



American Legion Baseball
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: The Bozeman Bucks Indoor Hitting Facility, a long-held idea by dreamers in the non-profit legion baseball program, is becoming a reality. The Bucks, a baseball program for high-school-aged kids, just wrapped up Phase 2 of the project—a very successful fundraising campaign where the program raised over \$600,000 in cash towards the project, plus additional building materials and in-kind donations. The fundraising team consisted of Garrett Schultz (Director), Sean Potkay (Head Coach), Tom Starner (member), and Kyle Blessinger (Executive Committee Chair). The project team estimates the amount raised will be very close to covering complete costs for constructing the building.

In conjunction with the fundraising of the building, design and permitting has been underway since the fall of 2021. The project site is at Heroes Park, which is on land leased from Gallatin County (at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds), inside the City of Bozeman limits. So, coordination and approvals from Gallatin County was required, in addition to Site Plan and Building Permit approvals through the City of Bozeman. Headwaters Engineering is providing civil engineering on the project, while Faure Halvorsen is providing architectural services, and DCI Engineers is providing structural engineering. The project team expects to have permitting approved by late spring/early summer of 2022, when the project will move into Phase 4: Construction.

What the building will include:

- 8,640 SF of heated, turfed interior space
- Dimensions: 108' x 80'
- (6) 80-foot batting cages, which can slide on cables and transform into a completely open space
- (3) pitching mounds
- (3) pitching machines

How the building will be used:

- The facility will be used year-round by the Bucks for pitching, hitting, and fielding practice.

Project Schedule:

- Phase 1: Conceptual Design and Project Team formation—Fall 2020 – Summer 2021
- Phase 2: Fundraising—Fall 2021—Winter 2021
- Phase 3: Design and Permitting—Fall 2021 – Spring 2022
- Phase 4: Construction—Summer/Fall 2022

Project Team:

- Project Managers: Garrett Schultz, Director and Sean Potkay, Head Coach
- General Contractor: Matt Cooper Construction
- Civil Design: Headwaters Engineering
- Architect: Faure Halvorsen
- Structural Design: DCI Engineers

Donors:

- Largest Donor: Paul and Susan Matteucci
- Major Donors:

- Town and Country Foods
- Tom and KellyAnn Starner
- American Legion Post 14
- Simkins Hallin
- Ken and Jenny Younger
- Rick Ogle
- Bozeman Youth Baseball
- Mid-level Donors:
 - Stockman Bank
 - First Security Bank
 - Matt and Lynze Cooper
 - ScullyWest
 - Andrew and Karla Sullivan
 - Chris and Tili Tasker
 - Garrett and Jessica Schultz
 - Montana Accounting Group
 - Rex Leipheimer
 - Virga Capital
 - Brad Daws
 - Cook Family

Complete Donor List: There were over 50 donors that generously contributed to the project. The complete list is included on the following page.

The Bucks are very excited to be able to provide further training opportunities to kids in our community, and appreciative of the generous support from all our donors and project team members. The program plans to host a Grand Opening and Donor Appreciation banquet once the facility is constructed.

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