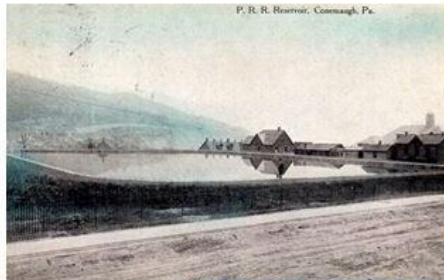


Conemaugh Valley Youth League History



1910

The young men in the area had formed football, baseball, and track under the title of the Conemaugh Athletic Association. The borough gave them permission for an area for a baseball field surrounded by Cambria Street and Chestnut Street to the first alley east of Cambria Street and to Chestnut Street and Railroad Street. The teams played outside teams from South Fork, Seward, Nanty-Glo, Lilly, and as far as the state of Maryland.

1947

East Conemaugh Borough Council purchased ground from Mr. Ribblett for a ball park along Chestnut Street.

1951

Five hundred dollars was given to the Conemaugh Recreation Commission toward the development of the ball park along Chestnut St.

The East Conemaugh Little League was formed with the founding members of Lou Salem, Chubby Faight, Duke Andrews, and the Conemaugh Legion.

There were four teams in the league for the inaugural season. They were the Buffalos, Bulldogs, Tigers, and Bears.

The Bulldogs won the first championship of the league under Manager Lou Salem and appeared in the Johnstown Democrat August 2, 1951.

Conemaugh Little League's First Champs



Roaring through Conemaugh Little League opposition, the Bulldogs enjoy the distinction of winning the championship in the loop's first year of operation. Members of the team are: Front row, left to right —Lotius Conty, Dave Frampton, Junior Migyanka, Charles Cianovich,

Ralph Gray, Richard Krabal and Thomas Dolan; back row—James Roberts, Gary Menett, Raymond Mickens, Rogers Howells, George Gjurich and William Fetsik. Don Headrick and William Turner were absent when the picture was taken.

—Democrat Staff Photo

1961

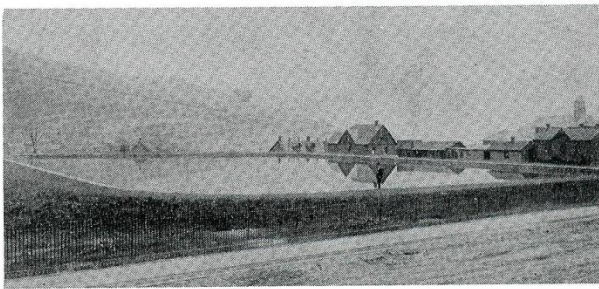
The Pennsylvania Railroad Reservoir on Second Street was received from the Manufacturers' Water Company as a gift to East Conemaugh Borough.

1963

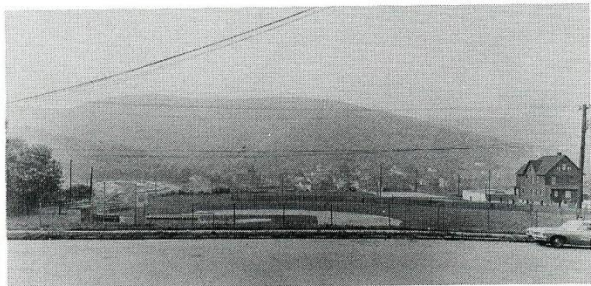
After accepting bids for blasting the reservoir, a contract was awarded to the F. M. Sheesley Company for a cost of \$11,565.

1966

The newly created recreation field on the site of the old reservoir on Second Street was graded, seeded, and drainage was installed. This would be the new home of the East Conemaugh Little League.



Before



After

PRR Reservoir now the Athletic Field

1968

East Conemaugh Borough Council granted permission for the use of the recreation field on Second Street for a carnival produced by Frankie's Amusements during the borough's Centennial Celebration.



1978

August 8: The first 11-12 year old Little League Baseball Tournament was held in Conemaugh with six teams. The participating teams were the Conemaugh Eagles, East Taylor-Jackson, East Conemaugh (1), Franklin, Mainline, and East Conemaugh (2). Mainline won the tournament while East Conemaugh (1) was runners-up.

1982

The Tee Ball age division was added to the East Conemaugh Little League in East Conemaugh for ages 5-8.

1987

The Conemaugh Twp-Daisytown-Franklin Boys League and East Conemaugh Youth League combined to form the Conemaugh Valley Youth League with the main playing field in East Conemaugh.

