

MVCEF celebrating friends and alumni with honor wall

By G. Kerry Webster

For the past three years the Moshannon Valley Community Education Foundation has been dedicated to encouraging community-wide participation and philanthropy to enhance and enrich the educational experiences for all students of the Moshannon Valley School District.

The independent, public charity has been in existence since 2011 and has supported academic programs, scholarships and awards.

One of the group's initial plans was to construct an Alumni and Friends Honor Wall at the school to honor all of those who have been part of the history of the Moshannon Valley School District and its successes.

"It's such a wonderful way to celebrate all the great people who have been in the hallways of our schools," said Caryn Southern, Moshannon Valley Class of 1965 and a MVCEF member. "We want to celebrate not only the students who attended classes here, but also the teachers who taught them and the leaders who guided them."

According to Southern, the plans for the wall were designed



Preliminary plans for the Moshannon Valley Alumni and Friends Honor Wall call for a free-standing structure — 40 feet in length — with bricks honoring friends and alumni of Moshannon Valley past and present adorned on both sides of the wall. A prominent keystone will be featured, as will a tiered planter. (Photo submitted)

by Andrea (Walstrom) Crossett from Moshannon Valley's Class of 1998. She said currently, the design calls for a wall measuring 40 feet in length with features to include a prominent keystone and tiered planters.

She said commemorative bricks will be sold as a fundraiser for the wall, and these bricks will

be fixed to the face on each side of the wall.

"The size of the wall will be determined by the number of bricks we sell," she said.

Several hundred bricks have been sold; however, Southern said it will take about 1,000 to have enough bricks to begin construction. She said presently, construc-

tion is scheduled to begin next spring.

The cost of each brick is \$50 and two lines are permitted on each brick, with a maximum of 15 spaces per line.

Southern said bricks may be purchased for anyone that has graduated from Moshannon Valley

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or any of the schools which were united to create the present school district; future alumni; students who attended Moshannon Valley but did not graduate; and professional and non-professional staff members, school directors, supporters or benefactors who did not attend Moshannon Valley.

"This project will not only enhance the school, but it will bring a sense of pride to the whole community," said Southern.

Those interested in purchasing a brick can visit www.wvcef.org and by sending a check made payable to MVCEF to MVCEF, 4934 Green Acre Road, Houtzdale, Pa., 16651.