



WHS PEER CHAMBER INVOLVEMENT IN STORYWALK PROJECT

Last spring 2019 Peer Chamber was approached by Darci Hildebrand, Director of the Wamego Public Library, to be a partner in the StoryWalk project. As with several of our other community projects, our group is great at providing labor, and that is the component that Darci was seeking to make this project a success. A task force of Peer Chamber members was assembled to get the ball rolling. They met with Darci as well as Bryan Newell of Riley Construction who outlined the tasks that our group would be doing.

Peer Chamber sponsors Mary Lonker and Jana Lindley then went to work organizing their group for action. An informational meeting was held where students could sign up for various project work sessions. During November, a large group of our members helped assemble the pedestals on a weekend afternoon. Another weekend work session involved digging holes at the Wamego Recreation Complex and prepping for the final installation. Our final work session took place on a cold, blustery day but members made quick work of installing the pedestals at the Rec Complex to finish out the project. In total, 62 Peer Chamber members contributed 233.5 hours of labor to this great project.

In addition, WHS teacher Brad Koehn's Construction Science class built a frame to hold the big StoryWalk sign, and students of WHS instructor Jeff Suther developed a promotional flyer for the Ribbon Cutting event. Peer Chamber members attended the December 8 Ribbon Cutting to help with selling cookies/hot chocolate donated by the Friendship House and also provided tours of StoryWalk to area youngsters.

Lonker and Lindley commented, "We are extremely proud of our members for their volunteerism and spirit of community involvement. These kids understand what it means to be an active part of a thriving community!"