

Kewanee Schools Foundation

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STUDENT CENTER ADDITION TO KEWANEE HIGH SCHOOL

Construction of a 5,242 square-foot student center addition to Kewanee High School began at the end of October. The Kewanee School Board awarded the construction contract to D. Joseph Construction of Peoria with a bid of \$771,600. Monies from existing district reserves will be used to finance the project.

Dooley Brothers will do the plumbing work and additional local subcontractors Oldeen Roofing, Ratliff Construction, and Triangle Concrete will be utilized on the project. Work is to be completed by Jan. 31, 2012.

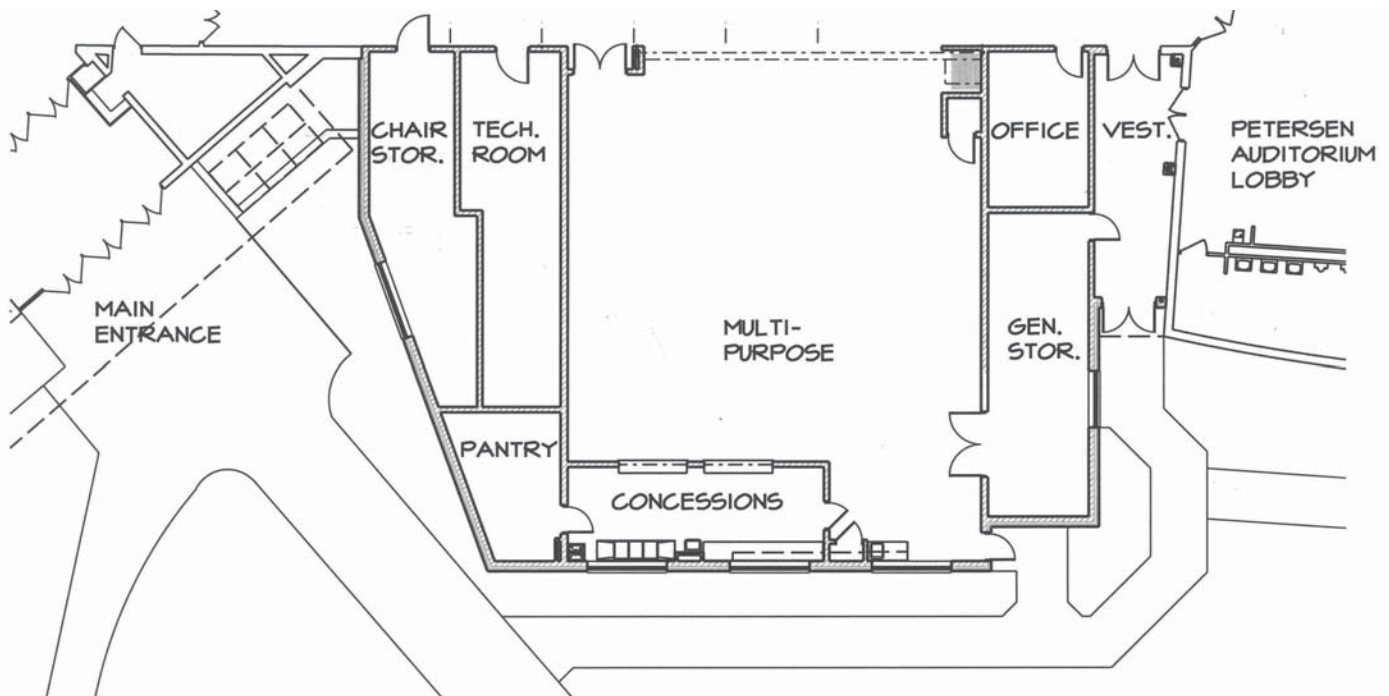
The addition, which will be a multi-purpose room used for a variety of student activities, will be built on the north side of the school, next to the hall that runs between the school office and the Petersen Auditorium foyer. It will replace the wall of windows along the hallway.

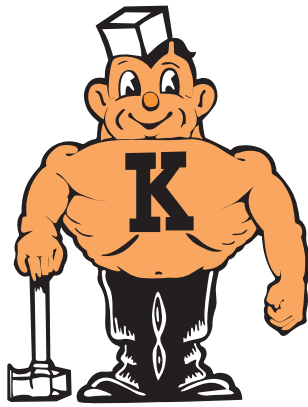
Physics, multimedia, and other classes will use the area during the day. A concession area will be located on the north end of the room, and will take the place of the concession area that now is in the cafeteria for basketball games.

