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“Trees Donated to City of Norfolk Parks”



Last week Angie Randles (on the right) helped plant a tree near Skyview Lake in memory of her son.

Last week Taylor Niemann watched as a Royal Red Norway Maple was planted near Skyview Lake in honor of her grandfather, William Mercer. The family donated the tree to the City of Norfolk and had it planted by the lake where Mercer had enjoyed fishing in past years.

Angie Randles also decided to donate a London Planetree (Sycamore) to be planted in memory of her son, Austin, who passed away this past January.

With the City's Tree Advisory Board goal of citizens planting 150 trees in Norfolk for the 150th celebration, people are seeing trees as a way to remember their loved ones.

“We have many trees that are donated to our city parks. It's a great way to benefit the community for years to come,” said Pat Mrsny, City of Norfolk Parks Superintendent.

Mrsny said the trees must be approved by City park staff to ensure the species will thrive. The trees must be good sized so usually cost about \$200. A commemorative plaque that gives the tree's common name, Latin name and inscription is about \$20.

The Sacred Heart K Kids also planted a tree - a Starlite Crabapple - in the park along the Skyview Park trail last week as a service project.

“We thought this would be a great project as the kids can watch it grow when they come to the park,” said Cindy Booth, sponsor for the group that includes 42 kids from kindergarten to sixth grade.

Anyone interested in donating a tree to a park can call 402-844-2034.

If anyone plants a tree in Norfolk they're encouraged to send a picture to dbecker@ci.norfolk.ne.us to have it posted on the www.ci.norfolk.ne.us/parks/Tree_Advisory_Board.htm page to count towards the Plant 150 goal.