

Eastview Extra

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EVAA and Twins Win

Twins ticket pickup and EVAA In-House Baseball photo night coincided this year. TC, the Twins mascot, was on hand to sign autographs, have his picture taken with EVAA athletes and host the drawing for 10 lucky EVAA athletes to sing Take Me Out To The Ballgame during the 7th Inning Stretch and for one VERY lucky EVAA athlete to throw out the ceremonial first pitch that night!



Our 10 singing stars were: Alex Hager, Brett Schweiger, Alec Schimmel, Chris Lesch, Joseph Longo, Chris Brandt, Zach Schaffran, Clayton Andemar, Stephanie Olson, and Cate Lloyd.

Our star pitcher was Brendan Kukowski. Congratulations to all of you!

Hundreds of EVAA athletes and parents cheered on the Minnesota Twins Wednesday, June 13 who beat the Atlanta Braves 6 to 0!

Next year EVAA will be offering upper and lower level reserved tickets to EVAA families for In-House Baseball's annual Twins Night fundraiser. Thanks to all those who supported this fun event.



10A Boys Baseball Wins State

Congratulations to the Eastview Thunder 10A Traveling Baseball team. The Thunder finished the season with a 38-5 record. The team showed consistency throughout the year by winning the regular season title in the Metro Baseball League as well as the year end MBL tournament. The Thunder also competed at a high level in all of the tournaments they entered by winning the Rosemount and Woodbury tournaments and finishing second in the Lakeville tournament. The Thunder finished the year by winning the MBT state championship tournament.

Well Done Players and Coaches !!!

Team members include Jordan Castle, Logan Engst, Jeff Gruhlke, Drew Guebert, Nick Hodgen, Brett Nelson, Joey Schuh, Nick Spann, Stevie Van Voorhis, Matt Week, Jack Wiegele, and Gregg Wilson. Coaches include Bob Gruhlke, Doug Hodgen, Don Week, and Greg Wilson.



Fall and Winter Sports Registration

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Fall and Winter registrations began in May. Please read on for highlights and visit the EVAA website for additional information.

Next Walk-in registration:
Monday, October 29, 6pm-8pm
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Online Registrations:

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- Traveling Basketball Boys: Now through Sept 14
- In-House Volleyball: Now through August 24
- Fall Traveling Volleyball: Now through August 17

Fall Traveling Softball

EVAA Traveling Fastpitch Softball is open for all U10, U12, U14 and U16 players of all skill levels during the 2007-2008 school year. Fall Traveling Softball is a short season league with games beginning mid-August and running through mid-September, with a State Tournament at the end of September. Games are typically on Sundays. Cost is \$90.

EVAA Softball will be offering Winter Domeball October through December for the 1st session and December through March for 2nd session to give players the opportunity to continue playing through the winter months. All games are played in the Irish Sports Dome in Rosemount. Cost TBD. Please check the Softball website at www.evaasports.org for details as they are updated and for the upcoming Winter Clinics that are also TBD.

Fall In-House Volleyball

EVAA In-House Volleyball season begins the week of Sept. 10 and ends Oct. 27 with a season-ending tournament. The league is for players entering grades 3-6 during the 2007-2008 school year. All skill levels are welcome! The cost is \$60 and includes a team t-shirt and socks. Registration deadline is Friday, August 24.

In-House Football

EVAA In-House Football is open to players entering grades 3-6 during the 2007-2008 school year. The season began the week of August 6 and will wrap up on October 18.

EVAA Traveling Football is open to players entering grades 7-8 during the 2007-2008 school year. The season began the week of August 6 and will wrap up in late October.

In-House Wrestling

EVAA In-House Wrestling season runs from November 5th through December 17th with the end of the season In-House tournament on December 17th. This program is for wrestlers in K-6th grades of all abilities. The program cost is \$60 and includes a team t-shirt, ribbons and trophies. There is nightly involvement from the Eastview High School Wrestlers and Coaches giving the program approximately a 3 to 1 coach to kid ratio!



Fall Traveling Volleyball

EVAA Fall Traveling Volleyball is for girls entering grades 5-8 during the 2007-2008 school year. Experienced, paid coaches provide quality instruction and a competitive learning environment. Games will take place at the Midwest Volleyball Warehouse in Burnsville. 5th-6th graders will play Mondays from 6:30-8:30pm, Sept. 17 – Oct. 29. 7th-8th graders will play Saturdays from 9am-noon, Sept. 15 – Oct. 27. Teams will have 1 practice per week. Try-outs for these teams will be held at Eastview High School on August 23 & 27 from 6 – 8pm. The registration fee is \$60 which will be applied to the total participation fee of \$150 (grades 5 & 6) or \$200 (grades 7 & 8). All registration fees are refundable if you are not selected for a team or can be transferred to the in-house program fee for 5th and 6th graders. Registration deadline is Friday, Aug. 17.