The “We Support Conemaugh Valley Youth League” fundraising campaign was started as a sign of unity with the combined leagues and communities with a window sticker.



The girl's softball age group was formed in Conemaugh.

The Conemaugh Legion won the first Conemaugh Valley Youth League Little League Championship and appeared in the Tribune Democrat July 1987.

1995

The first 9-10 year old baseball tournament was held in Conemaugh with five teams. CVYL, St. Therese, Greater Johnstown Youth League, and Johnstown Boys . St. Therese won the tournament while CVYL came in second.



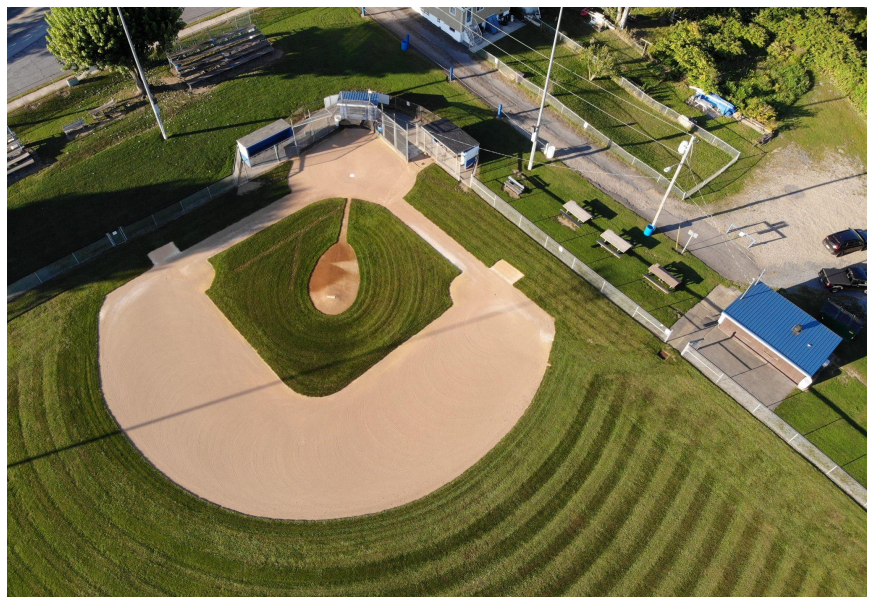
1997



The Conemaugh Valley Youth League was outgrowing their current field on Second Street. The league and borough constructed a Tee Ball field behind the left field of the main field. With the space constraints, the league was only able to construct a field with a Little League regulation infield and a short outfield with a fence around the field, dugouts, an announcer's booth, and a backstop.

2000

Gov. Tom Ridge and the State of Pennsylvania announced the approval of the \$15,000 Community Revitalization Grant to renovate the baseball field by replacing the aging original backstop on the main field to a bigger hood style.





CVYL joined the newly formed Cambria Somerset Girls FastPitch Softball League with other leagues around the area.



CVYL changed the format of the Little League Baseball age divisions from ages 9 through 12 to Minor League ages 7 through 9 and Major League ages 10 through 12. The T-Ball age group was adjusted to ages 5 and 6.



After the completion of the 2004 season, CVYL was awarded a grant to install a new drainage system for the infield of the main field.



CVYL removed an old equipment shed that sat next to the concession stand and created a batting cage for the league teams to practice their hitting skills.

The first 10&U Softball Tournament was held at CVYL with Clymer winning the tournament.

The first 12&U Softball Tournament was held at CVYL.

July 9: CVYL presented the field lights proposal to East Conemaugh Borough Council and was given the ok to proceed with the field lights research for the main field.

The league started to research four companies that would install field lights to play night games with the formation of the lighting committee.

CVYL launches the league's first website: www.cvyl.com.



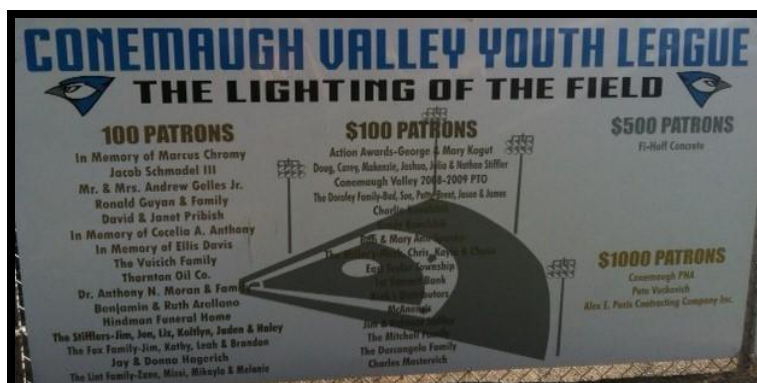


CVYL had 230 kids playing in the league with three teams each in T-Ball, Minors, and Majors. Softball was made up of two teams each in the divisions of 8&U, 12&U, and 15&U while 10&U had four.



