

# Happy Thanksgiving

## VILLAGE OF LODGEPOLE NEWS November 2022

### PEOPLE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN LODGEPOLE

Hello Lodgepole!

On October 3<sup>rd</sup> John Misegadis, a Lodgepole alumni, traveled to Lodgepole from Centennial, Colorado, to take on the challenge of improving an area west of the elevator and south of Highway 30.



John had asked how he could help clean up Lodgepole and when this opportunity presented itself, he arrived to meet the challenge.

John, with the help of volunteers Cindy and Charlie Bondegard, Preston Richards and Dan Markel accomplished the improvement in three days!

PLEASE THANK these individuals when you see them! I appreciate all the time and effort they put into taking a step to clean up Lodgepole. John has asked me to let him know the next two or three clean-up projects the community has in mind. What clean-up projects do you see happening and how can YOU help? Please read John's message below.

Gwen Devie

*Hey Gwen,*

*I hope all is well. I would like to give a special shout out to the following people who all performed admirably and beyond the call of duty which enabled completion of the recent Clean up Lodgepole Project in a timely manner, the site looks much better!*

*Cindy Bondegard - worked tirelessly as a branch gather and Foreman, she bossed me around a lot, but it was deserved. There should be a couple of pictures of her on her phone at the beginning of the project, make her give them to you.*

*Charlie Bondegard – Worked as a chain saw operator cutting many trees and branches down to manageable size, blade sharpener, Kubota provider and operator, used his Kubota's wrench to topple the very last and largest tree, furnished a Bondegard flatbed truck equipped with hoist which really sped the project up, as well as his own chain saws.*

*Dan Markle – chain saw repair man (mine), was able to borrow the city's two chain saws through mafia type tactics which we won't get into, (we absolutely needed those saws), truck driver to dump, Kubota driver to the dump, furnish his own chain saws to assist with the job.*

*Preston Richards – Lastly but certainly not least, heavy equipment operator, furnish his own front-end loader/backhoe,*

*another must for the size of the tree trunks we needed to move. Truck brake repairman and general go-to guy and consultant.*

*I don't believe the city can thank them enough for their time and talents, completion of this job in three days never would have been possible without them!*

*Moe*





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## Community Updates and Events

### November 2022

**Lodgepole Community Fund (LCF)** is focused on building a permanent unrestricted endowment. An endowment is a forever account, (like a community savings account) that is invested and creates investment earnings. The principal is never touched, and the investment earnings increase over time. Any gift made to the LCF endowment is a “forever” gift. As the endowment grows, so will the investment earnings. A portion of these earnings will serve as a “payout” for grants LCF will be able to give to area groups to support projects and programs that enhance the quality of life in Lodgepole and the surrounding area. Payout is approximately 4.5% each year and that is figured on a 12-quarter rolling average which helps to level out the high and lows of the market. The principal—and your gift—remains intact and grows forever.

The larger the endowment, the larger the payout - the more money that can be put back into Lodgepole. Endowments grow because people want to see their community grow and thrive. Many endowments grow from planned gifts, which are gifts that individuals create in their estate plans.

LCF’s endowment is approximately \$30,000, so they will be able to grant approximately \$1,000 in 2023, depending on the market. LCF also has a specific account for the Panther Activity Center (PAC). Donations to either are tax deductible because LCF is an affiliated fund of the Nebraska Community Foundation, which is a 501c3.

Together we can create a community our children and our children’s children are proud to call home.

#### Library

NEW HOURS we are open Mon-Thurs.  
2-6 PM The library Board of Trustees meeting is the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 4:30 pm. The meeting is open to the public.

#### Lions Club

**November Event** – Bean Feed November 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00 at the Community Hall. If you are interested in joining our community based organization, please talk to one of the Lions members, or email [lodgepolelionsclub@yahoo.com](mailto:lodgepolelionsclub@yahoo.com), better yet, please join us at one of our meetings held the second Monday of every month, 6:30PM in the community hall basement. Thank you for your support.

#### Museum

The Lodgepole Depot Museum is gearing up for the holidays. We met and checked all of our Christmas lights and decorations. Unfortunately, we have a lot of repairs to make. We will have to come up with some new ideas for our display this year. The Museum decorating date is set for November 20<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm. We welcome any help on making the museum festive for the holidays, there will be cookies and cocoa to celebrate when the lights are up. Also plans are in the works for the annual Christmas in the Village Celebration which will be held at the Panther Activity Center this year! Be on the lookout for more information to come on this! Thank you for supporting the Lodgepole Depot Museum.

#### VISIONS

Next meeting will be Monday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm at the Panther Activity Center. We will be planning for December Christmas event. Anyone is welcome to attend!

**November Events:** Bake Sale, Saturday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> at the Panther Activity Center starting at 9 am. Bake good donations will be accepted by 9 am that morning at the center. All proceeds go towards fireworks (pending weather) on New Year’s Eve.

#### Village Board of Trustees

RJ Savely – Chairperson, Gwen Devi – Vice Chairperson, Diane Block – Board Member, Charlie Bondegard – Board Member, Ron Shellhorn – Board Member

Village Board of Trustees meet the first Tuesday of each month. Meeting are held at the Village Office/Panther Activity Center, 630 Orchard St. The Public is welcome to attend.

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