

PROPOSED: James Hoyt Wilhelm Memorial Athletic Complex



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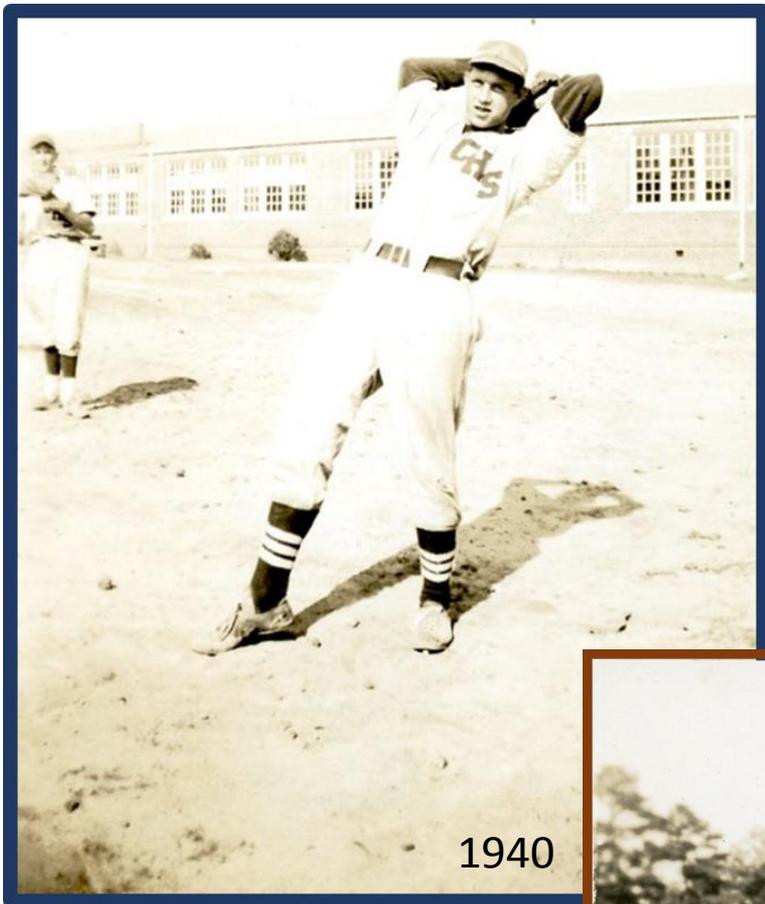
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Cornelius Elementary School Neighborhood Park

MASTER PLAN



Public Hearing | Cornelius Town Hall | Thursday, November 3, 2016 | 5:30 PM



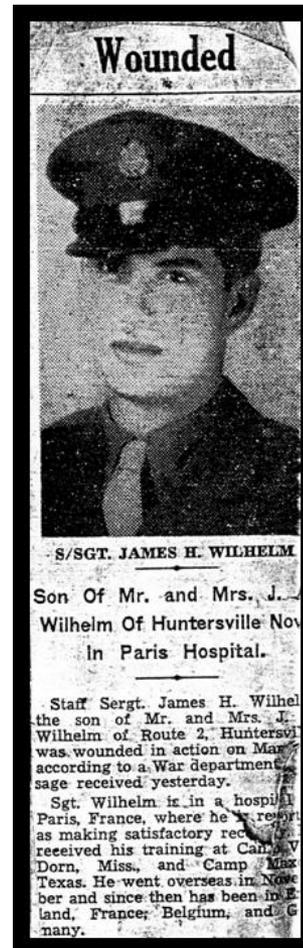
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Local Boy: Pictures showing Wilhelm on Cornelius High School team and American Legion Post 86 (Cornelius) team

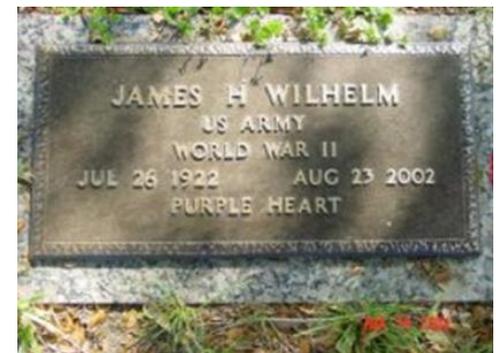


1939

American Hero: Drafted into the Army in 1942, he spent three years in the service, seeing combat in Europe and receiving the Purple Heart for wounds he received at the Battle of the Bulge.



He spent the remainder of his life, including his professional baseball career, with a piece of shrapnel in his back.



Baseball Icon: Hoyt Wilhelm...

- Played professional baseball for 21 years, from age 29 to age 49.
- Was selected as an All Star five times, in three different decades.
- Hit a home run in his first at-bat.
- Was the first pitcher to accumulate 200 career saves.
- Was the first pitcher to appear in 1,000 career games. His lifetime ERA was 2.72 and he pitched 1,070 games.
- Was the first relief pitcher elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame (1985).

