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The Lineup



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Highlight Reel



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Des Moines Police and Firefighters Are a Hit at KML!

On June 12, the Des Moines Police and Firefighters played two special evening "pick up" games with our KML players. Not only did our players get to play under the lights, but we set a new ball park record for the highest game score yet: 44-44. And, amazingly, another tie! We had lots of players, lots of coaches, and lots of spectators. As shown in the pictures, everyone had a great time!





Photography by Ted Baxter (A's Player, Ashley's, Dad) www.baxterfoto.com

KML is in the News!

Sports Spotlight magazine's cover story for their June edition was about the Kiwanis Miracle League - and featured Cardinals player Shea Taylor on the cover! What a great picture - congratulations Shea!

And the Des Moines Downtown Living magazine placed another spotlight on the Kiwanis Miracle League as well. Our Brewer's coach, Will Sales, and his son/player, William, were pictured along with William's new service dog, Maxine on



Downtown Living

the front cover. Inside, Twins Coach Rob Baldus and son/player Isaac, along with the Sales "trio" helped to tell our story. Other photos showed the Dowling Catholic HS cheerleaders with the Cardinals KML team, and one of the Barnstormers as he learned to be an "Angel in the Outfield".

Here's the link to the article if you'd like to learn more:
<http://www.iowalivingmagazines.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/DowntownMay.pdf>

Players' Corner

It's time to register for our 2013 Fall Season which begins Saturday, August 31. If you played in the 2013 Spring Season, all you

need to do is let Joyce know you want to play again in the fall. New players should complete a Player Registration Form, which is available on our web site, and mail it ASAP. New player registration forms should be in by **August 15** so that she can make the team assignment and order uniforms. Joyce's contact info: joycelbyrne@aol.com or 515.208.0822. Our web site is: www.kiwanismiracleleague.org.



Shea Taylor

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Volunteers' Corner

The Story of Two Nicks

Dowling student Nick Bernabe and KML player Nick Showman have become buddies at KML. Mary Bernabe said: "Our Nick loves buddying with Nick Showman...this was their third summer of being together. It means a lot to our Nick, in fact, he wrote his college application essay about Nick Showman and how our Nick thought he would be teaching Nick about baseball but really, Nick taught him about life. I am hoping that our Nick will come home during his college summers and that they can keep their special friendship going...what a special place the Miracle League field is."

Rhonda Showman said "It was a blessing to receive that reminder that Nick touches and impacts people more than Steve and I will ever know. Nick and Nick have been together for three hours over three years in total and yet there was something shared between those two (with the help of the KML connection, of course) to bring these two together. In fact, when we got home I was told that Nick wanted his own gmail account set up so he could swap emails with Nick when he took off to college in August. Thank you for introducing our family to the ML which provided the conduit in the first place for this friendship to form."



Nick Bernabe & Nick Showman



Nick Bernabe & Nick Showman

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Board Corner

From the Board



Your KML Board has been busy this spring/summer.

Our Facilities Committee has recommended a number of improvements which we are proceeding with including

- Installing new flashing on the building and re-sealing the entire structure;

- Landscaping along the perimeter fence lines;
- Installing a much-needed bicycle rack;
- Installing a ceiling fan in the concession building; and
- Upgrading restroom plumbing

We had a very successful volunteer work day on July 27th and took care of most of the "to do" items above plus a few more! Thanks to the nearly 30 Kiwanis members from Divisions 13 and 16 who weeded, planted, cleaned, and swept to spruce up the ball park before fall season begins.

Additionally, the **Investment Committee** continues to meet with our financial advisor, Compass Financial, and has taken recommended steps to invest our endowment and reserve funds in a safe and appropriate manner.

The **Public Relations Committee** worked hard to insure media coverage on the night of our "pickup" games, June 12. We welcomed WHO, KCCI, and WOI, as well as the Des Moines Register when the Des Moines Police and Fire Departments served as our "Angels in the Outfield."

Board members took time out at the July 25 monthly meeting to sign a get well card for our KML friend, Lt. **Joe Gonzalez**, long-time member of the Des Moines Police Department. We got to know him well during the early development days of the KML when he was a member of the Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute Class of 2007-08—our primary partners in building the ball park. Injured in an accident at an event at the World Food Prize headquarters downtown a couple weeks ago, Joe has undergone surgery at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, and is now recuperating. Cards can be sent to him at 309 E 5th Street, Des Moines, IA 50315 c/o Des Moines Police Department. *Get well soon, Joe!*

Merchandise Available!

We have a huge new supply of KML merchandise!

- Short-sleeved T-Shirts—men's, women's, youth
- Long-sleeved T-Shirts—men's and women's
- Long-sleeved crew neck sweatshirts (gray)
- Long-sleeved hoody sweatshirts (white and gray)
- Baseball hats—pink, white, navy, and tan
- Visors—white and tan
- DVD's from the 2011 and 2012 seasons
- Rubber bracelets and refrigerator magnets

Do your holiday shopping early! Stop by the merchandise table when the season starts to make your purchase while we still have your size and color choice! Very competitive prices. All purchases benefit the KML.

News from the KML Fundraising Committee

IT'S TIME TO WHIFF-IT!

Whiff-It Des Moines is a fundraising organization whose purpose is to raise the awareness and support of children's charities. Whiff-It seeks to bring participants together for a day of fun, fellowship and whiffle ball while building relationships with local organizations to enhance the quality of life in central Iowa.

With two tournaments each year in the spring and fall, organizers are gearing up for the **September 7** tournament at Campbell Park Fields in Clive.

Organize a team! Become a sponsor! Attend the event and join in the fun! You'll help the Kiwanis Miracle League and many other children's charities in central Iowa—and have a good time doing it!

Details at www.whiffitdsm.com





The winning team was all smiles following the Spring 2013 Whiff-it tournament.

OUR GROWING LIST OF 2013 TEAM SPONSORS:

Ever wanted to own a baseball team, or even a part of a baseball team? Many individuals and organizations in central Iowa have become part owners of the KML by being a Team Sponsor. And Team Sponsors have become the lifeblood of our organization. Have a look at our growing list. Remember, it's not too late to participate! With a minimum of \$500 (in cash or "in kind"), you, too, can own a baseball team! Thanks to all of our generous donors who are making KML possible:

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A BIG THANKS TO DQ!

We owe a special thank you to our wonderful friends at Dairy Queen. Since 2010, each of the local DQ's have made Dilly Bars for our players (and a few of our volunteers)! This year, we had the treats for our June 29 game. What a great way to end the Spring Season. YUMMM!

Thank you, Dairy Queen!

UPDATE ON ANKENY MIRACLE PARK PROJECT

Fundraising continues for the new Miracle League field and All-Inclusive Playground in Ankeny at Hawkeye Park. And so does the construction process! Most of the underground work is completed--water, sanitation, electricity, etc. And on July 29th, the concrete was poured for the pad that will be under the rubberized baseball field.



Tentative plans call for opening the field in early September! Keep watching!

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Upcoming Events

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| August 15 | KML board of Directors Meeting |
| August 31 | Fall Season Begins –KML Games All Day |
| September 7 | KML Games All Day |
| | Fall Whiff-It Tournament, Campbell Recreation Area, Clive |
| | Opening Day, Ankeny Miracle League |
| September 14 | KML Games All Day |
| September 19 | KML Board of Directors Meeting |
| September 21 | KML Games All Day |
| September 28 | KML Games All Day |
| October 5 | KML Games All Day |
| October 12 | Last Day of 2013 Fall Season |

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