In-House Basketball—K-3

EVAA In-House Basketball K-3 is open to boys and girls entering grades Kindergarten-3rd during the 2007-2008 school year. The season runs from mid-October through mid-December with 1-hour practices/scrimmages once a week M-F and a 1-hour clinic on Saturday mornings. EVHS Girls Varsity Basketball Coach, Paul Goetz, and his staff lead the girls clinics. 3rd graders receive an additional 1-hour game following the Saturday clinics. Third graders utilize a full court, shoot at regulation height (10 ft.) baskets, and use high school officials for games. Cost is \$65. Deadline is Sept. 16.

In-House Basketball—Instructional

EVAA In-House 4th Grade Instructional League is an additional program for boys and girls entering 4th grade during the 2007-2008 school year who are interesting in enhancing their basketball fundamental skills. Practices will include scrimmages along with drill time. This league is taught by EVHS coaches. The sessions are Saturday for 90 min. The season runs from mid-October through mid-December. Cost is \$65. Important: 4th Grade Instructional players must also sign up separately for the EVAA In-House 4-6 Grade Program to be able to participate. This is not automatic. Please register for 4th Grade Instructional AND In-House 4-6. Deadline is Sept. 16.

Traveling Basketball

EVAA Traveling Basketball is open to boys and girls entering grades 5-8 during the 2007-2008 school year. Tentative tryout dates for girls is Sept. 8-9 (registration deadline is Sept. 7) and Sept. 22-23, 29-30 for boys (registration deadline is Sept. 14). Girls EVAA Tournament is Feb. 23-24 and Boys EVAA Tournament is Dec. 8-9. Seasons run from October through mid-March with an average of 8-13 weekend tournaments during the season. Practices are held 2-3 times per week, including Wednesdays and weekends. All teams will be provided all the equipment needed for their season. Uniforms need to be returned. Cost

is \$130 which includes a \$25 tryout fee. If not placed on a team, all fees minus the tryout fee will be refunded. Tournament fees vary depending on the number of tournaments played (range is \$160-\$220). EVAA Basketball has openings on their Board. Please consider volunteering for any of the open positions: Asst. Girls Coordinator, Asst. In-House/Instructional League Coordinator, Program Admin., Asst. Boys Tournament Director, Asst. Girls Tournament Director. Please contact Program Director Deb Mehr at 952-423-4814 for information regarding EVAA Basketball Board openings.

In-House Basketball—Grades 4-6

EVAA In-House Basketball 4-6 is open to boys and girls entering grades 4-6 during the 2007-2008 school year. The season runs from early January through end of April with 1-hour practices once a week M-F and a 1-hour game on Saturday. Two clinics are held in January. A skills assessment day will be held in mid-December to assist with the player draft process which will be conducted to determine teams. The season concludes with a season-ending tournament. Cost is \$65. Deadline is December 16.

Traveling Cross Country



EVAA Cross Country is open to boys and girls entering grades 4-6 during the 2007-2008 school year in all skill levels, from beginners to those who've been in the state championships. The season runs from late August through mid-October and is a great way to get in shape for other fall/winter sports! There will be approximately 6 meets during the regular season. Optional MN Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships are held in mid-November. Practices begin and end at EVHS and will be held Mondays and Thursdays from 6-7pm. Meets are held at SHMS, Aaronson Park in Lakeville, AVHS, Dakota County Fairgrounds in Farmington, the MN State Capitol, and Valleywood Golf Course in Apple Valley. Parents and families are encouraged to run along with their kids for any and all practices.



Fall In-House Soccer

EVAA Fall In-House Soccer is open to boys and girls entering grades Kindergarten-7 during the 2007-2008 school year. The season runs from late-August through mid-October with a players' clinic Sunday, August 26 from 1-4pm at EVHS hosted by the EVHS coaches. A coaches clinic will be held on August 23 from 6-8pm at EVHS. Cost is \$45.

EVAA In-House Soccer is in need of volunteers, coaches, age-group coordinators and Board Members. Please go to the EVAA website and click on "Contact Us" then "Soccer" to continue the quality of this large and popular program.



New Batting Cages at Eastview



Having fun with TC during the Twins Night ticket pick up event. Look at those smiles!

Many of you have spent the summer at the Johnny Cake Ridge fields watching multiple sporting events; baseball, soccer, softball games. If you have been in the vicinity of fields 6 and 7, you may have noticed the addition of two batting cages just north of the fields. These new cages will serve participants of EVAA Baseball and Softball programs, and Eastview High School Baseball and Softball programs. In addition, the facility will be available to participants of all EVAA and VAA hosted MBT Qualifier, State Tournaments, and August Classic Tournaments.

