



Kokomo Schools

Education Foundation Newsletter



September 2018



Homecoming set for October 5th!

Kokomo Schools alumni are invited to Kokomo High School and Walter Cross Field October 5th to celebrate Homecoming. The festivities that evening begin with the **5th annual Wildkat 5K Walk/Run**, which supports the Kokomo Schools Education Foundation, as well as Kokomo Schools.

Participants may register at the run, but may not be eligible to receive a t-shirt unless pre-registered by Friday, September 28th. Registration is \$15. Participants will meet at the entrance canopy by the KHS gym located on the west side of the campus. Participants should arrive by 4:30 p.m.; the race will begin promptly at 5 p.m. The 5K course is a trail run/walk through the scenic KHS property.

Stay after the race to enjoy the Homecoming football game and the crowning of the Homecoming Queen and King at halftime. The Wildkat football team faces Harrison at 7 p.m.

Z92.5 Morning Show hosts Jessica and Ben will be broadcasting live from Walter Cross Field during the two hours leading up to the game. Jessica and Ben then will host on-field contests during between quarter breaks. **We hope many alumni will support the Wildkats during this exciting evening!**

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Craig and E.P. Severns

E.P. & Craig Severns

E.P. Severns and his son, Craig, never really left Kokomo Schools. Both graduated from the school district, and have continued to serve the schools, and Kokomo Schools students, in many ways.

E.P. graduated from Kokomo High School in 1949, after attending McKinley, Central, and KHS. Craig became a Kokomo High School alumni more than 20 years later, in 1970, after attending McKinley, Lafayette Park, and KHS. The father-son duo even shared the same 1st-grade teacher, Mrs. Burkhalter

E.P. married Virginia Pierce, also a 1949 KHS grad, in 1950, and then served in the U.S. Army during the early 1950s. Following his time in the military, E.P. began working at the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Kokomo. E.P. became president of the company in 1959 and remained at Coca-Cola until his retirement in 2017.

Craig married Kristi Needham, a 1979 Haworth graduate, in 1988. Craig worked part-time at the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Kokomo in the summer of 1968 and has been working full time at Coca-Cola since June 1975.

During this time, the Severns family found many ways to partner with Kokomo Schools. Coca-Cola Kokomo has funded several scholarships through the Kokomo Public Schools Education Foundation, while providing products for concessions at many athletic events, as well as other school activities. Coca-Cola Kokomo also has helped Kokomo schools purchase athletic equipment and uniforms for their athletic teams.

Several local students also have earned national Coca-Cola scholarships. Joey Hurlocker is the most recent recipient. The KHS Class of 2014 valedictorian is a senior at Stanford University. Under Craig's leadership, Coca-Cola Kokomo also has developed a strong partnership with the Kokomo Area Career Center. Several KACC business students intern at the local plant each school year. The company utilizes KACC students in a variety of ways, such as KACC culinary arts students catering events at Coca-Cola Kokomo and graphics design students helping Coca-Cola create marketing materials.

Both E.P. and Craig have served on the Kokomo Public Schools Education Foundation Board of Directors. E.P. served on the initial board when the foundation was started by Gary Williams, while Craig serves on the current Board of Directors.

"My father and I still feel great passion for Kokomo Schools and the Kokomo community," Craig explained.

Craig maintains a large collection of Sargasso yearbooks from Kokomo Schools, several of which are from before the building of the high school in 1915. Craig loves learning new things about Kokomo Schools, even to this day. Craig recently toured Central Middle International School with the KHS Class of 1968 and learned new information about the school from Joe Dunbar.

E.P. and Craig Severns may have grown up in two different eras, but the father and son agree on one thing. ***"We are glad we grew up where we did, and when we did!" E.P. and Craig concluded.***

Reunion2018

'58 '63 '68 '73 '78 '83 '88 '93 '98 '03 '08 '13

Class of 1972: The Class of 1972 has initiated a scholarship for a graduating KHS senior and is seeking support from class members and others. Donations may be sent to Kokomo Schools Education Foundation, P. O. Box 2188, Kokomo, IN 46904-2188--notation Class of 1972 Scholarship. For additional information, contact Lorene Sandifur at l.sandifur@comcast.net.

The Kokomo Schools Education Foundation and it's KHS/HHS Alumni Association welcome any alumni news for publication. School tours and other school information can be provided by the Alumni Association. Contact Debbie Vawter: dvawter@kokomo.k12.in.us; 765-455-8000 for additional information.



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