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Veterans Memorial Park dedication is October 14

The Veterans Memorial Park of Collegedale Committee is asking all Collegedale residents to get out their red, white and blue attire and mark their calendars for Thursday, October 14, beginning at 10:30 a.m., the official unveiling and dedication of the much anticipated Veterans Memorial Park.

For the past several years, Phil Garver has led a small committee of Collegedale residents in turning a small piece of land into a historic cen-



GETTING PREPARED — A worker places sod in the Veterans Memorial Park in preparation of its dedication October 14.

terpiece to the Collegedale community.

Piece by piece the park has become what it is today. With the addition of an Army Tank, the area has become a place where history comes alive.

Community residents through donations and brick sales have also contributed to the project.

Committee members report that memorial bricks are on order and are expected to be placed in the park prior to the dedication.

Garver is quiet on details about dedication day, but promises it will be an event to remember.

"So much hard work has gone into this project," said Garver. "It has been a collaboration of so many people and resources. To know what this project started out with -- a simple idea -- and what it has become -- a wonderful centerpiece in our community -- is very humbling. I am so proud of this project and the men and women who made this possible."

Collegedale City Manager Carol



NEWEST ADDITION — An Army tank is the Veterans Memorial Park's newest attraction.

Mason said the dedication ceremony with all its pomp and circumstance will be a wonderful end to a brilliant project.

"Words cannot express how grateful I am of the efforts of the committee and everyone involved," said Mason. "This project will be visited by people from across this nation and will live on forever and ever. It is a wonderful asset to the Collegedale community."

Festivities will begin on Thursday, October 14, at 10:30 a.m. in the Veterans Memorial Park.

From the city manager's desk...

It is truly amazing what Collegedale residents can accomplish with a simple vision.

To see the transformation across the street from City Hall has been truly remarkable. The Veterans Memorial Park of Collegedale began as a empty piece of land. Today it has become a place where parents can share a piece of history with their children and where Veterans can walk and know that fellow residents truly appreciate the service and dedication they have given to our country and our freedom.

The efforts to make the Veterans Memorial Park a centerpiece to our community has been the collaboration of many individuals. On behalf of the City, I would like to thank the members of the Veterans Memorial Park Committee including Chairman Phil Garver, Joe Farrow, Bill McGhinnis, Matthew Miller, Jim Eller, Bill

Magoon, Art Brock, Charlie Pendergraph, Chuck Whidden, Bill Hullander and Jim Ashlock. In addition, a big thank you goes out to Jack McKee, Rodney Keeton and the

Collegedale Public Works Department, Collegedale Commissioners Fred Fuller, Bill Hulsey, Tim Johnson, Jim Ashlock and John Turner.

And especially to the residents of Collegedale and surrounding communities who have donated funds and purchased bricks to make this project a success.

I invite everyone to join us in unveiling this wonderful project that will live on for generations to come on Thursday, October 14, beginning at 10:30 a.m. We hope to see you there!

Carol Mason
City Manager

