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Field Artist

Ron Lewis – Public Works

As a young boy, Ron Lewis dreamed of being a cross country truck driver. I guess you could say he has come close by driving large trucks with Windsor's Public Works Department for the past 25 years. But it's his "work in the field" that has really become Ron's passion – athletic fields, that is. You've probably seen him at various locations in town – installing home plates, bases, goal posts, foul poles, raking infields or striping more than 27 athletic fields in town.

Ok, so once he installed a home plate backwards. An embarrassing memory for this stocky, gentle, grandfather of five who puts *Gone with the Wind* at the top of his favorite movie list of all time.

His favorite memory actually happened just a couple years back. The football field at Jack O'Brien stadium located at Windsor High School had just been re-done. Midway through the season Ron painted the end zones with large lettering. WINDSOR in one end zone, WARRIORS in the other – just like the NFL. He took it upon himself to add an "extra touch" by painting two large W's on the 50 yard line. The kids on the football team were thrilled and thanked Ron. It was the highlight in what had been, so far, a winless season for them. Following the painting of the end zones, they went on to win six games.

Ron, like all his co-workers in public works department make valuable contributions each and every day maintaining our roads, facilities and public areas. Their work impacts all of us, and for some, like the Windsor High football team, even motivates us.

