

# Garver making great vision a greater reality

It began as a simple idea: A vision to give something back to the Collegedale community that Phil Garver has called home for years.

Garver, a veteran, had always wanted to recognize the men and women who have defended the United States. He never thought his dreams would become a reality.

Over the past several years, Garver, the president of the Veterans Memorial Park Committee, has made the park not only a reality but a community centerpiece.

Garver's hardwork and dedication have earned him the title of Collegedale Unsung Hero.

"When I look at this park it reminds me what the hard work has been all about," said Garver. "The park is coming together nicely. When it is all complete, it will be



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something that will be visited by not only residents but from many other towns."

City Manager Carol Mason said the dedication of Garver will be appreciated for years to come.

"This is a project that will be enjoyed by veterans, their families and residents for many years to come," said Mason. "The park makes people stop and think about the

freedoms that we experience every day."

Commissioner John Turner said the Veterans Park is something for everyone to enjoy.

"I think the committee is to be admired for their foresight to see that this project was needed. I commend them for not giving up," said Turner. "For those of us in this country who have not had to go to war, the park is an excellent way to show our appreciation."

As president, Garver has overseen the construction of the park as well as components of the park, including a military helicopter and tank.

"It is humbling to look at the park," said Garver. "I am honored to be a part of this park and the community."

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