

Beyond The Diamond

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF MENOMONEE FALLS JR PHOENIX BASEBALL

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TOP OF THE FIRST

We'd like to wish everyone a happy holidays! Thank you for being a part of Jr Phoenix Baseball. We hope this is a wonderful time of year for you and your family.

The biggest topic the board has been discussing over the last half year is our fields. We know that there are improvements that are needed and we are working to make these happen. This season, there is going to be a major **Focus on our Fields** for Jr Phoenix Baseball and we've already got things started.

We partner with the village and the school district to use the baseball diamonds at Ben Franklin and Trenary Field (13U and older), Thomas Jefferson (11U, 12U) and Shady Lane (8U-10U). We also use the high school softball field at Ben Franklin for our 11U and 12U teams.

Recently, the Menomonee Falls Booster Club Capital Improvement Committee has announced that the next major project that they are fundraising for is sports turf for the baseball infield at Trenary Field and the construction of a new sports turf softball field at Ben Franklin. Our Jr Phoenix baseball teams will be able to use these new facilities once they are completed! The only thing stopping us now is raising enough money... look for ways you can be involved in these projects going forward!



SPECIAL THANKS!

After 17 years as a board member for Menomonee Falls Jr Phoenix Baseball, Mark Plantier is retiring from his position on our board. Mark is the immediate past President of Jr Phoenix Baseball, was involved in the merger of the Jr Indians and Jr Braves organizations and coached in the organization for many years. Please join us in thanking Mark for his years of service to the organization and our community!

CALENDAR WATCH

Upcoming Organizational Events

Date	Event
Now	Uniform Fitting (try on uniform samples at FHOB)
March 2023	Spring Jr Phoenix Baseball Apparel Sale
April 2023	Team and Individual Pictures at FHOB
April 15, 2023	Annual MFJP Beer Tasting Fundraiser at Village Bowl

BASEBALL FUNDRAISERS

FALLS JR PHOENIX ANNUAL BEER TASTING- SATURDAY, APRIL 15TH, 2023

Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls

Many great beers (and other beverages) to sample. There will be raffle prizes and the opportunity to hang out with your Jr Phoenix Baseball friends.

Every player receives 2 Beer Tasting tickets as a part of their yearly registration fees (will be handed out at a later date)

ADDITIONAL tickets may be purchased for \$35 by contacting Mike Kohnert (mkohnert5817@gmail.com)

MENOMONEE FALLS HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

The Falls High School Baseball Program is again selling trees and wreaths this year. Remaining trees are \$50 and may be purchased at the Hot House on Appleton Avenue

MENOMONEE FALLS HIGH SCHOOL SPRING FLING- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 2023

Attend the Spring Fling and support the Capital Improvement Committee's fundraising efforts to install sports turf at Trenary Field and the construction of an all turf softball field at Ben Franklin.

More information and link to buy tickets on the **Classmunity page here.**

If you cannot attend but would like to make a donation or become a sponsor for the event, go to these pages for more details:

Make a Donation

Become an Event Sponsor

HIGHLIGHTS AND HARDWARE



Jr Phoenix 13U Burgundy team placed 1st in the WSYBL B North division this past season with a 15-3-1 record. Great work Falls!

STAT-A-TAT-TAT

Combined League Record for all 2022 Jr Phoenix Baseball teams:

81 Wins, 82 Losses, 4 Ties

*10 teams (9 played in Wisconsin State Youth Baseball League, 1 played in the MAJOR Youth Baseball League)

FACILITIES AND FIELDS

We have hired a cleaning company to help us maintain the FHOB. Once a month they will vacuum, empty the garbage and clean the bathrooms. Please help us to keep the FHOB clean by not bringing any food (including seeds and gum) into the facility and keeping all drinks off the playing surfaces.

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WHAT BASEBALL MOVIE?

Name the movie, extra points for the character and actor. Answer next month.

“Some lady named Ruth. Baby Ruth.”

Last Month’s Question and Answer:

The baseball movie that “Juuuust a bit outside” is from is Major League and was said by Bob Uecker’s character Harry Doyle