

Knoxville Alumni Association Dues & Ken Locke Stadium Contribution Form

Complete the dues information below and indicate your financial support for the SOS project with a tax-deductible contribution on the reverse side.



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Alumni Association/Friends of Alumni Dues

If you did not attend Knoxville Schools, join us as a "Friend of Alumni."
We thank you for your support!

- \$25.00 Annual Dues (Due Sept. 1 annually)
- \$250.00 Lifetime Membership

NAME YEAR GRADUATED/OR FRIEND

SPOUSE YEAR GRADUATED/OR FRIEND

STREET ADDRESS

CITY ZIP CODE

HOME PHONE CELL PHONE

EMAIL ADDRESS

GO PANTHERS!

History of Ken Locke Stadium

What is now known as Ken Locke Stadium was originally named the Knoxville Works Progress Administration (WPA) Pool and Athletic Field District. It was constructed of stone with a rustic medieval touch. The oldest structure of the stadium is the city water tower that was constructed in 1922. At that time, the city reservoir by the tower was used for swimming, skating, and ice for the local icehouse. In the late 1930's, the site was selected for two WPA projects to benefit the citizens of Knoxville and ensure a safe water supply and sanitary conditions. The reservoir was drained, and the construction of a concrete swimming pool and brick bath house was completed in 1938. The construction of the athletic field within the basin of the drained reservoir began in 1939 and was completed in 1940.

The water tower was painted black and gold, featuring the Knoxville Panthers school logo. The stadium was renamed Ken Locke Stadium in 1965 after Ken's untimely death from head injuries he received during a football game. After construction of the community recreation center in 1988, the title to the stadium and pool owned by the City of Knoxville was transferred to the Knoxville School District for a fee of \$30,000.

Several repair projects have taken place over the years at the stadium, but the historical preservation of the stadium was not maintained. By 2005, major repairs to the stadium were required, but the school district was unable to fund repairs and the preservation of the historical facility. The SOS committee, under the umbrella of the Knoxville Alumni Association, was organized to help financially support and assist in the completion of this major project. The landmark is now recognized by the State of Iowa Historical Society and is listed on the National Historic Registry.

A priority plan has been developed to historically repair and preserve the stadium in four stages over four years. Stages may be completed sooner with successful fundraising efforts. Repairs for the first stage were completed in time for the 2007 football season.



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SAVE OUR STADIUM

Preserving and Restoring Historic Ken Locke Stadium

The Save Our Stadium project under the guidance of the Knoxville Alumni Association is working with the Knoxville School Board in supervising and financially supporting the historical preservation of Ken Locke Stadium. The preservation will be completed over a four-year period (2007-2010) in accordance with our listing on the National Historic Registry and the State of Iowa Historical Society. **Fund raising efforts will exceed \$1,000,000.**

ONE MILLION DOLLAR FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN TO RESTORE KEN LOCKE STADIUM OVER FOUR YEARS

In addition to the fundraising efforts of the SOS campaign, the Knoxville School Board utilizes physical plant improvement money generated from the one-cent Local Option Sales Tax, approved for all of Marion County in March, 2004.

YEAR ONE • 2007

New steps leading to spectator seating on both sides of the stadium.

Restoration and replacement of unsuitable stone, 10-feet on either side of new steps.

New seating caps on west side and other locations.

New area for physically challenged accessible seating on the west side.

New retaining wall by the towers, repair and restoration of platform areas of east seating area.

New retaining wall on northeast corner of stadium and a new sidewalk above the visitors' side.

New windows in the towers and new electrical wiring and lighting.

New press box gutters and downspouts routed out of the stadium.

Replacement of crumbling stones, new steps and railing outside the fence on south end.

YEAR TWO • 2008

Restore old concession stand beneath the scoreboard to its original state.

Tuck point the towers and restore them to original state.

Restore the rock wall west of the steps from old pool.

Replace all seat caps on home side.



GO KNOXVILLE PANTHERS! If you take pride in being a Knoxville Alum and want to be part of a group that is making a difference, then this organization is for you! The Alumni Association provides a single central communications base for all classes to stay in touch with Alumni across the country, provides resources and assistance to Alumni and class reunions, organizes unique activities and special functions, and awards scholarships to graduating seniors. It also serves as an umbrella organization for special projects to improve "Good Old KHS" (like SOS!). This is your organization and it will be what you make it! **Visit us online at: www.knoxvillealumniassoc.com.**

YEAR THREE • 2009

Add additional seating to the home side and complete the visitor seat capping.

Tuck point and repair the pool building (bath house) to its original state.

Update the press box and present concession stand.

YEAR FOUR • 2010

Replace the north end zone wall stone and concrete to its original state.

Complete repairs to the north walkway to the visitors' side.

Redo the cinder track.

Reconstruct the brick wall by the bath house through the "buy-a-brick" campaign to feature the "wall of pride."



KEN LOCKE STADIUM HISTORIC RESTORATION CONTRIBUTION OPTIONS

Please complete along with Alumni Association dues on reverse side.

My one-time contribution: \$ _____

My four-year pledge (billed Jan./each year)

2007 \$ _____ 2008 \$ _____

2009 \$ _____ 2010 \$ _____

I want to purchase one or more bricks in the Brick Wall of Pride for \$150 each. # of bricks: _____
(two lines with 13 spaces per line/per brick)

FIRST LINE

SECOND LINE

FIRST LINE

SECOND LINE

FIRST LINE

SECOND LINE

(Send attachment if more bricks are purchased)

My/our contributions that total over \$1,000 will qualify me/us for the "K CLUB" permanent recognition wall (including \$250 per year over four years or any combination thereof). circle one → YES NO

My/our contributions that total over \$10,000 will qualify me/us for the "BLACK K CLUB" permanent recognition wall (including \$2,500 per year over four years or any combination thereof). Possible for individuals, families, organizations, classes, foundations or companies. circle one → YES NO