

# Awesome Alum!

## The Boys & Girls Clubs of Yellowstone County Alumni Series, featuring Dan Allen

**Dan was a Club member when it was just called the Boys Club.**

### **When did you attend the Club?**

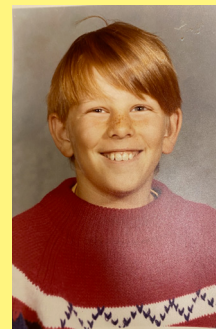
My brother and I both attended, we were part of the boxing club. It was around the late 70s, for about three or four years.

### **Which Club?**

Downtown in the brick building where the paper company is now.

### **What were some of your favorite moments/memories?**

We did boxing and played games; I remember it smelled like dirty socks all the time - especially in the winter when kids took their snow boots off. Hahaha! It was a good, safe place for me and my friends to hang out and have fun without worrying about being in trouble or danger.



Dan as a Club kid

### **What are you up to now? Job? Family?**

I own Powder Coating Plus. Previously, I owned City Towing, until 2006 (started in 1992) and have had a few other businesses around town.

### **If you could give a Club kid of today some advice, what would that be?**

I would tell them to be their own person and not listen to mainstream rhetoric. Also, don't let public pressure of persuasion change who you are.

### **Anything else you would like to add about being a Club kid.**

It was a good, safe place to be; off the street and doing things that were productive. Boxing, basketball, art - all of it gave you an outlet. Speaking of art - I wouldn't have had the inclination to do that otherwise, it opened up possibilities and allowed me to exercise my imagination. Regarding boxing, our neighbor was a boxing coach, and that's how the neighborhood kids started attending the Club.

Diversification - back then, I went to Newman, Riverside Jr. High, but other kids didn't have the opportunities I had. The Club enabled everyone to get along, no matter what their backgrounds were. We didn't know any different than to be accepting. Everyone was friends with everyone. There weren't fights, it went pretty smooth.



Dan in front of his business

**Thanks Dan for sharing with us!**

**If you are a Club alumni or know of anyone that is, we would love to chat!**

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