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Carver Field Revitalization Project: USD 263-Mulvane

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What started as a dream for Brian Minks and the coaching staff has developed into a mounting ambition to revitalize the Carver baseball field and make it the returning home of Mulvane High School Baseball. Early on they committed to playing Varsity and Junior Varsity games at home for the 2010 baseball season. The project, lead by Brian Minks has been a baseball and community lead project. They have begun the phasing options to bring the Carver field back to pristine condition. The goal will become reality this spring when MHS baseball resumes at a location rich in history.

Coach Minks and the entire coaching staff have sought community support and donations for the revitalization effort. Local businesses and patrons have donated countless hours and resources to the project:

Galen Gerlach: Dirtwork, Infield Dirt, Equipment Usage, Labor

Knute Strunk: Sign Donations and Revenue Questing

Ron and Jeff Ellis: Block Dugouts and Labor

Coach Dieker, Nelson and Myears: Labor and Metal Shop Contributions

Thrash Family: Shovels, Brooms and other Field Equipment

Kasey McDowell: 4-Wheeler Donation

Mike Parton & Family: Sign Sponsorship and Dugout Roof Construction Assistance

Gary McGuire: Sign Sponsorship

Carson Bank: Sign Sponsorship

Stroot Locker: Sign Sponsorship

Gary Martinez: Sign Sponsorship

Iverson Westfall: Sign Sponsorship

Wildcat Hardware: Sign Sponsorship

Mulvane Learning Center: Sign Sponsorship

Batman Automotive: Sign Sponsorship

While the project is ongoing, final renovations will include new dugouts, new infield dirt, on-deck circles, and coaching boxes. They have applied and are awaiting word on two grants to possibly fund a new outfield fence. To help fund some of the smaller projects and equipment needs, they have sold outfield fence signs as advertising. The accompanying photos on the following pages illustrate this outstanding community partner activity with USD 263-Mulvane.

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