The decision was made to start phasing out the wooden advertisement signs on the outfield fences for the 2009 season and replace them with new vinyl signs that will last longer.

June 17: With the help of Honorable State Representative Ed Wornaroski Sr. and East Conemaugh Borough, the league received a \$20,000 grant towards the baseball field lights project.



The Lighting of the Field fundraiser was started with donation letters going out to Conemaugh Valley School District residents and area businesses. All donors who donated \$100 and above were put on the special "The lighting of the Field" billboard that will be displayed at the Conemaugh Field.



July 21: CVYL made the decision to go with the Musco Lighting Company's Light-Structure Green technology field lights. The state-of-the-art technology cuts operating costs in half, reduces spill lighting by 50%, and guarantees constant light.

June: 10&U Cover Hill Fire Co and 12&U Johnstown Inn were the first CVYL teams to win a championship in the Cambria Somerset FastPitch Softball League.



JOHNSTOWN INN



December 11: Musco Field Lighting System arrived. East Conemaugh Borough, Conemaugh Volunteer Fire Company, and CVYL unloaded the lighting system off the truck and directed traffic.



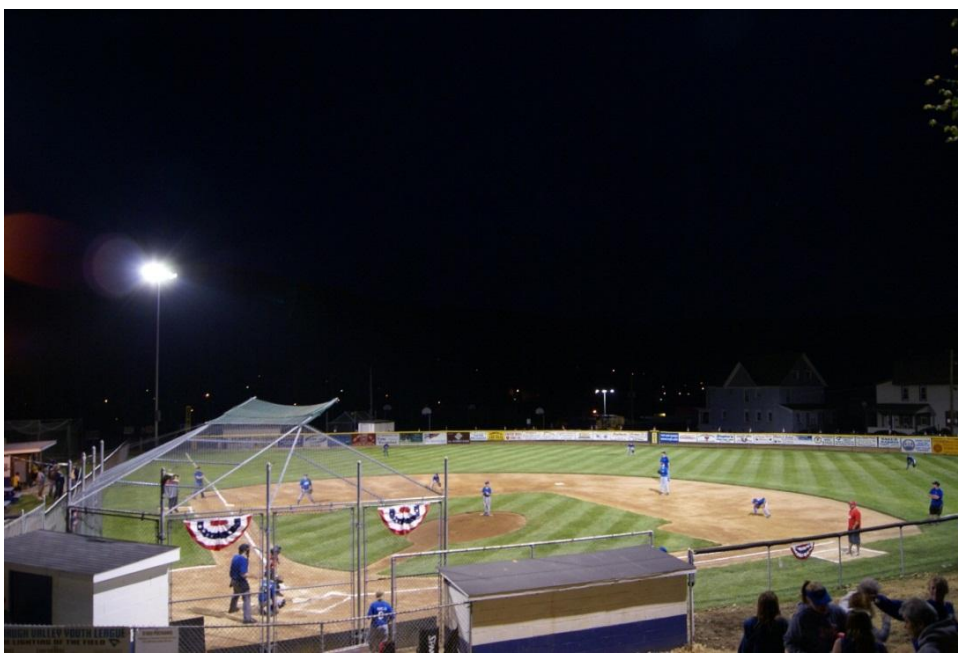
2010

January 29th: The installation of the field light footers began. The Borough's new sanitary sewer system contractor Alex Paris donated their time and machines to put in the footers along with East Conemaugh Borough, and CVYL.



April 3rd: The Musco Light-Structure Green field light fixtures and poles were being installed by Strayer Crane Co, East Conemaugh Borough, and members of CVYL.

April 23rd: The inaugural night game between two CVYL Major League Division teams was held April 23 at 7:30PM between Conemaugh Fire Co. (red) and Conemaugh Legion (blue). The Honorable State



Representative Ed Wornaroski Sr. turned the key to turn on the field lights and East Conemaugh Borough President Steve Coy threw out the ceremonial first pitch of the game. Conemaugh Fire Co won the game.

