

Local company to create barn-roof memorial to Flight 93

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When a Hanover businessman visited the United Flight 93 memorial in Somerset County in December 2005, he knew he wanted to contribute something.

Now, Tim Barnes, president of Barn Painting & Advertising, Inc., and his wife Christine, vice president, are asking for a barn roof on which to paint a memorial.

They are also asking for ideas on what the mural should look like.

“We’re looking for a barn in Somerset County, specifically one close to the memorial site,” Barnes said.

So the Barnes’ thought adding a mural painted on a barn roof would be a good way to give back to the community, Barnes said.

As for what they paint on the roof, Barnes said anyone over 18 years old living in Pennsylvania can submit ideas until April 1.

The company will select a winner from submitted entries, and Barnes said they hope to unveil the memorial Sept 11, 2007.

As far as the Barnes knows, this is the first memorial of its kind, he said.

“Of course, there are advertisements painted on barns, but memorials? I don’t think there are others,” he said.

The company will provide the paint, labor and all expenses for the project, according to a press release.

Entries will be judged by the company’s board of directors on their appropriateness, among other factors, Barnes said.

Designs should be sent with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Barn Painting & Advertising, Inc., Attn: Designer Contest Rules, 55 Hemlock Drive, Hanover, PA 18331. Somerset County residents interested in having their barn considered as a site location can contact the company at (866) 535-2276 or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to “Barn Owner Rules” at the above address.