

# McNaught Field to reopen

■ School board decides to wait on other athletic fields until tests are complete.

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ELMIRA — The Elmira school board voted 8-0 Tuesday night to reopen McNaught Field near Southside High

School. But a decision to reopen the other athletic fields at the school will not be made until the results of two independent tests are completed in February.

"It's sort of a nice Christmas present," said Superintendent

Laura E. Sherwood. "We're making progress."

McNaught Field, between Maple Avenue and Moore Parkway along Miller Pond, was closed Aug. 29 along with the athletic fields on the school premises at 777 S. Main St. because of health and environmental concerns.

The Southside football team, which practiced on McNaught Field, spent the fall season

practicing at Chapel Park in Pine City. The team used fields at Notre Dame, Horseheads and Elmira Free Academy for their home games.

"I still feel as a board we did the right thing given the health and safety of our children, and I feel really comfortable with McNaught," board member Cynthia Henbest said before the board's vote.

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