

Press Release

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The Friends of the Great Western Trails would like to thank Boy Scout Tyler Durgan, his mother Sandy, the 14 volunteers from Troop 34 including Mr. Mike McPherson the Eagle Scout coordinator for a job well done today Saturday, May 1. For Tyler's Eagle Scout project on Bloomingdale Road at the Great Western Trail (GWT) in Glendale Heights, IL they cleaned a section of the GWT, planted a Royal Star Magnolia tree and several Cheddar Pink perennial flowers. In addition, they improved the area by spray painting the trash can, cleaned the vandalism off the wooden bench and stained it. Boy Scout Troop 34 is sponsored by St Michael's Catholic Church in Wheaton, IL and is led by Scoutmaster Dr. Kozeny.

We also want to thank the Kiwanis Club of Central DuPage led by its President Richard Dunn for sponsoring the project and for the generous donation of \$250.00 from the Kiwanis. Without the idea, money and support of the Kiwanis Club of Central DuPage we would not have an improved Great Western Trail. Also donating to this project was the Jewel Food Store in Wheaton (at Main and Geneva) and the Home Depot store in Wheaton (on Main Street just north of Geneva). We also had the event photographed by a professional photographer Bonniejean Alford Hinde which was arranged by the Kiwanis Club. We will have some of her photographs posted on the website for the Friends of the Great Western Trails at www.FriendsoftheGreatWesternTrails.com

"It is always an enjoyable experience to work with the Boy Scouts and aspiring young men like Tyler Durgan in helping them improve the community. We had a great time working together while helping Tyler achieve his Eagle Scout status. Having the support of the Kiwanis Club of Central DuPage along with the Jewel Food Store and Home Depot made this a wonderful community project " Stated Don Kirchenberg Voluntary Chairman of the Friends of the Great Western Trails. ###

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More information about the GWTs including photos of Tyler Durgan's project can be found at website: www.FriendsoftheGreatWesternTrails.com

Two photos taken by Sandy Durgan are attached below. You have permission to use them and any photos found at the website for the Friends of the Great Western Trails at www.FriendsoftheGreatWesternTrails.com

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Tyler Durgan and Richard Dunn at the start of his tree planting & GWT improvement project.



Tyler Durgan at the end of a job well done by him and Boy Scout Troop 34!