Trees and bushes that are now in front of the windows will be transplanted to other areas throughout the district.

Pictures showing the progress of the construction can be seen at:

www.kewaneeschoolsfoundation.org.





*Honoring greatness in athletics
at Kewanee High School for
more than a century.*



Mr. Ed Tunnicliff, (KHS Class of 1944), pictured second from the left, with Bill Breedlove, Dr. Chris Sullens and KHS Athletic Hall of Fame co-founder Garry Costenson. Mr. Tunnicliff visited KHS for the unveiling of his newly restored 1944 KHS football jersey, proudly displayed behind him. Mr. Tunnicliff was a member of the 2004 Hall of Fame inductees.

HALL OF FAME 2011

This year's Hall of Fame event was by far the largest attended and most well received to date. Forty-two former athletes, coaches and friends were inducted into the KHS Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday, September 24, 2011. Guests attended from as far away as Las Vegas, Nevada. Many great memories were taken away from this year's event.

On Friday evening, inductees and their guests attended the KHS home football game. Inductees or their representatives were introduced prior to the game and special seating was provided at the game.

Prior to the induction ceremony on Saturday evening, honorees and guests enjoyed a social hour and a chance to catch up on the happenings of their friends over the years. They also were able to see many of the changes that have taken place

at KHS over the years. Following a fine banquet catered by PL Damron's, the group moved to Petersen Auditorium for the formal awards ceremony to honor:

Coaches

Jim Peck
Ross Anderson (deceased)
Dave Edleman

Friends

Dr. James Breed
Dave Costenson (deceased)

Athletes

Jamie Townsend
Kelly Vanwinkle
Gini Gruszeczka-Bennison
Angie Peach
Kim Boland
Myron Fulton (deceased)
William Jenkins (deceased)
Loring Keach
Mickey Tiemann
Terry Zang (deceased)
Tom Miler
Jim VanHootegem, Jr.

Matt Jenkin
Scott Salisbury
Paul Ptasnik

Team - 1994 Track & Field

Jim VanHootegem
Chad Lewis
Ron Fulton
Dale Brady
Jeff Bral
Steve Welgat
Andy Park
Steve Draminski
Joe Bourque
Mark Guzzardo
Rod Flagg
Dwayne Davis
Steve Witte
Marcus Dearing
Jason Abbot
Tim Scott
Matt Taylor
Brian Vincent
Matt Clemens
Scott Salisbury
Chad Young
Mark Brady



Matt Saey, Matt Costenson-Segura, Matt Costenson, Garry Costenson and Madison Costenson-Segura



Mr. Loring Keach '49



Mr. Matt Jenkin '91

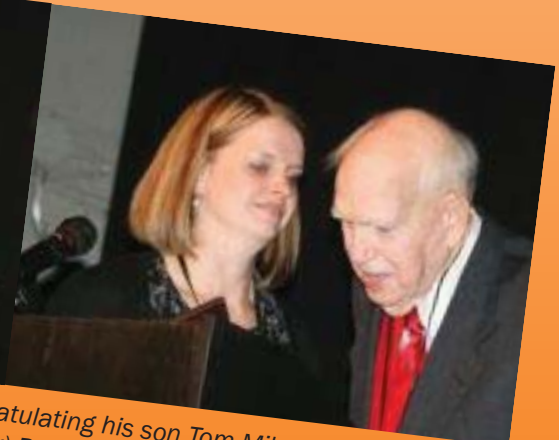
A few members of the 1994 Track and Field team front row left to right: Matt Taylor, Coach VanHootegem. Back row left to right Jason Abbot, Marcus Dearing, Scott Salisbury, Jeff Bral, .Joe Bourque.



Coach VanHootegem congratulating his son Jim VanHootegem '86.



Carter Salisbury introducing his father Scott '94 into the Hall of Fame. Also in picture is Carter's mom Shelby.



Phil Miler '43, far right, congratulating his son Tom Miller '71 and granddaughter Kim (Miller) Boland '96.

