

We wanted to give an update on our AVCS Varsity baseball field and bleachers improvements and to let everyone know where we are at with our fundraising efforts . To date we have raised \$10,400 and we have purchased from Ward Lumber all the materials to repair the bleachers including a new blue metal roof . A big thank you to Jay Ward and the employees owned company for allowing us a discounted price for this community project . We have also ordered a new wooden flag pole from Adirondack Flag Poles and owner Danny Kaifetz and we certainly appreciate Mr. Kaifetz a veteran who is assisting us with a ceremony once the flag pole is installed and the bleacher project is completed. We still have around \$5000 dollars left and the plans are to purchase a new digital scoreboard , and to put in dugouts . Therefore we are continuing our fundraising efforts . We are also purchasing a plaque to acknowledge all our volunteer construction workers , and individuals, and businesses that have donated to this community project . We were planning a volunteer work bee this fall however with the unforeseen increase in COVID and an injury to me that required surgery Mr. Hulbert and Mr. Savage felt that it was best to wait until the spring of 2022 to have a volunteer work bee day . Communication with the semi-pro baseball league is ongoing as I have met with their commissioner Eddie Gonzalez once at the field , and once in Tupper Lake , and he will be back from Tampa to meet with school officials , and Town officials in the future . The league is definitely interested in placing a team in Au Sable Forks however many more improvements to the field will be needed to bring it up to professional standards . Landing a team in a league of this caliber will provide a huge economic boost to our local businesses as it has in Saranac Lake and TupperLake . We will continue doing fundraisers to help with the upgrades and our next one is scheduled for Saturday , February 5th ,2022 at 20 Main Tavern . In the mean time if you want to contribute to the overall project please make a check out to the AVCS Booster club and in the memo please write baseball project fund , and then send it to Randy Douglas at 31 Aspen Lane ,Jay , N.Y. 12941 . We will continue to keep everyone updated on this project and I am forever grateful to the community for all the donations received so far to help improve this historic treasure. I am also very thankful for the trust placed in me from Athletic Director Kevin Hulbert , Superintendent Paul Savage , the booster club , and the school board for allowing me to take the lead on this project . Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season . Sincerely , Randy Douglas AVCS Varsity baseball coach