

Letter to the Editor

Reference: Tyler Steffey Field

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An unexpected check arrived in the mail this week at Peace Lutheran Church from Mill Creek Middle School. It contained a check for \$558.21 for the Tyler Steffey field project from the Community Service and Leadership class. Thanks to the leadership of Brett Garwood and Nate Mellifont, students organized two fund raising events to honor Tyler's memory. The second fund raising event was supported by Busch's. I want to thank the students at Mill Creek for undertaking these fund raising events.

The response of the whole Dexter Community in support of Tyler Steffey Field at Peace Lutheran Church has been amazing. The check from Mill Creek Middle School is only one example. The fund raising events at Bob's Big Boy, Dexter's Pub, Mama Rosa's and so many others have helped us move this project forward. The partnership that we are entering into with Dexter Little League will help make this "Field of Dreams" a reality.

On Monday, June 23rd, the Surveyor and Contractor met with representatives from the church to talk about the project. The first step in surveying in preparation for staking was done today as the corners of the field area have been identified. The application for the Soil Erosion Control permit will be submitted next week. Excavation work should begin by mid July.

Thanks to the great community support, we have enough money in the Tyler Steffey Field account to pay for the survey and staking, the excavation work, as well as the seeding of the fields and putting sod on the infield. Pictures showing the work on the field will be posted on the Peace website, www.peaceaa.net.

Tyler Steffey Field is a work in process. A big "Thank You" goes to the students at Mill Creek Middle School and all the others who have contributed to this effort. With continued support, Dexter Little Leaguer's will begin playing ball on Tyler's field sometime next spring. That will be the greatest thrill of all.

Thanks

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