



The Line Up

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2026 FALL ISSUE

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Opening Day - 3 of 4 games rained out
Sept. 5 – hot but we played all 4
See you Sept. 12!

2026 Fall Season Opens Soon

Yes, spring is behind us. Summer is here with a vengeance with heat index frequently topping 100. Which is why we're looking forward to fall ball. We'll start Saturday, August 29 and play six Saturdays through October 3. Games will be at 8:30, 9:30, 10:30, and 11:30 AM. Teams will again be doubled up. Registration is

now open, so please register soon.

And our signature special event will be Tuesday, September 15. This is when the Des Moines Police and Fire Departments join us for an evening of fun and smiles. Games for youth will be at 5:30 and 6:30 PM; adults will play at 7:30 PM.

All Star DMPD/FD Event Coming Soon



Mark your calendars. Plan to attend. Tuesday, September 15. This is the special event that everyone looks forward to! Members of the Des Moines police force and fire fighters join us for a night of fun as they serve as our buddies. Youth will play at 5:30 and 6:30 PM; adults at 7:30 PM. Register at the ballpark this Saturday or use this link: <https://signup.com/go/CmmSnoN>

Youth Team Photos



Athletics

Coached by Jenn Anderson, Bob Anderson, and Laura Schurz



Brewers

Coached by Will Sales, Cody Devereaux, Amy DeCastro and Grace DeCastro



Cardinals

Coached by Jason Parkin and Daniel Hellstern



Cubs

Coached by Luke Bowers, Courtney Cox, and Megan Fandrich



Dodgers

Coached by Cheri Brichetto and Nick Nalevanko



Marlins

Coached by Shawn Corkrean, Hannah Corkrean, and Alisa Holmbeck



Mets

Coached by Drew Engebrecht and Scott Decker



Orioles

Coached by Jordan Trout, Griffin Trout, and Joe Scaglione



Red Sox

Coached by Robin Kadner and Kim Burch



Royals

Coached by Lisa Livingston and Tami Riley



White Sox

Coached by Kyle Schuman, Angie Schuman, Sue Askland and Tim Askland



Yankees

Coached by Tyler Wicks, Al Bjork, and Julie Hubbard

Adult Team Photos



Blue Jays

Coached by LeAnna Byers, JoLynn Feters, and Cedric Stines



Nationals

Coached by Michael Anthony and Malinda McCauley



Pirates

Coached by Dillan Crawley, Emery Wheeler, and Emily Gulknecht



Tigers

Coached by Mike Schneider, Ann Mortimer, and Mike Domage

Game Day Announcers & Live Streaming



Jeff makes it look easy.



Tom has a good time and sees that our players do, too!

Thanks to our good friends at Musco Lighting, we are able to livestream all of our games. Yes, your grandparents in Florida, for example, can watch our games. Simply use the QR Code to access the KML livestream.



Our Saturdays would be pretty boring without good announcers. That is why we are truly blessed to have **Jeff Pierson** and **Tom Pflanz** as our “regular” game day announcers. Not only do they do a swell job of keeping the games moving, but they also get great joy in calling out our players’ names, announcing birthdays and special events, and even telling a joke or two at times. An added complexity to announcing games is that our audience is more than the people in the stands. The announcers have to remember that we’re now livestreaming our games, so they are constantly being the “voice” for those who will watch virtually. And, of course, we have an able fill-in if either Jeff or Tom are unavailable. Hats off to **Bob Syroka** as well!

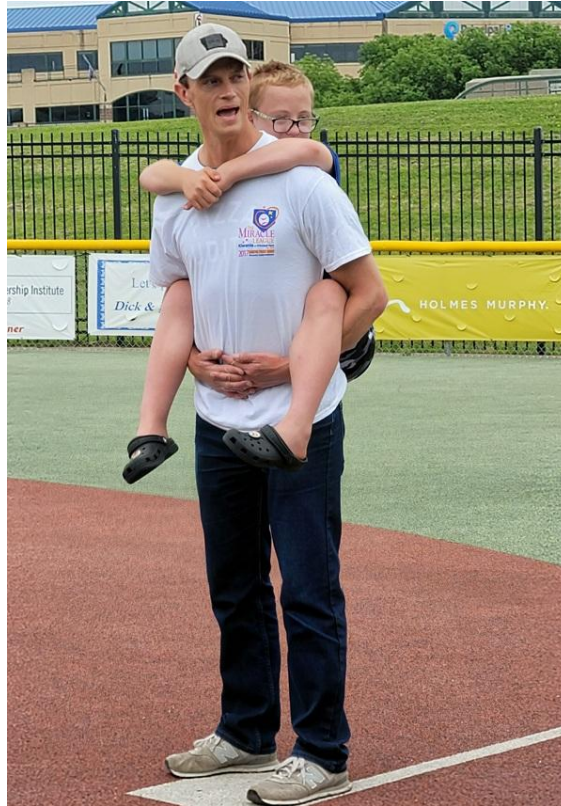
Volunteer Groups

Our Kiwanis Miracle League would not be what it is without our buddies—our “angels in the outfield”. Doesn’t matter what type of group—softball teams, hockey teams, church groups, corporate groups, neighborhood associations, you name it! The one thing they all have in common? They help develop the smiles—from players, spectators, to the buddies themselves.

Here are a few more pictures from our spring buddy groups:







Calendar of Events

July 28	KML Board of Directors meeting
August	No KML Board meeting
August 29	Opening of 2026 Fall Season
September 5	KML Games
September 12	KML Games
September 15	Annual DM Police/Fire All Star Night
September 19	KML Games
September 22	Rain date for DMPD/FD
September 23	KML Board of Directors Meeting
September 26	KML Games
October 3	KML Games—last day of 2026 fall season
October 8	Annual Trophy/Pizza/Halloween party
October 10	KML ballpark “winterization”



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