The completion of this project is the culmination of many years of wishing and planning and the result of partners working together.

The EVAA Traveling Baseball program, partnering with Eastview High School's Baseball program and Booster Club, and with the express approval of the City of Apple Valley, contracted with Sportscapers of Minnesota to construct the 2 batting cages. Recognizing the commitment of Metro Baseball League in promoting youth baseball within the Eastview/Apple Valley community, the Traveling Baseball Board made an application for grant funding to complete the batting cage project. The grant proposal was ultimately approved – allowing for completion of the project for the 2007 season.

It is exciting to see what can be accomplished with the shared vision and cooperation of multiple organizations working together for a common cause. Since project completion in May of 2007, the new batting cages have been used by many athletes at multiple events throughout the summer.

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Players from Eastview's 12AAA Traveling Baseball team headed to Cooperstown, NY on July 20 to participate in a weeklong, 96-team national baseball tournament.

The team started the week in Skills Competition to highlight skills in speed, hitting, and throwing accuracy. Players from each team participated in the King of Swat, Around the Horn Plus, Golden Arm, and Road Runner competitions. The Eastview team missed out by 6 one-hundredths of a second in making it to the final 6 in the Around the Horn Plus competition.

The week started with seven games of pool play. The team finished 4-3 for a ranking of 44th in the 96 team field. After a first round bye, the Lightning faced the Long Island Baymen in their first bracket game play. Eastview rallied for a 7-5 victory over the Baymen. In their second bracket game, Eastview faced a state all-star team from Alabama - The Boys of Baseball National Travel Team. Eastview jumped to an early lead and held on to win 11-6, advancing to the round of 32 and ready to face the Rockville Raiders from Maryland. The game was close through 5 innings, when Rockville scored 5 runs and eventually won the game 9-1. Eastview finished tied for 17th in the 96 team tournament.

The week wrapped up with each player, coach, and umpire being individually introduced to receive a commemorative Cooperstown Dreams Park ring. Fire-

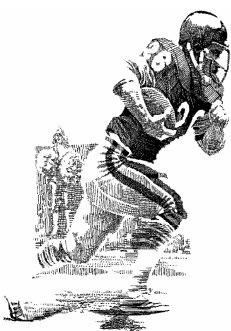


works and the championship game followed the closing ceremonies. Hit After Hit Baseball Academy from Tennessee added another win to their 72-7 record as they beat Shiloh Heat from Georgia in the championship game 1-0.

The boys and their families enjoyed the week of baseball from living in the barracks, team meals, go-carting, pin trading, webcam games, meeting players from around the country, and visiting the National Baseball Hall of Fame. It certainly was a week of lasting memories.

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3rd/4th Grade Girls—In-House Soccer

The “GATORS” completed the EVAA In House 3rd & 4th Grade Girls Soccer - regular season – UNDEFEATED !! Team members include Paige Carlson, Sarah Gill, Gina Hall, Laura Hayes, Sydney Hedberg, Kelley Kozulla, Megan Lewandowski, Mackenzie Lindell, Anneliese Singer, and Sophia Weber. The Gators are coached by Brad Carlson, Johnny Gill, Mark Hall, and Bruce Hayes.



10U Girls FastPitch Softball

Congratulations to the 10U FastPitch Softball Team for a successful season including 3rd place in the Tri-County Qualifying Tournament out of 49 teams, and 5th place in the State Tournament.

Team members include Melissa Berry, Anna De-Boom, Madison Guebert, Maddy Fischer, McKenzie Hanegraaf, Laken Holte, Cate Lloyd, Julia Luciano, Erika Schlosser, Meghan Stevens, and Krystal Underdahl. The team is coached by Dan Guebert and Tom Berry.



10AAA Boys Traveling Baseball

Congratulations to the EVAA 10AAA Traveling Baseball team for ending the year with a 15-1 regular season record finishing 1st in their league.

They also placed 1st in the Woodbury tournament, 1st in the Wayzata tournament, 2nd in the Bloomington tournament, and 4th in the Burnsville tournament. The Lightning wrapped up the season with 4th place in the State tournament.

Team members include Karsten Augustin, Shane Bernhardson, Keegan Dickson, Tommy Hutsell, Riley Johnson, Jordan Johansen, Tanner Leighton, Cole McDevitt, Keith Muehlbauer, Jonathon Selchow, Adam Stockwell, and Jacob Wilson. The team is coached by Mark Augustin, Mike McDevitt, Tom Muehlbauer, Chris Selchow, and Dean Stockwell.



