

Oak Bowl Renovation gets Big Funding Boost

Fundraising efforts to renovate Peru State College's football stadium has received a significant boost.

The college says Lee and Bill Sapp, owners of Sapp Brothers Travel Centers and Petroleum have pledged half-a-million dollars to the Oak Bowl renovation project. That amount represents the largest single non-estate gift in the college's history.

Lee and Bill Sapp say they're making the pledge as a way to honor their mother, Emilie Hubka Sapp, and sisters Veloura Sapp Barnard and Zelma Sapp Drake, all who attended Peru State and taught in Nebraska country schools.

The state legislature this year approved LB 968, which appropriates \$7.5 million towards the Oak Bowl's renovation.

The total cost for the project – including a field house – is estimated at \$14 million. The college is working to raise the remaining costs of the project through private gifts and donations.