

# Restoring history

## Crumbling monument receives some TLC

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Labe Kopelov helps guide a limestone lid on top of the Paolini Temple monument at Green Hill Cemetery Thursday as Kino Kopelov maneuvers the vehicle. (Derrek Tipton / Times-Mail)

**BEDFORD** — A well-known monument at Green Hill Cemetery is getting a makeover.

Thursday, Kopelov Cut Stone added a limestone lid to the Paolini Temple monument, which is modeled after the Greek Parthenon.

Pam Henderson, board member for the Green Hill Cemetery, said the business created new columns and a lid for the monument. The structure was crumbling under its own weight.

The cost to fix the monument is about \$10,000. Henderson said the family hasn't displayed interest in the monument's upkeep.

“The family is distant now,” she said.

The cemetery received a Lawrence County Community Foundation challenge grant to help. The cemetery needs to raise \$7,000 in order to receive up to \$3,500 of grant money. The Paolini monument’s restoration would be paid for with the donations.

Stan Ritchison, cemetery board member, said the cemetery is about halfway to its goal. He said the cemetery also received a \$1,000 grant from Lawrence County Tourism.

“This is hopefully an ongoing project where we can take ... one-of-a-kind things in desperate need of help,” Ritchison said.

Henderson said fixing up markers like the Paolini Temple can only add to the beauty of the cemetery.

“What we are hoping to do is ... get a restoration-type organization together so we can have ongoing contributions ... to actively restore these things,” Henderson said.

To donate to help Green Hill meet its matching grant goal, checks can be mailed to the Green Hill Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 1442, Bedford, IN 47421. The challenge grant ends Dec. 1, so donations should be sent before mid-November.



***Paolini monument was crumbling and needed support braces to keep it from falling. (Nov. 2019)***



***Paolini restoration required fabrication of 14 new limestone columns and a new roof. (Oct. 23, 2020)***