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Restoring lower wall of high school gymnasium; Business, athletic department, volunteers team up on project

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by Tess Wolfe

Reporter

Stow -- The owner of a Cuyahoga Falls restoration franchise has donated the use of his company's equipment and labor to make improvements on a wall in the lower gym of Stow-Munroe Falls High School.

Parent volunteers from the school's athletics programs also donated their time.

Bob Podges, who coaches girls basketball at the high school, asked Jack Pogue, owner of Paul Davis Restoration of Akron, to help the school in the project.

"We do a lot of work for schools and churches on smaller-scale things. This is probably the largest scale of this sort that we've done," Pogue said.

If the school district had hired the Cuyahoga-based company for the project, Pogue estimated it would have cost the district about \$15,000.

"The problem was that in the lower gym, the paint was flaking off the walls -- primarily off the west wall," Pogue said.

"There is a hardwood gym floor right next to the wall. If it wasn't taken care of, the water could have gotten under [the wood flooring]."

Using thermal imaging, Pogue's crew scanned the walls of the gym and found areas of moisture from dirt built up against the wall on the outside coming through the concrete blocks, causing the paint to come off the wall inside.

The crew blasted the wall with crushed glass, removing layers of paint even from the blocks' crevices.

The Stow-Munroe Falls Athletic Booster Club purchased paint from one of Pogue's suppliers, Sherwin-Williams, at a discounted rate; another supplier, Zinsser, donated water-tight paint at no cost to the school, located at 3227 E. Graham Road in Stow.

After about 70 gallons of water-tight and regular paint, the 120-foot by 75-foot, beige-colored wall "looked fantastic," Pogue said.

The booster club's willingness to do the painting was part of the reason Pogue felt donating his company's equipment and services was worthwhile -- the other is the school's reputation, he said.

"Stow schools are 'Excellent with Distinction.' I'm going to support that. The last five years or more, Coach Podges and the girls [basketball team] have had very good standings. Not only are we supporting the school, but also we're supporting the programs there," said Pogue.

Athletic Director Cyle Feldman said the wall had not been painted in "a long time," and that finding a way to accomplish the needed renovation without great expense to the district was important, particularly with the current financial challenges facing the district.

Podges, along with Doug Hawkins, girls softball coach, and Dave Close, boys basketball coach,

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lead a group of parent volunteers who spent the weekend of Oct. 31 through Nov. 2 painting the gym wall, according to Feldman.

"It was another positive example of people working together to get a much-needed project done," said Feldman.

"It's easy to be critical, but the solution sometimes is to roll up your sleeves and help," he said. "I was very pleased."

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