

Help needed to complete CHS track project

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What can you do to help the kids and citizens of this community have a track and field that they can use, be proud of and take advantage of to improve their physical fitness? You can get involved, like Kathy Herman and many other Cubans who see the desperate need and want to help in some way.

Nine years ago, Herman saw a need in the community and also wanted to honor her brother Jimmy Mullally, who loved sports but who died unexpectedly in 1999. She put the two goals together and started raising money for a new Cuba school track and field.

According to Cuba High School track coach Mark Ness, the track is not acceptable according to United States Track Association standards. The track is an old 440 track and today a 400 meter track is required. This means that our track cannot be used for official track meets.

The condition of the track is another factor. Often, the track coaches must take Cuba's students to neighboring schools to use their facilities, so they can adequately prepare for state competition.

The need is evident, but what has been done so far? Through Herman's efforts she was able to raise \$50,000. Then she contacted the Crawford County Foundation and they wanted to help since the project was in alignment with their mission "to reach the greatest number of children youth and adults in Crawford County by supporting education and physical development through guidance and financial support."

The Crawford County R-II School District has been very involved and committed to the project, both from a resource standpoint and with financial contributions.

However, there is more to be done, and our community needs to stand tall.

Please attend at least one of the Town Hall Meetings described below and you will receive all of the details and information on how each and every citizen can help support and complete the school track project.

The Crawford County Foundation is scheduling two Town Hall Meetings to discuss their fundraising efforts for the school's new track and football field.

These meetings provide an opportunity for everyone in the community to ask questions and be involved in this important event.

The new track and field will be an amazing asset for the community and a wonderful addition to the school complex. When completed, our school will again be able to host track meets and have a state of the art facility for each of our students and for everyone in the area.

Please plan to attend one or both of these Town Hall Meetings to find out all of the information and especially how you can help.

The meetings will be in the administration building at the Cuba R-II Schools from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, May 18 and Monday June 1.

Please call Ronda at 885-2277 for further information concerning these meetings.