

## LOVE DODGEVILLE FINAL NOTES

MAY 15, 2023

Here are some details, from our meeting, May 9...

1. Dodgeville to Mineral Point Recreation Trail (Don Crowe)
  - 27 individuals worked 54 manhours
  - Volunteers included Dodgeville Community Group, Kiwanis, Lions, Cub Scout Pack 357, Dodgeville United Methodist Church, Grace Lutheran Church
  - Collected 8-10 FULL bags of trash, plus other items
  - Tom Thorison's gator was MUCH appreciated!
  
2. Arboretum (Karri Roh-Wasley)
  - 27 individuals worked approximately 78 manhours (includes Lions working early)
  - Volunteers included Dodgeville Community Group, Kiwanis, Lions, Boy Scout Troop 357, DMS Builder's Club, Dodgeville United Methodist Church, Grace Lutheran Church
  - Removed branches from the paths, pulled out fallen trees, removed invasives from part of the prairie, fixed entrance steps, added new gravel around the main sign (Gravel donated by the Lions.)
  
3. Military Ridge Trail cleanup (Becky Tank)
  - 24 individuals worked approximately 72 manhours
  - Volunteers included Dodger Food Locker board members, Kiwanis, Girl Scout Troop 7020, Grace Lutheran Church, community members
  - There was more trash in ditches, than on the trail.
  - One group worked from Subway to the east, one group worked from Highway Z to the west.
  - Collected 11 bags of trash
  - Next year...need a means of communication, ATV/gator
  
4. Beautifying the Entrances into Town (Barry Hottman)
  - 9 individuals worked approximately 18 manhours
  - 3 vehicles used, 2 with trailers
  - 4 yards of bark
  - Planted annuals, pulled weeds, mulched
  - Plants came from the DHS FFA sale.

5. Assembling and Delivering May baskets (Dee McConnell)
  - 15 adults, plus children worked approximately 30 manhours
  - Volunteers included Dodgeville Community Group, Grace Lutheran Church, Dodgeville Dental, Dodgeville United Methodist Church, community members
  - 155 baskets to UHH, Crestridge, Sienna Crest, Stonefield
  - Besides purchased items for baskets, donations were given by the Caring Crafters and Dodgeville Dental.
  - Suggestion for next year...some kind of flower
  
6. Iowa County Food Pantry Collection at Piggly Wiggly and beyond (Jacob Engel)
  - 7 individuals worked 19.5 hours (at Piggly Wiggly)
  - Volunteers included Boy Scout Troop 357, DHS Key Club, Grace Lutheran Church, Rockwell Mills 4-H
  - 218 items collected at Piggly Wiggly plus \$392 in cash donations
  - DHS Spanish Club took a trunk full of food to the food pantry.
  - DES students collected 575 items.
  
7. Assembling New Baby Bags (Donna Peterson)
  - Approximately 14 individuals worked 14 manhours
  - Volunteers included Grace Lutheran Church, Kiwanis, Dodgeville Mustang Cheer Team and family
  - 25 bags were completed for the Iowa County Health Department
  
8. Homemade Cookies and Bottled Water (Mary James, Krista Fischer)
  - LOTS of cookies were donated
  - Volunteers included members of Grace Lutheran Church, members of Dodgeville United Methodist Church, Hidden Valley Community Church, Rockwell Mills 4-H, Kiwanis, DHS Key Club (Approximately 30 individuals)
  - Enough cookies to donate a nice variety to the Feeding Friends program
  - Point Persons picked up cookies and water, before going to work sites
  - Will continue to do, each year

NOTE: APPROXIMATELY 157 INDIVIDUALS WORKED 295.5 MANHOURS (not including setting up spaces, time making cookies, etc.)

The DES 2<sup>nd</sup>-grade students painted kindness rocks and distributed them around the school campus and in the community, as part of Love Dodgeville. (The numbers above do not reflect that.)

TDS Communications partnered with us, this year, donating bags of treats for each volunteer and donating 3 cases of water.

Area businesses/organizations contributing cash donations include Kiwanis, Dodgeville Agri Service,, Vibe Body Art, Susan James, plus a large donation from the City of Dodgeville.

Our balance on hand, as of May 9, was \$1,96.76, after paying Upland Hills Health for the items in the May baskets. We are still, potentially, looking at paying for mulch and flowers used at the town entrances.

Mike Reilly, from the Dodgeville Chronicle, took photos, at various sites. There was a nice layout in the paper. Cara Thorison and Brenda Crowe took photos, at all sites, for the Facebook page, etc.

Still have t-shirts for sale...marked down to \$15. Not sure if there will be t-shirts going forward...

Date for 2024 Love Dodgeville – Sunday, May 5

2024 Planning Meetings will begin February/March 2024

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK!!**