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AmVets Post 88 plant sale success means concrete will be poured



At the grill on Saturday are AmVets Post 88 First Vice Commander Dennis Blanke (left) and Commander Dean Richards.

Story and Photos

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BRONSON – The completion of a very large open-air area for activities at AmVets Post 88, 10050 State Road 24 (east of Bronson near the Bronson Speedway), is a sure thing thanks to a successful plant sale on Saturday (April 7), Post Commander Dean Richards said.



Cutting coops (coupons) for troops as they pause for more plant-purchasing patrons on Saturday morning (April 7) are (from left) AmVets Auxiliary President Debbie Robins, Third Vice President Karen Cox, First-Ever Honorary Member Pat Meeks, and

Treasurer Lynn Dowling. The plant sale project was by the post and the Auxiliary members volunteered to assist.

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Some of the many plants for sale on Saturday are seen here.

The metal roof and pole-barn like structure next to the building for AmVets Post 88 already has some concrete in place. There are several picnic tables being used there too. This future completed area will offer more space for bands to play, Bingo to be played and any other activities the members want to use it for.

The 16 to 17 yards more of concrete that are going to be added are estimated to cost the post about \$1,700, Commander Richards said, and thanks to the efforts of the 130 AmVets Post 88 members, the 70 AmVets 88 Auxiliary members and 30 Sons of AmVets Squadron 88 members, this project is ready to move forward to completion.

AmVets Post 88 also has an AmVets Riders group, that includes members from the different parts of the whole.

Commander Richards said the very generous donation of \$900 by one of the AmVetsPost 88 members was a huge part of the effort, which has included carwashes, bake sales and other fundraising efforts.

The plant sale on Saturday included hamburgers, hotdogs, desserts (homemade cherry pie, cream cake, chocolate cake and a chocolate-lemon cake), chips and drinks for sale as well.

Among the members of the Post helping with the sale was First Vice Cmdr. Dennis Blanke. Among the members of the Auxiliary helping on Saturday were President Debbie Robins, Third Vice President Karen Cox, Treasurer Lynn Dowling and the first Honorary Member (ever) Pat Meeks.

Among the many types of plants that sold were bougainvillea, lorapedum, azalea, hibiscus, zinnia, begonia, fern, various vegetables – like tomato plants, Mexican heather and impatiens.

Commander Richards said he is very thankful for the plants provided to the Post from Oxford Ground Covers Inc. at a reduced price – just to help the veterans.

This 30-acre wholesale plant nursey is family-owned and operated in Oxford (Sumter County). It was founded more than 20 years ago by the Cook family, Vernon Sr., Vernon Jr. and Maritsa.