

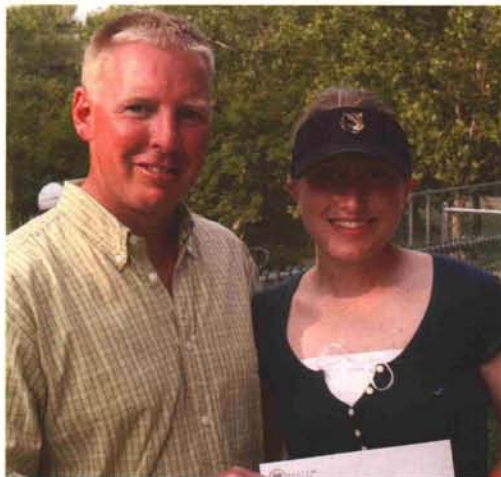
# Cougars Lose, But MAGCS Family Night at the Ballpark Is a Winner

*There were many familiar faces and some new ones this year at the MAGCS Family Night, held at the Kane County Cougars game. Despite steamy weather and with no GCSAA education points available for the event, 160 people enjoyed the evening at the ballpark. In fact, although the picnic was moved up a month this year, it still felt like a warm August night at Elfstrom Stadium. Despite the Cougar loss, the night was very entertaining. Perhaps the only thing better this year could have been a rainout! A little Cougar trivia—guess how many players have made it to “the show” from the franchise in their 15-year history in Geneva? (Answer appears at the end.)*

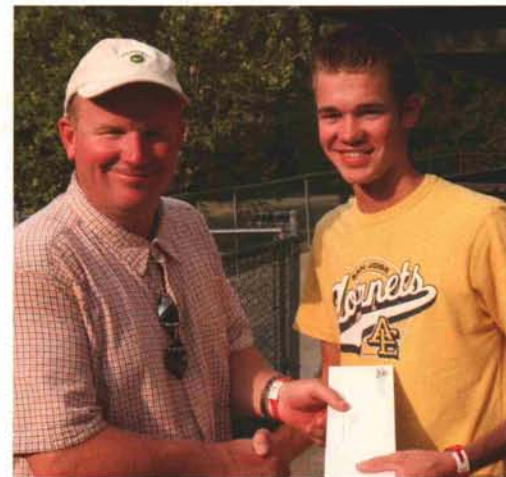
Thank you to our sponsors for this event: Nature’s Way Landscaping and Tree Care, Nels J. Johnson Tree Experts, Inc., Palatine Oil Company and Turf Professionals Equipment Company. A special thanks goes to the Women’s Center for Health (the practice of Tim Anderson’s wife, Linda) for sponsoring the ever-popular face-painter and cookies.

This year, we invited the MAGCS scholarship winners to the picnic to receive their award. Congratulations to those winners that were able to make it out to the game: Alex Clesen, daughter of Tom Clesen; Ben Behrman, son of Dave Behrman; and Nycole Stawinoga, daughter of Tom Stawinoga. Congratulations to the Wheelers, who celebrated their first wedding anniversary at the ballpark with the group.

Picnic-goers who stayed after the game saw skydivers flawlessly land on the mound and a fireworks show to boot. All in all, the food was good, the drinks were cold and the kids fell asleep on the way home. By the way, in their brief existence, the Cougars have produced more than 70 major leaguers. Thanks again to all those who attended and those who sponsored this event.



Todd Schmitz and scholarship winner Nycole Stawinoga.



Tony Kalina and scholarship winner Ben Behrman.



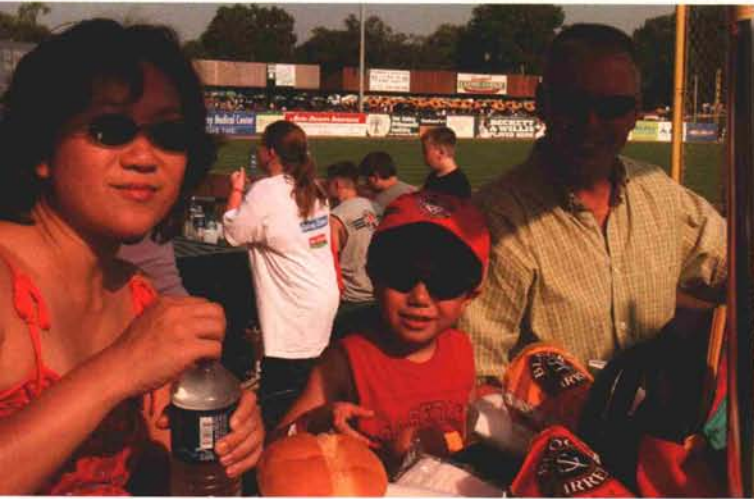
Scott Witte and scholarship winner Alex Clesen.



The Wheelers celebrate their first wedding anniversary.

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Spending time with family and friends while staying cool . . . this was the game-winning double play during MAGCS Family Night at the Kane County Cougars game.



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Take me out to the ballgame,  
take me out to the crowd . . .

