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## **Township firefighters raise funds for memorial**

ANDERSON TWP. - Firefighters are hoping the community will step out, shop and play games of chance to help make a memorial a possibility.

The Anderson Township Fireman's Association will host two fund-raisers to finance a firefighters' memorial at Beech Acres Park.

A community garage sale will be 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17, at the fire station, 7954 Beechmont Ave. Rain will cancel the sale Friday, but will move the sale inside the Anderson Senior Center on Saturday.

The association will also hold a Las Vegas night from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 23-24, at the American Legion 318 Anderson Post, 7551 Forest Road. [Games](#) of chance and food will be offered.

While they have raised \$60,000 so far, the goal is \$200,000, said firefighter/paramedic Mark Owens, chairman of the firefighter memorial committee.

The association plans on a memorial to honor those who have served and current firefighters, complete with a bronze firefighter statue, granite benches, portrait walls of fallen firefighters and stamped concrete, he said.

Anderson Township resident Sallie Bell wanted to help the firefighters complete their project and came up with the idea of a community garage sale.

"It's up to Anderson Township residents to raise the money the best way we can," she said.

Owens added corporate sponsorship response has been relatively negative.

"We're hoping the people in Anderson come through for us and help us like they have in the past," he said.

Bell said community members can donate any item they would sell at a garage sale through April 15.

Already, the sale will include a baseball autographed by Marty Brennaman and Joe Nuxhall, a football autographed by Anthony Munoz, donated grocery items from Kroger, a piano, furniture, clothes and toys, Bell said.

"People think 'The little bit I do is not going to make a difference.' It does," she said.

The garage sale will also include food and live music.

To donate or help with the sale, call Bell at 474-0038 or Owens at 624-3800.

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