

Hello THS Alumni,

I hope 2026 is going great for you so far. There are many new things that are happening around the school along with the renovations on the football field. The track is done and looks great. There are new LED lights being installed now and later in April/first of May the new video/scoreboard will be installed. Artificial turf will be put down during the first of June.

About two years ago, the Alumni Association started a fundraiser to recrown the field and put down new grass. Donations were received and placed into an earmarked account; however, the project was put on hold because discussions were being held regarding changing to artificial turf. This brings me to our new project for the football field. The fence around the field is very old and has been fixed many times over the years. Parts of the fence need to be replaced due to them being over 50 years old. I spoke with Superintendent Lori Simpson about the Alumni putting in a new fence around the field to protect all the new improvements while also making it aesthetically pleasing. Lori stated that she would appreciate it if the Alumni could help out with this project. The new fence will be a 7-foot iron ornamental fence with nineteen 8-foot-tall stone columns along the front and by the entrances on both sides. To fund this new project, we will be selling each column and 8x8 pavers that will be going in where the sidewalk is between the ticket booth and stands on the home side. There will be 15 columns on the front along the street which we will sell for \$8,000 each and will have a 16 x16 plaque on them. These can be for a class, family, in memory of or for a business. The two columns on the home entrance and the two by the visitor entrance will be \$12,000 each and will have the 16 x16 plaque on them also. If we sell more than nineteen of them, we can install more along the west side of the field. If you are interested in a column, please let us know as soon as possible. The pavers will be a 8 x 8 gray brick selling for \$300 each. There will be a form on the Alumni website, and we will be putting one in the Tonkawa newspaper as well. Both the columns and the pavers will be available for everyone to purchase. With the selling of the columns and pavers, we will be able to fully purchase the fence at no cost to the school. I am excited about this project because it is going to really make our facility look first class and something we can be proud of for many years to come. Thanks again for your support.

David Fruits, President
Tonkawa Alumni Association