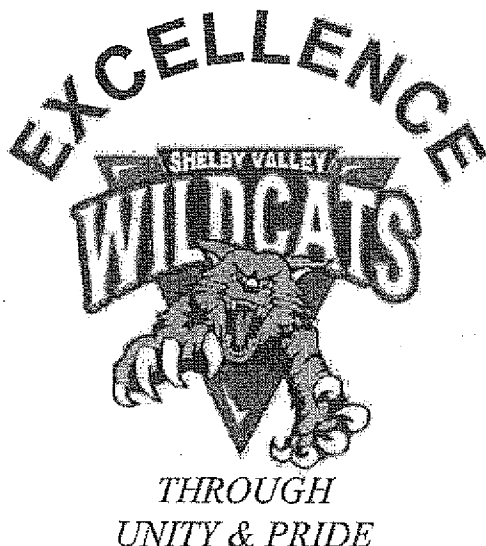


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Mr. Gary Lawson,

Per your request, I have included some background information as it relates to our softball field. The original field was constructed in the spring of 1995. Dugouts, a backstop and a fence enclosure were completed in the fall of 1995. Lighting was added around 2002. Over the past five years, multiple construction projects have taken place on and around the softball field. On April 6, 2012, our new field hosted the 15th Region All-A Tournament. It consists of a regulation field with fence enclosure and backstop, a home side dugout (10'X40'), visitor dugout (10'X30'), and bleacher seating for approximately 150 spectators. During the 2012 season we played ten varsity contest and conducted many practice sessions, we provided a practice and game field for our middle school program, and we ran a softball little league program during the spring and summer. Over 100 young ladies ages 7-18 were able to use our facility.

Unfortunately, in the early fall of 2013, members of our central office and our soccer coaches discovered that the adjoining soccer field on site did not meet KHSAA soccer field guidelines. The architect, construction manager, and district personnel elected to "shift" the position of the soccer field. In doing so, it became necessary to utilize a portion of the softball outfield. Construction work on the soccer/softball surface area began in late September. Sadly, winter weather prevented its completion. On March 7, 2013, a formal meeting between Shelby Valley principal Greg Napier, Assistant Superintendent Roger Johnson, and Project Manager Starr Handy resulted in the following:

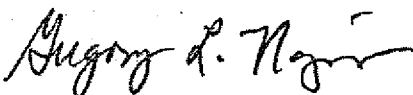
- Leveling equipment is on site awaiting dry weather to bring the soccer field and adjoining softball field to grade;
- Foul line fencing has been removed to allow for leveling;

- Custodial staff removed rocks and debris from surface on March 13-15, 2013;
- Sod has been ordered to cover softball outfield and will be cut and delivered once grade work begins (projected completion time is 2-3 days);
- Following installation of sod, spend 2-3 weeks "watering it in";
- Projected completion date for games and practice is April 22, 2013 (This date represents the midpoint of regular season schedule).

Until completion, the infield area and a portion of our outfield are available for practice. Currently, our youth involved in softball uses our gymnasium and turf football field to conduct practices. I have asked both our baseball and softball coaches to move all home games to the latter part of the season in an effort to ensure equity.

Finally, I have spent the last 23 years of my life working with the youth of my community—both male and female. During my tenure, I served as Shelby Valley's Head Football, Girls' Basketball, and Softball coach. Currently, I am the president of our softball little league. I understand the frustration of our softball parents and coaches, but they must recognize that this project is best for ALL children in our community. I will continue to hold those involved in this project accountable for the completion of the field. Regretfully, I cannot control the weather.

Sincerely,



Gregory L. Napier, Principal