

School Notebook

EHS Performing Arts Academy Presents "Comedy Night"

The *Ellenville PAA* will be presenting its first "Comedy Night" on **Saturday, June 5th** in the **High School auditorium** at **7 PM**. Performing will be Greg Hahn, a high-energy stand-up comedian from Hollywood, California.



Greg has made television appearances on "Late Night with Conan O'Brien," Comedy Central's "Premium Blend," "Make Me Laugh" and "Louis CK's Pulp Comics." He recently had wild appearances on "30 Seconds to Fame" and "Cedric the Entertainer Presents" with the Fox network and the CBS hit show "Star Search." He has been described as a comedian with an

all-out style of physical humor, one liners and crowd work, an act with "no waiting for the funny," just immediate pandemonium and panic.

Please support the *Performing Arts Academy* by attending this fun event. Tickets will be **\$10** and can be purchased at the door or by calling 647-0136.

Field Lighting Project Underway

"Friday Night Lights" is a popular movie depicting the intensity and hoopla of the fans of high school football in pigskin-rabid Odessa, Texas. If a group of people in Ellenville have their way, Friday Night Lights will also be where the *Ellenville High School Blue Devils* team plays its home football games.

A group of interested community members has come together to raise enough funds to put new lights on the high school football field. The total cost of the project could reach \$125,000 according to the group's chairman, John Burns. "We are working with MUSCO Lighting, one of the premier companies in the country to bring a quality lighting system to Ellenville," said Burns.

The group began contemplating bringing night games to Ellenville as a way of helping the *Ellenville High School* football program. "Over the past two years, we played two night games under the lights, using portable lighting systems that the school had rented," said Ellenville Athletic Director Mary Borriello, "We had 1500 people at each of those games, and we knew from the level of excitement generated that this was something that could benefit the whole community."

Indeed, what started out as an ambitious fundraiser for the high school football program has evolved into a community-wide effort. "We know that the lights will benefit the football program," says head football coach Tony Borriello, "but we also believe that those benefits will reach far beyond our football program. We anticipate that the soccer, field hockey, and track teams will also prosper with night events."

Additionally, the group envisions use of the field for community walking and jogging, concerts, and possibly, evening graduation ceremonies. Ellenville Village Manager Elliott Auerbach, a member of the committee, feels that the project is something that everyone in the

community can get excited about, saying, "This project is a part of the rebirth of the Ellenville community."

The committee has paraphrased the *Ellenville High School* song, and adopted the slogan, "Nestled in a lit valley," to highlight their efforts at bringing evening events to the Ellenville community. Working under the auspices of the *Ellenville Booster Club*, the group has begun raising funds to offset the cost of the lighting project. "We have already raised almost \$6,000, thanks to a huge contribution from the *Ellenville P.T.O.*," said Burns. The group hopes to get hundreds of individual and corporate sponsors.

Retired Ellenville teacher Mark Steinhoff is a member of the committee in addition to still serving as a coach of the school track team. "There are thousands of friends and alumni who have fond memories of Ellenville and will want to be a part of improving their community," added Steinhoff.

The group has not set a deadline for having the project completed. "We would love to be optimistic and say that next September we will be playing our home games on Friday nights," said Burns, "but that is a very ambitious schedule. We have a long way to go, but we are setting our goals high." Anyone interested in donating to the project can mail a check payable to the *Ellenville Booster Club Light Fund* at **PO Box 293, Ellenville NY 12428**.

Class of 1984's 20th Reunion

The *EHS Class of 1984* will be holding its 20th class reunion **October 2nd** at the **Ukrainian National Resort** in Kerhonkson. Anyone interested in attending, or who has address information, should contact Lynne Yerkes at 647-5452, or Allison Carleton at 434-1104.

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