

**WE NEED YOUR HELP
AND
TOGETHER WE CAN**
Bill and Debbie Edgett

Dear New Lexington Alumni,

Our story begins in June 1997. Our second oldest child, "Kellie," was 16 years old finished her sophomore year of high school, and her brother Brandon Jay, "BJ," who was just finished the fifth grade. Both our kids were athletic. Kellie participated in volleyball. BJ played football, basketball, and baseball. Both children were involved in sports throughout childhood.

On June 5, 1997 our lives changed forever when Kellie was killed in a car accident three miles from our home. After losing Kellie, BJ continued to play football that fall winter, during this one year of school, 1997-98.

On September 29, 1998 while at football practice, the team finished their sprints and knee and listened to the coach talk to them for about five minutes, which was their morning the coach finished, the kids stood, huddled for a second, and started to walk to the locker room and fell. CR was started immediately and BJ was transported to the hospital by squad and regained consciousness.

As you know when the new high school was built there were no plans included to build a track. Thus, for the past ten years there have been no home track meets for our thriving track program when watching meets at Jim Rockwell Stadium. How proud we were to watch ML league meets. It is truly a shame that New Lexington High School does not have a track for its students and our community.

Since losing the kids we have wanted to do something to keep their memory alive. We created the Kellie and BJ Memorial Scholarship. We give two scholarships away every year and to date have given twenty scholarships away in their names. This summer, with the help from 12 people, we raised \$12,000 and bought all new weight room equipment for the school. Two months ago we began to build a new track at the high school and renovate Jim Rockwell Stadium. The track will be an eight lane, state-of-the-art track and Jim Rockwell Stadium will be fitted with a new synthetic turf. We need the track is completed it will also be available for wheelchair sports and other track work has begun on the track. Just this week a bulldozer was trucked in and after a couple of days the track is ready to be staked for drainage, water, electric and gravel base.

Over the last 10 years the Orange and Black Boosters have saved some money to help with these projects, which will help, but it will not be nearly enough. We have been using local resources and volunteer work that has been done to help and has been donated. We have the resources for equipment and labor right here in New Lexington and we plan to use those resources whenever possible. No monetary gifts will be needed at some time. We have applied for two grants and are presently waiting on a few corporate sponsors and plan on contacting others.

We are asking you, as an alumnist of New Lexington High School, to give back to your school. PLEASE consider a donation amount to the Orange and Black Boosters for these projects. No matter how small your donation is tax deductible. The Orange and Black Boosters are a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. We plan on building a "Wall of Honor" outside the fence behind the scoreboard at the stadium. For a contribution of \$100.00 or more a brick will be inscribed with your name or the name of a family member. All money raised will go to these projects. Any large donations can be pledged for one, two, or three years. This is a small and easy way for you to be a part of our school's continued athletic success.

If you are unable to give a donation, please pass this project information on to someone you know. Contact us and provide your company name and we will be happy to contact them. Feel free to call us and get further information about this campaign.

Please include with your donation:

Your Name and Address: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

EXCITELY what you want inscribed on your brick (for donations of \$100 or greater):

Credit Card: Check, Visa, MasterCard, or American Express: Include the type of card, name on the card, account number, the three-digit code, and date of expiration

Checks payable: The New Lexington Orange & Black Boosters
(In the Memo field please enter: Restricted Track And Football Field Renovation)

Mail information to:

The Peoples National Bank
Attn: Brenda Wright
110 North Main Street
New Lexington, Ohio 43764

Thank you for taking the time to read this. We will be forever grateful for anything that you can donate. We look at this as a way to give back for the memories that we have, and something for our parents, our children, your children, your grandchildren, and our times spent at New Lexington High School were temporary, but our memories will last forever.

Together We Can!!!

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