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Legacy Project Benefit raises over \$4000 for memorial

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Volunteers from D&D Auctioneers wrung every dime they could out of those in attendance for the Armed Forces Legacy Project dinner and auction. They auctioned everything from pies and cookies to collectible Budweiser beer steins and patriotic memorabilia. "We were thrilled and delighted with the attendance and response to our plea for much needed financial assistance. The Legacy Project will be completed because we get this kind of involvement from our communities," said Michael Stewart, one of the organizers of the event.

TONASKET - A benefit dinner and auction for the Tonasket Legacy Project, a memorial to all those who have served in this nation's armed forces, raised over \$4300 last Saturday night.

The evening at the Tonasket Eagles Aerie started off with a dinner and was followed by the auction which featured what seemed like an endless number of pies, cookies and other homemade baked goods, as well as many donated items, most with a patriotic or military theme.

"We had 100 for dinner...it was a great turnout," said Michael Stewart, one of the organizers of the event.

George Frank, who helped get the project started at its very beginnings, echoed Stewart's remarks about the turnout. "It was just great," he said, about the number of people in attendance and the meal the Tonasket Eagles put together.

The auction, which was called by volunteers from D&D Auctions, had some surprising results with one donated huckleberry pie going for a bid of \$200.

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After the ground has thawed plans are in the works to begin laying the infrastructure for utilities such as electrical and plumbing, according to Stewart. When that is done the ground can be prepared for the tall columnar basalt rocks, the wall, restrooms and other amenities planned for the site.

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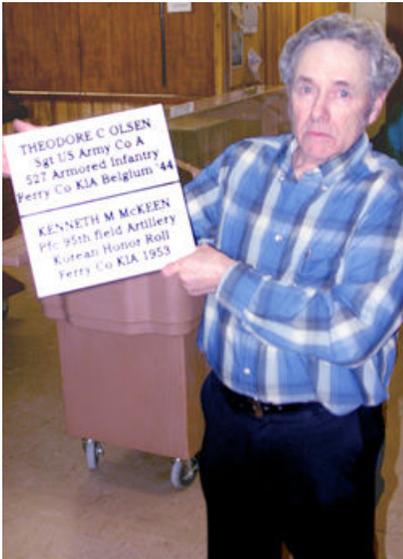


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Virgil Palmer, a committee member for the Armed Forces Legacy Project, holds up an example of one of the 6"x12" plaques that will be mounted at the memorial. Some of the most striking features of the Legacy Project are the tall columnar basalt rocks that will be used in its construction. The memorial is to "Honor those who gave some and those who gave all." Plaques may be purchase for any ancestor, family member or friend that served honorably in the armed forces.

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