

Ribbon cutting held for Storywalk Path

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MUNDAY — A ribbon cutting was held last Saturday for the new Storywalk Path at the Munday City Park. Grace Tidwell and Kathryn Cude have been working hard all summer to bring the community this incredible project, which was done in conjunction with the TMCN youth leadership program.

Grace and Kathryn presented their project to a panel of judges on Sept. 16 in Abilene. The ladies are competing against six other groups for a scholarship that will be announced at the TMCN Annual Conference on Oct. 28.

The project has consisted of fundraising, collaborating, physical labor, researching, and much more. To understand the full scope of the project take a look at these numbers. The total project consisted of the following: 34 volunteers who helped provide 330 hours of labor,

valued at \$7,613; partnerships with the Texas 4-H Foundation, Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service, Knox County Visioning Group, the Munday Park Committee, the City of Munday, and the Knox County Commissioners Court; materials included 630 feet of space for the path, 31 metal posts, 31-16"x16" metal plates and 31-16"x16" acrylic sheets, paint, 30 bags of cement, 210 wooden border posts, 420 rebar stakes, 60 cubic yards of asphalt wrap for the path material, three children's books (two copies of each one) and 100 laminating sheets. The materials donated to the project totaled \$2,575; the grant received from Texas 4-H Foundation totaled \$750 and the money raised from brick sales was \$500.

The last remaining item to be done at the park is to place the engraved bricks at the site. This will be done in about two months when the

bricks arrive.

The scope of this project was huge, but it also has a lasting impact on the future. Grace and Kathryn chose this project because they understood how important it was to combine physical fitness and education. This path allows families to read and exercise at the same time. The books will be changed out each month so the ladies hope people will visit the path over and over again.

Tidwell said, "The more that you read the more things you will know. The more you learn the more places you'll go by Dr. Suess"

Cude said, "Seeing the kids enjoying the Storywalk Path made all the hard work worth it!"

If you haven't been to the City Park in Munday and seen the Storywalk Path, please visit soon and read the "A Halloween Scare in Texas"! Also, watch the local paper for the titles of the new book title each month



Courtesy photo

Kathryn Cude and Grace Tidwell at the official ribbon cutting of the Storywalk Path at the Munday City Park.