THANKS to YOUR GIVING

During this holiday season we say a most sincere “thank you” for your generous giving in the past and ask for your continued support in helping the Foundation further our mission. Whatever the amount, your annual gift has a direct and immediate impact on the students of the Kewanee schools.

In these difficult economic times, Kewanee schools are facing a rising poverty rate among students and their families, according to a review of the district’s Title 1 program. In 2010, 72% of the district’s students were considered to be in poverty, qualifying for free and reduced price school lunches. This was a dramatic increase compared to 1999 when 49% qualified, and the increase is expected to continue.

Title 1 is a federal program that provides funds to local school districts to help improve the academic performance of economically disadvantaged students.

Over \$83,000 in scholarships and awards was given to thirty-three members of the 2011 graduating class of Kewanee High School! The students receiving scholarships and the colleges they are attending include:

Illinois Wesleyan

Arrington, Caitlin
Ball, Carissa
Charlet, Hilary

Black Hawk College

Ball, Brianna
Forbis, Victoria
Fristad, Mitchell
Hernandez, Ethan

Jackson, Brandi
Lempke, Landon
Loyd, Kayla
Moats, Jeanne
Plum, Hailey
Sanchez, Erick
Sellers, Taylor
Smith, Charles
Uitermarkt, Corbin
Valencia, Carlos

University of South Dakota

Beadles, Danielle

Northern Illinois University

Carlson, Matthew
VanDeRostyne, Tyler
Walters, Trae

Western Illinois University

Cotes, Gabrielle

Southern Illinois University-Ed.

Hazel, Tiffany

Monmouth College

Ince, Kaitlin

University of Wisconsin-Platteville

Henkins, Jason

St. Ambrose

Moraski, Noah

University of Illinois

Bourque, Jessica (Urbana)
Mott, Theodore (Urbana)
Wheelhouse, Ashley
(Springfield)

Illinois State University

Eilts, Tyler
Jordan, Chelsea
Ross, Sara

Knox College

Sierra, Hector

Olivett Nazarene

Sisco, Kallie

Wenatachee Valley College

Solano, Gabriela

Coe College

Dubay, Lauren

Cornell College

Moraski, Jenna

Visit our website www.kewanee-schoolsfoundation.org for a complete list of awards and scholarships that were given.

GLIDDEN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Carissa Ball, recipient of the 2011 Glidden Family Scholarship.

Carissa Ball sends her thanks to the Glidden Family. “I am so appreciative to you for acknowledging my hard work so far in my educational career. I will use this scholarship to further my education at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, IL. It is my goal to continue my success at the college level through good work ethics. Your generous scholarship makes a significant impact, and I am very grateful to you for making this scholarship opportunity available.”

The theme of American Education Week 2011 is

"GREAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS: A BASIC RIGHT AND OUR RESPONSIBILITY"

It's a reminder that parents, educators, community members, business leaders, elected officials, and students all have a part to play in supporting great schools.



Front row seated left to right: Mark Breedlove, Romelia Solano, Dontae Pryor and Shannon Sellers. Back row: Ruth (Kapacinskas) Kelley '88 and Alphonso Inocencio.

THIS IS ALSO A TIME TO:

- honor students as they endeavor to learn,
- recognize the professionalism and dedication of teachers, support staff and other educators,
- thank parents and members of the community who help students succeed!

We take this opportunity to ask our entire community to join with us as we rededicate our commitment to strengthen the education and extra curricular opportunities for every student.

Board of Education Kewanee School District 229

Dan Nolan, President; Mike Leckey, Vice President; Kim Sellers, Secretary; Jon Jagers, Dr. Jeff Johnson, Lynette Lempke, Ron Salisbury, Scott Steffen (Neponset), Dr. Chris Sullens, Superintendent

Board of Directors Kewanee Schools Foundation

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GREAT DANE DONATION TO KHS

It's all about the kids," emphasized Chuck Kunz, Great Dane Kewanee Plant Manager, while presenting a check for \$25,000 to the Kewanee Schools Foundation. He continued with saying "we are just glad to be able to do this in the current economy." The gift will be used to update the Great Dane Trailer Strength Training Facility at Kewanee High School.

