

n behalf of the Kruger-Hemmen Sports Complex Steering Committee, we'd like to thank all supporters and volunteers who helped this project become a reality. With deep appreciation, we recognize the many community members and supporters who answered every call, and met every request when help was needed.

Your support was reflected in the attendance and participation at our fundraising events and work activities, as well as general well-wishes throughout the project. You are all to be commended on a job well done! It's apparent the spirit of "small-town lowa" is alive and well here in Dike.

We can't thank you enough.

Our best,

Justin Stockdale Kevin Sonnenberg Mike Soppe Melissa Loger

Bob Hellman Sr. Joe Becker Julie Harberts Mike Williams









May 12, 2018 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.











How the dream began

A single baseball/softball field once served preschool through sixth-grade youth during Dike's summer recreational program. Some

teams arranged bases in the grass at the city park for practices and games, while the flag football turf was a bumpy and often-muddy parking area at Dike-New Hartford High School.

In August 2014, Dike residents Dennis Kruger and Kevin Hemmen pitched an idea: Kruger would sell 25 acres of land to the city for an outdoor recreational venue. Both also committed money to get the ball rolling. The City Council approved. Fields2Fields, a nonprofit organization formed to sustain the effort, worked closely with Bob Hellman of Waterloo and his nonprofit group, Build Our Ballpark, to rally additional support from the community and beyond. Since 2008, Build Our Ballpark has helped construct or restore nearly 40 playing fields throughout Northeast Iowa.

Crews broke ground the following year, bringing to life a vision for soccer fields, football fields, four baseball/softball diamonds, horseshoe/shuffleboard/Ladderball courts, a playground, a shelter, a concession stand with restrooms, and a one-mile fitness path that links to existing city and county trails. The Kruger-Hemmen Sports Complex is a \$1.6 million, state-of-the-art facility that will offer opportunities for generations to come.

Featured events

National Anthem

Marching band

Speakers

Concessions

Baseball - Softball Games