2011

August 12th: CVYL joined social media by creating a Facebook Page.

www.facebook.com/ConemaughValleyYouthLeague

facebook

December 14th: With declining population in area communities, Conemaugh Valley Youth League, Windber Youth Baseball and Softball League, and V.E. Erickson Youth League agreed to form an association to play games together during the regular season and playoffs. The association was named Flood City Baseball Association with the mission of keeping baseball alive in communities around the area.



December: CVYL Softball expanded the age bracket for the 2012 season to be in accordance with Cambria Somerset FastPitch Softball to include 16 year olds. With the changes, the 13-15 age division was changed to 14&U and 16&U divisions. The other three divisions remained the same and are listed as 8&U, 10&U, and 12&U.

2012



CVYL
Conemaugh Valley Youth League



The Conemaugh Valley Youth League celebrated their 25th Season as CVYL and the 61st season as a Little League in East Conemaugh. There were 214 registered players. The 2012 season had four T-Ball teams, three Minor League teams, and two Major League teams in the Little League age divisions. The softball divisions had three 8U teams, two 10U teams, three 12U teams, two 14u teams, and one 16U team.

The Conemaugh Legion Pirates of the Majors Division were runners-up and the Conemaugh PNA of the Minors Division



captured the championship in the inaugural Flood City Baseball Association season.



July: CVYL conducted the inaugural Home Run Derby for the annual 11-12 and 9-10 year old Little League All Star Tournaments.



November 12th: Conemaugh Valley Youth League approved the formation of the Pony League age division in baseball. The new Pony League team will play in the Cambria Twp. Pony League with teams around Cambria County. The home field will be the Frankstown Road Field. The new age group will be ages 13 through 15.



With the construction of the new Conemaugh Valley Elementary School, the varsity softball team called CVYL Field home for the 2013 Scholastic Softball Season. The first varsity game was to be held on March 27 but a late season snow storm forced the cancellation of the game. The first varsity game was held April 4 at 4:30 with Conemaugh Valley beating Turkeyfoot Valley.



July 5th: CVYL hosted the 35th annual age 11-12 Little League Tournament with 10 teams participating. Punxsutawney won the tournament and Arbutus (12) was the runner-up.



CVYL changed the age divisions for Little League for the 2014 season to be in accordance with Flood City Baseball Association. The age groups were 7 through 9 and 10 through 12 and were changed to 7 and 8, 9 and 10, and 11 and 12.

April: With growing demand for another batting cage, the Conemaugh Valley Youth League constructed two new batting cages between the garage and Tee Ball Field to replace the existing single batting cage by the concession stand.



July: CVYL hosted the 20th Annual 9-10 Baseball Tournament with 6 teams participating. Portage won the tournament and West Suburban Red finished second.



December: CVYL expanded the 16U Softball Division to include 18 year olds to be in accordance with Cambria Somerset Fastpitch Softball League. The new 18U division replaces the 16U Division.

The Conemaugh Valley Youth League joined Conemaugh Twp Youth League and West Suburban Little League to play interleague games together for the 2015 season in the newly formed Little League of Johnstown. The league will play under the area's only Little League Sanctioned Umbrella.



2016

The Conemaugh Valley Youth League celebrated the 65th Anniversary of organized Little League Baseball in East Conemaugh Borough.



2017

CVYL hosted the 40th Annual 11-12 Baseball Tournament with 14 teams participating. Little League of Johnstown Red won the tournament and Bearded Bucks finished second.



CVYL hosted the 10th Annual 10U Softball Tournament with 8 teams participating. Cambria Stars won the tournament with Conemaugh Valley Youth League finishing in second.



CVYL hosted the 10th Annual 12U Softball Tournament with 5 teams participating. VE Arbutus won the championship and Chestnut Ridge was runners-up.

CVYL hosted the 1st Annual 8U Softball Tournament with 9 teams participating. Everett Little League won the championship and VE Arbutus Blue was the runners-up.



The 25th annual 9-10 baseball tournament was held with nine teams. Indiana won the tournament and Somerset finished second.



The 2020 season was interrupted and delayed by the Covid-19 Pandemic. The normal April season start was pushed back to mid-June. CVYL played half of the original schedule and postponed all tournaments, 43rd 11-12 Baseball, 26th 9-10 Baseball, 13th 10U Softball, and 4th 8U Softball, to 2021.



CVYL Celebrated 70 seasons of Little League Baseball and Softball.



CVYL joined the Cambria County Girls FastPitch Softball League.