From the President...

By Dale Kersten, EVAA President

Apple Valley Park Referendum

As most of you know by now, residents of the City of Apple Valley will have the opportunity to support the development of additional athletic fields this coming November as part of a \$14.4 million park referendum.

I'm assuming that this goes without saying, but I'll say it anyway...EVAA fully endorses and supports the passage of this referendum. This is the first expansion or significant upgrade of youth athletic facilities in Apple Valley since Eastview High School was built and the adjoining Johnny Cake Park fields were developed, that was 10 years ago.

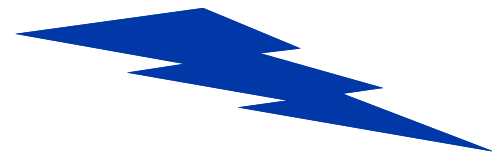
The demand for increased capacity by EVAA and VAA is clearly the number one issue facing our youth athletic programs and we do not expect the demand to level off for several years. Not having enough fields to support organized athletic programs is a primary concern for EVAA but I think its just as important that there are open, quality fields available for all residents of Apple Valley to go play with their friends and families outside the formal setting. Today, it is nearly impossible to find a field open after 5:30pm on any given night of the week during the summer.

Our programs continue to grow and with new sports like lacrosse booming across the area, we need to build today to support tomorrow. EVAA and VAA will be working together to generate support for the referendum and encourage you to get involved as well. Keep in mind, this is not just a ball field referendum. There is significant investment for our senior citizens, the Aquatic Center, Redwood pool, tennis courts, and many parks and trails.

Thank you for your support and I'm hopeful that we can celebrate a ground breaking in the not to distant future.

The following is a breakdown of proposed improvements and expansions:

- Quarry Point Athletic Complex - At 160th Street and Pilot Knob Road, the city acquired 38 acres through Dakota County specifically for park use.
- Proposed is eight playfields with supporting amenities, including soccer fields, tournament baseball fields, multi-use fields, a multi-purpose building, playground and parking lot. The Quarry Point Athletic Complex would cost \$2.8 million.
- Apple Valley Family Aquatic Center - A \$4.28 million expansion is proposed for the Aquatic Center, which includes a tube and bowl slide combination feeding into a lazy river.
- Redwood Pool - More than 40 years old, the Redwood Pool



was the city's original municipal pool. The \$195,000 improvement plan would extend the life of the pool an additional 5 to 10 years through renovation of the pool shell. Johnson estimated 1,000 children use the pool for swim lessons each year.

- Apple Valley Senior Center - The Senior Center would receive a new 25,000-square-foot building as part of the bond issue, totaling \$4.25 million. The new center would be on the property of the current center on Hayes Road, with expansion to the west.
- Playground replacements - Alimagnet Park, Apple Ponds Park, Faith Park, Galaxie Park, Hayes Park, and Wallace Park are slated to receive new playgrounds, cost \$325,000.
- Asphalt overlays - For an estimated \$330,000, Johnny Cake Ridge East parking lots and trails and Alimagnet Park will receive asphalt overlays. System-wide asphalt trail overlays will be conducted at various parks between 2008-2010 for \$75,000.
- Trail additions - Trails will be extended at Faith Park and Longridge Park in 2008 and Hagemester Park in 2009 for \$60,000.
- Tennis court improvements - At \$205,000, Greenleaf Park, Redwood Park and Belmont Park would receive tennis court improvements.
- Soil corrections, grading and re-soil/sod - Hayes Field No. 7, Apple Valley East Park and Newell Park will receive soil improvements for \$95,000.
- Restroom facilities - Restrooms added to Redwood Park and Kelley Park would cost \$400,000.
- Picnic gazebo - Lac Lavon Park would receive a gazebo in 2009 for \$100,000.
- Reforestation - system-wide reforestation is proposed for \$100,000.
- Fencing/backstop/dugout/repairs/improvements - Various field improvements are proposed for \$105,000.
- Re-roofing - Johnny Cake Ridge East concession building would be re-roofed in 2008 for \$60,000.
- Outdoor hockey rink repair/upgrades - Huntington Park in 2009 and Hayes Park in 2010 for \$25,000 each.
- Completion of Cobblestone Lake Park - Split 50-50 between the city and the developer, about \$315,000 is needed to finish the park.

“EVAA fully endorses and supports the passage of this referendum.”



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EVAA Board Meetings

EVAA board meetings are held on the third Monday of each month, 7pm, at the Apple Valley Community Center. Anyone interested in addressing the EVAA board may do so during Open Forum which begins each meeting promptly at 7pm. No meetings are held in the months of June, July, and August.

Don't Forget to Register for Fall and Winter Sports

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