Spotlight of Signature Projects by Clubs within our District

























Busy Big Hands Make it Better for Busy Little Hands



It was a quick, 75-minute, 2020 - 2021 Rotary project. The goal was to pull weeds from the outdoor Nature Explorer Classroom located a few yards south of the Elementary School. Those getting the much needed fresh outdoor air along with some exercise are, from left to right, Tammy Loosbrock, Debra Wynia, Craig Oftedahl, Betty Mann, Sara Schmuck, Karen Willers, and Jane Gropel. In closing the weed session, Karen Willers said, "It looks a whole lot better than a few weeks ago."











Back on September 1, when planning the Outdoor Nature Explorer Classroom clean-up, organizers were not thinking September 9 would be a cold, 40-some degree evening. The coolness can be seen in the photos above, as all hard working volunteers donned either a warm jacket or a heavy sweatshirt. Those volunteers captured digitally while pulling those nasty wild growing weeds are Karen Willers, Tammy Loosbrock, Sara Schmuck, and Betty Mann. There are several engraved rocks (notice the rock photo to the left) set along the trail within the outdoor classroom, each has the Rotary wheel professionally etched into the marker.

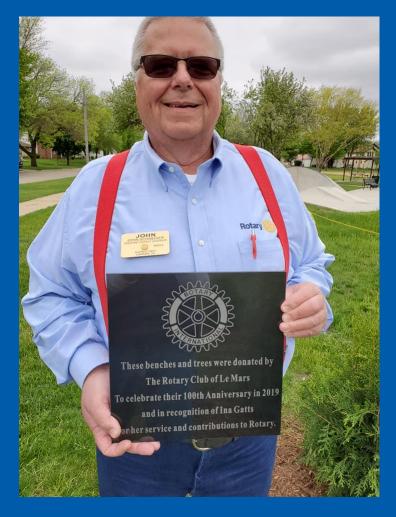
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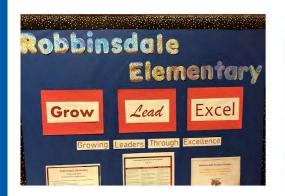
















Rushmore Rotary Pencil Drive













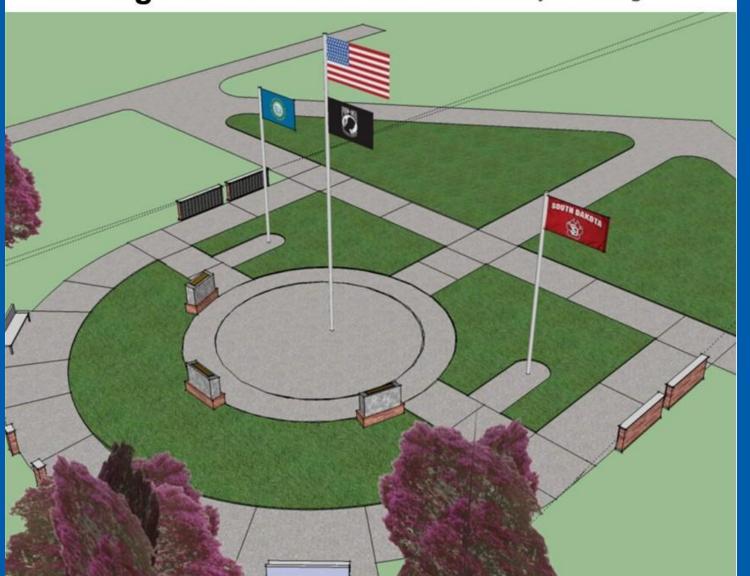


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Kindergarten Book Giveaway March 2, 2020; Vermillion SD



Patriots Plaza: Rotary Honoring our Veterans VermillionRotaryClub.org



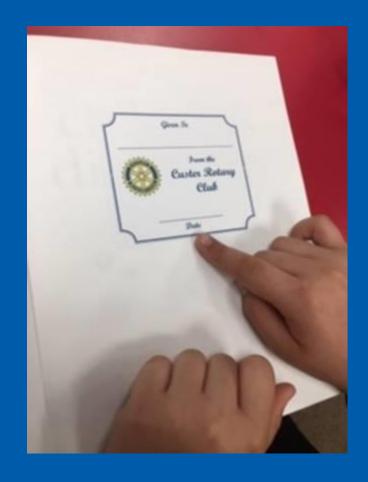
































Brookings – 100th Anniversary Clock Downtown and Children's Museum Clock and District Grant Match for Born Learning Trails installed in two parks.

Luverne – The Luverne Rotary Club uses proceeds from their rose fundraiser for projects to improve their community, including this effort to clean up the outdoor nature explorer classroom located next the elementary school.

Centerville – Seeing the need for a reliable, local food pantry, the Centerville Rotary club renovated a space adjacent to the Senior Citizens center and now operates a food pantry for their community.

Le Mars – One of the ways the Le Mars Rotary Club decided to celebrate the Club's 100th anniversary was to provide trees and benches as part of the effort to enhance the community's O'Toole Park.

Canby – In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Canby Rotary Club purchased three bistro-style table sets for downtown Canby to provide outside seating for local restaurants. They also installed five hand-sanitizing stations at the playground, park and recreational locations around the community to encourage people to continue to use these outdoor spaces.

Rapid City Rushmore – Demonstrating their support of local schools and health care workers, the Rapid City Rushmore Club has contributed to the community effort to make thousands of masks.

The Rushmore Rotary Club has also collected socks and detergent for the Hope Center, and conducted a pencil drive for local schools.

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Vermillion – Each year, the Vermillion Rotary club gives books to all the Kindergarten students in the community for "read across America" day, as well as giving bicycle helmets to all second-grade students. This year they were also a major contributor to the Patriot Plaza project that will honor all who have served our country in the armed forces.

Sioux Falls North – Earlier this fall, Rotarians from the Sioux Falls North Club prepared meals in carry-out containers to be distributed by the Banquet in Sioux Falls.

Custer – The Custer Rotary Club works toward achieving the Rotary area of focus on basic education and literacy by giving dictionaries to local elementary students.

Marshall Noon and Sunrise (according to their FB page it was both clubs) – The Rotary Clubs of Marshall contributed both time and funds to the development of the recently opened Veteran's Memorial project in their community. The clubs also donated iPads to local care facilities to help patients connect with families and friends during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Northern Black Hills/Spearfish Nature Park and Musical Instrument.

