

# \$50,000 pledged for park

## Stanton Co. joins list of contributors

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Support is building for an outdoor recreation and relaxation park that has been proposed for veterans to use at the Norfolk Veterans Home.

The Stanton County commissioners recently pledged \$50,000 to the project, which is being called Heroes Park and is proposed to be located on eight acres situated behind the existing Norfolk Veterans Home at 600 E. Benjamin Ave.

Jerry Weatherholt, chairman of the Stanton County commissioners, said the funds would be paid in three equal installments from the county's inheritance fund.

"They fought for us, so that's the least we could do for them," Weatherholt said. "We think it is a very worthwhile project."

In 2001, the Norfolk Veterans Home opened just south of Northeast Community College. About the only thing that veterans and families say it lacks is outdoor recreational opportunities.

The proposal calls for the park to be used by veterans at the home and their families — as well as any other military personnel who served.

Some things that could be incorporated include a pavilion, outdoor kitchen and eating area, solitude gardens, basketball courts, shuffleboard, driving range, observation deck, walking paths, horseshoe pits and children's play area.

There also would be additional parking provided, which is one of the biggest needs now at

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