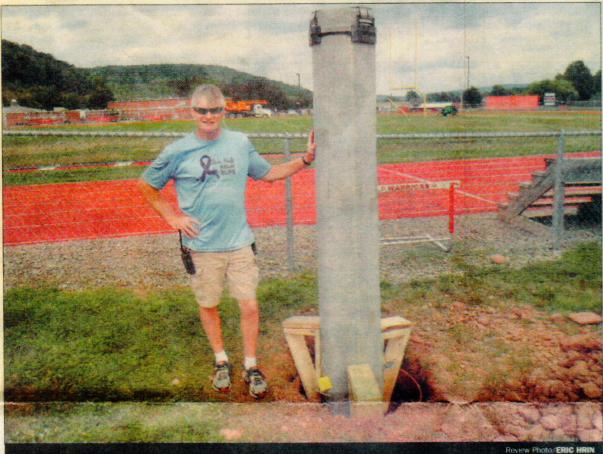
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Lighting project begins



Canton Area School District Maintenance Supervisor Dann Lepper stands by one of the 3,000 pound bases for the light poles that are being installed at the football field.

Football field getting lights

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Staff Writer

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he lights at Canton Area School District's football field weren't up yet Monday, but district maintenance supervisor Dann Lepper was already envisioning the future scene.

"It will be a spectacular lit field," he commented.

Around him, workers with I & Y Construction of New Enterprise, Pa. were working on the project.

According to Lepper, four 70-foot light poles will be installed, each with 10 1,500 watt light fixtures, for the football games. Each one will also have an extra light to illuminate the track for walkers and evening activities.

The poles are made of galvanized steel, and are 1,500 pounds a piece.

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Kyle Steele, with I & Y Construction of New Enterprise, Pa., works Monday in Canton on the project to install lights at the Canton Area School District football field. Here, he pulls some wires through.



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"I am playing a little offense and defense," said Senator Schumer about his work in the Capital to bring jobs to Owego. "I'm doing this to make sure Lockheed Martin stays on course for obtaining this work," he added.

With the wars drawing down in the Middle East, Senator Schumer made a vow to support Lockheed Martin in Owego, N.Y., a facility he described as being an anchor for the local economy.

The two prospective contracts are a joint venture between Lockheed Martin and Connecticut based Sikorsky Aircraft.



U.S. Senator Charles Schumer, center front, arrives at the Lockheed Martin facility in Owego on Monday with prospective news that could result in the addition and/or retention of 500 jobs. Accompanying Senator Schumer is, to the left, Dan Spoor, vice president and general manager for Lockheed Martin Mission Systems & Sensors in Owego, N.Y. and, on the right, the Chair of the Tioga County Legislature, Dale Weston.

One of the contracts, which Senator Schumer is most confident about, is the Air Force's Combat Rescue Helicopter mission. This award, he noted, could come as early as October of this year:

The second contract, in which Senator Schumer is optimistic, is for a fleet of 21 Presidential Helicopters, dubbed Marine One. The contract for a fleet of presidential helicopters has been a point of contention for Lockheed Martin.

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The conduit base is 3,000 pounds. According to Lepper, the poles will be lined up with the 15 yard lines.

"It's quite a project," he

Lepper said that two of the four holes for the light poles were dug Monday morning, and the workers were getting the base of the first light pole ready for concrete.

He expects the light poles to be up by Wednesday, followed by some other finishing work.

"It's great," he said. "We talked about it for a lot of years. Now, the people who wanted Friday night football, it's finally here. It's quite exciting."

In past years, home football games were held at 1 p.m. on Saturdays. Lepper said some people have indicated that it will be easier for them to make it to the Friday night games.

Lepper noted that each

light fixture directs the light onto a particular part of the field. As a result, they won't be distracting to neighbors in the area, he said.

District business manager Mark Jannone said the cost of the project was \$144,000. At last week's school board meeting, he provided an update on the project. He said that it should be interesting.

Donations are covering the bill. It think it will be a good addition, Jannone said. It was great to see the community come together to fund it. He commended Canton football coach Jay Perry for spearheading the project.

The project is being done through Musco Lighting.

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