

MOPS chapter holds community service project at Wauneta's park

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Members of the MOPS International chapter based in Hamlet were at the Wauneta park last Thursday. Members picked up trash at the park as a community service project. The group meets in Hamlet twice a month and aims to support women, both as women and as mothers. (Sheri Hink-Wagner | The Wauneta Breeze)

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Wauneta's park is a little shinier thanks to the Hamlet chapter of MOPS International.

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MOPS International has a motto that "better moms make a better world," which the Hamlet chapter embraces.

The group has been around for approximately nine years and has grown to include 27 members from all over southwest Nebraska.

Group members meet at 9 a.m. MT/10 a.m. CT on the first and third Thursdays of each month at Hamlet Union Church.

The bi-monthly meetings serve multiple purposes. First, each meeting includes social time where moms share food and conversation with other moms.

The rest of the meeting will vary depending on the program that week. Six times a year the group will watch a DVD with a lesson and then break into discussion groups. Other times, the group will do a craft or creative activity, have a speaker or do an outreach project.

"We have fellowship, make crafts and have projects to make moms better," explains Sabrina Sandoval, one of the steering team members for the group.

Steering team members emphasized the bi-monthly MOPS meetings would not be possible without the MOPPETS Ministry Team members. These caring women take care of the moms' children in the MOPPETS program during the bi-monthly meetings.

The MOPS International website says, "MOPS groups are rallying women to be more honest, to feel more equipped and to find our identity by journeying along side one another."

The organization strives to encourage every mom during the early childhood years. Moms are eligible to join the group from pregnancy through their last child's completion of kindergarten.

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The local group is led by a steering team. Team members include Sandoval, Amey Jutten, Tiffany Bley, Renee Wheeler, Lyndsay Lashley, Gail Dinnel, Courtney Clark, Krystal Friesen, and LeeAnn Kollmorgan.

How to help or get involved

The primary need of the group is the need for more MOPETTES. Additional people to help take care of the children during the MOPS meetings would be a huge help to the organization, said Sandoval.

New moms are always welcome at MOPS meetings. Those interested in learning more about the group or helping watch the kids can call any steering committee member. Sandoval can be reached at 308-394-5688.