me Some Peanuts! Griffin Das
Marty Flint – Bryan Flint – Sarah Flint
The Fosselman Family
The Fowler Family
John Gibson Family
The Gotschall Family
The Gum Family
The Hendricks Family
Daniel Hinz – All-Star 2011
Tom, John, Bill Horn
The Hughes Family
Play Ball! The Lantz Family
Kelli & Kerri Migliore
Carson Nichols
The Phillips Family
Batter Up! The Plzak's
The Rubadue Family
The Sahlin Family
The Sawyers Family
Jake Schorling Played Here
Skylar Schorling Played Here
Carol & Rich Shaver & Family
Sisters Forever – Blair Skyla
Mike Smith – Head Coach 1992-1999
Dave & Peggy Thomas
The Wartel Family
Scott, Judy and Andrew Wells
Evan Wessels - Big Hitter!
Aaron & Erin Whittaker – JAW MLW TNW
Thank You! Wildcats Softball
Andy, Heidi, Meghan & Zac Wilson
Thank You WYBSL Board Members
The Zody Family
Play Ball! The Zuelzke's