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Edwardsburg Sports Complex buys 102 acres

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EDWARDSBURG - The Edwardsburg Sports Complex, Inc. is proud to announce the official launch of their three million dollar project in the community of Edwardsburg.

Under the leadership of Ed Patzer, a group of community members have banded together to find a permanent home for area youth sports. The growth of the community and the Edwardsburg Public schools has created a critical need for designated sports fields.

Pledges of more than \$1.5 million dollars have been secured thus far for this exciting project.

This number includes one million dollars of an in kind donation from Marv and Barb Selge and Selge Construction. One hundred and two acres of land along US12 west of Edwardsburg has been purchased from Judy Padbury (the Wilkinson Farm property) with a portion of land donated by Padbury. Chemical Bank will finance the project.

Plans for the sports complex include football, baseball, softball, and soccer fields as well as a fitness trail and a sledding hill. Future plans may include basketball courts, volleyball courts, a swimming pool, Ice arena and an indoor recreational facility.

The site location is close to the Edwardsburg school complex, the village and it is ideal for families in Niles and Granger who come to Edwardsburg for youth sports.

A strategic planning meeting will take place in February 2008. For donations to the Edwardsburg Sports Complex and/or questions on this project, call Ed Patzer at (269) 699-7552 or Catherine Toms at 269-663-0279.



Judith Padbury, the seller and Ed Patzer, the president of Edwardsburg Sports Complex, Inc. are shown signing the papers to complete the sale of the "Wilkinson Farms" property. The sale of 102 acres included a generous donation from Padbury. The property had been in her family for several generations.