Lynette Lempke, Human Resource Manager at Great Dane and a member of the Kewanee Board of Education, complimented Kewanee High School Principal Jamie Bryan and Athletic Director Tim Atwell for their assistance in making the contribution possible. Plans are to add treadmills, stationary and elliptical bicycles that will be used by physical education classes and all sports participants. "We would also like to find funds to add a rower and a stepper in the future," stated Mr. Atwell. "The continued support of Great Dane is significant," according to Bruce Dennison, Foundation Director. "This gift

brings the company's generosity to a total of \$125,000 over the past ten years and is more than a modest example for us all."

PLANNED GIVING NEWS

With the passage of the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010, the IRA Charitable Rollover provision was restored. The act was retroactive to Jan. 1, 2010 and is effective for all of 2011. The provision allows individuals 70 1/2 or older to make a direct transfer of no more than \$100,000 each year from their IRA to a qualified charity. The rollover is tax free and is not included in adjusted gross income. Required minimum distributions qualify also.

The future of this provision is uncertain, but there is still time to take advantage of it until the end of 2011. This provision can help you make a charitable gift while enjoying some tax savings at the same time. For more information contact your financial or tax advisor.

STUDENT DICTIONARIES DISTRIBUTED TO THIRD GRADERS



Pictured front row left to right: Kevin VanWassenhove, Jersi Warner, Lucy Cernovich, Ailynn Duarte, Adam Frank, T.J. Arzola, Isabella Tondreau, Lauren Sheets, Kale Nelson and Natalie Yepsen. Back row left to right: Carrie Boelens, Rotary Club President; Wethersfield Supt. Shane Kazubowski; and Kewanee Supt. Dr. Chris Sullens.

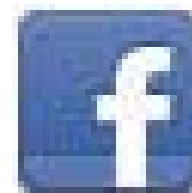
Over 250 dictionaries were distributed to third graders at Irving School, Wethersfield Elementary, Neponset Grade School, and Visitation Catholic School, an annual project of the Rotary Club of Kewanee, and facilitated by the Kewanee Schools Foundation.

This is the first year the dictionaries have been taken to Neponset Elementary School, which is now part of the Kewanee School District.



Pictured left to right: Tim Atwell, KHS Athletic Director; Madison Costenson-Segura; Chuck Kunz, Plant Manager Kewanee Great Dane; Lynette Lempke, Human Resource Manager Kewanee Great Dane; Tyler Arzola; Tyler Nichols, KHS Physical Education Teacher/Coach; and Bruce Dennison, Kewanee Schools Foundation Director.

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KHS REUNIONS:

1947

The Class of 1947 will be celebrating their 65th reunion on September 8, 2012. For further information, contact Joanne (DeBlieck) Utley at 309/852-2394.

1962

The Class of 1962 will be celebrating their 50th reunion on September 29, 2012. For further information, contact Michael Hadsall at 309/856-7849.

1963

The Class of 1963 is planning their 50th class reunion. A date has yet to be determined, but please mark your calendars for September 2013. For further information, contact Janis (Pearson) Mahan at 813/777-3929 or Linda (Billiett) Bolls at 309/852-2595.

Numerous classes celebrated their class reunions during the summer and fall in Kewanee. The Foundation assisted the following classes with holding their reunions: 1946, 1948, 1951, 1961, 1966, 1986, and 1971.



Class of 1946 65th Reunion held at Kewanee Dunes August 27, 2011.



Class of 1966 45th Reunion held at Kewanee Dunes September 3, 2011.

Additional pictures can be viewed on the Foundation website - www.kewaneeschoolsfoundation.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE FOR PICTURES, NEWS, CLASS CREATOR AND MUCH MORE

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 10, 2012 - KHS Musical Concert sponsored by the Kewanee Schools Foundation, 7:00 pm in the Petersen Auditorium

March 24, 2012 - Kewanee Schools Foundation 7th Annual Gala School Auction, 4:00 pm KHS Brockman Gym

PASSINGS

Our condolences to the families of the passing of their loved ones:

Richard Johns '47

Harvey Winslow '37

Vivian (King) Redmon '43

Shirley Bailleu '39

Lorraine (Lindbeck) Spear '46

Jerry Eisenbarth '61

Lynn (Weber) Saey '69

Winifred (Hayes Baily) '32

Mickey Bates '52

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