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JHS STUDENT'S EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT BRINGS IMPROVEMENTS TO SOCCER FIELDS

The soccer fields at Johnstown-Monroe's North Campus now feature several new team-seating benches and other improvements, thanks to Johnstown High School senior and Eagle Scout, Alan Villa.

Earlier this month, Alan finished construction and installation of the benches to complete his Eagle Scout project. He also replaced the goals.

The soccer fields are quite familiar to Alan because of his own past sports competitions.

His athletic interests inspired the idea for his project, Alan explained. "I've been playing soccer since I was able to kick a ball. I wanted to give back to the soccer community, and I thought, why not give the kids some new goals to shoot on, some places to sit so they're not sitting on an old log, or on the dirt or grass? I wanted to give back to the community that gave me my athletic experience."

With the assistance of his father's laser engraver, Alan noted that each bench bears a special marker that memorializes his efforts. Working with his hands comes naturally to Alan, who is studying welding at C-TEC.



Alan Villa, Superintendent Dr. Philip H. Wagner, and Dave C. Jenney, J-M facility manager.



On August 11, 2023, J-M Superintendent Dr. Philip H. Wagner and Facility Manager Dave C. Jenney visited the fields to view Alan's work and to accept his gift on behalf of the school district.

Dr. Wagner declared Alan's workmanship to be, "Impressive," and he also expressed appreciation for Alan's efforts to give back to the community, especially for athletics.

Materials for construction were purchased with funds Alan raised at a carwash he organized at the local Advanced Auto Parts store in June.

Alan said an area Lowe's donated the wood for his project, and cut some of that wood to his specifications, which eased overall assembly time in mid-August.