

**Thanks Mr. Auty!**

**Poetic local businessman helps auction**

BY LAURA J D'ALIMONTE

The staff and students of Centennial Middle School, would like to thank Paul Auty of Georgetown Chrysler Jeep. Mr. Auty, known for his great business sense as well as his poetry, is one of the biggest sponsors of Centennial's Millennium Legacy Project.

Mr. Auty, who has worked for Chrysler since 1993, told this reporter that, "I think anybody that runs a business in Georgetown should contribute to the community and do their best to get as close to the town as possible." True to his word he has been involved in many community fund raisers. He regularly donates to The Georgetown Hospital and the

Cancer Society.

Paul Auty, shared another passion with the students of Centennial on a recent visit to our school. He is into poetry! In fact many Independent readers are loyal followers of his poetic word play. (See back page.)



Paul Auty  
Photo by - Nicole Terry

Usually, the full back page ad in the Independent is an ad for Georgetown Chrysler, but in this edition, he has purchased the space to advertise our auction for a new track for our school.

Mr. Auty's helpful talk with those of us who worked on this newspaper, showed us why he is a respected, caring business man.

We at Centennial thank him.



Wear and tear lead to unsafe conditions on Centennial's back field.  
Photo by - Nicole Terry

**Wondering what is going to happen to the back field**

BY NATALIE MAJOR

People of the community are probably wondering what Centennial Middle School is planning to do with the back field?

As some of you know our playing field is in terrible condition. Students at Centennial are concerned about their safety.

Approximately one quarter of the school participates in cross country running and relays. In order to practice for upcoming races and meets we are in need of a track. Right now students run around Faludon Drive and Delrex Blvd. This is not safe! Delrex Blvd. is a very busy street.

Apart from the track we hope to be able to add some trees and bushes to improve the environment.

If you have not yet bought your tickets for the dinner please do so. With your help our goal of a safe athletic field can be within our reach.

**Athletic Thoughts**

BY PAULA TAYLOR & KIMBERLY DEAN

Our athletic Charger teams are underway and off to an excellent start.

The Senior Boys Volleyball Team is so far unbeaten and using their power and skills to the greatest advantage. The Senior Girls Volleyball Team is on a winning streak and playing as well as ever. For a while they were undefeated, but

they failed to maintain that title due to one unfortunate game.

Football season was short but sweet. The Football Team participated in a tournament and, although they did not return home with the trophy they played well.

Basketball season is coming soon and is guaranteed to be promising.

We spoke to two students who are involved in these sports.

Matt Sweeting said, "The track would be a really good investment, and would be a lot safer because the teachers can watch the students on the school's property."

We asked Jill Hassell if she thought the fund raising would be a success, she said confidently, "Yes, because the auction items are amazing, and I think it will really turn out well."

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