



Futures

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Funds sought for Little League Football

Richard Goldston has a vision for a traveling Fort Scott Little League Football project for area grid-ironers. While many of these young athletes are currently playing football, they must travel across the state line to Nevada to participate. Right now, over 80 youngsters make up three fifth- and sixth-grade teams and two third- and fourth-grade teams that play in the Nevada Little League football program. The equipment they play with is very old and worn.

Goldston, along with other parents, would like to see the football players have an opportunity to participate in a league along with Girard, Arma and Frontenac, who are already established and playing each other. This would allow more children to play, as three games would be played in Fort Scott and only three games would be played on the road. The one obstacle to this is that this league does not provide safety equipment. Goldston estimates that equipment (pads, etc.) for each player, practice tackling dummies and other expenses would cost nearly \$20,000.

While the price tag of \$20,000 initially sounds like quite a bit, Goldston commented that he feels it is more than worth it. He estimated that while the league games are being played in town, "about 500 people would be brought to Fort Scott and would spend money in local restaurants, gas stations and other retail businesses."

Future hopes for the league include building a concession stand with storage area at the Fort Scott Middle School (where the games are planned to be played). Assistance for this building will be sought from the Building Trades class at the high school. Also, work is being done to install lighting at the field in the future.

Anyone interested in making a financial contribution to help make this project a reality may send their check made out to FSCAF at CFSEK/GKCCF (for 501c3 tax advantages) to Richard Goldston, 5 E. Wall, Fort Scott, KS 66701. Put "Football" in the memo. These funds will be used to purchase the necessary equipment.



Submitted photo

FSACF helps Hurricanes dive in

Over the summer, the Fort Scott Area Community Foundation assisted the Fort Scott Hurricanes swim team acquire new diving blocks, constructed by Fort Scott's own Twister Trailers. "Our previous diving blocks had been around for years; they did not properly fit to the side of the gutter, were extremely heavy and difficult to maneuver from the shed to the pool deck and back again for practices and meets, and many of them had to be manipulated for each use. The new blocks are lightweight, functional, and easily accessible for use at practices and meets. They are designed to simply insert into the pool deck, much easier and SAFER than forcing them around the pool's gutter!" commented Assistant Coach Jared Leek. Pictured above are the diving blocks and an enthusiastic swimmer, Head Coach Tim Free, FSACF Chairperson Janet Braun and FSACF Vice Chairperson Aileen Pollock.

FSACF Funds updates

Operating Fund : \$1,019.80

Granting Fund : \$3,400

Community Improvement Fund : Used for pass-through funds for projects such as little league football or swim team diving blocks

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