

NICKERSON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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WALKING TRAIL

SUCCESS.....is a rather modest word to use when describing the distance/use that the Nickerson Elementary walking trail has generated. Seventeen classes from K - 6th grade have logged 12,064 miles. Doctors and others who are concerned about kids not getting enough exercise should check out NES. The school and community with a Sunflower Foundation Grant and muscle from Engelland Construction created a 1/3 mile concrete walking path for students and for community walkers. At least one class starts their day by walking the trail. For students who just had a 45 minute bus ride or for kids who just rolled out of bed, a nice way to get the wiggles out and brain ready to learn. Lori Smith's 2nd graders walked 1,468 miles with Rex Mathias's 3rd graders close behind with 1,444 miles. AWESOME

Amber Rohling and Dana Heinlein spearheaded the project and deserve another round of applause. As a way to say thanks have a piece of pie at the Sunshine Cafe on us.



ANGELS

Folks that make our community a better place to live. To nominate: call 422-3390

John and Kay Paulson were nominated for helping the city crew do some heavy lifting with their big loader. Your sodas are at Flicks.

Amber Rohling and Madilyn(age 4) were nominated because they adopted two flower containers downtown. The pretty ones at the Post Office corner and Sunshine Cafe corner. Amber and Madeline your sodas are at the Sunshine Cafe.

LEAF AND LIMB DUMP CLOSED BIG INCONVENIENCE FOR SOME

Due to citizens misusing the city leaf/brush site west of Nickerson the dump is closed. Persons wishing to take limbs or lawn clippings now have to call the city office for a key and have their "loads" inspected. BUMMER....all because we have folks who have dumped lumber, furniture, trash, metal, even a car engine. City crews have to remove those items due to state regulations. If it continues the state could permanently close this dump which would cause us all to have to haul leaves, grass and limbs to the Hutchinson site.

City Council

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NICKERSON RECREATION COMMISSION "Play Ball"

You don't have to turn on the TV to enjoy the nation's favorite summer pastime. Richardson Ball fields adjacent to the park will have baseball games almost every evening during the month of June. Watch your neighborhood kids learn the game starting with the lead-off game on May 28. Most games begin at 6 p.m. For complete schedules check with April at City Hall.

Nickerson High School Graduation

May 16 was a special time for 60 NHS seniors as they received their high school diplomas. Graduating with distinction were Aubrea Beasley, Alison Evans, Braden Hodges, Chance Jordan, Makenzie Nisly and Payten Smith. Valedictorian Alison Evans delivered the main address. Tanner Sneed, Senior class president and All Around Boy welcomed parents and friends. Payten Smith presented the Teacher of the Year award. Aubrea Beasley was chosen as All Around Girl. A little rain did not dampen spirits of the class as they celebrated their achievements.

COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 22. School is OUT.

May 21- Regional BB...3 games @ Nickerson

May 22 Regional Track at Holcomb

May 28...First kids ball Game

May 29-30 State High School track & baseball

State Track-Wichita

NHS MUSIC STATE RATINGS

BAND: NHS band received superior ratings from all three judges. WELL DONE to Wes Lewis, band director and to the students. Individual performers receiving I ratings at state were: Andrew Hiatt, Morgan Yarborough and Michael Shea. Receiving 2's (Excellent) were the percussion trio and Dustin Weve.

VOCAL: Receiving I's at State Music were: Concert Choir and Madrigals. Dionne Timken and Lexi Zimmerman both received excellent ratings 2's at state for their solos. Well done Scott Logan and students who worked hard.

Much to be proud of in the music dept.

NHS Nominated for Jester Awards.

Music Theatre of Wichita recognizes Kansas high schools for their work in music theatre. Vocal Instructor Scott Logan entered Rapunzel! Dana Sneed and helpers were nominated for costume design. Dionne Timken was nominated for Best Supporting Actor. NHS was also nominated for Graphic Design for the printed program.

JUNIOR CLASS COMMUNITY SERVICE

On Thursday, April 30th 82 high school juniors got out of school to work HARD. No skip day for these kids.....about half of the class filled in dirt around the walking trail at the grade school, some students did landscaping and pick up at the high school and ball fields; the rest picked up limbs at the City Cemetery. Students were treated to a picnic lunch at the city park provided by the Christian Outreach Ministry headed by Kathy Kittle. Peoples Band and Trust provided water for the group. The weather was perfect and a dozen students finished off the day by planting and watering 6 of the flower pots downtown. A big thank you to Junior sponsors Tracey File and Mrs. Pelter.

GOT NEWS? Call June @ 422-3390

WANT TO HAVE A BOOTH AT KND?

Klear Nearly will be downtown this year. If you would like to be a vendor or have a sales booth please contact Tom Burris 620-921-0142. Non profit vendors are free. Small stands - \$15. Larger food vendors -\$50. Must fill out an application in advance.

NICKERSON CLOVERS 4-H

During our April meeting, we gathered early to create several May Day Baskets. In the baskets we put candy, a flower, and a note. On May Day, 11 club members met at the Nickerson City Park for pizza, chips, pop, and ice cream sandwiches. After we ate, we divided into groups and delivered numerous baskets throughout the community. Our next meeting is scheduled for May 17th at the Nickerson Coop at 4:30. We highly encourage you to join us! Blake Griffith, Reporter

NICKERSON CITY COUNCIL

Meeting for May 18. Council adopted a rental agreement for the new Community Center (available in city office). Approximately 8810 square yards of street sand and seal surface will go to improve city streets. The funds are available through a special highway fund. City appointments made at the meeting: Tom Burris and Sandy Moore to the Zoning Committee. Brad Berridge & Jane Jenkins to Maintenance Dept. Brian Rife & Trent Gilbert to Cemetery & Parks. Jon Rohling & Angela Cottrell to EMS Dept. Dan Deming, Reno County Commissioner attended the meeting as a guest. Suggested that this newsletter be put on City website.

Community Center Progress

Floors and footings have been poured. Subfloor plumbing has been installed. The last few days resulted in a rain delay.

NHS HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Watch Catch it Sports and check the News we may have teams and kids going to STATE in baseball and track.

This newsletter is a project of the Nickerson United Methodist Healthy Congregations Ministry and Outreach; dedicated to developing a healthy, informed community.