

Owens' daughters urge cooperation

We, the daughters of Jesse Owens, have been greatly saddened by the past and current events of the Lawrence County Commission as it impacts on the Jesse Owens Memorial Park. We have visited the park on a number of occasions and have taken great pride in the demonstrated investment of the community in honoring a native son.

Our most recent visit was when more than 100 trees were planted by volunteers involved in the Save A Landmark program promoted by the Hampton Inns. When the trees and shrubs grow to maturity, the site will be one that all Lawrence County residents can visit with pride.

Not only is it a beautiful site but it is a place where young and old can learn something about history and a person, much like themselves', place in history.

Ignorance is a dangerous thing and can bring a country, state, city or county to its knees to the benefit of no one and the detriment of all.

As we approach the end of 2005, we look back on so many

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big events in so little time – it was a rollercoaster year full of natural disasters and national heartache. It was a year that should have made us even more grateful for the blessings we enjoy and ever more mindful of just how fragile they are.

It is in this spirit that we encourage the county commissioners of Lawrence County to embrace the goodness of the people who helped build the Jesse Owens Memorial Park and build on that strength to maintain the park and to participate in its growth for the benefit of not only the local community but to demonstrate to visitors from around the world what can happen when a community works together.

Our best wishes for a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season.

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